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## Factory outlet mall coming in 1996

■ Mall to be located at intersection of U.S. 87 and I20

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Call it taking a major step towards achieving Big Spring's goal of revitalizing the community and attracting new industry and you have Big Spring's newest business attraction - the future Planet USA Factory Outlet Mall.

The announcement of this

new attraction was made on behalf of the city of Big Spring and Moore Development For Big Spring Inc., by Moore Board Executive Director Carole Taylor at the Dora Roberts Civic Center this morning as part of today's Celebrate Big Spring festivities.

Planet USA is a New York development company and according to Planet USA Devel-

oper David Goldner, the Factory Outlet Mall should draw customers from a 100 mile to 120 mile radius.

Goldner said, "Big Spring has always been known as 'The Crossroads' of West Texas. The city is in the center of a 100-mile radius containing a population of one million people. There are no factory outlet centers in the surrounding

Midland/Odessa, Lubbock, Abilene, San Angelo in West Texas nor around Hobbs and Carlsbad, N.M. The nearest outlet mall is four and a half hours away."

The mall will be located at the intersection of U.S. 87 and Interstate 20 on an 80 acre tract and will total approximately 150,000 square feet of shopping space. Construction of the mall will begin in early 1996.

What makes Big Spring an ideal location for an outlet mall? According to Moore Board, 6.5 million tourists visit area tourism attraction, annually; there are three operational air force bases in the area; the university population is a significant number in the 100-mile radius of Big Spring; the traffic

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## Damage estimates reach thousands

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
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Out of town roofers and insurance adjusters are filing into Big Spring like delegates to a political convention in the aftermath of Monday's massive storm that brought high winds, heavy rains, and a hail storm that had people wondering if tornadoes weren't far behind.

Several insurance agents say they have lost track of the number of calls received following the storms, but judging by the estimates from agents around town, they have received thousands of calls.

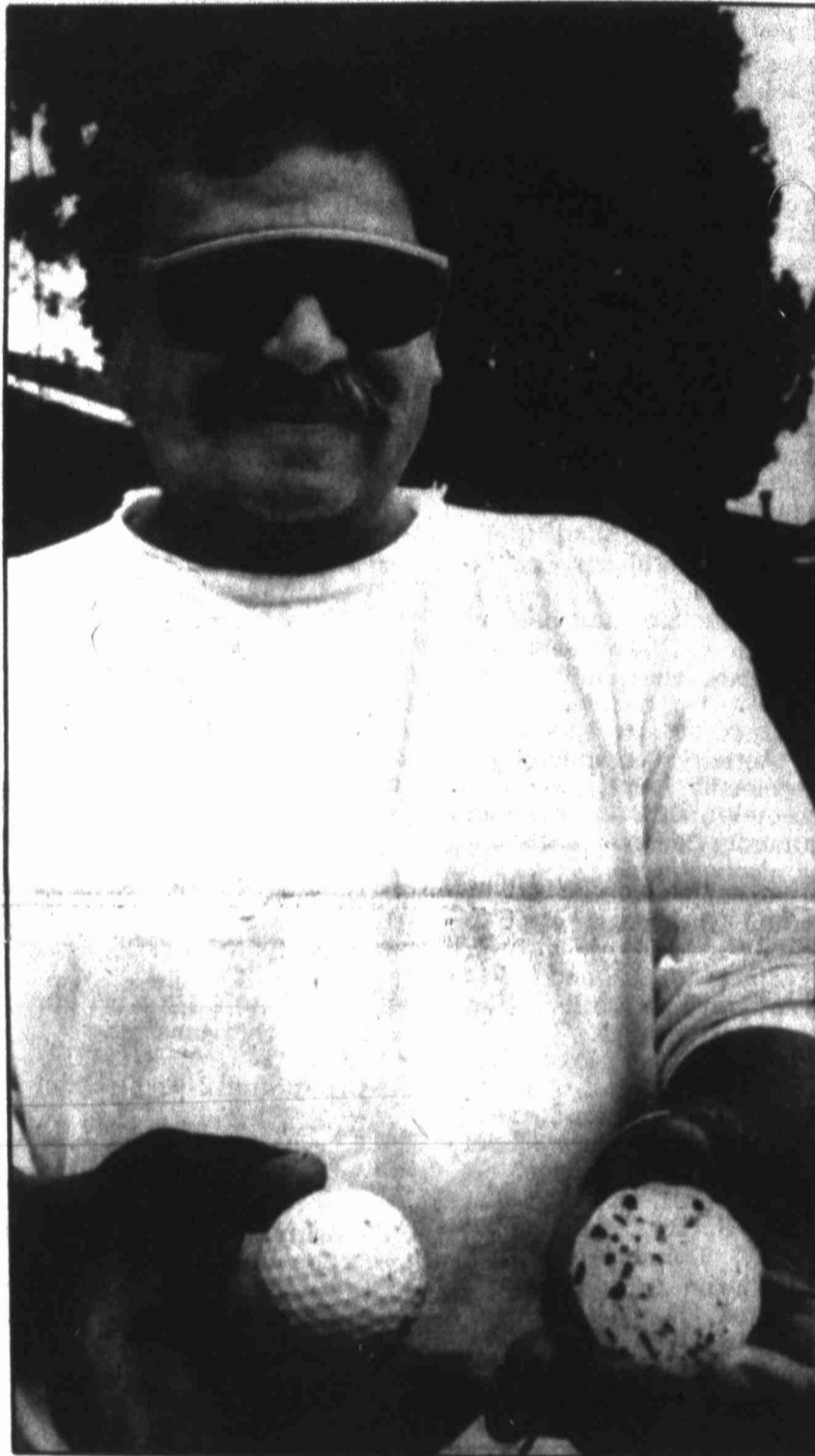
One insurance office said its almost impossible to come up with a number, but there have been several changes in coverages and deductibles.

In the wake of people as well as business trying to have Monday's storm damage repaired, there are some guidelines that must be followed.

According to City Hall, businesses should make sure that these out of town roofing companies have a city permit. The cost of the permits are based on the size of the job to be done and roofers will be required to prove financial responsibility as well as post a \$10,000 bond.

Local roofing companies will

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Carlos Castaneda holds a piece of hail and a golf ball to compare sizes outside his home Wednesday. The hail was one that fell on his property during Monday evening's storm which has resulted in more than 1,000 calls for damage estimates.

Herald photo by Tim Appel

## Early voting jumps to 1,006; polls open Saturday for bond election

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

When voters go to the polls Saturday to decide the fate of the proposed building of a new Howard County Detention Center and proposed renovations to the Howard County Courthouse, ballots are simple and will ask voters if they are "For" or "Against" each proposition.

Proposition 1 will read, "The issuance of not to exceed \$3,220,000 General Obligation Bonds to pay for the construction and equipping of a county jail, including Sheriff's office."

Proposition 2 will read, "The issuance of not to exceed \$1,660,000 General Obligation Bonds to pay for the renovation and equipping of the county courthouse."

Talking to people the final weekend before the election, the impression is many people are still undecided as to how they will vote.

County Commissioner Sonny

Choate said, "I think both issues will pass. There's a lot of opposition to the issues, but there are also those people who see a real need for something to be done."

He added the majority of personal contacts he's made following the public hearing on the bond election have been positive.

Commissioner Jerry Kilgore said, "I hope we've (County Commissioners) done a good job of explaining things to people as to why we think we need to have these propositions passed. We realize it will be expensive, but one of my concerns is how expensive it will be if they don't pass."

He added, "We'll do whatever the people decide."

Early voting for Saturday's election started out good, tapered off, and really picked up during the last two days of early voting, which ended at 5 p.m. Tuesday.

The Howard County Clerk's office said 211 people voted on

Tuesday and 97 voted Monday. Howard County Clerk Margaret Ray said she did expect to have more people vote.

The early voting total ended up at 1,006 people voting at Ray's office with 18 ballots being mailed out (17 returned so far), but mailouts have until 7 p.m. Saturday to be returned.

According to Ray, it will probably take as long to count the ballots for the bond election as it does for a general election because you have to go through the same program regardless of whether there are four ballots in a box or 400.

All polling places that were open for the general election in November must be open for the bond election.

Ray said, "The law says every election precinct open during the general election has to be opened during the bond election."

The polling places for Saturday's election and the election

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## Finally, an answer to the age old question: How do flies fly?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scientists have long wondered how flies can keep up the frenzy of energy needed to fly. Now a University of Chicago biologist offers an answer: tiny elastic springs that turn their wings into energy-recycling motors.

Flight requires up to 100 times the energy consumption of an animal at rest, as insects sometimes beat their wings 1,000 times a second. By comparison, athletes running the 100-yard dash use only 15 times the energy

of a person at rest.

Michael Dickinson put tiny fruit flies inside a virtual reality flight simulator to figure out how they fly. They efficiently capture and reuse kinetic energy, Dickinson reported today in the journal Science.

"They are high-performance machines capable of spectacular aerial maneuvers," he said. "Our findings suggest that insects in general must be using elastic storage as a means of minimizing energetic flight

costs."

Dickinson tracked the fruit flies' wingbeats and energy consumption as they navigated through a virtual-reality world that included fighting crosswinds and hovering. He found their muscles weren't super-efficient; they convert calories to power at about the same rate humans do.

But insect wing hinges contain the protein resilin, the

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## Plethora of events help 'Celebrate Big Spring' today

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
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Event organizers are calling it Texans working together, but Celebrate Texas, which began this morning with a major industry attraction announcement from Moore Development For Big Spring Inc., is one of the biggest community efforts Big Spring has seen in years.

Kathy Higgins, director of public information for the Big

Spring State Hospital and one of the event organizers, said, "Today is going to be a very busy day."

The celebration which continues throughout the day began this morning at the Dora Robert Civic Center with Moore Board Executive Director Carole Taylor announcing a major industry attraction to the Big Spring area.

In conjunction with Celebrate Big Spring, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is hav-

ing its first community luncheon at noon today in the East Room of Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The community is welcomed to join at a cost of \$5.25 per person.

The Big Spring Rotary Club and the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club is hosting the luncheon to kick off their Shots Across Texas program - an initiative set by the Texas Department of Health to fully immunize all children ages 0-2 in Texas. The program is also a

project of the Shots Across Texas Coalition.

The goal of the program is to increase the immunization rate to 90 percent by 1996.

As part of Shots Across Texas, State Rep. David Counts, Texas Commissioner of Health Dr. David R. Smith, and other state officials are in Big Spring today to promote the event and to participate in the dedication ceremony of the West Texas Health and Human Services Center also billed as "Partners in

Progress."

The new facility in the College Park Shopping Center is one of three pilot programs in Texas to see how effective one-stop shopping for state services can be.

The center will have an open house from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. today with the dedication ceremony taking place at 4 p.m.

Counts will speak at the kick-off luncheon as well as at the dedication ceremony of the new center along with Smith and a number of other guest speakers.

The goal of the Center is to provide improved access to and delivery of health and human services for all Texans.

The program will house six state agencies under one roof, including the Texas Department of Health, the Texas Department of Human Services, the Texas Rehabilitation Commission, the Texas commission for the Blind, the Texas Department of Protective and Regula-

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**U.S. Trivia**  
New England shoe workers went on strike for higher wages when?  
1880  
Who published "Uncle Tom's Cabin"?  
Harriet Beecher Stowe

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**WORLD/NATION**

**World:** Rebel Serbs shelled a Sarajevo suburb Thursday, killing at least two civilians and wounding three others, as the United Nations warned that Bosnia was headed for "large-scale war." See page 5A.

**Nation:** Weary but elated, House Republicans are celebrating the end of their 100-day sprint. See page 5A.

**STATE**

**Plan might work**  
Brooks Air Force Base boosters have said for days they stand a chance at selling base closure commissioners on a plan for closing Brooks but keeping its jobs. See page 3A.

**No news turned good**  
Four American evangelists imprisoned in India for six days say they were fed and given a private bathroom but were not informed of their pending release. See page 4A.

**Caught by friendly fire**  
A month after 29 doctors from around the country spent 23 hours separating conjoined twins, the girls have been sent home. See page 4A.

**TODAY'S WEATHER**

Tonight  
90 ▲ Highs 50  
Lows ▼

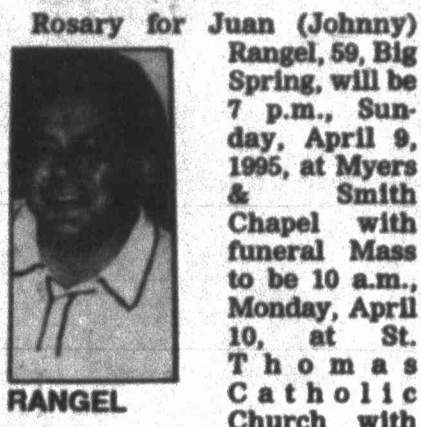
Fair night  
Tonight, fair, low lower 50s, south to southwest winds 5 to 15 mph.

Permian Basin Forecast  
Saturday: Mostly sunny, high lower 90s, southwest winds 10 to 20 mph; fair night, low lower 50s.  
Sunday: Mostly sunny, high lower 90s, southwest winds 10 to 20 mph; fair night, low lower 50s.

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OBITUARIES

Juan Rangel



RANGEL  
Rev. Robert Vreuteau officiating. Burial will follow in Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Mr. Rangel died Thursday, April 6, at his residence following a short illness.

He was born on July 13, 1935, in Big Spring, and married Clara Ramirez on Oct. 24, 1955, in California. She preceded him in death on March 23, 1986. He had been a lifetime resident of Big Spring and was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church. Mr. Rangel was employed at the Big Spring State Hospital for 30 years and had also owned and operated Johnny's Upholstery for 25 years.

Survivors include five daughters: Virginia Munoz, Mrs. Rudy (Lupe) Hernandez, Linda Rangel, Clara Rangel and Jessica Rangel, all of Big Spring; three sons: Johnny Rangel, Jr., Jason Rangel, both of Big Spring, and Jim Rangel, Austin; three brothers: Marcelino Rangel, Willie Rangel and Milton Rangel, all of Big Spring; three sisters: Josefa Duran, Mjland, Pauline Reloba, San Lorenzo, Calif., and Mrs. Ted (Lupe) Molina, Big Spring; and 18 grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his father, Guillermo (Willie) Rangel, Sr. on March 12, 1988, his mother, Reyes on Dec. 7, 1966, and one sister, Juanita Rodriguez.

Dale Nelles

Dale Richard Mason (Hippi) Nelles, 38, of Big Spring, died on Wednesday, April 5, 1995, at his residence. A memorial service with a tree planting will be held for Big Spring State Hospital Employees and friends at 5 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at his residence, 5705 Midway Rd.

He was born on Jan. 18, 1957 in Buffalo, N.Y., and married Robin Purgason on April 1, 1988, in Knott. He had lived in Big Spring for 17 years. At the time of his death, he was employed by Dominos Pizza here in Big Spring.

Survivors include his wife: Robin Nelles, Big Spring; one step-daughter: Angela Miller, of the home, one step-son: Johnathan Miller, of the home; his parents: Harold and Jerohne Nelles, Deming, N.M., and Wal-

ter and Betty Purgason, Reidsville, N.C.; and two sisters: Diane Scott, Delevan, N.Y., and Debbie Dokelsky, North Lauderdale, Fla.

Mall

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count at the Interstate 20 and U.S. 87 intersection is 25,000 vehicles in a 24-hour period; and gross wages for the West Texas area are \$7.64 billion, which shows the tremendous buying power of West Texas.

The Planet USA Factory Outlet Mall will have manufacturer's outlet stores the caliber of Liz Claiborne, Polo, Calvin Klein, Van Heusen, Geoffrey Beane, and Mikasa. According to Goldner, none of these stores has yet been confirmed.

Because of the location of the outlet mall, Big Spring Mayor Tim Blackshear wants to assure the local community that the movement of the ballpark from its present location will not interrupt the softball season.

A task force has been formed to study the ballpark's new location and a new location will be decided upon before construction on the outlet mall begins.

To give Big Spring residents an idea of the potential impact an outlet mall can have on a community, Big Spring resident John H. Walker gathered the following information from Stroud, Okla., city Manager Earl Burson in anticipation to merchant reluctance to the factory outlet mall coming to Big Spring.

Why Stroud, Okla.?

Stroud is a small community at the crossroads of the H.E. Bailey Turnpike/Interstate 44 and U.S. 79, approximately halfway between Tulsa and Oklahoma City and, prior to Tanger Factory Stores moving into the community, has a population of 2,666 (1990 census).

The Stroud facility contains 53 stores and 205,000 square feet. Burson said the facility employs 400 people and one mall employee said the seasonal (holiday) employment is approximately 625 people and the annual payroll is approximately \$5.2 million.

Burson told Walker that the concern voiced by the business community have proven invalid.

Before the Tanger facility came to Stroud the community's downtown area was dead with two retail stores, a pharmacy, an antique store, and only \$50,000 per month in sales tax collections. A refinery closing in the late 1980's eliminated 500 to 600 jobs in Stroud.

Current 1994 data shows Stroud's population to be 3,200, the downtown area is full except for three stores (two of those are being renovated), and Stroud is experiencing a housing shortage.

Twenty-four non-mall related businesses have opened since the mall came in with 18 still open and downtown merchants report sales increases from 50 percent to 300 percent and no merchant is reporting any loss of business due to the mall's daily traffic count which is estimated to be between 5,000 and 7,500.

Currently Stroud has a new Wendy's, Long John Silver's, and a McDonald's under development and is collecting \$150,000 a month in sales taxes.

Burson also told Walker that the revenue generated by the mall has allowed the Stroud community to completely redo its infrastructure. Stroud has purchased the old Southwestern Bell building in town and now have the largest community library of any small town in Oklahoma; they have built and funded/equipped a community fitness center; and have purchased new fire and police equipment and added more police personnel.

Fly

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most elastic biological material known, Dickinson reported. When a wing abruptly ends one stroke, it loses kinetic energy. But the elastic captures between 10 percent and 50 percent of that energy, recoils and uses that leftover energy as a burst that

fuels the next stroke, he wrote. Dickinson's research indicates these wings are "effective, energy-saving springs," biologist R. McNeill Alexander of the University of Leeds in England agreed in an accompanying editorial.

Celebrate

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tory Services, and representing the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation will be the Big Spring State Hospital Community Services and the Abilene State School Community Outreach.

DeAnn Friedholm, Interim Commissioner of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, said, "The Big Spring project will demonstrate the benefits and cost-savings of streamlined service delivery in Texas."

House Bill 7, which created the health and Human Services Commission, requires the commission to provide coordination and strategic direction for 11 state health and human service agencies which deliver social services and health care.

One unique aspect of the project will be the use of an Integrated Database Network, an automated tool designed to improve cross-agency communication.

The programs service delivery staff, with proper authorization, will be able to use a computerized client index to determine if a client is participating in other programs which will help them better serve the needs of the client.

Workers at the Big Spring site will also use an automated system known as TESS or Texas Eligibility Screening System, which will allow a worker to screen clients for most services offered by state and local health and human service providers.

Counts and Smith will also Tour the Big Spring State Hospital as part of Celebrate Big Spring and take part in Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf (SWCIDfest) opening ceremonies this afternoon.

SWCIDfest, which actually began Thursday, is the annual homecoming for SWCID supporters and alumni and will feature several events and activities running through Sunday.

Celebrate Big Spring will continue tonight at Howard College as the Howard College NIRA Rodeo continues. The rodeo is a three-night event featuring barrel racing, bull riding, team roping, bareback riding, calf roping, steer wrestling, breakaway roping, goat tying, and saddle bronc riding.

Admission to the rodeo will be \$3 for adults, \$2 for students, and free for Howard College students.

Celebrate Big Spring will wind up at 8 p.m. as the Volunteer Services Council of the Big Spring State Hospital celebrates the ninth annual Stampede benefit for the patients of the hospital from 8 p.m. to midnight. The event is called Stompin' at the Stampede with Jody Nix & the Texas Cowboys, featured in the March issue of Texas Monthly.

Damage

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not be required to post the \$10,000 bond if they have been in business in Big Spring for five years and can provide five references for the city permit office. Several areas received some extensive damage as a result of Monday's storm, including Big Spring Mall.

Mall Manager Tammy Watt said some mall merchants closed Tuesday as they attempted to clean up debris and the water that continued to fall as a result of rains that fell on Tuesday.

Roofs weren't the only things to suffer damages from Monday's storm.

Local car dealers are in the process of assessing their damages as well.

Big Spring Chrysler-Plymouth-Dodge-Jeep-Eagle didn't have an exact damage estimate as of Thursday afternoon as to how much damage, but said their insurance adjuster was on the premises.

Sales Manager Mike Cochran said every car that was outside during the storm received some kind of damage, which has resulted in an increase in traffic on the lot because people are looking for a good deal.

Despite not being able to put an exact estimate on the damage, Cochran said the damage was extensive to the lot.

As for the bonds required of out-of-town roofer, it is a move made by the Big Spring City Council to insure local residents are not taken to the cleaners by uninsured, unscrupulous businesses.

Polls

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Judges are:

•Precincts 101, 106, 109, 110, 111, and 112 at the North Side Fire Station - Omega Hernandez, election judge.

•Precincts 102, 107, and 108 at Anderson Kindergarten Center - Aurora Puga, election judge.

•Precinct 103 at the Wesley Yater Residence - Wesley Yater, election judge.

•Precinct 104 at Prairie View Baptist Church - Dorothy Rogers, election judge.

•Precinct 105 at Knott Fire Station - Robert Nichols, election judge.

•Precinct 203 at Gollad Middle School - Roe K. Fulgam, election judge.

•Precincts 202 and 204 at Washington Place School - Nancy Black, election judge.

•Precinct 205 at Kentwood Older Activity Center - Wilma Grice, election judge.

•Precinct 207 at Coahoma Community Center - Susie Gonzales, election judge.

•Precinct 208 at Porsan School - Loretta Yarbrough, election judge.

•Precincts 301, 302, and 306 at 18th & Main Fire Station - Nan Buske, election judge.

•Precincts 303 and 305 at Wasson Road Fire Station - Adelino (Rocky) Vieira, election judge.

•Precinct 304 at Elbow School - Myrl Soles, election judge.

•Precincts 401, 402, and 410 at the Big Spring High School Library - Donnette Phillips, election judge.

•Precinct 403 at 11th & Birdwell Fire Station - Leta Kirby, election judge.

•Precinct 404 at Jonesboro Road Fire Station - Carl Hollingsworth, election judge.

•Precinct 405 at L.A. Hiltbrunner Residence - Velta Hiltbrunner, election judge.

•Precinct 406 at the Luther Gin Office - Loy Underwood, election judge.

•Precinct 407 at Salem Baptist Church - Faye Walker, election judge.

•Precinct 408 at Vincent Baptist Church - Patricia Barr, election judge.

•Precinct 409 at the Sand Springs Lions Club Community Center - Mrs. H.C. Wallin, election judge.

Polling places for eligible Howard County voters will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday.

Big Spring ON THE RUN

DID YOU WIN?

PICK 3: 5, 5, 0

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. Friday:

•DAVID LEE OVALLE, 25, of 301 E. 19th was arrested on LOCAL WARRANTS.

•DIANNE LOPEZ, 25, of 301 E. 19th was arrested for DISORDERLY CONDUCT.

•GEORGE GANDER, 30, of 2002 W. 2nd was arrested on LOCAL WARRANTS.

•SANJUANITA HERRERA, 19, no known address was arrested for THEFT and released on bond.

•JOSIE H. GARZA, 20, no known address was arrested for THEFT and released on bond.

•JOHN C. BLAINE, 24, of 702 E. 13th was arrested on SAN ANGELO DPS WARRANTS.

•SANTOS TIJERINA MENDEZ, 47, of 3000 W. Old 80 was arrested for DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED and DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED.

•CHRISTOPHER McPHERSON, 33, no known address was arrested for DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED.

•TRACY HOWARD, 31, of Rt. 3 Box 67 was arrested for PUBLIC INTOXICATION.

•MATILDE GONZALEZ, 21, of Rt. 2 Box 124 was arrested for DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED.

•RALPH D. HILTON, 31, of Garland, Texas was arrested for FLEEING TO ELUDE and THEFT.

•DALE THOMAS MITCHELL, 21, no known address was arrested for PUBLIC INTOXICATION.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 300 block of Tulane.

•THEFT in the 4100 block of Dixon.

•THEFT in the 200 block of W. Marcy.

N. Lamesa.

•DISTURBANCE/FIGHT in the 500 block of W. 3rd.

•DISTURBANCE/FIGHT in the 500 block of Lancaster.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE in the 2700 block of

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TODAY

•Dominoes, 42, bridge and Chickentrack, 5-8 p.m. at 2805 Lynn, Kentwood Center. Public invited.

•Survivors support group, 5:15 to 7 p.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312.

•Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Gollad. Open to all substance abusers.

•Sober Living Skills educational group, noon to 1 p.m., Permian Basin Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 905 N. Benton. Call 263-

CRIMESTOPPERS

The Howard County Sheriff's Office is currently investigating a theft that occurred sometime between Feb. 20 and March 5, 1995 on South Midway Road.

Among the items taken were a Sears brand riding garden tractor (silver in color), Sears brand riding lawn mower (silver in color) and a universal torch and gauges.

Anyone having information about this incident is urged to contact the Sheriff's Department at 263-TIPS. All callers will remain anonymous.

IN BRIEF

Jury called for April 10 canceled

Big Spring's 118th District Court has announced that the jury scheduled to meet Monday, April 10, 1995, has been canceled.

Humane Society rummage sale Sunday

The Humane Society will be having a Rummage Sale from 1 to 4 p.m. at W. Fourth & Galveston on Sunday, April 9, 1995.

Records

Thursday's temp. 88  
Thursday's low 54  
Average high 77  
Average low 47  
Record high 99 in 1972

Valley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Rosewood Chapel  
906 GREGG 267-6331  
Dale Richard Mason (Hippi) Nelles, 38, died Wednesday. A memorial service with a tree planting will be at 5:00 P.M. Saturday at 5705 Midway Road.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL  
24th & Johnson 267-8288  
Mae Rudd, 97, died Tuesday. Services were 10 AM Friday with burial at Energy, Texas.  
Johnny Rangel, 59, died Thursday. Rosary will be at 7 PM Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Funeral Mass to be 10 AM Monday at St. Thomas Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

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# Opponents: Bill helps biggest polluter

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Legislature is considering several bills that would allow the company listed by the federal government as the nation's top polluter to degrade Texas' natural resources, environmentalist groups charge.

Representatives of two groups opposing the legislation pointed Thursday to a recently released study by the Environmental Protection Agency, which listed Freeport-McMoran Inc. as the company that released the most toxic pollutants into the environment in 1993. The company said the report was misleading.

Freeport-McMoran is the parent company of FM Properties, which wants to develop more than 7,000 acres of land on top of and near the Barton Springs segment of the Edwards Aquifer in Travis and Hays counties.

The company supports legislation that would standardize water-quality rules and loosen Austin city ordinances concerning the developments. Opponents say the regulations would be too weak.

"Freeport has a series of special interest pollution legislation to allow them to build a city, a large city, on top of our most vulnerable groundwater supply in Texas," said Bill Bunch, an attorney for Austin's Save Our Springs organization. "We... cannot believe our Texas Legislature would support such outrageous legislation."

Bill Collier, a spokesman for FM Properties, said the EPA report was outdated and misleading.

He said Freeport made the list as a result of a single fertilizer plant on the Mississippi River.



A crowd estimated at 5,000 gathers to show their support for keeping Brooks Air Force Base open in San Antonio Thursday. Four members of the Base Closure and Realignment Commission were on a tour of the base.

# Chance at keeping jobs after base closed

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Brooks Air Force Base boosters have said for days they stand a chance at selling base closure commissioners on a plan for closing Brooks but keeping its jobs in town.

On Thursday, members of the Base Realignment and Closure Commission gave them reason for optimism.

"I think that they're interested in the proposal, that they're willing to give it a fair evaluation. ... No one is rejecting it out of hand," said Paul Roberson, who heads the task force formed to save local military bases.

After touring Brooks, some BRAC commissioners said relocating high-tech laboratories and civilian scientists could be difficult if Brooks is closed and its major missions moved, as the Pentagon has proposed.

"How do you move this organization and not have any gaps in the service that they are providing (or) replicate it at a savings in an entirely new area?" said commissioner Benjamin Montoya of Albuquerque, N.M.

The civic leaders presented the BRAC with a plan to close the base but keep in San Antonio the research-oriented missions of Armstrong Laboratory, the School of Aerospace Medicine and the Center for Environmental Excellence. The Brooks complex would remain as an annex to nearby Kelly Air Force Base.

The Air Force has set a goal of saving \$142 million over the next 20 years with the closing of Brooks. Backers of the alternative plan claim it would save more than \$300 million over the same period.

Joe Robles Jr., a commissioner from San Antonio, agreed with local boosters that Brooks is "a very unique, one-of-a-kind facility."

"This is not moving a tank battalion from Post A to Post B or an Air Force squadron from A to B," he said.

BRAC members also noted the close ties Brooks has with the city's medical community and the possibility that highly educated civilian researchers might remain in San Antonio and seek other jobs.

Brooks employs about 2,200 civilians and 1,845 military personnel. Under the local alternative plan, about 3,000 jobs would remain here.

The commission has until July 1 to submit to the president its list of proposed base closures.

# Simpson, Rossler settled suit just prior to shooting

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — The gunman who this week killed five people had recently settled a lawsuit with the company where the shootings occurred.

Court records show that James Daniel Simpson paid about \$800 to the Walter Rossler Co. in November to settle his debt for training expenses he owed after quitting the refinery inspection business in September 1994.

The company had sued Simpson for \$1,900, but documents show he "Paid Walter Rossler Co. \$769.96 on 11/17, which was the remaining amount owed after withheld checks."

On Monday, Simpson gunned

down Rossler, his wife, and three others at the business, then killed himself.

A Nov. 3, 1993, document signed by Simpson promises to repay the company for training costs if he resigned or was fired for cause within three years of the date of the agreement.

Simpson quit 10 months later and the company filed the suit against him on Nov. 1, 1994. A letter filed with the court Dec. 1, 1994, says the matter was settled.

Police believe Simpson remained unemployed after he quit because of bad references people from the Rossler company gave his prospective employers.

# Evangelists back home after release from jail

HOUSTON (AP) — Four American evangelists imprisoned in India for six days say they were fed and given a private bathroom but were not informed of their pending release.

The Rev. John H. Parks of Abundant Life Assembly Church in The Woodlands, 35 miles north of Houston, said the group underwent a "psychological roller coaster" because they were kept in the dark about their liberation.

"We heard so many times that we were going to be let out it was unbelievable," he said. "And we'd go to the office thinking we were going to be let out, and there would be another complication and we'd go back to the jail. We were in a total of four different jails," Parks said.

The men, who returned home to the Houston area Thursday, were held with five other Americans and a Singaporean in a 25-

by 15-foot concrete cell after a religious rally turned violent.

Larry Riechert of Christ the King Church in Conroe, 40 miles north of Houston, said they were treated well.

"They took care of us. We didn't go hungry, we didn't go thirsty and they looked after us pretty good," Riechert said.

Riechert, Parks, Elder Jeff Berkhouse of Abundant Life and the Rev. Mike Walsh of Christ the King, arrived at Houston Intercontinental Airport. They were greeted by 150 members of their congregations who cheered, sang, clapped and tapped on tambourines. Some wore yellow ribbons.

The group was in India leading a Christian crusade for Gospel to the Unreached Millions, a Houston-based missionary group. They were invited to India by R.A. Paul, president of the group, to visit the people there and pray with them.

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## EDITORIAL

## Quote of the Day

"We must make a personal attack when there is no argumentative basis for our speech."

Cicero, Roman orator, c. 58 B.C.

## Saturday is the day to vote for jail bond issue

The last two days of early voting for the proposed bond issue showed a dramatic jump in the number of people voting. Last Saturday, only 698 people had voted but by Tuesday, which was the end of early voting, nearly 1,006 people had voted. Saturday is the actual election day and it behooves each and every registered voter in the county to vote for the proposed jail bond issue and for the renovation of the Howard County Courthouse.

County officials are asking citizens to vote yes or no on the following:  
Proposition 1: "The issuance of not to exceed \$3,220,000 General Obligation Bonds to pay for the construction and equipping of a county jail, including Sheriff's office."

Proposition 2: "The issuance of not to exceed \$1,660,000 General Obligation Bonds to pay for the renovation and equipping of the county courthouse."

The issue of a new jail has come a long way and is now nearing its conclusion. It is a fact that Howard County needs a new jail, the old one will soon be out of compliance, due to overcrowding, with the Texas Commission on Jail Standards.

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Managing Editor

That's one reason to vote for the issue. This needs to be our decision, not the state's. It is one we can't afford to put it off much longer because of the need to comply with state standards.

Another consideration: Right now, according to Commissioner Sonny Choate, we are paying \$600 a day to house prisoners outside the county. That totals to \$4,000 a week, \$208,000 a year.

The county will be paying on this bond issue for 20 years. Take the yearly amount we are paying a year to house prisoners elsewhere - \$208,000 - and multiply it by the time it will take to pay off the bond - 20 years - and we will be paying another county roughly \$4 million.

We feel both propositions are needed and encourage your support. However you vote, the main thing is to vote.

The polls will open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m., plenty of time to vote and to enjoy what should be a nice, bright Saturday.

THE CONGRESSMAN HAD JUST TOLD ME HE WAS GOING TO CELEBRATE THE MORTUORUM ON GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS BY DOWNING AN UNREGULATED HAMBURGER. IT'S SO SAD...



## Speaker with an audience, something to say

By MIKE FEINSILBER  
Associated Press Writer

### AP NEWS ANALYSIS

WASHINGTON (AP) — He talked about providing laptop computers to poor kids so they could enter the information age, but a couple of days later, Newt Gingrich acknowledged that was a crazy idea, and he dropped it.

In March, the House speaker was going to institute "Corrections Day," one Tuesday each month when the chamber would pause to pass laws to stop the bureaucracy from doing some "truly stupid" or "dumb" or "destructive" thing. He predicted "20 or 30 corrections acts a month." Corrections Day hasn't happened yet. He promised House votes in 100 days on 10 ideas about changing the way government does business, and the establishment dismissed that as a gimmick. But he got legislation out of the 10 through the House. In 93 days.

The only one to fall was term limits — a favorite of the public but a death sentence to politicians.

Americans don't quite know what to make of Gingrich, R-Ga., but in those 93 days he has become one of the most powerful and talked about politicians in America.

Tonight, he's addressing the nation on television, just like a president. That's presumptuous to some, and impudent, but he keeps his audience. He's interesting. He's been a speaker with something to say.

Other speakers of the House have been powers within the institution. He's as powerful as any, but a national figure, too.

The latest polling suggests the speaker has yet to win the approval of even half the public. At the end of March, 44 percent approved of the way he was handling his job and 37 percent disapproved. The jury was still out for the remaining 19 percent.

"Some people see him as a loudmouth who just can't shut up and who keeps saying irritating things," says political scientist Benjamin Page of Northwestern University, a specialist on public opinion.

In the Times-Mirror poll, more people than not thought Gingrich was honest, was able to get things done, is well informed, cares about people — and is too extreme in his views. Only a third said he was not too extreme.

He has gotten his "Contract With America" through the House, but not the Senate, and how much of it eventually becomes law is an open question. Even he has predicted that 40 percent of it probably will fall by the wayside. Still, says former Rep. Mickey Edwards, R-Okla., who teaches at Harvard but was a Gingrich colleague in the House, he has changed Washington permanently.

"Let's say the Democrats take power again," says Edwards. "Are they going to announce that they're taking authority away from state governments? Are they going to say, 'We're going to double the size of congressional staffs? Are they going to buy some new federal office buildings?'"

Gingrich's striking appearance sets him apart. So does his personality. Like Madonna, the speaker became one of those people known universally by a single name. Except in his case, either of his names — Newt or Gingrich — will identify him immediately.

The Gingrich phenomenon is a result of timing, luck, the vacuum created when President Clinton hid out in the White House following the November election, and the result, too, of a decade's single-minded groundwork by Gingrich.

He was a back bencher, a bomb thrower, taken not too seriously, defeated in his first two races for Congress, almost defeated in 1990. But he talked like a visionary and worked like an engineer.

Once the election installed him as speaker, he moved fast. Overriding seniority, he installed his own loyalists as committee chairmen. He commanded the devotion of 73 Republican freshmen whom he helped elect. Veteran Republicans who came to doubt they would ever wear the title of "Mr. Chairman," came to look at him as the priest of delivery.

But some chafed under the Gingrich discipline. Rep. Christopher Shays of Connecticut, a moderate Republican, thought the leadership pressed too hard and the Gingrich machine went too far in cutting taxes. "We've boxed ourselves in and that's unfortunate," he grumbled.

## 'Who's Selena?'

Millions mourn, most Americans wonder who she is

By JULIA PRODIS  
Associated Press Writer

As millions of Hispanics in this country and abroad mourned Selena's death, most of the American public was still wondering who she was.

This week, shock jock Howard Stern added to the grief of the Tejano music queen's fans by ridiculing her bouncy style of Tex-Mex music on his national syndicated show.

Outside the Hispanic community, only a few groups have succeeded in mainstream American music — Julio Iglesias, Los Lobos, and now the latest, Luis Miguel.

Selena, who at age 23 had already won a Grammy award, wanted to be the next Gloria Estefan. She had recorded four songs in English for her new compact disc when she was gunned down a week ago. Her personal assistant, Yolanda Saldivar, was indicted on a murder charge Thursday and her lawyer entered a plea of innocence for her.

"Her death didn't permit her to break that barrier. But I sincerely think she would have done that easily as soon as she had gotten that album out in English," said Johnny Canales, considered the Dick Clark of the Latin music scene. "As soon as she made the Letterman or Leno show, everybody would have known who she was."

How could this young starlet, an idol of Hispanic women and heartthrob of young men, be so famous abroad but almost completely unknown in mainstream America? "It's language. It's always been language. That's been the only barrier in the last five years," said Ramiro Burr, a syndicated music columnist for the San Antonio Express-News.

But Stern, in mocking Selena and her music, suggested on his morning talk show there was more than a language barrier.

"Spanish people have the worst taste in music," he said as played Selena's Tejano tunes — a lively mix of traditional Mexican and German polka — with mock gunfire in the background.

Regardless of Stern's take on Tejano music, the Latin market has proven lucrative among its own, as major, international record companies have discovered over the past five years.

Linda Ronstadt, a pop star who is one-quarter Mexican, began crossing the cultural barrier when she recorded two Spanish language albums, the first in the late 1980s.

Record companies, including Sony and Arista, have been expanding their Latin divisions,

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As millions around the world mourn the death of Selena, most Americans are wondering who she is and what was her appeal.

signing new, young artists who blend traditional Mexican sounds with modern elements of pop and rock. Selena was one of them.

"Linda and Los Lobos made it cool to say you eat beans and eat tacos and listen to Mexican music," Burr said.

Selena's death has led to a first for People magazine — its first split-run cover. It's putting her on the front of its April 17 issue for copies printed in Dallas and available in 11 states from New Mexico to Mississippi. Other copies will show the cast of TV's "Friends."

In Texas and California, nearly 26 percent of the population is Hispanic. Nationwide, Hispanics represented 9 percent of the total population, according to the 1990 U.S. Census.

In Los Angeles — where 38 percent of the population is Hispanic — the No. 1 radio station is Spanish-language KLAX. Two Spanish TV stations carry shows that at times draw larger audiences than prime-time shows, including Canales' program.

Selena grew up in Corpus Christi, Texas, speaking English and broken Spanish. By age 13, she had appeared on Canales' show, singing Spanish ballads.

She became the first Tex-Mex act to cross out of Texas into the Latin markets of California, the East Coast and abroad — quite

an accomplishment among Latin music lovers who are loyal mainly to the regional music they grew up with.

"From Tejano, she went to Salsa style. She would do songs with mariachis," Canales said. "She became an all-around star, like an all-around athlete who can play baseball, football, box and play tennis."

Part of her appeal, too, was that she wore skimpy black outfits and strutted suggestively on stage — though friends describe her as deeply family-oriented.

Selena even had a bit part in the new movie, "Don Juan De Marco," starring Johnny Depp and Faye Dunaway. In it, Selena serenades Marlon Brando.

Burr says he doubts Tejano music or any Spanish language music will ever become mainstream in the United States. But individual artists will do for Latin music what Garth Brooks has done for country.

"You have an artist or two who are homogenized enough that they are accepted on the pop charts. The successful ones keep one foot in each camp," Burr said.

"There's no recipe for this. It's hard to duplicate. But Selena had everything to make it happen. She had the looks, the talent and a solid team behind her. Even if she didn't make it in pop, she was already the queen."

## Grand jury indicts Saldivar in Selena's shooting

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A grand jury took less than a day to return an indictment against a fan club founder accused of shooting Tejano music star Selena.

A court-appointed attorney for Yolanda Saldivar, 34, on Thursday waived her right to an arraignment and entered a plea of innocent on her behalf.

Ms. Saldivar, a 34-year-old San Antonio nurse who founded the Selena Fan Club, is accused of killing Selena at a budget motel March 31 in the star's hometown of Corpus Christi.

The Nueces County grand jury began hearing testimony on the case Thursday, returning the single murder count by mid-afternoon.

Police say Ms. Saldivar shot Selena in the back after a dispute about money. Ms. Saldivar locked herself in a pickup truck, threatening suicide and holding police at bay for more than nine hours, before finally

surrendering.

Police Sgt. Paul Rivera signed an affidavit on Monday stating that Ms. Saldivar admitted to shooting Selena.

Two days later, State District Judge Mike Westergren appointed high-profile Corpus Christi attorney Douglas Tinker to represent Ms. Saldivar.

A witness told police that a collapsing Selena said "Yolanda" when asked who had shot her, Rivera's affidavit states.

Ms. Saldivar remains jailed in an isolated cell under suicide watch at the Nueces County Jail in lieu of \$100,000 bond.

Police Chief Henry Garrett said his investigators still were examining records of a visit Ms. Saldivar reportedly made to the emergency room of Doctors Regional Medical Center on the day before Selena was killed.

Garrett declined to release details of the records, which the police department obtained by subpoena, or whether his inves-

tigators have linked the two events.

"We're very carefully putting this case together," Garrett said. "We don't want this to end up becoming a circus like other ones you see on TV every once in awhile."

Garrett said police have accounted for the missing green shirt that Selena was wearing on the day she was shot.

The shirt was inadvertently destroyed along with bloody sheets at Memorial Medical Center, where the star died from a .38-caliber gunshot wound to her upper right back.

"We know that it was inadvertently destroyed. We know it was not taken by a souvenir seeker," Garrett said, dispelling rumors that emerged after the shirt was reported missing.

The missing shirt will have no bearing on the murder case against Ms. Saldivar, the chief said.

## Twins, separated after a 23-hour operation, go home

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A month after 29 doctors from around the country spent 23 hours separating conjoined twins, the girls have been sent home.

Bethany and Hannah Rainey, 6 months old, were discharged from Wilford Hall Medical Center on Thursday. Their saga was previously unknown because their parents, Army Capt. Scott and Elaine Rainey of Fort Hood, had asked the hospital not to

release information until now.

The couple declined to allow photos of the twins, or to be interviewed, but did permit doctors to discuss the procedure.

"They shared a rib cage, they shared a liver, they shared (a portion of) their intestines," said Air Force Lt. Col. Henry Cheu, a pediatric surgeon at Wilford Hall who headed the team. "Their bony pelvis was fused together in a big ring."

The girls also had one normal

leg each and a fused leg, and only one kidney each.

Conjoined twins occur about once in every 100,000 births. Of that small percentage, only 6 percent of them are linked like the Rainey girls.

Surgeons borrowed a special laser modeling technique from Wilford Hall's dental service to construct a plastic model of the twins' skeletal system to plan the complex surgery.

# GOP celebrates end of 100 days

WASHINGTON (AP) — Weary but elated, House Republicans are celebrating the end of their 100-day sprint — it was 93 days, actually — while promising to return next month to take care of unfinished business. "It was amazing," Speaker Newt Gingrich said today.

With Washington's cherry trees in bloom, Republicans returned to the west steps of the Capitol, where they launched their "Contract With America" last fall, to underscore that they had kept their promise. It was a message that Gingrich planned to bring home in a nationally televised address tonight.

Gingrich also said he would discuss the Republican drive for a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution. "It's going to be one of the great efforts of modern times to remake the federal government so we can get to a balanced budget," he said on NBC's "Today" show.

**I think the country is with us.**  
Newt Gingrich

"I think the country is with us," Gingrich said. "I think about 70 percent of the chapter and verse in the 'Contract With America' will be passed by the Senate and House; I think the president will sign more than 50 percent of it into law." House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, said on "CBS This Morning."

White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta grudgingly acknowledged the GOP accomplishments, saying today, "You obviously have to give them credit for their ability to be very disciplined and single-minded about getting the contract accomplished in the House."

Panetta said on ABC's "Good Morning America," "the problem is the first 100 days have largely been about Newt Gingrich and the Republicans and the special interests and the privileged who have benefited the most. I think the second 100 days hopefully will be about the rest of America."

The fraying, laminated card in Gingrich's pocket now has 10 holes punched in it — one next to each of the "contract" proposals Republicans promised to vote on within 100 days of taking over the House.

But Democrats managed to punch some holes of their own in the "contract."



Sparks fly from the nose of an American Eagle commuter plane as it makes an emergency landing at the Greater Rochester International Airport Thursday in Rochester, N.Y. The plane landed safely and no one was injured.

## Emergency landing made safely; no injuries

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — The front landing wheel of an American Eagle turboprop plane jammed in flight Thursday, forcing an emergency landing on the plane's two back wheels.

None of the 21 passengers and

three crew members were injured when Flight 4905 from New York City to Rochester landed at the Greater Rochester International Airport, American Eagle spokesman Don Bedwell said.

As the Saab 340 twin-engine

turboprop was coming to a stop it tipped forward and hit its nose on the runway.

The plane had circled the airport for about 40 minutes trying to solve the problem.

## Board proposed to oversee finances of Washington D.C.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress sent President Clinton a bill creating a five-member panel to monitor the finances of the cash-strapped nation's capital.

The Senate adopted the measure on a voice vote Thursday night following House approval Monday.

"I don't know if this was the only solution to the city's financial problems, but it was the best one," said Eleanor Holmes Norton, the District of Columbia's non-voting delegate to Congress and a co-author of the bill. "When a city goes bankrupt, the only way it can borrow money is through the kind of control board that is proposed."

The district government, facing a projected \$722 million budget deficit, was in danger of edging close to insolvency had the Senate not approved the bill before beginning a recess Friday.

Clinton had endorsed creation of the financial oversight board, which would have veto power over district spending.

The presidentially appointed panel could reject spending and borrowing plans proposed by city officials and withhold funds if budgetary goals aren't met. The mayor is required to submit yearly spending plans to the board for approval.

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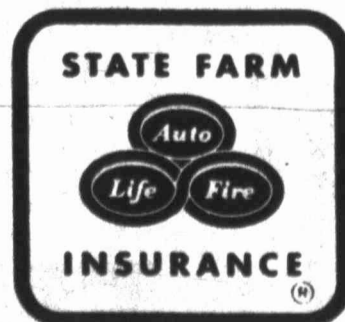
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# 'Hold the Tabasco, please'

## Cook's arrest for spiking eggs turns into a joke

LEBANON, N.H. (AP) — Waitress Linda Burroughs rolls her eyes when she hears the customer's joke: "I'll have eggs. Hold the Tabasco, please."

She's heard it before — at least 25 times Thursday morning alone.

The reason: A former cook at the Denny's where Burroughs works has been charged with spiking the eggs of two Vermont state troopers with the hot pepper sauce.

Michael Towne, 20, is to be tried June 6 on two simple assault charges. If convicted, he could get a maximum two years in jail and \$2,000 fine.

Most of the customers trickling into Denny's on Thursday thought the police department's response to an apparent prank was, well, a little hot-headed.

"They thought it was pushing it a little too far," Burroughs said.

Police, of course, see things differently.

"We have evidence that this was done intentionally and purposely because these two gentlemen were state troopers," said Lt. Matthew Hogan. "If it were two African-American Dartmouth students ... the public cry would be, 'God, there's got to be something you could do.'"

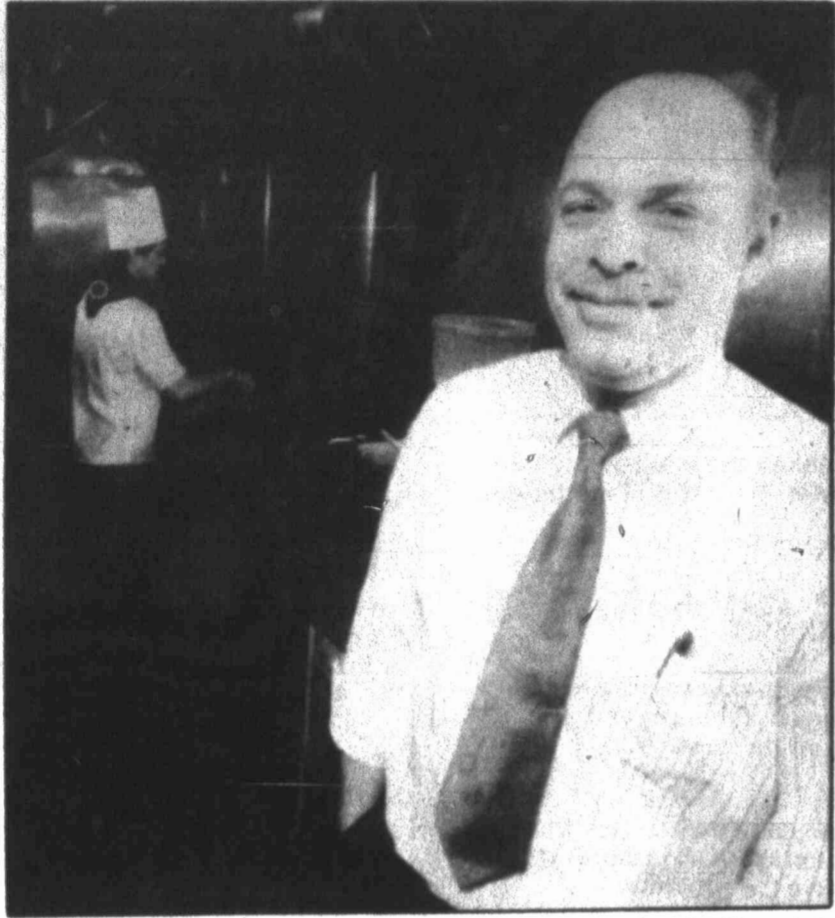
Hogan said police debated how serious the charges against Towne should be. They ruled out a hate crime because that seemed too severe, but wanted to send a message.

"This certainly wasn't something we jumped into," Hogan said. But, he acknowledged, "The court may tell us we're all set."

Vermont State Troopers Timothy Cloutre and Michael Manning crossed the state line early Feb. 7 to what local police call "fast-food heaven," a half-mile stretch where anything from burgers to Mexican food can be found. In the rural Connecticut River valley, it is one of the few places where a meal can be ordered at 2 a.m.

As they dug into their meal, the troopers, who are regular Denny's customers, discovered their eggs were red. In an affidavit, they said eating the eggs burned their mouths and caused one of them "stomach pain to the point of near vomiting."

When they asked to speak to the cook, Towne told them the



John Fragnella, right, assistant manager of Denny's restaurant in Lebanon, N.H., stands in the kitchen with a line chef. A former cook for Denny's is charged with simple assault on two Vermont state troopers for spiking their breakfast eggs with Tabasco sauce.

hot sauce must have been on the grill from an earlier order. The restaurant's assistant manager, however, says Tabasco is not used in any of Denny's dishes.

"They asked me if I had a problem with cops and if I did it on purpose," Towne said. He told them he didn't, and thought the incident was over.

But the troopers didn't believe him and complained to local police, who arrested Towne after a three-week investigation. Lt. Ken Lary said the troopers had a legitimate beef — they work hard enough without having one more dangerous weapon to worry about.

"When it comes time to take a break, we'd like to do so without applying all our senses to scrutinize what's in our meal," Lary said.

Cloutre would not comment. Manning would only say that he and his partner don't go to Denny's anymore.

Towne isn't at Denny's anymore, either. Restaurant officials say he was fired the next day for an unrelated incident — allowing a friend, who was

not an employee, into the kitchen.

Don Allard, the owner of the Denny's and a former Vermont state trooper, said Towne was wrong if he did spike the troopers' meal. But he also thinks two years in jail is too severe.

"Tabasco sauce is a food. It's not a poison. It's a food," Allard said. "I'd like to arrange it so this kid could publicly apologize to the troopers while making them breakfast. If this kid got two years, I'd be devastated because of all the (crime) that goes on, this is nothing."

Meanwhile, public opinion seems to favor the cook. The restaurant has received support from such backers as a group calling itself the Society of Tabasco Lovers in Louisiana, where Tabasco sauce is manufactured, and a Memphis, Tenn., radio station.

"They told us, 'We're all behind you. We use (Tabasco) all the time,'" Denny's assistant manager John Fragnella said. "Really, I think the Lebanon police department is going to end up with a lot of egg on their face when this is over."

# Life was improving for couple, now blindness

MISSION VIEJO, Calif. (AP) — It was the perfect love story. A man receives a kidney from his wife a month after their hospital wedding ceremony. His health improves, his balding head sprouts hair for the first time in years and his face develops a robust glow.

Now, however, the picture is not so perfect. Once again, Randall Curlee has been rendered blind by advanced diabetes.

Curlee, who could have died without the November transplant, first was diagnosed with diabetes as a teen-ager. Although the disease has caused him to suffer bouts of blindness in the past, he had hoped the transplant would stop that condition.

But last weekend he was

returned to a world of darkness, his blindness triggered by a hemorrhaging of the retinas. Now his wife has resigned herself to believing that one day he will be permanently blind.

"When I really realized he was blind, I didn't want to believe it. Now, I have to be his Seeing Eye dog as well," Victoria Ingram-Curlee said. "I have to drive him wherever he needs to go. I have to work around that, and my own life is very busy."

After the transplant, Curlee, 46, returned to work as a marketing director. In addition to taking insulin at least twice a day, he takes three strong anti-rejection drugs.

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### Delivery of contract promises to be hard


WASHINGTON (AP) — Leaders of both parties are declaring victory after Senate approval of \$16 billion in cuts in social programs. But their week-long struggle highlights how difficult it will be for Republicans to deliver on their promise to balance the budget.

After days of Democratic delays, Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., and Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., struck a deal Thursday night, joined by President Clinton. Shortly afterward, the Senate vote 99-0 in favor of cuts in education, housing, jobs and scores of other programs, and joined the House in Easter recess.

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Framed in a doorway, a worker at Sarajevo's Bey Mosque sweeps up broken glass fragments in the courtyard Friday where a mortar round impacted Thursday. Two people were wounded in the attack when at least four mortar rounds landed in the center of the besieged capital.

## Serbs shell suburb; large-scale war predicted

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Rebel Serbs shelled a Sarajevo suburb Thursday, killing at least two civilians and wounding three others, as the United Nations warned that Bosnia was headed for "large-scale war."

Both sides were ignoring a cease-fire, with the Majevica mountains in the north near the government-held city of Tuzla, the most active battlefield. U.N. observers reported heavy artillery and mortar fire was continuing.

Bosnian army sources claimed government troops on Wednesday closed the only escape route for Serbs defending a key communications relay tower in the area. But SRNA,

the Bosnian Serb news agency, reported on Thursday that Serbs had recaptured a strategic hill.

In the northwest, the U.N.-designated "safe area" of Bihac also came under Serb shelling on Thursday.

Just hours before the shelling began outside Sarajevo, the United Nations announced there had been no progress on extending the nationwide cease-fire, which, although generally ignored, does not officially expire until May 1.

"The parties are heading toward large-scale war with tragic repercussions for the civilian population," U.N. spokesman Alexander Ivanko said.

## Appeal of convictions could be lengthy

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The lawyer for two Americans jailed for entering Iraq illegally said Thursday he hoped to submit their appeal in the next week.

David Daliberti, 41, and William Barboon, 39, are being held in a small cell in Abu Ghraib, a maximum security prison outside Baghdad. Attorney Khaled Jarjees said he last visited the men Monday.

The two strayed into Iraqi territory March 13 while visiting friends at a United Nations camp near the border with Kuwait. They were convicted March 25 of entering Iraq without permission and sentenced to eight years.

Jarjees said he obtained permission Thursday from a Baghdad court to study the judgment and relevant evidence.

He said evidence presented by Iraq has shown the Americans were guilty of entering Iraq illegally, but the circumstances are open for interpretation.

"We could not find any document, any passport which would allow them to enter Iraqi territories," he noted.

Jarjees said he will argue that even though the Americans may have committed an offense

under Iraqi laws, they did so unwittingly and unintentionally.

Iraqi officials have suggested the Americans, who work for U.S. defense contractors in Kuwait, crossed with ulterior motives tied to U.S. efforts to prolong the oil and trade embargo imposed after Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

## Police raid hospitals looking for doctors suspected as cult members

TOKYO (AP) — Police today raided a hospital over suspicions doctors belonging to the cult suspected in Tokyo's nerve gas attack drugged members who wished to leave the group.

Police also searched several other cult properties after finding a large number of gun parts in a car belonging to sect members.

In a country with tight gun

control laws, the discovery of more than 100 triggers, barrels and other gun components Thursday was the latest shock in the investigation of the group, Aum Shinri Kyo, or Supreme Truth.

Sect leaders appeared before reporters today to repeat their denials of involvement in the March 20 subway gas attack, which killed 11 people and sick-

ened 5,500 others. The leaders claimed they were victims of religious persecution.

Sect lawyer Yoshinobu Aoyama accused authorities of using the investigation as "an excuse to increase state power" and to create a "fascist-like" state.

He also accused police of releasing "erroneous" information, such as saying that nerve gas by-products had been found

at the group's compound.

The sect also maintains it had no connection with the assassination attempt a week ago of Japan's top police officer, who led the attack investigation.

Former cult members have said the group made gun parts using sophisticated lathes and other machines at a factory-like facility.

## Scottish voters serve up defeat for conservatives

GLASGOW, Scotland (AP) — Stunning defeats for Britain's Conservative Party in Scottish local elections have shaken the government and threaten to loosen the nearly three-century union of England and Scotland.

Victories by the left-of-center Labor Party and independence-seeking nationalists in the Thursday voting left no local councils in Conservative hands.

Labor, which has huge leads over the Conservatives in national opinion polls, now is in charge of most of Scotland's local authorities.

Labor and the centrist Liberal Democrats promise a Scottish parliament to create a degree of devolved government, while the nationalists want to break from the United Kingdom of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

With results declared from 28 of 29 new, restructured local councils, Labor had won 20, the Scottish National Party three and Independents two. No party had overall control in three districts.

The Conservatives had scant chance of winning the sole district being declared today, Argyll and Bute.



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## Syria's leaders want balanced border security

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Syria's foreign minister said today his country wants "balanced, parallel and equal" border security arrangements with long-time enemy Israel as part of a possible peace treaty.

The interview with Farouk Sharaa was broadcast in Beirut as a U.S. team was shuttling between Syria and Israel to seek their approval of security measures in the event of an Israeli withdrawal from the strategic Golan Heights.

"Israel's claim that it is the only party with security concerns is contrary to the truth," Sharaa told Future Television.

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Saturday  
BSHS Relays (Blankenship Field), 9 a.m.

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## SPORTS IN BRIEF

### Big Spring softball team sweeps Westbrook

The Big Spring Lady Steers, a club softball team, beat Westbrook 6-4 and 20-1 Thursday at home.

Ann Marie Scott was the winning pitcher in the first game - allowing just two hits. The Lady Steers scored three runs in the first inning as Heather James and Jessica Cobos singled and scored on a double by Melissa Martinez. Erica Lansperly added a single to score Martinez.

In the second game, the Lady Steers (7-10) backed up winning pitcher Mandi Morrow with tough defense and a 19-hit attack. Michelle Steward and James pitched well in relief.

James hit three singles; Morrow had two doubles. Amanda Hale turned in an unassisted double play from second base. Cobos and Stefanie Kennedy turned a double play.

Big Spring's final games of the season will be at the Coahoma tournament, which starts today.

### Softball league nears its start

The deadline for joining the Big Spring Industrial Softball League is Monday.

All teams must show up for a Monday meeting at 7 p.m. at the Fun-N-Food on 11th Place. Entry fee is \$200 with a \$10 fee for each player on the roster.

For more information, call Chuck Martin at 264-9236.

### Roper, Hawks to host clinic

Howard College baseball coach Brian Roper and several members of the team will host a baseball clinic 2-4:30 p.m. Sunday at Jack Barber Field.

The clinic is open to players of all ages. Cost is \$10 and participants need to bring their own equipment.

For more information, contact the college athletic department at 264-5040.

### CGA tourney slated for Sunday

The Chicano Golf Association will hold a 6-6-6 golf tournament Sunday morning at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Tee times are 9-10 a.m. Sunday, and interested persons need to register by 6:30 p.m. today. Registration fee is \$13.

For more information, contact Al Patterson at Comanche Trail, 264-2366.

### Softball tournament comes to Stanton

A men's softball tournament will be played in Stanton April 21-22.

There is a \$100 entry fee per team. For more information, call Freddy Hernandez at 756-2326.

### Correction

#### Comanche is open

An item in Thursday's Sports In Brief incorrectly implied Comanche Trail Golf Course would be closed to the public Saturday morning.

Comanche hosted a District 4-4A meet this morning and will be open to the public the rest of the weekend.

# HC cowboys start strong

By DAVE HARGRAVE  
Sports Editor

Three Howard College cowboys were leading their events after the first night of action at the Howard College Rodeo Thursday at the Rodeo Bowl.

Cory McFadden of Crane took the early lead in the bull riding, an event that proved hazardous. Of the 17 cowboys riding bulls, only five held on for the full eight seconds - four from Howard.

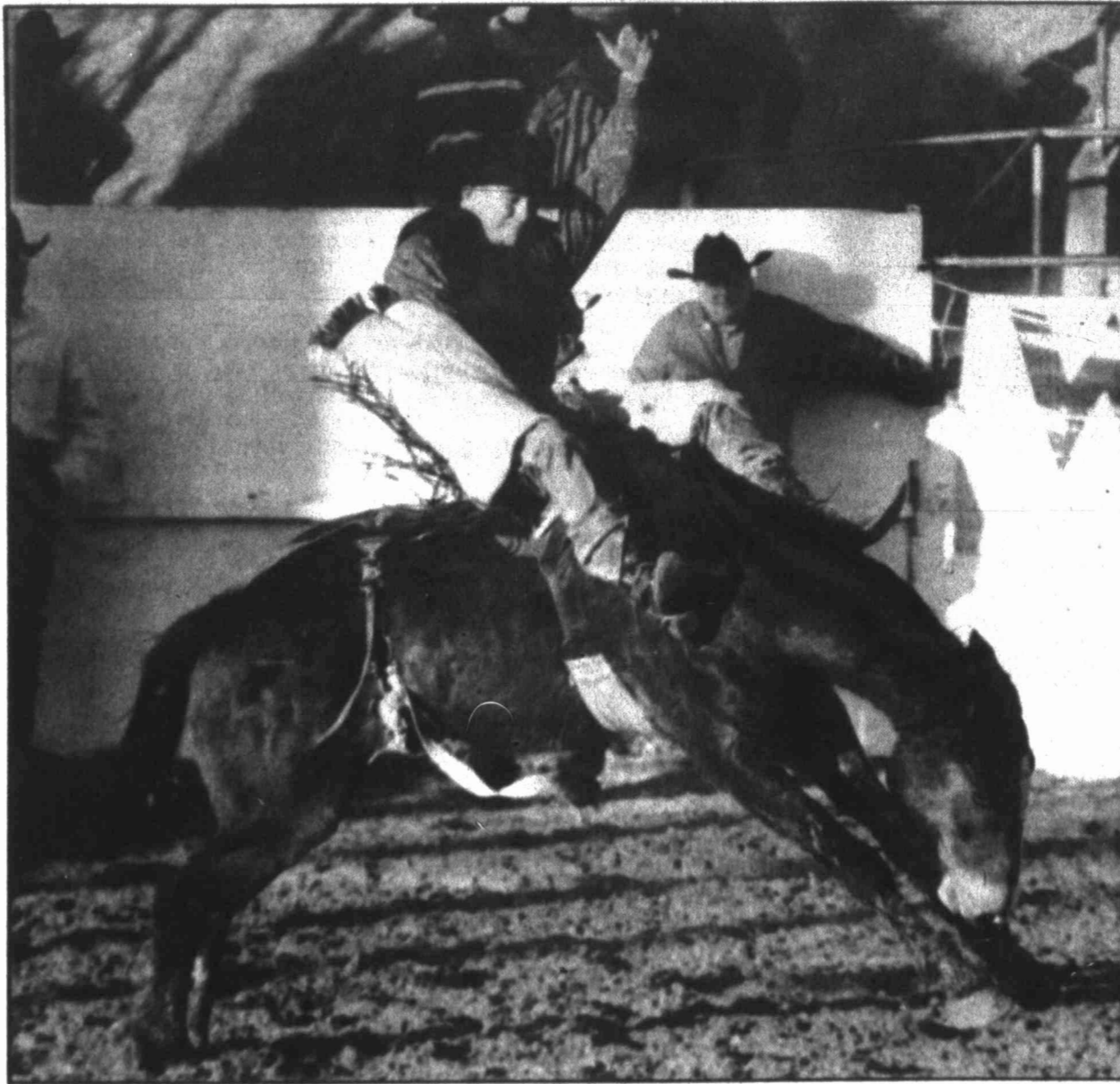
McFadden had the top ride with 70 points, followed by teammates Chad Armstrong (68), Reed Corder (66) and Shawn Mays (60). If the bull riding proves just as treacherous tonight, all four could qualify for the short go-round, which starts Saturday at 7 p.m.

Sophomore Brandon Arrington of Marble Falls took a share of the lead for Howard in the night's opening event, bareback riding. Arrington scored a 66, tying him with Western Texas College's Davey Shields. For Arrington, the ride was a relief whatever the score.

"It was nice to have a score finally - that's something I haven't had for a while," he said. "We did pretty well. I think all three bareback riders will more than likely come back for the short go."

McFadden and Jason Freeman each scored 63 in bareback, tying them for fifth. Cain Butler, a sophomore from Oxford, Ga., gave Howard the lead in steer wrestling after Thursday's main event - his time was 6.5 seconds.

"The guys look to be in pretty good shape," said Howard rodeo coach Mike Yeater. "Brandon Arrington's had a rough year, but he's been riding well. He rode really well in Canyon last week but fell off just a little bit before the whistle, and he rode well again here."



Howard College's Cory McFadden hangs on during his bareback ride Thursday at the Rodeo Bowl. McFadden scored 63 points on the ride.

"The girls didn't do so well." Actually, Howard's cowgirls turned in respectable times, but not the times you look for when competing for a berth in the national finals. In a breakaway roping, Howard's Samantha Winters sits in third at 3.6, and teammate Tina Sherrod - a Garden City High School grad - turned in a 3.8 for fifth.

HC cowgirl Stephanie Miller had a disappointing evening - she didn't score in breakaway and suffered a 10-second penalty in barrel racing. She did turn in an 11.3 in goat tying, and that might be enough for the short go.

Shanna Owens did not score in breakaway, but her times in goat tying and barrel racing keep her in contention for

Saturday's short go. Owens has fifth in barrel racing (19.23) and third in goat tying (10.2). Owens said: "Tina, Stephanie and I work pretty well together. We get along and we all three compete. I think we can make nationals - at least one of us does well at each rodeo."

**NOTE:** This story does not include results from Thursday's slack competition.

## Nicklaus trails leaders by one

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Jack Nicklaus, the Olden, Golden Bear himself, is in position to claim a record seventh green jacket at the Masters.

He's not in the lead. After one round, that's in joint possession of South African David Frost, lefty Phil Mickelson and defending title-holder Jose Maria Olazabal of Spain.

"I don't think this is a one-round deal," Mickelson said of Nicklaus' chances after Nicklaus scored an eagle-2 Thursday in a round of 5-under-par 67, a single stroke back of the leaders.

Nicklaus, however, was not quite so sure. A balky driver limited him to even par on the par-5 holes - usually the key to scoring on Augusta National. "If I can start driving better, if I can start playing the par-5s better, I can be in contention," said Nicklaus, whose first Masters victory came seven years before Mickelson was born.

Olazabal, still on the mend from surgery on his right big toe, was limping noticeably on the rain-softened course, but turned away questions about the injury. He chipped in twice for birdies and played the back in 31.

The overall scoring was surprising, too; surprisingly low. It was a product of the day-long rains that ranged from drizzle to shower and softened and slowed the greens. As a result, 32 men in the international field of 86 broke par 72.

David Gilford of England and Corey Pavin were tied with Nicklaus at 67. Chip Beck and Mark O'Meara followed at 68, while 49-year-old Hale Irwin led a large group at 69.

Tiger Woods, the 19-year-old U.S. Amateur champion matched par 72.

Nick Price, seeking a third consecutive major title, could do no better than 76, however, and 65-year-old Arnold Palmer struggled to a 79.

## Small-market teams shedding their stars

### Grissom, Cone traded Thursday

NEW YORK (AP) — Two deadlines come up at midnight EDT. It's the last day for clubs to offer salary arbitration to their former players who became free agents or lose rights to negotiate until May 15.



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That and escalating salaries have led to huge trades. Montreal and Kansas City got most of the attention Thursday. The Royals dealt David Cone to the Toronto Blue Jays and the Expos moved Marquis Grissom to the Atlanta Braves.

Montreal, which on Thursday sent starter Ken Hill to St.

Louis and reliever John Wetteland to the New York Yankees, is attempting to cut its payroll to about \$12 million. In doing so, the Expos are dismantling the team that had the best record in baseball (74-40) when the strike began last August.

Kansas City sent outfielder Brian McRae to the Chicago Cubs on Wednesday before the unexpected trade of Cone.

Cone, a Kansas City native and the 1994 AL Cy Young Award winner, was 16-5 with a 2.94 ERA in the strike-shortened season and has a 111-70 career record with a 3.12 ERA. Kansas City got three minor league prospects for Cone: infielders Chris Stynes and Tony Medrano and relief pitcher David Sinnes.

Grissom hit .288 in 1994 with 11 homers, 45 RBIs and 36 stolen bases. To get him, Atlanta general manager John Schuerholz had to give up outfielders Roberto Kelly, Tony Tarasco and minor league pitcher Esteban Yan. Atlanta will pay much of Kelly's 1994 salary of \$3.4 million.

## Steer sprinter could go Farr

### BSHS Relays start Saturday

By STEVE REAGAN  
Sportswriter

Randy Farr no longer has his brother to push him, so Farr's just learned to push himself.

Farr and his brother, Lehebron, were familiar sights running both cross-country and track for Big Spring High School the past couple of years.

It was easy to tell they were brothers: Both are tall and lean, and on the track both wore wire-rimmed glasses on heads that were shorn nearly bald.



FARR

The Farr brothers were a competitive duo, Randy said.

"(Lehebron) was the one who kind of pushed me into running track and cross country," he said. "I looked up to him, and since I didn't compete in other sports, I said, what the heck, I'll try it."

"We competed in everything," Randy continued. "Every time I'd beat him in the 200 (meter run), I'd get on him ... but he'd say, 'Well, you can't beat me in the quarter-mile.'"

Since Lehebron graduated last spring, Randy has had to find other ways to be inspired - and he has apparently succeeded.

Farr, a junior this season, has area best times in the 100-meter dash (10.86 seconds), 200 dash (21.87) and is among the state leaders in the 400 run (48.3). In addition, he runs on the team's two relays.

"Randy's a good one," BSHS boys' coach Randy Britton said. "He's probably among the top five in the state in the 400, and that's what I'm trying to convince him is his best event."

Farr hadn't competed much in the 400 until recently, but when he clocked his best time, which is just .1 second off the school record, he didn't need much more convincing from Britton.

"I used to think the 200 was my strength, until I ran a 48.3 in the 400 last week," he said.

"To me, the 400 is like a combination of speed and endurance," he added. "You need speed, but you also need endurance to get around the track. I think I like it. No, I do like it."

At Saturday's Big Spring Relays, Farr wants to see how far he can push himself.

"I'm thinking about running in the 100, 200 and 400 this week," he said. "I just want to see if I can do it. It's a challenge, and I think I'm going to go for it."

## BOTTOM of the ORDER

### SHOT OF THE DAY



Pack your bags Marquis Grissom, the Montreal Expo outfielder and frequent National League stolen base leader, is shown packing his bags when the strike began. Thursday he was traded to the Atlanta Braves.

### TEXAS SPORTS

#### Spurs win 13th straight

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs just keep finding ways to win, particularly against the Sacramento Kings. Chuck Person's 20-foot shot at the buzzer Thursday night gave the Spurs a 98-94 win over Sacramento — their third straight victory over the Kings this season by a combined total of four points.

#### Los Angeles downs Dallas Stars

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — After 15 consecutive starts in goal, Kelly Hrudey is finally getting a night off. Hrudey earned it with 44 saves Thursday night, as the Los Angeles Kings edged the Dallas Stars 3-2 on Dan Quinn's third-period goal.

### NATION/WORLD

#### Arizona State star going pro

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Mario Bennett, whose knee injuries limited him to 87 games at Arizona State over four seasons, passed up his final year of eligibility and declared for the NBA draft. Bennett, a 6-foot-9, 230-pound center who set a Pac-10 record with 115 blocks this season, said getting into the NBA ahead of a rookie salary cap proposed for 1996 wasn't a major consideration.

#### Top seeds cruise in Florida

AMELIA ISLAND, Fla. (AP) — The top three seeds — Conchita Martinez, Gabriela Sabatini and Maggie Maleeva — advanced to the quarterfinals on another windy, rainy day at the \$430,000 Bausch & Lomb Championships.

### ON THE AIR

#### Basketball

NBA  
Orlando at Detroit, 7 p.m., TNT (ch. 28).  
Minnesota at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., PRIME (ch. 29).

#### Golf

The Masters, second round, 3 p.m., USA (ch. 38).

#### Tennis

Women's Bausch & Lomb, 1:30 p.m., ESPN (ch. 30).





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## Allen Damron headlining latest Coahoma concert

### First Presbyterian Church site of concert

By KELLIE JONES  
Staff Writer

Allen Damron, a Texas singer and storyteller, headlines the newest Coahoma Community Concert Series this Saturday. For more than 35 years, Damron has been singing and telling stories across the world. He co-founded the Kerrville Folk Festivals and the Isla Mujeres International Folk Festivals. Damron knew and booked many great artists

Janis Joplin, Mances Lipscomb, Rusty Weir, Jerry Jeff Walker, Gordon Lightfoot, Lightin' Hopkins, Willis Alan Ramsey, B.W. Stevenson, Michael Martin Murphy, Carolyn Hester and Steven Fromholz.

His experience in music goes back to the days when he was the entertainment director and resident entertainer for the Checkered Flag, the club that started the Austin music scene.

Damron continues to tour the country representing Texas as an official Sesquicentennial Goodwill Ambassador to the World.

His vast repertoire of folk, maritime, humorous, historical, Irish, Spanish, Texan, Indian, cowboy and children's songs can transport his listeners across the great distances in time and space. He plays the guitar, banjo, autoharp and Indian flute.

"Allen will slip country songs

into an Irish venue or folk songs into a country venue, mixing stories all the way through, and lots of laughter in-between.

"You will probably never find anyone who has ever come away from a Damron show without having had a good time. Song, stories, laughter and just plain fun: Allen does it all for his audiences," states his press release.

He has released 19 albums since 1962 including "Country," "Irish Party," "Border Trash," "Texican," "Family of Friends" and "Silver."

Damron has performed with the USO, is a retired colonel with the Confederate Air Force, Silver and Eagle Scout and has won numerous awards in spear fishing, scuba diving and race car driving.

His list of accomplishments goes on including hosting his own radio and television shows plus performing on many radio

shows, television presentations, movies and commercials. Damron has even had a singing part in a CBS Movie of the Week, "The Fulfillment of Mary Gray."

He has been a one-man show "Hondo Crouch, the Mayor of Luckenbach" taking it to many Texas colleges and theaters including the Chamizal National Theater. The talented entertainer has even assisted in making music videos for country singer Travis Tritt.

Country music star Jerry Jeff Walker has commented, "As a song stylist and interpreter, Allen Damron is the best there is. I like my songs done his way."

The concert will be at the First Presbyterian Church, 209 North First Street, in Coahoma starting at 7:30 p.m. Suggested donations are \$6 per person or \$15 for a family.



ALLEN DAMRON

## Evangelist Billy Graham transmits message to world via satellite

By DAVID BRIGGS

NEW YORK (AP) — Billy Graham came to Christ in 1934 under a tin-roofed tabernacle built for a revival led by the fiery evangelist Mordecai Ham. Graham followed the same pattern, often having to construct tabernacles seating 10,000 to 20,000 people in cities such as Albuquerque, N.M., and Portland, Ore.

At age 76, he is no longer the dominant, physically imposing figure who could command a stadium's attention with his presence. Technology is giving the century's most famous evangelist the opportunity to preach to the world from the site of a single crusade.

Satellite uplinks transmit Graham's services to local sites in 175 countries, reaching up to 8 million people nightly in what representatives of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association call the greatest Gospel outreach in history.

And this is just the beginning of a new phase of worldwide evangelism, the pioneer of modern radio and television ministries said in a recent interview.

"We're not going to reach the whole world, of course, in Global Mission, but we're going to be the early forerunners of how it can be done technologically," he said.

From the major population centers of Europe to Kobe, Japan and six sites in Togo, Global Mission plans to broadcast Graham's sermons to some 2,200 venues throughout the world, where 500,000 local "counselors" will distribute mission literature and meet with people who respond to the evangelist's call to commit their lives to Christ.

In San Juan, 12 production trucks transmitted non-stop to 29 time zones. The audio transmission was translated into more than 40 languages.

The one major country that

has not permitted Global Mission telecasts is China, but Graham said negotiations are continuing there. The United States is not part of Global Mission, but there will be later television broadcasts of the crusade in this country. The potential audience for television broadcasts in nearly 100 countries is estimated at up to 1 billion people.

For a man who saw his first television in 1939 in New York and never dreamed it would become a pervasive influence, the idea of a mission on this scale is still somewhat difficult to comprehend.

"I'm just sort of the old man looking back in wonderment because when we started out we didn't even have our own auditoriums. We had to build our own tabernacles," Graham said.

What excites some evangelicals is the possibility this new technology has to bring about the Second Coming of Christ.

In the 24th chapter of Matthew, Jesus says, "And this good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world, as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come."

Robert Williams, director of Global Mission, said the evangelistic event may be one step out of 1,000 or one step out of 10 in the Lord's plan. "I don't think it is the last great thing to happen before the Lord comes back. But Global Mission is one response to the Lord's command to go to all the world before he returns," Williams said.

Graham is wary of making any prediction, referring to biblical passages in which Jesus warns against speculating "on the time or the season."

He does say the technology probably now exists to go to all the world with the Gospel, although the objections of some governments present a serious hurdle.

## Don't use God for personal gain

DEAR DR. GRAHAM: If I give money to my church and some other organizations will God bless me? I am in debt and



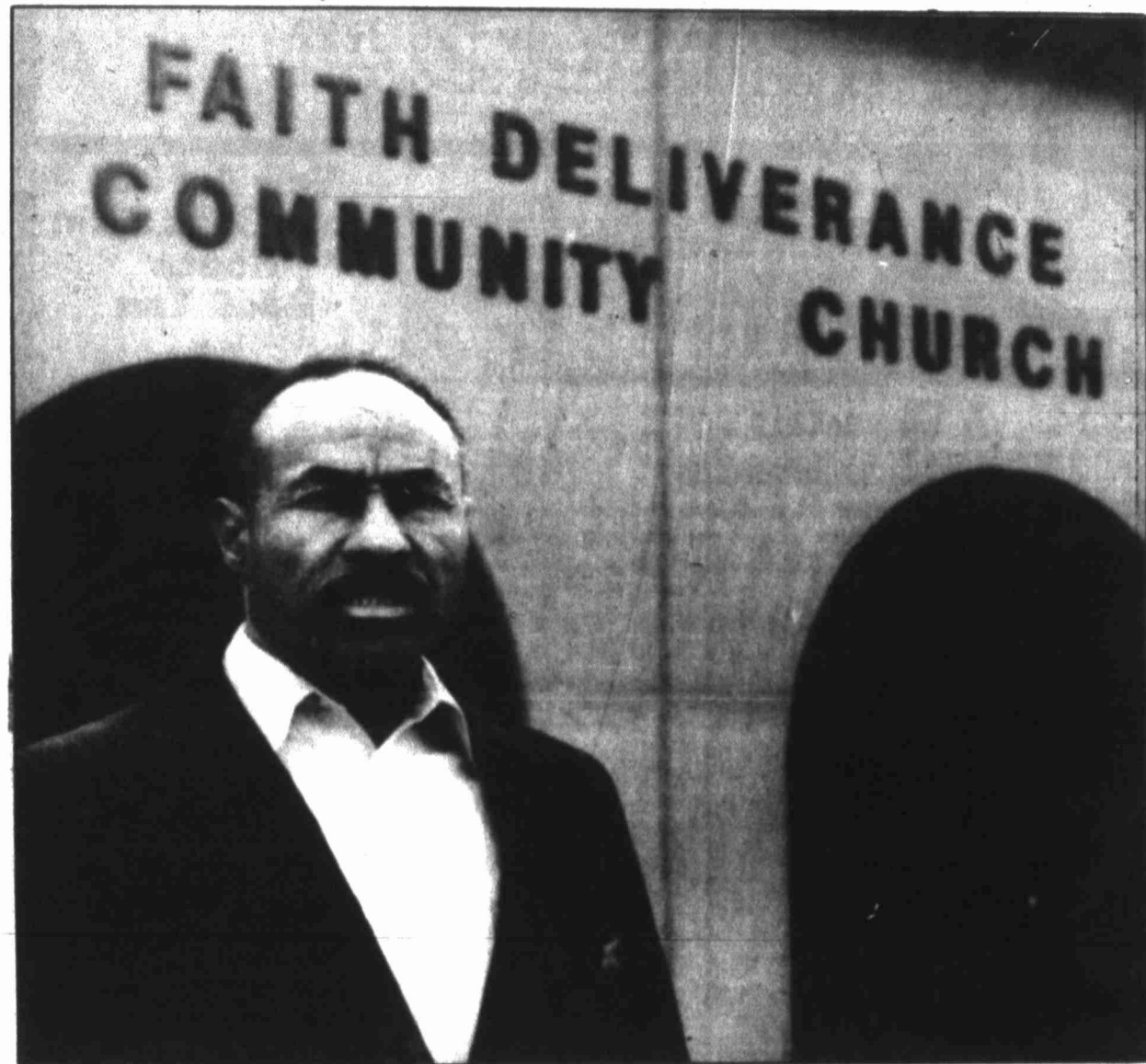
Billy Graham  
Columnist

don't see any way out, but a friend of mine said God would take away my debt if I just had faith and would give some of my money away. Is this what God has promised to do?

MRS. C.R. DEAR MRS. C.R.: No, no necessarily. It is true God has promised to bless us when we serve Him and give to His work of a pure heart -- but His blessing is not necessarily material or financial. Often when we give the greatest blessing, what we receive in return is spiritual.

I also must warn you against trying to use God or attempting to manipulate Him into doing what you want Him to do. Certainly I understand your anxiety over your debt -- and so does God. But we cannot "use" God for our own selfish purposes. He is God, and He is far above us in His holiness and purity.

But listen: God loves you, and He wants what is best for you. That is one reason why He wants to help you get in control of this problem, for He wants you to be free from slavery to debt and to things. That is why the most important thing you can do is to give yourself to Christ and let Him guide you. You see, because of your sin. Please see GRAHAM page 2B



Jerry Jordan, pastor of the Faith Deliverance Community Church, is shown outside the church in Abilene. Jordan made a pact with God when he was 12 years old and is still living up to his end of the deal.

## Preacher holding up his end of bargain with God

By RICHARD HORN  
Abilene Reporter-News

ABILENE — Jerry Jordan climbed the pulpit to preach his first sermon six months after he shattered his leg in a near-crippling rodeo accident.

He was just off crutches. And he was only 13 years old.

The sermon was on Revelation, something about holding onto faith and God's hand, and when it was over Jordan never wanted to preach again. This was one teenager who, having mocked predictions he'd never again walk, was determined to play professional basketball.

"I never wanted to be a pastor," he said. "I've always been a loner, always wanted to stay off by myself."

But 37 years later he's still preaching, leading a thriving Abilene congregation in a church fashioned from a bankrupt funeral home.

The 200-plus congregation — Faith Deliverance Community Church of God in Christ — celebrates its ninth anniversary this week. But it has far bigger plans for the future.

It will open a day care next month. Jordan then plans to create a school for children in kindergarten through 12th grade and a theology program for advanced education.

He also wants to continue working with young people, fighting to save dope dealers at North 13th and Ash, and trying to break down color and denominational barriers in Abilene where, as the city's first black insurance agent a quarter-century ago, he says he experienced plenty of racism and hypocrisy.

He has dreams of building charismatic congregations in area towns, including Stamford, where he already pastors Bethel Church of God in Christ.

All this from a man who never wanted to be pastor.

Jordan, a 50-year-old Coleman native with five grown children, five grandkids and immeasurable energy, said he's just keeping his part of a 1958 deal he struck with God.

He was 12 and stuck in an Abilene hospital bed. He'd broken his femur in a fall from a horse at a Coleman rodeo. Doctors warned him he'd likely be crippled for life.

Jordan had never been to church and didn't know the first thing about God. His parents weren't religious at all.

"But I prayed and asked the Lord if he would heal my leg," he said. "The Lord did what he told me he was going to do, so I'm trying to hold up my end of the bargain."

After being led to deliver that first sermon in Coleman, Jordan has remained tied to the Church of God in Christ, one of the fastest-growing religious groups in America.

His Abilene ministry was born in 1984 on the city's north side. That congregation then consisted of Jordan, his wife, Oretha, and their children, an assistant pastor and his family, and one other woman.

But it quickly outgrew its first location, and in 1985 Jordan set his sights on a 55,000-square-foot building on Highway 277. The congregation now numbers 225 and has reached as high as 300.

Until the past year, leading this parish has been Jordan's

love, not his career or source of income. The congregation now collects a bi-monthly love offering that's allowed him to finally retire from selling life insurance, a business he joined in 1968 after answering a newspaper ad.

It was tough work. He had trouble selling both to whites, not inclined to buy from a black man, and to blacks who'd been brainwashed into believing a black salesman had to be inferior.

Jordan points with pride to many sales trophies he earned, but he said it took 12 years before he could be promoted. Meanwhile he had to train those chosen to be his supervisors.

As many as 25 whites have been members of Faith Deliverance, but Jordan admits different cultural backgrounds seem to make it harder for whites to feel comfortable.

He's not surprised, though, that Church of God in Christ and similar denominations are thriving as mainstream churches struggle. People are starving for emotional acceptance, he said, and most churches are too reserved for them.

Young people, in particular, are much harder to reach through traditional approaches, he said.

"They're looking for something that has excitement and isn't mechanical," he said. "A lot of children are hurting. They're joining gangs because they're seeking something. That is the mission Christ gave us, to go out and reach. A lot of traditional churches are saying come to us."

During the past three sum- Please see PREACHER page 2B

## CLUBS IN BRIEF

### Daughters of the American Revolution

The Capt. Elisha Mack chapter of DAR met recently for lunch and a meeting at the Big Spring Country Club. June Reid presented a slide show and talk on the DAR Library in Washington, D.C.

The library has over 100,000 genealogy books along with many films and other records. It is open to anyone interested in tracing their heritage.

Helen Cobean, founding regent of this chapter, was presented a pin representing 100 years of the DAR in Texas.

A report was given on the recent Texas Society DAR Convention in Dallas. Leo Welch was nominated by the chapter as "Outstanding Veteran-Patient Volunteer." He won over all other Texas entrants and was presented a

plaque at the meeting.

Those attending were Martha Cummings, Region 8 Director; Carole Lawson, chapter regent; Sue Ann Damron, chapter vice-regent and Lora Mae Pollard, delegate.

The next meeting will be April 15 at the country club. Anyone interested in becoming a member is welcome.

### Rosebud Garden Club

The Rosebud Garden Club met at Lou Hill's home March 28. Each member brought a package of cookies to be donated to the State Hospital volunteer services. A pinon pine tree has been planted in front of the courthouse by donation from the club. It will be decorated at Christmas.

The program, herbs and natural healing was presented by Faye Steward. There are herbs that give the immune system a boost, help control allergies and digestion. Mrs. Steward pointed out that most drugs have been developed from plants. The next meeting will be April 25 at the Midland Orchid Greenhouse.

### Howard County Youth Horseman Club

The club met April 3 to discuss the newly planted trees and were told for a \$50 donation, a tree would have a plaque in the name of the donor.

So far, 10 new trees have been planted near the jungle gym donated by Mr. and Mrs. Clay Harrison and beside the new grandstands Mr. and Mrs. Bob Price gave to the club.

Several donations were noted: First National Bank, Bowlin Tractor and Implement, Otto Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Harrison and ropers Rayford Calhoun and W.D. Scott.

There were 20 children and 13 adults in attendance. Before the meeting, several dedicated people picked up rocks in the arena so horses would not be crippled while racing.

The next scheduled play day is April 22 and the next money raising event is April 8. For more information contact Diana at 267-6251 or Shannon at 263-3738.

### Preaching - honky tonk style

By ELIZABETH GREEN

Kerrville Daily Times  
KERRVILLE — Where women dance partially nude on Wednesday nights, preachers relay the word of God on Fridays.

Beer and the Bible are the staples at a weekly religious service at Neighbors' Gin Mill and Dance Hall, where ministers are given the opportunity for an hour every Friday evening to tell patrons about religion, God and love.

According to Neighbors owner John Adams, the "gospel hour" started up nearly two months ago and if he loses some customers because of "conversion," that's just fine by him.

"You know, it says in the Bible that in the final days the good news will be spoken everywhere, and this is someplace," Adams said. "A lot of people don't know the word and they would never set foot inside a church, but they would go to a honky-tonk. If I lose a customer because they decide this life isn't for them, more power to them, I'm happy for them."

Adams said the bar does not shut down while the ministers are there and there are no plans to discontinue any of the other features of Neighbors, including the "exotic" dancers. Those things, he said, make money, and Neighbors is a business.

"I'm a Christian in my heart and I think our Lord above us wants us to have fun. All things are good in moderation. I don't believe in drinking until you're intoxicated, but a little bit is good ... let's just party and have some fun," Adams said.

He added that the average attendance to the 8 p.m. gospel

hour is about 25, "but if just one person hears it, that's all that matters."

Adams said he would like most of the area ministers to take a turn. "I'd like to get them all to come here and say their piece because all religions are good to a degree."

John Rodgers, minister of the Ingram First Baptist Church, said his speaking there was not to condone what goes on in the bar. Like others in the Ingram area, Rodgers said he wouldn't mind if the bar was closed. "I'm just trying to close it down in another way," he said.

While Rodgers preaches every Sunday to his congregation, the idea of reaching at Neighbors made him nervous, he said.

"They didn't come out to have somebody preach at them, but I just wanted to share the good news," he said.

The serving of alcohol and the thought of the Wednesday night dancers did bother him a little, he said.

"I think all of the ministers who have spoken there will say that we are willing to go where people have needs and they have needs there," Rodgers said. His sermon at Neighbors touched on the topics of the love of God and where to find it, he said, and a few people came up to him after the sermon. "They were hurting, needing help. A few said thank you and that they enjoyed it. That surprised me."

Other ministers, Rodgers said, should only accept the offer of speaking at Neighbors if they recognize who they will be talking to.

"A few have been there, too," he said. "Just because they're at Neighbors doesn't mean they aren't good people."

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### Preacher — 'Ambulance' rescues birds of a feather

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mers, the congregation has set up a tent on North 13th Street for preaching, and Jordan said his members are better received there than when they knock on doors in some more affluent neighborhoods.

"These people need help and they're seeking it, so they're easier to reach," he said. "I sit on the curb with them. I am not any better than them because the only thing that separates them from me is the grace of God. It came and picked me up from the muck and the mire."

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you owe God a spiritual "debt" far, far deeper than anything you will ever owe the bank. But Christ has paid the debt for you, by His death on the cross. By faith accept His forgiveness and ask Him to come into your life.

Then ask Him to help you in practical ways to deal with your financial problems. If you need help planning a realistic budget or rescheduling your payments, perhaps there is a public service agency in your area that can help. Yes, God wants us to give and to share -- but be sure it comes from a heart that puts Him first.

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By GREG LOPEZ

Scripps Howard News Service

DENVER — The first robin was next to a puddle in front of a gas station, so Catherine A. Hurlbutt, 82, checked her rearview mirror and put on her brakes.

It was time for spring. The car is a Checker Cab with "Bird Ambulance" painted on its door. In a cardboard box next to her, she had one more pigeon from Cheesman Park that had tail feathers stuck together with Roost-No-More.

The robin flew, and she opened the box next to her. She has taken home injured birds for 35 years. The pigeon looked around like it had just lost a contact lens.

At home, she took the pigeon out of the box and walked into

The pigeons, nobody misses once they're gone, so I eat them. I just boil them. Remember I mentioned cooking isn't one of my gifts.

one of the cages she built in the backyard.

In the cages, she had a robin, a goose, a duck, a bobwhite, two golden pheasants, two ring-necked doves, four crows, five housefinches, nine sparrows and 27 pigeons.

"The pigeons, nobody misses once they're gone, so I eat them," she said. "I just boil them. Remember I mentioned cooking isn't one of my gifts?"

She was a stenographer for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for 41 years, never married, and lives here with her raven, Edgar. She got him 24 years

ago and taught him to say "Nevermore." He has stayed in a cage in her living room since her good earrings disappeared.

She went into the other cage with a net and chased the robin around until she caught it. She fed it Gerber High-Protein Baby Cereal with a spoon, and now it was time for spring. She took the robin out of the cage and held it in her hands.

"Remember how I said singing also wasn't one of my gifts?" she said.

She opened her hands. The robin flew. "That's right," she said. "It's spring."

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### WOMEN PRIESTS



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The Rev. Ulla Monberg, Dean of Women's Ministry for the Church of England, talks with the Rector of St. Olive's Church, John Cowling. Monberg reports a "steady stream" of women coming forward these days for ordination as priests in the church.

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### RELIGIOUS BRIEFS

#### Cardinal to receive Laetara Medal

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin of Chicago will receive the 1995 Laetara Medal, Notre Dame's president said.

"Cardinal Bernardin has been the very exemplar of the bishop as a pastor, teacher and witness to the Gospel," said the Rev. Edward Malloy, Notre Dame's president. "With this Laetara Medal, Notre Dame celebrates the manner in which his personal life and public ministry have combined to become a treasure of the church."

The award will be presented May 21 during Notre Dame's commencement ceremonies.

Cardinal Bernardin, a Columbia, S.C., native, was ordained in 1952 and became the country's youngest bishop in 1966, when he was appointed auxiliary bishop of Atlanta by Pope Paul VI. He was appointed archbishop of Chicago in 1972, and served there for 20 years before he was named Chicago's archbishop.

#### Church constructs apartments

WESTWOOD, Minn. — Workers are building apartments to build a new apartment complex here, but restrictions for the foundation came from the Bible.

The \$1.8 million complex is going up across the street from the newly renovated United House of Prayer for All Peoples church that is going to build it.

The two-story apartments, which will be open to everyone, will be finished by July, officials said.

Robert G. Gentry founded the denomination in 1919 and built the first church in Westwood, Minn., according to United House literature. The church now claims 135 congregations in 24 states.

"To care for the least among us has been a tradition in our organization since the beginning," said Apostle S. Green, pastor of special projects for the church. "It's a sacrifice on the part of the membership."

#### Passion to receive Truman Award

TRUMAN, Mo. (AP) — In celebration of the 50th anniversary of Harry S. Truman's presidency, a local minister will receive this year's Truman Award. Good Apostle S. Green, pastor of special projects for the church, will receive the award.

The Rev. Robert H. Menelly, pastor of the Village Presbyterian Church in Prairie Village, Mo., will be presented with the award May 8 during the church's 50th anniversary service.

Menelly, who increased membership at the Village Presbyterian Church from 282 to 400 members in 1949 to more than 700 members when he retired in 1984. He also has been a major civic, social and political force throughout the area, the foundation said.

Past recipients of the award include former Sen. John Denton, R-Mo.; David McCullough, author of the biography "Truman"; former President Ford and Dr. Jonas Salk, creator of the polio vaccine.

## Pastors bear own burdens

### Retreat offers chance to heal

By RON DURHAM  
San Angelo Times

MERTZON — Ministers are supposed to bear everyone else's burdens, but where do they turn for help in bearing their own?

Why not down there by the placid pool on Spring Creek, under the giant native pecan trees, at a retreat and counseling center designed especially for ministers by Westwood Ministries near Mertzton?

"Ministers are a cross-section of humanity," said Westwood's founder, primary counselor and executive director Dr. Dave Gentry, himself a minister. "They suffer the same issues others in our society suffer from."

"They have break-downs in their marriages and moral failures like anyone else, plus the burden of unreal expectations — both from church people and, often, from themselves."

They also suffer burn-out and dismissals at an unprecedented rate. Attorney and former 119th District Attorney Gerald Fohn, who has joined the Westwood staff as director of foundation development, said that "It's been estimated that more than 500 Protestant ministers alone leave the ministry every month."

Since the resulting effect on churches can be devastating, "Our idea is if we could keep people in our pulpits we could keep people in the pews," Fohn said.

Konny Brest, newly named director of financial development and public relations for the non-profit ministry, said that "the idea is that by ministering to ministers we can have a multiplying effect. It's like tossing a pebble in a pool — the people we minister to can better minister to others."

To serve its clientele, Gentry organizes personalizing growth programs, counseling, retreats and seminars. While the ministry focuses especially on ministers and their families, it also serves lay persons and a variety of groups.

A house on the banks of Spring Creek has been remodeled into a lodge where people who need time away from the demands on their lives can retreat for healing, reflection or

just to be alone.

Thanks to Westwood supporters, the services are offered free of charge; but the demand for them has grown to the point that the ministry is seeking a broader support base.

"People who are hurting the most are usually the ones who can afford counseling the least," Brest said.

A new administration building has been erected on land Gentry's family has owned for generations. It contains a modern kitchen, since plans are eventually to transform it into a "sabbatical duplex," where families can have separate sleeping but joint dining facilities.

Norma Gentry, Dave's wife, serves as hospitality hostess. She provides them with one hot meal a day, cooking it in her home nearby and bringing it to the lodge.

Gentry credits others, such as Mike and Becky Wright of Iraan and Mike and Darlene Hamilton of Mertzton, with helping him found the ministry. The Gentrys returned to his Mertzton home five years ago from Creed, Colo., where they served a Baptist church, to work with the ministry.

The need for funds is expressed in this year's estimated expenses of \$230,000. While Gentry hopes that most of this can be raised through individual contributions and grants, the ministry also seeks help from churches.

"It can be sort of a prevention ministry for them," he said. For example, some thoughtful church boards are arranging for their ministers to schedule weekends away at Westwood for study and reflection.

Westwood has also proved to be an effective reclamation ministry. Recently an elderly minister and his wife, on the verge of quitting the pastorate because of its pressures, found their way to the Spring Creek facility.

"We've never been 'done for' before," they said in amazement, as they accepted Norma's meals and Dave's spiritual and emotional nurturing.

While Gentry knows the story well, it's still amazing to him, too, that "Here was a couple with more than 30 years in ministry, and no one's ever ministered to them."

After a few days on Spring Creek, however, the couple left ministered to, and thus ready again to minister.

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## Turkeys on the loose in Ohio town

By LINDA MARTZ  
Thomson News Service

ASHLAND, Ohio — The band of wild marauders paid little attention to the "No Trespassing" sign, invading another backyard on West Main Street, just a few blocks from downtown.

They poked holes in the lawn. They foraged for food wherever they could find it.

They'd been wandering for at least two weeks through property on Ashland's west side, living off the land.

Ashland police dispatchers took 11 phone calls concerning their activities on Sunday alone.

But law officers have been

powerless to stop them.

"People call in, we just say 'Turkeys are wild animals, just like squirrels are wild animals,'" said Ashland Police Sgt. Tom Smith. "They're allowed to go where they want."

The flock — a tom turkey and bevy of females — was first spotted about two weeks ago by a city park employee. Since then, the birds seem to have shuttled between a downtown cemetery and Brookside Park for food.

Some believe the birds are wild turkeys released by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources in advance of hunting season.

But ODNR says the turkeys aren't theirs.

"There haven't been any

releases in that area that I've heard of," said Tim Jordan of the agency's district office.


County game warden Jeff Carter said he believes the turkeys are domesticated — perhaps dumped by someone who no longer wanted them.

"Just the fact that they're in town tells you that. Wild birds would die of the stress," he said.

Wild turkeys are very shy of humans. Occasionally they'll visit bird feeders in rural areas. But "you step out the door where they can see something, and they're gone," Carter said.

Turkeys have been spotted before this in north central Ohio cities.

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San Angelo Times

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Thanks to Westwood supporters, the services are offered free of charge; but the demand for them has grown to the point that the ministry is seeking a broader support base.

"People who are hurting the most are usually the ones who can afford counseling the least," Brest said.

A new administration building has been erected on land Gentry's family has owned for generations. It contains a modern kitchen, since plans are eventually to transform it into a "sabbatical duplex," where families can have separate sleeping but joint dining facilities.

Norma Gentry, Dave's wife, serves as hospitality hostess. She provides them with one hot meal a day, cooking it in her home nearby and bringing it to the lodge.

Gentry credits others, such as Mike and Becky Wright of Iraan and Mike and Darlene Hamilton of Mertzton, with helping him found the ministry. The Gentrys returned to his Mertzton home five years ago from Creed, Colo., where they served a Baptist church, to work with the ministry.

The need for funds is expressed in this year's estimated expenses of \$230,000. While Gentry hopes that most of this can be raised through individual contributions and grants, the ministry also seeks help from churches.

"It can be sort of a prevention ministry for them," he said. For example, some thoughtful church boards are arranging for their ministers to schedule weekends away at Westwood for study and reflection.

Westwood has also proved to be an effective reclamation ministry. Recently an elderly minister and his wife, on the verge of quitting the pastorate because of its pressures, found their way to the Spring Creek facility.

"We've never been 'done for' before," they said in amazement, as they accepted Norma's meals and Dave's spiritual and emotional nurturing.

While Gentry knows the story well, it's still amazing to him, too, that "Here was a couple with more than 30 years in ministry, and no one's ever ministered to them."

After a few days on Spring Creek, however, the couple left ministered to, and thus ready again to minister.

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Turkeys on the loose in Ohio town

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ASHLAND, Ohio — The band of wild marauders paid little attention to the "No Trespassing" sign, invading another backyard on West Main Street, just a few blocks from downtown.

They poked holes in the lawn. They foraged for food wherever they could find it.

They'd been wandering for at least two weeks through property on Ashland's west side, living off the land.

Ashland police dispatchers took 11 phone calls concerning their activities on Sunday alone.

But law officers have been powerless to stop them.

"People call in, we just say 'Turkeys are wild animals, just like squirrels are wild animals,'" said Ashland Police Sgt. Tom Smith. "They're allowed to go where they want."

The flock — a tom turkey and bevy of females — was first spotted about two weeks ago by a city park employee. Since then, the birds seem to have shuttled between a downtown cemetery and Brookside Park for food.

Some believe the birds are wild turkeys released by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources in advance of hunting season.

But ODNR says the turkeys aren't theirs.

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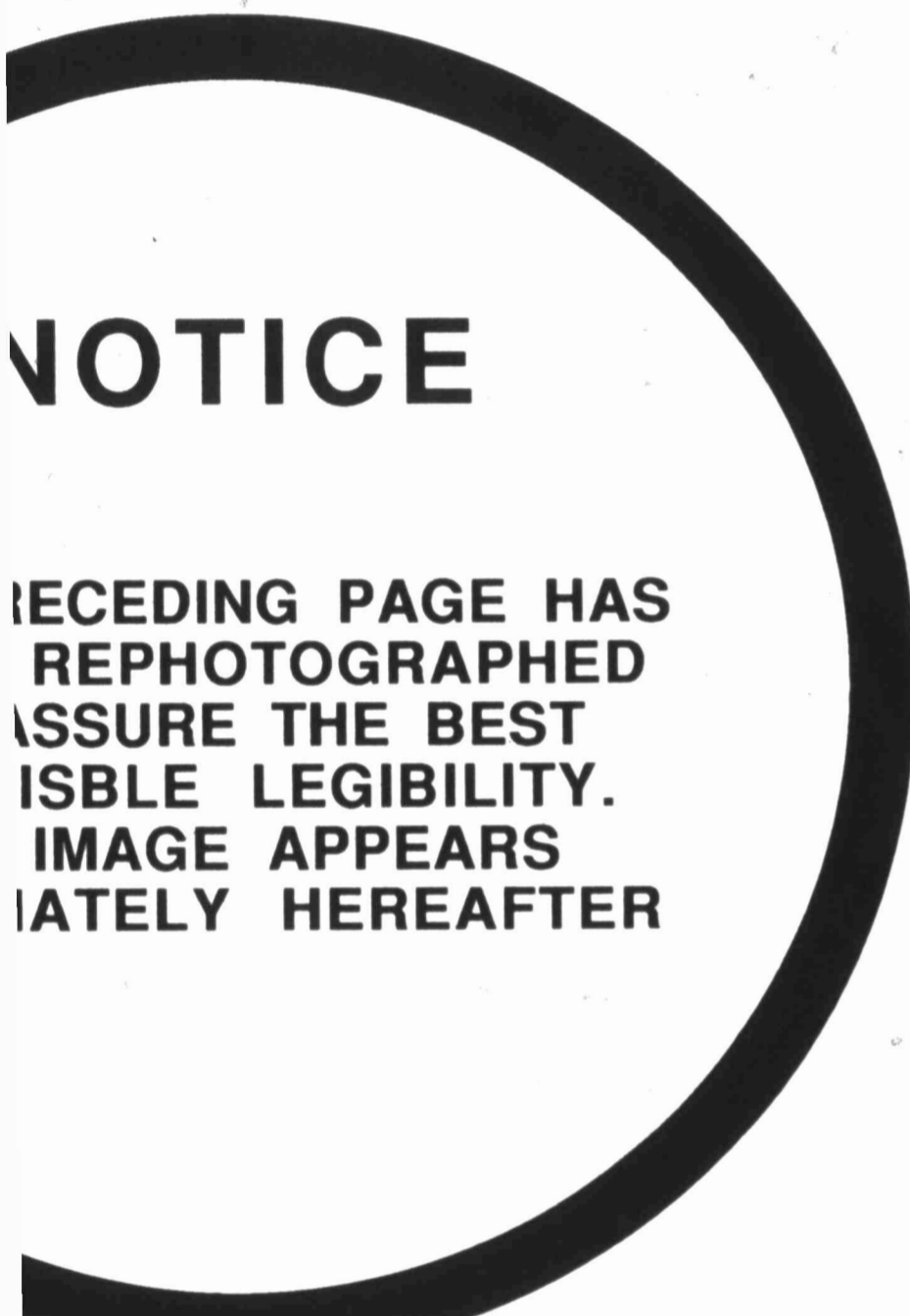
releases in that area that I've heard of," said Tim Jordan of the agency's district office.

County game warden Jeff Carter said he believes the turkeys are domesticated — perhaps dumped by someone who no longer wanted them.

"Just the fact that they're in town tells you that. Wild birds would die of the stress," he said.

Wild turkeys are very shy of humans. Occasionally they'll visit bird feeders in rural areas. But "you step out the door where they can see something, and they're gone," Carter said.

Turkeys have been spotted before this in north central Ohio cities.



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The award will be presented May 21 during Notre Dame's commencement ceremonies.

Bernardin, a Columbia, S.C., native, was ordained in 1952 and became the country's youngest bishop in 1966, when he was appointed auxiliary bishop of Atlanta by Pope Paul VI. He was appointed archbishop of Cincinnati in 1972, and served there for 10 years before he was named Chicago's archbishop.

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Bishop C. M. Grace founded the denomination in 1919 and built the first church in West Wareham, Mass., according to United House literature. The church now claims 135 congregations in 24 states.

"To care for the least among us has been a tradition in our organization since the beginning," said Apostle S. Green, director of special projects for the church. "It's a sacrifice on the part of the membership."

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San Angelo Times

MERTZON — Ministers are supposed to bear everyone else's burdens, but where do they turn for help in bearing their own?

Why not down there by the placid pool on Spring Creek, under the giant native pecan trees, at a retreat and counseling center designed especially for ministers by Westwood Ministries near Mertzton?

"Ministers are a cross-section of humanity," said Westwood's founder, primary counselor and executive director Dr. Dave Gentry, himself a minister. "They suffer the same issues others in our society suffer from."

"They have break-downs in their marriages and moral failures like anyone else, plus the burden of unreal expectations — both from church people and, often, from themselves."

They also suffer burn-out and dismissals at an unprecedented rate. Attorney and former 119th District Attorney Gerald Fohn, who has joined the Westwood staff as director of foundation development, said that "It's been estimated that more than 500 Protestant ministers alone leave the ministry every month."

Since the resulting effect on churches can be devastating, "Our idea is if we could keep people in our pulpits we could keep people in the pews," Fohn said.

Konny Brest, newly named director of financial development and public relations for the non-profit ministry, said that "the idea is that by ministering to ministers we can have a multiplying effect. It's like tossing a pebble in a pool — the people we minister to can better minister to others."

To serve its clientele, Gentry organizes personalized growth programs, counseling, retreats and seminars. While the ministry focuses especially on ministers and their families, it also serves lay persons and a variety of groups.

A house on the banks of Spring Creek has been remodeled into a lodge where people who need time away from the demands on their lives can retreat for healing, reflection or

just to be alone. Thanks to Westwood supporters, the services are offered free of charge; but the demand for them has grown to the point that the ministry is seeking a broader support base.

"People who are hurting the most are usually the ones who can afford counseling the least," Brest said.

A new administration building has been erected on land Gentry's family has owned for generations. It contains a modern kitchen, since plans are eventually to transform it into a "sabbatical duplex," where families can have separate sleeping but joint dining facilities.

Norma Gentry, Dave's wife, serves as hospitality hostess. She provides them with one hot meal a day, cooking it in her home nearby and bringing it to the lodge.

Gentry credits others, such as Mike and Becky Wright of Iraan and Mike and Darlene Hamilton of Mertzton, with helping him found the ministry. The Gentrys returned to his Mertzton home five years ago from Creed, Colo., where they served a Baptist church, to work with the ministry.

The need for funds is expressed in this year's estimated expenses of \$230,000. While Gentry hopes that most of this can be raised through individual contributions and grants, the ministry also seeks help from churches.

"It can be sort of a prevention ministry for them," he said. For example, some thoughtful church boards are arranging for their ministers to schedule weekends away at Westwood for study and reflection.

Westwood has also proved to be an effective reclamation ministry. Recently an elderly minister and his wife, on the verge of quitting the pastorate because of its pressures, found their way to the Spring Creek facility.

"We've never been 'done for' before," they said in amazement, as they accepted Norma's meals and Dave's spiritual and emotional nurturing.

While Gentry knows the story well, it's still amazing to him, too, that "Here was a couple with more than 30 years in ministry, and no one's ever ministered to them."

After a few days on Spring Creek, however, the couple left ministered to, and thus ready again to minister.

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Turkeys on the loose in Ohio town

By LINDA MARTZ  
Thomson News Service

ASHLAND, Ohio — The band of wild marauders paid little attention to the "No Trespassing" sign, invading another backyard on West Main Street, just a few blocks from downtown.

They poked holes in the lawn. They foraged for food wherever they could find it.

They'd been wandering for at least two weeks through property on Ashland's west side, living off the land.

Ashland police dispatchers took 11 phone calls concerning their activities on Sunday alone.

But law officers have been

powerless to stop them.

"People call in, we just say 'Turkeys are wild animals, just like squirrels are wild animals,'" said Ashland Police Sgt. Tom Smith. "They're allowed to go where they want."

The flock — a tom turkey and bevy of females — was first spotted about two weeks ago by a city park employee. Since then, the birds seem to have shuttled between a downtown cemetery and Brookside Park for food.

Some believe the birds are wild turkeys released by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources in advance of hunting season.

But ODNR says the turkeys aren't theirs.

"There haven't been any

releases in that area that I've heard of," said Tim Jordan of the agency's district office.


County game warden Jeff Carter said he believes the turkeys are domesticated — perhaps dumped by someone who no longer wanted them.

"Just the fact that they're in town tells you that. Wild birds would die of the stress," he said.

Wild turkeys are very shy of humans. Occasionally they'll visit bird feeders in rural areas. But "you step out the door where they can see something, and they're gone," Carter said.

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The Crow family has been traveling, singing and preaching since 1985. Phillip Crow sings tenor, wife Dian sings alto, son Chad plays bass guitar and daughter Stephanie sings alto and plays piano.

They will perform at East Side Baptist Church, 1108 East Sixth, April 14 at 7 p.m.

The Howard County Minister's Fellowship will sponsor a sunrise service on Easter morning, April 16, 7 a.m., at the amphitheater in Comanche Trail Park. The theme of the service will be "Son Rise Over the Nations."

The service will have a community choir, drama, special music, flags and banners and special guests from area church.

Don't forget to bring your blankets for some warmth and cushion on the rock seating of the amphitheater.

### St. Mary's Episcopal Church

The Palm Sunday service will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall and will include the service of the Palms, a procession into the Church, and the reading of the Passion from St. Mark's Gospel. On Easter morning, the festive service will also begin at 10:30 a.m. There will be no 8 a.m. service on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday.

Throughout Holy Week Morning Prayer will be said at 7:30 a.m. in the Chapel. Stations of the Cross will be noon on Thursday. The Maundy Thursday Communion will be 5:30 p.m.; the ancient Good Friday service will be at both noon and 5:30, and the Great Vigil of Easter will begin at 9 p.m. on Saturday, April 15. The public is invited to attend.

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In the video series "The Blessing," Dr. Gary Smalley and Dr. John Trent demonstrate how the practice of sharing the blessing with family members of friends can revolutionize a relationship. "The Blessing" is being studied during the Sunday School hour from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. in the sanctuary of the First Church of the Nazarene each Sunday. Attendance is free to the public and everyone is welcome.

### First Baptist Church

Sunday, April 9, First Baptist Church will give out Easter Devotional Booklets in Sunday School. The booklets have daily devotionals for families and activities for children to help them understand the events in the life of Jesus during Holy Week. Extra copies will be available at the west doors of the church and in the church office.

Three crosses will be erected close to the chapel area and draped with different colors of cloth April 13-16.

On Saturday, April 15, 11 a.m., preschoolers and children are invited to an Easter egg hunt. Children should come to the back of the building. Children are reminded to bring a basket for their eggs.

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Air compressor, dining table, couches, kitchenware, Easter baskets, crafts. 2210 Main. Friday, Saturday.

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Saturday, 9:00-1:00. Furniture, appliances, etc.

**GARAGE SALE**  
Saturday only, 8:00am-4:00pm. 3231 Duke. Kids clothes, household items, and miscellaneous.

**GARAGE SALE**  
1006 E. 14th, Saturday 8:00am. Lots of good clothes- childrens, adults- cheap, lots of odds and ends.

**BIG MOVING SALE**  
Saturday-Sunday, 7:00am. 3 place living room set, electric lawnmower, table and 4 chairs, baby cradle and lots of kitchen, brass and glass, basket ball goal. For early birds call 263-0020 after 5:00pm. 1100 Thorpe Road.

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**3-FAMILY GARAGE SALE**  
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**YARD SALE**  
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**YARD SALE**  
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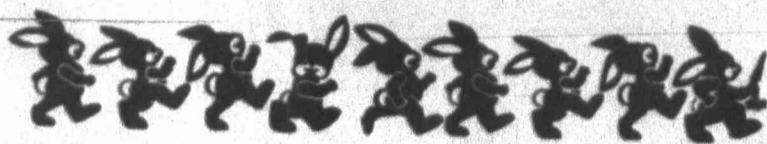
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APR. 7

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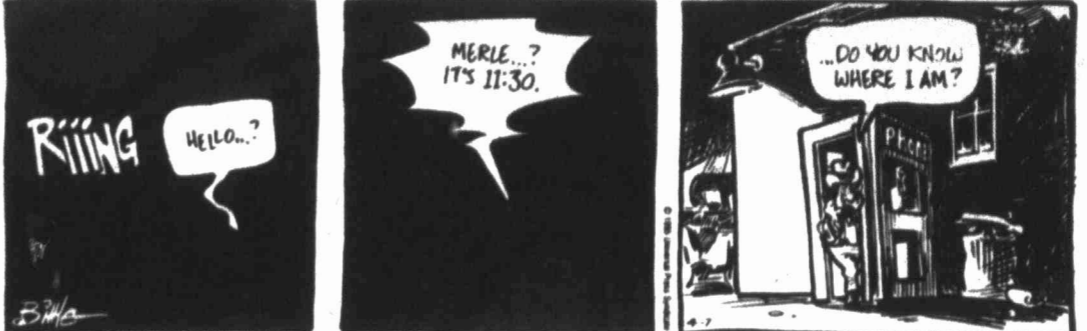
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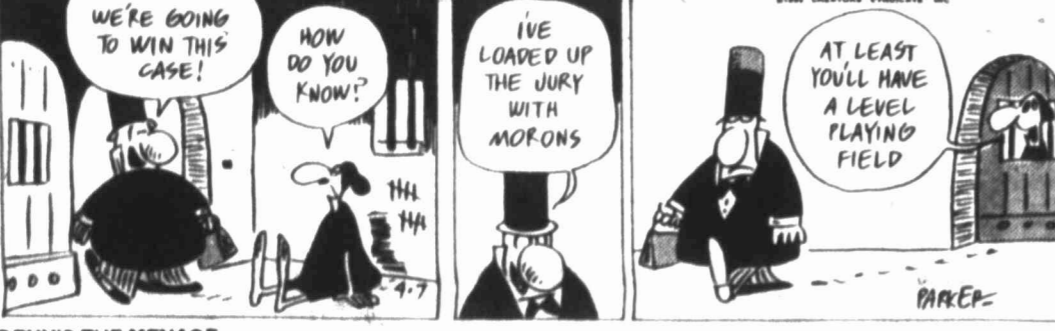
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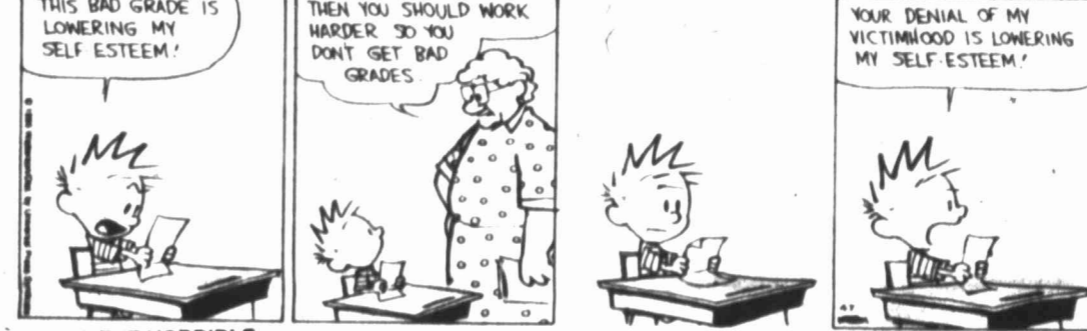
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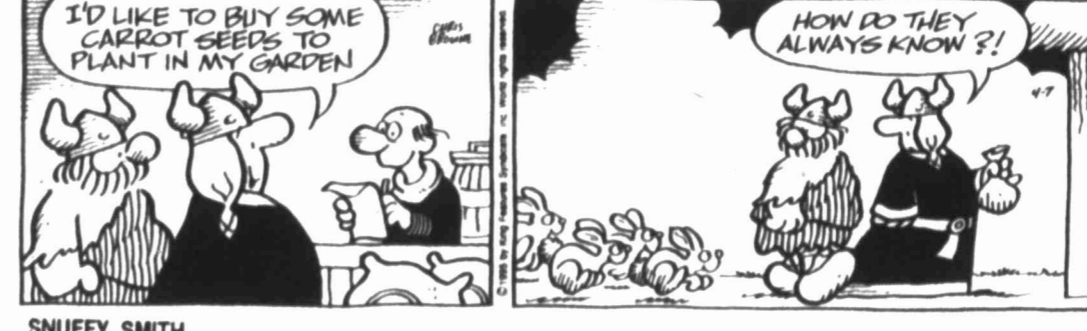
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Advertisement for RITZ movie theater listing showtimes for 'Dumb and Dumber', 'Tall Tale', and 'Major Payne'.



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Advertisement for movies at RITZ: 'BAD BOYS R', 'TOMMY BOY', 'MAN OF THE HOUSE', and 'OUTBREAK'.

THE Daily Crossword by Gerald R. Ferguson

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.



This date in history

Today is Friday, April 7, the 97th day of 1995. There are 268 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: Fifty years ago, on April 7, 1945, during World War II, American planes intercepted a Japanese fleet that was headed for Okinawa on a suicide mission; the superbattleship Yamato and four destroyers were sunk. On this date: In 1862, Union forces led by Gen. Ulysses S. Grant defeated the Confederates at the Battle of Shiloh in Tennessee.

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