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Giant crane at Fina on site as catcracker redesigned, replaced

By **CARLTON JOHNSON**
Staff Writer

The giant crane in front of Big Spring's Fina Oil & Chemical Refinery is not an indication of bungee jumping coming to town, but a redesign of a major piece of equipment at the plant. Fina is in the process of

replacing its Fluidized Catalytic Cracking Unit or FCC unit, commonly known as a "catcracker."

Refinery Manger Phil Carruthers said, "We're in the midst of a major turnaround and revamping of our catcracker, which was originally built in 1949."

Crude oil is brought in to the

plant and sent to the crude unit for separation. The crude unit send crude oil to different area of the plant for processing, including the catcracker.

"Without the catcracker, the crude oil would have to be sold as something heavier instead of gasoline," Carruthers said.

He added, "The new unit will improve the amount of gasoline

we make. We will have yield and deficiency improvement. We want to maximize the amount of diesel and gasoline we get per barrel of crude oil."

The catcracker is part of a multi-faceted process, but is considered the money making process at the plant.

The crane in front of the plant lifted the old unit Friday after-

noon and will replace it with the new unit sometime today.

Along with the new unit will have to be several new pipes, pumps and distillation changes.

Carruthers said Fina shut down the catcracker Feb. 10 and expects to have it back up around March 10.

"We're still supplying all of our markets and clients," he

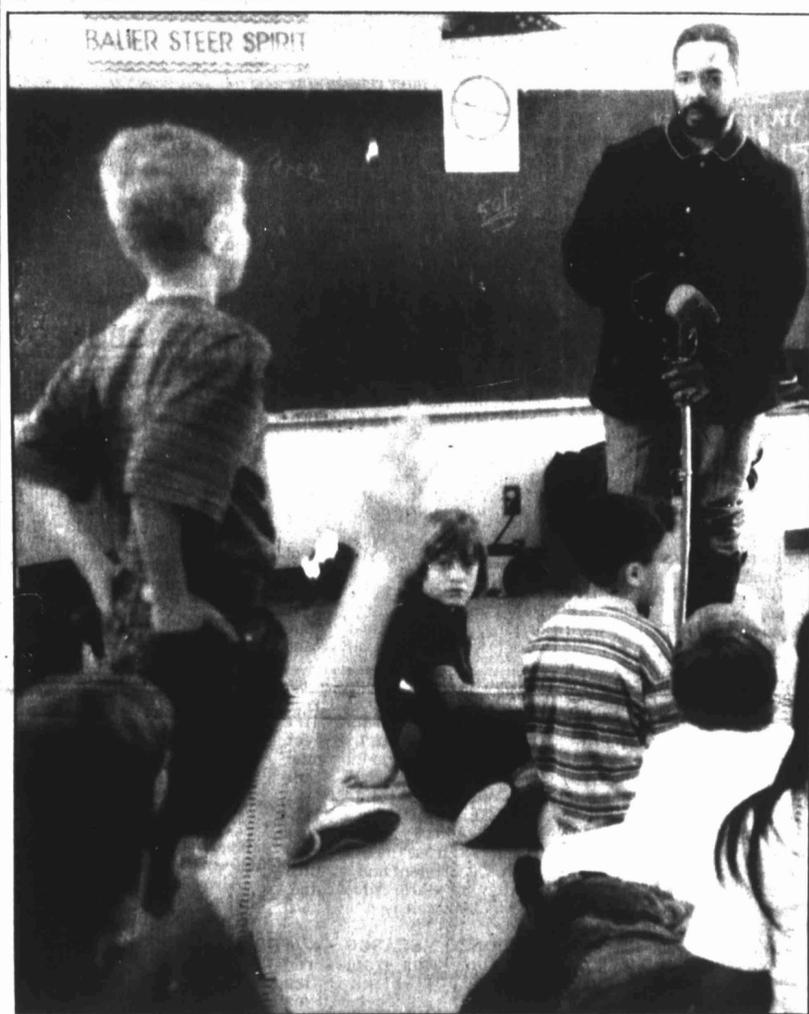
said.

Carruthers added, "This new catcracker unit shows that Fina is making a long-term commitment to Big Spring, West Texas and our customers. We plan to be here well into the 21st Century."

A simpler explanation of what

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BUFFALO SOLDIERS



Ricky Rinehart poses a question to a Bauer Magnet School student while explaining the history of the Buffalo Soldiers, and especially their role in West Texas. The program was in conjunction with Black History Month.

F-14 crashes off California coast

SAN DIEGO (AP) — An F-14D "Tomcat" fighter jet crashed into the Pacific Ocean during exercises, killing its two crew members, the Navy said.

Sunday's crash about 120 miles off the Southern California coast was the 31st F-14 to go down over the last five years. And as investigators searched for a cause, they were comparing notes from past crashes, many of which are still under investigation.

"It's pretty much a two-prong effort," said Doug Sayers, spokesman for Miramar Naval Air Station in San Diego. "We make sure exactly what caused the mishap and make sure it doesn't happen again."

The circumstances of the crash were not known. The names of the dead were being withheld pending notification of relatives.

The jet in Sunday's crash was part of Fighter Squadron 11, which was taking part in a two-week operation with the carrier USS Carl Vinson, Sayers said.

"I don't know what the plane was doing, how close or how far it was from the carrier," he said.

"They were operating in an area we utilize off the coast that can take on everything from super-sonic ranges to missile shoots."

The Carl Vinson is based in Alameda, Calif. Fighter Squadron 11 is based at Miramar in northern San Diego.

The last mishap involving a jet from Fighter Squadron 11 was Feb. 22, 1994, when two aviators bailed out of their F-14D Tomcat about 900 miles southwest of San Diego. The jet crashed into the ocean and the crew members suffered minor injuries.

Last month, a Navy F-14 returning home to Miramar slammed into a Nashville, Tenn., neighborhood shortly after takeoff. Two crew members and three people on the ground were killed in the Jan. 29 crash. The Navy is still investigating that crash.

The commander of that squadron, Cmdr. Fred Killian, has been relieved of his command because of its poor safety record. Fighter Squadron 213 only regained its flight status Wednesday following a safety stand-down.

Ebola virus outbreak confirmed in West Africa

GENEVA (AP) — A virus that killed 13 villagers in a remote part of the West African nation of Gabon has been confirmed as Ebola, the World Health Organization said today.

Thirteen people have died of the disease this month, seven more are infected and seven more are under surveillance as possible cases, the U.N. agency said.

The most recent death was a 6-month-old baby.

The other 12 people who died are believed to have contracted the disease after eating meat from a chimpanzee found dead in the forest, WHO said.

Ebola causes internal and external bleeding, and is spread through bodily fluids. It kills up to 80 percent of those infected. There is no treatment and no cure.

The outbreak in Gabon, a

nation of 1.2 million people, is the third time the disease has struck the African continent in a year. Last spring, it infected 316 people in Zaire and killed 245. A single case of Ebola was confirmed in the Ivory Coast in December.

All 20 confirmed cases in Gabon come from Mayibout, an isolated village of about 150 people, 250 miles east of the capital, Libreville.

Nineteen of the cases were taken to the nearest hospital at Makokou, 95 miles from the village, on Feb. 5 and 6, with high fever, bloody diarrhea and severely reddened eyes. The average age of the patients was 18.

Nine died in the hospital, others were discharged and went home to die.

No medical staffers have been registered as having contracted

the disease, though WHO warned some may have been exposed to the virus and may be infected. The incubation period for Ebola is between two and 21 days.

An international team of medical experts arrived in Mayibout on Friday. A small field laboratory has been set up in Mayibout to test blood samples from people suspected of having contracted the virus.

The medical team is investigating rumors of possible Ebola cases in two neighboring villages. Several people in those villages accompanied infected people to the Makokou hospital and returned with their dead to bury them.

The team is also searching in Makokou for 10 people there who accompanied Ebola

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PROPER DENTAL HYGIENE



First-year dental hygiene students Michelle Ensor and Melony Bell show Mason Parker and brother Landon Parker how to floss their teeth during a dental fair at Howard College Saturday.

Questions linger about Mayo Ranch arson

By **SARA SOLIS**
Staff Reporter

The Friday morning fire at the Mayo Ranch Hotel, located at 1202 E. Third, has left Big Spring fire officials and the hotel manager asking questions.

The fire, which is being investigated as an arson, caused an estimated \$20,000 damage. Big Spring Fire Marshal Burr Lea Settles said at least four rooms were damaged by the fire. Three fire units were dispatched at around 5:30 a.m. and it took around 30 minutes to contain the fire, he said.

The woman suspected of lighting the fire, a Big Spring State Hospital patient who had been released on a one-day furlough and failed to return upon its expiration, is being detained at

the hospital pending further questioning. Settles said he tried to question the woman at the scene of the fire but, "She did not respond to me ... I don't know what her mental state is," he said. Settles will question the woman more after the hospital has a chance to evaluate her condition.

Mahendra Chasmawala, the on-site manager at the hotel, said, "Four rooms are completely damaged." Of the hotel's 26 rooms, 25 were occupied the morning of the fire however, no one was injured and all were alerted in time to evacuate their rooms, he said. The hotel regularly accommodates Fina plant workers, in Big Spring on a temporary basis, he said.

Chasmawala said the arson suspect checked into the hotel

Feb. 13. He said a hotel occupant complained to him about hammering noises coming from the woman's room all night and into Friday morning. A Big Spring Police Officer was dispatched to the location shortly after 2 a.m. and issued a verbal warning to the occupant.

"After the cops came she came to the office and said her commode was blocked," Chasmawala said. He said he went to her room, turned off the water to the commode and informed the woman he would call a plumber in the morning. The woman was upset because he had been unable to repair it on his own, he said.

Around 5 a.m. the woman came back to his office

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Howard Co. Trivia

When did the T&P begin regular train service to Big Spring?
May 28, 1881

NATION / WORLD

Train crash probe continues

Investigators move past the dead and begin to concentrate on why the commuter train was traveling at more than twice the legal speed. Page 5.

Balkans again promise peace

In what seems to be a recurring theme, Balkan leaders were again called to the peace table Sunday, where they again promised to work to maintain the fragile peace. Page 5.

STATE

ATF agents fearful

Agents of the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agency, especially those involved in the Branch Davidian shootout, fear for their lives. Page 3.

DPS troopers grab cocaine haul

DPS troopers working a routine traffic stop near Bushland, just west of Amarillo, wound up seizing 440 pounds of cocaine worth \$19 million. It was the second-largest Panhandle bust ever. Page 3.

TODAY'S WEATHER

Today **85** ▲ Highs **45**
Lows ▼

Clear

Today, fair and warmer. Tonight, fair with lows in the mid 40s. South wind 5-15 mph and gusty.

Tonight

Permian Basin Forecast
Tuesday: High near 80. Low in the 40s. Continued dry.

Wednesday: High near 80. Lows ranging from 45-50.

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OBITUARIES

Rodger Mize

Rodger Mize, 57, of Big Spring, died on Friday, Feb. 16, 1996, in a local hospital. Service will be at 4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 19, 1996, at First Church of God with Rev. Darrell



MIZE

Hendrickson, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Garden City Cemetery.

He was born on May 2, 1938, in Pleasanton, Texas and married Wanda Brown on Oct. 31, 1959, in Sweetwater.

He came to Big Spring in 1963 and had worked as a diesel mechanic for over 30 years. He had owned and operated Rodger's Shamrock for five years and was currently working for the Big Spring Country Club.

He was a member of First Church of God. He served in the United States Navy from 1955 to 1957. He was a member of the Street Rod Association.

Survivors include his wife, Wanda Mize of Big Spring; three daughters and sons-in-law, Starla and Adrian Ayala and Cindy and Scott Welch all of Big Spring and Betty and Chuck Bradley of San Angelo; one son and daughter-in-law, Rodger D. and Cindy Mize of Big Spring; five grandchildren, Rusty, Rinnie and Randi Jo Carson and Brian Welch all of Big Spring and Cristen Bradley of San Angelo; his parents, Clarence and Jessie Mize of Rotan; three brothers, Kendar Mize of Odessa, Steve Mize and Elwood Mize both of Rotan; three sisters, Frances Smith and Jo Messick both of Rotan and Dixie Jones of Sweetwater.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Tootsie Sears in 1989. Pallbearers will be Buster Gartman, Cody Haze, Lanny Turrentine, Paul Gonzales, Cleo Carlisle and Larry McSwain.

Honorary pallbearers will be Ramon Dennis and Bill Shults. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He was a loving Husband, Daddy and Pa Pa.

Paid obituary

L.A. Gates

Service for L.A. Gates, 63, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He died Sunday, Feb. 18, 1996.

MYERS & SMITH
FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288
L. A. Gates, 63, died Sunday. Services are pending.

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Temp. Memorial Park and Cemetery

906 Gregg St.
Big Spring, Tx. (915) 267-6331

Suzanne Fisher Shepard, 45, died Friday. Services were at 2:00 PM Monday at First Baptist Church Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Rodger Mize, 57, died Friday. Services were at 4:00 PM Monday at the First Church of God. Interment will follow in Garden City Cemetery.

Lillian Dealva Barber Hall, 93, died Saturday. Graveside services were at 2:00 PM Monday at Athens City Cemetery.

John F. Mitchell, 77, died Friday. Memorial services will be at 2:00 PM Tuesday at the V.F.W. Hall in Pecos, Texas.

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Ray Box

Private services were held as a memorial for M. Ray Box, Jr., Stanton.

Mr. Box died Friday, Feb. 16, 1996, in Stanton Care Center, Stanton.

He was born on June 8, 1946, in Seymour. He received a bachelor of science and a master of science degree from North Texas State University in 1969 and 1971. After a brief career teaching school in Fort Worth, he worked in automotive sales most of his life.

He is survived by his father, Marshall R. Box, Sr., Midland. He was preceded in death by his mother, Dean Sullivan Box.

John Mitchell

A memorial service for John F. Mitchell, 77, Orla, will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20, 1996, at the V.F.W. Hall in Pecos.

Mr. Mitchell died on Friday, Feb. 16, in a Big Spring hospital.

He was born on Feb. 21, 1918, in Midland, and married Bessie Anson on March 30, 1968, in Paris, Texas. He served in the Air Force as a glider pilot during World War II. He had ranched in Midland County and in Choctaw County, Okla. for many years and currently owned and operated Orla Grocery Store in Orla. Mr. Mitchell was a member of the American Legion Post 0345 and the National World War II Glider Pilot Association.

Survivors include his wife: Bessie Mitchell, Orla; three sons: John F. Mitchell, Jr., Konowa, Okla., Richard J. Mitchell, Palestine, and Carl Mitchell, Deport; two stepdaughters: Sherry Rogers, Hugo, Okla., and Laurie Redland, Jeffrey City, Wyo.; one sister: Jean Kerr, Paris, Texas; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Fina

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the catcracker actually does, according to Carruthers, is that from the crude unit crude oil is gasoil as it goes into the catcracker and comes out as LPG's or propanes and butanes, gasoline and diesel.

The catcracker has a capacity to process 22,000 barrels per day, but the crude unit which sends material to the catcracker and other areas is a 60,000 barrel unit, which makes the refinery a 60,000 barrel per day operation.

Carruthers said Fina is in the middle of an important time. The original 1949 catcracker unit cost between \$8 million and \$10 million and was revamped in 1974.

The catcracker is critical to the profitability of the refinery. It produces more barrels of product than barrels input, which is commonly referred to as volume swell and since the refinery buys crude and sells products on a volumetric basis, conversion to higher value products and volume swell makes the catcracker the most profitable unit.

Revamp construction actually began several months ago as foundations were formed and poured, and structural steel began to form the new pipe rack and air fin exchanger supports.

The removal and replacement of the old unit requires the crane currently in front of the refinery, which is one of the largest cranes in the U.S.

The crane is 1,200 tons or 2.4 million pounds and stands more than 200 feet high.

It took 39 18-wheelers to get the crane to Big Spring from Baton Rouge, La.

The giant crane will cost Fina \$450,000 or about \$20,000 per day to complete the project.

Carruthers added it took a week to assemble the crane and will take a week to take it apart when the job is complete so it can be hauled to another job.

"The catcracker revamp is the cornerstone for the Big Spring Refinery Profit Improvement Plan. The Profit Improvement Plan has a goal to improve productivity by \$30 million per year over a five year period using 1994 as a base year," Carruthers said.

EBOLA

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suffers to the hospital. The team will also be checking animal life in the area for signs of the disease. A number of dead animals, including a chimpanzee, a wild cat, an antelope and two gorillas, have been found.

The Gabonese government has launched a public information campaign to advise its people on how to protect themselves from Ebola.

They've been warned not to touch animals found dead in forest, to avoid killing and eating animals that behave strangely, to alert officials in case of any fever, to cover hands when attending to the sick or the dead, and never to touch the blood of a sick person.

"With the precautions taken ... it is hoped that the spread of the epidemic will be minimized," WHO's division of emerging diseases in Geneva said in a statement.

A French aid agency in Gabon, La Cooperation Francaise, has supplied drugs, transport and protection material after a request from the Gabonese.

ARSON

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complaining of a fire in her room. He said, "She told me, 'someone lit a fire in my room.'" Chasmawala said he came outside and flames were already engulfing the building.

Capt. Lonnie Smith of the Big Spring Police Department said two officers were sent to the hotel around 5:30 a.m. to assist the fire department. Smith said shortly after making contact with the woman officers said she became catatonic and refused to respond further. He said an officer escorted the woman to the Big Spring State Hospital upon learning she was in violation of her furlough.

According to Smith, the woman is a court-committed patient at the hospital.

IN BRIEF

Community blood drive March 9

A community blood drive sponsored by KBST and the Big Spring Mall will be Saturday, March 9, at the mall from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The drive will be conducted by United Blood Services of San Angelo.

Donors are asked to bring proper identification such as a driver's license, social security card or UBS blood donor card. Donors should also know the specific names of any medication they are currently taking.

UBS needs to collect approximately 300 units of blood a week to adequately service more than 20 hospitals across West Texas, including Scenic Mountain Medical and the VA Hospital.

UBS representatives urge anyone with O blood to donate. O Negative blood is universal and can be transfused to anyone.

For more information, contact United Blood Services of San Angelo at (800)756-0024.

Coliseum unveils events hotline

The Dorothy Garrett Coliseum now has a hotline telephone number to call for information about events, times and dates. The new number is 264-5169.

Arbor foundation giving away trees

The National Arbor Day Foundation is giving away 10 free trees to each person who joins the foundation.

The American redbud trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between March 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to 12 inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

To become a member of the foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Redbuds; National Arbor Day Foundation; 100 Arbor Avenue; Nebraska City, NE; 68410 by Feb. 29.

ON THE RUN

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents from 8 a.m. Friday to 8 a.m. Monday:

•TIMMY GUTIERREZ, 25, of 305 E. Eighth, was arrested for public intoxication.

•MARK LOTTON STEARNS, 25, of 500 E. 23rd, was arrested for driving without insurance and driver's license.

•JOHN JAMES ANDERSON, 51, of 1802 W. 25th, was arrested for public intoxication.

•NANCY ANN MARTINEZ, 26, of 607 W. Sixth, was arrested on local warrants.

•MARTIN SANCHEZ YANEZ, 25, of 1104 Sycamore was arrested for fleeing to elude a police officer.

•JORGE BALCAZAR, 25, of Van Horn, was arrested for public intoxication.

•JIMMY WAYNE ROPER, 18, of Tubbs Road, was arrested for public intoxication.

•INEZ CHAVERRIA, 46, of 1002 N. Main #13, was arrested for public intoxication.

•JUAN CORDOVA, 20, of 821 W. Eighth, was arrested for traffic offenses and possession of marijuana under two ounces.

•JAVIER CEBALLOS, 19, of 501 Union, was arrested for public intoxication and possession of marijuana under two ounces.

•ANGELITA VILLARREAL, 31, of 1412 Wood, was arrested for public intoxication.

•GILBERT HERRERA SANTIAGO, 21, of 1905 W. Wasson Apt. # 9B, was arrested for public intoxication.

•LYNDA JAMES, 33, of 1002 N. Main, was arrested on local warrants.

•ZACHARIAH KIMMEL, 18, no known address, was arrested for theft.

•JOHNNY GUTIERREZ III, 20, 1002 N. Main #21, was arrested on a Lynn County warrant.

•RUPERTO REFUJIO RAMOS, 54, 1910 E. 16th, was arrested for public intoxication.

•ASSAULTS in the 600 block of E. 17th and 2300 block of Scurry.

•BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE in the 3300 block of Cornell.

•DISTURBANCES/FIGHTS in the 200 block of E. 10th, 1600 block of Robin, 800 block of E. 15th, 3800 block of W. 80, and 1000 block of Main.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCES in the 200 block of NE Seventh, 2500 block of Cheyenne, 100 block of Wood, 1600 block of Lark, 1700 block of Young, 1800 block of Wallace, 1000 block of North Main and 1600 block of Tucson.

•THEFTS in the 200 block of West Marcy, 1700 block of Purdue; 400 block of Gregg, 1600 block of Main, 1100 block of N. Lamesa, 900 block of Aylesford, 3000 block of Cherokee, 1800 block of Gregg, 1200 block of Frazier, 1700 block of E. Marcy, 300 block of Owens, 100 block of Airbase and the 2300 block of Wasson, and 1100 block of North Lamesa.

•INVESTIGATING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY in the 2600 block of Wasson, 1900 block of Simler, 3300 block of W. 80, the intersection of Highway 350 and Interstate 20, at Comanche Trail Park, 700 block of E. 13th, 1800 block of Hern, the 1300 block of Gregg, 3300 block of S. 87, 1100 block of Gregg, at the intersection of Sixth and Settles, 1200 block of Birdwell, 2500 block of Old W. 80, 2800 block of Coronado and at 80 and Airbase.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 700 block of E. 11th, the 1200 block of Benton, and the 800 block of Owens.

•WELFARE CONCERN in the 600 block of George.

•BURGLARY OF A BUILDING at 11th and Settles, and in the 2000 block of Gregg.

•AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON in the 1000 block of E. 21st.

•MINOR ACCIDENTS in the 2000 block of E. Marcy, the 800 block of W. Interstate 20, and the 200 block of N.W. Third.

•JUVENILE PROBLEMS in the 400 block of E. Fourth, the 1600 block of Robin and the 1500 block of Kentucky.

•LOUD PARTIES in the 1500 block of S. Main, 800 block of Nolan, 2500 block of Dow and the 700 block of Andree.

•BURGLARY OF A HABITATION in the 900 block of

Aylesford. •POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA UNDER TWO OUNCES in the 2600 block of W. Highway 80 and the 400 block of E. Fourth.

•BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE in the 700 block of E. 11th.

•ASSAULTS in the 800 block of Lancaster and the 600 block of Bell.

•DRAG RACING in the 400 block of E. Fourth.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriffs Department reported the following incidents from 8 a.m. Friday to 8 a.m. Monday:

•MARLEN R. PICKENS, 35, of Laporte, was arrested for public intoxication. He was later released on \$200 bond.

•BRIAN TERRELL SALTER, 23, of Deweyville, was arrested for public intoxication. He was later released on \$200 bond.

•NANCY ANN DIAZ, 25, of 607 W. Sixth, was transferred from the Big Spring Police Department and arrested for failure to identify to a police officer and outstanding local warrants. She was later released on \$1,000 bond.

•MARCUS ASHLEY BADERACH, 17, of 2512 Fisher, was transferred from the Big Spring Police Department and arrested for fleeing to elude and driving while intoxicated. He was later released on \$3,500 bond.

•ZACHARIAH ALLEN KIMMEL, 18, of 1416 Stadium, was transferred from the Big Spring Police Department and arrested for theft over \$50 and under \$500. He was later released on \$1,500 bond.

•ROXANNE DEANDA, 28, of 1514 Wood St., was transferred from the Big Spring Police Department and arrested for driving while intoxicated. She was later released on \$1,500 bond.

•NANCY HELEN LEAL, 33, of 1010 E. 15th, was transferred from the Big Spring Police Department and arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces. She was later released on \$1,500 bond.

•RAUL HEREDIA CASTILLO, 23, of Rt. 1, Box 559, was transferred from the Big Spring Police Department and arrested for driving while intoxicated. He was later released on \$1,500 bond.

•ALONZO VELASCO, 44, of Vealmoor, was transferred from the Big Spring Police Department and arrested for driving while intoxicated. He was later released on \$1,000 bond.

•SEAN DARIN, 38, of 1610 Johnson, was transferred from the Big Spring Police Department and arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces. He was later released on \$1,500 bond.

•TERRY DON SMITH, 36, of HC 77 Box 737C, was arrested for driving while intoxicated. He was later released on \$1,000 bond.

•DAVID SANCHEZ AGUIRRE, 28, of Hobson, pleaded guilty in county court to possession of marijuana under two ounces. He was sentenced to 30 days and fined \$192 in court costs.

•PETE PAREDEZ CARILLO, 31, of 395 N.E. 11th, pleaded guilty in Justice of the Peace Court to public intoxication. He was fined \$110 and released.

•GARY DEWAYNE WALKER, 24, of Tellico Plains, pleaded guilty in JP Court to public intoxication. He was fined \$110 and released.

•JONATHAN SHANE ALLEN, 20, of Midland, was arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces and released on a \$1,500 bond.

•DOMESTIC ASSAULT on Angela Road.

•JUVENILE ARRESTED charged with family violence, booked and transferred to the Justice Of The Peace Officer.

•JUVENILES THROWING ROCKS from overpass in Coahoma.

•ASSAULT at the emergency room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

RECORDS

Sunday's temp. **
Sunday's low **
Average high 60
Average low 31
Record high 85 in 1986
Record low 11 in 1936
Rainfall Sunday 0.00
Month to date 0.00
Month's normal 0.68
Year to date 0.24
Normal for the year 1.19
**Statistics not available

SPRINGBOARD

TODAY

•WTCA of Big Spring and the Amateur Community Theater Society will be presenting the play "Weekend Comedy" at the Howard College Campus Theater Auditorium. For more information call 254-5115.

•Survivors of Suicide, 7:30 p.m., Memorial Hospital and Medical Center, Midland. For more information call 915-685-1566.

•Tops Club (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:30 to 6 p.m. weight-in room 113, and meeting starts at 8 p.m. Carriage Inn, 501 W. 17th St. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.

•"Welcome Home" Alcoholics Anonymous NON-SMOKING meeting, 6 to 7 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church located at 10th and Goliad.

•Project Freedom, Christian support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.

•Al-A-Teen, 7:30 p.m., 615 Settles.

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

•Singles, single again have been changed to the Eagles Lodge. Contact Keith or Debbie Whiteside at 263-8868 for more information.

•Alcoholics Anonymous noon open meeting, 615 Settles.

TUESDAY

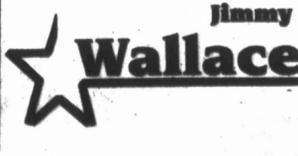
•CRIE (Children's Rights Through Informed Education), 7:30 p.m., Chamber of Commerce meeting room.

•Encouragers support group (formerly widows/widowers support group), 5:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 8th & Runnels. Call 398-5522 or 399-4369. Enter through patio.

Terry Hudson, with the Big Spring Police Department, will speak on home security.

•Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center.

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From Branch Davidian standoff

ATF agents fear for their safety

AUSTIN (AP) — ATF agents, especially those who took part in the raid of the Branch Davidian compound near Waco three years ago, say they fear for their safety because of increasing threats.

Threats against Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents have been growing since the Waco raid on Feb. 28, 1993.

Agents have received so many threats that the bureau has established a computer database to track and analyze them, the Austin American Statesman reported Sunday. The exact number of threats was unclear.

The bureau can obtain authority for wiretaps to investigate gun and explosives violations but not threats against its own agents.

Since the bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City last April 19 — the two-year anniversary of the inferno that destroyed the Branch Davidian compound — ATF and other federal agents fear that the public is also becoming a target of anti-government militants.

Law enforcement officials won't say whether they have received specific threats for this Feb. 28 and April 19, but they are mindful of the potential.

"We like to make our employees a little more aware of those dates," said Trinidad Martinez, Southwest regional director of the Federal Protective Service, the law enforcement arm of the General Services Administration, which owns and leases office space for the federal government. "Obviously, we'll have our eyes more than open."

The anniversaries this year fall at a particularly vulnerable time for law enforcement agencies. Legislation that would have given them broader powers to investigate domestic terrorist groups has been hung up in Congress since June.

Meanwhile, the ATF, which is responsible for enforcing federal firearms and explosives laws, is still restructuring and recovering after its own missteps in Waco.

Law enforcement agencies also face second-guessing by Congress. Two House subcommittees held televised hearings last July into the ATF's and FBI's handling of the Branch Davidians and the Randy

Weaver family at Ruby Ridge, Idaho. A report on the hearings is expected in late March.

"I think the pendulum has swung too far in the other direction right now," said Ronald K. Noble, who for nearly three years oversaw the ATF as the first undersecretary for enforcement at the U.S. Treasury Department.

"I believe that because of Waco, law enforcement will be inclined to wait rather than act, for fear that by acting they will be accused of having acted prematurely," Noble said.

For agents, the new concern is that criminals will target them.

The ATF has traditionally drawn the scorn of the National Rifle Association and the hatred of more militant pro-gun groups because the ATF enforces gun laws, but recently the vitriol has a new edge to it.

Feb. 28 has a second meaning for the ATF and its most malevolent detractors: It is the second anniversary of the Brady Bill, the federal law that set up a waiting period for handgun purchases.

Noble said the vulnerability of agents was driven home for him before the Senate confirmed his appointment by President Clinton.

On Feb. 26, 1993, a terrorist bomb blew up in the parking garage under the World Trade Center in New York, killing six

people and injuring nearly 1,000. Thousands of New Yorkers have offices in the building, including those of the ATF's regulatory staff.

"What was tough about the World Trade Center was it was the first time I realized that my people, or the people who would be my employees one day, might be killed in the line of duty," Noble said.

Over his three years in the job, Noble attended 16 funerals of his people, starting with the four ATF agents killed outside of Waco.

The ATF agents were trying to serve search and arrest warrants on a rural compound that was home to David Koresh and scores of followers, many of whom believed Koresh's assertion that he was the messiah, come to lead them through an apocalypse.

After the initial firefight, Koresh and his followers holed up for 51 days, until the FBI, which had replaced the ATF as the lead law enforcement agency during the standoff, rammed the compound's main building with tanks on April 19, 1993. Hours later, the buildings burned to the ground, with Koresh and dozens of his followers and their children inside.

Noble, at the behest of then-Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen, led the investigation into the ATF's actions.

TEXAS BRIEFS

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

DPS troopers seize 440 pounds of cocaine in I-40 stop near Amarillo

BUSHLAND — Authorities seized \$19 million worth of cocaine in a bust on Interstate 40 near Bushland, just west of Amarillo, and said it was the second-largest ever in the Panhandle.

Department of Public Safety Trooper Wayne Beighle said officers stopped a rented 1996 Ford van with California plates on Saturday for a possible seat belt violation.

But there were 440 pounds of cocaine in the van. Authorities confiscated the cocaine and arrested the two men in the van.

Both men had Florida drivers licenses, and investigators believed they were traveling from Los Angeles, where the van was rented, to the Miami area.

The suspects, Jorge Davalos, 49, and Montoya Joaquin, 38, were taken to the Potter County Corrections Center. Their hometowns were not immediately available.

The largest cocaine bust in the area happened three years ago when 1,200 pounds of the narcotic was discovered in a truckload of mangos, Beighle said.

Nacogdoches inmates to get "work" stripes

NACOGDOCHES — Work crews from Nacogdoches jail will soon switch from bright orange jumpsuits to black-and-white striped uniforms that resemble inmate outfits in old movies.

Nacogdoches County Sheriff Joe Evans said the switch serves a dual purpose.

"It lets people know that the prisoners are out there working," he said, "and if they run off, they're highly visible."

The new uniforms also help members of the public differentiate between runaway inmates and law-abiding citizens who make unfortunate fashion choices.

"In the past, we've even gone after joggers who

were reported for wearing orange suits," Evans said.

No winners; Wednesday jackpot \$8 million

AUSTIN — No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth \$4 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were: 3, 6, 18, 25, 27 and 43.

There were 161 tickets sold with five of the six numbers, with each ticket worth \$1,048. There were 6,987 tickets with four of six numbers, with each winning \$87. And there were 123,102 tickets sold with three of six numbers, with each worth an automatic \$3.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Wednesday night's game will be \$8 million.

Floridians arrested in murder of Texas woman

WACO — Police in Florida arrested three men Friday in connection with the drive-by murder of Gatesville native Dana Holbrook, the Waco Tribune-Herald reported Sunday.

Ms. Holbrook, 19, was killed on Interstate 10 Feb. 11 near Live Oak, Fla., while returning to Jacksonville Naval Station with her husband, Chris, and another couple.

She was riding in the passenger seat when another car pulled alongside them and its occupants fired two shots.

For her family, the arrests provided a degree of satisfaction.

"It's a big relief. It went faster than we anticipated," said Bobby Barao, Holbrook's stepfather. "It's not going to make me less angry, but it will help her rest in peace and let us rest in peace."

Arrested were Alphonson Saravia, 25, Martin Palma-Ramos, 19, and Alex N. Rodas, 19. All three are from Live Oak, Fla.

Rodas is suspected of firing the fatal shot. Along with other firearms violations, he was charged with first-degree murder, which carries the death penalty.

Saravia was charged with murder and several firearms violations.

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Man who shot pizza delivery man gets life

HOUSTON (AP) — A 20-year-old man convicted of capital murder in the 1993 shooting of a pizza delivery man has been sentenced to life in prison.

Lamont Wilson, a high school dropout, will not be eligible for parole until 2033 for putting three bullets into James Richardson Woods, 35, on Sept. 25, 1993.

The Harris County jurors said after sentencing Saturday that they considered the death penalty, but, in part because of Wilson's youth, they imposed the life sentence.

The panelists had been sequestered since Thursday for sentencing.

Wilson was 17 when he killed Woods and was convicted last week.

Wilson closed his eyes and bit his lower lip as the verdict was passed to the judge and was visibly relieved with the sentence.

The victim was a graduate of the exclusive Exeter Academy of Exeter, N.H., and of the University of Texas business school.

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Quote of the Day

"A child miseducated is a child lost."

-John F. Kennedy

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Publisher

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State education board misses the target this time

Perhaps you read Sunday where the State Board of Education, in a 9-1 vote with five absentees, voted to tentatively increase the number of courses needed for a high school diploma but to allow students to take more physical education classes to help meet the requirement.

Excuse us, but we thought the purpose of high school was to help prepare a student for the world that lies ahead.

It's a bit difficult for us to comprehend how meeting minimum graduation requirements through running the 400 meters or going to cheerleading camp can help a student get ready to compete in a global economy.

Students will now be able to earn up to three credits toward state graduation requirements through physical education-related activities.

Incidentally, the new and tougher standards also require a student to have one credit of technology applications, such as a computer class, to graduate.

While board members cautioned that the vote was preliminary and that provisions are likely to change, it looks to us like our elected board members aren't necessarily concerned with turning out qualified grad-

For the record, board member Diane Patrick of Arlington was the lone dissenting vote against this nonsense. Our own elected board member, Monte Hasle of Lubbock, was one of the five who were absent.

We have enough problems now with high school students and graduates who can't make change, can't construct a simple sentence and can't tell you which four faces are on Mount Rushmore. Why do we need to "toughen" the standards for graduation by lowering the expectations we place on our students?

If our children are to have the opportunity to have a better life than ours, then we must insist that they be educated in areas that will prepare them to compete in the world. We don't believe a ratio of three phys-ed classes to one computer class will do that.

No surprise in surprises when N.H. votes

By MARSHA MERCER

Media General Newspapers

MILFORD, New Hampshire — Observing the crush of TV and still cameras, boom mikes and reporters in pursuit of Lamar Alexander during a snowstorm, a Milford man commented, "I thought he was a minor candidate."

That, of course, is what the famed New Hampshire primary on Tuesday will determine: who the minor GOP presidential candidates are.

New Hampshire does the nation a favor every four years. Voters here spend months paying attention to presidential hopefuls — listening to their speeches, reading campaign literature, watching endless TV spots — so people elsewhere can concentrate on things that really matter, like college basketball.

New Hampshire also likes to confound the pundits and prognosticators. Take last week's polls. A couple of surveys indicated the race was wide open. Former Tennessee Gov. Alexander, commentator Pat Buchanan and Sen. Bob Dole were in a statistical dead heat. But another taken the same week in the same state, found Dole comfortably above Buchanan, Alexander and publisher Steve Forbes, who were trounced down the ladder.

Asked to explain the discrepancy, a New Hampshire political scientist allowed that it was in the "classic tradition of New Hampshire politics to be volatile to the end." In other words, he didn't have a clue. Nor does anybody else.

To New Hampshire, the quadrennial political invasion is something like snow in February. Residents watch the stuff fall, they push it aside and go on about their business.

New Hampshire has seen so much over the years that nothing — not even the presence of a big duck with a bright yellow bill and reporter's notebook who covers campaign events — raises eyebrows. A friend of the big duck explains the duck is "Mallard Fillmore, Conservative Journalist" from the cartoon strip by that name.

OPINION

Nor were people in Milford at all surprised to find, besides Mallard, two presidential hopefuls — Alexander and Forbes — visiting their town of about 12,000 on the same day last week.

"Should we go see Forbes or Alexander?" a young woman asked her boyfriend as they walked arm in arm on the town square. They could have been choosing a movie. Forbes won.

From his storefront window at Joseph's Furniture, David Joseph watched the gaggle around candidate Alexander move to the fish store next door. Joseph shrugged. Big deal.

"Forbes — he's my main man," Joseph said. "I like the underdog. I like him spending his own money."

But vote for Forbes on Tuesday? Nahh. Joseph is a Democrat. "I love Mr. Clinton," he said.

New Hampshire has assumed almost mythic proportions in

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Freedom of creeps has no place in on-line bill of rights

Once again, the defenders of free speech are in an uproar because of a new threat to the

rights of pornographers, child molesters and other lowlife forms.

The danger to free speech is tucked in the new communications law.

It provides that anyone who goes on the Internet and makes pornography available to children younger than 18 can be hit with two years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

This has touched off a storm of protests out there in cyberspace.

For those of you who are not familiar with this cutting-edge world, that means they are posting angry messages, blacking out their pages on the World Wide Web, and wearing electronic blue ribbons.

They believe that anti-pornography laws will be the first step to government control of the Internet. And that it will lead to the censoring of all sorts of views, political and otherwise.

That, of course, is the traditional defense of pornographers and other creeps: If they are censored, it's just a matter of time until the rest of us will be censored.

Maybe, but I've never believed it. As far as I can tell, any time the rights of pornographers are threatened, it just makes it more difficult for pornographers to ply their grubby trade.

I have no objection to adults wallowing in the smut of their choice. And there is no shortage of it in our society. It's available to buy or rent in

video stores, by mail-order, in book or magazine form, in movie theaters, weird phone services, and on cable TV.

Whether you live in a big city, a small town or on a farm, the porno of your choice is no more than a short walk or a phone call and a credit card number away.

But like most parents, I'd rather not have it made available to kids. Is that unreasonable? We have laws against selling them booze or smokes. So why not pornography? And why not on the Internet?

Because, as these modern-generated protests have demonstrated, the Internet is a bastion of free speech. And a bastion of hypocrisy.

On the Internet, you are free to say just about anything you want about anyone in the whole world. And you can do it without identifying yourself or your motives.

That's the Internet's idea of free speech — anonymity for creeps and cowardly curs.

Until computers came along, these lowlives were limited to getting their kicks by dialing a stranger's phone and panting. "Hi, baby, I wanna ..." Or crouching by their window and peering through binoculars, in hopes that they might spot a neighbor using the washroom.

But the Internet has opened a whole new world of creepdom. There is something there for every perverted, deviant taste. If you check a popular commercial service, such as America Online, you'll find that the most popular chat groups have to do with one form of odd sex or another.

There is even a World Wide Web page that reviews and rates the qualities of male and female whores here and abroad.



Mike Royko
Syndicated Columnist

For those who believe that children are desirable and attainable sex objects, it's become a second home.

So the solution, some of you say, is simple: Don't let your kids use your home computer. Or prevent them from using it to go on-line.

OK. But what if your kid visits the home of a friend whose parents aren't that attentive?

The fact is, it's not that easy to monitor the activities of bright adolescents. You buy a computer because you don't want them to be left behind in the great rat race of life. Then while you are out earning a living, you are expected to look over their shoulders.

It's not easy for parents. Especially when there are those who are as dedicated to corrupting them as you are to protecting them.

What's really funny about these free-speech protests is that many of the protestors hate the idea of free speech.

Oh, yes, they want the speech rights of child pornographers and molesters protected. But say one critical word about them and they will be demanding that you be muzzled, fired, censored and banished to the wilderness.

They are the politically correct crowd — howling for the heads of anyone who says anything that offends their identity or agenda.

So they say, we must protect the rights of the child pornographers, the molesters, the drooling dreamers of unspeakable dreams.

But don't you dare say anything bad about me — publicly or privately or I will expose you as — eek! — a bigot!

So I predict that the protests will succeed and the anti-child-porn law will be overturned by the courts.

And that my employers will be asked to fire or muzzle me because I said that many of the protestors are hypocritical jerks.

Bet on it.

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Gramm endorses Dole in GOP fray

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — Just four days after he quit the Republican presidential race, Texas Sen. Phil Gramm endorsed Bob Dole on Sunday and warned the success and image of the Republican Party rested on keeping the nomination from Pat Buchanan.

"I believe that Bob Dole is the one Republican candidate in this race today who can bring together economic conservatives and who can bring together social conservatives and who can make the Republican Party again one united party that is committed to beating Bill Clinton and committed to changing America," Gramm said in delivering his support.

Publicly, party leaders not involved in the race have professed neutrality. "I'm not going to get in the middle," House Speaker Newt Gingrich said Saturday when asked about the contentious race. But Gingrich has privately voiced alarm to associates about Buchanan's early strength, and he is hardly a lone voice among GOP establishment figures.

"They are in panic in Washington, D.C.," Buchanan said Sunday on ABC's "This Week with David Brinkley." He said he was coming under attack because GOP establishment figures feared he was about to seize control of the party.

Most senior Gramm support-

ers among elected Republican officials have quickly rallied to Dole's side. In addition to Gramm, this group includes Arizona Sen. John McCain and Texas Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison.

Yet there remain deep doubts in the party about Dole's strength, with the next 10 days viewed as the crucial test. Dole's backing among senators and governors will be sorely tested if he loses New Hampshire — even more so if former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander fares well. This is the major reason Dole is closing the New Hampshire campaign with criticizing Alexander for raising taxes while governor and for suggesting the state create an income tax.

In accepting Gramm's endorsement, Dole shrugged off their caustic campaign exchanges. "It was never personal," the Senate majority leader said.

And, without mentioning Buchanan, he picked up Gramm's theme that it was critical for the party not to be divided — a remark clearly delivered with Buchanan in mind.

"We have got to bring the economic and the social conservatives together," Dole said. "You can't divide us and expect to win in November."

"I do not believe there is another candidate in the race that can bring together both halves of our party and make it whole," Gramm said in his statement.

Gramm had planned to endorse Dole next week in South Carolina. But Dole cam-

paign aides urged moving up the event — even though Gramm had only modest support in New Hampshire — on the belief that every last vote could matter in a tight, volatile race with Buchanan and Alexander. About a dozen prominent Gramm supporters were on hand for the event, many still wearing Gramm lapel pins as they slapped on Dole campaign stickers.

The event also reflected the concern in the GOP establishment about the prospect of a Buchanan victory Tuesday.

Buchanan's economic views, particularly his protectionist positions on trade, are out of step with the party's conservative mainstream. And his deep support among social conservatives could mean that a protracted nomination battle involving Buchanan could make it difficult to unite the party.

More broadly, few leading Republicans believe Buchanan could defeat President Clinton, given past controversial statements about women, immigration and calls for a "cultural war for the heart and soul of America."

Just this week, for example, Buchanan has defended his campaign co-chairman, who took a leave of absence after it was reported that he spoke at meetings featuring white supremacists and militia leaders. The campaign also relieved a Buchanan volunteer in Florida of her duties because she also recruited for the National Association for the Advancement of White People.



GRAMM

Explosion rips bus in central London

LONDON (AP) — An explosion tore through a double-decker bus in central London Sunday night, injuring a number of people and showering the street with shattered glass and twisted metal.

Police said they did not know how many casualties there were, but one passerby said he thought at least three people were dead.

There was no immediate indication of who might have been responsible for the explosion. Police said they had received no warning.

On Feb. 9, the Irish Republican Army broke its 17-month cease-fire with a truck bomb that devastated the Docklands business center in east London, killing two people and wounding scores.

Last week, police defused a bomb in a telephone booth in central London.

Ambulances and five fire engines rushed to the Aldwych area of central London Sunday night, emergency services officials said.

Scotland Yard said the explosion occurred on Wellington Street near the Strand at 10:38 p.m. (5:38 p.m. EST). It said a number of casualties were reported.

Eyewitness Anthony Yates, 26, said he believed at least three people were dead.

"I was walking down the road and I saw a big white flash in

the sky," Yates said. "I looked and then I saw a double-decker bus but there was nothing left of it, it was completely blown to pieces."

Yates continued: "When the bomb went off, a taxi drove into the bus."

"The NatWest bank outside is badly hit. The bus driver and the taxi driver both looked dead."

He said: "There's a guy lying outside the bus saying 'my legs, my legs.' There was another guy with blood coming from his jaw."

A radio reporter for the British Broadcasting Corp., Paul Rowan, said there were pieces of metal and shards of glass "for around 50 yards all over the place."

"I saw one woman who looked in a very bad way, she was face down on the road with bad-looking head injuries."

Scott Grover, a 32-year-old tourist from Boston, said: "We were walking along when we suddenly heard this almighty bang."

"The front of the bus was completely blown away but there didn't seem to be many people in it and I don't know how many were injured."

"There was debris everywhere."

The red double-decker remained upright on its four wheels, but the top had been transformed into just a few

mangled shreds of metal and the bottom was devastated by fire, its windows all blown out.

Mark Johnson, 25, from Toronto, who was with friends in a pub on the Strand, said he heard "heard a very loud explosion and a very loud bang."

"We were all in a complete state of panic. We were crouching down away from the windows. We ran outside and asked the bar manager to call the police and ambulance."

"We knew immediately what had happened. We were all saying 'Oh, my God, oh my God.' I don't know where all this hatred comes from."

Johnson said that many people had rushed to help the injured, and that the police arrived "almost immediately." He said that he and his friends left the area "for fear of secondary devices."

"I saw one woman who looked severely injured, she was lying in a pool of her own blood there was blood on her head. She was motionless," Johnson said.

Four injured men were admitted to St. Thomas's Hospital, two of them in wheelchairs. One's shirt was soaked with blood as he walked into the unit.

Another man, with blood streaming down his face, was being treated on a street corner, 25 yards from the blasted bus.

Train crash probe

Investigators checking train's speed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Investigators picked through mangled wreckage Sunday to determine why a commuter train was moving more than twice as fast as it should have been just before slamming into an Amtrak passenger liner. Eleven people died in the ensuing fire.

The MARC commuter train was going 63 mph when its engineer apparently sighted the approaching Amtrak locomotive and slammed on the emergency brakes Friday night, National Transportation Safety Board member John Goglia said. It was too late to avoid the deadly pileup.

A signal a few miles back should have warned the MARC train to slow to 30 mph and be prepared to stop. Investigators want to know whether the engineer missed that signal or if it malfunctioned.

"Clearly the focus is moving toward the operator since we have found absolutely no difficulties anywhere else," Goglia said Saturday.

But the signal cannot be completely checked until the wreckage is removed from the tracks, a process that was continuing Sunday.

The signals are operated by radio from CSX Transportation's central offices in Jacksonville, Fla. The dispatcher on duty at the time of the wreck was coming to Washington to meet with board investigators. "He is the choreographer of train movements. He has a very critical role and that's why we have asked him to come here," said Goglia, who is leading the investigation.

The three-member MARC

crew were among those who died in the nearly head-on crash. They were identified Sunday as engineer Richard Orr, 43, of Glen Burnie, Md.; conductor James Majors, 48, of Linthicum, Md.; and assistant conductor James Quillen, 53, of Frederick, Md.

Orr was a 25-year employee of CSX. Majors had been with the company 26 years and Quillen had 30 years of service, said CSX spokeswoman Kathy Burns. CSX operates the commuter rail system for the Maryland Department of Transportation.

Also killed in the wreck were eight Jobs Corps workers from Harper's Ferry, W.Va., who were headed to Washington for the long weekend. Only minor injuries were reported aboard the Amtrak train, which was en route to Chicago from Washington.

The crash victims were the subject of prayers Sunday. With President Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton in attendance at Foundry United Methodist Church, senior minister J. Philip Wogaman lamented the tragedy.

"What a tragedy for the young Job Corps volunteers," he said. "Suddenly their whole future was snuffed out in that accident."

One of the victims, Dante Swain of Baltimore, had just passed the last test needed for his high school equivalency certificate.

His parents, John and Marjorie Swain, planned to take time off work this week to attend his graduation ceremony. Instead, they spent Saturday waiting for word of their mis-

sion's fate until a police officer came to their door late that night.

"When he came to the door I knew why he was there," said Marjorie Swain, a teacher.

As Goglia described the accident, the MARC engineer hit his emergency brakes about 15 seconds before impact, slowing the train from 63 mph to about 40 mph by the time the trains collided.

The Amtrak train was moving about 30 mph and had just begun to switch to another track. The Amtrak engineer did not apply his brakes, said Goglia, "nor would you want to ... he wants to clear the tracks."

"Put yourself in the (Amtrak) engineer's position: He wants to clear the ... crossover before the lights that are coming toward" him, Goglia said.

Train movement is governed by what are called wayside signals, pairs of colored lights using the familiar red-yellow-green coding.

A yellow signal at Kensington, Md., a few miles before the wreck, should have told the MARC train to slow down and there should have been a red signal just before the crossover where the accident occurred.

"There is absolutely no indication of sabotage," Goglia said.

The 11 bodies recovered were taken to the Baltimore medical examiner's office.

Dr. John Smialek, Maryland's chief medical examiner, said all of the bodies had been identified using dental records.

Autopsies showed all 11 vic-

tims died of a combination of injuries caused by the impact and the fire that engulfed the MARC carriage, Smialek said.

Balkan leaders again promise peace

ROME (AP) — Balkan leaders promised Sunday to stick by the peace plan that halted the Bosnian war, averting what international mediators called a potential crisis that threatened to scuttle the accord.

After a weekend of emergency talks, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Holbrooke said he received commitments from the leaders to abide by the accord even on difficult issues like the reunification of the Bosnian capital Sarajevo.

They also reached a number of specific agreements, including a unified government for the divided city of Sarajevo and procedures for arresting suspected war criminals.

As a result, the Bosnian Serbs agreed Sunday to resume contacts with NATO, which they had suspended after the arrest and extradition to the Netherlands of two Serb officers suspected of war crimes.

The announcement came after 25 hours of negotiations. Holbrooke had called the presidents of Croatia, Serbia and Bosnia to Rome to push them into cooperating or, in the case of Croatian President Franjo Tudjman and Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic, forcing their proxies — the Bosnian Serbs and Bosnian Croats — to go along with the peace plan.

"We prevented a situation that could have jeopardized the Dayton agreement," Holbrooke said at a news conference.

All parties again promised to cooperate with international war crimes investigators, he said.

"Nothing was given in exchange for this. They did this on their own," Holbrooke said. A detailed schedule of meetings was worked out. The first will be Monday aboard the USS George Washington in the Adriatic Sea.

Holbrooke also said that NATO will assess Bosnian Serbs' compliance with the con-

ditions of the accord by the end of the week and then consider lifting economic sanctions against them.

He said new "rules of the road" were set regarding the arrest of suspected war criminals by the parties. The rules say "people are not supposed to be picked up at random, on the basis they may be of interest to somebody later," Holbrooke said.

The NATO commander, U.S. Gen. George Joulwan, said alliance forces would provide intelligence information to the war crimes tribunal in The Hague. He said NATO had data on more than 50 indicted war criminals, and would supply photographs of some of them to NATO troops. NATO soldiers do not have specific orders to hunt down war criminals, but they can detain any that cross their path.

The new rules emerged in part from a meeting between Milosevic, Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic, Bosnian Prime Minister Hasan Muratovic and Bosnian Serb Prime Minister Rajko Kasagic.

Milosevic also made plain in comments to Yugoslav media that Sarajevo Serbs — who have begun to flee districts they must hand over to the Muslim-led government next month — should stay put. Government police will guarantee Serbs' rights, Milosevic said.

His ally Kasagic, the only Bosnian Serb leader in attendance, also insisted that Sarajevo Serbs should stay put, removing any last hope Sarajevo residents may have that the Bosnian capital will not be unified under government control.

The thorniest issue was Mostar, a war-ravaged city in southwestern Bosnia divided into Muslim and Croat halves.

Under an announced agreement, the Bosnian Muslims and Croats would promise to allow free movement throughout the

city, set up a unified police force and settle on the boundaries of neighborhoods within the city.

Both sides also promised to work toward strengthening their federation.

The issue of Mostar is considered crucial because it is a testing ground for that federation, an alliance designed to counterbalance the Serb half of Bosnia.

Regarding Sarajevo, Izetbegovic repeated assurances that Bosnian Serbs could take part in city administration and a unified police force.

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Wal-Mart plans store atop Washington's boyhood farm

STAFFORD, Va. (AP) — The riverside farm where George Washington romped as a boy, and where legend has it the first American president chopped down his father's cherry tree, could soon be part of a less quaint American legend.

Wal-Mart, the muscular (some say ruthless) discounter, plans a new store atop part of the old Washington farm.

"This is George Washington's boyhood home, and it is a national treasure," said Cessie Howell, one leader of a fledgling citizen opposition group. "There can always be more shopping centers, but there can never be another place like this one."

The Ferry Farm site along the Rappahannock River near Fredericksburg is the only one of Washington's three homes that is not already a park or museum.

The house burned in the early 1800s, years after Washington's

death, but the foundation is preserved and signs tell tourists a little about the family's life there. But grander plans for a visitor's center and much-needed preservation work have foundered repeatedly.

The site is mostly open fields, with a river view. Tract houses and a shopping center are visible nearby, but the Wal-Mart would be the first commercial encroachment on land closest to the Washington house.

The 30-acre property would overwhelm the 15-acre historic site, with the actual store — and its promised Colonial-style facade — sitting alongside the preserved foundation, said William Abbot, editor emeritus of Washington's papers at the University of Virginia.

"In addition to sentimental reasons, this site is worth preserving," Abbot said. "It can be used to teach young people about life in the 18th century."

SCOREBOARD

Table with 3 columns: Area Basketball Playoffs, Howard County Basketball, and NBA. Includes scores for Garden City girls vs. Robert Lee, South Plains at Lady Hawks, and various NBA games.

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Smith, swimmers bask in glow of district title

By STEVE REAGAN
Sports Editor

Barian Smith had waited 18 years for his Big Spring swim team to win a district title, so he wasn't about to celebrate prematurely.

Although his boys' team took an early lead and kept it at Saturday's District 4-4A swim meet in Pecos, although 18 years of slowly building a program was about to reach its fruition, Smith wasn't going to acknowledge the fact until it was a done deal.

"I'll tell you exactly when I thought we had it in the bag - when Eric (Smith) touched the wall at the end of the 400 relay, which was the last event," coach Smith said. "I knew we were about 20 points ahead, but I was still at the point of 'What can happen to us?' I wasn't certain of anything until Eric touched the wall."

"We were ahead about all the way through, but until the fat lady sang, I wasn't going to say we had it," Smith said.

Now that a certain obese female has sung, however, Smith can fully enjoy the first-

ever district title for the BSHS swim team.

"It shows that a lot of hard work can pay off," he said, referring to his team more than himself. "This is our third year in a new facility ... and now that we can compete on an even keel with these other programs, we're showing that we can beat them."

The district title caps the most successful season ever for the Big Spring program. Along the way, the boys captured championship honors in four invitational and won several dual meets.

But the big prize - the district title - was the only one that really mattered to Smith's charges, and they went after it with an intensity that left their coach impressed.

"They did just an outstanding job all meet long," Smith said. "It was a lot more exciting than just looking at the results."

Smith said the first of two key turning points occurred during the medley relay, when Stephen Smith, swimming the anchor freestyle leg, overcame a deficit to edge Pecos at the end.

Eric Smith, who was named

co-MVP of the district along with Pecos' Evan Bates, provided the other key moment during the competition.

Bates had not been bested by a Class 4A swimmer all season before Saturday. Swimming in the 200 freestyle, however, Eric Smith shaved a full five seconds off the BSHS record in the event and defeated Bates by about a half-second.

"It was something great for us to watch," coach Smith said. "For Eric to do that ... well, it really got the guys pumped."

The BSHS swimmer now turn their attention to the regional

swim meet scheduled for March 2 in Lubbock. More than 15 swimmers and all but one relay team will compete in the meet.

Here are Big Spring High School results from Saturday's District 4-4A swim meet, held at Pecos High School:

- Boys totals - 1. Big Spring, 111; 2. Pecos, 78; 3. Andrews, 60; 4. Fort Stockton, 55; 5. Seminole, 12; 6. Monahans, 10.
Girls totals - 1. Pecos, 111; 2. Monahans, 84; 3. Andrews, 58; 4. Big Spring, 30; 5. Fort Stockton, 15; 6. Seminole, 10.
Boys 200 medley relay - 1. Big Spring, 1:49.92
Boys 200 freestyle - 1. Eric Smith, 1:51.89
Girls 200 IM - 4. Allison Thomas, 2:46:39.6

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'Second stringer' Jarrett takes his 2nd Daytona 500

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) - A self-described second-stringer in a supposedly inferior car with a new team and a rookie crew chief had just beaten the kingpin of stock car racing in the sport's biggest event.

But Dale Jarrett was in no mood to crow about dashing once again Dale Earnhardt's dream in the Daytona 500.

"Make it perfectly clear that it wasn't the driver that won this race today," he said Sunday after beating Earnhardt for the second time in four years. "There's no better than Dale Earnhardt."

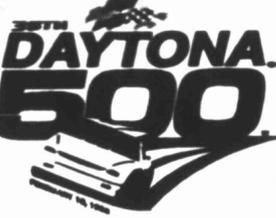
But a career boxscore for the race says: Jarrett 2 for 8; Earnhardt 0 for 18. "I'm not going to say I feel sorry for him," Jarrett said, although he did admit it would be nice for "the best driver to come along in the time I've been in the sport" to eventually win its premier race.

As in 1993, when he beat Earnhardt in a close finish, Jarrett was a few car-lengths the better when the checkered flag signified that the lion's share of a \$3.6 million purse - \$362,775 - was his.

But it wasn't as easy as his victory in 1993, even though Jarrett led the last 24 laps.

"This was definitely more nerve-racking," he said. "The last lap was close to 500 miles in itself."

"I tell you, I think I'd rather look in the mirror and see any-



body but that 3 car back there, knowing his history."

But Jarrett, who spent the final lap covering each zig-zag move of the determined Earnhardt, said his Ford had one big advantage over Earnhardt's Chevrolet.

"What he didn't have was a Robert Yates engine," said Jarrett, who also won the non-points Busch Clash a week earlier.

Earnhardt, who had little to say afterward, agreed that the power plant was decisive.

"We didn't have anything for him," he lamented.

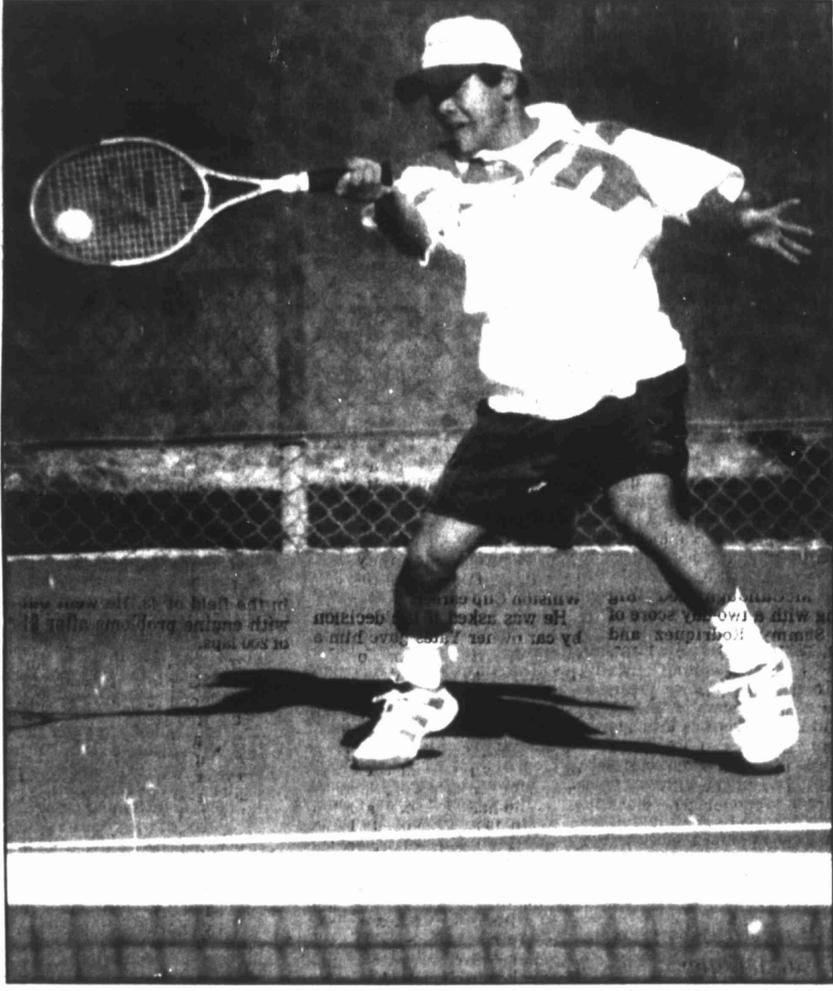
But what Earnhardt did have was an experienced crew. They don't come any greener than the group that serviced Jarrett.

"The first pit stop we made today was the first one they've ever made," Jarrett said. "They didn't even have a chance to practice."

Because teammate Ernie Irvan was nearly killed in a

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RIGHT BACK AT YOU



Big Spring's Hsiao-Hsuan Li returns a serve during Saturday action at the Big Spring Tennis Boosters Tournament at Figure 7 Tennis Center. For more information, see page 7.

Mavs squabble again

DALLAS (AP) - Mavericks guard Jim Jackson bristled over teammate Jason Kidd's weekend criticism of an early season feud between Jackson and Jamal Mashburn.

Disillusioned over the Mavericks' mediocre record this season, Kidd said before the Mavericks' game Friday night with the Lakers that the feud between the two other members of the Dallas triumvirate shouldn't have happened.

"That all comes from maturity," Kidd said. "Those two guys have been in the league longer than I have. For me to look up to them, why should I do that, if they're going to have those kind of problems early on?"

"Why shouldn't I just go buy my own boat and have everybody jump on my boat, instead of everybody getting in their boat, when we don't know who's steering the boat?"

A practice on Sunday was the first time the Mavericks had been together since learning of Kidd's remarks, which were published on Saturday.

"Wherever that came from, that's his opinion," Jackson said. "He makes enough money; if he wants to buy his own boat, let him buy it. Buy 20 of them. Buy a yacht. I hope he has an anchor and some life rafts."

Mavericks fans had been hopeful that the team, behind their "Three J's" top draft picks of 1992, 1993 and 1994, would be a playoff team this year.

But Dallas with its 16-33 record is 11th in the NBA's 14-team Western Conference, where the top eight will go into postseason. Mashburn was with the club only 16 games before going out with an injured knee that required season-ending surgery.

Kidd insisted on Friday that it is "too soon to point fingers and pass judgment" about the franchise's direction, but made it clear he expected more progress this season.

"I won't be able to put up with it very long, and anybody who wants to win can't put up with it for very long," Kidd said. "Are you satisfied with getting a check on the 1st and 15th? That's crazy."

Bears finally break through for crown in SWC track meet

FORT WORTH (AP) - Derek Spears was unopposed about his record-setting victory in 55-meter hurdles at the Southwest Conference Indoor Track and Field Championships.

"Records were meant to be broken," the University of Texas speedster said.

Not this one. Spears' time of 7.22 seconds, which shaved .01 seconds off the standard, will last forever because the 23rd SWC indoor meet was also the last for the dying league.

That means Baylor will always be considered the

defending champion. It's only fair that the Bears leave on top after having being the runner-up in 11 of the previous 22 meets. This was only their second victory.

"We've been a bridesmaid a lot," said coach Clyde Hart, Baylor's track guru for 33 years, who agonized over second-place finishes the last three years. "I love this conference - it's very sad we won't have this anymore."

Baylor's performance gives Hart hope his Bears can battle Arkansas, Baylor's longtime SWC nemesis, at the upcoming

NCAA Indoor Championships. The Razorbacks are the only team with more points at the national level over the past 10 years than Baylor.

High national hopes on the women's side belong to Texas, which packed a surprising wallop of the field in its 12th consecutive indoor title. The Lady Longhorns' 123 points were 40 points better than runner-up Rice.

"We're definitely hoping to get into the top three," said UT coach Beverly Kearney. "Our goal coming into this year was to remain in the top five

nationally, hopefully finish in the top three. I think we have an outside chance at winning it, but (Louisiana State) is very deep."

As the conference breaks up this summer, the new leagues accepting SWC teams will import some track talent.

Baylor, Texas and Texas A&M will go into the Big 12 as men's elite while Houston suddenly becomes a power in the freshly formed Conference USA.

The Texas women could dominate the Big 12 as easily as they've ruled the SWC for more

than a decade, while the Rice men and women have a chance to make a splash in the Western Athletic Conference.

In the meantime, though, the next stop for the athletes is the upcoming NCAA Indoors in Indianapolis.

"I have been looking forward to the NCAA Championships, so I wasn't disappointed with my distance," said Teri Steer, Southern Methodist's womens' shot put champ who beat the field by more than 6 feet. "Since Christmas I haven't taken a day off; this week will be a very relaxing week."

BOTTOM OF THE ORDER

ON TAP

Today

Basketball

South Plains at Howard College (men/women), 5:50/7:50

Tuesday

Basketball

Garden City girls vs. Robert Lee, Sweetwater, 7

Sands girls vs. Dell City, Wink, 7

C-City girls vs. Brownfield, Midland, 7:30

Softball

Big Spring at Lake View, 5:30

Lubbock Estacado at Coahoma, 6

STATE/NATION

Rookie leads Panthers to win

MIAMI (AP) - Ed Joyanovski turned things around in a hurry.

After taking the blame for Florida's loss to Colorado on Friday night, the rookie defenseman scored the winning goal Sunday night as the Panthers rallied to beat the Dallas Stars 6-4.

"It's tough having to learn from your mistakes," Joyanovski said. "Hopefully, that goal will get my confidence up. When you're 19, you're going to make mistakes. Hopefully, I won't make too many of them."

Joyanovski and the Panthers blew a 4-2 lead against Colorado, allowing a two goals in the final three minutes of regulation in a 6-4 overtime loss. Joyanovski's eighth goal gave Florida a 6-4 lead with 7:59 left.

Furyk wins Hawaii Open

HONOLULU (AP) - Jim Furyk, forced to a playoff when Brad Faxon eagled the last hole of regulation with a 45-foot putt, won the Hawaiian Open on Sunday with a birdie on the third extra hole.

Furyk, who earned \$216,000 for his second career victory, closed with a 3-under-par 69 and Faxon shot a 79 for 11-under 277 totals on the Waialae course.

Nicklaus takes Suncoast title

LUTZ, Fla. (AP) - Jack Nicklaus shot a 4-under-par 67 on Sunday for a one-stroke victory over J.C. Snead in the GTE Suncoast Classic.

Nicklaus, who earned \$112,500 for his ninth Senior PGA Tour title, had a 3-under 211 total on the TPC of Tampa Bay. Snead closed with a 65.

ON THE AIR

Basketball

NBA

Golden State at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., PRIME (ch. 29).

College

Connecticut at Georgetown, 6:30 p.m., ESPN (ch. 30).

Nebraska at Kansas, 8:30 p.m., ESPN.

Colorado State at New Mexico, 11 p.m., ESPN.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, FEB. 20, 1996:

You might make life more difficult than it needs to be this year. You need a certain amount of self-discipline to make a prized desire a reality. You have unusual magic to help you create what you want. Stay focused on your long-term goals; do what you can to make them happen, whatever they are. If you are single, if you want romance, you will have it. If attached, your relationship can be much more than the way you want it. PISCES can be tasty.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Be of service as you deal with a loved one. Evaluate a problem with sensitivity. Use your intuitive knowledge to figure out what is happening. Others appreciate your caring and knowledgeable ways. Touch base with a friend before the day gets old. Tonight: Enjoy a late-night dinner. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Use the daytime hours to accomplish a prime objective. Someone clearly cannot get enough of you. Focus on group events. You are on the path to becoming a winner. Listen carefully before leaping into action. Tonight: Take a night off just for yourself. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Handle responsibility with the clarity and brevity needed. Understand more of what is going on with a co-worker. A discussion may be difficult but is most definitely worthwhile. Do not do anything halfway. Your directness is a must. Tonight: Work late, play late. *****

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Reach out to someone who is at a distance. Explore options that could involve your career, education and travel. You want to open doors. Don't limit yourself. Instead, be willing to take a risk and face any fear that arises. Tonight: Stay out late. *****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) One-to-one relating helps you handle a change. Talking about funds may be unpleasant but necessary. Building a more solid foundation is important before you venture into a new project. Awareness and success mix. Take time for a loved one. Tonight: Be out and about. *****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Listen to a partner, even if you feel that you don't want to listen. This person may make important points and encourage you to creatively find answers. A child or loved one

plays a significant role. Open doors; do not close them today. Tonight: Make it one on one! *****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Taking risks is a high work priority. You have a choice: You can either stay stuck in the same old pattern, or you can choose to make your life and work better. Examine your commitment to yourself and your long-term objectives. Tonight: Make time for friends. *****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Remain upbeat, no matter what happens. Exploring options opens doors emotionally and professionally. Be ready to brainstorm and make life more as you think it needs to be. Romance is hot on your track. Remain confident. Tonight: Work late, then exercise. *****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Center yourself. Be ready to manage a personal matter or a real-estate issue. Listen to your creativity, and don't get bogged down. Being negative could be your biggest problem. Take a leap of faith. Try to anchor your finances more securely. Tonight: Be naughty and nice. *****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Communicate your desires. You might be overly serious at work; lighten up because you are making life difficult for yourself and those around you. If you tune in to your imagination and your inspired self, you'll generate smiles and great ideas. Tonight: Stay anchored. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Make money a major consideration. You need to do more than brainstorm. Use your imagination to find the answers you need. Review, consider and, in the latter part of the day, take a risk. Tonight: Strut your stuff. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Take action. Keep a positive outlook as you try to make what you need a reality. A friend gives you helpful feedback, which opens doors left and right. Examine an offer that may feel as if it is a dream come true. There are many sides to every story. Tonight: It's your turn. ***

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Abigail Van Buren
Columnist

I was brought up to believe that if you are in a close relationship, you don't tell your partner that anything is "none of your business." Abby, I let him know who calls me without his asking. If he's the man I'm going to spend the rest of my life with and he keeps things from me, the marriage won't last.

He says if the conversation doesn't pertain to me — or to our relationship — he doesn't have to tell me who he's talking to. (There have been times when he's said that a "friend" called, or that he's talking to "one of his family members." But he doesn't use names.) I feel this is sending out mixed signals.

Who is right and who is wrong? — NEEDS TO KNOW IN TENNESSEE

DEAR NEEDS TO KNOW: There is wisdom in the very

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Monday, Feb. 19, the 50th day of 1996. There are 316 days left in the year. This is Presidents' Day. Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 19, 1945, during World War II, some 30,000 U.S. Marines landed on the Western Pacific island of Iwo Jima...

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In 1803, Congress voted to accept Ohio's borders and constitution, but in a bizarre oversight, did not get around to formally ratifying Ohio statehood until 1953. In 1807, former Vice President Aaron Burr was arrested in Alabama...

attacked the Australian city of Darwin. In 1959, an agreement was signed by Britain, Turkey and Greece granting Cyprus its independence.

In 1963, the Soviet Union informed President Kennedy it would withdraw "several thousand" of an estimated 17,000 Soviet troops in Cuba. Ten years ago: The U.S. Senate approved a treaty outlawing genocide, 37 years after the pact had first been submitted for ratification...

In 1878, Thomas Edison received a patent for his phonograph. In 1881, Kansas became the first state to prohibit all alcoholic beverages. In 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed an executive order giving the military the authority to relocate and intern Japanese-Americans...

In 1473, the astronomer Copernicus was born in Torun, Poland. In 1942, during World War II, about 150 Japanese warplanes attacked the Australian city of Darwin. Five years ago: President Bush told reporters a Soviet proposal to end the Persian Gulf War fell "well short of what would be required..."

One year ago: A day after being named the new chairwoman of the NAACP, Myrlie Evers-Williams outlined her plans for revitalizing the civil rights organization, saying she intended to take the group back to its grass roots.

Today's Birthdays: Hall of Fame jockey Eddie Arcaro is 80. Singer Smokey Robinson is 56. Britain's Prince Andrew is 36. Tennis Hall-of-Famer Hana Mandlikova is 34. Actress Justine Bateman is 30.

Thought for Today: "By descent, I am one-fourth German, one-fourth Irish, one-fourth English, and another quarter French. My God! If my ancestors are permitted to look down upon me, they might perhaps upbraid me. But I am also an American!" - Joseph G. Cannon, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives (1836-1926).

THE Daily Crossword by Virginia Yates

Crossword puzzle grid with clues: ACROSS 1 Some seamen, 6 Ride the waves, 10 False, 14 Poplar, 15 "I saw Elba", 16 Tops, 17 Team asset?, 19 Makes a note, 20 AEF word, 21 Weighs the pros and cons, 23 Greek letters, 25 Deejay's need, 26 Badmouth, 29 Touched base, 32 Act like, 35 in a while, 36 Pappas of film, 37 Coach, 38 Parseghian, 39 Foremost, 40 Tchrs.' org., 41 Ladder steps, 43 Downed, 44 Late bloomer, 46 El followers, 47 Arctic explorer, 48 Get the hang of, 50 Computer unit, 51 Voucher, 53 Steep, 55 "Hamlet" role, 58 XI, 62 XII, 63 Weather chart feature, 66 Cut, 67 Astor's quest, 68 Dairy items, 69 A Fitzgerald, 70 Jerk, 71 Small sailboats.

Saturday's Puzzle solved:

Solved crossword puzzle grid with words: SAC, BAGIC, SWAT, LENA, ARENA, CAME, EDIT, REGIS, ONYX, AUTHORAUTOR, SCRAP, BEL, REAMS, HEART, ABE, LEO, TESTATE, MALL, IDOTIDOTIDOTIDOTIDOT, HARG, SWARTEN, ODE, ROE, LABSO, NAMED, SDA, YRAWL, RACHEL, RACHEL, GAZA, RATIO, HADA, ANAT, ARTEL, TRES, TYPOT, BEENE, CAN.

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