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TxDOT, FAA question city's operation of Airpark

Both agencies want documentation of expenses, payback schedule on investments

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Applying for a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration has turned up some inconsistent city financial records in conjunction with the operation of McMahon/Wrinkle Airpark. Questions have been raised by the Texas Department of Transportation's Aviation Division about administrative fees, salaries at the airpark, fire station equipment and sewer and waterline systems. Specifically, TxDOT Aviation is questioning several airpark expenditures from the last few years such as airpark fire station, its training tower and a

used fire truck for \$619,000; a water and sewer system at the correctional center for \$605,000; and \$1.4 million for Western Container. City officials are currently briefing Big Spring City Council members on the recent visit to Fort Worth by City Manager Gary Fuqua, Assistant City Manager Emma Bogard and former Colorado River Municipal Water District General Manager Owen Ivie, in which they met with FAA officials about the city regaining control of the airpark and about the Airport Enterprise Fund. In September 1993 the fund had approximately \$2.6 million in it but was down to about

\$400,000 in September 1995. Fuqua said, "TxDOT Aviation wants to know how, when and why, and how the city of Big Spring would get these funds back. It's like an investment and TxDOT Aviation wants to see a return or know how we plan to recoup the investments we've made." According to Fuqua, the FAA thinks at least part of the sewer and waterlines should have been paid for through the city's utility fund. In a letter to the city, a copy of which was obtained by the Herald, David Fulton, director of TxDOT Aviation stated investments made with airport revenue in non-aeronautical activi-

ties on the airport must be made in good faith with the determinable benefit back to the airport. Revenue generation and aviation are the two parts of the airpark. The FAA is concerned about there being enough revenue generated to maintain the aviation part of the airpark. "They (the FAA and TxDOT Aviation) understand we're trying to facilitate the western part of the airpark," Fuqua said. After briefing the council on the findings of TxDOT Aviation and seeking its guidance as to how the city should respond to the questions raised by TxDOT Aviation, Fuqua said he and Bogard will probably make

another trip to Austin around the first of April to present a proposal as to how the city plans to recoup the investments made from the Airport Enterprise Fund. Specifically, the city will have to provide details as to how the investment made in Western Container will be repaid or recouped as well as documentation of any rent increases or repayment schedule; and similar documentation as to what return the city will receive from the investment made in the correctional center. TxDOT Aviation is also asking for documentation to explain \$1.1 million invested in treasury bills in 1993, but does

not show up on financial statements until sometime in 1994. That documentation will have to show the original investment from the airport fund into Tex-Pool and its withdrawal and reinvestment in treasury bills. Documentation will also have to be shown if there was any loss incurred during the reinvestment. If these questions are cleared up to the satisfaction of TxDOT Aviation, Fuqua said the grant the city is applying for to seal-coat the 100-foot wide and 8,800-foot of runways could be granted as soon as this summer. The grant could be as much as \$700,000.

100 YEARS AGO



Big Spring State Park ranger Ron Alton shows visitors some of the rock carvings at the park during the "100 Years After" history tour Thursday. This carving had been carved exactly 100 years ago.

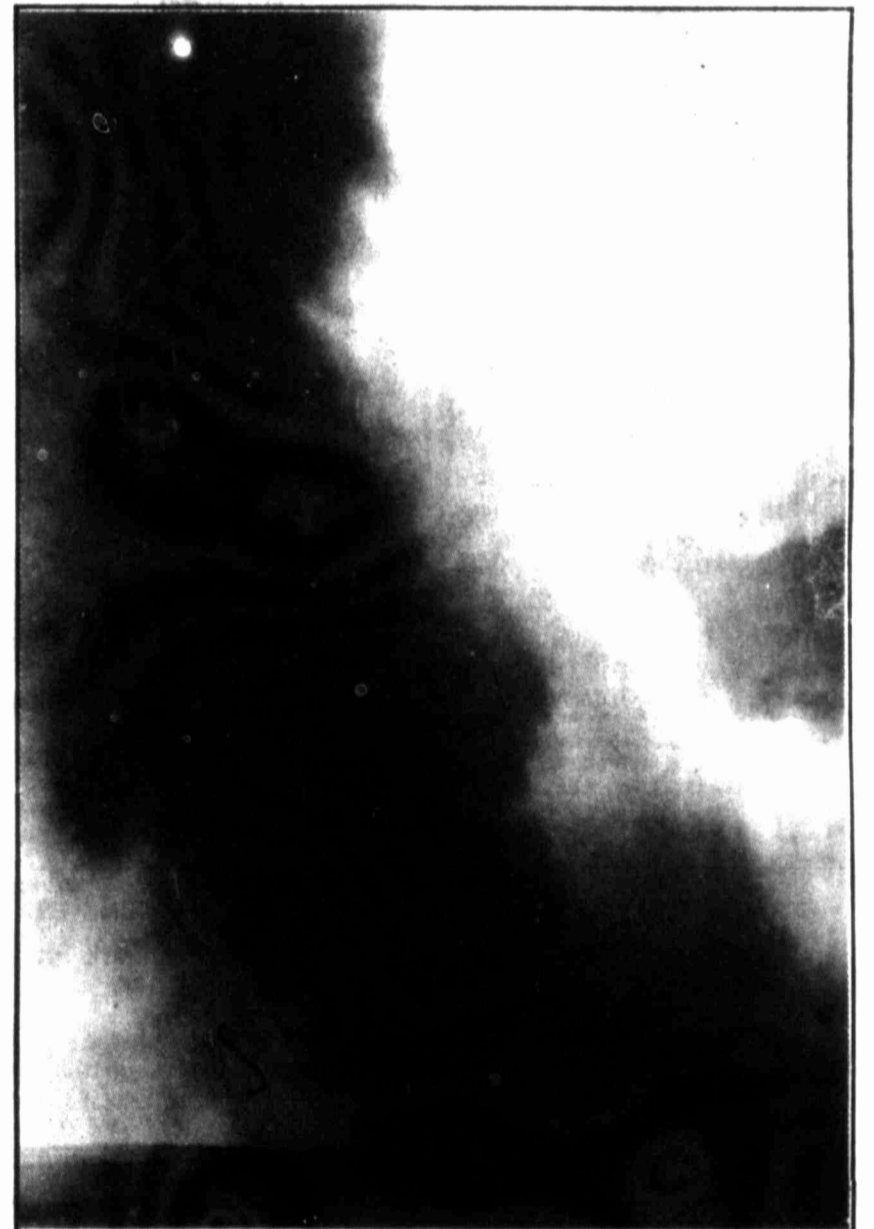
Blaze west of town scorches 6,600 acres

By SARA SOLIS
Staff Writer

A blaze, that began around noon Thursday and burned until 5 a.m. Friday morning, burning approximately 6,600 acres west of town. The Howard County Volunteer Fire Department battled the fire for 15 hours, Howard County Fire Chief, Tommy Sullivan, said. He said after receiving a call around noon Thursday, 35 volunteer fire fighters, nine county trucks, three dozers and two Pool water tankers responded to fight the fire. A witness saw the fire start

from sparks off a passing train, Sullivan said. Fires starting in this manner are common in dry weather conditions, he said. Upon arrival at the scene, six different fires were burning in the area around the railroad tracks west of Cauble Road to the Martin-Howard County line, south of Interstate 20, he said. Sullivan said the Martin County Fire Department assisted them in fighting the fire near Lomax and their county line. He said, "It was difficult (to fight the fire) because the wind was gusting" and sudden wind

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The sun is nearly blotted out by dark smoke being produced by a large grass fire west of Big Spring Thursday afternoon. Several grass fires in area were thought to be caused by a passing train.

Country Club members praying for rain

By SARA SOLIS
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Country Club is praying for rain to keep their fairways green and the golfers coming. Harold Hall, a long-time country club member and member of the country club water committee, formally requested a temporary dismissal of the city's moratorium of all water lines extending past the city limits, Tuesday night at the city council meeting. According to the long-range master plan for the city, any proposal to extend water lines outside the city limits calls for a cost-benefit analysis to protect the taxpayers interests. Hall's request centers around the fact that the country club anticipates its current water source, an underground aquifer it's been drawing from since 1964, will not have enough water to maintain the golf course through the summer. At the meeting, Ralph Truskowski, city engineer, speaking on behalf of the coun-

try club, said, the country club would be responsible for any costs incurred while bringing an existing water line into service. The country club would bear all costs in setting up a meter and providing lines, he said. The country club is seeking a temporary fix to a long-term problem with the promise that they will continue to seek an alternative long-term solution for their water needs. Basically, the country club is seeking the city's approval to explore their available temporary water options, Truskowski said. Of those options, the one that looks the most promising is connecting the country club water system to a 12 inch treated water line that runs down Driver Road just to the city limits, Hall said. Another possibility he mentioned, would be accessing an old water line connected to Moss Creek Lake. But, financially speaking, accessing that line would be more difficult, he said. "We have the shorts ... We just don't have the money to run across Morgan and put in a

new line," Hall said. "We have had no measurable rain out there ... We're losing the fairways right now," he said. Not only does the country club need water, it needs water with relatively low chlorides, less than 300 parts per million, Hall said, high chlorides kill the grass. The council moved to allow the club to look into bringing an existing water line into service on a temporary emergency basis, with the stipulation that they continue to seek an alternative long-term water source. "The country club has helped us many times in the past" when our golf course equipment has broken down, Gary Fuqua, city manager, said. The fact that they are willing to take on all responsibility for any necessary costs for extending an existing water line, equates to no extra cost to the tax payer and no need for a cost-benefit analysis on the part of the city, he said. Steve Waggoner, president of the Big Spring Country Club, said, "We don't have any firm plans at this point." He said the

club has several different options. There's a possibility of purchasing water from the well of a private individual or from the city, he said. "We're hunting right now ... We just need a lot of information so we can make an intelligent decision." Due to a lack of rainfall, the club needs to have an alternative water source by the beginning of the growing season in order to keep their fairways green, Waggoner said. "Rain would solve most of our problems," he said. He said the top priority for the country club is to keep their greens and tees green. "We have enough water to keep those green ... The fairways are the one's that are going to suffer." Waggoner said the course is well-known for its greens. "We have some of the best greens in the state of Texas ... they putt smooth, they're consistent and not bumpy or hard." However, "You need grass in the fairway, it makes it a lot more pleasant," he said. Waggoner said regardless of the water problem, "We will maintain the greens."

Howard Co. Trivia

When was the first order issued for electric lights on the courthouse square?
Nov. 19, 1900

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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today **67** ▲ Highs **42**
SUNNY
Lows ▼

Tonight **67** ▲ Highs **42**
CLEAR

Today
Highs in upper 60s. Lows in lower 40s. East winds 5-15. Partly cloudy tonight.

Permian Basin Forecast
Saturday: Mostly sunny, high near 70. Winds 15-25 and gusty.
Sunday-Tuesday: Partly cloudy, highs 65-70 and lows 35-40. Slight chance for precipitation late Sunday and early Monday.

OBITUARIES

Dorothy Hull

Graveside service for Dorothy Hull, 89, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Saturday, March 16, 1996, at Trinity Memorial Park with Dr. Kenneth Patrick, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Eastern Star Rites by Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star.



HULL

Mrs. Hull died Thursday, March 14, in a Stanton nursing home.

She was born on May 4, 1906, in Globe, Ariz., and married John Allen Hull on Jan. 1, 1927, in Abilene. He preceded her in death on Feb. 18, 1955. She had worked as a desk clerk for several local motels and had also worked at Hemphill Wells as well as the City of Big Spring in the Water Department. Mrs. Hull was past Worthy Matron of Big Spring Chapter #67, Order of the Eastern Star and was past president of the Past Matrons Club. She was past president of the Social Order of Beauceants, past president of World War II Auxiliary and was a member of the Modern Women's Forum. She also served as a volunteer at the Big Spring VAMC for many years. She was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

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

Rosa Notgrass-Everett

Service for Rosa Notgrass-Everett, 87, Midland, will be 2 p.m. Saturday, March 16, 1996, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel in Midland with Elder Troy Barrington, of Midland Primitive Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in the Resthaven Memorial Park.

Mrs. Notgrass-Everett died Wednesday, March 13.

She was born on Sept. 5, 1908, in Baird. She married James Gordon "Gee" Notgrass on March 2, 1927. He preceded her in death on June 2, 1987. She then married the Rev. on April 23, 1994, in Odessa. He also preceded her in death on July 30, 1995. She was a member of the Midland Primitive Baptist Church.

She is survived by five sons: Burl Notgrass, Stanton, Troy

Notgrass, Round Rock, Buddy Notgrass, Carbon, Dale Notgrass, El Paso, and Randall Notgrass, Tucson, Ariz.; three daughters: Nita Howard, Stanton, Orita Smith, Wingate, and Lynn Dell Ramsey, Odessa; 29 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Family visitation will be from 7 to 8 p.m. tonight at the Ellis Funeral Home in Midland. Arrangements under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home, Midland.

Peggy Sorley

Service for Peggy Carol Sorley, 51, Stanton, is pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home, Stanton.

She died Friday, March 15, 1996, in Stanton.

Noel Nieves

A rosary for Ret. MSGT. Noel Nieves, 41, Big Spring, will be said 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 17, 1996, at the Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be 4 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with Rev. Christopher Coleman, pastor, officiating. Interment with full military rites will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mr. Nieves died Wednesday, March 13, in a local hospital.

He was born on Feb. 10, 1955, in Aquila, Puerto Rico. He married Irene Uribe on Dec. 30, 1974, in Lovington, N.M. He joined the United States Air Force in July 1973 and retired as a Master Sergeant in July 1993. He was an aerospace physiology supervisor and received numerous decorations and medals including Meritorious Service Medal, AF Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, AF Outstanding Unit Award ribbon, AF Good Conduct Medal with five oak leaf clusters, National Defense Service Medal with one bronze service star, and seven other medals and ribbons. He was a captain with the Texas State Guard. He graduated from Wayland Baptist College with a bachelors degree. Mr. Nieves had been a resident of Big Spring since September 1995, moving here from Wichita Falls. He was the manager of Delta Loan Finance Company at the time of his death.

He is survived by his wife: Irene Nieves, Big Spring; one son: Brock Anthony, Wichita Falls; a daughter: Melissa Anne, San Angelo; his parents: Aracelio and Guillermina Nieves, Wichita Falls; a brother: Milton Nieves, Jacksonville, N.C.; and several aunts and uncles.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

William Griffin

Service for William H. Griffin, 71, Big Spring, will be 1 p.m. Monday, March 18, 1996, at Myers & Smith Chapel, with Rev. Tommy Hudson, pastor of New Mount Zion Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Mr. Griffin died Tuesday, March 12, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a long illness.

He was born on Sept. 8, 1924, in Marlin, Falls County. He married Robbie Willis on Nov. 19, 1968, in Lovington, N.M. He had been a resident of Big Spring for 16 years. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army in the Pacific Theater, a retired cook, having worked for the Ramada Corporation retiring in 1990, and a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife: Robbie Griffin, Big Spring; one daughter: Carolyn Ward, Denver, Colo.; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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Ola J. Fuson Kinman

Ola J. Fuson Kinman, 73, of Big Spring, died Thursday, March 14, 1996, at her home. Services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, March 16, at Crestview Baptist Church, Lamesa, with Pat Githens, pastor of Crestview Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow in Lamesa Memorial Park, under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born on March 23, 1922, in Lamesa. She married Norman Fuson on Dec. 23, 1941, in Dawson County. He preceded her in death on June 7, 1994. She had been a resident of Big Spring since 1986. Ola was a Southern Baptist. She was a homemaker and had assisted with homebound care for the elderly. She loved to sew, crochet and embroidery.

She is survived by one son: David Fuson of Houston; four daughters: Connie Boyd of San Angelo, Pat Veld of San Angelo, Beverly Massingill of Big Spring, and Starr Smith of Henderson, Nev.; four sisters: Janet Stone, Linda Anderson, Estelle Merritt, all of Lamesa, and



KINMAN

Helen Chaffin of Loop; 17 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by sons Norman and James Fuson and two brothers, Johnny F. and Billy Merritt.

Grandsons will serve as pallbearers: Glen Bacon, James Ball, Billy Massingill, Sky Massingill, Michael Kelly, and Bryan Bacon. Honorary pallbearers will be Jon Fuson and Jared Fuson.

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BLAZE

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shifts would leave fire fighters and equipment at the back of the fire. "We had to wait for the dozers to cut a perimeter far enough away to give us a fire break, so we could work with it," he said.

Sullivan said one of the main goals of the fire fighters was to keep the fire from jumping Cauble Road and spreading into the industrial area of Big Spring, which they were able to do. He also said a small structure near Lintner Road was in danger of burning and the fire fighters did a good job protecting it from damage.

He said, "After the last truck pulled out at 5 a.m. this morning we measured about 10 sections were burned, approximately 6,600 acres." He said the fires ended up charring an area about four miles long and two to three miles wide.

Sullivan said he is grateful for the effort of the Howard County volunteer fire fighters. "I want to give special thanks to all the volunteer fire fighters, they put in 15 hours, worked all night, never get enough pay, and most had to go into work (their regular jobs) this morning," Sullivan himself, who works for the Fina Refinery, reported to work at 6 a.m. Friday morning after leaving the fire at 5 a.m. He will work until 7 p.m. tonight before taking a rest. "I'm pretty well used to it (the long hours)," he said.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents in a 24-hour period ending 8 a.m. Friday:

•GUADALUPE ALEJANDRO GARCIA, 41, of 1304 Kendall, was arrested on a bench warrant for delivery of a controlled substance. He pleaded guilty in 118th District Court and was sentenced to seven years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and fined \$2,124.50.

•NEAL STEVEN MCMORRIS, 46, of no known address, was transferred from the Big Spring Police Department and arrested for driving while intoxicated and resisting arrest. He was later released on \$4,000 bond.

•GARY MONTEL STEPHENSON, 34, of no known address, was transferred from the Big Spring Police Department and arrested for driving with a suspended license. He was later released on \$1,500 bond.

•DAVID ORLANDO YANEZ, 28, of 1610 Cardinal, previously arrested for assault/family violence, was transferred from the Big Spring Police Department

Big Spring ON THE RUN

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents in a 24-hour period ending 8 a.m. Friday:

•TERRY WALLACE VIASANA, 41, of 1901 Scurry, previously arrested for public intoxication, was released after paying a fine.

•FRANCIS ROSAS, 36, of 403 Valley, was arrested for outstanding local warrants and was later released after paying a fine.

•ARTURO ACEVEDO, 36, of 1511 Runnels, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

•DAVID NIETO, 23, of no known address, was arrested for theft. He was later released on bond.

•FRANCISCO NIETO, 17, of no known address, was arrested for theft. He was later released on bond.

•JESSE HERNANDEZ, 17, of no known address, was arrested for outstanding local and county warrants.

•THEFTS in the 1800 block of South Gregg, 100 block of Airbase Road and 1500 block of Marcy.

•RESISTING ARREST at Interstate 20 and Highway 350.

•ASSAULT THREATS in the 1300 block of Colby.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 1600 block of Donley, 300 block of East Fourth, 3300 block of Auburn and 3000 block of West Highway 80.

•UNATTENDED DEATH in the 1500 block of Bell.

•INVESTIGATING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES in the 200 block of Scurry, 3600 block of Calvin, 2300 block of Wasson, 900 block of Willia, 2600 block of Larry, 1700 block of East Marcy, 1300 block of Settles, at 15th and Princeton, 1500 block of Johnson, 300 block of Main and 400 block of Main.

•WELFARE CONCERN in the 100 block of Lincoln.

•JUVENILE PROBLEM in the 1500 block of North Main.

•MINOR ACCIDENT in the 400 block of Gregg, at Seventh and Johnson and 1200 block of East 16th.

•MAJOR ACCIDENT in the 1200 block of Gregg.

•LOUD PARTY at Pennsylvania and Ryan.

•ASSAULT in the 1300 block of Colby.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCES in the 600 block of McEwen and 1500 block of Mesquite.

•DISTURBANCES/FIGHTS in the 2300 block of Romer and 300 block of Tulane.

MARKETS

May cotton futures 84.80 cents a pound, up 40 points; April crude oil 21.25, up 9 points; Cash hog steady at 50 cents lower at 50 cents; slaughter steers steady at \$1.50 higher at 63 cents even; April live hog futures 48.92, up 32 points; April live cattle futures 64.67, up 27 points.

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and released on \$4,000 bond.

•BURNING TRASH at Gatesville Road.

•GRASS FIRE at mile marker 164 and 165 on Interstate 20.

•CONTROLLED BURN off Jeffrey Road.

•DOGS ATTACKING LIVE-STOCK in the 4400 block of Chapparral.

FIRE

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following incidents from Sunday, March 10 to 8 a.m. Friday:

•GRASS FIRES at Big Spring State Park, in the 2100 block of Grace, 2600 block of West Highway 80.

•DUMPSTER FIRE in the 1500 block of Sheppard Lane.

•STRUCTURE FIRE in the 2200 block of Runnels, estimated loss \$10,000.

IN BRIEF

Kiwanis pancake supper tonight

The 50th annual Kiwanis Club Pancake Supper will be tonight from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Howard College Cafetorium. Pancakes with bacon and sausage will be served at \$4 per person, all you can eat. Tickets are available at the door or can be obtained from any Kiwanis Club member.

Coliseum to host Ag Expo

The Ag Expo will be March 21 and 22 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. It is open to the public. Times for this event is as follows: Thursday, 6 to 9 p.m. and Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Thursday: Exhibitors are to set up from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The 25th Annual Ag Appreciation Dinner will be held in conjunction with the Ag Expo at 6 p.m. This is held to honor all local and area farmers and ranchers. Admission is free to all farmers and ranchers, but a ticket will need to be picked up at the chamber officer in order to have approximate count for food. Exhibits will be opened to the public from 6 to 9 p.m. Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys will be providing the entertainment.

Friday: Marcy Weir with Creative Memories will be having a demonstration at 10:30 a.m. She will be showing you how you can create a family scrapbook and how to preserve it with the different supplies she uses.

Thelma Carlile, author of Mealtime and Memories, will be having a cooking demonstration. She will be cooking recipes from her family cookbook and sharing a few family secrets.

Different guest speakers will be conducting workshops through the day on Friday.

Benefit slated for Don Ellis

A benefit auction, barbecue, and shuffle board tournament is being held for Don Ellis on March 23, 1996, at the American Legion Post 506, 3202 W. Hwy. 80, starting at noon. A barbecue dinner is being served from 1 to 4 p.m. at \$5 per plate and carry out is available. The auction will start at 6 p.m. All proceeds and donations go directly to Don Ellis.

SPRINGBOARD

TODAY

•50th Annual Kiwanis Club Pancake Supper, Howard College Cafetorium, 5 to 8 p.m. All you can eat for \$4 per person. Tickets available at the door or can be obtained from any Kiwanis Club member.

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

•Spring City Senior Center, free fashion painting classes, 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited.

•Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Music by CW & Company. Area seniors invited.

•Alcoholics Anonymous noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study, 615 Settles.

SATURDAY

•Big Spring Squares, 8 p.m., Squarena, Chapparral Road. Call 393-5693 or 267-7043.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, noon, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. open meetings, 615 Settles.

SUNDAY

•American Legion Howard County #355, 3:30 p.m., Post Home.

•Good Shepherd Fellowship, 610 Abrams, has services at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come.

•Alcoholics Anonymous 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles.

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Lucy Bell Robinson, 81, died Thursday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Greenwood woman asks for reduced sentence in murder-for-hire case

MIDLAND — A woman who pleaded guilty to hiring a hit man to kill her husband has asked a federal judge to reconsider her 20-year prison sentence.

Nancy Malkiewicz, 40, of Greenwood, pleaded guilty after prosecutors offered to recommend a prison sentence of nine to 12 years.

She admitted to paying \$6,000 to Jerald D. "Bo" Underwood, 19, to kill her husband.

However, during a pre-sentence investigation, a probation officer uncovered letters in which Mrs. Malkiewicz asked a male prisoner to make sure that Underwood couldn't testify against her.

So instead, prosecutors recommended a sentence of 17 to 20 years in prison. Last week, U.S. District Judge Royal Furguson handed down a maximum 20-year prison sentence.

Lawyers for Malkiewicz said prosecution conduct at the sentencing hearing violated the plea agreement.

Stanley Malkiewicz recovered after he was shot in the driveway of his home Aug. 24 and was granted a divorce. But he spoke on his wife's behalf at the trial, urging leniency.

Mrs. Malkiewicz also has pleaded guilty to state charges of attempted capital murder, agreeing to a state sentence of twice as many years as the federal court sentence, minus two years. Sentencing was scheduled for April 4.

Doctor indicted for not reporting child abuse

LANCASTER — A veteran prosecutor says an indictment accusing an emergency clinic doctor of failing to report child abuse is believed the first such indictment against a doctor.

The misdemeanor indictment accuses Dr. Habiboolah Niamatali of failing to report abuse in the case of a 2-year-old boy who was beaten with a belt.

"There may have been some in the past, but I'm not aware of them," said First Assistant District Attorney Norman Kinne.

A woman who answered the phone at Dr. Niamatali's office in the Dallas suburb Thursday afternoon said the doctor would have no comment.

The state's family code requires anyone with a reason to suspect child abuse to report it. Failure to do so is a crime punishable by 180 days in jail and a \$2,000 fine.

Pastor on probation for molesting child arrested for sexually assaulting two sisters

DALLAS — A pastor on probation for molesting a child has been arrested on charges of sexually assaulting two sisters, ages 13 and 15, who attended his church.

Authorities said Wendell Jones was operating his tiny Cathedral of Faith church inside a day-care center, a violation of his probation that required him to avoid contact with children under 17.

Police said they were disturbed to learned that the church had been set up at the day-care center operated by his wife.

"In light of the allegations, it's obviously a concern to us," said Dallas police Sgt. Byron Fassett. "We are pursuing that avenue."

Jones was being held at the Lew Sterrett Justice Center Thursday in lieu of \$40,000 bail and could not be reached for comment.

Former mob associate brought fuel tax scam to Texas, officials say

DALLAS — A man who admitted helping the Colombo crime family steal more than \$200 million in federal fuel taxes a decade and a half ago has been convicted of a similar scam in Texas.

After an eight-week trial, Lawrence "Sal" Iorizzo was convicted Thursday on 10 counts of tax evasion, wire fraud and money laundering. At sentencing before U.S. District Judge Sidney Fitzwater on June 7, Iorizzo faces up to 125 years in prison and \$2.25 million in fines.

Prosecutors said Iorizzo stole more than \$1.3 million in federal fuel taxes and tried to blame former Texas A&M University and Chicago Bears linebacker Ross Brupbacher.

Iorizzo entered the witness protection program in the early 1980s and assumed the name of Lawrence M. Harrison after pleading guilty to mail fraud in New York.

But he left the program by 1989 and helped two sons establish Hebro Petroleum Inc. in Richardson.

Loophole in new law allows U.S. airlines to continue payments to Cuba

DALLAS — U.S. airlines are likely to continue paying the Cuban government about \$23,500 a day for the right to fly over the communist island despite new legislation signed into law by President Clinton earlier this week to tighten trade sanctions on Cuba.

A furious Congress shepherded the sanctions legislation to passage after a Cuban MiG gunned down two American planes carrying four members of a humanitarian group opposed to President Fidel Castro last month.

But the bill doesn't address the overflight charges.

A spokesman for U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., a sponsor of the legislation, said lawmakers were unaware of it when drafting the bill.

"Our position is that no American company — and frankly no company in general — should be giving hard currency to the Castro regime," Helms spokesman Marc Thiessen said Thursday. "Hard currency is what keeps the Castro regime in power."

Teen-age boy arrested in robbery, homicide of 34-year-old woman at barber shop

BALCH SPRINGS — A 15-year-old boy was arrested Thursday in the afternoon robbery and slaying of a 34-year-old woman at a barber shop, police said.

A co-worker found the body of hair stylist Seeta Haddadi in a back room at the Iced Treats barber shop Thursday afternoon.

Study estimates hundreds die trying to cross Rio Grande into Texas

HOUSTON (AP) — More than 300 illegal immigrants are killed each year trying to enter the United States from Mexico to Texas, University of Houston researchers conducting a first-ever study of border fatalities said Thursday.

Bodies of illegal aliens that routinely surface in the Rio Grande along the thousand-mile Texas-Mexico border are known by local authorities as "floaters." Many of the victims never are identified.

And for the families who never find their loved ones killed while making the increasingly treacherous unlawful journey across the river to the United States, they become known simply as "desaparecidos" — the disappeared.

In addition, researchers said disposal of the bodies is haphazard at best, with officials in the seven border counties of Texas too busy with other duties and the counties themselves too poor to conduct adequate and in some cases legally required investigations of the deaths.

"Some of these counties just feel overwhelmed," Nestor Rodriguez, one of the directors of the study of 10 years of migrant deaths along the Texas-Mexico border, said.

"I just wish we could develop some logical system to document. I know these counties have very little money. It would be enormously unfair to them."

The study found state figures for migrant deaths, as counted through death certificates, were much lower than the numbers reported by police or fire departments who actually retrieved the bodies from the river or the riverbanks.

About 40 percent of the estimated 3,200 bodies accounted for in the study found their way into the Texas vital records system, researchers said.

"Officers are decent people," Rodriguez said, denying any intentional wrongdoing by authorities. "They see a body, they call it a floater, it sets in motion a process. It's how we have come to perceive migrants."

Elected justices of the peace, who in Texas may rule on cause of death, often decide drowning

as the reason for a person's death even though they may have little medical skills to make such a judgment, the researchers said.

Along the border, only El Paso County has a fulltime certified medical examiner and other counties in the populous Rio Grande Valley are reluctant to ship the bodies of "floaters" hundreds of miles to San Antonio, where the medical examiner's office there will charge the county \$500 for an autopsy.

Instead, the counties will pay \$70 to local morticians for a "quickie" funeral, held frequently within 24 hours, limiting attempts at notification of next of kin.

The problem is complicated because the body already has started to decompose when it surfaces and the odor from a decaying body is offensive. Also, the body often is unclothed and carries no identification. Authorities say people wading or swimming across the river put their clothes in a plastic bag to keep them from getting wet and the bag and the body become separated.

They wind up in pauper's graves, a handpainted description on a wooden cross often lists only the date the body was found, the gender of the person and a case number. The writing may last six months in the scorching South Texas sun.

While drowning is the most common cause of death, others fall from trains, become victims of violent crime or die in traffic accidents.

"No one agency has a complete list," Rodriguez said. "The information is kept by different agencies."

"This is inadequate for a family looking for a body after a few months," said Stan Bailey of the university's Center for Immigration Research.

Andrea Delgado, 49, of Houston, has been looking for her brother since 1988, when he last was seen trying to get across the river from Matamoros, Mexico to Brownsville.

"The authorities, such as the police, told me that my problem was a Mexican one, not American. That my brother was a wet-back," she said. "I've never

found my brother's body." "It's become a tragedy for families of those who disappeared," Rodriguez said. "Families are working against terrible or impossible odds. If there's no documentation, families won't find their loved ones."

Researchers said the situation is somewhat better on the Mexican side of the border, where records are centralized. Still, their study found while some fatalities were registered as Mexicans, they may have come from elsewhere in Latin America, like Guatemala, Honduras or even South America.

They also warned that stepped-up border control efforts will lead to even more deaths as illegal aliens are forced to try riskier and more isolated crossing points.

Rodriguez said he was not advocating elimination of border controls but said immigration authorities must consider the human cost.

"These people are so desperate," he said.

Berta Rodriguez, an El Paso woman, told Thursday how her uncle drowned in the Rio Grande while crossing from Juarez, Mexico in 1985. Authorities did not conduct a search, she said, waiting until decomposition forced his body to the surface.

"He just wanted to earn some extra money," she said. "You have to understand. These people are in a desperate situation. They do what they have to do to support their families."

He refused to get documents to allow a legal crossing because it required "a lot of paperwork and red tape," she said. "He didn't want to go through that process."

The eight-month study was financed partially by a \$10,000 grant from the American Friends Service Committee, a Quaker group. Researchers said they were planning similar studies of the border in other states.

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EDITORIAL

Quote of the Day

"Don't be agnostic — be something."

-Robert Frost

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We salute:

Each Friday, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play.

This week we salute:

- The 704 persons who turned out to give blood in the hopes they might be able to serve as a bone marrow donor for 16-year-old Meagan Stanley. In addition, we recognize those persons who worked Friday and Saturday, assisting with the bone marrow drive.

- Howard College's Hawks and Lady Hawks basketball teams, for a season of exciting basketball and positive name recognition across the region for Howard County and Big Spring.

- Elbow Elementary School Principal Richard Light for his willingness to part with his hair in an effort to spur added participation in the Accelerated Reading Program by his students.

- Lauri Churchwell, Big Spring, who entered the Guinness Book of World Records for her 17.73 miles worth of tap dancing. In addition, Churchwell's efforts helped raise monies for Kids' Zone.

- Citizens Federal Credit Union, for their efforts to add sculptural art to the community through the addition of three buffaloes sculpted in steel.

- Those persons who participated in the Democratic process by voting in the March 12 primary elections. Howard County's numbers reflected a 36 percent voter turnout compared to 16 percent statewide.

- Efforts to renovate Hangar 25 at the former Webb Air Force Base and develop it into a museum reflecting the history of the military and its airplanes in the community.

YOUR VIEWS

Reader encourages editor to say what he means

To the Editor:

In view of recent editorial comments, I'm guessing that at some time during your academic career that you took some sort of class or seminar titled "Writing the Non-retraction Retraction." I'm also guessing that you excelled in this class.

I am referring to your comments about the Big Spring Correctional Center. It seems that Washington, D.C. has a famous "waffle" and we too have a (if not famous, at least prominent) "waffle." Your "non-retraction retraction" explained what you were trying to do with your comparisons. We know what you were trying to do. I truly respect a man who is willing and able to stand up for what he believes in. I also truly respect a man who is willing and able to admit that he was wrong. It seems you, sir, possess neither of these qualities.

Either stand by your words, or admit you're wrong and apologize — it's that simple. Please, no more: "...what I meant was..." or "...I was just trying to show that..." In my work I am surrounded by about 1,300 convicted felons every day (as is the rest of the staff out here). I would like to point out that it is not the razor wire that keeps the 1,300 inmates inside, it is the staff. Those in the corrections profession recognize this; most of the people of Big Spring recognize this. Maybe you should recognize this. Local law enforcement officers put their lives on the line daily and get little praise for their efforts. In that area, correctional officers and peace officers do not receive deserved respect and appreciation.

Let me try one: "You are a stream of bat urine." If you take offense to this, I will simply submit a retraction stating: "All I was saying is that 'you shine like a shaft of gold when all around is dark.'"

D.M. Green
Big Spring

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Apparently writer Green got too close to the source of the bat urine to which he referred and was unable to read, in the managing editor's column of Feb. 25, the following: "It was not my intent to offend anyone," "Sorry" ... and "It wasn't my intent to degrade BSCC.")

Readers point out honesty in residents of community

To the Editor:

I would like to take a moment of your time to let you and the readers of this newspaper know that there really are honest people in this world! I recently lost a bracelet that meant a lot to me. I put an ad in your paper, and posted signs around the post office asking for its return and offering a reward. I truly did not believe I would ever see it again! Much to my surprise, I was contacted by Royce and Linda Walker of Big Spring advising me Linda found my bracelet in the post office parking lot. My husband met the Walkers at Wal-Mart to pick up the bracelet, and he tried to give them the reward. They absolutely refused to accept any money for their good deed!

I just want to thank Royce and Linda for their honesty in returning my bracelet.

Mona Phillips
Big Spring

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WASHINGTON WATCH

Right-to-die question moves into political arena

WASHINGTON — In the heat of politics and terrorism, there's been a development that will rivet national debate — and will rock politicians — for years to come.

Just as abortion has split the nation, so will the issue of euthanasia and the related question of whether there is a right to die pain-free and with dignity.

From the president on down, candidates running for office are asked for their positions on abortion, whether or not it's relevant to the job. Now they will also be grilled on their views regarding the death-with-dignity debate.

The old issue has been put on the front political burner again because of two court cases. The acquittal of Dr. Jack Kevorkian in Michigan on charges of violating a state law by assisting two suicides, followed two days later by a ruling by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that a terminally ill individual has the right to "pro-actively" end his or her life. The court struck down a Washington state law banning doctor-assisted suicide, saying the Constitution guarantees the right to a "dignified and humane death."

The Supreme Court now will have to get into the issue of whether there is a constitutional

al "right to die." And Americans personally will have to reach down deep in their psyches to confront the issue.

Politically, this is quicksand. Ambivalent Americans say and do different things on the question of life, whether the issue is when it begins or when it is over. They don't want doctors and nurses playing God, but a majority also side with the patient who wants to stop suffering. They are repelled by the idea of abortion, but many don't want to force a woman to have a child against her will, especially if she's a victim of rape or incest or is a child herself.

And technological advances that prolong life well into the 80s or beyond and make it viable earlier have made the ethical issues tougher, not easier. It is possible to keep someone who is not conscious alive for years. It is possible for a barely formed fetus to live outside the womb. Yet sometimes

hospitals won't give certain narcotics to terminally ill patients to ease their suffering.

Pat Buchanan has made his fervor to outlaw all abortion, euthanasia and assisted suicide integral to his presidential campaign.

But in the latest Kevorkian decision (he still faces another charge for the 1991 suicide deaths of two other women), jurors found in his favor on grounds that his primary motive was not to kill the patients by administering lethal carbon monoxide to them but to ease their pain and suffering.

Kevorkian, 67, has admitted to helping 27 people commit suicide over five years and has been acquitted or murder twice. As a result of the 8-3 circuit court decision, nine western states are now permitted to legalize doctor-assisted suicide.

There are so many ramifications of euthanasia that politicians, without a clearcut belief one way or the other will cringe. A family is often divided on what to do. Hospitals may not honor living wills. Does an Alzheimer's victim, losing mind and identity, have a right to die even though life could go on for years? Also, ethics committees or overcrowded courts sometimes take weeks or months to make a decision, driving medi-

cal bills to astronomical levels.

A recent study in the Journal of the American Medical Association found that 38 percent of terminally ill hospitalized patients spend 10 days or more in intensive care, on a ventilator or in a coma. In 1991 a Gallup Poll asked Americans if doctors should be allowed to bring about a painless death for a terminally ill patient if both the patient and family request it. Sixty-five percent of those surveyed said yes; 31 percent said no.

Opponents of euthanasia argue that it is opening the door to abuse such as Nazi Germany-style gas chambers and that the answer is not assisted suicide but better painkillers. Proponents say a right-to-die law allows the individual the final say over how his or her last days are spent. They insist such a law may remove the agonizing dilemma of family members when a relative begs for death.

The circuit court ruling leaves such decisions up to the individual. Technically, what happens next is up to the Supreme Court. But the only thing certain is that this is such an emotional issue, politicians are not about to leave it to the courts.

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U.S. is getting tough with Fidel Castro — again

By LEONARD LARSEN

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WASHINGTON — Political opportunists who help drive public policy the way pressure groups want it to go are at work at the usual mischief, linking U.S. foreign policy to election campaigns.

The opportunists, not surprisingly, include President Clinton, Sen. Bob Dole, who leads in the race for the Republican presidential nomination and members of a congressional clique who rake in campaign money and votes whenever they get a chance to sass Cuban dictator Fidel Castro.

Got to get tough with Castro, they all agree, except that Dole and Republicans in the congressional clique want it clear that, whatever toughness is imposed this time, they want to get tougher on Castro than Clinton wants to get tough.

Castro, who's suffered through U.S.-inspired invasions, economic punishments and nitwit hectoring that's even included exploding cigar assassination plots against him, will probably survive, even thrive, in this get-tough round, just as he has in the others.

Cubans will no doubt suffer from further tightening of economic sanctions that block deliveries of food and medicines and other necessities. But in all likelihood, their suffering will produce more rage against the United States than against Castro and his army.

And getting tough again on Castro will — it already has — cause renewed wonder and anger among some of our closest friends, among them Canada, whose people and commerce might also be victims of this season's outburst of American political opportunism.

On the other hand, Canada and our other foreign friends might simply ignore the new anti-Castro action, which pretends to penalize non-U.S. firms that "traffic" with Castro's Cuba.

Anyway, we're going to get tough on Castro, largely to please politically influential Cuban exiles, some of them aging ex-landlords whose good old days were in a Cuba run by the corrupt regime of dictator Fulgencia Batista.

Inside this bunch with a shared belief that Castro can be frightened into exile by bluff and jeers have arisen various paramilitary adventures organized in the exile community in South Florida. A conviction seems to be that whatever damnfool scheme is hatched to "liberate" Cuba, Uncle Sam can be flim-flammed by the exiles into backing the "liberators."

Most of the time they've been right, wise enough to vote as a bloc — those who have become U.S. citizens — and to pump campaign money into the hands of ambitious office seekers who'll promise a get-tough foreign policy against Castro or almost anything else that could get them elected.

The new toughness on Castro resulted from one of the schemes, one which for years has sent daredevil small plane pilots over Cuba, sometimes dropping anti-Castro leaflets, stunts to mock the Cuban dictator in the eyes of the Cuban people.

The Cuban military, after repeated warnings aimed at both the small plane pilots and the U.S. government, sent jet fighters to shoot down two Florida-based planes. The casualties were four crewmen who were said to have flown that day near Cuba but without penetrating Cuban airspace.

It was a vicious action against unarmed fliers by a tinhorn dictator who's obviously nearing the end of a reign in which he's drawn strength as a hemispheric underdog. It's made more tragic by the prospect that the pilots' lives might have saved if their stunts in hostile airspace had been shut down long ago by U.S. authorities.

It's only now, after the killing of the pilots and the obligatory campaign year get-tough ceremonies, that official notice has been served on the pilots. After only mild earlier U.S. government rebukes, they've been

warned by the Clinton administration that any more stunts over Cuba could cost their licenses, jail terms and heavy fines.

It's foolish tragedy that's been driven by Cuban super-patriots but it's not just the Cuban exiles who demand repayment when they promise campaign money and votes to American politicians. Israel thrives on U.S. aid that same way, and Irish-Americans have managed to get American government blessings for traveling Irishmen who front for terrorists.

What's the wonder when American politicians are held in such contempt?

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MALLARD FILMORE

By BRUCE TINSLEY



Justice Department investigating Farrakhan's Libyan role

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan said Thursday he is not an agent of Libya or any other foreign government and sees no need to register as such with the American government.

"I am an agent of God," Farrakhan said at a news conference, "and if the government requests that I should register as an agent of God, I will be happy to do so."

Farrakhan made the comments after Justice Department officials said government agents had hand-delivered two letters to him about his recent trip to Libya and were watching to see if he acts as a Libyan agent.

The department's foreign agent registration section originally sent Farrakhan a letter in early February noting press reports of the visit and advising he might have to register with the government as a foreign agent.

The Treasury Department's Foreign Assets Control Office also sent a letter last month advising Farrakhan that presidential orders under the International Emergency Economic

Powers Act prohibit U.S. citizens from spending U.S. currency in several countries, including Libya and Iran among those visited by Farrakhan.

Farrakhan said Libyan president Moammar Gadhafi has been "tried and convicted at the insistence of the government of the United States" of not releasing two men accused of blowing up an American airliner with a heavy loss of life.

"If I go to Libya on the basis of atonement and reconciliation to talk to Gadhafi about the problems of Africa and our people; if I go to Iran or to Iraq with whom you have had difficulty ... it is thrown in my face that Iran held American citizens hostage of over 400 days," he said.

"I would welcome a congressional investigation," he told reporters at the National Press Club. "I would welcome a chance to defend myself against the false charge."

Farrakhan was in Washington to receive the 1995 Newsmaker of the Year Award from the National Newspaper Publishers Association at the National

Press Club on Thursday evening.

At her news weekly news conference Thursday, Attorney General Janet Reno declined to provide details of the department's inquiry into Farrakhan because it is a "pending matter." But she said she had just heard about the award he was receiving "and I didn't quite understand it."

The association, representing about 200 black-owned newspapers, said Farrakhan was selected primarily for the vision he showed in putting together his Million Man March on the Washington Mall last year.

On other subjects, Farrakhan said:

— He believes someone accused of a crime and then acquitted, such as O.J. Simpson, should have his legal expenses paid by the accuser. Farrakhan said Gadhafi and Libya fall in the same category.

— That Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf, suspended by the National Basketball Association, until he said he was willing to stand during the playing of the National Anthem "should be left alone."

"If this young man obeys his conscience and the command of God ... we should respect that choice and not punish him for that choice," Farrakhan said of the Denver Nuggets star.

The Justice Department letter was sent by certified mail with a return receipt requested. Farrakhan was not required to answer the letter, but the department never even got the return receipt confirming delivery. The same thing happened with Treasury's letter, an administration official said Thursday.

So, on Wednesday, a Treasury agent hand-delivered copies of both letters to one of Farrakhan's aides in Chicago, according to Justice Department officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Now, Justice officials are watching and checking to see if Farrakhan performs any functions that would require his registration, one Justice official said. Treasury officials also were checking on their own for possible currency violations.

The Foreign Agent Registration Act requires that those who

try to influence U.S. policies and public opinion at the request of or "under the direction or control" of a foreign entity must register publicly with the government. If they take money for such efforts, they must disclose how much and how they spent it.

During Farrakhan's recent world tour, Libya's official news agency JANA reported that Farrakhan and Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi discussed how to increase the influence of American minorities in the next U.S. elections.

Some accounts said Gadhafi pledged \$1 billion to Farrakhan's group, but after Farrakhan left JANA said no donation was made.

If Farrakhan acted as a for-

ign agent but refused to register, the department most likely would file a civil lawsuit to compel him to register. That's what it did in the case of President Jimmy Carter's brother, Billy, who became a Libyan agent in 1980. Very few criminal cases have ever been brought under the act, and then only when the foreign relationship was concealed.

Currency violations are rare because host countries on the Treasury Department's list usually pay the expenses of American guests. But violations can draw civil fines of up to \$10,000 each, levied in an administrative proceeding. For large-scale violations, criminal sentences of 10 years and \$250,000 in fines can be imposed.

Lottery winner tries used tickets to beat taxes

BOSTON (AP) — Phillip W. Cappella won a \$2.7 million lottery jackpot. Apparently it wasn't enough, prosecutors say.

How to get more? Cappella allegedly "rented" 200,000 losing lottery tickets from a man who collects them as a hobby, and then claimed a phony \$65,000 in gambling losses to reduce the tax bite on the jackpot.

Now he's one of the richest men awaiting trial in New England.

"The one consistent theme in virtually all white-collar criminal cases is greed, and it's my view that this case is well within that theme," said Mark Pearlstein, chief of the U.S. Attorney's Office Economic Crimes Unit.

Cappella, 34, a house painter from Pelham, N.H., and his tax preparer, 47-year-old Henry Daneault, a former IRS employee from Lowell, were indicted Wednesday on conspiracy charges.

Cappella won \$2.7 million in 1985, receiving \$135,000 annually before taxes. In 1989, Cappella reported \$135,716 in gambling winnings — and claimed a \$65,000 deduction for gambling losses, saving himself about \$20,150 in federal taxes, Pearlstein said.

Taxpayers can claim gambling losses up to the amount of their winnings. If audited, however, they must document the losses with gambling logs, casino receipts or other evidence.

When Cappella was audited, he produced 200,000 losing scratch-off tickets. That means he bought — and scratched off — about 550 tickets a day.

Prosecutors say Cappella actually got them all at once, for \$500 and a promise to return them in a month, from William Jenner, a retiree who collected them from many sources, including the trash.

According to court records, Daneault wrote Jenner: "We understand that we are borrowing these tickets and we will return them in the same condition as which we received them."

Cappella's lawyer, Matt Donahue, blames Daneault. "Mr. Cappella is a victim of

his accountant's schemes," Donahue said. "He did not initiate or participate in any rental of any lottery tickets, nor does he have any knowledge as to who Mr. Jenner is."

Daneault's attorney, Jim Krasnoo, had no comment.

Daneault could get up to eight years in prison and a fine of \$500,000. Cappella faces up to five years and a \$250,000 fine.

Jay Labelle, a regular lottery player, said: "More power to him. Do you know what the government does? You win \$2.7 million but you don't win \$2.7 million. The feds take a good chunk of that, the state takes a good chunk of that and then every moron who comes along wants to get the rest."

"I only blame him for being stupid," Labelle said.

Judge dismisses four counts against Rostenkowski — 13 of 17 remain

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal judge has reduced the number of counts in the political corruption case against former Rep. Dan Rostenkowski.

U.S. District Judge Norma Holloway Johnson dismissed charges that the Illinois Democrat lied to Congress about alleged schemes involving ghost employees on the payroll, personal purchases at the House stationery store, cash-for-stamps at the House Post Office and vehicle leases in his district.

Johnson's ruling, made public on Thursday, left 13 of the original 17 counts. It was not unexpected given a Supreme Court ruling last May, about a year after Rostenkowski's indict-

ment, that narrowed the scope of a federal false-statements law.

After the high court ruling, a federal appeals court ordered Johnson to re-examine the four counts that charged Rostenkowski with lying to Congress and two others that charged him with lying to the Federal Election Commission.

The law prohibits lying to "any department or agency" of the federal government. The Supreme Court said the law cannot be used to prosecute people for lying to courts, and also implied that people cannot be charged with lying to Congress.

Johnson, in a ruling filed Tuesday, rejected the government's argument that the House Finance Office, which handles

payroll and other matters, was an agency.

But she kept alive the two FEC counts, ruling that the commission was an "independent establishment" and could be considered an agency under the law.

Rostenkowski, former chairman of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee, was charged in May 1994 with using official funds to pay employees who did mostly personal work for him, converting stationery, postal and district office allowances to personal use and obstructing justice. He pleaded innocent and awaits trial, scheduled to start May 15.

Rostenkowski lost his bid for a 19th term in November.

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Despised tax code outlives Forbes

WASHINGTON (AP) — He wanted so badly to drive a stake through its heart. The beat goes on.

Steve Forbes' candidacy was survived by the tax code he despised, leaving the best hopes for its burial in the very halls of power he blamed for creating "this monstrous status quo."

Until just weeks ago, plans to upend the tax system were the rage in the GOP presidential race, with five in play at one point. Although Forbes wasn't first with the idea, he made it fashionable, and intriguing to far more people than ended up voting for him.

Asked today if the flat tax idea will live without him, Forbes declared: "Absolutely ... It's going to be fiercely resisted. It was, but there is a majority of support for it. I think we've moved the issue forward." And he vowed to continue to push his plan, "either making speeches or doing talk shows, working with others..."

Forbes, interviewed on NBC's "Today" show, repeated his endorsement of Sen. Bob Dole, saying "he has something that Mr. Clinton does not have — character. And we agree on far more issues than we disagree on."

As for another presidential bid in 2000, Forbes said, "four years in politics is like 40 years in a lifetime. So I'm making no predictions."

Dole has no tax plan of his own. The Senate majority leader pledged Thursday, in his usual general terms, to seek "fundamental tax reform" with a goal of lower and simpler taxes.

"I thought he offered something in the campaign worth pursuing," Dole said of a rival whose ideas he called "snake oil" in the heat of the fight.

His remaining challenger, Pat Buchanan, urged Dole to "stop stalling on the flat tax idea."

Forbes left the race saying Americans won't be denied a

tax system that transfers powers to them from Washington.

"It's not whether it will happen," he insisted. "It's just a matter of when it will happen."

"The upshot is that Bob Dole doesn't have what it takes to lead a major shift in policy," said Heritage Foundation economist Daniel Mitchell, a flat tax advocate. "We'll get dribs and drabs."

House Majority Leader Dick Armey of Texas, whose flat tax proposal became a near model for Forbes, wasn't so glum.

"I think the flat tax is in an even stronger position than it was when Steve got in the race. It wasn't Forbes that gave the flat tax its popularity but the other way around," he said in an interview. "Steve was a studiously anonymous person all his life until he got in" the race and began pitching the idea.

Congressional Republicans are pressing ahead with a variety of plans for a tax overhaul, scheduling hearings this year.

In a conciliatory response to Forbes' departure, Dole said he hoped the publisher would contribute to that process.

Dole also spoke of the value of a tax system that would allow Americans to do their returns "without an accountant or a lawyer." Whether that would fit on a postcard was unstated.

A commission formed by Dole and Gingrich and led by Forbes' friend, Jack Kemp, came out with a report promoting a flat tax but skirting the issue of whether the mortgage interest and charitable contribution deductions should be maintained.

Dole praised but did not endorse the findings.

He has also defended some of the major deductions Forbes would have repealed in return for lowering tax rates to a universal 17 percent. The plan would have exempted the poor and removed taxes on investment income, in what critics

called a boon for the rich.

At the height of flat-tax campaign fever, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants threw caution flags in the debate, warning against impulsive moves with the tax code.

Peat Marwick accountant Deborah Walker, an overseer of that group's report, now says the chances are much smaller that politicians will be "throwing everything out."

She said, the sentiment for changes remains strong.

"I've been in Washington since 1982, and I've never seen the seriousness with which it was discussed," she said. "Forbes kept the momentum up and (despite) his getting out, the momentum is still going to be there."

Alarmed at the attacks the flat tax was drawing, Armey went to New Hampshire at one point to defend it and asked Republican critics to lay off.

Criticisms persisted and not just in the campaign: House Speaker Newt Gingrich has called parts of Forbes' plan "nonsense."

Surveys of Republican primary voters indicate the idea has appeal.

They have expressed a marginal preference for a flat tax over the system of graduated rates — a quick rise for a plan long promoted in academic and political circles but rarely at the center of public attention. More generally, voters have rated taxes among their top concerns.

"It's an issue of great importance to a large number of people in both parties," said Stephen Gold of the Tax Institute.

The Heritage Foundation's Mitchell agreed, to a point.

"I think the longing is there with one important caveat: You have to make major tax reform a tax cut. I think that's where Dole will fall short."

Ross Perot volunteers gear up for ballot drive; Question as to whether Perot will head party

DALLAS (AP) — Ross Perot's volunteers launched a drive Thursday to put the Reform Party on the ballot in his home state as both major parties watch to see if the Texan will end up heading the upstart ticket in November.

Perot, who did not attend the Texas kickoff because of a scheduling conflict, is financing the campaign to get the new party started but refuses to say whether he would run under its banner.

Despite an attempt by Reform Party speakers to keep the focus on efforts to get the party formed and steer clear of the questions on who will be the presidential nominee, the subject came up time and again.

"Ross Perot could in fact be the nominee, but that is not set in stone. That will be decided at the convention," said Paul Truax, state chairman of the Reform Party of Texas.

Perot's name will go on the Texas ballot, but as a stand-in until a party convention

around Labor Day, when a candidate will be selected, according to Russ Verney, national coordinator.

"The purpose of the people in this room has never been about promoting one person's ambition in politics," he said.

For the party to be recognized in Texas, the state requires 43,963 valid signatures of registered voters who did not vote in the Texas primary.

"That's sort of like asking a regular churchgoer if they go to church but haven't been recently," said Truax.

In addition, petition gatherers must read the top of each petition outlining the rules before asking someone to sign.

"They're doing things trying to make it harder to get on the ballot," said Donna Miller of Dallas, who hitchhiked across three states with her seeing-eye dog trying to gather support for Perot in the last election.

The signatures must be gathered and turned in by May 28

for the group to exist as a recognized third party in Texas.

Of the states that have been targeted so far, the Reform Party has been successful in California, South Carolina, North Dakota, Montana and Utah, and failed to get on the ballot in Arkansas. The effort is tied up in court in Maine and Ohio, where five petition circulators are under investigation by county officials.

Verney complained that the investigation was akin to the "Salem witch hunt."

Until the Reform Party candidate is named, others are watching warily.

The Dole campaign believes a Perot candidacy would only help Clinton in a three-way matchup.

"This is going to be the swing vote," Verney said.

Republican candidate Pat Buchanan has tried to get Perot supporters into his camp and has been successful with people like Dee Zuber of Ohio, who was once a United We Stand convention delegate.

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Insults fly during focus on Buchanan's future

DETROIT (AP) — Pat Buchanan offers a simple answer for those expecting his quick exit from the Republican presidential race: "We're going up into the hills and we're not coming down until deep, late in the summer. We're going to meet in San Diego."

At the same time, though, aides complain that attacks from Bob Dole's allies are harming the cause of eventual party unity, while Buchanan himself says he may ask backers for advice on whether to part ways with the Republican Party.

With the GOP presidential race all but settled and Buchanan the only remaining candidate running against Dole,

most of the suspense in the race focused on the ost primary role Buchanan would play. Across the Midwest, there were conflicting signals and no sign of a quick resolution.

"The word quit is not in our lexicon," said Buchanan, who said attacks by Dole's allies were making it far more difficult to unify the party, and increasing the chances he would launch a third-party bid.

Buchanan's campaign issued a statement quoting New York Sen. Al D'Amato, a chairman of Dole's campaign, referring to Buchanan's backers as "a bunch of ayatollahs" as an example of the attacks that infuriate his backers.

"As Pat Buchanan brings new people into the party and old ones back, Bob Dole has hung out a sign that reads 'no Buchananites need apply,'" the statement said.

Buchanan keeps hinting he may bolt.

"I'm going to the Republican convention. If my party takes a sharp turn to the left, I'm going straight ahead," Buchanan said Thursday night on CNN's "Larry King Live."

Asked directly if that meant he would start a third-party movement, Buchanan said: "Well, I'm not saying I would do that. ... But somebody's going to have to represent the folks who have voted for me..."

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Television, tears and a talking pig

Scripps Howard News Service

It's hard to debate religious liberty issues with a superstar pig from Hollywood.

The star of "Babe, the Gallant Pig" made a cameo appearance during the recent taping of an Oprah Winfrey show about school board-supported Christian Bible readings and prayers in public schools in Pontotoc, Miss. The talking pig on video — interrupted the host's opening narration about "people who have been made to feel like outcasts in their own communities."

While plugging the movie, "Babe" stressed its timely message — the importance of loving one another and having an "unprejudiced heart." Sure enough, this sound bite later fit perfectly in yet another television drama about the evangelical right. The episode is scheduled to air Tuesday, March 19.

"There's really not much you can do," said Michael Whitehead, a Southern Baptist attorney representing the school district. "You can either play their game and look like a cad or be silent and not defend yourself. ... If you choose to take them on, then it's really

hard not to appear angry. After all, the whole game is set up to produce fireworks."

In this case, the local school board allowed student-led Christian prayers and Bible readings in public school settings not limited to those who chose to be there, resulting in a lawsuit by the American Civil Liberties Union and People For The American Way. In addition to attorneys, the Oprah show featured citizens who back the school board-supported Christian prayers as well as those who contacted the ACLU, Lisa Herdahl and her son, Kevin.

Beforehand, Whitehead said that Winfrey's staff seemed surprised that many in the studio audience supported public prayer. Thus, they hunted for those willing to take the other side in a "spontaneous" debate.

Producers have to find out who will do the best job of stating strong opinions on the air, said Jill Almquist, an Oprah publicist. Also, it's customary to move these people to designated chairs, to help the camera crews.

"We do ask, 'Who can we go to? ... But we don't like people to do too much talking'"

WHAT A MESS



Dannon Ramey looks at the paint on her hands after creating a work of art by fingerpainting at the Big Spring YMCA Wednesday afternoon. Several children were at the day camp during spring break.

'The Door' enjoys being funny, satirical

DALLAS (AP) — For 25 years, The Door has been a church mouse that roared. A slim journal of religious satire with limited circulation and income, the magazine has rattled icons, tweaked the faithful and — sometimes — left its readers laughing.

On its covers, the Madonna has cradled in her arms a haloed Barney, the purple dinosaur, in a poke at Christmas commercialism.

Articles such as "The Tithe Answer Man — How to Get the Best Blessing for Your Buck" and "Beavis and Butt-head Are Saved" fill its pages.

And seldom are its writers without opinion. A good reason to become a Catholic priest, one recently opined, is that "you get to drink wine and play bingo on the job."

Now, The Door — \$30,000 in debt and with less than 10,000 subscribers — is coming to Dallas. Here, its new publisher, Ole (pronounced OH-lee) Anthony, hopes to revitalize it and use it as a springboard into television.

Anthony, president of The Trinity Foundation, a charismatic Christian community known for its work with the homeless and its monitoring of televised religious hucksters, predicted that paid circulation will reach 100,000 in three years.

The Door's first Anthony-published issue hits the stands this week and it comes out swinging.

The cover story, "Honey, I Shrunk the Nun!" labels 1979 Nobel Peace Prize Winner Mother Teresa "loser of the decade."

While the article breaks little

new ground, relying instead on previous reports of the nun's unsavory business connections and purported callousness, the surprise is the attitude. "Admit it," the article notes, "doesn't this whole discussion make you cringe?"

"We sat around in editorial conference and asked each other, 'Who can't we touch?'" the silver-haired, pipe-smoking Anthony said. "And we came up with Mother Teresa. She's a loser, just like the rest of us. But she's become an icon of virtue. She's been elevated so high — that's why we made her loser of the decade."

In three pages, the article recounts Mother Teresa's alleged transgressions: her hobnobbing with Haiti's bloody Duvalier regime, her acceptance of contributions from questionable sources, her penchant for traveling by private jet, her administering of mere aspirin to dying patients in excruciating pain.

"The first draft of the article was written by a practicing Catholic," said executive editor Bob Darden, a Waco writer who has been editor of The Door since 1987. "The second draft was written by a Southern Baptist. Then the third was polished down here. We watered it down a bit, but every word is a jewel. I think now I'll be able to keep my phone number."

"I don't think it's vicious and attacking. Our original idea for the cover was to have Teresa bending over being spanked by God. But that's the type of thing that would generate an outraged reaction. The point of the article is that you can't be a respecter of persons."

Episcopal church on cutting edge of religion

Scripps Howard News Service

ASHEVILLE, N.C. — This was only Janine Nitterauer's second time in the pulpit and her mind went blank when she finished reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans.

Father Bill McLoughlin guided her to the liturgy's next line. "The Word of the Lord," he says. "Thanks be to God," responded the congregation.

"I knew there was something I was supposed to say," says

Nitterauer, laughing. Several friends offered hugs as she returned to her folding chair in the Church of the Resurrection's temporary sanctuary.

Welcome to the cutting edge of American church life, where it's getting harder to tell the players without an up-to-date program and people are constantly learning new roles.

Until recently, the 80 or so members of this mission,

including their priest, were part of an historic parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina. Others were Baptists, Pentecostals or, like Nitterauer, simply unchurched. Now they are part of the Charismatic Episcopal Church, a hard-to-label flock that was born in 1992.

Beginning in the 1970s, millions were touched by "charismatic renewal," which lit Pentecostal fires in many

Roman Catholic and old-line Protestant churches.

The result is a collision between the American frontier and ancient Christendom that will change both, according to the Rev. Dan Scott of Phoenix.

"We will learn that the treasures of the church belong to us all," writes Scott. "It will be all right for Lutherans to speak with tongues. It will be all right for a Pentecostal to make the sign of the cross."

CLUBS IN BRIEF

GOP Women

The West Texas Republican Women's Club will present a Luncheon and Easter Parade Style Show on Saturday, March 23, 11:30 a.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Tickets for the event will be \$10 each and may be picked up at any of the participating shops which are: Beth Ann's, Kid's Shop, Miss Royale, Tom Boy, Pretty Woman Boutique, and Walmart. Any club member will also have tickets for sale.

DAR

The Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution recently held its annual Geo. Washington Tea at the home of Mrs. Paul Lawson. Co-hostesses were Mrs. John Damron and Mrs. Charles Cummings.

Special guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Boyd. (He is the winner of the DAR Regional Veteran/Patient Award) and Mrs. LaVerne Gary, prospective member.

The regular business meeting will be March 16 at Big Spring

Country Club.

BS Prospectors

The Big Spring Prospectors Club feel that the Gem and Mineral Show March 2 & 3, 1996 was a huge success. More local people turned out and they were appreciated by the club.

It takes tremendous effort to sponsor a show of this size. All the members feel it is well worth while and a service to the community.

This year both grand prizes were won by local people and both were teachers in Big Spring Schools. The agate bookends were won by Johnny McGregor who teaches at the High School. The topaz stone cut in the Star in Big Spring pattern was won by Sandy Williamson, who teaches at Anderson Kindergarten. The club members were pleased that these two local people were so lucky. Door prizes were also won through out both days on an hourly basis, but no record is kept of these winners.

Russ Cable of Abilene won the "Peoples Choice" award with his display of spheres. His display of agate butterflies received the second highest number of votes.

According to door prize ticket subs 720 adults and 265 chil-

dren attended the show. Many did not want door prize tickets, so we feel total attendance was over 1000.

If you missed the show this year, why not plan now to attend next year's show. It is always held the first weekend in March at the Howard County Fair Barn and admission is free.

Eastern Star No. 67

Big Spring Chapter No. 67 Order of the Eastern Star, honoring Masons and their ladies Rainbow Girls and Pledge Sisters, and Parents. Dinner, March 19, 1996, at 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:30 p.m. Masonic Temple.

City FCE

The president of the City FCE Club presided at the regular meeting time with Jowill Etchison as hostess. There were 7 members present and the Extension Agent, Dana Tarter.

Devotion Phillipians 2:3 was read by the hostess. Roll call was answered by "My worst buying mistake." The thought was "Democracy without morality is impossible."

During the business meeting, minutes were read and approved. The council report

was given and instructions for the next meeting were handed out. The program was "Nutrition" by the Extension agent. She emphasized that all should eat balanced meals but they might also need some vitamins prescribed by doctors.

The next meeting will be combined with the Elbow Club for a luncheon with the foods that were recommended at the state meeting in 1995. The food will be prepared by members of both clubs.

Elbow FCE

The Elbow FCE Club met in the home of Sybil Duffer on March 7. Myrl Soles called the meeting to order with eight members and one visitor present. The devotional was given from Phillipians 2:3. Members enjoyed a discussion on "My worst buying mistake." Thought for the day was "Democracy without morality is impossible."

Olene Menges met with the delegates and reported that plans for an Achievement Day were under way. On March 19 there will be a program on Home Base Business on satellite from 6 to 9 p.m. The Ag Expo will be on March 22 and 23 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Time for these events are as follows: Thursday 6 to 9 p.m. and Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Marcia Weir, with Creative Memories, will be illustrating how to preserve old photos.

Thelma Carlisle will be having a cooking demonstration using some of her favorite recipes from her cookbook of Mealtimes and Memories.

On March 30 and 31, Stanton will have Old Sorehead Days. Dana Tarter, Extension Agent, presented a program on "Vitamin Supplements - Friend or Foe" March is National Nutrition Month. A pamphlet on "Nutrient Needs at a Glance" by V. Crowe were distributed.

The next meeting will be March 21 at 11:00 a.m. in the home of Lou Vincent, 2300 Merrily. The City FCE Club will be present. Members will bring cooked food and be prepared to tell what it is, how to use it, how to store it, and how nutritious it is.

Rainbow Girls

Miss Lochie Musgrove was installed Saturday, February 10, as worthy advisor of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls, Big Spring Assembly No. 60. The ceremony will be held at the Masonic Temple at 7:00 PM.

Miss Musgrove is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Musgrove. Her term is dedicat-

ed to Rainbow Assembly No. 60. She chose as her theme "Prayer" and her poem is "Hello Sunshine!" Her scripture quotation is Proverbs 3:5 and her emblem is praying hands. The hall was decorated in teal, yellow, and pink, with dogwood as her flower. Miss Musgrove's motto is "Through prayer comes trust, understanding and faith."

Installing officer is Christeen Ledbetter, assisted by Brandi Land, Grand Marshall Mary Bond, chaplain; Earnestine Winterowd, musician; and Eunice Thixton; Mother Advisor. The invocation and benediction was given by Mr. Tom Musgrove.

New officers to serve with Miss Musgrove are Dan Shober, charity; Laura Rutherford, hope; Jacqueline Musgrove, faith; Allison Thomas, chaplain; Amanda Sheedy, drill leader; Becky Fuller, love; Leslie Hicks, religion; Traci Beltran, nature and Debbie Rutherford, mother advisor.

Special music was provided by Susan Palmer and Jean Harrison is guest speaker.

Committee assignments are Badges: Cassandra Lewis, Becky Fuller, Telephone: Laura Rutherford, Morgan Broyles; Cards: Allison Thomas, Please see CLUB, page B3

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•Dry small loads of synthetic fabrics to minimize wrinkling.

•Articles you wish to iron may be removed when still damp. Store them in a plastic bag for ironing later.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Ag Expo

The Ag Expo will be March 21 and 22 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. It is open to the public. Times for this event is as follows: Thursday, 6 to 9 p.m. and Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Thursday: Exhibitors are to set up from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The 25th Annual Ag Appreciation Dinner will be held in conjunction with the Ag Expo at 6 p.m. Admission is free to all farmers and ranchers, but a ticket will need to be picked up at the chamber office in order to have approximate count for food. Exhibits will be opened to the public from 6 to 9 p.m. Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys will be providing the entertainment.

Friday: Marcy Weir with Creative Memories will be having a demonstration at 10:30 a.m. She will be showing you how you can create a family scrapbook and how to preserve it with the different supplies she uses.

Volunteers needed

The Mobile Meals Program, also known as Meals on Wheels, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you volunteer, please call 267-4503 or 263-4016.

Poetry contest

Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum Inc. is offering a grand prize of \$500 in its new "Distinguished Poet Awards" poetry contest. Thirty-four other cash awards are also being offered. The contest is free to enter.

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THE LAST WORD

In our efforts to improve on nature, we are guided by our vision of paradise.

—Marina Schinz

Every flower is a soul blossoming out to nature.

—Gerard De Nerval

The function of the imagination is not to make strange things settled, so much as to make settled things strange.

—G.K. Chesterton

The waist is a terrible thing to mind.

—Ziggy

CHURCH IN BRIEF

HOWARD COUNTY DEVOTIONAL PAGE

First Baptist Church

First Baptist Church of Big Spring will be hosting a special musical event, Sunday, March 17 at 6:00 P.M. International Christian recording artist/pianist Enoch will be performing a concert of uplifting Christian music.

Enoch, born in India, has shared the stage with such artists as Carmen, Phil Driscoll, Debby Boone, and many others. His concert combines encouragement and humor to help his audience worship the Lord.

The concert is free to the public. The address for First Baptist church is 705 W. Marcy. For more information, please call 267-8223.

First UMC

There will be a Divorce Adjustment Seminar on Saturday, March 23, 1996, sponsored by the First United Methodist Church. This seminar is provided for this community and surrounding areas annually. Each year people in different stages of divorce have attended and responded positively to the sessions of recovery, adjustment and growth directed by Tom Vermillion from Midland. The seminar will be held in the Men's Bible Class, off Gregg Street, behind the church located on 400 Scurry, Big Spring, Texas. The time is from 9:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m., and lunch and childcare will be provided; please register as early as possible. If you have any questions or to register, call 267-6394.

Baptist Temple

There will be a seminar for divorced, separated or widowed persons of all ages at Baptist Temple Church fellowship hall, 400 Eleventh Place, with Rev. Don Snipes leading the workshop. This seminar will continue for eight Thursday evenings April 4 - May 23, 1996, at 7 p.m. The cost is \$35 which includes materials, workshop and refreshments and child care available upon request. The deadline to register is March 21. If you have any questions or to register call 267-8287.

First Christian Church

A musical production entitled "Walters," which is currently touring the United States, will be presented Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. at First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. Production members include 29 youth and 8 adults from Lubbock who will present their award-winning program free of charge to the community.

An all community non-denominational vespers service is held each Wednesday at First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911, Goliad. This is a lady-led service offers special music and a short devotional from 6:15 to 6:45 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend this half hour of "refreshment."

Hillcrest Baptist

Spring Revival, March 24-27, at Hillcrest Baptist Church. The evangelist will be Johnny Witherspoon of Odessa. Music will be led by the "Calvary Singers" of Dallas. Services will be at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday, March 24. Services will begin each evening at 7 p.m., Monday through Wednesday. You and your family are invited to come and experience truly exciting days of revival with us. A nursery is provided for every service.

St. Mary's Episcopal

St. Mary's Episcopal Church continues its 1996 Lenten Program "The Life of Prayer - Explorations into God" Wednesday, March 13. Each week a different member of the Clergy of the Episcopal Diocese of Northwest Texas will address a different aspect of the life of prayer.

The program begins with Evening Prayer at 5:30 PM. A Lenten Pot Luck Supper will follow in the Parish Hall. The presentation will begin at 6:45 PM and last for about 45 minutes. St. Mary's is located at 1001 Goliad, and the public is most welcome to attend.

This week's guest speaker is the Rev. Stockton Williams. Father Williams is a native of Big Spring.

Blessed is every one that feared the Lord; that walketh in his ways. For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee. Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table. Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feared the Lord.

Psalm 128:1-4

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Proverbs 13:3

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Farr relishes leadership role on track team

By RODERICK RICHARDSON
Herald Sports writer

Some people might not enjoy the prospect of being one of the few seniors on a team.

That is not the case with Randy Farr of the Big Spring Steers track team.

Last year, Farr was a state qualifier in the quarter mile run. This season, Farr is only one of three returning runners for the team, and to make matters grimmer, the Steers' roster includes less than 10 partici-

pants. "We don't have that many people," said Farr. "It's a rebuilding year. We had a lot of young people come in."

Track primarily is a sport of individual accomplishment. Outside of relay events, one only has to worry about his or her performance. Farr doesn't have much to worry about.

"I think I have a pretty good chance in going to state," said Farr, whose best events are the 400 and 200 meter dashes.

Farr added that the 400-meter and 1600-meter relay also have

potential to go far.

However, there are team titles Big Spring's boys are concerned about. The Steers are defending district and regional champs, and Farr's optimistic the team will maintain the status quo.

"We have a great chance of winning district again," said Farr. "And I believe we are going to qualify a lot of people for regional."

Farr's confidence is fueled by his success in this year's meets; he has taken high honors in each of his events. In the three

meets so far, Farr hasn't finished worse than second place in the 200-meter dash. The 400 and 1600 relay have finished first each time.

According to Farr, his contribution to these achievements is his improved time and fitness from last year.

"I am in a lot better shape than last year," said Farr. "I'm not as tired after a race, and my time has improved since last year."

Track coach Randy Britton also sees increased speed from Farr, but hopes bad luck won't

hit. "[Farr] is far better this year," said Britton. "But so many things can happen. You can't tell until the season's over, but he is on the right track."

As for the rest of the season, Farr has set more goals for himself. One is to continue contributing as a team leader, and to run a time of 46 seconds in the 400-meter run. By achieving his goals, Farr can also satisfy his coaches.

"[The coaches] want me to just go out there and improve

in every meet," said Farr.

With Farr's "friendly rivalry" with cousin and freshmen runner Tory Mitchell, Britton is planning to take advantage of the competitiveness.

"It's always good to have a rivalry - especially with family. It only makes you better when you want to race," said Britton. "I might have Farr run head-to-head with Tory [Mitchell] in the 100. It's something Farr wants to do, and I like to see them go at it - maybe in Monahans."

Tech looks for long NCAA stay

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Texas Tech is finally getting the recognition it deserves.

Sort of. The Red Raiders were miffed when the NCAA tournament committee snubbed them last year despite a 20-9 record and a three-point overtime loss in the Southwest Conference title game.

"We felt like we were a tournament team last year. That certainly was a motivating factor for this season," coach James Dickey said Thursday on the eve of his team's first-round NCAA tournament game against Northern Illinois.

Texas Tech left no question that it belonged in the tournament this year. The Red Raiders went 28-1, won the SWC tournament and finished No. 7 in the country.

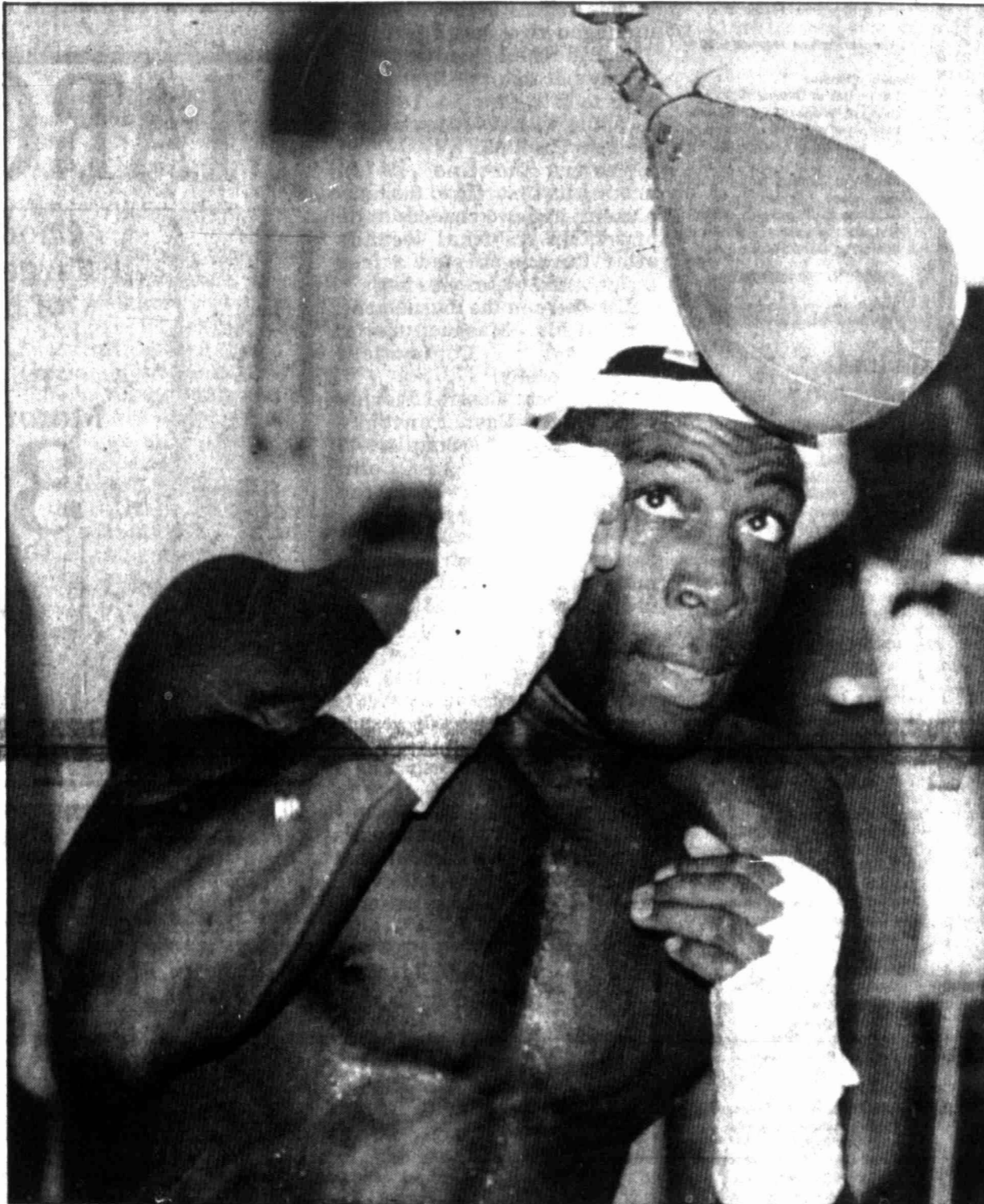
So why only a No. 3 seed? "We know that a lot of people don't think we're as good as our record shows," guard Koy Smith said Thursday.

A victory over Northern Illinois would set up a probable matchup against 25th-ranked North Carolina on Sunday.

The Red Raiders, who beat every team but Eastern Michigan during the regular season, bring a nation-best 21-game winning streak into Friday's game. It's their first appearance in the NCAA tournament since 1993, and Sasser can't wait to make up for lost time.

"After I got here in my freshman year, I thought I'd be back every year. Then we went two years without it," he said.

READY FOR TYSON



WBC heavyweight champion Frank Bruno works out Monday in Las Vegas. Bruno, 40-4 with 38 knockouts, faces Mike Tyson Saturday in Las Vegas. The fight is available on pay-per-view from Big Spring Cable TV.

Pete's dragon slays defending champion

The Associated Press
Princeton wrecked any ideas UCLA might have had of repeating, and ruined more than one person's office pool.

Running a supposedly outdated offense that slowed the tempo to a crawl, the Tigers made the Bruins play Princeton basketball Thursday night and pulled off a shocking 43-41 win in the NCAA Southeast Regional at Indianapolis.

Princeton came into the tournament with a recent history of close calls - close calls, but all losses. This time though, the Tigers completed the job by scoring the game's final nine points, capped by a backdoor layup by Gabe Lewullis with 3.9 seconds left that jumped right out of the pages of the team's playbook.

The unlikely victory was an emotional one for Princeton and its coach Pete Carril, who announced his retirement last week after winning the Ivy League title.

"You have a game like this and we win, and maybe if we play UCLA 100 times, they would win 99 times," Carril said. "But tonight, we did."

Saturday, the Tigers will get a chance to do it again. Next up is Mississippi State, a 58-51 winner over Virginia Commonwealth. The Bulldogs' practice today undoubtedly included defending backdoor cuts.

With the score tied 41-41, Lewullis got Charles O'Bannon to buy a stutter-step fake, took a pass from Steve Goodrich, and scored in traffic.

UCLA, 11 times the national champion, called timeout, and

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officials reset the clock from 1.3 seconds to 2.2 despite Carril's protests.

The Bruins had one final try, but Toby Bailey's jumper from the baseline was an airball at the buzzer.

O'Bannon made no excuses for falling for Lewullis' deke.

"It was my fault, unfortunately," O'Bannon said. "It's over and done with. I'm looking forward to next year."

Princeton wound up with the lowest winning point total in the tournament since the NCAA adopted the shot clock in 1985.

Sydney Johnson finished with 11 points for Princeton, and Lewullis added 10. Bailey led the Bruins with 13 and Kris Johnson had 10.

It was the first time a defending champion lost in the first round since Richmond beat Indiana 72-69 in 1988.

In today's tournament games, Georgetown played Mississippi Valley State and New Mexico played Kansas State in the East; Temple played Oklahoma and Cincinnati played North Carolina-Greensboro in the Southeast; Louisville played Tulsa and Villanova played Portland in the Midwest; Maryland played Santa Clara and Kansas played South Carolina State in the West.

In tonight's games, Texas Tech plays Northern Illinois and North Carolina plays New Orleans in the East; Indiana plays Boston College and

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NBA, Abdul-Rauf reach solution to national anthem controversy

DENVER (AP) — Like a trade that benefits two teams, the NBA and Denver Nuggets guard Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf both got what they wanted. In the process, they also saved face and defused a potentially explosive issue that mixed religion and the Constitution.

Abdul-Rauf on Thursday agreed to stand and pray during the national anthem, and the NBA promptly lifted its suspension of him.

The guard, who insisted he is not compromising his Islamic beliefs and principles, will line up alongside his teammates

tonight in Chicago when the anthem is played before the Nuggets' game with the Bulls.

"I'll stand, I will offer a prayer, my own prayer, for those who are suffering - Muslim, Caucasian, African-American, Asian or whoever is in that position, whoever is experiencing difficulty. This is what I cry out for," Abdul-Rauf told ESPN.

On Tuesday, the NBA suspended him, indefinitely and without pay, for his refusal to stand during national anthem, an action he said he took because he considers the flag a

symbol of "oppression and tyranny." Since the start of the season, Abdul-Rauf has either sat on the bench or waited in the locker room during the playing of the anthem.

The NBA requires players to stand "in a dignified posture" while the national anthem is played before games.

The Nuggets quietly tried to reach an accommodation with Abdul-Rauf over the issue. It came to public attention when some spectators at McNichols Arena noticed Abdul-Rauf sitting during the anthem and called radio talk shows to

inquire about the practice.

Abdul-Rauf spoke openly about the issue after a shootaround on Tuesday, and the NBA said it was left with no choice but to suspend him.

The suspension cost him \$31,707 for the game he missed Tuesday night. He is in the second year of a four-year, \$11.2 million contract.

"Now I recognize there is a better approach," Abdul-Rauf said Thursday. "In Islam, you honor your contract. And if after making a decision, you see that which is better, you do that."

"Am I sorry for it? Do I feel I'm wrong for doing what I did? No. This is what I believe. I'm not wrong for the stance I took. In no way am I compromising."

The NBA, faced with an increasingly sticky controversy and potential legal action over the issues of freedom of religion and speech, immediately lifted the suspension.

"The NBA has always required that on-court personnel stand while the anthem is played. We do not believe this is inconsistent with anyone's right to freedom of expression or religion," the league said in

a statement. "We are pleased that Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf has found a way to reconcile his personal beliefs with this long-recognized custom."

Although Abdul-Rauf said the anthem was a form of nationalistic worship forbidden in Islam, other Muslim players and scholars disputed his interpretation.

Abdul-Rauf's comments and resulting suspension turned the issue into a national debate, and it appeared likely the dispute was headed to court.

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	<p>Today Baseball Big Spring at Snyder tournament. Coahoma at Colorado City, 2 p.m.</p> <p>Friday Baseball Big Spring at Snyder tournament. Track and Field Big Spring boys at Levelland</p>	<p>Clippers sink Mavericks ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — While it's probably too late for the Los Angeles Clippers to make the playoffs, they're starting to show what they can do with everyone healthy. Loy Vaught had 20 points and 14 rebounds and Pooh Richardson made two 3-pointers in the final two minutes Thursday night to pace the Clippers to a 110-106 victory over Dallas for their sixth victory in nine games. The Clippers (23-40) have turned it around after losing 13 of 14. Playing one of their eight home games at the Anaheim Arena, the Clippers were coming off a five-game road trip in which they went 3-2, beating New York, Washington and Philadelphia and losing to Boston and Detroit.</p>	<p>More trouble for Tyson? HACKENSACK, N.J. (AP) — A Tenafly real estate agency wants a judge to resolve a dispute between heavyweight boxer Mike Tyson and his former girlfriend over a \$100,000 down payment on a house. Century 21 MACC Realty is holding the down payment from Tyson on a house for Kimberly Scarborough, who is the mother of his daughter, Mickey. In September, the agency showed Scarborough several houses for about \$500,000. She later decided not to buy a house through the agency. Scarborough demanded that the real estate agency return the money to her, according to a lawsuit filed Thursday by Century 21 against Tyson and Scarborough in state Superior Court in Hackensack. The agency wants a judge to resolve the matter and remove the company from any liability.</p>

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WEST REGIONAL First Round At The PE Albuquerque, N.M. Thursday, March 14 Syracuse 86, Montana State 55 Drexel 75, Memphis 63 Purdue 73, Western Carolina 71 Georgia 81, Clemson 74 At The University Activity Center Tempe, Ariz. Friday, March 16 Maryland (17-12) vs. Santa Clara (19-8), 1:38 p.m. Indiana (26-4) vs. South Carolina State (22-7), 30 minutes after previous game Iowa (22-6) vs. George Washington (21-7), 7 p.m. Arizona (24-8) vs. Valparaiso (21-10), 30 minutes after previous game Second Round At The PE Albuquerque, N.M. Saturday, March 16 Purdue (26-5) vs. Georgia (20-9), 3:30 p.m. Kansas (25-8) vs. Drexel (27-3), 30 minutes after previous game At The University Activity Center Tempe, Ariz. Sunday, March 17 Arizona-Valparaiso winner vs. Iowa-George Washington winner, 1:30 p.m. Kansas-S. Carolina St. winner vs. Maryland-Santa Clara winner, 30 minutes after previous game Regional Semifinals At The PE Albuquerque, N.M. Saturday, March 16 Connecticut 68, Colgate 59 Eastern Michigan 75, Duke 60 Mississippi State 58, Virginia Commonwealth 51 Princeton 43, UCLA 41 At Orlando Arena Orlando, Fla. Friday, March 15 Temple (18-12) vs. Oklahoma (17-12), 11:25 a.m. Cincinnati (25-4) vs. North Carolina-Greensboro (20-9), 30 minutes after previous game Indiana (19-11) vs. Boston College (18-10), 6:40 p.m. Georgia Tech (22-11) vs. Austin Peay (18-10), 30 minutes after previous game Second Round At The RCA Dome Indianapolis Sunday, March 16 Connecticut (21-2) vs. Eastern Michigan (25-5), 3:50 p.m. Princeton (22-6) vs. Mississippi St. (23-7), 30 minutes after previous game At Orlando Arena Orlando, Fla. Sunday, March 17 Cincinnati-UNC-Greensboro winner vs. Temple-Oklahoma winner, 11:25 a.m. Georgia Tech-Austin Peay winner vs. Indiana-Boston College winner, 30 minutes after previous game Regional Semifinals At Rupp Arena Lexington, Ky. Friday, March 15 Connecticut-Eastern Michigan winner vs. Princeton-Mississippi St. winner, Cincinnati-UNC-Greensboro-Temple-Oklahoma winner vs. Georgia Tech-Austin Peay-Indiana-Boston College winner Regional Championship At Rupp Arena Lexington, Ky. Sunday, March 16 Semifinal winners

MIDWEST REGIONAL First Round At Reunion Arena Dallas Thursday, March 14 Kentucky 110, San Jose State 72 Virginia Tech 61, Wisconsin-Green Bay 46 Iowa State 74, California 64 Utah 72, Kansas 43 At The Bradley Center Milwaukee Friday, March 16 Louisville (20-11) vs. Tulsa (22-7), 11:30 a.m. Villanova (25-6) vs. Portland (19-10), 30 minutes after previous game Wake Forest (27-5) vs. Northeast Louisiana (16-13), 6:50 p.m. Michigan (20-1) vs. Texas (20-9), 30 minutes after previous game Second Round At Reunion Arena Dallas

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Continued from page 1B Georgia Tech plays Austin Peay in the Southeast; Wake Forest plays Northeast Louisiana and Michigan plays Texas in the Midwest; and Iowa plays George Washington and Arizona plays Valparaiso in the Midwest. Though not as monumental, Drexel pulled off the tournament's other upset, knocking off Memphis 75-63 in the West Regional at Albuquerque. Malk Rose had 21 points and 15 rebounds as Drexel (27-3) extended the nation's second longest winning streak to 15 games. The Dragons, a No. 12 seed, will play fourth-seeded Syracuse, an 88-55 winner over Montana State, in the second round Saturday. Drexel and its 4,073 students get little attention in Philadelphia, where Big Five members Villanova, Penn. Temple, La Salle and St. Joseph's dominate the headlines and recruiting. "Heck, I didn't know who Drexel was until I took the job," said Bill Herrion, the Dragons' fifth-year coach. The Dragons' win was almost upstaged two hours later in The Pit when Purdue (26-5) nearly became the first No. 1 seed to lose to a No. 16 seed, escaping with a 73-71 win over Western Carolina.

Western Carolina (17-13), making its first trip to the tournament, had two chances to tie or win in the final seconds after Purdue missed a free throw with 11.6 seconds left. Elsewhere in the tournament, top seeds Massachusetts, Kentucky, Connecticut advanced easily. UMass beat Central Florida 92-70 in the East, Kentucky defeated San Jose State 110-72 in the Midwest and UConn downed Colgate 68-59 in the Southeast. UMass (32-1) broke open a close game by forcing turnovers on Central Florida's first six possessions of the second half. Carmelo Travieso led the Minutemen with 21 points. All-America Marcus Camby had 14 points and 17 rebounds despite sitting out seven minutes of the second half with a gashed forehead. Connecticut All-America Ray Allen scored 12 of his 24 points during a 15-0 first-half run that led UConn (31-2) over Colgate. The Huskies lost key reserve

Ricky Moore with a separated shoulder late in the first half, and he probably will miss the rest of the tournament. Kentucky (29-2) led by only six points at halftime, but wore down San Jose State (13-17) with depth and pressure defense. "We absolutely hit the wall," San Jose coach Stan Morrison said. Walter McCarty led the Wildcats with 24 points. EAST At Providence, R.I. Stanford 66, Bradley 58 Brevin Knight scored 26 points and Stanford (20-8) overcame a 34-point performance by Anthony Parker. Arkansas 86, No. 18 Penn St. 80 The Razorbacks (19-12), NCAA champions in 1994 and runners-up in 1995, were led by Kareem Reid with 21 points and Darnell Robinson with 15. No. 20 Marquette 68, Monmouth 44 The Golden Eagles (23-7) were finally able to pull away in the second half against over-matched Monmouth. Marquette was led by Aaron Hutchins' 17

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Trio stays away from trouble at Bay Hill

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Paul Azinger and Billy Mayfair can attest that it doesn't take much for a player's fortunes to change at Bay Hill Club.

Mayfair had a share of the lead at 5-under-par Thursday when he pushed his drive on No. 15 and caught the bunker, which led to a double bogey.

Azinger was at 4-under when his short iron from the rough drifted into the water on No. 13, the start of three bogeys on the next four holes.

The leaders after the first round of the Bay Hill Invitational — Paul Goydos, Mark O'Meara and Glen Day — either managed to avoid such trouble or came through with big putts when they faced it.

Bob Lohr was one stroke back at 68. Mayfair and Corey Pavin were in a group of eight players at 69.

"This is a pretty good test of golf," Goydos said Thursday after his 5-under 67, in which he made three birdies and an eagle — the only one of the round — in the final seven holes.

O'Meara flirted with trouble when he pushed drives on No. 8 and No. 15. Both times he had to punch out to the fairway. Both times he made 10-foot putts for par.

He made four short putts for birdies — three on par 5s — and one 35-footer.

"The key to today's round was a couple of par saves," said O'Meara, who won the Mercedes Championship to start the year, was in contention last week at Honda and now finds himself in the lead again.

"Golf comes in cycles," he said. "It's been in a pretty good cycle this year. I've gotten off to a good start."

No one got off to a better start than Day, who made four 15-foot putts for birdies on the first five holes. His lone mistake was a drive into a cluster of trees on the right at No. 8. He had to punch out, and left with a bogey to drop back to 3-under.

"I made a lot of big putts early," Day said. "If those putts don't fall, I'd probably have shot a couple under."

He recovered with a two-putt birdie on the par-5 16th hole and a beautiful approach on the difficult 18th that set up a five-foot birdie.

The 16th hole is one of the changes Arnold Palmer made at Bay Hill. Along with pushing back the eighth tee 34 yards, he moved the 16th tee back 30 yards and lowered it 10 feet, giving the players a blind shot to the fairway.

The leaders all reached it in two, with Goydos holing a 40-foot putt for eagle.

"I liked the hole the way it was," O'Meara said. "I'm sure it creates some excitement for the fans. Guys aren't going to go for it with a 3-wood."

Azinger tried. He hit a 3-wood from 221 yards and caught the bank of the creek. It dribbled back into the water and he took a bogey, the third in four holes, finishing at 71.

"I'm just aggravated," said Azinger, looking to win again after his bout with cancer. "I had a chance to finally get off to a good start. Four-under and I couldn't finish it."

Mayfair could have had a share with the leaders except for his pushed drive on No. 15. A poor decision led to the double bogey. He tried to go for the green, but caught the lip of the bunker, then had to loft a wedge out of the trees.

"My only bad swing of the day," Mayfair said. "It can kill you."

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You travel in a new direction this year, and you will be careful when deciding what you want. Review your choices that involve your goals, friendships and career. Just because you are examining these choices doesn't mean that you need to make any changes. Security plays a big role in what is happening. If you are single, you are likely to change that status — but only if you want to. If attached, tend to romance and increase private time. AQUARIUS holds you to your word.

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) Follow your instincts with a friend, and make time for a "must" appearance. Bringing others together has its rewards and offers special happiness. The more, the merrier is the motto that works for you. You are drawn to music today. Tonight: Put your brand on the day. *****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Distant drummers call. However, you might not be able to make time for fun because responsibilities call. You can handle a lot with ease. In the long run, you will feel better about yourself if you maintain a high profile. Others seek you out. Tonight: Be out and about. *****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Listen to someone, and you'll feel good about what happens. Don't resist taking off at the last minute. Be willing to experiment and open new doors. Join someone for an adventure. Your playful side emerges as you experience unusual events. Tonight: Blaze a new path. *****

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Socializing is right up your alley. Make time for a friend's play. Quality time pays off multifold. Follow your instincts, and you'll determine which direction you should take. A relationship could be growing in intensity. A serious discussion is in order. Tonight: Go for quality. *****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Make time for friends, even though you have special plans with a partner. Blend these plans, and you will be pleased with the results. Understanding opens a new avenue. Enjoy your popularity, and be willing to make a change. Tonight: Make time to tango. *****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Face it — you need a low-key

day because you are tired and need a break. However, turning this quiet day into an adventure with a partner helps you make the most of your early seclusion. After all, you need to recharge your batteries. Tonight: It's time for fun. *****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Let your frisky side emerge. Consider being less serious. Someone appreciates your light attitude. Getting together makes a big difference in how you deal with your plans for the day. Let your imagination go, then follow it. Tonight: Enjoy yourself to the max. *****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Communications mean a lot at home. Take time for an important discussion. Playfulness marks the day, but you still may choose to lie low. Pull back, and make this a day of respite. Humor surrounds you. Tonight: Your home is definitely your castle. *****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) All you have to do is reach out to make things happen. Listen carefully to what someone is saying, and go with the program. Spontaneity makes this a super day full of fun, flirting and happiness. If you are single, you could meet an intriguing person today. Tonight: Go out. *****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be more in touch with your desires, then reach out to someone. Realize how important a talk is. Hang out together and perhaps do some shopping. You enjoy not having to do anything. Fun and easiness mark the day. Tonight: Indulge yourself. *****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Your instincts are right on; if you follow them, you will like what will happen. You make a change in plans to accommodate someone else's wishes. Your personality helps melt barriers. Indulge yourself. Put out the necessary energy. Tonight: Keep grinning. *****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Listen carefully to what is going on with a loved one. Intimate sharing is important as you cement a relationship. Be more direct in a discussion. You need to make a "must" appearance today; however, also arrange for plenty of private time. Tonight: Vanish quickly. *****

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Neighbors remain strangers through 25 years of living

DEAR ABBY: I have kept a letter you ran in Newsday (New York) on Aug. 20, 1982, and believe it is even more appropriate today.

If you agree, please consider rerunning it. — JACK PLETMAN, HUNTINGTON STATION, N.Y.

DEAR M R

PLETMAN: I agree. Thank you for sending it.

DEAR ABBY: This is a letter I would like my neighbors to see. Perhaps your column will reach them:

"Dear Neighbors: I am reminiscing today over the 25 years that we have been your neighbors. When we moved here from out of state, we waited for you to welcome us. You never did.

"We are a decent, respectable family. Maybe our children were a little noisy at times, and our grass was uncut once in a while, and our religion was different from yours — so you ignored us.

"Events in our lives — births, graduations, weddings, deaths — came and went with no acknowledgments from you.

"Now that we are all old and the children are gone from the street, shall we be hypocritical and mourn your deaths, or regret your moving?"

"I think not. We are all poorer for having ignored one another, but we survived. May our children extend the hand of friendship to their neighbors."

DEAR AGNES: What's done is done, but times have changed. Neighbors need each other today for security as well as for the sake of old-fashioned friendship.

This is a plea for people to reach out and offer their friendship to the newcomers in the neighborhood. And if the welcome is slow in coming, the newcomers should initiate the dialogue.

Nothing separates like silence.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 43-year-old woman. I own my business, my home, and I'm fairly attractive. I have cherished friends and have my act pretty well together.

My problem: I have never had sex! Yes, I am a 43-year-old virgin. I am not hung up on sex; neither am I frigid nor unrealistic. I simply chose to wait for Mr. Right.

I recently started dating a slightly younger man, and for the first time in my life, I'm with a man I trust and for whom I have deep feelings. I'm sure we are going to become intimate soon.

Abby, should I tell him that I'm a virgin? I'm comfortable with my reason for having remained celibate, but I realize it may sound bizarre to someone else. I'm afraid this man will think I'm warped or obsessive and might think less of me.

Please answer soon. Each date is becoming more intense than the last, and our sexual history "talk" will probably be taking place shortly. — MATURE VIRGIN
DEAR MATURE VIRGIN: Virginity is nothing to be ashamed of. Tell him. He may be flattered that you waited for him, and he should respect you for sticking to your principles.

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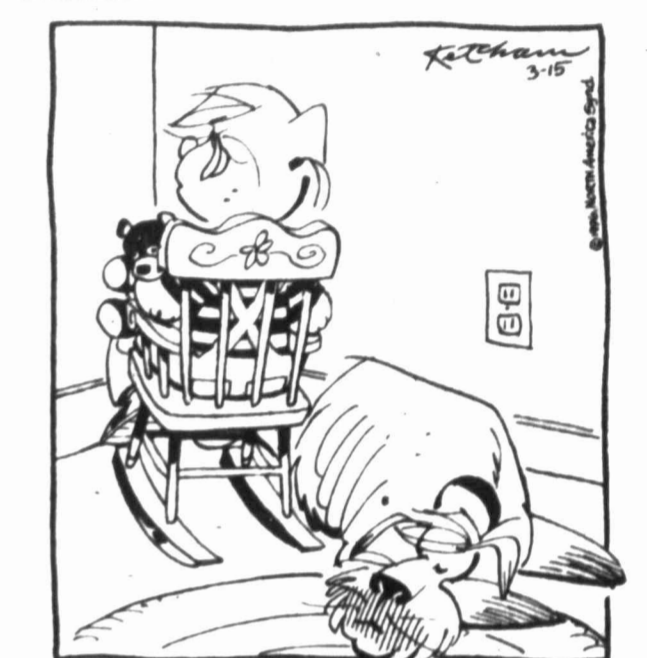
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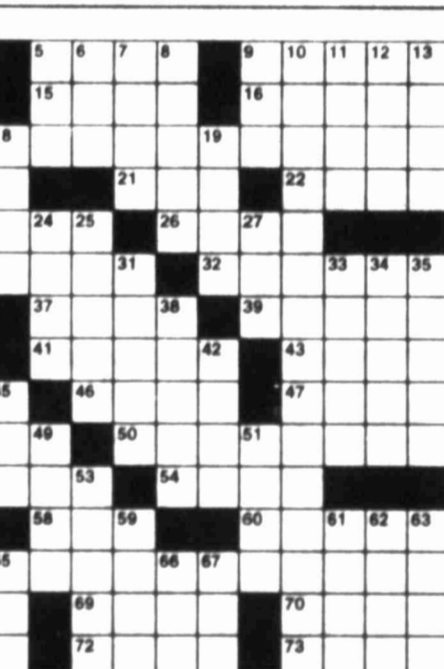
Today is Friday, March 15, the 75th day of 1996. There are 291 days left in the year. This is "Buzzard Day" in Hinckley,

Ohio. Today's Highlight in History: Forty years ago, on March 15, 1956, one of Broadway's best-known musicals, "My Fair Lady," opened at the Mark Hellinger Theater.

"Pygmalion." "My Fair Lady," composed by Frederick Loewe and Alan Jay Lerner as librettist, ran for 2,717 performances. On this date: In 44 B.C., Roman Emperor Julius Caesar was assassinated by a group of nobles that included Brutus and Cassius.

THE Daily Crossword by James Barrick

- ACROSS
1 Table part
5 Bunyan's ox
9 "my heart"
14 Woody's son
15 Godlike one
16 Persian wheel
17 Astaire-Rogers specialty
20 Fashion
21 Play the ponies
22 Farm denizens
23 Castor and linseed
26 Certain horse
28 Power failure's result
32 Quick in music
36 For fear that
37 Work
39 Flower
40 Asian nurse
41 Liquefies
43 Auctioneer's cry
44 Motorcycles
46 Wild disturbance
47 Nevus
48 Tracks stealthily
50 Bicuspid
52 Looked at
54 English school
55 Tropical tree
58 Tiny
60 Necktie
64 Unfavorably positioned
68 Stream
69 Charge upon property
70 Regular
71 Sudden fright
72 Youngster
73 Marsh plant



Thursday's Puzzle solved:
C E P H E I D H O B B L E D
A B R I D G E O N A D I M E
B O O T B O N L E A R N E D
A N N S R O G E R M E N U
R I O T E D A D C
E T U N R E R U N A G E S
T E N A C E S P A M P E R S
M A N I I I
I N V E R T S F L O S S E D
N E E D S A L E S H A L O
C U R P A D T E C
E R I C P I X E L N I C K
N O T A B L E R O B E A T E
S N A K E I N A B E T T O R
E S S E N E S L E C H E R S

- DOWN
1 Workrooms
2 Part of Q.E.D.
3 Friendly nation
4 Children's game
5 Life story, briefly
6 Fuse
7 Go...er like a lead balloon
8 Senior
9 Public house
10 Fabled creature
11 Amerindian
12 Helsinki native
13 Labels
18 Means of restraint
19 Surmounting
24 Appear... in a way
25 First-rate
27 Altar
28 Constellation
29 Prattles
30 Send payment
30 Japanese port
31 Flower from Holland
33 Barroom item
34 "I cannot... lie..."
35 Regularity
36 Cache
42 Let it stand!
45 Firmament
49 Makes clothing
51 Mournful sound
57 Etna's outflow
63 Mind
65 Anger
66 Neckline shape
67 Jillian of TV

RITZ
491 S. Main
253-7400
Child 1/2 Adult 1/2
BED OF ROSES PG
2:10-4:30-7:10-9:30
Down PERISCOPE PG-13
3:00-4:00-7:00-9:30
THE BIRD CAGE R
1:00-4:10-6:30-9:10

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EXECUTIVE DECISION (R)
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WHITE SWAN (PG-13)
11:20-4:40-7:20-10:00
Sat. Times: 11:20-2:00-4:40-7:20-10:00
HOMEWARD BOUND 2 (G)
11:30-4:10-7:10-9:20
Sat. Times: 11:30-1:50-4:10-7:10-9:20
HAPPY GILMORE (PG-13)
11:10-4:30-7:30-9:40
Sat. Times: 11:10-2:10-4:30-7:30-9:40
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