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## Signal Homes set to begin learning projects Monday

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
News Editor

Employees at Signal Homes will begin the process of learning to build manufactured homes Monday when the plant begins construction of two learning projects.

According to Bud Ledingham, Signal's sales manager, the first structure employees will begin building is a little more than a tool storage building for one of the company's long time dealers in Odessa.

"That will give us an opportunity to let people learn to use the staple guns, our Foamseal system and the Alpha Glue system, as well as given the basics on putting together the metal frame ... gives them an opportunity to learn some of the skills they're going to need," Ledingham said.

"The second learning project will be a simple oil field office unit," Ledingham added. "That's going to take them a little further. They'll have to install some plumbing, bathroom fixtures and some simple electrical wiring."

"The third unit ... that will be the real thing. That will be the first house and it will be built

under the scrutiny of inspectors who'll be there to make sure it meets the design criteria."

Ledingham said workmen were winding down installation of the plant's systems.

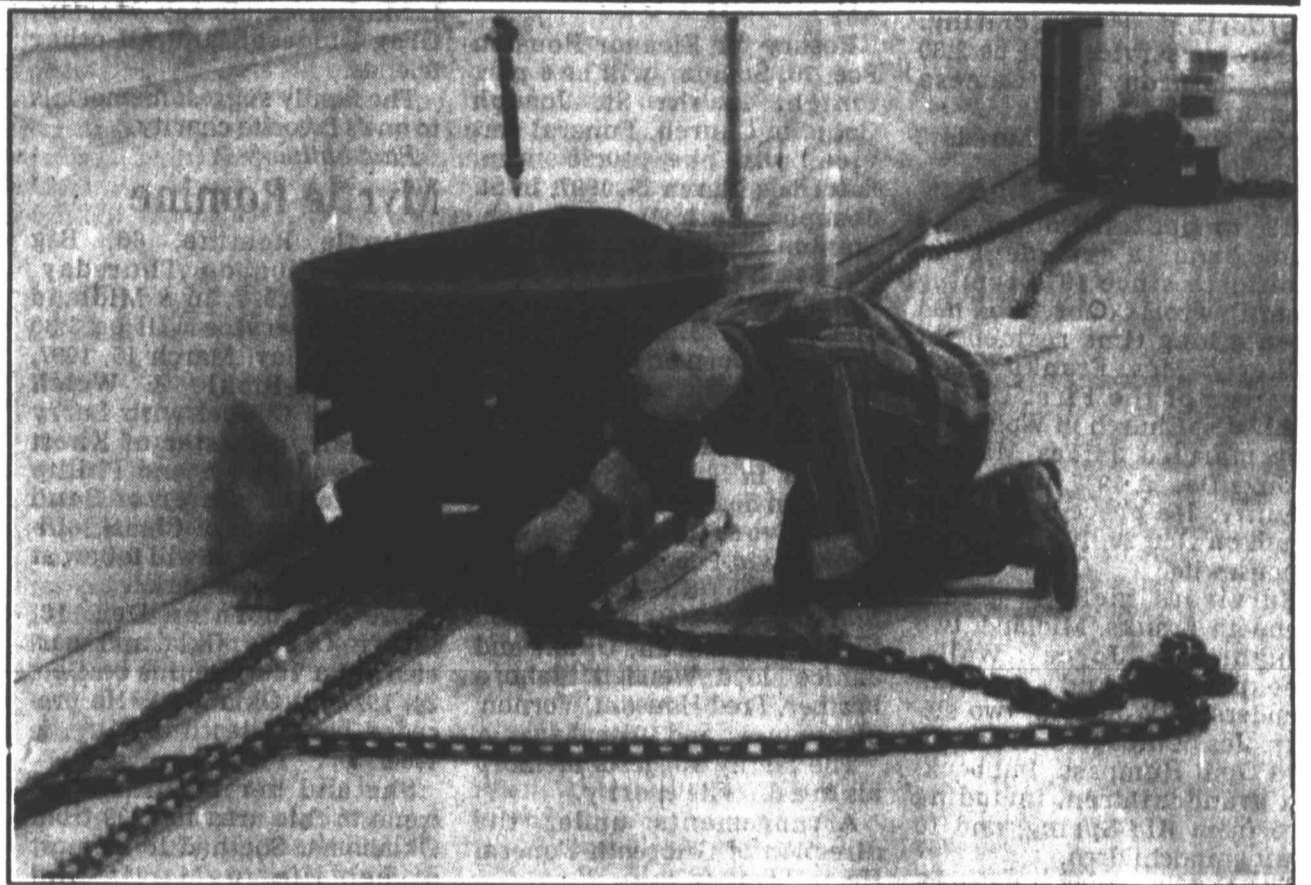
He also noted the quality of applicants Signal encountered in employment interviews last weekend made the choice of hiring more difficult than company officials had expected.

"We interviewed more than 300 people from Friday through Monday and there were some really good looking folks," Ledingham explained. "We hired a little more than 60, but it was really difficult to pick those 60 people because so many of them brought the kind of skills we were looking for."

However, one of the week's best surprises for Ledingham came Thursday afternoon when he and several others surveyed the area across 11th Place from the Signal plant.

"We got to looking over there and found there was an elaborate display area for mobile homes," Ledingham noted. "We really didn't know it was there. But we walked over there, began kicking some of the tumbleweeds around and there it was."

"It was kind of like finding a \$100 bill on the ground," he said.



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett  
A workman threads chain through the system which will convey manufactured homes through the Signal Homes plant during their construction. Company officials expect to begin two learning projects Monday.

## Library gets historical donation

By KELLIE JONES  
Features Editor

If you ever need to know anything about Texas history, now all you'll have to do is visit the Dora Roberts Howard County Library.

The Howard County Historical Commission donated the "New Handbook of Texas," a six-volume reference book, during their meeting at the library Thursday morning.

According to Reference Librarian Rebecca Taylor, the handbook was the result of a state-wide intensive effort to include lots of information about the Lone Star State. Writers were assigned specific stories to research and write about while volunteers also submitted their own information. Taylor said if the information needed to be followed up on, a writer was then assigned.

Taylor said, "This is unique to Texas. It's a wonderful thing available for our local residents." Loraine Redman, head librarian, added, "This is an excellent source of information for Texas history. We had an older addition of the handbook and this is the very latest information."

The handbook features 23,500 articles; 7,000 biographical entries; 7,500 community histories; interpretive essays by



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett  
The Howard County Historical Commission donated the "New Handbook of Texas" to the Dora Roberts Howard County Library Thursday morning. The handbook offers 6,000 pages of Texas history for library patrons to read. From left are: Head Librarian Loraine Redman; Historical Commission Chairman Ozella Long; Jacque Thomas, commission member; Betty Pitts, commission secretary; Ruth Robinson, commission member and Flovell Thomas, the commission's program chairman.

leading authorities; 11,000 bibliographic references; 600 illustrations and 6,000 pages. It provides insight into the men and women who shaped the history of the state. There's information about the famous and infa-

mous, the legendary and the over-looked. There's even stories about prehistoric times and 20th century immigrants.

The books are housed in the reading room of the library. Also in the reading room for

people to look through are annuals from Big Spring and Coahoma high schools as well as a scrapbook from the Webb Air Force Base's Officers' Wives Club. There are annuals from the base as well.

## Burglars become vandals hitting YMCA building

By KELLIE JONES  
Features Editor

Police are searching for suspects into the burglary of Big Spring's YMCA which occurred Wednesday night or early Thursday morning — an incident that's being called a "senseless act of vandalism" by the YMCA's executive director.

Gary Wollenzien said when Jim Rangle came to work Thursday morning, he discovered someone had broken in and vandalized the facility. The suspects had kicked in the plexiglass by the aerobics room to gain entry. From there, they broke into the trophy case and used the trophies to break more glass, including the panes surrounding the child care center. A Super Nintendo game unit was taken from the center.

Wollenzien's office was broken into and his computer screen was chipped in the process. "They had also broken the glass on the vending

machine and took a few items," he said. "They were apparently trying to get to the money but weren't able to. They weren't able to break into the soda machine."

"This doesn't make any sense at all," he added. "We have to pay the first \$1,000 toward the deductible to the insurance. It hurts our low-income families who have scholarships to the YMCA. We will have to provide less services and this takes \$1,000 out of their pockets so we can't offer scholarships for their children to take swimming or gymnastics lessons."

Wollenzien estimated the burglars did \$2,500 worth of damage to the building. The police report also indicates the suspects broke some outside building lights and a street light. No money was taken.

If anyone has any information about those responsible, they are urged to contact the police department at 264-2550 or CrimeStoppers at 263-TIPS.

## Jury finds Martinez guilty in aggravated assault trial

HERALD Staff Report

Tony Martinez, 31, of Big Spring has been found guilty of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon by a Howard County jury.

The one-day trial ended when the 118th District Court jury deliberated less than four hours before returning a guilty verdict. The jury then sentenced him to eight years in prison and ordered him to pay a \$10,000 fine.

Martinez was convicted of hitting Paul Ramirez, 31, of 110 Carey in the head with a pipe in May of 1994. District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson said Martinez had entered a house where Ramirez was staying, walked in and hit him on the head with the pipe.

During testimony, Martinez claimed self-defense, saying Ramirez had a beer bottle in his hand and had raised it up over his head as if he was ready to strike the defendant with the bottle.

Ironically, Howard County deputies had to go find Ramirez so he could testify in the trial.

District Judge Robert H. Moore III was forced to issue a writ of attachment for Ramirez because the victim refused to show up and testify. Deputies located Ramirez and brought him to the courthouse Thursday morning.

## Anderson decides against council re-election bid

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

The deadline for filing for one of three city council positions on the May 3 ballot is Wednesday, and so far, three challengers and two incumbents have tossed their hats in the ring. However, one name that won't appear on the ballot is that of District 6 incumbent John Paul Anderson.

"Three years ago I ran to help ensure that my kids would have a future and could live here and not leave, which is a problem a lot of parents face," Anderson said.

Anderson is not seeking re-election so that he may spend



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time with his family. "My son has a medical condition that's going to take some time to straighten out," Anderson said of his 15-month-old son's battle with what's called a "blood spill," or a hemorrhage in the brain.

"I'm not running because I feel like I need to dedicate as much time as it takes to get my son well and support my family, but I do plan on running again in the future," Anderson said. Anderson said he feels like he

has been an asset to the city of Big Spring in the three years he has served on the council and is proud of what the council has achieved. He admits that he has made some mistakes.

For the support received from his wife, parents and the residents of District 6 who elected him, Anderson said he will remain forever grateful.

"In the past three years my main focus has been on the police department and fire department," Anderson said. "We also have a top notch ambulance service now."

Anderson said both the police department and fire department are getting the tools they need to be even more effective and he will continue to help with that

progress in any way possible.

He said one of the biggest highlights of his term was last year's deal that turned the day-to-day management of the Big Spring Correctional Centers to Cornell Corrections.

Though he won't be a member of the next council, Anderson said he'd like to see the city, county and Moore Development for Big Spring continue to work together in a positive manner.

Other projects Anderson said should continue include waterline replacement throughout Big Spring, building and supporting the police and fire departments, completion of the Beals Creek project and continuation and expansion of the inmate work program.

## Pancakes, Rustylace and Railhead Trail Days on tap

HERALD Staff Report

Looking for something to do this weekend? Here's your ticket to weekend activities in and around Big Spring.

This feature is published each Friday and will include a variety of activities. It is limited to activities of a general nature, community fund-raisers, community functions, free performances, etc. It is not available to commercial ventures.

To submit your activity, send it to "Weekend Ticket," Big

Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721. If you wish, you may fax your listing to 264-7205 or bring it by the Herald offices at 710 Scurry. No information will be taken over the phone.

• Spring City Senior Center dance, tonight, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Spring City Senior Center. Music will be provided by CW & Co. All senior citizens in the

## WEEKEND TICKET

area are invited.  
• Pancake suppers, tonight from 5-7 and 5-8.  
• Canterbury's pancake supper is from 5-7 p.m. and cost is \$2.50 per person.  
• The Kiwanis Club of Big Spring's annual pancake supper is from 5-8 at the Howard College Cafeteria and the cost is \$4 per person for all you can eat.

• Heritage Museum, today from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., 510 Scurry. For additional information, contact the museum at 267-8255.

• Free eyeglass giveaway to the needy, 9-noon Saturday, Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 1607 E. 3rd.

• Domino and 42 Tournament, 1 p.m. Saturday at Garden City High School cafeteria.

Cost is \$20 per team to enter this Glasscock County  
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### TODAY'S WEATHER

55 ▲ Highs 32  
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Today: Mostly cloudy. High in the mid 50s Low in the lower 30s.

Saturday: Partly cloudy. High in the upper 50s. Low in the lower 40s.

Extended outlook: Sunday, partly cloudy. High in the 70s. Low in the 40s. Monday and Tuesday, dry and warm. Highs both days around 80. Low Monday in the upper 40s. Low Tuesday near 50.

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OBITUARIES

Oneita Franks

Service for Oneita Franks, 84, Wolfforth, will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 15, in the Franklin-Bartley Chapel, Lubbock...

Eleanor Houston Poe

Rosary for Eleanor Houston Poe, 76, Stanton, will be 6 p.m. tonight in the St. Joseph Catholic Church...

Stephen P. Holmes

Graveside service for Stephen P. Holmes, 40, Big Spring, will be 4 p.m. Saturday, March 15, 1997...

Lillian Mitchell Funeral service for Lillian Mitchell, 80, Andrews, will be 10 a.m. Saturday, March 15, 1997...

Myrtle Romine, 86, died Thursday. Services will be 3:30 PM Saturday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel...

John M. Blake

John M. Blake, 83, died on Thursday, March 13, 1997, in a local hospital following a long illness...

John M. Blake, died Thursday, Funeral Services 11 AM Saturday Myers & Smith Chapel with interment to follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park...

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Andrews; and five grandchildren. Arrangements under the direction of McNett Funeral Home, Inc., Andrews.

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Survivors include: a son, Kenneth Franks, Midland; two daughters, Joyce Walls, Rockport, and Nelda Henderson, Wolfforth; two sisters, Jessie Rodgers, Houston, and Opal Bumpass, Lubbock; six grandchildren, including two from Big Spring; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Survivors include: a son, John David Poe, Jr., Stanton; a daughter, Suzanna Poe, Stanton; two sisters, Zora Lou Winslow, Duncan, Okla., and Janice Lloyd, Wendell, Idaho; a brother, Fred Houston, Vernon; eight nieces; and 10 nephews.

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A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

TODAY

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

Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m. Bible study.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. Big Book Study.

Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

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

Pancake supper, 5 to 7 p.m., Canterbury, 1700 Lancaster, \$2.50.

La Signal-Coca Cola Softball Benefit Bash benefiting Christina Saucedo, Comanche Trail Park Cotton Mize Field. \$110 entry fee. Call Angela Rodriguez (between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.) 267-6391 or Jesse Rios after 5 p.m. 263-6065.

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

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Evening Lions Club giving away free used eyeglasses to needy senior citizens from 9 a.m. to noon at 1607 E. Third, west side of the bingo building. Bring proof of income, social security card and any prescriptions or information from a doctor.

Railhead Trade Days, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., downtown Colorado City.

Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Every body is welcome to attend.

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

Railhead Trade Days, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., downtown Colorado City.

Big Spring Evening Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Jan Noyes, 267-5811.

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

TOPS Clubs (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:30 to 6 p.m. weigh in and 6 p.m. meeting, Carriage Inn, 501 W. 17th. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.

Texas Lottery

PICK 3: 0, 5, 4 CASH 5: 9, 10, 16, 31, 37

POLICE

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

JULIE MINCE, 24, of 206 N. Johnson, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.

MICHAEL ENSMINGER, 20, of 405 Shoreline, was arrested for failure to identify himself to a peace officer.

DELLA DICKSON WASHINGTON, 36, of 3304 W. Highway 80, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.

ENDELIA SEGUNDO, 43, of 2616 Ent, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.

MIKE ORTEGA, 39, of 603 Bell, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.

JOSEPH PRATT, 45, a transient, was arrested for public intoxication.

WILLIAM CANIFORD, 54, a transient, was arrested for public intoxication.

FERNANDO M. ARIAGA, 42, of 606 N.W. Eighth, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.

JAMES JAY MILAM, 41, no address given, was arrested for public intoxication, possession of marijuana under two ounces and failure to identify himself to a peace officer.

CLINT ELLIOTT, 34, of 202 Circle, was arrested for not having any liability insurance and for having an expired driver's license.

ASSAULT in the 1000 block of N. Main.

BURGLARY OF A BUILDING in the 800 block of Owens.

INVESTIGATING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES in the 2600 block of Wason, 800 block of E. 14th, 1800 block of Lancaster, 1100 block of N.W. Seventh, Sixth and Circle, 1200 block of Wright and 1100 block of E. 19th.

STOLEN VEHICLES RECOVERED in the 1600 block of Settles and 4200 block of Bilger.

CREDIT CARD ABUSE in the 5000 block of FM 700.

DISTURBANCE/FIGHT in the 1000 block of N. Main.

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE in the 1400 block of Main.

LOUD PARTIES/NOISES in the 1800 block of Hamilton and 500 block of Young.

MARKETS

May cotton 75.95 cents a pound, up 35 points; April crude oil 21.12 up 42 points; Cash hogs steady at 50 cents higher at 48; slaughter steers steady at \$1 lower at 67; April lean hog futures 70.27, up 85 points; April live cattle futures 68.42, up 10 points.

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Table with market data including ATT, Amoco, Atlantic Richfield, Atmos Energy, Cabot, Chevron, Chrysler, Cifra, Coca-Cola, De Beers, DuPont, Excel Comm, Exxon, Fina, Ford Motors, Halliburton, IBM, Laser Indus LTD, Medical Alliance, Mobil, Norwest, NUV, Phillips Petroleum, Pepsico, Polaris, Rural/Metro, Sears, Southwestern Bell, Sun, Texaco, Texas Instruments, Texas Utils. Co, Unocal Corp, Wal-Mart, Amcap, Euro Pacific, I.C.A., New Economy, New Perspective, Van Kampen, Prime Rate, Gold, Silver.

SHERIFF

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

RAMON TERAN VASQUEZ JR., 31, of 2504 W. 16th, was transferred from the police department after being arrested for bondsman off bond on a charge of driving with an invalid license.

JUAN GILBERT HINOJOSA, 24, of 1307 Mobile, was arrested for revoking his probation and later released on a \$1,500 bond.

He had been on probation for driving with an invalid license.

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VFD-sponsored event. A meal of beef stew and cornbread will be served at 5 p.m. Cost of the meal is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

Rustylace music and comedy show, 8 p.m. Saturday, City Auditorium.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$7 for children 12 and under.

Railhead Trail Days, Saturday and Sunday, downtown Colorado City.

More than 100 vendors will sell a variety of arts, crafts and collectibles from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday.

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 238, BETWEEN 8 A.M. AND 2 P.M. All Springboard items must be submitted in writing. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; bring it by the office at 710 Scurry; or fax it to 264-7205.

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Branson Stage Events Presents RUSTYLACE Country Music & Comedy Stage Show Fun for all Ages - Don't Miss It!

Big Spring Municipal Auditorium Saturday - March 15th - 8:00 P.M.

Advance Tickets (At 10% Discount) Available at Adults - \$12.00 at door Children 12 & Under \$7.00 at door \* Senior Citizen Discount

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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL 24th & Johnson 267-8288 John "Revis" Murphree, died Wednesday. Graveside services 2 PM Friday Trinity Memorial Park.

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# Hutchison cautiously optimistic of Texas Eagle's survival

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison says she's cautiously optimistic that a way will be found to keep Amtrak's Texas Eagle passenger train service rolling.

Her assessment comes as a Saturday deadline loomed for Texas to decide whether to float a loan to keep the Texas Eagle alive beyond a scheduled May shutdown.

"I think everything is falling into place," the Texas Republican said in an interview Thursday following a hearing she chaired on Amtrak's overall financial viability. "I feel good about it."

But she cautioned that the Texas Legislature remains a week or two away from considering a measure to give Amtrak a \$5.6 million loan to keep the St. Louis-to-San Antonio service operating beyond the May 11 shutdown.

It remains to be seen whether that timetable will meet the approval of Amtrak President Thomas Downs, who told Gov. George W. Bush in January that the state had until Saturday to pull together a bailout package.

"I don't have a lot of room here, maybe a couple of days, before we have to make a final decision about the

schedules," said Downs, who testified Thursday before the Senate surface transportation subcommittee chaired by Hutchison.

Absent legislative action by Saturday, Downs said: "I'll need some visible commitments here, both from leaders in the Legislature and in the executive branch, about intention and commitments to timing about this before I can say yes or no."

Texas Senate Finance Committee Chairman Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, is sponsoring a plan that would keep the Eagle running through Oct. 1 with a \$5.6 million loan that

Amtrak would have to repay by 1999. Before including the bailout in a broader emergency appropriations package, Ratliff was awaiting a determination from State Comptroller John Sharp whether adequate repayment guarantees were given and that the loan wouldn't be counted as a budget expenditure.

"The comptroller's issue ... has been settled," Downs said. "That was the major issue, I understand, between the Senate and House."

Termination of the Eagle would leave Dallas-Fort Worth, the nation's ninth largest metropolitan area, without pas-

senger rail and would strip Arkansas of its passenger rail service. Other affected cities would include Austin, Marshall, Longview, San Marcos, Temple and Texarkana.

If Texas funds the Eagle's operations temporarily, Downs has promised to seek mail and express shipping contracts that could subsidize the money-losing route. "We think we can make a go of it," he said.

The Eagle is one of four routes targeted last August for elimination by the cash-strapped Amtrak, which is under orders from Congress to be fully self-supporting by 2002.

## TEXAS BRIEFS

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Former recruiter sentenced to 15 years in prison

SAN ANTONIO — A former Army recruiter has been sentenced to 15 years in prison following his conviction on 16 charges, including rape, sexual harassment, sodomy and adultery.

Sgt. 1st Class Brett Wright, 37, was accused of victimizing five women who had gone to the recruiting station for information about joining the Army.

In addition to the prison term, Wright was given a dishonorable discharge and reduced in rank to private. He also must surrender all pay and allowances while serving his sentence.

Court-martial panel members deliberated about four hours Thursday before returning a verdict. They announced their punishment findings Thursday night.

Wright was charged with numerous charges, all sexually related.

### House passes bill against phony liens

AUSTIN — A bill making it a crime to file phony property liens and voiding all such liens currently filed against Texas property has cleared the state House.

But an official with the so-called Republic of Texas says the bill violates the state Constitution and would have no effect on members of the Republic.

The organization claims the state was illegally annexed in 1845 and remains an independent republic.

Richard McLaren, the group's ambassador, said the state Constitution bars legislation against the right of filing property liens and could lead to Republic court action against lawmakers who have approved it.

"If any citizen of the Republic of Texas are damaged by this I'll guarantee you that they will be sued (in Republic courts)," McLaren said. "We'll file judgments against them and run their asses out."

### Fifteen candidates vying in 28th District special election

SAN ANTONIO — In life, Frank Tejeda carved out the new congressional district he would be the first to represent. In death, the San Antonio Democrat continues to exert influence over the 28th District's destiny.

The two frontrunners in the 15-candidate field vying in Saturday's special election have sought to claim the Tejeda mantle, jockeying for endorsements from his family and political allies.

But the powerful south side San Antonio political coalition that Tejeda so carefully nurtured has fractured since his Jan. 30 death, splitting support between state Rep. Ciro Rodriguez and former San Antonio City Councilman Juan Solis.

Bexar County Commissioner Robert Tejeda, Frank's cousin, and the immediate Tejeda family have lined up behind Solis.

Although Rodriguez often found himself at odds with Frank Tejeda, he has obtained the backing of two coalition members with whom he serves in the Legislature: state Sen. Frank Madia and state Rep. John Longoria.

### FBI arrests three men for gun battle at Houston bank

HOUSTON — Three men who stormed into a bank last week but had their armed robbery attempt blocked when an off-duty police officer opened fire on them have been arrested.

The FBI said Thursday one of the trio was captured at a Houston hospital where he sought treatment for bullet wounds to his face. The wounds apparently were inflicted during the gun battle that erupted the morning of March 6 when the officer, working a second job as a security guard at Navigation Bank Northline, saw the men, who were dressed in black from head to toe, and started firing.

Dozens of shots were exchanged, leaving bank windows shattered and walls pockmarked.

Officer Edwin Lem, 34, who intercepted the would-be robbers, suffered minor cuts from glass fragments, but no one else was hurt. About a dozen customers and employees at the bank hid behind furniture or dove under counters to dodge the bullets.

The gunmen sped away in a stolen truck but got no money. Police believed at least one of them had been wounded because they left behind a trail of blood.

# Williamson's bill would abolish UIL

AUSTIN (AP) — A state lawmaker who has disagreed with University Interscholastic League rules in the past wants to abolish the league, which oversees sports and other extracurricular activities in Texas public schools.

Under a bill sponsored by Rep. Ric Williamson, R-Weatherford, the UIL's rule-making authority would be transferred to the state education commissioner.

The UIL's state executive committee, currently comprised of school administrators, would be replaced with a 12-person advisory committee made up of sports, academic and arts coaches as well as three citizens who have never worked for or represented their school dis-

tract. The committee members would be appointed by the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the House and the education commissioner.

Debbie Graves Ratcliffe, a spokeswoman for the Texas Education Agency, said Education Commissioner Mike Moses "has not reviewed the bill, so we won't have any comment at this time."

Williamson said Thursday that he believes the UIL is currently a private organization that is violating state law by imposing hiring and firing standards on public schools.

"I think the time has come for the people who participate in UIL and state government to make a decision about what UIL

is," Williamson said. "Is it a private, not-regulated-by-the-state organization, or is it a state agency? If it is a state agency, it should function as a state agency and follow the law."

"State law is clear: only school boards can dictate the terms of employment to schools," Williamson said.

UIL Director Bill Farney said, "It would change drastically the structure we have now, which is grassroots. Right now, the rulemaking authority rests with the schools."

Williamson last year testified before the UIL's state executive committee in hopes of changing several rules.

Williamson sought to allow nonschool employees to coach school athletic teams and to

allow school coaches to coach their players on teams not associated with the school.

The state representative, who has two daughters playing softball at Weatherford High School, proposed removing the limits on the number of softball games athletes could play.

"I'm not mad at the UIL. I think the organization serves a useful purpose, and I think more students should participate in activities," Williamson said. "I just think we need to determine if it's a public or private body."

Farney says the UIL represents the epitome of local control, adding that the league's legislative council is made up of 28 school administrators from across the state.

# Senate OKs bill to restrict remedial course funding

AUSTIN (AP) — University students would be limited to six state-funded remedial courses, while those at community colleges couldn't take more than nine, under a bill approved by the Texas Senate.

"We're saying to that (university) student if after taking six remediation courses — two English courses, two math courses, two writing courses — you're still not able to perform at the college level, then are we wisely spending our state resources on that student?" said Senate Education Committee Chairman Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, author of the bill.

The bill is meant to give col-

leges and universities an incentive to put in place remedial programs that work, Bivins said. At community colleges, students couldn't take more than three state-funded remedial courses each in math, reading and writing.

"The interest here is to try to get schools to put the right professors into the remediation classes, and put some emphasis on them, instead of using them today as kind of a dumping ground that will still generate (state) formula funding," Bivins said.

Senate approval came Thursday despite concerns voiced by Sen. Carlos Truan, D-

Corpus Christi, about the measure's possible effect on students' chance at a college education. The bill goes to the House for consideration.

The state currently spends about \$75 million a year on remedial and developmental courses at higher education institutions, according to the bill analysis.

The funding restriction is part of a bill by Bivins concerning the Texas Academic Skills Program test, which students must pass to take upper-level college courses. Students must take the TASP by the time they have completed nine college credit hours, with some excep-

tions. Those who fail the test take remedial courses.

Truan said two-thirds of minority students fail the TASP the first time they take it, and he cited testimony that as many as 80 percent of students entering some universities need remedial education.

"It would appear that the students would be punished for not having been adequately prepared from the time they were in public school," Truan said of Bivins' proposal. "My concern is that we not discourage young people from continuing their education, notwithstanding a problem they may have with a course."

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# EDITORIAL

### Quote of the Day

"In a war of ideas it is people who get killed."  
-Stanislaw Lee

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### OUR VIEWS

## 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:

• **KYNA COSBY, LA'TONYA KINDLE and SHAWNITA JOHNSON** of Howard College's Lady Hawks on being named to the Western Junior College Athletic Conference all-conference squad.

• **COSBY** was named Most Valuable Player in the conference while **KINDLE** and **JOHNSON** both earned all-conference honors. Cosby and Kindle have completed their HC eligibility, while Johnson is a freshman.

• **BIG SPRING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT** officials, following the groundbreaking ceremony held for the community's new junior high school.

• **SCENIC MOUNTAIN MEDICAL CENTER**, on the opening of its newly remodeled and expanded OB unit.

• **ELMER BROWN and JACK OWENS**, of Howard College's Hawks, on being named to the Western Junior College Athletic Conference all-conference squad.

**BROWN** was named to the all-conference squad while **OWENS** was named to the honorable mention list. Both are freshmen.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

### YOUR VIEWS

#### EMS response, service elicits praise from resident

**TO THE EDITOR:**  
Monday evening, Feb. 24, my husband had a serious heart attack. I called 911. They came immediately and I have never seen a more efficient, professional and dedicated team. They had my husband at emergency at Scenic Mountain Medical Center in minutes.

I can't say enough to express my gratitude to these men and to say how very lucky Big Spring is to have such help in need.

MRS. MARTIN E. ANDERSON  
Big Spring

#### Resident sees need in town to construct homeless shelter

**TO THE EDITOR:**

As I was sitting at our local Pizza Hut, with my best friend Charlie and my precious wife, Anna, I saw a man standing on the corner. This man was holding a sign that read "Homeless Need Help. God Bless." I looked at Anna and asked for a dollar and once they realized what I was doing, Charlie handed me another dollar. I went to the older man on the corner and handed him the money. After doing so, I said to him, "I wish I could do more!" That night I began to think of what else I could do. I can do more. I want to challenge Big Spring to build a 24-hour homeless shelter.

Not long ago the citizens of Big Spring saw a need for our children to have a playground. Volunteers from all different parts of the city, including myself, helped with this. Kids Zone was a big success. Let's gather our funds together and make another Big Spring success by fully funding and building a homeless shelter. What if you lost your job one day and couldn't find one the next? Wouldn't you hope for someone to give a helping hand? Remember: The "Homeless need help. God Bless."

DANIEL S. BEACH  
Big Spring

#### Arkansas school children seek information on Texas

**TO THE EDITOR:**

Our second grade class is studying the 50 states. We hope your readers will send us postcards or any other

information about your area and state.

Thank you for helping us learn more about America.

CHRIS KNIGHT  
Second grade

Vilonia Elementary School  
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#### Reader has no sympathy for complaining inmates

**TO THE EDITOR:**

In regards to your recent story, "Wisconsin Inmates Complain of Boredom in Texas Jails..."

Give me a break! (no pun intended). I say chain these men together and run them out about 7 a.m. and put them to work. You know that four letter word that most of us do on a daily basis. I can't believe there are no highways to clean, or fields to clear in East Texas. Look around at the difference the prisoners have made in the Big Spring area. If these people are bored put them to work! Don't spend money on pottery wheels, or recreational rooms, instead buy shovels, rakes, lawnmowers, etc. Teach them not only to use them, but how to fix them if they break.

These prisoners are under the misconception that they were put into jail to be entertained. I say too bad, if these inmates are far from their families. What about the man convicted of murder, I'd say the man/woman he killed is just about as far away from his family as one can get. I wonder if the time will ever come when the victim is given as much consideration as the accused. No, I don't mean set up a lynch mob, I just think we should have equal opportunities as well as the prisoners. "Wake up People," until you begin to treat these prisoners as prisoners they will continue to demand and receive better treatment, medical, recreational and educational, than most of us can afford that work every day for a living.

I believe the population of criminals continues to grow because Society continues to send the message that they can get away with anything. The laws are there, its sad that society won't allow the Judicial system to enforce them.

WYLENE WANNER  
Big Spring



## And what about 13-year-old who masters cloning?

Art Linkletter once observed that "Kids Say the Darndest Things," and was even credited with authoring a book on the subject.

This week, in an Associated Press wire story, we've been introduced to a 13-year-old Honeoye Falls, N.Y., boy who, after reading a 1930s book about cloning, took the top prize at his middle school's science fair by creating twin frogs in a petri dish.

In fact, he produced three sets of identical frogs. What Tim Cassano accomplished is not cloning, but he did "blow everybody away" and carried off the "Best of Show" prize.

Amazed onlookers said college students would have trouble repeating the eighth-grader's experiment. "No student here has ever attempted what he's attempted," his science teacher, Carolyn Czarniecki, said. "I'm not putting him on a huge pedestal but... it's remarkable for a 13-year-old." Basically, he took frog eggs

that were fertilized naturally and split them, creating twins.

That is a very long way from the cloning of Dolly the sheep in Scotland and two rhesus monkeys in Oregon.

Then again, Tim thought up his project just before Christmas and needed only an aquarium, petri dishes, glass tubes and highly reproductive African frogs.

Once he got the frogs to mate, Tim tried a variety of methods to split the eggs. He wound up trying them, a method he learned from a 1930s book about a cloning experiment.

If that didn't choke you up... Tell us, what does it feel like to be "all stopped up?"

For an 11-year-old Texas boy, a stuffy nose meant little green elves poking his nasal passages full of puffy white marshmallows as he slept.

For a 9-year-old from Minnesota, being stuffed up feels like having 38 bricks cemented to his nose.

The two were among five winners of the Breathe Right "I'm All Stuffed Up" Kids Drawing Contest. More than 2,000 children from 43 states submitted drawings for the contest, and the winners split \$9,000 in prize money among themselves and their schools.

Andy Holmes, of Allen won the \$2,500 grand prize for his "Elves with Marshmallows"

drawing. Another \$2,500 was awarded for school health curricula. Andy, who is homeschooled, donated \$2,000 of that award to a Dallas mission's program for children.

And there's sad news from Saint Augustine, Fla., where Gomek has died.

Who's Gomek, you ask? Gomek was a 17-foot-9, 1,900-pound reptile billed as the largest crocodile in captivity.

Whether or not he was the largest crocodile in captivity seems somewhat irrelevant. He was certainly big enough.

Gomek's size made him a favorite of tourists at the St. Augustine Alligator Farm and Zoological Park.

Captured in New Guinea in the 1950s, Gomek was believed to have been 60 to 80 years old when he died. Members of the species are believed to live up to 90 years.

And then there are those who simply can't help but display bad taste — like Dr. Ralph Bashioum of Wayzata, Minn.

For art lovers, the paintings of baroque master Peter Paul Rubens are a reason to visit a museum, but for Bashioum, they're an opportunity to suction some flab.

To attract clients, his cosmetic surgery clinic has taken the pleasantly plump women in Rubens' canvases and made

them appear svelte. His television ads have done a number on Picasso too, leading the unsuspecting to imagine the master painter had a "Thin Period" along with the red and blue.

Fliers protesting the ads have been showing up on a number of college campuses nearby.

But Bashioum plans to repeat the ads for three weeks in April. He said about 500 people have complimented the commercials and about 35 have complained.

Bashioum said liposuction — suctioning fat from various body areas — is the most common procedure at his clinic.

And last, but certainly not least, was the New York woman who called police for help after getting locked in her bedroom.

When officers arrived to help, she was arrested when the responding lawmen found 195 marijuana plants in her home.

The 39-year-old Staten Island woman, who was not identified by police, called for help before 2 a.m. Monday.

Officers responding to the woman's call for help noticed the marijuana plants "in plain view," so they freed her from the bedroom and arrested her on charges of possessing marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

John A. Moseley is news editor of the *Herald*. His column appears on Fridays.

## Who made these high-priced sports monsters?

Basketball's bad boy Dennis Rodman slouched in his chair and stuck out his chin in a virtuoso pout.

Interviewer Chris Wallace humored him, the way you might a petulant child. Even while asking tough questions, Wallace kept a slight smile on his face as if he were one of the regular fellows and rather amused by Rodman's latest antics. ("Antics" being the euphemism everyone accepts for "assault.")

In his first TV interview since he kicked a court-side photographer in the groin, Rodman categorized his sins as minor. He barely tapped that old photographer, he said.

"Like this," he said, lightly hitting

Wallace.

The photographer was acting when he collapsed and stayed out for seven minutes, Rodman said. The kick was to the leg, not the groin, he claimed.

Then Rodman said something else. He said fans pay to see the total package, not just Dennis Rodman the skillful basketball player. They pay to see his Day-Glo head butt a referee's. They pay to see Dennis Rodman the entertainer.

Rodman may be right about that last bit. He is the media-savvy/megabucks monster all of us have created. When you see the clips of Rodman selling his books dressed in a wedding gown, you see the quintessential, egomaniacal, modern athlete — the one we as consumers and fans have wrought. And we didn't build this showboat overnight. It took decades of fine-tuning to arrive at a basketball player in a wedding dress.

We went slow, at first. Babe Ruth's after-hours drinking and carousing somehow made his athletic accomplishments all the

more astounding. Joe Namath's white shoes and shag gave him that blessed, money-boosting notoriety. And everyone loved to hate John McEnroe, master of the preppy tantrum.

Now we are conditioned to pay for extras on our athletes like we pay for extras on our cars. It's not enough to see a classic match or a hard-hitting quarter or a perfect inning. We want a little controversy for the price of the ticket.

When Dennis Rodman punches the envelope, when he takes it all one step farther, we suddenly sit around and wring our hands about the State of Athletics. Even Jesse Jackson has offered his services. Can an Oprah show be far behind?

Reality check. The bad boys of sports always have gotten more attention than the good guys. And that remains the case. We've heard lots more about Deion Sanders, for instance, than we ever have Jerry Rice.

It used to be nonconformity that caused problems. The sports mavericks of yesteryear usually

got in trouble for being themselves.

Namath's hair fell over his ears, and even the young Jack Nicklaus was considered rude, and overly aggressive by professional golf standards.

These days the "differences" that make an athlete stand out seem more contrived, artificial. Career moves. Athletes have gone from long hair to green hair, from aggressive play to assault. From hard drink to illegal drugs, from illicit affairs to hundreds of sex partners.

The wrist-slaps for blatant breaches of civility are pathetic. If you spit on an umpire you get suspended — but not for the playoffs.

And if you kick a man sitting courtside just doing his job, you're still not gone for good. Heck, you're not even forced to be repentant.

Athletes are gods; money is the bottom line. And nothing is beyond the pale.

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# Drug issue moves to Senate where view differs from House

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional efforts to toughen Mexico's anti-drug programs, now move to the Senate, where a proposed bipartisan resolution would let President Clinton's seal of approval stand after the House voted to give Mexico 90 days to reform.

The House voted 251-175 Thursday to overturn Clinton's declaration of Mexico as fully cooperative in the anti-drug war unless the country takes specific steps against illegal drugs.

The bill to decertify Mexico and mark it as uncooperative would keep Clinton's power to waive sanctions normally triggered by decertification.

The vote brought sharp responses from Clinton and Mexico.

Clinton said it would make it more

difficult for Mexico President Ernesto Zedillo to work with U.S. officials against "the scourge of drugs," Mexico's foreign ministry said it would boost drug traffickers.

Zedillo, in Japan for a state visit, accused U.S. lawmakers of "seeking pretexts in order not to confront a problem which has become very serious in their own country ... they are looking for someone to put the blame on."

But House supporters hailed the resolution as a necessary step to show dissatisfaction with Mexico and to protect Americans from drugs.

The key issue, said Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, is whether Congress "is going to demonstrate a resolve to save not only our children

but the children of Mexico as well from what can only be described as the horrors of drug trafficking."

In the Senate, lawmakers from both parties raised concerns that overturning Clinton's certification of Mexico would hurt relations with a close neighbor, possibly harm Mexico's economy and hinder the anti-drug effort in both countries.

Three border-state Republicans and two Democrats announced a Senate proposal they expect to prevail next week that would retain certification while setting new goals with Mexico for the battle against drugs.

"We must all admit that we are losing the war on drugs. And it is hurting our country, and it is hurting Mexico. And the only way we are going to solve

it is to work together to make it happen," said Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas.

"I believe in the end the Senate is going to go with something along the lines of what we're doing rather than the slap in the face of decertification," she said.

Hutchison was joined by Republican Sens. John McCain of Arizona and Pete Domenici of New Mexico in sponsoring the resolution, which she said would be offered as a substitute for a decertification measure already introduced in the Senate.

Also signing on with the Republicans were Sen. Joe Biden, D-Del., who had opposed Clinton on certification, and Sen. Chris Dodd, D-Conn., who supported the president.

"A 90-day delay, in my view, would keep the issue dangling out there, would be unsettling in our relations, and might even provide some hindrance to our moving ahead with the Mexicans in this effort," Domenici said.

The 90-day provision in the House bill, passed as a compromise to immediate rejection of Clinton's certification, brought several key Democrats, including Majority Leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri, back in line with the president on the final vote.

Rep. Lee Hamilton, D-Ind., a leading Democratic foreign policy expert who strongly opposed Clinton's action, voted against the bill partly because he said it would put Mexico's president "in a box."

## Congress, Clinton spar on paying nation's debt to international groups

WASHINGTON (AP) — Like spouses arguing over a charitable contribution, the Clinton administration has pledged money to the World Bank and other international organizations but Congress is refusing to honor that commitment.

The United States owes \$1 billion to the World Bank and about \$600 million to five regional development banks. That is on top of its more than \$1 billion debt to the United Nations.

Congress says it will not pay without U.N. reform.

No other major industrialized country owes money to the World Bank.

The chairman of the House Appropriations foreign operations subcommittee, Rep. Sonny Callahan, R-Ala., says the World Bank could be more efficient. He and other members express concern over a bank reorganization plan that includes costly payments to employees who take early retirement.

Other legislators such as Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., want to go deeper and look at which bank programs work and which do not. They ask what the bank's role should be in developing countries now that private capital flows to

these nations largely surpass what the World Bank, regional development banks and bilateral government aid provide.

The World Bank uses the funds it receives from member nations to make interest-free loans to the world's poorest countries. The regional banks finance specific projects in Asia, Latin America, Africa and Eastern Europe.

The budget the administration has submitted calls for the United States to pay its current assessments to the financial organizations and repay its arrears over a 3-year period.

Once it is clear the United States will pay arrears of \$235 million to the World Bank and its regular contribution of \$800 million, then U.S. companies may again be able to bid on some contracts in developing countries these loans finance.

European and Japanese countries blocked U.S. bidding for contracts when the United States fell behind in its payments.

World Bank President James Wolfensohn said the loans the bank makes "are not charity but self-interest" because "developing countries are the fastest-growing market for U.S. exports ... and this means jobs here in the United States."

## Albanian president's family flees country

TIRANA, Albania (AP) — Albania's defense minister and his family today fled the anarchy that has engulfed this Balkan country, while military helicopters ferried foreigners to safety. An Italian helicopter was hit by gunfire, but not damaged; one American helicopter was fired upon but not hit.

At least 23 people were reported killed and scores wounded in the last day as Albania rapidly descended into chaos.

In the capital today, Americans and other foreigners fled aboard Chinook helicopters. Some desperate Albanians tried to join them, but were turned back.

At one point, gunmen with heavy weapons fired from hills outside Tirana in the direction of U.S. helicopters evacuating Americans from a compound where U.S. diplomats live.

A Cobra gunship returned fire, said Marine Col. Emerson Gardner, commander of the evacuation operation, on board the USS Nassau.

"We are treating that as an isolated incident," he said. "There are a lot of people with weapons and a lot of indiscriminate firing."

Gray Marine Chinook helicopters bearing the marking "SFOR," which identifies the NATO-led peace force in nearby Bosnia, banked hard over the compound and headed to a ship in the Adriatic Sea. They were guarded by two attack helicopters.

An Italian AB-212 helicopter was hit by gunfire early today

during an evacuation mission, but no one aboard was injured, the Defense Ministry said in Rome.

Up to 2,000 U.S. citizens are in Albania and the evacuation could take days, State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said in Washington.

About 50 people were taken out Thursday night. By midafternoon today, U.S. forces had taken out 259 people.

Albanian Defense Minister Safet Zhulali, his wife and 14-year-old daughter were among some 40 Albanians aboard a boat that arrived in Brindisi, Italy, today. The president's children fled Thursday.

In Shkodra, 56 miles north, at least seven people were killed and more than 70 wounded in the last two days, according to hospital officials.

One resident said all state buildings had been set ablaze, including the state bank, but officials said its money had already been safely taken away earlier.

In Bajram Curri, the first northern Albanian city to be hit by unrest earlier this week, there was widespread looting, including at the museum and the hospital, and all cars with official plates had been torched, witnesses told the Associated Press by telephone.

A mob used a tank to break into a bank in the southern town of Gjirokastra, according to a hospital official there. One person was injured.

In the central town of Berat,

doctors and nurses held a peaceful demonstration against violence. There were four dead and 60 injured — including 12 wounded today, state radio reported.

Meanwhile, sacks of cement, food and furniture were being carted away by looters in Durres, an Adriatic port that is Albania's second-most populous city. One ship in Durres had

about 300 people and other Albanians were scrambling to get on.

In the latest international effort to bring order, former Austrian Chancellor Franz Vranitzky met with Premier Bashkim Fino today on Italian warship off the Albanian coast, the Italian Foreign Ministry said. President Sali Berisha apparently was not there.

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## Israeli Cabinet approves start for new Jewish neighborhood

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel will start breaking ground Monday for a new Jewish neighborhood on war-won land in east Jerusalem and security forces are preparing for a violent Palestinian reaction, Israel radio said today.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said he would not be deterred by Palestinian warnings of a new uprising.

"I'm going to build... on Har Homa," Netanyahu told the Maariv newspaper, using the Hebrew name for the area slated to hold 6,500 new Jewish apartments.

"Nothing will stop me. If they

(the Palestinians) think they can frighten us, they are wrong. I am more determined than ever," Netanyahu said in an interview published today.

Israel's Cabinet discussed the construction plans in its weekly session today. Security officials told the ministers they expect a violent reaction to the ground breaking from Palestinians, Israel radio said.

The army and police made contingency plans for a Monday start-up, it said.

The Palestinians are furious over Israel's decision to build the new Jewish apartments in east Jerusalem, the sector they

claim as a future Palestinian capital. They have warned of violent street protests should the bulldozers start clearing the wooded hills in the area known in Arabic as Jabal Abu Ghneim.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat said in an interview published today that he no longer trusted Netanyahu.

"We don't have any faith left in the other side," Arafat said.

"This isn't just another crisis," Arafat said, referring to the growing tensions over the Jerusalem construction decision and Netanyahu's limited offer for a West Bank troop pull-back.

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## Value of human life is portrayed in life and death of Jesus

In the Caribbean, domesticated animals are often allowed to roam unhindered. My family and I saw this first-hand a few years ago while living in the B.V.I.

One night I ran over a sheep that had darted in front of my vehicle. I can vividly remember the sound and feel of hitting the animal. Bringing the van to a stop seemed like slow motion. The experience left a sickening feeling in my stomach.

After finally coming to a stop, I discovered the animal was not dead, but it had a broken leg. I immediately located the owner and offered to pay for the sheep, but he declined my offer. He said he would simply butcher the sheep for its mutton. It now occurs to me the sheep

was just as valuable to the man dead as it was alive. But then, it was just an animal raised for slaughter. When such animals become injured or diseased, they cease to have value alive and they are put out of



Russell Mullins  
Guest Columnist

their misery. In contrast to this historical and almost universal view of animals, Jesus often spoke of the value of human life. On one

occasion, some people were questioning Jesus' right to heal on the Sabbath day. He called their attention to the fact even they would not leave a sheep stranded in a pit on the Sabbath day.

So He said, "Of how much more value then is a man than a sheep! So then, it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath," (Matthew 12:12). While they insisted on their right to control when and how healing could take place, Jesus calmly asserted that human life has value that is not debatable.

The Bible is clear, God has invested extreme value in human life that He has not given to the animals (Genesis 1:27). People are not mere animals to be put of their misery.

We have worth and value even to the end of life no matter how miserable or agonizing the death process may be.

The value of human life is strikingly portrayed in the life of Jesus. As the cross drew near, Jesus went to the Garden of Gethsemane where He poured out His heart in prayer (Matthew 26:36-42).

There He faced the prospect of the agony He knew He would suffer, and He found it frightening. A few hours later as He hung on a cross, He suffered not only the physical pain but also the loneliness that compounded the agony.

My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me? (Matthew 27:46). Yet, all the pain and agony and loneliness never

took away His sense of value. Just before He died, Jesus cried out, "It is finished!" (John 19:30). He wasn't referring to the pain, but to the reason for the pain. He had suffered and died for the sins of the world. His life, even in the midst of the pain, had value right up to the end.

In retrospect of himself having stared death in the face (2 Corinthians 1:8,9), the apostle Paul penned these words, "Blessed (be) the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort; who comforts us in all our affliction so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are com-

forted by God," (2 Corinthians 1:3,4).

The comfort and patient endurance you and I can impart to others through our suffering is immeasurable. There is value in our lives, even in suffering, that we may be tempted to deny because of our suffering, but is real nonetheless. Such is the hope that emerges from the gospel of Jesus Christ who refused to deny the value of His own suffering on our behalf.

Some are asking, "Do I not have the right to die?" A more meaningful question may just be: "Do I not have value by living?"

Russell Mullins is the minister at Coahoma Church of Christ.

### CLUB NEWS

Club news is due by Wednesday at noon for Friday publication.

#### Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association

Members of the Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association will meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College on March 17. Fellowship hour is 10:30 a.m. and lunch is at 11:30 a.m.

Guest speaker is Janet Middleton who will present a slide show visit to Turkey and Jordan.

During the business meeting, chaired by Billye Grisham, plans will be made to attend the Texas Retired Teachers Association Convention in Corpus Christi on April 9-12.

All retired teachers are invited to attend the March 17 meeting.

#### The Elbow Family and Community Education Club

The Elbow Family and

Community Education Club met on March 6 in the home of Olnee Menges. The meeting was called to order by President Myrl Soles. The devotional was read by Olnee Menges and the thought for the day was given by Virginia Younger. Roll call was answered by 10 members by telling the group of "my greatest fear."

Announcements were given and members were invited to meet March 20 at the Dora Roberts Cardiac Rehab Center where Leslie Williams R.N. will present a program on "Heart Health."

Dana Tarter, CEA-FCS representative, then presented a program about the "Healing Foods." She emphasized the various illnesses that can be helped or controlled by diet and exercise. The members all agreed cutting fat intake, lowering sugar and salt consumption, using more fruits and vegetables and less red meat, plus a daily exercise routine would be helpful in making them feel and be healthier.

The public is invited to attend Elbow FCE Club meetings on the first and third Thursday of each month. For more information call 367-5067 or 263-6819.

#### Howard County Youth Horseman Club

The Howard County Youth Horseman Club season begins March 15. The first series of three play days will consist of five events: barrel racing, pole bending, flag race, straight barrels, and potato race.

The youth and their families from Howard County and all surrounding counties are welcome. The club has classes from ages six and under to a senior class 18 years and over.

Membership is not a requirement for participation. Family memberships are \$10 per year.

Schedule of events for March and April:

March 15 - Play day - books open at 1 p.m.

April 5 - Play day - books open at 1 p.m.

April 19 - Benefit Team Roping

April 26 - Play day - books open at 1 p.m.

The work day and Coggins Test Clinic were a great success! Attendance and participation were outstanding!

The club wishes to express a special thanks to: Dr. Debra Hill and Traci Myrick of the Western Hills Animal Clinic for the Coggins Testing, Cutter Mitchel - welding rig and welding, David Pool - Welding rig and welding, Bob (Beamer)

Davis - Welding rig and welding, Kenny Beardon - welding rig and welding, Shawn Cooley - welding bleacher seats, Ken Maberry - Welders helper, Penni Kothman - cash donation for steel purchase, Byron Harris - Donated and installed the announcers booth door. Special thanks to Scott Herring for donating all of the pipe needed and the use of his welding machine. Special thanks to Mr. Rick Rich (non-member) for the use of his welding machine Feb. 22-23.

Thanks again to those members and their families and friends for all of their hard work in making this a great day for the H.C.Y.H.C.!

Anyone interested in joining a family oriented organization promoting the youth of this area through Horsemanship please call Gary Gray (President) at 264-0953, Traci Myrick (Vice-President) at 263-5231, or Shawn Cooley (Director) at 263-5231.

#### O'Neal-Kunkle Unit No. 47 DAVA

The O'Neal-Kunkle Unit No. 47 DAVA will meet Monday at the VAMC room 214 at 6:30 p.m. Wear something green.

#### 1970 Hyperion Club

January's meeting of the 1970

Hyperion Club was in the home of Kim Cooksey. The hostesses for the month were Kim, Pat Anderson, Wanda Driver and Theresa Welch. Visitors, Cathy Mays and Luan Stallings, were welcomed. The speaker of the meeting was Chuck Rodgers, Abilene director of the high school Christian outreach organization known as Young Life. Since 1940, Young Life has been reaching out in creative ways to encourage young people to come to be introduced to a living, joyful Savior in Jesus Christ. A number of concerned community members in Big Spring are seriously looking at bringing this organization to the community. This was an opportunity for Hyperion Club members to be introduced to the organization.

February's 1970 Hyperion Club met in the home of Linda Mueller. Linda, Vicky Stanley, Sue Haugh and Lilja Lysaght were co-hostesses and set a beautiful Valentine's table of treats.

Howard County's new Sheriff, Bill Jennings and his "volunteer" deputy, made a very informative and important presentation regarding women, safety and self-defense. Sheriff Jennings shared he introduced a new policy that his deputies

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### CHURCH NEWS

Church news is due by Wednesday at noon for Friday publication.

#### Promise Keepers

The second Promise Keepers Rally for Big Spring is Tuesday evening, March 18, at 7 p.m., at Miracle Revival Center, 600 E. FM 700. The first meeting was highly successful in encouraging the organization of a Promise Keepers group in Big Spring. This month's meeting officially organizes a local group with the appointment of key men (representatives from local congregations) and ambassadors (key communication leaders).

Ron Adams, Task Force Director of Odessa, and Keith Chadwick, missions director for Promise Keepers, will be here to give direction for future events and help connect this group to the national Promise Keepers movement.

All men of Big Spring are encouraged to attend and bring other men with them.

#### Baptist Temple

Rejoice in Revival at Baptist Temple, 400 E. 11th Place, April 6-9, Sunday morning 10:45 a.m. and nightly 7 p.m. with Evangelist Don Cass and Bill Smith, Jr., music.

#### First United Methodist Church

"Jesus: Christians Must Let Go to Win" (Luke 9: 23-27) is Dr. Ed Williamson's message this Sunday, March 16, at the First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry. The message is about fulfilling our human needs. Join us in church at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.

This Sunday, the Chancel Choir, under the direction of John Denise Ross, presents a special, "The Seven Last Words of Christ" cantata during the 10:50 a.m. service. March 23, at 7 p.m. we present The Last Supper: A Living Picture, a drama about Jesus and his disciples.

On Thursday, March 20, at 7 p.m., there is a "Call to Prayer." Everyone who wants to be a part of a prayer network on behalf of all the young people, youth workers, and their parents, please come! Bring your prayer lists (requests), a notebook, and a pen and the meeting will be in the "Old Youth

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## Hating housework, a happy mime

Scripts Howard News Service

Q: Let me put this straight right from the start: I'm a self-employed gardener. Nothing fancy; just digging, cutting and planting. My wife is a high school teacher with a string of degrees in front of her name. We both want several kids, but she says the only way she would consider having a baby is if I share the housework. I feel her idea is ridiculous, something brought on by the feminists.

My own mother did all the housework: cooked, cleaned, baked and washed laundry for seven children. Dad brought home his paycheck and rested until supper was served. That's the natural order of things. I do take out the garbage for my wife, but I hate bringing up towels and sheets from the cellar. Real men, I explained to my wife, just don't do women's chores. Who is right? —Mike in Tarentum, Pa.

A: You're right! The feminists did bring the idea of equality at

home and in the workplace to the average American family. I don't blame you for hating housework. I do, too. And so do most real men and real women. But lifestyles have changed and if you want several children you're going to have to do more than take out the garbage. Equality is the name of the game now and, with two-career families, it's very necessary.

Q: I've been a mime for almost eight years and I love it. You can find me performing in outdoor places like Boston's Harvard Square or Baltimore's Harborplace and in children's hospitals.

For a dependable income, I teach the art of mime in a theater department at a local college. My earnings are unpredictable, but knowing I bring joy and humor to an audience makes it all worthwhile. The problem is my dad. He pressures me constantly to get a real job. He says, "You don't have a job; pantomime is a hobby. Take up a profession, like medicine or the law, then

you'll be able to support a family." Who is right? —Dan, Natick, MA.

### WORK

A: It's not a question of right or wrong! If you're happy doing your mime act, then continue with it. When you feel you need more money, I'm sure you'll find additional teaching jobs or more groups who want to be entertained. You're fortunate you enjoy what you're doing.

Dear Dr. Bern: I was disappointed in your sexist comment to a reader who said she was called an "office supply thief" by a coworker who observed her taking to her home office pads of paper, Post-its and dozens of pens.

When challenged, she said, "I see office supplies as part of my total compensation package from the company. Don't you agree?" Well, you disagreed strongly, challenging the writer's honesty and suggesting

the department's secretary "keep the key to the firm's supply closet stashed in her bra to avoid employee pilfering." What an insulting, disgusting remark! It's demeaning for you to assume all secretaries are female. Your attitude is dated. You need a re-look at today's world! Sherry Randall, Leawood, Kan.

Dear Sherry: I plead guilty to my "disgusting" sexist comment! No savvy, politically correct woman of the '90s would put a hand object like a key in her bra. She would have the good sense to know by quitting time, she would have a major laceration. As for male secretaries, they're still scarce. According to the U.S. Labor Department, there are 3,361,000 secretaries in our nation and only 15 percent are male.

Dr. Paula Bern has taught executive seminars at Carnegie-Mellon University.

Questions may be mailed to Dr. Bern at 1090 Vermont Ave. NW, Suite 1000; Washington, DC; 20005.

### TIPS 'N' TRIVIA

#### Disposing of odors:

(NAPS) - Tips and information:

- Rub your hands, knives and cutting boards with a freshly cut lemon before washing them to help remove onion and garlic smells.
- To keep down the smell of cabbage, place a small cup of vinegar on the range or add a wedge of lemon to the pot.
- To reduce the smell of fish when you cook it, put a dash of vinegar in the poaching liquid. Adding sesame oil before cooking also works.
- To rid frying pans of fish odor, sprinkle salt in the pan, add hot water and let stand a while before rinsing.
- Foam and Fresh is a new product available to clean and deodorize disposals. The ultra concentrated cleaning formula and lemon scent provide self-cleaning and deodorizing action that lasts a week.
- The foam clings to the sides and top of the disposer (areas untouched when rinsing with water), dissolving odor-causing residue. It's available at local supermarkets or you can order it directly by calling 1-800-638-4852.



### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

#### Civil War re-enactment April 5

Civil War Days Weekend is Saturday, April 5 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Comanche Trail Park, Dora Roberts Community Center. Free admission.

#### Lakeview registration

Lakeview Headstart registration is March 18-21 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the headstart classroom. When registering please bring the following: proof of income (income tax return, W-2 statement, salary check stubs, AFDC, unemployment, social security, child support payments.), birth certificate, immunization record, and social security card for all household. Headstart also reserves spaces for children with disabilities.

### THE LAST WORD

The ability to laugh at life is right at the top, with love and communication, in the hierarchy of our needs. Humor has much to do with pain; it exaggerates the anxieties and absurdities we feel, so that we gain distance and through laughter, relief.

Sara Davidson

All changes, even the ones most longed for, have their melancholy, for what we leave behind us is a part of ourselves; we must die to one life before we can enter into another.

Anatole France

ENJOYING SPRING BREAK



Michael Womack spins in a tire at the Kids' Zone Playground this week as his sister, Sarah, looks on. Today is the last day of Spring Break for Howard County students as they head back to the classroom on Monday.

HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

'Chile Pepper' magazine moves and goes upscale

FORT WORTH (AP) — The Fort Worth publishing scene is heating up with the recent acquisition of Chile Pepper magazine by the Magnolia Media Group.

Chile Pepper, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, formerly called New Mexico home. But now stories about serranos and habaneros are percolating in Fort Worth hospital district offices where Magnolia also publishes Michael's Arts & Crafts, Bass Pro Shop's Outdoor World, Signature Kitchens and PetLife.

Magnolia has already fired up the look of the magazine. Photographs are boldly displayed and screened boxes offset the recipes. The company wants to bring the magazine to the level of other food magazines such as *Sauveur* and *Gourmet*.

Stories circle the globe, examining the chile lives of Monianans, Kenyans and even the heat-sensitive French. Ads include specialty hot sauces, barbecue equipment and chile-theme clothing.

Although Magnolia won't release circulation numbers, the company does say that male readers outpace women by 2-to-1. Blame it on testosterone.

Publisher/editor-in-chief Joel Gregory admits there's a lot of "I can eat a hotter one than you can" in the chile crowd.

And it is a growing crowd. Salsas and sauces are a \$2 billion a year business.

So committed is Magnolia to the Chile Pepper brand, it has developed a sister publication for the trade called *Hot Times*.

In August, the magazine is sponsoring the International Chile Pepper Exposition at Dallas Market Hall. Promoted as a major trade show Aug. 8-9, admission will be open to civilian chilleheads Aug. 10.

Magnolia also is launching Chile Pepper Television, the first project of which is a 30-minute cooking series. Expect to see it on local television soon.

Until then, here are some recipes adapted from Chile Pepper to try at home.

COAST STARLIGHT SPICY SHRIMP

- Serves 4.
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 bell pepper, sliced
- 1 onion, sliced
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 stalks celery, sliced
- 1 jalapeno, stem and seeds removed, chopped
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1 can stewed tomatoes
- 1 teaspoon cayenne
- 1 tablespoon vinegar
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 3 slices pineapple, chopped
- 2 cups water
- 1/2 pound shrimp, shelled
- 2 cups cooked rice

In stockpot, melt butter and saute bell pepper, onion, garlic, celery and jalapeno until onion is transparent.

Add flour and cook, stirring, until mixture is golden and bubbly. Add all other ingredients except shrimp and bring to a boil.

Reduce heat and simmer 20-30 minutes. Add more water if necessary. It should have a por-

ridge-like consistency. Add shrimp during last five minutes of cooking.

Serve with rice. Nutritional analysis per serving without rice: 215 calories, 7 grams fat, 26 grams carbohydrates, 14 grams protein, 102 milligrams cholesterol, 414 milligrams sodium, 30 percent of calories from fat.

Chef Melvin Loud, Amtrak's Coast Starlight.

MAHOGANY CHICKEN

- Serves 4-6.
- 1 cup hoisin sauce
- 1 cup soy sauce
- 1-1/2 cups honey
- 1/4 cup rice vinegar
- 1/4 cup chopped garlic
- 1 tablespoon hot chile paste
- 5 pounds chicken wings

Warm all ingredients except chicken in saucepan until honey is thoroughly dissolved.

Cut wings into individual pieces, discarding tips and placing them in container for marinating. Pour marinade over wings. Toss wings to coat them completely and refrigerate. Marinate for 5-6 hours or overnight.

Bake wings on foil-lined baking pan for 1 hour and 15 minutes. Toss wings every 30 minutes.

Serve warm garnished with toasted sesame seeds.

Nutritional analysis per serving: 493 calories, 26 grams fat, 28 grams carbohydrates, 37 grams protein, 108 milligrams cholesterol, 1,182 milligrams sodium, 47 percent of calories from fat.

The Mint Cafe & Bar, Belgrade, Montana.

South Texas town has independent history

PALM VALLEY (AP) — Sprawling homes with manicured lawns and backyard views of fairways and greens make up Harlingen Country Club, an area with quite a history.

But whatever you do, don't call it Harlingen.

"It's not Harlingen. We are a separate entity," emphasized Gladys Harrison, a 20-year resident of the country club.

The Harlingen Country Club is a misnomer because, in actuality, the neighborhood is in the town of Palm Valley.

Palm Valley, which has been incorporated since 1980, has its own police department, mayor and five aldermen, as well as its own post office.

Palm Valley city taxes pay for the police patrol and for the upkeep of streets and street lights.

The Harlingen Country Club used to be at the Tony Butler Golf Course. But when the clubhouse burned down, some of its members wanted to relocate.

They looked to Harlingen's airport, the Harvey Richards Airport, which was then located at the present site of the Harlingen Country Club. The airport had enough room for a golf course and a housing development.

In 1968, construction on the new Harlingen Golf Course began, and the area was subdivided for development.

By 1980, the area had grown considerably. But problems

arose when the developer sold out.

Residents of the Harlingen Country Club were at a loss as to who was responsible for replacing the street lights in their neighborhood.

So they decided to form their own town and become incorporated.

But because the area fell into Harlingen's extra-territorial jurisdiction, the residents had to make a formal request for annexation by Harlingen. That meant that Harlingen could either annex the area or let the area become its own town.

In the late spring of 1980, the Harlingen City Commission failed to approve the annexation of Palm Valley by one vote.

The rest is history. Today, of the 740 lots, only 57 are open and lots have gone up 20 times in value since the development's beginning, Bill Harrison said.

And the area has one of the lowest property tax rates of "any town in the whole Rio Grande Valley," Harrison said, at 16 cents per \$100 valuation.

Remnants of the town's history remain.

The building that now houses the tennis pro shop was once the terminal for the old airport, and the airport runway is now buried under grass.

"If you dug down deep enough, you'd find it," Bill Harrison said.

And signs around the neighborhood still stand with the

message: "Warning: Palm Valley is continuously patrolled by volunteer Rangers."

Palm Valley made national news in 1981 for its volunteer police department, the Rangers, who patrolled the area in golf carts and Cadillacs.

The Rangers were established after a rash of burglaries hit the area.

"There were no funds to hire anybody for anything," Bill Harrison said.

So 64 men and women volunteers from Palm Valley patrolled the area for more than one year until the money could be raised to hire a police force.

Harrison was the first town marshal, and the Rangers base station was at the Harrison's home with Gladys Harrison manning the radios "24 hours a day."

Gladys even bought the group toy badges and made sticker labels with the Rangers' patrol numbers on each badge.

"It was the most fantastic thing you've ever seen in your life," she said.

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**Recipe Corner**

If you have any recipes you would like to see published, please submit them to the Herald office at 710 Scurry or mail them to: P.O. Box 1431; Big Spring, Texas; 79721; attention: Kellie Jones.

Submissions need to be in the Herald office no later than March 31. It is scheduled for April 9.

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Hall. We begin praying that night. A babysitter is provided, and please call Judy at 263-4211 or 267-1300 if you have any questions.

First Presbyterian Church

The Property Committee at the First Presbyterian Church is having a clean-up day at the church Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome and opportunities are available to meet any talent you are willing to share.

Berea Baptist Church

Berea Baptist Church, 4204 Wasson Road, has called Rev. Dwayne Wheat to be the pastor, and he begins his ministry at Berea on Sunday. Dwayne is the former pastor of Luther Bethel Baptist Church and is well-known in and around Big Spring. To welcome Dwayne and his wife, Bonnie, into their fellowship, the church will honor them with a covered dish luncheon following the Sunday morning worship service. All visitors and church members are invited to attend.

First Assembly of God

Easter Play "Love Attaineth Victory" is being prepared by First Assembly of God, Fourth and Lancaster, congregation. It is a moving story about one of the best known weeks in history, using approximately 75 cast members and live animals. There are four performances Thursday, March 27; Good Friday, March 28; Saturday, March 29; and last performance Easter Sunday night, March 30. Performance time is 7:30 p.m. Pastor Grace encourages the community to attend. Admission is free.

Living Water Ministries

Living Water Ministries is hosting meetings on Easter Weekend with Sam Soleyn as our guest speaker. Sam received his doctorate in law at the University of New Mexico Law School in 1982, has a B.A. in English Speech, and graduated from Seminary at Oklahoma Christian College in 1970-71. He established Church of Christ churches on St. Vincent and Granada at the age of 18. He currently provides Apostolic oversight to many groups in the West Texas area as well as speaking on the Prime Time Television network since 1995. We meet at Living Water Ministries on Saturday, March 29, at 7 p.m. at which time Sam will share his message with the church. We meet again on Easter Sunday and Resurrection morning morning also at Living Water, 1008 Birdwell Lane, at 9:30 a.m.

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are now to always have more than half a tank of gas in their cars. This way, his deputies can immediately respond to a call, anywhere in Howard County, without first having to stop for gas. He suggested it might be a good policy for us, also, to maintain at least half a tank of gas. Keeping doors locked and maintaining an awareness of our surroundings were just a few of the many valuable suggestions that came from the meeting. As a group, we were inspired to think more about safety and precautionary methods and were certainly delighted and impressed by our new Sheriff and his "volunteer" Deputy.

The March meeting is March 21, in the home of Shirley Johnson. Co-hostesses for the meeting are Shirley, Joanne Smoot, Barbara Donelson and Ellen Phillips.

Big Spring Art Association

The Big Spring Art Association meets March 18, 7 p.m. at the West Texas Center for the Arts. Guest artist will be Ed Jordan who will give a demonstration on cartoon drawing and painting. He will also show his commercial portfolio of cartoons. Big Spring area art show is May 17 for entries and art work displayed May 19-24. Paintings may be picked up May 24 or 25. Jo Beth Gullian, watercolor artist from Lubbock, will have a workshop April 5, at the West Texas Center for the Arts. The fee is \$35.

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## Smith ties Rupp atop NCAA coaching list; Hoosiers fall

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

It was a memorable night for Dean Smith and a forgettable one for Bob Knight.

Smith tied Adolph Rupp as the winningest basketball coach in NCAA history Thursday night when North Carolina survived a scare from Fairfield, 82-74, in the opening round of the East Regional.

"I feel good to be a part of it," said North Carolina guard Ed Cota, who had 10 assists and no turnovers. "We're just trying to get the record for coach Smith and let him enjoy the day."

Smith will go for a record-setting 877th victory Saturday against Colorado, which routed Knight's Indiana team 80-62. It was the third straight year the Hoosiers (22-11) were eliminated in the first round, and the 18-point loss matched Indiana's worst in 71 NCAA tournament games.

"When you are soundly beaten, there is not much you can say," Knight said.

Fairfield (11-19), which had the worst record in the 64-team

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field and no starter over 6-foot-6, made a strong bid to become the first No. 16 seed to beat a No. 1 seed.

The Stags led by seven at halftime and stayed with the Tar Heels (25-6) until the final minute in front of a pro-North Carolina crowd in Winston-Salem.

"They were like mosquitoes out there," North Carolina forward Antawn Jamison said. "They did one of the awesome jobs of the year. They were on fire, they couldn't miss anything and once they started getting things going they got a lot of confidence."

Vince Carter led the Tar Heels with 22 points, while Greg Francis led Fairfield with 26 points.

In other East Regional games, California edged Princeton 55-52 and Villanova downed Long Island 101-91.

In the Southeast, Kansas beat Jackson State 78-64, Purdue defeated Rhode Island 83-76 in

overtime, College of Charleston topped Maryland 75-66, and Arizona defeated South Alabama 65-57.

In the Midwest, Cincinnati defeated Butler 86-69, Iowa State beat Illinois State 69-57, Xavier downed Vanderbilt 80-68, and UCLA beat Charleston Southern 109-75.

In the West, Boston College defeated Valparaiso 73-66, St. Joseph's downed Pacific 75-65, Kentucky breezed past Montana 92-54, and Iowa beat Virginia 73-60.

The first round concludes today with these pairings:

East: Wisconsin-Texas, South Carolina-Coppin State, New Mexico-Old Dominion, and Louisville-Massachusetts.

Southeast: Georgia-Chattanooga, Illinois-Southern Cal, Marquette-Providence, and Duke-Murray State.

Midwest: Clemson-Miami of Ohio, Tulsa-Boston University, Mississippi-Temple, and Minnesota-Southwest Texas State.

West: UNC Charlotte-Georgetown, Utah-Navy, Wake

Forest-St. Mary's, and Stanford-Oklahoma.

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East

Colorado 80, Indiana 62  
At Winston-Salem, Chauncey Billups scored 24 points for Colorado, which was making its first NCAA appearance in 28 years.

California 55, Princeton 52

Tony Gonzalez scored all five of Cal's points in the final minute as the Bears snapped Princeton's 19-game winning streak.

Villanova 101, LIU 91

Freshman Tim Thomas had 28 points and 15 rebounds for Villanova, which broke it open with a 19-1 run to start the second half. Charles Jones, the nation's leading scorer, scored 37 for LIU.

Southeast

Kansas 78, Jackson St. 64

At Memphis, Scot Pollard grabbed a career-high 19 rebounds, blocked six shots and scored 12 points for Kansas. Purdue 83, Rhode Island 76, OT

Brad Miller had a career-high

31 points for Purdue, which scored the first six points in overtime.

College of Charleston 75, Maryland 66

Stacy Harris scored 22 points as the College of Charleston extended the nation's longest winning streak to 23 games.

Arizona 65, S. Alabama 57

Arizona outscored South Alabama 22-4 in the final 7 minutes to avoid losing in the first round for the fourth time in six years.

Midwest

Cincinnati 86, Butler 69

At Auburn Hills, Mich., Danny Forston scored 24 points and Darnell Burton added 19 for Cincinnati, including five 3-pointers.

Iowa St. 69, Illinois St. 57

Kelvin Cato had a career-high 29 points, 12 rebounds and eight blocks to lead Iowa State.

Xavier 80, Vanderbilt 68

James Posey and Gary Lumpkin scored Xavier's final 20 points as the Musketeers held off Vanderbilt. Posey finished with a career-high 22 points and Lumpkin had 16.

UCLA 109, Charleston Southern 75

UCLA scored the first 11 points of the game, and Jelany McCoy and J.R. Henderson finished with 21 points apiece for the Bruins.

West

Boston College 73, Valparaiso 66

At Salt Lake City, reserve Bevan Thomas scored 16 points as Boston College overcame the long-range shooting of Bryce Drew, who made eight 3-pointers for Valparaiso.

St. Joseph's 75, Pacific 65

Rashid Bey scored 22 points and freshman Arthur Davis added 19 for St. Joseph's, which was playing its first NCAA tournament game in 11 years.

Kentucky 92, Montana 54

Cameron Mills scored 19 points, his third consecutive career high, as the defending national champions routed Montana.

Iowa 73, Virginia 60

Guy Rucker scored 19 points and Iowa coach Tom Davis improved to 10-0 in first-round games.

## UT coach fears she's been had

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas women's basketball coach Jody Conradt feels like she's been set up.

Her Lady Longhorns (21-7) will play their first-round NCAA tournament game Saturday night at home against

Southwest Texas State (17-11), a school that has lived in

Texas' shadow, 30 miles south of Austin, and would love to play giant-killer.

"I think the whole game is emotional and mental," Conradt said. "I don't even think it's going to get down to physical ability."

"On paper, we would have to win this game," Conradt said. "They are not expected to win, and if people believe in that scenario, people are in for a shock."

The Lady Longhorns and Bobcats will take the court following a first-round game between Notre Dame (27-6) and Memphis (22-6).

Conradt was impressed with the Bobcats' 77-65 upset of Stephen F. Austin in the Southland Conference tournament final last weekend.

"I looked at how emotionally high they were for the Stephen F. Austin game, and they are playing well and have a lot to prove in this particular game," Conradt said.

"They probably feel like they have been in our shadow," she said. "There have been a lot of huge upsets under these circumstances. Remember Princeton and UCLA last year? I think we've been set up."

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Coahoma's Stephanie Stone swings at a pitch during the Bulldogettes' game with Lubbock Monterey Tuesday in Coahoma.

## Steers take step in right direction with win Thursday

HERALD Staff Report

SNYDER — The Big Spring Steers look like they just might be rounding into shape.

The Steers, who opened the season with eight straight losses, continued their rebound from that rugged start with a 5-2 victory over Huntington in the first round of the Snyder Invitational Baseball Tournament Thursday.

Big Spring (2-10) now has won two of its last four baseball games, with both losses coming by only one run.

Thursday, the Steers spotted Huntington a 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning before tying the game in their half of the inning. They then parlayed a walk, sacrifice and hits by Marcus Hyatt, Aaron Boadle and Wes Mouton into two more runs in the fourth inning to

grab the lead for good.

BSHS pitcher Danny Wilson picked up his first victory of the year against three defeats.

The Steers advanced to face undefeated Lubbock Roosevelt in a second-round game this morning.

### Bulldogettes fall to arch-rivals

SNYDER — What's a Coahoma softball season without a game or two against Hawley?

The two teams hooked up again Thursday in the first round of the Canyon Reef Softball Tournament in Snyder, with Hawley taking a 7-1 victory.

Kelly Buchanan took the loss for Coahoma (3-7), which returned to action today against Van Alstyne and Andrews.

## For Montgomerie, Honda title may be blowing in the wind

CORAL SPRINGS, Fla. (AP) — Colin Montgomerie, like a true Scot, loves playing golf in the wind.

Montgomerie finished the first round of the Honda Classic Thursday in the wind and rain, proud of his 4-under-par 68, but worried that a passing storm would take the gusting winds with it.

"I don't mean to be awkward when I say I hope it picks up again," the Scot said with a smile. "Let's hope for the same throughout the day so it will be fair."

Not to worry. The wind almost always blows hard in south Florida in

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the spring. That's one reason the Honda Classic was moved to the TPC at Heron Bay, a course that Mark McCumber designed to make windy conditions difficult, but tolerable.

The leader board after Thursday's first round reflected players who have experience handling it.

Lee Janzen, who won the Players Championship in 1995 in 30 mph wind gusts, and Hawaiian Open winner Paul Stankowski shared the lead with a 5-under-par 67 in blustery conditions that guarded

pins and led to a lot of second-guessing.

Among the players another stroke back were Montgomerie, who sees these conditions often in Europe, and Payne Stewart.

"I was excited about coming here and playing," Janzen said. "I thought this course would be fair even if the wind blows."

Stewart and Janzen had an extra benefit. They came to Heron Bay last month for a practice round with McCumber and Mark O'Meara on a day the wind was howling.

Calm conditions during the practice rounds gave way to gusts that made the flags snap and nearly knocked over a

young standard-bearer trying to hold up his sign against the wind.

### LPGA

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Good preparation means good scores for Liselotte Neumann.

"The last two years, I have been really prepared coming into this event," Neumann said. "I've been working hard on my game and physical conditioning. I've been running, swimming, playing tennis, rollerblading and lifting weights."

The Swede won the Welch's Circle K Championship last year. On Thursday, she opened

defense of her title with an 8-under-par 64 that included two eagles and four birdies.

Julie Piers, who went to a teacher to straighten out her swing after missing three cuts in six previous tournaments, had a 65.

Tammie Green opened with a 66, while Swedish star Annika Sorenstam was three back along with Marianne Morris and Sherri Steinhauer.

Sorenstam, the 1991 NCAA champion as a freshman at the University of Arizona, leads the money list with \$273,010 in three events. She won the

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## Bradley scores 31 to lead Mavs to second consecutive win over Celtics

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

On a night devoid of anything compelling in the NBA, enough odd stuff happened to make it at least a bit interesting.

After all, how many nights feature Shawn Bradley scoring a season-high 31 points, or Donyell Marshall scoring 30, or the Cleveland Cavaliers allowing more than 100 points or the Toronto Raptors winning their third in a row?

Thursday night saw all four. Bradley not only had his best offensive night of the season, he also blocked a potential game-tying shot to preserve Dallas' 109-107 victory over the Boston Celtics.

The Cavaliers allowed 100 or more points for just the sixth time this season, but it took the Golden State Warriors overtime to do so in a 101-95 victory.

As for the Raptors, they

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matched the longest winning streak in franchise history as they won 103-96 at Sacramento.

In other games, Phoenix beat the Los Angeles Clippers 112-96, Detroit beat Denver 102-82 and Seattle beat Minnesota 108-92.

The Mavericks took a two-point lead, their first of the final quarter, when Michael Finley knocked the ball from rookie Antoine Walker near midcourt and went in for an uncontested dunk with 9.8 seconds left.

Bradley then blocked a layup attempt by Walker.

"My goal is to make plays when the game is on the line," said Bradley, who finished with the highest point total ever by a Mavericks center. "I got the big block, and Michael came up with the big steal. I want to be

part of a winning organization."

The Celtics had one last shot, but Walker's 3-point attempt from the left wing bounced off the rim at the buzzer.

Finley added 27 points and rookie Erick Strickland scored 16 as the Mavericks won their second game in a row for only the fifth time this season.

Celtics coach M.L. Carr credited the Mavericks for making the defensive plays that turned the game around.

"I thought they made a couple of real aggressive defensive plays to win the game down the stretch," Carr said. "Obviously Bradley was huge for them, but they got some contributions across the board."

Warriors 101, Cavaliers 95

At San Jose, Marshall tied his career high with 30 points and Mark Price scored two crucial baskets in overtime.

Marshall shot 11-of-15 and added 10 rebounds, Price had 18 points and Ray Ows added 13 points off the bench. Danny Ferry's 21 points topped Cleveland.

"He's been working his tail off in practice," Warriors coach Rick Adelman said of Marshall. "He had a huge game for us at a time that we really needed it from him."

After being down 95-92 when Cleveland's Chris Mills hit a 3-pointer with 3:50 left in overtime, the Warriors scored the last nine points of the game.

Price hit a lean-in jumper to put Golden State up 96-95, then made a 3-pointer with 1:08 to go for a 99-95 lead.

Cleveland missed six shots and had three turnovers in the final 3:50 of overtime.

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Tournament of Champions and the Hawaiian Ladies Open and was second in the Los Angeles Women's Championship.

Dottie Pepper, the 1995 winner in Tucson, and Donna Andrews, who won in 1994, were among eight players who shot first-round 68s.

Neumann faced a challenge as soon as she teed off — matching the 7-under round Piers was close to completing.

Neumann, who took the last two LPGA tournaments off after a tie for eighth in Los Angeles, reached the 493-yard third hole in two and sank a 25-foot putt for her first eagle.

She had short birdie putts on Nos. 4, 5 and 9, and dropped to 7-under when she eagled No. 10, a 351-yard, par-4. Neumann hit a sand wedge that landed about 10 feet from the pin, hopped and rolled into the cup.

That got her even with Piers, and Neumann took over the lead on the last hole, a short par-5 that she reached in two. Neumann two-putted from 18 feet to birdie and finish a stroke off Laura Davies' course record set in 1988.

"It's nice to come back to a place where you played well," said Neumann, whose 12-under 276 last year was good for a one-stroke victory over Cathy Johnston Forbes. "It gives you a lot of confidence."

Until Neumann got rolling, Piers had the tournament to herself.

Piers went to pro John Elliott in Ocala, Fla., to get smoother rotation on her takeaway and backswing. There was nothing unsteady about her first day back in competition; she got stronger the longer she stayed on the 6,222-yard Randolph Park North Course, a municipal layout where the greens are lush than in years.

"It was just a good day for scoring," Piers said. "It seems that a lot of girls play good week in and week out. They are just flat-out good. You have to take advantage when you get your momentum going."

Piers birdied Nos. 6, 8 and 9 from less than 8 feet. Then she followed six straight pars with a birdie eagle, birdie run to finish.

Piers used an iron on her approach shot from 135 yards at the 17th hole. It bounced on the green, hit the top of the pin and dropped in for the eagle. It was one of the 14 eagles recorded Thursday by 12 pros and amateur Marrisara Baena of the University of Arizona.

NBA

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At Denver, Grant Hill had 28 points and 14 rebounds and Otis Thorpe scored 27 points as Detroit matched its victory total of last season.

Joe Dumars added 19 points for the Pistons, who are 46-17 after finishing 49-35 last season.

"It was big for us to get to a win total we had all last year and with 19 games left to improve on it," Detroit coach Doug Collins said. "We played like it meant something. We can't crank our intensity level any higher than it was tonight."

SuperSonics 108,  
Timberwolves 92

At Minneapolis, the SuperSonics kept Kevin Garnett and Tom Gugliotta well in check and got 29 points from Gary Payton.

Gugliotta was just 1 of 1 from the field after halftime and finished with 13 points. Garnett did his part in the first half and finished with eight points on 4-of-11 shooting.

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Conradt, whose team lost to Colorado in its first Big 12 tournament game, says the Lady Longhorns have been sluggish lately.

"We haven't been playing as consistently as I would like," Conradt said. "We are capable of playing a lot better."

If Southwest Texas State needed any more incentive, Bobcats coach Linda Sharp used to coach at Southern California, where her Trojans

lost to Conradt's Lady Longhorns in the 1986 national championship game.

"We haven't played since that time," Conradt said. "That's pretty far removed in both of our histories. Our rivalry goes back a long way and she probably holds the edge."

Sharp, who won national titles at USC in 1983 and 1984, jokingly said that she can't remember the 1986 championship game.

"I think I've forgotten about

it," Sharp said. "It wasn't a real pretty game. It was all Texas."

Sharp agreed with Conradt that Saturday night's game will likely serve as a home game for both teams. "I think a lot of our fans will be there," she said.

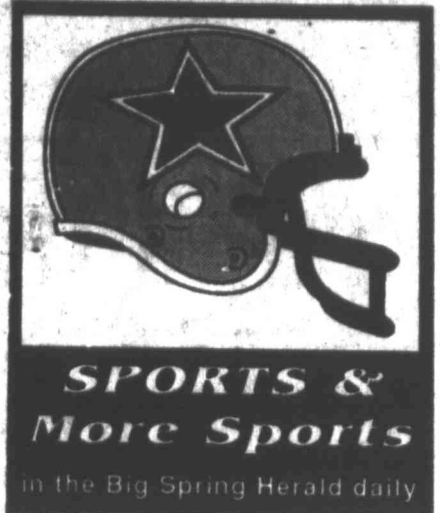
Hopefully, not too many, Conradt said.

"I don't know how many fans who support us on a regular basis might be Southwest Texas fans, but I hope it does-

n't cut into our following," Conradt said.

Sharp, who has been at Southwest Texas State for eight years, is leading the Bobcats to their first-ever NCAA tournament appearance. The Bobcats' men's team also reached the tournament this year.

"I'm elated that we accomplished it and that we are going," Sharp said. "I have not been in it for 10 years and I sure have missed it. It's going to be hard to hold me back until tipoff."



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NO INVESTMENT REQUIRED  
Need School, Church, Athletic, Civic Group, or Individuals to operate a Family Fireworks Center. 06/24 - 07/04. Call: 1-800-442-7711.

**INSTRUCTION**  
ACT TRUCK DRIVING SCHOOL  
JTPA APPROVED/VA APPROVED.  
1-800-282-8658 273 CR 287,  
Merkel, Tx. 79536.

**ADOPTION**  
Midland Community College  
Truck Driving Academy  
Better Training-Less Cost  
Conditional Hiring Available  
915-570-4767  
888-501-5100

**PRIVATE PIANO LESSONS**, Beginners through advance. Years of teaching experience. 2607 Rebecca. Call 263-3367 or 398-5447.

**HELP WANTED**  
\$5 CLOSERS \$\$ Earn up to \$70K + bonus cruise for 2, selling swimming pools. Must be able to start immed. I call closers with in-home sales exp! We provide professional training, pre-set credit & qualified appts. Come join a national industry leader since 1982 with future oppys. for mgmt. positions. Call now! 1-800-788-1832, ext. 3102.

**PERSONAL**  
START DATING TONIGHT  
Play the Texas Dating Game 1-800-Romance EXT.5132

**BUSINESS OPPT**  
The Hottest Business - Building Program ever introduced in the history of Network Marketing. March 22nd, Best Western 9:30am, Best register call: 263-3921.

Janitorial help 5 hours nightly. References checked. Call 267-3629.  
Opening for Evening Shift & 10pm-6am Donut shift. Inquire in person at Wal-Mart Bakery.  
BK Exxon is now hiring 11-7 shift part time. Apply at 800 W. I 20 between 8 & 5.  
Part Time Drivers Domino's Pizza, 2202 S. Gregg.

**HELP WANTED**  
REGISTERED NURSE FOR ADMISSION SCREENING

Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 153 bed JCAHO accredited acute care facility has an opening for an Admission Screening Nurse. Requires a registered nurse to assist case managers with admission criteria and discharge planning. A positive attitude and good rapport with physicians is essential. Applications may be picked up at the switchboard between the hours of 7am and 9pm and also returned during these same hours. You may fax a resume to (915) 263-6454 or mail to Personnel Office, 1601 W. 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720. EOE. NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE!

**EARN TOP PAY**  
Growing National Aboveground Pool Dealer seeks Installers in your area. Earn Top Pay & Bonus. Experience a plus, but will train. Landscapers, Contractors or Similar ENCOURAGED to call! Truck & tools required.  
1-800-788-1832, ext. 3104, Mr. Brown.

Looking for a night auditor 11 - 7 PT / FT, also need 2 PT housekeepers. Please apply at Comfort Inn. NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE!

**MOUNTAIN VIEW LODGE** currently has an opening for a Medication Aide. Benefits includes 2 weeks paid vacation after 1 year, insurance plan available and quality performance bonuses. Apply in person, 2009 Virginia, Big Spring, TX. EOE.

QMPR to develop employment program plan for people with Mental Retardation Degree in Human Services and 1 year experience. Valid Texas Drivers license required. Send resumes to Rockhouse Inn, 2215 N. Big Spring, Midland, TX 79701.

Seasonal Fee Collector, \$5.15/hour, 88 hours/month. Work nights/weekends, close HEAVY GATES. Closing 3-23-97. State Park - 263-4931.

**TRANSPORTATION**  
Major carrier has immediate openings at its Big Spring Terminal for experienced truck drivers. CX offers: sign on bonus-\$200.00, monthly safety bonus-up to 9% of monthly revenue, group health insurance, retirement plan, paid vacation, paid company holidays, home most nights.  
CX requirements: 23 yrs. old, 2 yrs. verifiable road experience, CDL-Class A License, good driving record, must pass DOT physical & drug screen. Applicants can apply at I-20 & Midway Rd. Big Spring or call 1-800-729-4645.

**Friend's Convenience Store**  
Now Hiring  
We are looking for motivated, hardworking individuals who want to move up. We need all shifts & deli cook. Good starting pay. Regular raises. Good benefits. Friendly smoke-free environment. Apply now at Friend's, 4th & Gregg

**PLUMBERS PIPEFITTERS WELDERS**  
Skihi Enterprises, Inc. is currently seeking 25 plumbers, 25 pipefitters, single hand welders and rig welders for projects located in Big Spring. experience required. Welders must have certification. Offering \$12.50 to \$14.00. Physical/drug screen required.  
Applications will be accepted March 17 and 18 at Best Western Motel Lodge Room #114 (915) 267-1601

**CELLULARONE**  
A leader in the telecommunications field  
Sales  
Expansion and growth requires us to add to our sales team. We are now recruiting energetic, enthusiastic, motivated outside sales representatives for the Big Spring/West Texas Area. Experience preferred but not required, will train. Bilingual a plus.  
We offer a great opportunity within one of the fastest growing industries that include stability of a base salary, just an attractive commission/bonus structure, vehicle allowance, cellular telephone, medical/dental/life, 401(k) retirement savings plan, vacation and more. Rapid advancement opportunities.  
EOE  
Please submit your resume and cover sheet to: 501 Birdwell Lane, #23 Big Spring, Tx. 79720. No phone calls please.

**HELP WANTED**  
HIGH SCHOOL: Jrs., Srs., Grads; Need a part-time job? Work weekends to help you go to college or vocational school. Earn up to \$203. a month with the Montgomery GI Bill. Can apply for an ROTC Scholarship. Call Jesse W. Pierson at 915-267-8111 or call collect at 915-573-4815.

Wanted Bobtail Fuel truck driver. Good pay, must have good driving record. Call 263-0033

**DENTAL HYGIENIST** needed for busy 2 doctor family practice. Must be ethical, caring & personable. Send resume to 1897 Pecos, San Angelo, TX 76901.

**PIZZA INN**  
Now hiring delivery drivers full-time & part-time. Apply in person 1702 Gregg. No phone calls please.

**AVIS LUBE FAST OIL CHANGE 24 HR. JOB HOTLINE**  
1-800-583-4063 X371

**LONG JOHN SILVERS**  
Part-Time & full-time service & delivery positions available. Day & Night shifts, must be energetic & dependable. Apply @ 2403 S. Gregg. No phone calls please!

**MASSAGE THERAPIST** wanted to take appointments Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday. Apply in person 2:00-6:00pm. New Concepts Wellness Center, 612 Gregg.  
The City of Big Spring is now accepting applications for the position of heavy equipment operator in the landfill. For further information, closing dates, or to apply contact City Hall personnel at 310 Nolan, Big Spring, Texas 79720 or call 915-264-2346. The City of Big Spring is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Baby sitter needed to care for child in my home and pick up after school. Own transportation needed. Call 268-9271.

Insurance secretary experienced preferred, computer and communications skills required. Hours 9-12, Mon. - Fri. Send resume to TD, 2303 Goliad, Big Spring, TX 79720.

Bookkeeping experience. Excel and Word Perfect necessary. Booth, Vassar, Fox & Fox. 915-263-1324.

**PART-TIME** Waitstaff needed. Apply in person Big Spring Country Club, Tues.-Friday, 8:00-5:00.

WEST TEXAS CENTERS FOR MHMR SALARY \$2816.00 PER MONTH PLUS EXCELLENT BENEFIT PACKAGE DRUG FREE WORKPLACE

Job opening for REGISTERED NURSE. Will provide nursing assessment, treatment, and consultation to people with mental retardation in the Big Spring area.

DENTAL HYGIENIST needed for dental office committed to quality & a caring atmosphere.

Now Hiring employees & management trainees. Must be able to work weekends, health insurance available.

Work from home. 10-15 hrs per week, around your schedule. \$800-\$1200 per month.

Team & Single Drivers Wanted We offer an excellent benefit package: \$500 Sign-on-bonus, competitive wage package, 401k with company contribution, retention bonus, Health/Dental/Life Insurance, and uniforms.

REQUIREMENTS ARE: 23 years old with 2 years semi driving experience of completion of an accredited truck driver school, CDL with haz-mat and tanker endorsements, pass, DOT and company requirements. We will help train you for a successful future in the tank truck industry.

Apply in person at STERRE TANK LINES INC., 1200 ST. Hwy 276, Phone # (915) 263-7656.

NEEDED: An energetic, dynamic salesperson - full or part-time. Heavy lifting may be required. Obtain an asset. Send qualifications to Box 1305-B/1431, Big Spring, TX 79721.

Now Hiring Experienced Shear & Brake Operator. Browne Brothers in Colorado City 1-800-545-4068

Taking Applications Now!! We are remodeling, due to that we will be adding 20 additional employees in the food service area.

Positions must be filled by the 2nd week in Feb. If you are energetic, hardworking, honest & dependable please apply at Town & Country Food Stores, 1101 Lamesa Hwy only. BOE Drug testing required.

Mitchell County Hospital - 80 John Wallace Medical Unit, Colorado City, Texas is accepting applications for L.V.N.s for 3 p.m. - 11p.m. shift. Contact: Ms. Cogburn (915) 728-2162 ext 265.

NEED DRIVERS with CDL Class A license. Call 915-756-2875 or pick up application at the Stanton or Lamesa yard.

IMMEDIATE opening for experienced teller. Please send resume to P.O. Box 945, Big Spring, TX 79721.

Freshman at Howard College with emphasis in business seeking part time employment in business related field. Please call Kimberly at 264-9232.

DALTON CLEANUP Before the city calls you, call me! For estimates 398-5329.

BAD CREDIT? OVER DUE BILLS? Consolidate Now! 1-800-366-9698 ext. 259.

DELTA LOANS \$100 TO \$396.88 Customer Service is our #1 Priority. Call or come by! Se Habla Espanol 115 E. 3rd 268-9090 Phone Applications Welcome

ROUND Bales of Red Top Cane Hay. Johnny Middleton 267-7625

FREE PUPPIES to good home. 1/2 Dalmation. 399-4384.

Border Collie free to good home. Call 267-3074.

Golden Retriever mother has puppies for good homes. 263-3519.

FREE KENNEL CLUB BREEDER REFERRAL SERVICE Helps you find reputable breeders/quality puppies. Purebred rescue information. 263-3404 daytime.

1718 PURDUE Sat., 8:00-6:00. Collector items, electronics, clothes, baby furniture, bicycle, lawn mower, books, misc.

2705 CLANTON Sat. 8:00-12:00. Clothes & misc. No early birds!!

2708 LARRY Sat. 8:30. Lane recliner, weight bench, stroller, car seats, LOTS of toys & misc.

ASSORTED RESTAURANT equipment for sale. Old Elk's Lodge next to Golden Corral. 11am-5pm. SATURDAY ONLY!

Garage Sale: 1105 E. 13th, Friday 1-5, Saturday 8-1. To many items to list.

GARAGE SALE 2304 Thorp, Sat. and Sun. 8:30-7. Hot tub, tile, clothes, knick knacks.

Sat. 7:30am. 1409 Sycamore. NO EARLY BIRDS! Washer, dryer, bikes, little girls clothes, toys.

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE Sat. 3/15. 8:00-12:00. 2706 Larry Dr. Race car bed, stroller, toys, cast iron sink, much more.

SALE: Fri. Only. 2 evap. coolers, lots of good stuff. 9-5. 2407 Alabama.

FOUND PETS Found almost solid blk dog, possibly Border Collie mix, in the area of Denny's Rest. Please call 268-9926 ask for room 105.

LOST & FOUND Lost in Kentwood, white Jack Russell terrier with brown patch on eye. Answers to Badger. Call 267-5921.

603 S. Bell. Fri. & Sat. 9:00-6:00. Lots girls clothes, storm door, & misc.

610 GOLIAD Sat. Only! Furniture, baby furniture, good girls infant/toddler clothes, adult clothes, much more.

ESTATE SALE Furniture, microwave, console TV, yard windmill, household goods, ladies clothes. Friday - Saturday, 9:00-5:00. Sunday, 1:00-5:00. 2700 Rebecca.

GARAGE SALE: 1909 Johnson, Saturday 8:00-2:00. Lots of miscellaneous.

GARAGE SALE: 406 S. Goliad. Sat. 9:00-2:00. Furniture, kids clothes & misc.

Garage Sale: Sat. 3-15 & Sun. 3-16. 2610 Albrook. Recliners, book shelves, love seat, piano, encyclopedias, 8x10 braided rug, dishes, books, vanity table, 6ft. tables, folding chairs, card tables, shelves, Avon, clothes, etc.

IN-STORAGE GARAGE SALE Saturday, March 15. 8:00am. American Self Storage, 3314 E. FM 700, Unit #1.

THREE FAMILY GARAGE SALE: Across from Elbow School - Nichols Rd. Bikes, toys, clothes, of all sizes, housewares, furniture and more. Worth the trip. Saturday only 7-2.

YARDSALE 1606 E. 5th Fri. 9-7 Sat. 8-12 Furniture, clothing, misc.

YARD SALE: 1812 Main. Saturday 8:00-3:00. Books, toys, blankets, glassware, costume jewelry, knick-knacks & lots of miscellaneous.

5000 S. Birdwell Lane, Saturday, 8:30am. Very nice women's clothes and shoes, lots of misc.

GARAGE SALE Mar 15, 10a-6p. 708 Johansen (Nursery) Rd. Furniture, baby items, toddler and boys size clothes, mens work clothes and much more.

HUGE GARAGE SALE: 4223 Hamilton, Fri 8-2 Sat. 8-1. Lots of goodies.

91 Ford Escort, 4-dr, stick, \$3,000.00 O.B.O. 91 Suzuki Jeep, some hand damage, \$2,500.00 O.B.O. Queen Size water bed, 4 drawerbase with storage, \$250.00. Capt. Qtrs., bunk beds, chest, closet, \$250.00. 45" Projection T.V. First \$600.00 takes it. 264-7494

KONICA 2020 Copier with document feeder, automatic duplexing unit & 10 bin sorter. Excellent condition. \$450.00. Call Marcie 267-2915.

1979 Datsun 210, \$250 OBO. SOLD good for parts. 267-4165.

ATTENTION: DIABETICS If you have Medicare or insurance you could be eligible to receive your diabetic supplies at no cost. (INSULIN DEPENDENT ONLY) CALL 1-800-337-4144

WEDDINGS, ETC. Cakes, Flowers, Arches, Abras. February Discount 267-8191

APPLY DORMANT SPRAY TO YOUR TREES NOW. 2008 BIRDWELL 263-6514

ACREAGE FOR SALE 50 to 100 acres or more, priced from \$230 - \$750 per acre. Located in Val Verde, Edwards & Menard Counties. Some of the best hunting land in the hill country. Owner financing with low down payment. 210-257-5572.

60 Acres, Net wire fences, 600 concrete blocks, good water but, no well. Wildfire Rd. South of big Spring. Kenny Thompson Homes 263-4548 \$10,000.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, MARCH 15:

Understand that everyone isn't always on your team. In fact, others see matters quite differently, because of their experience and goals. It is important for you to do your own thinking and reflection. Support yourself in pursuing your ambitions. Your home life might be a test of your values; a family member could be challenging. If you are single, consider how you want to express yourself in the presence of another. If attached, the two of you need to connect frequently. Discuss expectations. GEMINI is dynamic.

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-through is important. Don't let a good idea that could have a positive effect on your work go unnoticed. You experience unusual tension; determine how much you put on yourself. You might be out of kilter. Tonight: Dance to a new tune.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Determine your liabilities with a loved one who is stressed out. Be careful with your finances; only you can be in control of them. You might need to say no, even if it makes you feel uncomfortable. First and foremost, be your own best friend. Tonight: Chill out.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Someone you placed on a pedestal might let you down. Consider how your limitations with a loved one affect the relationship. Remain sure of yourself. Don't give away power; stay in control. A friend shares significant news. Tonight: Do whatever makes you happy.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Take a deep breath, and understand what makes you

tick. Plans change, but look at the positive. Refuse to give in to automatic responses. You will see matters in a new light if you can let yourself relax. Ask yourself what matters to you. A parent has news. Tonight: Take a night off for yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Carefully think through what you want. Others are likely to help you pursue your goal, if you explain to them why it is important. A long-term partner might be threatened by your friendly ways. A discussion about the future could help restore the balance. Tonight: Head out and about.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Accept responsibility for what transpires. You see life in a more positive way than people who feel challenged by others' actions. Help a loved one relax. He appreciates the additional sensitivity to his needs. Bring others together. Tonight: Attend a mandatory meeting.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Look at all the pros and cons before you make a decision. Walk in another's shoes, and understand where he is coming from. What looks like an over-reaction may also be a manifestation of his fears. A discussion helps ease his mind. Tonight: Go to a concert or movie.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You wonder why a partner is so insistent. Be open to making a situation work, for both you and another. This person will appreciate your caring nature. Make plans for a special one-on-one get-together. Rekindle the flames of desire in a relationship. Tonight: Plan a romantic dinner for two.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) A family member creates an unnecessary uproar. You might be wondering why you are

putting up with this silliness. Divert attention to an area of your life that is more rewarding. A loved one shows you in-depth caring. Tonight: Jump on an intriguing opportunity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Take care of your needs. Don't let a misunderstanding or shift in plans get to you. How you see a changing situation could be very different than how a partner does. Get into a favorite pastime. Another finds this exciting and dynamic. Tonight: Do what you feel is relaxing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Don't hesitate to improvise when you find there is a gap in plans or conversation. Others appreciate your joyous and playful side. Develop a firmer sense of financial direction. Another wants you to do what he wants, without considering your preferences. Tonight: Enjoy life.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) There is a fundamental disagreement between you and another over what feels right in a volatile situation. Avoid triggering emotions; instead, pull back. Thought is enlightening, but a discussion could be explosive. Nevertheless, ask needed questions. Tonight: Stay home.

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Maori activist flattens America's Cup to protest 'illegal occupation'

AUCKLAND, New Zealand (AP) — A Maori activist smashed the America's Cup today at the boating club where the coveted yachting prize was on display, crushing the 125-year-old silver trophy flat with a sledgehammer. A Maori group claimed responsibility for the attack, which shocked the yachting world, and said more violence would follow until whites end the "illegal occupation of New Zealand."

The 27-year-old attacker, identified by New Zealand's TV-3 as Benjamin Pere Nathan, walked into the clubhouse and asked to see the cup, which was displayed in a glass case, said John Heise, commodore of the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron. The man pulled a short-handled sledgehammer from a bag and swung repeatedly at the case, battering the trophy and trying futilely to pull it from the broken cabinet, Heise said. The "Maori gentleman" was "in a frenzy" and chanting in the Maori language during the onslaught, Heise said. "The cup has been very, very badly beaten up," he said. Workers grabbed the man, who was cut by broken glass. The man tore off his jacket and

shirt to reveal a T-shirt that police said bore Maori sovereignty slogans.

A group calling itself the Tino Rangitiratanga Liberation Organization claimed responsibility in faxes sent to Maori news media. The group is said to have only seven members.

Team New Zealand became only the second foreign crew in 144 years to take the America's Cup away from the United States when "Black Magic" beat Dennis Conner's crew in 1995.

The New York Yacht Club, based in New York and Newport, R.I., held the cup for 132 years until 1983, when Allan Bond won it for Australia.

The attack flattened the center of the 3-foot-high silver cup, Heise said. He said the trophy's English makers would have to determine whether it could be rebuilt, but New Zealand's National Radio said the trophy was all but destroyed.

"The America's Cup stands for everything my client's organization despises. He believes he had a moral right to do exactly as he did," said Lorraine Smith.

The man was arrested and being questioned by investigators, police spokeswoman

Joanne Gibbs said. He was expected to be charged Saturday with criminal damage and faces up to two years in prison if convicted.

Police said the man was a student from Manurewa, Auckland's poorest neighborhood.

The Maori, believed to be of Polynesian descent, make up about 15 percent of New Zealand's 3.6 million people.

The America's Cup syndicate and Auckland city planners have plans to rebuild the city's waterfront — a site where three Maori tribes have overlapping claims to property and fishing rights. Some Maori object to plans to dredge the harbor and marina channels, saying the muck will harm their fishing grounds.

These challenges are in an early stage of negotiation, with the Maori asserting their rights under Treaty of Waitangi, signed in 1840 by the Maori and the English colonizers, which recognized their traditional land rights.

Danny Tumahi, spokesman for the Ngati Whatua tribe that lives in the Auckland waterfront area, said the vandal was not known to his group. Nevertheless, he apologized for the attack.

San Antonio gets Big 12 title game

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Add another big-time college athletic event to the Alamo City's calendar.

The Alamodome has been selected as the site for the Big 12's football championship game between North and South divisions on Saturday, Dec. 6.

"We're excited about giving football fans in this region a chance to see one of the nation's premiere championship games," said commissioner Steve Hatchell during his Thursday announcement.

"We have been pleased with the bids we received from a number of cities for the game and we are really happy about the 1997 site. San Antonio offers a great atmosphere, many local attractions and a fine facility in the Alamodome."

The TWA Dome in St. Louis hosted the first game between Texas and Nebraska and fell short of capacity although it produced \$500,000 in additional revenue for conference schools. Texas won 37-27.

That site fell in Big 12 North territory. The second game will be squarely on South land.

Houston and St. Louis also submitted bids for the game.

Missouri's Joe Castiglione, the Big 12 director of athletics chairman, said "the directors liked the idea of moving the championship to different geographical sites to offer increased exposure in new areas for the Big 12. We were very pleased with the support and the reception we had in the inaugural game in St. Louis last December."

Capacity in the Alamodome is 65,000. ABC will televise the event, which is sponsored by Dr Pepper.

Donnie Duncan, Big 12 senior associate commissioner, said the game "is a showcase for Big 12 football as well as college football nationally."

"I don't know that I can pinpoint one reason why San Antonio was chosen," Duncan said. "But I do know that San Antonio has a really good image throughout the Big 12."

San Antonio was a known going in."

The Alamodome will be the site of next weekend's NCAA Midwest Regional men's basketball tournament. Next spring, the Alamodome will host the NCAA men's Final Four.

Bob Coleman, head of the local organizing committee, said "we are delighted to be furthering our partnership with the Big 12 Conference."

Tickets will range from \$10 to \$75, compared to \$40 and \$60 in St. Louis. Big 12 and city officials worked to ensure an easier ticket.

"We wanted to make it reasonable for students so that if three or four of them want to get in a car and come town, there will be a ticket price they can afford," Duncan said.

Alamo Bowl executive Derrick Fox estimated that about 35,000 seats will be available to the public. The rest will be distributed by the conference to its member schools and associates.

Stranger's generosity ends couple's vacation nightmare

DEAR ABBY: You asked for acts of kindness. Well, here is mine:

In June of last year, my husband and I went to Germany and Austria on vacation. While we were in Austria, my husband stumbled and fell, breaking his hip, which required hospitalization and surgery. I remained by his side in the recovery room until I was asked to leave at 1 a.m. I have never felt so alone.

The next morning, the bad luck continued. In my haste to get back to the hospital, I accidentally locked our hotel room key and the car keys in the trunk of our rented car. When I finally located a locksmith, he charged \$103 to unlock the trunk because it was on a Saturday.

My husband spent the next two weeks in the hospital in Salzburg, recovering enough to withstand the 14-hour flight back to our home.

When my husband was finally discharged, the hospital demanded payment in cash, as did the ambulance company. The airline also insisted on cash to pay for the upgrade in seats necessary to make my husband comfortable on our flight home. We had prepaid for our vacation and didn't have a great deal of cash with us, so I had to go from bank to bank to get cash advances from our credit cards. It was difficult because on one day the computer would process the transaction, but the next day for some reason, it wouldn't — "trouble on the phone lines," we were told. The language barrier made things doubly difficult.

It was in Frankfurt, Germany, however, where the real trouble occurred. My husband, who was in a wheelchair, had to wait for me around the corner down a long hallway while I tried in vain to pay for the upgrade with our credit cards. I argued, pleaded and begged to see an airline representative or someone from the American Embassy, but the ticket agent wouldn't budge. I feared we were stranded.

As luck would have it, a gen-

tleman standing in the next line turned and asked me what the trouble was.

I told him how we couldn't get home after all the difficulty we'd been through. He opened his wallet, then handed me 50 \$100 bills! My mouth hung open in total shock. He took my name and address, gave me his business card, and went on his way.

Out of possibly 6 billion people on this planet, what were my chances of a Good Samaritan with that much cash standing next to me offering that kind of help? I believe the stranger was an angel in disguise.

I want to thank him publicly. His name is Charan Kumar. Your readers might like to know that there are still some very kind and generous people in this world. — JUDY PRINCE, FRESNO, CALIF.

DEAR JUDY PRINCE: Your letter is a dandy day-brightener. Thanks for a valuable addition to this column!

DEAR ABBY: I have been thinking about writing to you for a long time to share a memory about my mother, who lived to be 93 years old.

She spent the last seven years of her life with my husband and me. Every morning we had breakfast together and read the newspaper. Our favorite column was "Dear Abby."

One morning I glanced up and saw a small curl of smoke rising from the section of the newspaper she was reading. I thought, "Abby must have a hot article in her column today!"

The source of the smoke soon became apparent. Mother's eyesight was poor, and she was using a magnifying glass to read. The sun was shining through the window and the angle was just right for the rays to pass through the magnifying glass onto the paper. She was so engrossed in your column that at first she didn't notice the heat was burning a hole in the newspaper!

Needless to say, I corrected the problem immediately. — MAY FREISINGER, MISSION VIEJO, CALIF.

DEAR MAY: I've taken a lot of heat for some of the letters I've printed, but nothing like what you've described. Thanks for sharing the memory.

DEAR ABBY: One of my family members was recently married. She kept her last name and added her husband's name to it, so that she is now

Mary Smith-Jones. Her husband is, of course, Harry Jones.

This past Christmas, my parents bought them a gift and addressed the card to "The Jones Family." My relative threw a fit, complaining that she was not included on the card. My mother countered that had she addressed the card to the "Smith-Jones Family," the husband would not have been included.

The way I see it, my mother is right. If the gift were only to my relative, it would be addressed to Mary Smith-Jones, but if it's to both, it should be "The Jones Family."

What is the proper way to address the whole family? Do we have to write out Mr. Jones and Mrs. Smith-Jones? To me, that's just a waste of time when we could simply write "The Jones Family."

Please settle this controversy and tell us how it's done. — FEUDING FAMILY

DEAR FEUDING FAMILY: According to the etiquette books, you will have to make the extra effort if you wish to properly address the entire family. As it says in "The Amy Vanderbilt Complete Book of Etiquette, Entirely Rewritten and Updated," by Nancy Tuckerman and Nancy Dunnan: "When addressing an envelope to a couple when the wife has kept her maiden name (or hyphenated it with her husband's), write 'Ms. Mary Smith-Jones and Mr. Harry Jones' on the same line. If a couple's combined names are too long to fit on one line, address the envelope on two lines with the woman's name on the first, and the man's on the second, preceded by 'and.' The 'and,' when slightly indented and written out, indicates that the two are married."

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Valentin ends mini-revolt against Sox

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While John Valentin took his new position with the Boston Red Sox, the San Diego Padres stated theirs on the Hideki Irabu affair.

Valentin made his debut as a second baseman on Thursday in Fort Myers, Fla. The former shortstop received a loud ovation when he was announced for his first at-bat against the Pittsburgh Pirates.

The 30-year-old protested Boston's decision to move him to second base earlier this week by leaving training camp. He came back a day later, received a \$500 fine and asked the Red Sox to consider trading him.

But after his first outing playing alongside the man who took his place — Nomar Garciaparra — Valentin sounded every bit the team player.

"If the Red Sox want me to play center field, third base, whatever, I'm going to do what they say," said Valentin, who says he will become a free agent in 1998 if he is not traded. "My day will come."

Boston's new-look infield — Mo Vaughn at first, Valentin, Tim Lincecum at third base and Garciaparra — played its first game together, and it showed. The Red Sox committed four more errors Thursday, adding to the three from Wednesday night.

"It can happen like that. Just don't get too excited," manager Jimmy Williams said. "We have a good infield. I really believe that."

The Padres, meanwhile, were tight-lipped on the Irabu front. "It's a non-'I' day," team president Larry Lucchino said of the Japanese right-hander who has made more headlines this spring than any other player.

BASEBALL

"We're not talking or focusing on it, we're not doing anything with respect to it. It's time to deal with other matters."

San Diego has received offers from nine teams for Irabu's rights, which the Padres obtained in January from the Chiba Lotte Marines of the Japanese League.

"I won't mention teams, but there are three teams that have strong proposals, something that we will seriously consider," San Diego general manager Kevin Towers said from Peoria, Ariz.

Two of those clubs are in the AL and one's in the NL.

Irabu's agent, Don Nomura, criticized New York Mets manager Bobby Valentine for disputing the claim that it was Irabu's childhood dream to pitch for the New York Yankees.

Valentine managed Chiba Lotte in 1995, and said Irabu never mentioned the Yankees.

"I don't think Bobby speaks Japanese, does he?" Nomura said.

"I don't know what Bobby's position is. I think he should concentrate on his team and the season right now. I'm stunned with the quote from Bobby. That's none of his business. Does he know what Irabu does at home?"

On Thursday in New York, Mets relief pitcher Derek Wallace underwent six hours of surgery for an aneurysm in his right shoulder.

A vein from his leg was grafted to the half-inch aneurysm at the base of his throwing shoulder. The 25-year-old Wallace is expected to resume throwing again after six weeks.

In Thursday's spring games:

Marlins 4, Orioles 1 At Melbourne, Fla., Mark Hutton pitched four shutout innings and strengthened his claim for a starting job with Florida, which improved to 15-1.

Cardinals 4, Indians 1 At St. Petersburg, Fla., Ron Gant hit a two-run homer off Orel Hershiser in the fifth inning. Gant has 10 RBIs this spring.

Hershiser gave up four runs and seven hits in 4 2-3 innings and hit an RBI single. Dodgers 5, Phillies 2

At Vero Beach, Fla., Eric Karros homered twice and drove in three runs for Los Angeles.

Danny Tartabull and Desi Relaford homered for the Phillies.

Pirates 12, Red Sox 2 At Fort Myers, Fla., Tony Womack, who won the Pirates' second base job, had five hits and Pittsburgh took advantage of four Boston errors.

Yankees 3, Blue Jays 1 At Dunedin, Fla., Darryl Strawberry homered and Andy Pettitte allowed one hit in five shutout innings.

Royals 5, Reds 3 At Haines City, Fla., Joe Vitello hit his fourth home run in 19 at-bats, connecting off John Smiley in the third.

Deion Sanders went 3-for-3 and drove in a run for the Reds.

White Sox 4, Tigers 1 At Sarasota, Fla., Wilson Alvarez pitched six shutout innings and Chris Snopce hit a two-run homer for Chicago.

Expos 5, Braves 4 At West Palm Beach, Fla., Sherman Obando hit a two-run triple and Henry Rodriguez had a two-run homer.

FRIDAY

MAR. 14

Table with 23 columns representing different TV channels and their respective programming for Friday, March 14, 1997.

HAGAR

Comic strip 'HAGAR' featuring a man and a woman. One says 'LISTEN to your MOTHER Helga tells it like it is'. Another says 'AND BE SURE TO KEEP A STRAIGHT FACE WHILE YOU'RE AGREEING!'.

BLONDIE

Comic strip 'BLONDIE' showing a man and a woman in a kitchen. One says 'LAST NIGHT DAWOOD DECIDED TO TURN OVER A NEW LEAF BY GOING TO BED TEN MINUTES EARLIER AND GETTING UP TEN MINUTES EARLIER'.

B.C.

Comic strip 'B.C.' showing a man and a woman. One says 'I'M AFRAID YOU ONLY HAVE TEN SECONDS TO LIVE'. The other replies 'I WANT A SECOND OPINION'.

FAMILY CIRCUS

Comic strip 'FAMILY CIRCUS' showing a man and a woman. One asks 'Know who Noah's wife was? Joan of ark.'.

DENNIS THE MENACE

Comic strip 'DENNIS THE MENACE' showing a man and a woman. One says 'MY GRANDPA HAVN'T SPOILED ME ROTTEN YET, BUT I'M ONLY 5 YEARS OLD.'

GEECH

Comic strip 'GEECH' showing a man and a woman. One asks 'SO, RABBIT, YOU GOT BIG PLANS FOR THE WEEKEND?'. The other replies 'OH, JUST THE USUAL'.

WIZARD OF ID

Comic strip 'WIZARD OF ID' showing a man and a woman. One says 'THE HUNS ARE CLIMBING THE WALL, SIRE!'. The other replies 'POUR THE BOILING OIL!'.

HI AND LOIS

Comic strip 'HI AND LOIS' showing a man and a woman. One says 'I WISH YOU WOULDN'T DRINK OUT OF THE CARTON, CHIP'. The other replies 'I'M JUST TRYING TO SAVE YOU THE TROUBLE OF HAVING TO WASH A LOT OF DIRTY GLASSES'.

GASOLINE ALLEY

Comic strip 'GASOLINE ALLEY' showing a man and a woman. One says 'Here's a rabbit punch for you!'. The other replies 'SCANGARELLY'.

SNUFFY SMITH

Comic strip 'SNUFFY SMITH' showing a man and a woman. One says 'I GOT A SKINT ELBOW, NUSS!! I NEED TO SEE TH' DOC!!'. The other replies 'HE'S IN TH' OPERATIN' ROOM RIGHT NOW, LUKEY'.

BEEBLE BAILY

Comic strip 'BEEBLE BAILY' showing a man and a woman. One says 'DEAR LORD, THANKS FOR THIS MISERABLE SLOP THEY SERVE US'. The other replies 'AND GIVE US ENOUGH STRENGTH TO MAKE IT TO THE MOVIES TONIGHT'.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Friday, March 14,

THE Daily Crossword

- ACROSS: 1 Agreement, 5 Forward area, 10 NV town, 14 Bread spread, 15 Dud, 16 Butcher's offering, 17 Some trees, 20 Devour, 21 Once more, 22 Uncork, 23 Thanks — I, 24 Solution: abbr., 25 More trees, 31 Eyes coquettishly, 32 Unctuous, 33 Rule of conduct, 35 Sauce thickener, 36 Establish validity, 38 Unadulterated, 39 Equip with firepower, 40 Stadium sounds, 41 Highly favored, 42 Still more trees, 46 Type of actor, 47 Level, 48 Book of maps, 51 Female vampire, 53 Las Vegas action, 56 Some other trees, 59 Uncivil, 60 "— we all?", 61 Not easily available, 62 Mild expletive, 63 Water birds, 64 Sole.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-64.

by Frank R. Jackson 03/14/97

Thursday's Puzzle solved:

Solved crossword puzzle grid with words: GRAM, DENT, COTTA, RAMA, EPEE, ANWAR, ATOM, LIEN, STROKE, DOUBLECROSS, BEA, ENROOT, RAISA, BESS, BANGLE, ANTES, OMAR, IQOT, LEWD, THANE, PENT, AVIS, HOST, SERGE, BECEDE, HARE, ELITE, ERRATA, BOT, PAIROFFIVES, CLOMP, DOME, DASH, ALLEE, EMIR, ESTE, RADAR, NETS, STAN.

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- DOWN: 1 Vatican resident, 2 Inter —, 3 Penny, 4 Shoe part, 5 Wine vessel, 6 Give an account of, 7 Atlanta stadium, 8 Name of something, 9 Big bang source, 10 Slip by, 11 Easy bounding gait, 12 Drying oven, 13 Small bills, 18 Cardiff's land, 19 Cash, 23 Pinnacle, 24 Profligate, 25 Ancient Greek marketplace, 26 Sink, 27 Unlettered, 28 1004, 29 Bits of evidence, 30 Roughly unpleasant, 31 A feast — famine, 34 Soaked, 36 Frost production, 37 Legendary bird, 38 Scheme of action, 40 Violent detonation, 41 Shatter, 43 — out (brought to an end), 44 Evil spirits, 45 Operate a plane, 48 Farm plot, 49 Goon, 50 Mother of Castor and Pollux, 51 Bait, 52 Fits to —, 53 Lime or navy, 54 Nobleman, 55 Low card, 57 Find fault continuously, 58 Player for pay.

the 78rd day of 1997. There are 292 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On March 14, 1794, Eli Whitney received a patent for his cotton gin, an invention that revolutionized America's cotton industry.

On this date: In 1743, the first recorded town meeting in America was held, at Faneuil Hall in Boston.

In 1879, physicist Albert Einstein was born in Ulm, Germany.

In 1883, German political philosopher Karl Marx died in London.

In 1900, Congress ratified the Gold Standard Act.

In 1923, President Harding became the first chief executive to file an income tax report.

In 1939, the republic of Czechoslovakia was dissolved, opening the way for Nazi occupation.

In 1943, Aaron Copland's "Fanfare for the Common Man" premiered in New York, with George Szell conducting.

In 1951, during the Korean War, United Nations forces recaptured Seoul.

In 1964, a jury in Dallas found Jack Ruby guilty of murdering Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin of President Kennedy, the previous November.

Today's Birthdays: Bandleader Les Brown is 85. Cartoonist Hank Ketcham ("Dennis the Menace") is 77.

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