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Hatch contends White House knew of Chinese plans

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch contends the White House, under scrutiny for accepting questionable foreign donations, knew of China's intention to buy political influence.

"They knew that the Chinese government was going to come into this country and attempt to purchase influence," said Hatch, R-Utah. His committee is demanding Attorney General Janet Reno seek appointment of an independent counsel to investigate Democratic fund-

raising activities.

"Since 1995, the FBI has told the State Department, the CIA, the Justice Department, both intelligence committees of the House and the Senate... that the Chinese were trying to buy influence in this country..." Hatch said Sunday on CBS' "Face the Nation."

He added that he believes the two National Security Council staffers under fire for not passing on to superiors information from a 1996 FBI briefing would both admit under oath to the Senate Intelligence Committee

"that they weren't told not to send this up; they just didn't send it up. And I think the reason they didn't is because (senior officials) already knew. ... The administration knew that these attempts were being made and that's what makes it mind-boggling."

Hatch did not say exactly who in the administration knew or exactly what they might have known — President Clinton has denied knowledge of the Chinese plan — but said: "There are just too many things going on here that indicate this

may reach the highest levels of the White House and the DNC."

"I suspect that this is another case of a senator hyperventilating on a Sunday talk show," White House press secretary Mike McCurry said. "If he is certain of that, his information is contrary to what has been communicated to me and contrary to what I've briefed you."

Meanwhile, Hatch's counterpart in the House, Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde, R-Ill., said he was having staffers look into impeachment laws.

Newsweek says McVeigh admitted role in Oklahoma City bombing

NEW YORK (AP) — Timothy McVeigh admitted his involvement in the bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building during a lie detector test his lawyers gave him, Newsweek reports in this week's edition.

McVeigh failed a question, however, about whether all his co-conspirators are known to investigators, the magazine said, citing anonymous sources close to the investigation.

"McVeigh confirmed his role in blowing up the Murrah

building," the magazine said. "There is even fresh confusion about whether the FBI has tracked down all the members of the conspiracy."

Some investigators think the lie detector story may be just a ploy by McVeigh's lawyer, Stephen Jones, to sow confusion before the trial begins.

The defense did not respond to the report of a lie detector test but said the Newsweek report offers insight into the prosecution's case.

Service held for Morrison, local attorney, former judge

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

Funeral service for former Howard County Judge Walton S. Morrison, 89, was at 2 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel. Morrison died Friday in a local hospital.

Burial followed in Mount Olive Memorial Park. Dr. Kenneth Patrick, pastor of First Baptist Church of Big Spring, officiated.

He was born in Big Spring on June 16, 1907 and married his wife, Mary, on Dec. 19, 1932 in Big Spring.

A graduate of Texas A&M University and the University of Texas, he entered the practice of law in 1932 with his father and uncle in the firm of Morrison and Morrison.

Morrison, who served as county judge from 1942 until his enlistment in the U.S. Army Air Corps, was the oldest practicing attorney in Howard County at the time of his death.

After resigning as county judge, he served as a military intelligence officer in Saipan and the Pacific during World War II.

Following completion of his tour of duty, Morrison returned to Big Spring and served for several years as city attorney while maintaining his private practice.

He was an active member of all Masonic organizations, was actively involved in the Big Spring Rotary Club and was the only member of that club to have ever had perfect attendance for more than 50 years.

Morrison was known as a snappy dresser and for the flower he always wore in his lapel.

Morrison was always visible in and around the Courthouse Square and always had a friendly greeting for those he met.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Mary; a brother-in-law, E.C. Bell of Big Spring; four sisters-in-law: Allene Warren and Jessie Bell of Big Spring; Mary Bell of Elysian Fields and Johnnie Morrison of Tenaha; two nieces, Marianne Mullins of Elysian Fields and Ann Carter of Coleman and three nephews, Wilson Bell, Robert Bell and Guy Bell, all of Dallas.

Pallbearers were John Currie, Curtis Mullins, Judge Robert H. Moore III, R.H. Weaver, Bob Kennedy and Howard Smith.

35th Rattlesnake Roundup set this week

By KELLIE JONES
Features Editor

The 35th annual Big Spring Rattlesnake Roundup is scheduled for this weekend at the Howard County Fairgrounds. Along with the roundup, there is an arts and crafts show, a carnival and a flea market. The popular event is sponsored by the American Business Club of Big Spring (AMBUCS), Coors Lite and Miller Lite.

Weigh-in of the snakes begins Friday with hunters bringing in their catches to be sold. The price of snakes fluctuates and can be sold for \$5 to \$6 a pound, depending on the market price. The snakes do not have to be caught in Howard County to be brought in for selling.

Wayne Pierce, AMBUCS board of directors member, said people bring in snakes they have captured within a 150-mile radius of Big Spring including Hobbs, N.M., Midland, Odessa as well as farther south and west of town. The buying of the snakes begins Friday so that there are plenty of them available for the shows and demonstrations that begin Saturday.

The show times are Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday from noon until 6 p.m. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children 4-11. There is no admission charge for the arts and crafts show.

There is also the Matt Armstrong Carnival starting Thursday evening and continuing through Sunday at the fairgrounds. Thursday night there

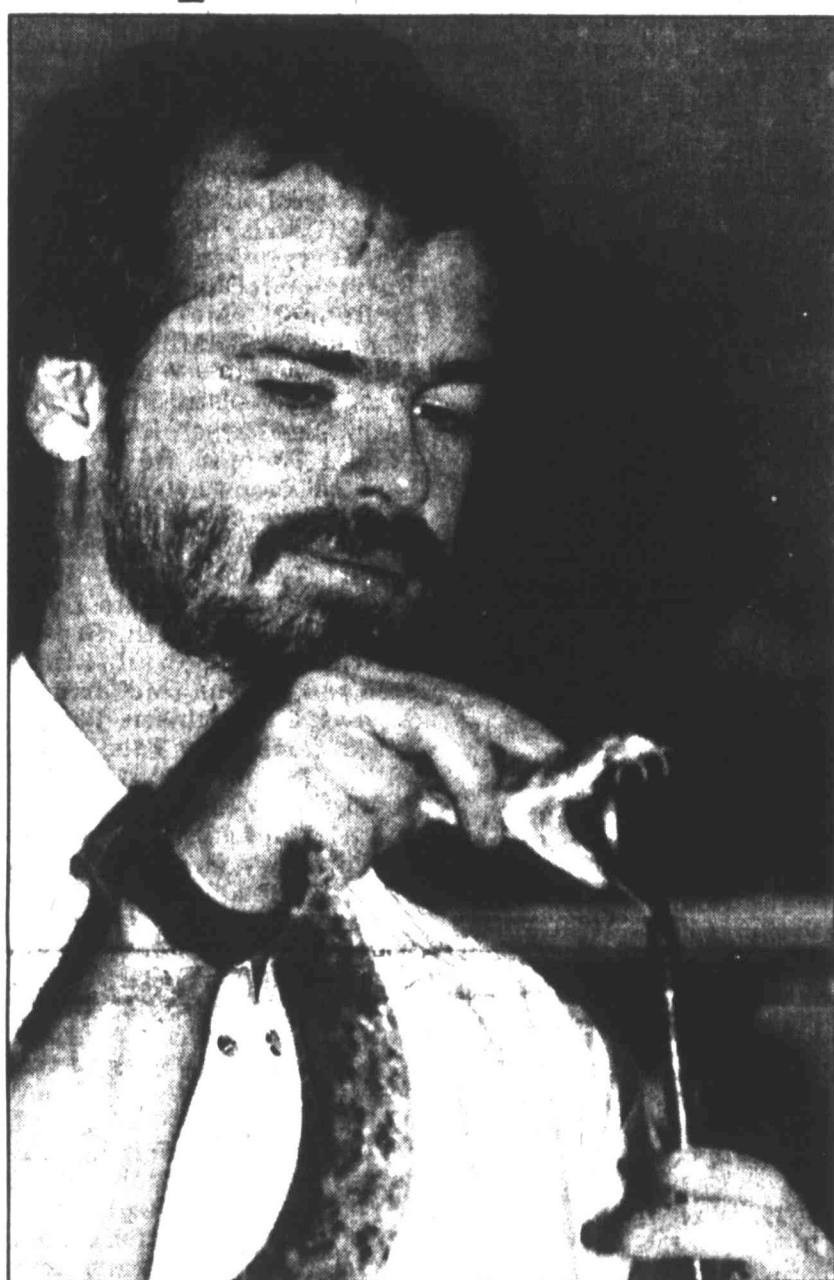
is a special where you can purchase a \$10 ticket for unlimited rides from 6-11 p.m. On Friday, the hours for the unlimited rides is 5-10 p.m. for \$10. Saturday is Kids Day and you can purchase a ticket for \$9 for unlimited rides from noon until 5 p.m. or 6-11 p.m. On Sunday, it's Family Day and tickets are \$10 each for unlimited rides from 1-6 p.m. with the special ending at 4:30 p.m.

All proceeds benefit the AMBUCS Scholarship Fund for Therapists and the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center. Pierce said nationally the organization has given \$4.5 million since 1955 to the therapist scholarship program. "This is for physical therapists, occupational therapists, all therapists. Locally, we give cash or a piece of equipment the center needs and that is usually \$2,000 to \$5,000 a year," Pierce said.

There are contests for the most pounds brought in, heaviest snake and the snake with the most rattles. All entries must be received before 3 p.m. Sunday and judging begins shortly after that with trophies awarded at 5 p.m.

This is a list of the contests and prizes that will be awarded:

- Most pounds brought in - first place, \$100 and trophy; second place, \$75 and trophy and third place, \$50 and trophy.
- Heaviest snake - first place, \$100 and trophy; second place, \$75 and trophy and third place, \$50 and trophy.
- Most rattles - first place, \$75 and trophy.



Bobby Adams works with a rattlesnake during the 1995 Big Spring Rattlesnake Roundup.

Legislators seek ways to curb uninsured motorists

DALLAS (AP) — You didn't cause the accident, but the driver of the battered pickup that rammed into your new Lexus doesn't have insurance.

Sorry, You pay. Ron Vines, an Allstate insurance agent in Plano, said an accident involving uninsured drivers is the biggest headache in his business.

"You can almost feel your customers burning up on the other end of the line when you explain to them why we have to take money out of their pocket," he said.

Many legislators say the problem is getting out of hand, and they are searching for ways to catch Texans who ignore the state law that requires all drivers to have auto insurance coverage.

More than a dozen bills to curb uninsured motorists have been filed, including one that would automatically jail for six days any driver caught more than once without insurance.

"We need to solve this problem one way or another," said Rep. John Smith, R-Amarillo, chairman of the House

Insurance Committee. "When you have a law on the books that is being ignored on such a wide basis, that sets a bad precedent. Unfortunately, there is not any solution that has jumped out at us so far."

Industry spokesman Jerry Johns said drivers who comply with the law and carry coverage are paying higher premiums every year because of the large number of uninsured drivers.

"The cost for uninsured motorist coverage has risen dramatically over the past five years, and that can be directly attributed to the number of people roaming around on Texas roads without insurance," said Johns, president of Southwestern Insurance Information Service.

The situation is worst in Cameron County, where 34.2 percent of the drivers are uninsured, according to the Department of Public Safety. El Paso County is next with 32.4 percent, then Dallas County, 22.6 percent.

The statewide average is 17.5 percent.

State law has required drivers

to carry auto insurance since 1982. The compulsory insurance law was beefed up in 1991 when the Legislature voted to require that motorists show proof of insurance when obtaining a license tag, auto inspection or a new driver's license.

But in addition to those who never get insurance at all, there are those who obtain insurance but cancel it once they've gotten the license or permit they need.

The penalties for not having insurance increased in 1991 to a maximum \$350 fine for the first offense and up to \$1,000 for second and subsequent offenses — along with impoundment of the vehicle until the driver obtains an insurance policy. Usually a driver can get out of the fine by obtaining insurance and returning to court.

Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, is pushing a bill to establish a central database at the Department of Public Safety to track whether drivers have a valid insurance policy.

When a driver is stopped for a traffic violation or shows up to get a new driver's license, law

enforcement officials could tap into a central computer and find out whether the person has insurance.

Other proposals in the Legislature would make it a felony to use a fake insurance ID, double the fine for not having insurance and sharply restrict the right of uninsured motorists to file suit after an accident.

On the other hand, a bill by Rep. Glenn Lewis, D-Fort Worth, would rescind the law. He contends that drivers should not be forced to buy insurance if they don't have enough money.

The industry is near unanimous in its support for a no-fault insurance system in which drivers in accidents are compensated by their own insurers regardless of fault. Those without insurance receive nothing, although they can sue under certain conditions.

However, industry officials say it would be difficult to pass a no-fault system in the Legislature this year because of the massive changes that would have to be made in the law.

CRMWD watching legislation in Austin

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

Colorado River Municipal Water District (CRMWD) officials are closely monitoring legislation introduced that would place much of the control over the state's water in the hands of legislators.

"We're especially concerned about ground water issues and the issue of interbasin transfers," CRMWD general manager John Grant said today.

A bill could come out of the senate and go to the House as early as next week regarding a long-range water plan for the state. Texas is one of five western states that do not have a long-range water plan.

In January, State Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown (R-Lake Jackson) introduced Senate Bill 1, whereby legislators would vote on water issues, including water transfers, drought planning, financial assistance to small systems, conservation, state bonding authority, surface water management and water resource studies all regulated by the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission (TNRCC).

"I think the drought and the problems faced by small communities, which got in trouble because they had no water plan, brought this about," Grant said.

"The CRMWD and the majors like Dallas, with the exception of San Antonio and Corpus Christi, have plans in place."

Grant said that after Brown's bill was introduced, his legislative staff met with "probably every interest group in the state... water districts, farmers, ranchers, the Sierra Club... to get input to the original bill."

He said a revised bill came out of the senate about two weeks ago that incorporated those comments.

"The CRMWD is a little more comfortable with the senate revised bill," Grant said.

The initial bill had the state heavily involved in the process, Grant explained.

"We're (CRMWD) concerned from the standpoint that we believe local planning and local involvement is the key to solving the problems," Grant said.

"We've been planning for 50 years and have done the right things to ensure an adequate water supply for West Texas," Grant said. "We need to make certain we don't have too much state involvement to undermine that."

Cars, home and businesses damaged by vandals

By KELLIE JONES
Features Editor

Several cars, a home and a business were all damaged this weekend by someone who either shot a BB gun or threw rocks through windows and glass.

Six reports of criminal mischief were called into the Big Spring Police Department from Friday night to Sunday morning. The first incident was reported in the 2900 block of W. Eighth where the suspect shot out a car window with a BB gun

• Police are investigating six reports of criminal mischief over the weekend and believe all are related, since they happened in the same section of the city.

• If you have information, call 254-2550 or CrimeStoppers at 263-8477.

sometime Friday night.

All of the other incidents happened between Saturday night and Sunday morning. A BB gun was used to shatter a glass window at a house in the 4000 block of Parkway and rocks were thrown through a glass door of a business in the 1700 block of

Wasson Road. Rocks were also thrown at three cars, shattering windows in the 2700 block of Crestline, 100 block of Cedar and 2500 block of Chanute.

Because most of the incidents happened around the same time and in the southwest part of town, Capt. Lonnie Smith said it

appears they are related. There are no suspects at this time.

If anyone has information about these incidents, they are urged to contact the police department at 264-2550 or CrimeStoppers at 263-TIPS (8477). CrimeStoppers is an anonymous hotline where persons can call in information about crimes. If the information leads to the arrest, indictment and/or conviction of those involved, CrimeStoppers will pay up to \$1,000 to the person who provided the information.

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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Today: Partly cloudy and warmer. High near 80. Low in the 40s.
Tuesday: Sunny and breezy, highs 65-75; Lows 40-45.
Extended outlook: Wednesday, dry. Highs around 70. Thursday through Friday, warmer. Lows in the 40s. Highs 80-85.

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OBITUARIES

Tomas Lujan

Graveside service for Tomas Lujan, 84, will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 18, 1997, at Mount Olive Memorial Park with Rev. Jerry McCarthy, pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, officiating.

Mr. Lujan died Saturday, March 15, in a local hospital following a long illness.

He was born on Nov. 21, 1912, in Presidio County. He had been a resident of Howard County since 1924. He was a farmer until retiring and was a member of the Catholic church. He is survived by: one son, six sisters, one brother, five nieces and three nephews.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Jaden Desiree Henry

Service for Jaden Desiree Henry, infant daughter of Jennifer and Roger Henry, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She died Sunday, March 16, 1997, in an Odessa hospital.

Della Hicks

Service for Della Hicks, 92, Denver, Colo. formerly of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She died Saturday, March 15, 1997, in a Denver, Colo., nursing home.

Mary Jo Allen

Service for Mary Jo Allen, 67, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She died Monday, March 17, 1997, at her residence.

T.F. Vaughn

Service for T.F. Vaughn, 99, Lamesa, will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 18, 1997, at the First Presbyterian Church in Lamesa, with Rev. Cecil Foster, of Lubbock, and Rev. Franklin Williams, Kerrville, officiating. Burial will be in the Lamesa Memorial Park.

Mr. Vaughn died Sunday, March 16, at Medical Arts Hospital, Lamesa.

He was born on Dec. 9, 1897, in Dublin. He married Maurine M. Morgan on Aug. 21, 1938, in Clovis, N.M. He moved to Lamesa in 1925 from Caddo. Mr. Vaughn was a partner in Vaughn Chevrolet until they sold out in 1970.

Survivors include: his wife, Maurine M. Vaughn, Lamesa; one nephew, and three nieces.

The family suggest memorials to one's favorite charity. Arrangements under the direction of Branon Funeral Home, Inc., Lamesa.

BRIEFS

THE COAHOMA UNITED GIRLS Softball sign-up is this week from 6 to 8 p.m. in the ballpark at Coahoma and also Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. is try-outs. For more information call Tina LaRue, president, at 394-4928.

LATE REGISTRATION FOR GIRLS for girls ages five to nine is Monday and Tuesday before try-outs at 5 p.m. at Hollis Field.

THE BIG SPRING HIGH School Key Club is having a Cystic Fibrosis Walk April 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Comanche Trail Park. If any other organization or member of the community would like to walk, please contact Kay Barnett at 264-3641, ext. 166 between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. or Stefanie Waggoner at 267-4567.

THE AG APPRECIATION LUNCH is at the East Room of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum March 27 at noon in conjunction with the West Texas Ag Expo. Tickets are available at the Chamber office and is free for all area farmers and ranchers.

This year's Ag Expo and Lunch will be one day only. The Expo is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Agricultural booths, exhibits and workshops along with the luncheon are throughout the day. The announcement of the Ag Producer of the Year follows the luncheon. Workshops will be going on in the morning and resume in the afternoon following the luncheon.

Come out and join the fun and area farmers and ranchers don't forget to pick up your luncheon tickets.

CIVIL WAR DAYS WEEK-END is Saturday, April 5 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Comanche Trail Park, Dora Roberts Community Center. Free admission.

LAKEVIEW HEADSTART REGISTRATION is Tuesday through Friday 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 SECOND PROMISE KEEPERS Rally is 7 p.m. Tuesday at Miracle Revival Center, 600 FM 700.

ANGELO STATE UNIVERSITY is hosting "College Day" for high school juniors and seniors April 5.

Prospective students and their parents are invited to the program, which includes presentations on academic offerings, student activities and organizations, scholarship offerings and financial aid packages.

The program begins at 10 a.m. and runs through 3 p.m. Registration begins at 9 a.m. in the Houston Harte University Center. There is no charge for attending "College Day," and lunch is provided for participants. Campus tours and visits with academic departmental personnel are also scheduled.

For more information, contact the Office of Admissions at (915)942-2058.

BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1967 is planning its 30th reunion for June

21. A number of our classmates are "lost" and cannot be found. If anyone knows the addresses of any of the following people, please contact Deanna Forsyth at 267-6420. Maiden names of females are in parentheses.

Missing classmates are:

Linda (Caldwell) Aeron, Rodrigo Armendariz, Larry Amhart, Harolene Cindy Bailey, David Beard, Tommy Bell, Larry Bentley, Gary Bevil, Sandra Biffle, Linda Gay Blackwell, Bobby Bowers, William Boyett, Dennis Brewer, Kristine Brittain, Rodney Buchanan, Linda Burnett, Vicki (Holland) Canfil, Frank Chavez, John Cockerham, Jerry Cook, Lonnie (Fullbright) Cox, Janice Elaine Craig, Jimmy Cunningham, Debbie (Douglas) Curry, Jerry Dalton, Allen Daniels, Adele Deming, Gregg Devlin, Benny Dixon, Ronald Dooley, Florentino Doporito, Sara (Holloway) Dufosse, Frank Fierro, Judy (Aleman) Fierro, Larry Foster, Pam (Faulkner) Franklin, Kevin Fryer, Anice Fulcher, Susie Garcia, Concha Garza, Russell Gary Hamm, Lela (Neill) Harding, Judy Hart, Jeanie Hartman, Thomas Heaton, Joe Hernandez, Rosemary (Arguello) Hernandez, Felix Hilarlo, Danny Hooten, T.C. Hudgins, Debbie Jones, Mary Juarez, Lucy Keene, Wayne Kennedy, Donna (Smith) Krenak, Glynda (Kilgore) Lang, Jon Lebkowsky, Lawrence Long, Ruben Lopez, Myra (Harris) Mann, Hughlon Marberry, Toni Mayberry, Burma McCarta, Georgia McDonald, Marion Butch McMains, Sally Miller, Tommy Moore, Wanda (Williamson) Moss, Ricky Olsen, Bill Owens, Barry Olen Parker, Brian Peay, Cooper Proctor, Bobby Ray, Barbara (Crenshaw) Richmond, Eddie Rogers, Carol Russell, Mike Russell, Mike Shafer, Linda (Teague) Shaw, John Howard Smith, Diane Lynn Smith, Glenda Smith, Grover Smith, David Sowell, Linda Steagald, Arlena (McCartney) Stevens, Steve Stinson, Pamela Sue Sutton, Jerry Tate, Larry Allen Tatum, Cindi (Boal) Taylor, Mary (Forman) Taylor, Diane Todd, Janet (James) Tucker, Gary Turner, Rayfield Turner, Ron Walker, Sally (Wade) Warrick, Albert (Wendell) West, Carolyn West, Glenda (Cass) Wheeler, Donna White, Donna Whitten, Becky Williams, James Worthan, Marcy (Dement) Wright and Jesse Zapata.

VOLUNTEERS WITH THE VOLUNTEER Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program assist in the preparation of 1996 income tax returns at First Presbyterian Church, Eighth and Runnels, each Monday from 9 a.m. to noon through April 14.

This program is available to all senior citizens, and others who have income from wages, tips, interest, or dividends, and who may be able to receive an earned income credit, a credit for the elderly or child care credits. Bring all your W-2's, 1099's and your 1995 tax return. This is a free service. For further information call 398-5522 or 263-4211 or come to the First Presbyterian Church on Monday mornings.

TACO BELL AND KENTUCKY Fried Chicken is sponsoring a Spring fling and Easter egg hunt on March 29 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the park located by the YMCA. Children between the ages of two and 10 can hunt. There will be clowns and face painting for children of all ages. Hot dogs and sodas will be served for lunch. The Easter Bunny is also attending the hunt.

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AROUND THE TOWN

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.

•Daytime prenatal classes, Texas Department of Health, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Call 263-8775 to register. All expectant parents welcome. Class instructor will be Laurie Burks, BSN.

•Volunteers with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program will assist in the preparation of 1996 income tax returns, 9 a.m. to noon, First Presbyterian Church, 8th and Runnels. This program is available to all senior citizens and others who have income from wages, tips, interest or dividends and who may be able to receive an earned income credit. Bring all W-2's, 1099's and your 1995 tax return. This is a free service. Call 398-5522 or 263-4211 for more information.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

•Big Spring Howard County Retired Teachers Association, 10:30 a.m. coffee and social hour and 11:30 lunch, Howard College Cactus Room.

•Encouragers support group, 6 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Seven and Runnels (enter through the north door), covered dish supper and program. Call 398-5522 or 399-4369.

•O'Neal-Kunkle Unite #47 DAVA, 6:30 a.m., VAMC room 214. Wear something green.

•Survivors of Suicide support group, for those grieving a suicide loss, 7:30 p.m., Pastoral Care Office, Memorial Hospital and Medical Center in Midland. The topic will be "Guilt and Loss," with speaker Rev. Jerry Kelly.

TUESDAY

•Comanche Lake Duplicate, 1 p.m., Dora Roberts Civic Center.

•Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m.; Spanish services.

•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

•Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., West Texas Center for the Arts on the Howard College Campus.

•United Blood Service blood drive, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Appointments are needed. Call Deborah Pearce at 263-1211, ext. 175, to schedule an appointment.

•Lakeview Headstart registration, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., headstart classroom. Please bring proof of income, birth certificate, immunization record and social security cards for all household.

•Second Promise Keepers Rally, 7 p.m., Miracle Revival Center, 600 FM 700.

•Big Spring Band Boosters, 7 p.m., BSHS Band Hall. Officer election time. For more information call Cyndi Marsh, 263-6705.

WEDNESDAY

•Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Archie Kountz, 267-3821.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. 12&12 Study.

•Lakeview Headstart registration, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., headstart classroom. Please bring proof of income, birth certificate, immunization record and social security cards for all household.

THURSDAY

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents during a time period from 2 p.m. Saturday to 8 a.m. Monday:

•RICHARD M. ALCANTAR, 37, of 502 N. Runnels, was arrested on a charge of being an intoxicated permittee on licensed premises. Someone complained that Alcantar, the owner of a bar at 2711 Wasson Rd., was intoxicated at his place of business during business hours.

•HOWARD FOSTER, 20, of 1002 N. Main, was arrested on outstanding local warrants and a probation violation from New Mexico.

•LUANNA FRANCO, 33, of 808 W. Fifth, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.

•TARA NICOLE PETERSON, 22, of 3304 W. Highway 80 No. 38, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.

•DANIEL GREENE, 21, of Hobbs, N.M., was arrested for not having a driver's license or liability insurance.

•MICHAEL PEOPLES, 21, of Hobbs, N.M., was arrested on outstanding local warrants.

•REBECCA RIVAS, 18, of 1002 N. Main, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.

•ARNALFO ENRIQUEZ, 21, of Midland, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.

•BRIAN JOHNSON, 23, of 901 N.W. First, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.

•ANGIE MCVAE, 22, of 901 N.W. Second, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.

•NICHOLAS LOYA, 17, of 1614 Lark, was arrested for assault/family violence.

•ALFONSO VELASCO, 37, of 2609 Wasson Rd. No. 60, was arrested for aggravated assault.

•DAVID GARCIA, 53, of Colorado City, was arrested for driving with an invalid license.

•ROLANDO CASTILLO, 25, of 1101 1/2 N. Bell, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.

•JUAN JUAREZ, 29, of 1217 W. 17th, was arrested for public intoxication.

•RAYMUNDO GONZALES, 26, of 3304 W. Highway 80 No. 16, was arrested on an outstanding county warrant.

•ASSAULT in the 1500 block of Lincoln.

•THEFTS in the 300 block of Owens and 1100 block of N. Lamesa.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE in the 500 block of Westover.

•UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A VEHICLE in the 600 block of E. 16th.

•INVESTIGATING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES in the 1600 block of Indian Hills, 2600 block of Carlton, First and Johnson, Comanche Trail Park, 1000 block of N. Main, 700 block of E. 13th, 1500 block of E. Fourth and 1700 block of S. Main.

•BURGLARY OF A HABITATION in the 700 block of Anna, 1300 block of Pennsylvania and 1300 block of Birdwell.

•BURGLARY OF A BUILDING in the 2900 block of W. Highway 80.

•CRIMINAL TRESPASSING in the 900 block of Magnolia.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents during a time period from 2 p.m. Saturday to 8 a.m. Monday:

•POSSIBLE BURGLARY IN PROGRESS in the North Tubb Area. Deputies reported all was secure.

•SUSPICIOUS PERSONS at Town and Country Store in Coahoma and at Uncle's Convenience Store.

•FAMILY DISTURBANCE on Sterling Road.

•LOOSE RAM on Driver Road.

•DELIVER EMERGENCY MESSAGE at residence on Douglas Street.

•MINOR ACCIDENT on Ramsey Street. No injuries were reported.

•SHOTS FIRED on Sterling Road.

MARKETS

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Volume 134,876,080	
ATT	35 1/2 - 1/4
Amoco	87 1/2 - 1/4
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Atmos Energy	25 nc
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Chevron	30 1/2 - 1/4
Chrysler	66 1/2 - 1/4
Cifra	1.46-1.50
Coca-Cola	58 1/2 - 1/4
De Beers	35 1/2 nc
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Exxon	100 1/2 - 1/4
Fina	63 1/2 nc
Ford Motors	31 1/2 - 1/4
Halliburton	68 1/2 - 1/4
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Mobil	130 1/2 nc
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New Perspective	19.11-20.28
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Prime Rate	8.25%
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Israel, Palestinians resume talks after break

JERUSALEM (AP) — Ready for a showdown, Palestinians pitched tents and Israeli snipers and troops in riot gear set up positions today on land in disputed east Jerusalem where Israel plans to build a Jewish neighborhood.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has said he is determined to start construction of the 6,500-apartment project this week. A senior Palestinian official said violence was imminent, and Palestinian hospitals discharged some patients to make room for casualties from any riots.

In the West Bank, dozens of Palestinians stoned Israeli troops to protest the construction of Jewish settlements.

The Israelis and Palestinians both missed today's deadline to begin talks on a permanent peace accord that would define borders and address the future of Jerusalem, Jewish settlements and Palestinian refugees.

Prodded by the United States and Jordan, Israel and the Palestinians sought to avert violence by trying to arrange a

meeting this week between Netanyahu and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

The United States reportedly has pressed Israel to make good on its gestures to the Palestinians.

Israel agreed today to grant landing rights to Arafat's aircraft at the Dahaniya airfield in the Gaza Strip even though overall security arrangements for cargo and passenger traffic have not been finalized. Israel also promised to move quickly to set up a land route for Palestinians between the West Bank and Gaza.

The airfield agreement was reached at a meeting between Israeli Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai and Palestinian Planning Minister Nabil Shaath, the first high-level meeting since the Palestinians suspended contacts last week over the east Jerusalem construction project.

"Our presence here means that we have not abandoned the peace process and we are trying to stop the project of Jabal Abu Ghneim through political means," Shaath told reporters,

using the Arabic name for the area slated for construction.

Palestinians fear the Jewish neighborhood, known in Hebrew as Har Homa, will make it increasingly difficult for them to establish a capital in east Jerusalem.

At the east Jerusalem site, Israelis and Palestinians moved into position today.

Faisal Hussein, the senior Palestinian official in Jerusalem, pitched two tents he said would serve as his office for now.

Dozens of Israeli soldiers, some in riot gear and others armed with sniper rifles, took up positions behind boulders a few yards away. The West Bank army commander and other senior officers visited the site, studying maps.

Hussein said he and a dozen other people would spend the night in the tents decorated with Palestinian flags. "The moment the Israeli bulldozers go to work, we will confront them, using peaceful means," Hussein said.

He added that the atmosphere was similar to the days leading

up to the 1987-1993 Palestinian uprising. "I can smell the same scents we smelled before the uprising," Hussein said.

There were no signs today that construction was starting. The project's foreman, Sasson Shem-Tov, said he was waiting for a permit from the Housing Ministry.

No new date has been set for beginning talks on a permanent peace agreement.

The Palestinians and Israel's previous government held an opening round of final status talks in May 1996, just three weeks before Netanyahu came to power. Negotiations have been suspended since then, despite a May 1999 deadline.

Israeli Cabinet secretary Danny Naveh and chief Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat were to meet later today to arrange a Netanyahu-Arafat summit, said Arafat aide Marwan Kanafani.

The two leaders will focus on the final status talks in the summit, but will also try to defuse the tensions between them, Kanafani said.

TEXAS BRIEFS

Some return for reunion of school explosion survivors

NEW LONDON — Survivors of the New London School explosion, the worst disaster involving school children in U.S. history, gathered during the weekend to remember victims and recount stories about how they survived.

A teacher turned on a light switch at 3:05 p.m. on March 18, 1937, setting off an explosion of natural gas that had leaked into the school building and was held beneath the structure.

At least 275 students, 15 teachers, a school secretary and two visitors died in the explosion. Some say the death toll may have been higher. Because of the extent of destruction and the impact of the blast, it will likely never be possible to determine the exact death toll.

Parents and oilfield workers braved the rain to dig through the school building in a frantic search for survivors and to recover the bodies of the victims.

Alma Stroud, 40, died of a heart attack after finding the body of her 16-year-old daughter in the rubble. She had spent the entire night searching.

Florida suffers Blockbuster loss to Dallas area

DALLAS — With most Blockbuster Entertainment Corp. employees opting against following their company from Florida to Texas, up to 600 jobs are up for grabs in the city where the \$3 billion chain started about 11 years ago.

About two-thirds of the 900 headquarters workers for the world's largest video rental company have turned down various relocation packages.

About 40 percent of Blockbuster's available jobs in Dallas pay hourly wages while the remainder are salaried, said Rosanna Durruthy, Blockbuster's vice president of staffing and relocation.

"It's a broad range" of jobs, she said. "From information systems to finance and accounting, retail merchandising and store planning, online technologies, corporate relations, human resources, the office of the general counsel — a bit of everything."

Many of those who chose to stay in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., said they had strong family ties there, according to Jonathan Baskin, a Blockbuster senior vice president.

Competency hearing set for suspect in church fires

DALLAS — The mental capacity of an 18-year-old charged in two black church fires in Greenville remains at issue, months after he was arrested on arson charges.

Mark Anthony Young of Greenville confessed last summer to setting fire to the New Light House of Prayer and the Church of the Living God in the Northeast Texas city, investigators have said.

But the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and relatives of Young, who is black, contend he has a learning disability and lacks the mental capacity to understand the charges against him.

The fires were the first of more than 40 suspicious blazes that plagued Greenville last summer. Authorities have said the church fires were not racially motivated and that Young was angry at his mother.

Federal drug agent criticizes lawmaker's request

WACO — Sen. Phil Gramm's request for more federal drug officers in this Central Texas city conflicts with a more pressing appeal along the Texas-Mexico border, an agent says.

The Drug Enforcement Agency said the Republican was partly responsible for any shortfall in Waco narcotics law enforcement because he and other lawmakers contended last summer Washington was sidestepping border responsibilities.

As a result, Jim Collier, agent in charge of the DEA's San Antonio District, said agents were reassigned to posts in Laredo, Del Rio and El Paso. That left offices elsewhere seriously understaffed, he said.

"It's an unreasonable perspective," Collier said.

Ex-Soviet spy details roles of Rosenbergs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, executed four decades ago for selling nuclear secrets to the Soviet Union, played no direct role in atomic espionage, says a retired Soviet spy who handled Julius Rosenberg for the KGB.

Alexander Feklisov, 83, says Julius Rosenberg helped organize an industrial espionage ring in the United States that provided Moscow with valuable secrets on military electronics. But Feklisov said Rosenberg provided no useful atomic secrets and his wife played no active spying role at all.

The Rosenbergs were executed in the electric chair at New York's Sing Sing prison in 1953 for what then-FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover called the "crime of the century" — helping the Soviet Union get its hands on blueprints for the atomic bomb in World War II.

To their deaths, the Rosenbergs maintained they were innocent victims of a U.S. government conspiracy.

Feklisov said he held clandestine meetings with Julius Rosenberg in New York from

1943 to 1946 and claims to be the only Soviet intelligence officer still alive with firsthand knowledge of the Rosenberg case. He said Rosenberg originally was recruited to spy in 1942 by KGB agent Semen Semenov. At that point, Rosenberg was a civilian inspector for the Army Signal Corps, which gave him access to developments in military electronics, including radar systems.

Feklisov told The Washington Post, Cox News Service and The New York Times that Rosenberg passed valuable secrets about radar and other military electronics but played only a peripheral role in Soviet atomic espionage. He said Ethel Rosenberg did not actively spy but probably was aware that her husband was involved.

"Julius was a great sympathizer of the Soviet Union," Feklisov said. "Julius was a true revolutionary who was willing to sacrifice himself for his beliefs."

He said neither he nor any other Soviet intelligence agent met Ethel Rosenberg.

"She had nothing to do with this. She was completely innocent," Feklisov told The New

York Times in Moscow. He is to appear in a documentary on cable television's Discovery Channel next Sunday.

The Rosenbergs were convicted of spying and conspiracy mainly on the testimony of Ethel Rosenberg's brother, David Greenglass, and his wife, Ruth, who were arrested for conspiracy and confessed. Greenglass named Julius Rosenberg as his recruiter and also implicated Ethel Rosenberg, saying she had typed espionage material.

Feklisov said Julius Rosenberg recommended David Greenglass to him as a possible recruit in 1944. Greenglass worked as a mechanic at Los Alamos, N.M., where the first atomic bombs were assembled. Feklisov insists the Greenglasses provided little of use to Moscow, which had other valuable spies at Los Alamos.

Feklisov said the principal contributions by Rosenberg were secrets about U.S. military electronics. He also cited Rosenberg's passing of a fully functioning proximity fuse, a

secret World War II U.S. innovation that enables an anti-aircraft missile to bring down its target without hitting it.

Rosenberg assembled a duplicate proximity fuse from discarded spare parts and smuggled it out of the Emerson Radio factory in New York City in December 1944.

Feklisov said Rosenberg took great risks to help the Soviets, often comparing his espionage exploits to those of the Soviet guerrilla fighters behind Nazi lines in World War II. This mindset, Feklisov said, explains Rosenberg's refusal to cooperate with the FBI after his arrest in June 1950.

Feklisov's claim that Rosenberg helped set up a military-industrial espionage ring but played only a peripheral role in atomic espionage is consistent with recently declassified U.S. intercepts of Soviet spy communications from the early 1940s. The so-called Venona intercepts found the first clues that the Soviets tried to steal blueprints for the atomic bomb.

Feklisov was a behind-the-scenes intermediary between the KGB and the White House during the 1962 Cuban missile crisis.

The Rosenbergs' children, Michael and Robert Meeropol, have worked for years to clear their parents' names. Efforts to contact them Sunday were unsuccessful. Michael Meeropol told the Post the family would reserve judgment about Feklisov's assertions until they watch the Discovery Channel documentary.

Baylor wants portion of proceeds from any sale of Baylor Health Care System

WACO (AP) — Baylor University will give the Baylor Health Care System its freedom only if it is guaranteed a share of the proceeds from any future sale, the Waco Tribune-Herald reported Sunday.

Sources told the newspaper that different ways of sharing the proceeds are being considered.

"One of the possible scenarios being explored would be payments to Baylor University for a certain number of years," said a source knowledgeable about the ongoing discussions. "But Baylor would have to get some sort of additional participation if the system is ever sold. For that, regents would forgo ongoing governance of the health care system."

A second source confirmed the stipulation, but would not comment on it.

Linda Miller, head of the Volunteer Trustees of Not-for-Profit Hospitals in Washington

D.C., said she has talked with consultants working on the Baylor deal. None has mentioned a scenario where the health care system would buy its freedom from the university, she said.

Baylor officials announced in January that they were considering options for the Dallas-area hospital system.

Aside from a sale, other options include consolidating the system with other nonprofit hospitals in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Talk of selling the health care system diminished with the appointment of a new committee by Baylor's regents to look at options for the health care system.

The door is still open for Baylor Health Care System to merge with Harris Methodist Health and Presbyterian Healthcare systems, said Al Herman of the national accounting firm of Arthur Anderson, an adviser on the merger.

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Quote of the Day

"Teaching is not a lost art, but the regard for it is a lost tradition."

-Jacques Barzun

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OUR VIEWS

Coahoma a 'village' for teaching children

Coahoma Independent School District officials may have borrowed on the saying, "It Takes a Village to Raise a Child," when they decided to implement a set of goals to better the education of their students and to get the community more involved.

Administrators and school board members recently outlined six goals and the guidelines to follow to make sure those goals are implemented and attained.

They include having comprehensive staff development for all district personnel, a fully-integrated site-based decision making program for the district, reliable communications to improve trust and cooperation within the district, a program to develop and support a modern technology infrastructure, continue to assess, plan and implement facility improvement projects and to promote community awareness, involvement and understanding through communication.

Team co-leaders consisting of one teacher and one community member have been selected to implement each goal. Volunteers are being sought to become members of a particular team they are interested in so they can brainstorm ways to implement the above-listed goals. The ideas are taken to board members for their approval and there is a guarantee that the ideas will be followed up on so all goals can be met. The plan is reviewed on a regular basis as well.

The process is just getting started but Superintendent L.D. "Sonny" Monroe plans on the teams being in action for the 1997-98 school year.

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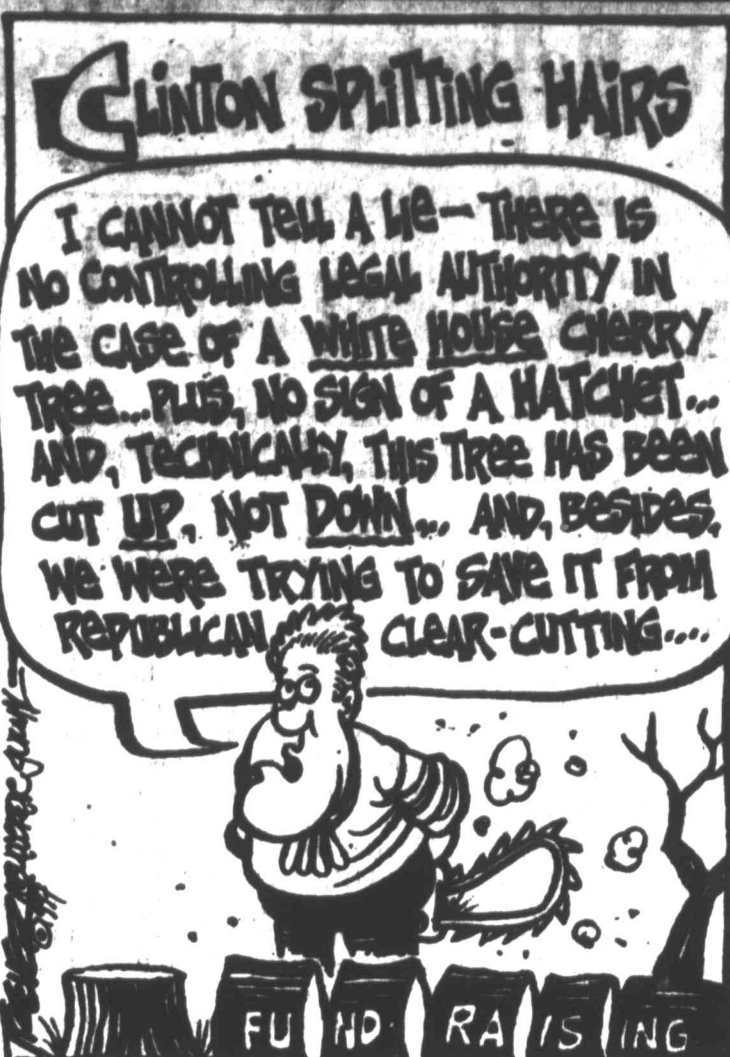
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Americans only have facade of self-government

Poor Richard John Neuhaus of the Institute on Religion and Public Life has discovered what he should have known a long time ago: The neo-conservatives are not conservatives; they are just liberals with no compassion for the poor.

Neuhaus, who some years ago broke with the true conservatives to embrace the neo-conservatives, recently held a symposium which argued that the U.S. government no longer governs with the consent of the governed.

The neo-cons turned on his group like a snake on a rat. Midge Decter, the high priestess of the neo-cons, accused them of questioning the legitimacy of the U.S. government and of encouraging bomb throwers. Gertrude Himmelfarb, another neo-con guru, resigned from the board of Neuhaus' magazine, pronouncing the symposium's

theme "absurd and irresponsible."

I expect the neo-cons will get the foundations to cut him off the money tree unless he crawls, repents and does penance for his political heresy.

The symposium, by the way, was simply a discussion of the problem of federal judges usurping their powers, but neo-conservatives love big government, not constitutional government. Their only complaint with liberals is that they (the neo-cons) want to run the big government and don't want to waste any money on the poor or the working class. Hence, they don't want anybody knocking government power.

Measured against the Constitution, the U.S. government is illegitimate at the present time, for no government that exceeds the authority granted it by the Constitution can be termed legitimate. In America, the Constitution — not the federal government — that it creates — is the supreme law of the land.

In the early days of the American republic it was often said by American leaders that any law or judicial ruling which exceeded the authority granted by the Constitution

was to be viewed as null and void.

Today, in the latter days of the American empire, it is the Constitution that has been effectively rendered null and void. Judges and federal politicians render it null and void by declaring that the Constitution means whatever they want it to mean at any particular time.

John Marshall, the fourth chief justice and the man who set the precedent of ruling a law unconstitutional, said the Constitution must be interpreted literally, that it was written by reasonable men in plain language who knew what they wanted to say and said it.

Many federal judges today, however, act as if they were dictators with unlimited powers within the boundaries of any case that has the misfortune to end up on their docket.

In fact, however, the judiciary has no power except to issue rulings consistent with the Constitution. It has no enforcement power, that belongs to the executive branch. The executive branch can, if it wishes to do so, decline to enforce a court ruling — even a Supreme Court ruling. U.S. marshals, for example, are assigned to federal courts, but they do not really work for federal judges.

They work for the attorney general, who works for the president.

President Andrew Jackson refused to enforce a Supreme Court ruling, and it wasn't enforced. Congress, moreover, if it had the brains and the nerve, has the constitutional authority to rein in the judiciary. It can limit its appellate jurisdiction. Congress, when Lincoln was president, did that. Congress could reduce the number of Supreme Court justices. The Senate, of course, can veto a president's nominee.

The theme of Neuhaus' symposium is correct: Americans effectively no longer have self-government. They have only the facade of self-government. If they want the real thing, they're going to have to fight for it in the political arena. A good start would be to reread the Declaration of Independence.

But don't expect any help from neo-conservatives in returning to a constitutional government. Beyond cutting welfare and destroying unions, they like big government just fine the way it is.

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Hope for bipartisanship in Congress fading fast

By WALTER R. MEARS
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON — It isn't even spring, the senator said, but the rose of bipartisanship clearly has wilted.

The thorns are showing. Republican Sen. Gordon Smith of Oregon was remarking on the mood after the Senate's one-vote rejection of a balanced budget amendment. In the 12 days since then, the wilting has worsened.

That tends to happen when a president and an opposition Congress try to come to terms on spending, taxes, federal benefits and, in this case, balanced budgets in 2002.

Clinton and the Republicans have been there before. The president won that round after two government shutdowns a winter ago. George Bush offered his handshake on bipartisanship with the Democrats when he was inaugurated, but it came up empty, over the budget and taxes.

This was supposed to be a session without replays, with both sides committed to balancing the budget, and, at the start, promising cooperation to get there. Clinton went to the Capitol at Republican invitation, to meet with leaders of both parties in a gesture of

accord on goals.

It didn't cover the means to get there. Now the details are closing in and the familiar lines are drawn. The Republicans say Clinton's budget is far from balanced in 2002. By GOP analysis, based on Congressional Budget Office forecasts, it would be \$69 billion in deficit.

So they want him to draft another one, a demand the White House dismisses as no more than a stall to cover GOP failure to produce a congressional budget, which is supposed to be done by April 15 each year, but seldom is and won't be now.

Republicans won adoption of a House resolution asking Clinton for a new budget. The measure adopted Wednesday, which is not binding, seeks a new budget based on congressional economic forecasts, with more savings while Clinton is still in office, instead of leaving three-quarters of them until 2001 and 2002.

Actually, Clinton has produced extra budgets before. In 1995 he began with a budget projecting long-term deficits, produced another to get it balanced in 10 years, and later came up with a third version, embracing the Republican goal of balance by 2002.

The political setting was dif-

ferent; he was readying his reelection campaign, and the balanced budget promise was a popular one.

Franklin Raines, the White House budget director, said the House resolution for a new budget this year was only a diversion. He said the time for stalling was over and Congress should be at work on its own budget.

The Republicans are wary of that; they don't to be identified with politically distasteful cuts in popular federal programs unless Clinton is, too. They want the president to go first. The White House counters that he already has, and the Republican Congress should deliver its version.

So much for the earlier idea of a bipartisan deal on balancing the budget, which Republicans had wanted done in advance of a customarily ignored spring deadline for a congressional budget. That would have shared the blame, but it is foundering in the details.

"If we set aside partisanship and the spirit of confrontation and come together and work in a spirit of accommodation, we could get an agreement," Michael McCurry, the White House press secretary, said Wednesday.

Those are big ifs, and they

got bigger when Clinton decided against setting up an independent commission to adjust, downward, the cost of living formula on which increases in Social Security and other benefits are based, as are tax brackets.

He may do so later. That was a way out, since a change would have curbed costs and increased revenues, but there was no consensus and the Democrats don't want the political onus of a step that would curb future benefit increases.

Sen. Trent Lott, the Republican leader, had pressed for a presidential commission, saying that it was absolutely essential to a budget agreement. But even some Republicans were wary of the political impact of pushing the idea.

Eventually there will have to be a settlement; Republicans suffered for the shutdowns in the last budget impasse, something Clinton said all sides should agree won't happen again. There's a Republican bill to prevent it with stopgap resolutions to keep the government going.

The differences that are showing now are only going to deepen next year, as the 1998 congressional election campaign takes hold.

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Texas cancels Coppin State's magic act

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Some were sure shots, others surprises.

The NCAA tournament's final 16 includes top seeds Kansas, North Carolina, Kentucky and Minnesota. However, the group also includes 14th-seeded Tennessee-Chattanooga and a pair of No. 10 seeds, Providence and Texas.

Chattanooga beat Illinois 75-63 Sunday at the Southeast Regional to reach the final 16 for the first time in school history. The Mocs, who upset Georgia in the first round, are only the second No. 14 seed to reach the regional semifinals.

"This kind of thing can obviously put us on the basketball map a little bit more," UTC coach Mack McCarthy said. "I'm just pleased we were the ones who were able to do it."

Texas barely beat an even bigger long shot, 15th-seeded

NCAA

Coppin State. The Longhorns survived 82-81 at the East Regional when DeJuan Yazzee intercepted Coppin State's inbound pass with four seconds left.

"Athletes like to win, but it is hard for me to hang my head right now," said Reggie Welch of Coppin State, which shocked second-seeded South Carolina in the opening round. "You have to accept the bad with the good. We had a heckuva ride."

Derrick Brown scored a career-high 33 points to lead Providence over Duke 98-87 at the Southeast Regional. The Friars advanced to the final 16 for the first time since 1987, when they went all the way to the Final Four.

"He's a warrior," coach Pete Gillen said of Brown. "He gets that tunnel vision in his eyes

and it doesn't matter if the Russian Army is in front of him. He's going to shoot. He wouldn't be denied today."

Neither would Brevin Knight, who scored 19 points as Stanford defeated Duke 72-66 at the West Regional.

With Stanford, Arizona, UCLA and California in the regional semis, the Pac-10 has more teams left in the tournament than any other league. The only Pac-10 team to lose so far was Southern Cal, which was beaten by Illinois in the opening round.

"For a long time, a lot of people have been down on the Pac-10 and said we couldn't win big games," Knight said. "But we're showing we deserve the number of teams we got in."

In other games Sunday, Louisville edged New Mexico 64-63 in the East; Minnesota topped Temple 76-57 and Clemson beat Tulsa 65-59 in the Midwest; and Utah defeated

North Carolina Charlotte 77-58 in the West.

The round of 16 begins Thursday in the Midwest and West.

At San Antonio, it's UCLA (23-7) vs. Iowa State (22-8), and Minnesota (29-3) vs. Clemson (22-9). At San Jose, Calif., it's Kentucky (32-4) vs. St. Joseph's (26-6), and Utah (28-3) vs. Stanford (22-7).

On Friday, it's North Carolina (26-6) vs. California (23-8), and Texas (18-11) vs. Louisville in the East at Syracuse, N.Y. In the Southeast, it's Kansas (34-1) vs. Arizona (21-9), and Providence (23-11) vs. Tennessee-Chattanooga (24-10) at Birmingham, Ala.

SUNDAY

Southeast

Providence 98, Duke 87

Brown was 12-of-16 from the field and Austin Croshere added 21 points for the Friars

despite foul problems. Jeff Capel led Duke (24-9) with 26 points.

Tennessee-Chattanooga 75, Illinois 63

Chattanooga closed the game with a 20-4 run, holding Illinois (22-1) to one basket in the final 10:09. Willie Young led UTC with 15 points.

West
Utah 77, UNC Charlotte 58

All-American Keith Van Horn had 27 points and eight rebounds, and Michael Doleac scored 18 as Utah's quick big men wore down Charlotte. Tremaine Gardiner led Charlotte (22-9) with 14 points.

Stanford 72, Wake Forest 66

Tim Duncan had 18 points and 20 rebounds for Wake (24-7), but it wasn't enough to beat Stanford, which advanced past the second round for the first time since winning the NCAA title in 1942.

East
Louisville 64, New Mexico 63

DeJuan Wheat, playing with a shoulder injury that required a second cortisone shot in five days, led Louisville with 22 points. New Mexico (25-8) had a last chance to win, but David Gibson missed a driving shot with 2.3 seconds left.

Texas 82, Coppin St. 81

Reggie Freeman scored 22 points for Texas and made a key block in the closing seconds. Coppin State (22-9) was trying to become the first No. 15 seed to reach the final 16.

Midwest
Clemson 65, Tulsa 59

The Tigers shot just 32 percent from the field, but held Tulsa star Shea Seals to five points. Clemson's Terrell McIntyre and Merl Code combined for 31 second-half points.

Minnesota 76, Temple 57

Temple's feared matchup zone defense couldn't contain Minnesota, which made 10 3-pointers, including four by Sam Jacobson.

Top-seeded teams prevail

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Half the bracket is filled for the round of 16 in the NCAA women's basketball tournament, and the form chart is still intact.

The higher seeded teams, all of them playing at home, won the eight second-round games on Sunday — although two No. 1 seeds had to go into overtime to escape upset bids.

Second-ranked Old Dominion turned back Purdue 69-65 in the Midwest Regional after the Lady Monarchs' Mery Andrade missed a layup that would have won it in regulation.

In the East, No. 4 North Carolina needed Chanel Wright's 25-foot shot to force the overtime, then pulled away to beat No. 24 Michigan State 81-71.

"Our prayers were answered with Chanel's shot," North Carolina's Marion Jones said. "We knew we had to take advantage of it."

Fifth-ranked Louisiana Tech, No. 6 Georgia, No. 8 Alabama, No. 12 Virginia, No. 16 Illinois and No. 18 Colorado also are in the regional semifinals.

Louisiana Tech overwhelmed No. 13 Auburn 74-48 in the Midwest; Georgia beat Arizona 80-74 and Virginia downed Utah 65-46 in the West; Illinois beat Duke 85-67 and Colorado defeated No. 19 Stephen F. Austin 66-57 in the Midwest and Alabama got by St. Joseph's 61-52 in the East.

The regional semifinals are next Saturday, and for Virginia's Lisa Hosac it'll be like going home — sort of. The West Regional is in Missoula, Mont. Hosac is from Littleton, Colo.

The remaining second-round games are tonight. Tulane plays at George Washington and Notre Dame plays at Texas in the East; Connecticut entertains Iowa and Tennessee plays host to Oregon in the Midwest; Marquette plays at LSU and Florida is at home against Southern Cal in the Midwest; and Kansas entertains Vanderbilt and Stanford plays

NCAA WOMEN

host to Texas Tech in the West. East

North Carolina 81, Michigan State 71, OT

Tracy Reid scored nine points in the overtime after the Tar Heels (29-2) rallied from a 52-42 deficit midway through the second half. Jones led all scorers with 27 points and Reid finished with 25. Cheryl Euler scored 22 for eighth-seeded Michigan State (22-8).

"We deserved to win," Michigan State coach Karen Langland said. "They hit a great shot to tie the game that killed us. It took the wind out of our sails and we didn't have a lot left after that."

Alabama 61, St. Joseph's 52
Yolanda Watkins scored 20 points and helped Alabama to a 21-12 edge in offensive rebounds. During one three-minute stretch, the second-seeded Crimson Tide (25-6) got six straight offensive boards to pull away after seventh-seeded St. Joseph's (26-5) had cut the lead to a point.

Midwest
Old Dominion 69, Purdue 65, OT

Andrade, distraught over missing the layup at the end of regulation, sat out momentarily to collect herself, then scored Old Dominion's first five points in the overtime to put the Lady Monarchs (31-1) ahead to stay.

Eighth-seeded Purdue (17-11) blew an eight-point lead in the final 6 minutes before tying the score 61-61 on Stephanie White's jumper with 12 seconds remaining. But White missed a driving shot in the lane with three seconds left in the overtime and Purdue trailing by a point.

Louisiana Tech 74, Auburn 48

Tamicha Jackson scored 26 points, including a career-high six 3-pointers, and Alisa Burras added 25 as second-seeded Louisiana Tech (31-3) dominated Tech led 37-22 at halftime, then shot 61 percent in the second half to prevent Auburn (22-

10) from getting back into it. Laticia Morris led seventh-seeded Auburn with 19 points.

Midwest
Illinois 85, Duke 67

Ashley Berggren's 16 points helped fourth-seeded Illinois reach the round of 16 for the first time. The Illini (24-7) held Duke scoreless for nearly five minutes early in the second half while building a double-digit lead they never relinquished.

Alicia Sheeler came off the bench to add 15 points for Illinois. Kira Orr led fifth-seeded Duke (19-11) with 22 points. Colorado 66, Stephen F. Austin 57

LaShenia Graham scored 24 points and second-seeded Colorado (23-8) sank eight straight free throws after Stephen F. Austin had pulled to 58-57 with 1:57 left. Katrina Price had 21 points for seventh-seeded Stephen F. Austin (28-5). The Ladyjacks were held to their fewest points of the season.

West
Georgia 80, Arizona 74

Kedra Holland-Corn made one free throw and Signe Antvorskov added two more in the closing seconds to preserve the victory for Georgia, which blew most of an 18-point lead. A 25-10 run had drawn Arizona to 77-74 with 35 seconds left.

Holland-Corn led second-seeded Georgia (24-5) with 20 points and Pam Irwin added 17. Adia Barnes' 24 points led seventh-seeded Arizona (23-8), which made the NCAA tournament for the first time.

Virginia 65, Utah 46
Virginia, leading the nation in field goal defense, held Utah to 29.8 percent shooting in advancing to the round of 16 for the 11th straight year. The fourth-seeded Cavaliers (23-7) had outstanding balance as DeMya Walker followed Hosac with 12 points and Monick Foote scored 11.

Julie Krommenhoek scored 14 to lead fifth-seeded Utah (25-6), which reached the second round for the first time in eight NCAA appearances.

SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

Lady Steers win consolation crown

SNYDER — It was a rough beginning but nice ending for the Big Spring High School softball team at last weekend's Canyon Reef Softball Tournament.

The Lady Steers dropped their first three games, then rebounded with three straight wins to take the consolation title at the tournament.

Big Spring struggled in pool play Thursday, dropping games to Abilene High School (10-0), Midland Christian (2-0) and Breckenridge (8-7).

Once consolation play began Friday, however, the Lady Steers began finding their stride. They started with a 13-3 victory over San Angelo Lake View, then followed that with a 2-1 tiebreaker win over Abilene Wylie.

They then took the consolation crown with an 11-5 victory over Snyder. In that game, Honey Belew provided the big blow, a two-run home run in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Coach Wes Overton also lauded the play of pitcher Angie Phillips, who won the Abilene Wylie game, then pitched three innings of no-hit relief against Snyder.

The Lady Steers return to action Tuesday at Sweetwater. Game time is 6:30 p.m.

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The Snakefest Men's Softball Tournament will be held March 21-23 at Cotton Mize Field in Comanche Trail Park.

All teams will have a three-game guarantee. Awards include team trophies for teams finishing first-fourth, bat bags for winning team members, ball bags for members of the second-place team and T-shirts for third-place team members.

In addition, awards will be presented to the tournament MVP and Gold Glove.

Entry fee is \$130. For more information, contact Chuck Martin at 264-9236 or Darrin Sorley at 267-7823.

Appleby wins Honda Classic

CORAL SPRINGS, Fla. — As an amateur in Australia, Stuart Appleby used to drive 200 miles to Melbourne to play 36-hole rounds on the weekend. That came in handy for the marathon finish to the Honda Classic.

He couldn't always see a scoreboard, but he knew the tight pin placements and wind that rattled the flagsticks would prevent anyone from running away with the tournament.

And when he did have an idea what it would take to win, Appleby managed to reach down and find it.

The 25-year-old Australian earned his first PGA Tour victory Sunday with the kind of kick that usually wins long distance races.

He holed a 65-yard wedge from a thick patch of rough for eagle to catch up with Payne Stewart,

made a 6-foot birdie putt two holes later for the lead and then played well enough to win the Honda Classic by one stroke over Stewart and Michael Bradley.

Colin Montgomerie was alone in fourth at 277. Paul Stankowski, who led the first two rounds, shot 72-73 and was among nine players at 278. At one point, eight players shared the lead during the 36 holes.

Andrews tops at LPGA stop

TUCSON, Ariz. — Donna Andrews jokes that she hurt her back picking up all the poker chips she won at Las Vegas casinos after three victories on the LPGA Tour in 1994.

But was no laughing matter when she earned just \$25,346 the following year and had \$155,231 and one unofficial victory last season.

Despite battling a week-long cold, Andrews showed she's healthy by shooting a 4-under-par 68 Sunday to win the Welch's Circle K Championship by one stroke over Tina Barrett.

"It's taken a year to get my putting and short game back," said Andrews. "I spent all winter working real hard on my game and it's paying off. I think I'm hitting the ball more solid now than in '94" when she was the tour's fifth-leading money winner at \$429,015.

Murphy takes Toshiba trophy

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. — Bob Murphy never lost his patience, and he needed every ounce of it to win a record nine-hole playoff at the Toshiba Senior Classic.

With darkness closing in, Murphy rolled in an 80-foot birdie putt to beat Jay Sigel on Sunday in the longest day ever on the Senior PGA Tour.

"I felt if I was going to miss it I wanted to miss it below the hole, but when it kept tracking towards the hole I said, 'Son of a gun, this might go in,'" Murphy said.

Sigel, who trailed Murphy by six shots early in regulation, birdied four of the final six holes to catch Murphy and force extra play.

Sigel had a chance to tie Murphy on the ninth playoff hole, but his 25-foot birdie putt fell off to the right.

"If I'd have just hit that putt a little harder I might have made that putt," Sigel said. "Murphy made three key putts and any time you make three key putts in a playoff you should win."

Murphy and Sigel ended regulation play tied at 6-under par 217. Murphy had three birdies and Sigel had two birdies in the playoff.

Their playoff set a Senior Tour record, surpassing the eight-hole playoff won by Orville Moody against Bob Bettley in the 1992 Showdown Classic in Utah.

"I wasn't weary at all," Murphy said.

Murphy, 54, won his 11th Senior tournament in five years on the Tour. He took home \$150,000.

'Big Daddy' Fielder decides being a Yankee not so bad after all

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cecil Fielder's contract squabbles are over. At least for now.

On Sunday, Fielder found out he was locked into staying with the New York Yankees — at \$7.2 million for the 1997 season.

Then he learned he was late for work, and scratched from the starting lineup for an exhibition game against Philadelphia at Tampa, Fla.

"We don't want any distractions from here on out," Yankees manager Joe Torre said, adding that Fielder will be disciplined. "It's time to play baseball."

Fielder said a miscommunication with his agent was the reason he was late. The mixup came Saturday evening shortly before the Yankees essentially called Fielder's bluff, a move that meant Big Daddy will be

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back as their designated hitter.

The slugger had until midnight EST to decide whether to drop his trade demand or become a free agent and lose his '97 salary.

"I just feel like, hey, it didn't work out," Fielder said. "I'm under contract with the Yankees. I'm making an abundance of money."

Angels

Anaheim pitcher Chuck Finley broke a bone below his right eye when he was hit by a bat and is expected to be sidelined up to five weeks, forcing the team to find a new opening day starter.

"It's huge," first-year Angels manager Terry Collins said Sunday. "From the day I got here, I saw him as our No. 1 starter. He was going to be our

big workhorse."

Finley was injured when the bat flew out of Mike James' hands during batting practice at Tempe, Ariz., on Saturday.

"It was like standing still and having someone slug you — I just got smacked," Finley said.

"I was just standing there, and the next thing I know I'm laying on the ground with blood running down the side of my face."

Finley, who was standing near the batting cage, did not lose consciousness. A CAT scan revealed the broken bone, and the cut required 19 stitches to close.

Giants

San Francisco first baseman J.T. Snow, who fractured his left eye socket last week when struck by a pitch, was scheduled for an eye exam and tests Monday.

Snow was released from a

hospital on Wednesday, a day after getting hit in the face by a fastball from Seattle's Randy Johnson. Snow has spent the last four days at his Scottsdale residence on a regimen of rest and icing the injury to alleviate the swelling around his eye.

Athletics
Oakland first baseman Mark McGwire missed a fourth straight game Sunday because of back stiffness.

A day after saying McGwire's return was imminent, Athletics manager Art Howe said Sunday he couldn't give a specific date but that he remained hopeful the A's slugger would miss only a few more days.

McGwire, who led the majors last season with 52 home runs, has had back problems in the past.

"It's the same as I've done since 1989. It's nothing new," he said. "I'm not happy about it

but what can you do?"

Orioles

Baltimore still is working on a contract extension with Cal Ripken.

The Orioles' latest proposal is a two-year extension of Ripken's current salary of \$6.2 million with a team option for a third year.

Ripken's counterproposal is for a three-year deal worth more than \$21 million: a \$1 million signing bonus, \$7 million in 1998, \$6.7 million in 1999 and \$6.5 million in 2000.

Reds-Padres Trade
Cincinnati acquired reliever Joey Eischen from San Diego for a player to be named.

Eischen, 26, is coming off a disappointing season and elbow surgery. The left-hander went 1-2 with a 4.21 ERA in 52 appearances for Los Angeles and Detroit last year.

In Sunday's action:

Yankees 3, Phillies 3, 11 innings

At Tampa, Fla., Scott Pose hit an RBI single with two outs in the ninth inning as New York gained a tie.

Cardinals 4, Blue Jays 2

At St. Petersburg, Fla., Roger Clemens allowed two hits and struck out six in 5 2-3 innings, but St. Louis rallied to win with two-out, two-run singles by Brian Jordan and Dmitri Young in the sixth.

Pirates 3, Red Sox 0

At Bradenton, Fla., Steve Cooke continued his comeback bid with five scoreless innings, combining with two relievers on a five-hitter.

Royals 4, Indians 3

At Haines City, Fla., Jose Rosado pitched five scoreless innings as Kansas City won its seventh straight. Rosado, 3-1 this spring, lowered his ERA to 1.86.

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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) Remain secure, and use your creativity to solve problems. A work-related issue encourages you to move on. Your ideas are key to finding solutions. Others respond to your ideas and feedback. Adapt plans quickly when a change necessitates it. Tonight: Be naughty.***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Remember, you choose your expectations, so you are more in touch with feelings. Examine long-term desires with a friend. Think through a decision that affects your partner's finances as well as your own. Teamwork is key. Tonight: Avoid a misunderstanding.***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Excellent communication skills are your strong suit. A partner pitches in and helps you reach one of your goals. Ask for what you need; you will be thrilled by the support. Be very clear about finances. A mix-up could hurt! Tonight: Head out and about.***

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Popularity is on the rise in the morning. Make sure you and an associate understand

each other. The clearer you are about what you need to have happen, the better the solutions. Work on finances. You might want to ask for a raise in salary. Tonight: Pay bills.***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Take a back seat, and gather information. Review what is happening. You are direct. Be willing to pay extra to settle an emotional matter. You possess great personal power, and need to use it. Tonight: Go for what you want.***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Use the daytime hours to forge ahead and make dreams come true. An honest evaluation will help create more of what you want. Be determined, and use your vitality. Assume a laid-back stance, and find out what is going on with another. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Take a stand with a family member who may be depressed or somewhat confused. How you come to a key conclusion depends on the questions you ask. Note how colored your questions are. Recognize that you are in control. Tonight: Make time to network.***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Much is going on that you must get a stronger grasp on. You don't realize it, but another is feeding you false information. It may not be intentional; in fact, this person might be deluding himself as well. Be clear about your expectations. Tonight: Take charge.***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Your financial situation is the area of biggest concern. Another does not see a situation as you do. Open up to the power you can command. Be direct in your inquiry with a partner. Do not let another get around you normally easy ways. Tonight: Try another approach.***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

A loved one needs your attentive understanding. You'll need to be as clear as possible about your choices. Do not kid yourself; all will turn out well. Be responsive to a partner's point of view. Tonight: Be open to the other side.***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Get a head start on work, as much will distract you. You need to work on isolating your thoughts. Later in the day, you will accomplish more; however, another issue arises then that you will need to handle. Others want to be close to you. Tonight: It's time for play.***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Creative energy is high. Follow through on what is important with a friendship. You might be fooling yourself

about how loyal this person is. Focus on business. Concentrate on what is important at work in the afternoon. You get much more done then. Tonight: Work late.***

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Grassroots literacy project sprouts many new chapters

DEAR ABBY: I am the father you mentioned who loved reading aloud to my children so much that I started Rolling Readers. It is now California's largest nonprofit children's literacy organization. We were proud to see the letter from Miss Mary Ann detailing her joy as a volunteer reading to her "story children" each week, and the satisfaction she receives when she gives them new books three times a year during our "book giveaways."

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Reading aloud to youngsters is such a simple yet profound way to share our love of books and reading. Over the years we have been inspired by the quality of volunteers willing to spend an hour each week helping to create "reading and caring communities." They include socially conscious high school students, police detectives, judges, retirees and homemakers. They share our alarm that there is a crisis in our country.

For 30 years our society has grown increasingly less literate, with the biggest decline occurring in those needy children already struggling near the bottom. These Rolling Readers understand that this crisis needs to be solved in a typically American fashion — individually, by thousands of concerned citizens willing to give of their time to make a difference in the lives of these children.

Abby, thank you for spreading this important message. We would also like to thank the thousands of your readers who have sent letters or called to volunteer. Together we are creating "reading and caring communities" across the country. After all, a love of children and a love of books go hand in hand.

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DEAR MR. CONDON: I'm delighted that your worthwhile organization struck such a responsive chord with my readers. America's most precious resource is our children, and literacy is the first step in preparing them to lead productive lives. I wish you and your dedicated volunteers continued success in this important effort.

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