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Howard College administration keeping eye on Legislature

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
News Editor

With more than one-third of their students taking developmental courses this spring, Howard College administrators seem to be cautiously watching the progress of a bill passed last week by the Texas Senate.

The bill, authored by Senate Education Committee Chairman Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, would limit university students to six state-funded remedial courses, while those at community colleges could take no more than nine.

Currently, 701 of Howard College's 2,032 students are enrolled in at least one remedial course, according to

Linda Conway, the college's associate vice president for institutional advancement. Of that 701 students, 160 are taking two remedial courses and 36 are taking three.

Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks noted that it's too early in the legislative session to begin making plans based on any of the higher education bills currently being considered in Austin.

"There's no question that there would be some of our students that would find those limitations to be a problem," Sparks said. "But if that's what's passed by the Legislature, we'll take a look at the law, put procedures in place and we'll work with it."

Bivins said the bill is meant to give

colleges and universities incentive to create remedial programs that work.

"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?" Bivins said.

"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 generate (state) formula funding," he added.

Sparks also noted that the Texas Association of Community Colleges

(TACC) has not yet established a position on the bill. As member of the TACC's legislative committee, she said she expects the association of announce its position by April 16.

"We're really waiting to see what the final bill will look like, right now," Sparks explained. "A different bill has been introduced in the House that calls for limitations on remedial courses and would do away with the TASP (Texas Academic Skills Program) test."

The state currently spends about \$75 million each year on remedial and developmental courses at higher education institutions.

The funding restriction is part of a bill written by Bivins that also concerns the TASP, 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 exceptions. Those who fail the test take remedial, also known as "developmental" courses.

Senate approval came despite concerns voiced by Sen. Carlos Truan, D-Corpus Christi, about the measure's possible effect on students' chance at a college education.

Truan noted that 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.

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New director is already making changes in HAP

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Housing Assistance Program (HAP) Director Mark Gentry knew what he would be letting himself in for when he moved from San Angelo to Big Spring to head the troubled HAP.

"I do what I do because I'm still having fun and I'm not burned out," Gentry said, noting that he doesn't plan to dwell on the problems the program has had in past years, but is focusing on getting the federally funded program up to standard.

Auditors recently took a look at the program and identified several areas that need to be brought up to Housing and Urban Development (HUD) standards.

Gentry was ahead of auditors and identified several areas himself that he wanted to change or improve, which earned a vote of confidence from auditors.

"The program has been hurt enough," Gentry said. "I want to get the program up to standard and back on track. If I make a mistake, I want it to be an honest mistake. I don't want to make the kind of mistakes that will result in legal repercussions for the city and the program."

According to Gentry, his best guess is that it will take approximately two years to get the program where he wants it to be, but six months from the day he took over the program he plans to have identified any and all problems the program may have and have written policies in place within three months.

Gentry said he plans to run the program by the book — the 24 code of federal regulations, which is the ruling arm of HUD.

One of the items Gentry wants to have on the city council agenda in the future is the formation of a board of commissioners for the HAP, which Mayor Tim Blackshear has the authority to appoint.

Gentry will still answer to City Manager Gary Fuqua and

Assistant City Manager Emma Bogard, but matters requiring action pertaining to the city would go before the board of commissioners.

As for the federal portion of the program where funding is concerned, Gentry also has to answer to HUD's Southwest Regional Office in Fort Worth.

According to Gentry, forming a board of commissioners is a HUD mandate as well as forming a Family Self-Sufficiency Program.

A few of the items Gentry is currently working on include closing out the program's books for 1996, formation of a budget for this year and writing formal job descriptions for the HAP staff.

"I want to implement new programs as our staff capacity expands," Gentry said. "HUD wants to know that a program has the staff and experience to handle additional programs before they are funded."

Gentry recently addressed the city council and told council members having a housing inspector as part of the HAP is also something that's been mandated and also something that has been needed for a while in Big Spring.

According to Fuqua, when the HAP was audited last fall, it was discovered that some people in the program were living in substandard housing.

Fuqua added a housing inspector would be paid from the federal funds used to operate the program.

The purpose of this position would be to perform periodic inspections of houses in the program.

"We currently do annual inspections of homes in the program," Gentry said. "We want to increase this to quarterly inspections."

Gentry and the housing inspector would also conduct inspections before a tenant could move out of a house or apartment.

The essential duties of a housing inspector would include:

- Inspection of residential apartments and scattered site housing to ensure strict compliance with regulations.
- Preparation of plans, specifications, reports, construction bids and management of on-

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WORK BEGINS



City of Big Spring employees Jesse Baker (left) and James Hoover work on the entrance at Comanche Trail Park, adding a new lane. The project was first envisioned by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. Construction is a cooperative effort between the city and the Texas Department of Transportation.

HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

Taylor joining District 2 council race

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Tuesday local businessman Bob Taylor became the third candidate to file for the District 2 city council seat.

Incumbent Pat DeAnda is seeking re-election in District 2 and is also being challenged by Oscar Garcia.

This is Taylor's first attempt at an elective office, but he is familiar with the council, having served on the Planning and Zoning Board for four years.

"Big Spring has been my home since 1969," Taylor said. "I love this city and want to be a part of its growth and progress. I believe it's time for a change on the city council in District 2."

Taylor is employed with U.S.



TAYLOR

especially when it's someone else's money — namely Big Spring taxpayers."

According to Taylor, it is these beliefs that helped him decide to run for the city

and believes the city needs to be looked at more as a business.

"I sincerely believe the city is a business and as such should be run like a business," Taylor said. "I believe in common sense management, balanced budgets and that you should not spend money you don't have, especially when it's someone else's money — namely Big Spring taxpayers."

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Today is deadline

HERALD Staff Report

Today is the last day for interested persons to file to run for seats on either the Big Spring City Council or the Big Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees.

The filing deadline is 5 p.m. today for persons wanting to run for city council and 4:30 p.m. for those wanting to seek a school board seat.

In the District 2 city council race, incumbent Pat DeAnda is being chal-

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Contract nurse arrested at SMMC on drug charge

By KELLIE JONES
Features Editor

A contractor at Scenic Mountain Medical Center was arrested for possession of a controlled substance at the hospital's parking lot early Tuesday morning.

Jeanne Schneider, 33, of Midland was contracted by the hospital as a nurse. Big Spring Police Capt. Lonnie Smith said

officers were called to SMMC by hospital officials around 1:45 a.m. and found Schneider in an intoxicated state at the parking lot.

Smith said, "Because of her impaired state, the officers asked for and received consent to search her purse." Officers found what is classified as schedule three drugs, which are prescription pain killers or suppressors.

SMMC's Administrator Kenneth Randall said Schneider was hired by an agency to work at the hospital because at the time, there was a high number of patients. "This is common practice within the health care field. We use reputable agencies who do their own background checks and we verify the license of the nurses. She was asked to leave the premises because someone noticed there

was a problem and she shouldn't be here," Randall explained.

He added the contractor may have worked one or two other times at the hospital in the past. The hospital does conduct random drug screenings of employees, according to Randall. He said he will now meet with other hospital officials and legal counsel to determine what they will do about this situation on an external level.

Rainy skies of winter turn to blue roads of spring

WACO (AP) — Days of gray rainy skies earlier this year will soon mean miles of brilliant blue roadsides when bluebonnets explode into bloom.

After a pathetic showing during the drought of 1996, the Texas state flower is expected to burst into bloom along Texas roads in a week or two.

"It'll look great," said Doug Andrews, McLennan County extension agent. "With all the moisture we've had, it should be pretty good."

Helen Havelka, a Texas Department of Transportation

spokeswoman, said the bluebonnets are "plentiful" this year and may start blooming within a few days.

"We're kind of excited about this year," Ms. Havelka said.

Of course, the prolific rainfall may also excite the growth of weeds, Andrews said.

But bluebonnets should remain in clear view in most areas, he added.

"There's a lot of seed out there and it appears the bluebonnet season is going to be nice," Andrews said.

Already bluebonnets are

showing their true colors on Highway 84 West near Loop 340, Ms. Havelka said.

"It looks like we'll have a lot of them in our district," Ms. Havelka said. McLennan County's Department of Transportation district includes seven other area counties.

Central Texas gardeners should be pleased as well, say local nursery owners.

"It should be a pretty good showing this year," said Steve Pierce, co-owner of Gardens by Genesis Nursery.

For first-time planting, blue-

bonnet seeds are sowed in the fall and the blooms appear the following spring, Pierce said.

After that, the flowers "keep coming back year after year," he said.

However, Ms. Havelka said, the Department of Transportation's (bluebonnet) line is the same number used for highway conditions, so information on bluebonnets will not be available in the event of emergency road conditions.

Two Central Texas towns will

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TODAY'S WEATHER

75 ▲ Highs
42 ▼ Lows

Today: Sunny and warmer. High in the mid 70s. Low in the 40s.
Thursday: Sunny and warmer. High in the 80s. Low around 50.
Extended outlook: Friday, fair and dry. High in the 80s. Low near 50. Saturday and Sunday, cooler. Highs in the 70s and lows in the 40s.

OBITUARIES

Della Hicks

Graveside service for Della Hicks, 92, Thornton, Colo., formerly of Big Spring, will be 10 a.m. Saturday, March 22, 1997, at Trinity Memorial Park with Dr. Kenneth Patrick, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating.

Mrs. Hicks died Saturday, March 15, in a Thornton nursing home.

She was born on Feb. 8, 1906, in Larned, Kan., and married E.O. Hicks on Sept. 4, 1926, in Oakland, Calif. He preceded her in death on Aug. 22, 1957. She graduated from Simla High School and had worked as a sales clerk for J.C. Penney. She played the piano as a hobby. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Big Spring and was a member of the Railroad Ladies Auxiliary.

Survivors include: one son, Jimmie Hicks; one sister, Alta Davis, Denver, Colo.; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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

Mrs. Roybelle Pollard Weiner

Memorial service for Mrs. Roybelle Pollard Weiner, Dallas, formerly of Big Spring, will be 11 a.m. Thursday, March 20, 1997, in the Cliff Temple Baptist Church, Dallas. Graveside service will be in the Glenwood Cemetery in Alvarado.

Mrs. Weiner died Monday, March 17, in Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth.

She was born on March 4, 1919, in Alvarado. She was a member of Cliff Temple Baptist Church, Dallas. Her husband, Isadore Weiner, preceded her in death in 1969.

Survivors include: two daughters, Jeanette Harlow, Dallas, and Mary Jane Poteet, Benbrook; one brother, Bill Pollard, Littleton, Colo.; one sister, Helen Johnson, Fort Worth; and three grandsons.

Arrangements under the direction of Clayton Kay Memorial Home.

RECORDS

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Average low 40
Record high 91 in 1916
Record low 12 in 1923
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Year to date 3.64
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HAP

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going rehabilitation activities to ensure strict compliance with applicable codes and regulations.

Conducting quality control, quarterly, special, pre move-out, recertification and annual inspections of housing as required.

According to Gentry, a housing inspector would also have several other duties, but the focus is to see that residents in the HAP have decent, safe and sanitary housing.

College

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"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. "My concern is that we not discourage young people from continuing their education, not withstanding a problem they may have with a course."

There currently is no state limit on funding for remedial courses, however, Bivins noted that some schools have already limited them on their own.

Taylor

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council.

"I have had to make payrolls, collect accounts, plan budgets and manage a staff," Taylor said. "I believe these should be minimal qualifications for sitting on the city council. I do not seek this position with any planned agenda, but I do want to do the best job possible for the people of Big Spring."

The city has some problems, according to Taylor, that should be prioritized.

"Water leaks, our water delivery system and streets are some of the city's biggest problems," Taylor said. "These things need to be answered on a prioritized basis. The things that need the most attention should be taken care of first."

Commitment is also another issue Taylor believes is an essential requirement for a council member.

"For highly sensitive issues before the council, we need to ask the hard, unpopular questions," Taylor said. "I don't want to go on the council as a rebel, but I do want to help the city."

One of the issues concerning Taylor is the city's tax base.

"We have to broaden our tax base because Big Spring is an aging community and our senior citizens can't afford additional taxes," Taylor said.

Duplication of services is also something Taylor would like to see eliminated.

"I'd like to see the issue of a city/county jail brought up again."

According to Taylor, a council member should also have the ability to change his or her mind when a better idea is put before them.

"I don't want to be inflexible and I do reserve the right to change my opinion if I'm convinced someone else is right," Taylor said. "The council has to have a give and take attitude. We don't need deal makers, we need honest capable people."

Flowers

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hold bluebonnet festivals this season:

— On March 22, downtown Lorena will host a bluebonnet festival from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., where Central Texas vendors will sell their arts and crafts.

— On April 12, the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers will host the Lake Whitney Bluebonnet Festival from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Lofers Bend Day Use Park.

Activities include an Environmental and Heritage Fair, a children's fishing tournament, food, games, door prizes, a 5K run, a one-mile fun run and a volleyball tournament.

To find out the best sites across Texas for bluebonnets, call Austin's National Wildflower Research Center until May 31 at (512) 832-4059 or the Texas Department of Transportation until April 30 at (800) 452-9292.

To ask questions or register for the runs, call (817) 694-3189 or (817) 823-3332.

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Filing

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langed by Oscar Garcia and Bob Taylor. District 4 Councilman Tom Guess faces a challenge from Tommy Tune, and as of this morning, Randy Mason and Danny Horton were the two candidates seeking the District 6 council seat, which incumbent John Paul Anderson has decided not to seek again.

Mason filed for the District 6 position early in the filing period and Horton filed with City Secretary Tom Ferguson's office this morning.

Tuesday's entry of Mike Robinson of Robinson Drilling into the school board race for the at-large position currently held by Steve Fraser means two of three school board positions are being contested.

The at-large seat was left vacant by the resignation of Dan Wise last fall and still has one year left on the unexpired term.

District 2 incumbent Don Baker was still unopposed at 5 p.m. Tuesday and District 4 incumbent Larry Hollar is being challenged by Steve Jeter.

BRIEFS

AMERICAN LEGION POST 506 is having a Fish Fry Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 3203 W. Hwy. 80. The cost is \$5 per plate and carry out available. For more information call 263-2084.

GARDEN CITY HEADSTART REGISTRATION is this week 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 COAHOMA UNITED GIRLS Softball Sign-up continues through Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. in the ballpark at Coahoma. March 22 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. will be tryouts. For more information call Linda Lark, president, at 264-4928.

THE LET FREEDOM RING COMMITTEE needs assistance from the community in making costumes for this year's Fourth of July celebration.

Volunteers with sewing skills are needed to make Pilgrim collars, aprons and caps; sew ribbons or strings on caps and collars; sew hooks and eyes on men's collars; and make stocks (ruffled neck pieces). All costume parts will be pre-cut.

Anyone interested in helping is asked to call Mamie Lee Dodds at 263-6508.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH ladies are having a bake sale Saturday, starting at 10 a.m. at the Big Spring Mall. Celebrate Easter with our cakes, pies, breads and cookies.

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.

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.

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TODAY
•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.

•Garden City 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.

•Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free food for area needy, 10 a.m. to noon.

•Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classed, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 55 and older.

•Support Group for Depression, 7 p.m., Dora Roberts Rehab Center, Third and Lancaster.

•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles, 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria.

•Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster. Call Preston Harris, 263-7136.

•Rackley-Swords Chap. 379 Vietnam Veterans of America, 7 p.m., 124 Jonesboro Road.

•American Legion Post 506, 7 p.m. Call 263-2084.

•Garden City 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.

FRIDAY
•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.

•Rattlesnake Roundup, Howard County Fairbarn. \$4 for adults and \$2 for children 4-11. Free admission to the arts and craft show.

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•St. Paul Lutheran Church ladies bake sale, 10 a.m., Big

Texas Lottery

Spring Mail
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MONDAY
•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.

•Daytime prenatal classes, Texas Department of Health, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Call 263-9775 to register. All expectant parents welcome. Class instructor will be Laurie Burks, BSN.

MARKETS

May cotton 73.95 cents a pound, down 25 points; April crude oil 21.82 down 24 points; Cash hogs steady at 48; slaughter steers at \$1 lower at 67; April lean hog futures 68.30, down 85 points; April live cattle futures 68.15, down 25 points.

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POLICE

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

•JEANNE SCHNEIDER, 33, of Midland, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

•LAWRENCE MARTINEZ, 37, of Route 2 Box 59A, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.

•BENITA KAY SALAZAR, 23, of 1406 Wood, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.

•TONI LYNN HERNANDEZ, 21, of 1607 Tucson, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.

•CHRISTOPHER MYRICK, 20, of 1013 Owens, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.

•ELBERT E. TURNER, 49, of 2618 Langley, was arrested for assault/family violence.

•ROMAN MARTINEZ CISNEROS, 19, of 538 Westover No. 114, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.

•JESSE DEAN MINCE, 26, of 1504 Benton, was arrested for theft under \$50.

•JOHN STEVEN RENFRO, 30, of P.O. Box 3788, was arrested for theft under \$50, failure to display driver's license and having defective equipment on his vehicle.

•DANNIE RAY CHRISTIAN, 40, no address given, was arrested for public intoxication.

•BURGLARY OF A HABITATION in the 1600 block of Avion.

•THEFTS in the 300 block of Owens, 300 block of Gregg, 2300 block of Wesson and 1200 block of E. 11th.

•INVESTIGATING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES in the 1100 block of W. Sixth, 1000 block of Martin Luther King Blvd., 1100 block of Nolan, intersection of Interstate 20 and Highway 350, 1100 and 300 blocks of N. Lamesa and 1000 block of State.

•DELIVERY OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE in the 2000 block of Gollad.

•ASSAULTS in the 1000 block of W. Third and 300 block of Galveston.

SHERIFF

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

•CLIFFORD WAYNE BROCKMAN, 36, of 212 Nix Rd., was arrested by DPS officers for outstanding traffic, Dawson and Howard County warrants.

•ROBERT RAMOS JR., 20, of 1605 Avion, was sentenced to five days in jail for inhaling a volatile chemical and released for time already served.

•JAMIE DAVID DAVILA, 27, of Route 2 Box 132, was transferred from the police department after being arrested for criminal mischief and later released on a \$1,000 bond.

•MINOR ACCIDENT on Wesson Road.

•TRUCK RUNNING OVER mailboxes on Ratcliff Road.

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Tiger takes morning stroll after escaping animal orphanage
SAN ANTONIO — A 300-pound Bengal tiger took a leisurely morning stroll after escaping from the Wild Animal Orphanage, authorities say.

The adolescent tiger named Sheryl jumped a 10-foot fence to get away from the animal orphanage northwest of San Antonio early Tuesday.

No one was attacked or threatened, but she attacked and killed a North American duck and an African ostrich before wounding a South American llama, officials said.

Orphanage officials said they believe the tiger got out after being provoked by an intruder.

Adjutant general nominee faces questions

AUSTIN — The man appointed by Gov. George W. Bush to preside over the Texas National Guard as adjutant general has received assurances that he will likely be recommended for confirmation, despite two days of heated testimony against his nomination.

Air Force Brig. Gen. Daniel James III, of San Antonio, has been serving as adjutant general since being appointed by Bush in 1995. His confirmation has come up now because it's the first time the Legislature has met since he was named to the post.

The adjutant general presides over the 22,000-member Texas National Guard as well as the all-volunteer, 1,300-member Texas State Guard.

James was criticized over two days of testimony, even by senators, for presiding over a disciplinary system that they say plays favorites and allows discrimination to run rampant.

Amendment would guarantee student tuition program

AUSTIN — When state lawmakers introduced the Texas Tomorrow Fund's prepaid college tuition program, Rep. Mark Stiles says they guaranteed participants that money would be available for their children's future college costs.

But Stiles, D-Beaumont, said the law establishing the fund doesn't fully guarantee the money. A constitutional amendment the state lawmaker pushed through the House on Tuesday would secure the guarantee, he said.

Under the program, relatives and friends can pay for future Texas college students' tuition and fees at current rates. Their money is invested and increases in tuition and fee rates would be covered by their investments and earned interest.

The program, which applies to all state institutions and private schools, guarantees the needed money will be available but doesn't guarantee acceptance by any school.

One missing, at least one hurt in blaze fanned by high winds

AMARILLO — Inspectors planned to search the charred remains of a warehouse complex today for the only victim of a huge industrial fire that blackened the eastern Amarillo sky.

A 43-year-old worker didn't escape the Tuesday afternoon blaze and searchers were to retrieve his body today.

"We are 99.9 percent sure he is still inside there," Potter County Justice of the Peace Terry Miller said. "But as far as being able to get inside and get to a body, we can't. We will have to make sure the building is structurally sound first."

Another Johnson Filtration Products employee, Sammy Marez, was admitted to Northwest Texas Hospital with second-degree burns on his back and shoulder.

The fire began around 1 p.m. at the warehouse.

GOP expects little in budget meeting

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans are voicing low expectations for their White House budget session with President Clinton, wary of an administration they say has exhibited little seriousness about finding common ground.

"I just don't expect a lot to come out of it," Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said Tuesday, hours after Clinton summoned congressional budget writers to a meeting. "I just hope we get more than we've been getting for the last month, which has been nothing."

"It's not proposing anything that hasn't been going on for the last six weeks," said Michele Davis, spokeswoman for House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas. "But we're all

willing to give it a try."

Clinton issued his invitation during a White House news conference in which he cited evidence that Republicans are willing to be flexible on tax cuts and other issues. He is scheduled to leave shortly after the meeting for his summit with Russian President Boris Yeltsin in Helsinki, Finland.

"Now it is time to build on all this momentum and make this a season of bipartisan cooperation on the budget," Clinton said. "I want a balanced budget plan that can win the support of majorities in both parties in both houses in Congress."

Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., and Rep. John Kasich, R-Ohio, who respectively chair the Senate and House budget com-

mittees, planned to attend.

Besides scheduling the meeting, Clinton instructed his top aides to seek budget compromise with congressional leaders during Congress' two-week spring recess.

But with some lawmakers having well-laid plans for the recess, it is unclear how much work will be accomplished. Kasich, for example, is getting married Saturday and will be on his honeymoon in Mexico.

"Not the pope, not the president, not Eddie Vedder will keep me from my honeymoon," Kasich told a reporter, referring to the lead singer of the rock group Pearl Jam.

Clinton's invitation comes as efforts to craft a compromise for balancing the budget by 2002

have ground to a crawl.

Just last week, Clinton refused to endorse an idea broached by Lott for slowing cost-of-living increases for beneficiaries of Social Security and other federal programs, which many economists say rise faster than the true inflation rate. Lott and many others on both sides say the hundreds of billions of dollars in savings the proposal could generate would be a linchpin to any budget compromise.

The meeting also comes as House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., has run into heavy flak from his own party for suggesting Monday that Republicans should delay their cherished tax-cutting goal until after voting for budget-balancing spending cuts.

Tax plans: Bush pushes, lawmakers listen

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush is stepping up his push for a property tax overhaul, portraying the fight as one between struggling homeowners and businesses that now go untaxed.

"In our state of Texas, we've got a few that pay a lot and a lot that pay none," Bush said Tuesday. "I'm not ashamed to say that if we're going to have a tax system, it ought to be fair. Everybody ought to pay a little."

Lawmakers have been studying Bush's tax proposal and also looking for other alternatives to

the local school property tax, which generates more than \$9 billion a year.

Bush wants to reduce school property taxes by \$3 billion, paying for it with a \$1 billion state budget surplus, a half-cent sales tax increase and a new business activity tax.

But he said various business groups are fighting the business tax idea, and others are trying to protect current sales tax exemptions that lawmakers are considering for elimination.

"The noise level is loud at the Capitol, because there are a lot

of lobbyists who are paid a lot of money to protect the interests of those who pay no tax to the state of Texas. And that's not fair," Bush said.

"My job is to represent those whose voices are not heard ... people who are desperately worried about owning their most prized possession — their home."

The governor's comments came in a speech to the Texas Association of Builders. Bush drew repeated applause when he said it would be bad policy for Texas to discourage home

ownership.

"There's a lot of talk about the middle class tax squeeze in our country. One reason why — because the most prized possession of our middle class is getting heavily taxed."

Bush, a Republican, said the issue isn't partisan. He said he hears from working people across the state who agree that property taxes are too high.

He read a letter from two retired state workers who said their property taxes rose from \$3,197 in 1992 to a projected \$5,169 in 1997.

West Texas senators a problem in redistricting?

AUSTIN (AP) — West Texas lawmakers may be throwing a wrench in plans to speed through redistricting by enacting court-ordered plans for the Senate and Congress that would be in effect until after the census in 2000.

"That's what I expected to pass the Legislature," Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos said of his bills to put in place the court-ordered plans.

"I was wanting, since we're already nearly at the year 2000, to go ahead and settle the court

lines and get on with business," said Barrientos, D-Austin, chairman of the Senate redistricting committee.

But he said he has heard that five or six senators, largely from West Texas, want to change district lines.

"That means it's going to domino across the state, and that means that this session is going to slow down a lot," Barrientos said.

"Some of the members have some cities which are divided in two or three ways, and they

don't like that, and I don't blame them. But they're going to have to trade off trying to get that accomplished and make their districts whole or slowing down the session to a crawl."

Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, said Amarillo, Lubbock, Midland, San Angelo and Abilene are among the cities in different congressional districts.

"If we're going to engage in redrawing lines at all, I would like to see West Texas communities put back together, for

example, all of which were split," Bivins said.

Barrientos said he would "strongly suggest to my colleagues that we go ahead and implement the court lines. Otherwise, there is danger of spending many, many hours, days and months on these redistricting issues."

"We've got redistricting. We've got the governor's tax bill ... a lot of work to do on the budget still. Yeah, we might be in special session," Barrientos said.

Israel's top court refuses to halt construction on disputed project

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's Supreme Court today refused to order a temporary stop in construction of a Jewish neighborhood in disputed east Jerusalem, as requested by Arab landowners and Israeli peace activists.

While the judges heard arguments, work continued on the controversial project for a second day, with bulldozers crunching up the pine-studded hillside for a second day while dozens of troops stood guard.

A top Palestinian official accused Israel of negotiating with bulldozers and land-grab schemes, but Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu insisted no peace accord was worth giving up part of Jerusalem.

Despite warnings of violence, a Palestinian protest march proceeded peacefully. Supporters of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat kept the crowd away from Israeli soldiers to prevent clashes.

Twenty-nine Arab landowners, Israeli peace activists and the opposition Meretz Party had petitioned the Supreme Court to issue a temporary halt-order on the 6,500-apartment project.

The appeal argued that city planners only considered the

needs of Jerusalem's Jewish population, to the detriment of its Arab residents.

Planners "spoke candidly in closed session of the need to thwart Palestinian development in the Har Homa area and to use the planned road grid to cut the Palestinians off from the geographical area surrounding them," one of the appeals said.

However, the justices refused to issue a stop-work order and instead ordered the government to explain its planning considerations within 60 days.

Before the Supreme Court decision, attorney Danny Seidemann said he believed the chances of winning a stop-work order were slim because the judges would be reluctant to interfere in a sensitive political matter.

"Today, we will find out if the

court will give its legal authority to apartheid, Israeli-style," another attorney, Jonathan Kuttab, told reporters.

Saab Erekat, the top Palestinian negotiator with Israel, said Israel's decision to send bulldozers to break ground for Har Homa, despite worldwide condemnation, sent "a strong message to the Palestinians that their faith in the peace process must be destroyed."

"If violence will erupt — it will be the responsibility and the sole responsibility of Mr. Netanyahu," he said.

"Netanyahu is telling us, 'I'm going to settle the issue — not by negotiations, but by more settlements. I'm going to settle the issue by bulldozers, and you have no option but to take it or leave it.'"

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OTHER VIEWS

Texas drivers must carry liability insurance — it's the law, and has been for 15 years. But it's a law that at least a fifth of the state's drivers ignore. ...

State legislators seem intent on doing something about this situation; more than a dozen bills have been filed to address it. Most of them, however, simply call for more of what they already doesn't work: The lawmakers want to stiffen penalties for those caught driving without proof of liability coverage.

If so many people statewide are ignoring the laws that already exist, what makes our lawmakers think more laws will be any more effective?

Drivers and insurers have long begged the Legislature to allow no-fault insurance policies in the state. Under the plan, anyone involved in a mishap involving a motor vehicle would simply cover his or her own expenses. Instead of paying ever-increasing premiums to cover any damage they might do to someone else, people would buy policies to protect themselves. A person who suffers physical or financial damage wouldn't face the double blow of having faithfully paid on his own policy, then being stuck with costs of his own damage because the other party wasn't insured.

Many states allow no-fault insurance, and in a majority of states it has meant lower premiums for drivers.

Such insurance seems more reasonable anyway. People shouldn't have to depend on others to insure them against the costs incurred in an accident. And the state shouldn't force people to carry policies against their will. Under no-fault, people would protect themselves, which might give more people an incentive to take out such policies.

Fifteen years of mandated liability coverage hasn't brought the desired result. Isn't it about time for a new approach?

THE McALLEN MONITOR

Many thousands of welfare recipients across Texas are being cut off from their welfare checks. Thousands more will lose their benefits as the effects of welfare reform begin to kick in.

Despite the warning that this day was coming, many welfare recipients and most communities are not prepared to cope with the human fallout from the welfare revolution.

President Clinton has quite properly urged private businesses and churches to hire off the welfare rolls. More problematically, Clinton has ordered federal agencies also to move welfare recipients off welfare rolls and onto federal payrolls.

The federal government is by far the nation's largest employer with about 2 million people on the payroll. That's not necessarily a good thing. The government should reduce its workforce when possible and not add to the federal payroll unless necessary.

It's better to have welfare recipients performing make-do work for the government than not working at all. Better yet, qualified welfare recipients would take necessary government jobs. But best of all, communities would combine resources to move welfare recipients into the private sector jobs that fund both government payrolls and welfare rolls.

One such community project that has received national praise and held out as a model by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Ford Foundation is San Antonio's Project Quest. This program encourages private businesses, churches and community-based programs to assume responsibility for public assistance while continuing to work with state and local governments.

The San Antonio program encompasses extensive training to ensure new jobs are not dead ends. It also seeks solutions to problems of day care, transportation, housing and access to private and public services. It's an umbrella approach to a job-driven program billed as an economic investment, not a new social service. ...

By early summer, Texas must have an approved plan to meet new entitlements laws. Besides the many food stamp recipients who have already become ineligible, legal immigrants soon will lose benefits. And Supplemental Security Income benefits will be reduced or removed for many elderly and disabled legal immigrants. These people will continue to have needs after their benefits are removed.

Communities must realize that moving people from welfare to work has passed the talking stage. They now need plans to ensure that this opportunity does not fail.

WACO TRIBUNE HERALD



Don't miss chance to view Comet Hale-Bopp

There we were Tuesday night, gazing toward the northwestern sky, looking just above the horizon — hoping to catch a glimpse of Comet Hale-Bopp. We weren't disappointed.



John H. Walker
Managing Editor

In fact, we didn't even really need Richard Logan's telescope to see the comet, which was easily visible to the naked eye about an hour after sunset.

From our vantage point out on the southeastern side of Comanche Trail Lake, the comet was visible about four inches above the horizon and just to the east of Scenic Mountain.

OK, OK. I realize "about four inches" is pretty nontechnical ... since most people talk in degrees above horizon, but there it was and it was about four inches above the horizon.

(For the technical, it's at about 17 degrees if I read the H-B position chart correctly.)

If you're on the Internet, you can discover more than you probably want to know about Comet Hale-Bopp on the comet's home page at www.halebopp.com.

The only problem I ran into was that all of the time frame references for viewing were in regards to early morning — and we weren't in the mood to wait up all night to look for the comet.

That brought back some rather unpleasant memories for me from when I spent the early morning hours for the better part of a week seeking a glimpse of Comet Halley.

For five days or so I would rise early and drive about 15 miles out into the Hale County countryside. Then, for what seemed like an eternity, I would scan the eastern skies for Comet Halley.

I still haven't seen that sucker, except in photos!

Comet Hale-Bopp puts on quite a light show.

At the time of its discovery (June 22-23, 1995), the comet

was some 250 times brighter than Comet Halley at the same distance.

According to the Hale-Bopp home page, it won't even reach perihelion — its closest approach to the sun — until April 1.

Even though the comet will pass near the orbital path of the Earth, it will be nowhere near us as we will be on the other side of the sun in April.

According to the Hale-Bopp Magazine web page, it is possible, although not likely, that we could experience increased meteor activity next January when the Earth passes near the same point in space.

One reason it can be seen so easily is its size — its nucleus is about 40 kilometers in diameter. By comparison, Comet Halley's nucleus is about 15 kilometers long by 8 kilometers wide. ... By best estimate, Comet Hale-Bopp is thought to have last visited our part of the Solar System some 4,200 years ago.

This comet was discovered by two persons — professional astronomer Alan Hale (not the same as Gilligan's Island) and amateur Tom Bopp.

These two are as different as night and day in that Hale has spent more than 400 hours searching the skies in hopes of discovering a comet while Bopp doesn't even own a telescope.

Even if you aren't normally a stargazer, take the time to check out Comet Hale-Bopp — especially if you have children.

As we watched it Tuesday night, we thought that the top of Scenic Mountain would provide a good viewing post, since it's above and away from most of the lights in the city and offers an unobstructed view of the northwestern sky.

If you do go up on the mountain, remember that it is our state park and take the time to stop and drop the proper payment in the honor box at the gate.

By the way, according to all published accounts, there is no chance in the heavens that Comet Hale-Bopp will hit the Earth ... so rest easy, Earthlings.

(John H. Walker is managing editor of the Herald. Letters in response to this column may be sent in care of this column.)

U.S.-Mexico drug policy all about investments

If the U.S. government had conducted World War II the way it is conducting the so-called war on drugs, half of us would be speaking German and the other half, Japanese.



Charley Reese
Syndicated Columnist

The latest episode in this farce occurred when President Clinton, that pillar of integrity and decisiveness, certified Mexico as a fully cooperative partner in the war on drugs.

This absurd action took place within days of Mexico's top anti-drug fighter being arrested for being on the payroll of drug lords. That was quickly followed by Mexico's refusal to allow American drug enforcement agents to carry firearms while in Mexico.

That's cooperation? In Mexico corruption is as common as tortillas. Anybody who believes that the present Mexican government is making a serious effort to elimi-

nate drugs probably also believes the same government is trying to stop its citizens from crossing our borders illegally. The truth is, Mexico doesn't cooperate with the United States in either immigration or drug matters.

Mexico's ruling party has always had a strong leftist tilt and a strong anti-America bias.

To further compound the absurdity, Clinton continued to decertify Colombia. Now, there are drug gangs in Colombia, but the list of honest Colombians who have been killed fighting drugs is far longer than any such list you could make in Mexico. If you based certification on the number of nationals killed trying to do something about drugs, Colombia would win hands down over Mexico.

But, of course, we don't expect consistency or truthfulness from Clinton. What about Congress? There, those fearless Republicans said they would decertify Mexico. Well, that was last week. Now those fearless Republicans are saying, "Well, let's put things off for three months," and even more fearless Republicans in the Senate are saying, "Oh, my gosh, if we

do this, Mexico might not like it. Oh, heavens, oh mercy, we can't do that."

What a joke the Republicans are. Here they have a chance to do the right thing: decertify Mexico, which by any rational standard deserves decertification. They have a chance, by doing the right thing, to embarrass their political opponents, who never miss an opportunity to embarrass them.

So what do the Republicans do? Cave in. Surrender. Run for the hills. Protect the corrupt Mexican government. Betray the honest law enforcement people in all countries who risk their lives trying to do the right thing. Abandon the welfare of the American people out of fear of offending foreigners. God, what a useless bunch of windbags the Republicans are.

Then the real motive for the Clinton administration's relationship with the undemocratic government of Mexico comes out. A Treasury official runs over to Congress and what does he say? Does he say, "We have to do something about the American kids dying in drug wars? About the lives of American kids ruined by cocaine and

heroin?" Oh, no, grow up. This Treasury nabob tells Congress that if it decertifies Mexico it might frighten investors.

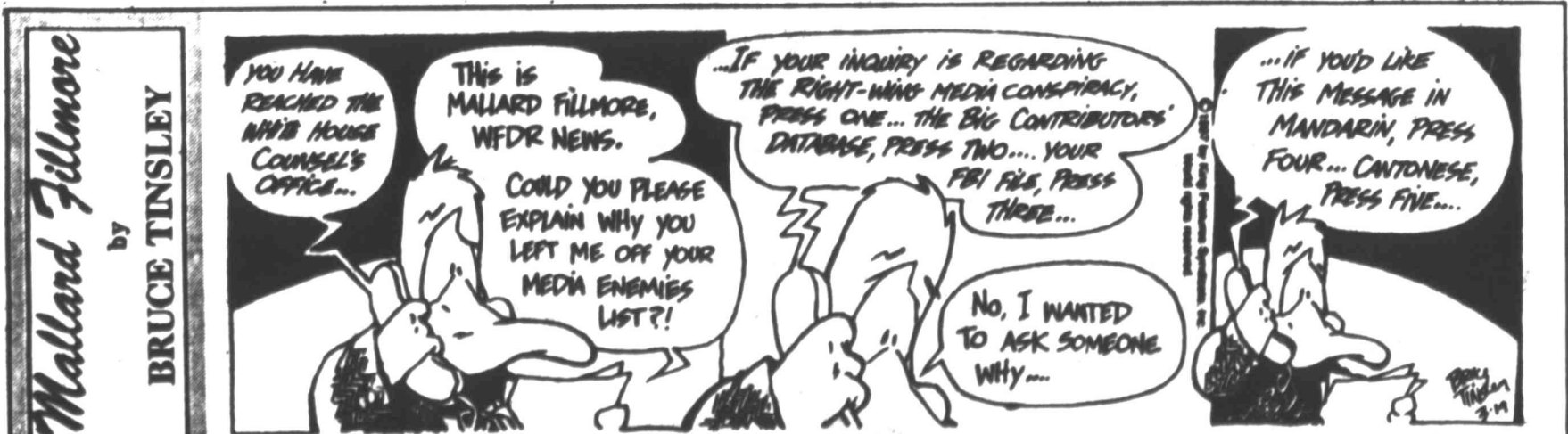
There you have it. It's not about drugs. It's not about trade. It's darned sure not about the health, safety and welfare of the American people. It's about investors and investment.

It would make more sense if Colombia decertified the United States as an unreliable, corrupt and hypocritical partner in the war on drugs. After all, if we believe a former FBI agent, more than 20 recent users of illegal drugs are on the White House payroll. The mayor of Washington, D.C., is a convicted drug user. Clinton himself is not unfamiliar with that branch of pharmacology.

What a message the U.S. government sends to America's youth: Value investment over honor and truth. Don't be courageous. Make money.

Hypocrisy pays.

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Lots of healthy choices available

When it comes to eating right for a healthy lifestyle, you have more food options than ever before. These options are available in a number of packages: in bags, cartons, bottles, and cans. For those seeking convenience, safety and a variety of nutritious foods, canned foods offer one smart choice. Busy cooks are returning to using canned foods to fit into their hectic and nutrition-conscious lifestyles.

Canned food is a convenient and versatile option for nutritious eating.

In fact, canned foods along with fresh and frozen foods can help you prepare easy and nutritionally balanced meals for the whole family.

Canned food may be as nutritious as its fresh and frozen counterparts upon preparation.

Because fruits and vegetables are processed within a few hours after harvesting, canned food locks in taste and nutrients (except water-soluble vitamins such as Vitamins B, C, and folic acid).

More than 1,500 varieties of canned foods are available, ranging from artichokes to zucchini.

Canned foods can also offer a variety of essential vitamins, mineral and fiber that the body needs to stay fit and healthy. More than 1,500 varieties of canned foods are available, ranging from artichokes to zucchini.

Many brands offer options of sodium-free, low-fat, and fat-free varieties for balanced food choices and for those with special dietary restrictions or concerns.

Many out-of-season foods, such as pineapple and asparagus, can be found in cans year-round.

Nutrition experts recommend

eating a variety of foods to stay healthy using the Food Guide Pyramid as a practical tool to make wise food choices.

All of the five food groups of the Pyramid can be found in canned foods.

For example, rice and pasta in soups is a good choice of grains; evaporated milk fits in the milk, yogurt and cheese group; and canned chicken and beans fit into the meat, poultry and fish group.

Canned foods offer the option for many out-of-season foods to be available year-round.

Canned foods have a long shelf life and will be safe as long as the container remains intact.

Although more canned products are coded with the "use by" dates, it is still wise to rotate use of canned products for turnover at least once a year, using older products first.

Ask Betty

Dear Betty, My kids asked if we could decorate real eggs for Easter this year. Is it safe to eat the hard-boiled eggs we color? Madison, Wis.

Any Easter-egg coloring kit sold in grocery, drug and variety stores contains food coloring that is safe to eat. That's not the problem.

Too many Easter enthusiasts, however, risk food-borne ailments consuming eggs that have been at room temperature for more than two hours, whether arranged in a centerpiece or tucked in a basket under artificial grass. Color your eggs all you want (I'm partial to red), but be sure to keep them refrigerated afterwards.

Dear Betty, On a dare from my wife, I'll be cooking Easter dinner this

year for the entire family. While I'm pretty good with individual recipes, I'm worried about timing everything so that it's all ready at once. How do you do it? Ogden, Utah

One word: organization. First, select all your recipes in advance. Read them through start to finish. Determine which dishes you can make ahead of time and refrigerate or freeze until you need them. The day before, clean vegetables and prepare them for cooking. Stage a dry run, keeping in mind how much oven space and stovetop burners you have to work with. Fit empty dishes into a cold oven and adjust sizes, if necessary.

Ditto for the range.

If ham, turkey or lamb is on the menu, you'll need to bear in mind the recommended cooking time and temperature to determine which side dishes can double up in the oven.

The centerpiece dish will need 10 to 15 minutes of countertop time before slicing, the perfect interlude for warming rolls in that toasty oven, or zapping other dishes in the microwave.

Shell Savvy — Lots of folks prefer to decorate hollow egg shells at Easter. The safest way to empty an egg shell is with a turkey baster.

Squeeze the bulb against a hole in the small end and let the contents ooze out a hole on the larger end. Don't risk a case of salmonella poisoning by pressing your mouth to the shell.

Next Week: What to do with leftover chili

Betty Crocker

Panel backs pre-emptive removal of colon

CHICAGO (AP) — People with genes that increase their risk of colorectal cancer may want to have their healthy colons removed as a pre-emptive measure, a medical task force said Wednesday.

The Cancer Genetics Study Consortium, made up of 11 doctors and other health professionals, stopped short of actually recommending such surgery. It said only that colon removal can be offered as an option to these patients.

Also, people with such genes should have a colonoscopy every one to three years, starting at age 20 to 25, the task force said. In a colonoscopy, a flexible tube is inserted deep into the colon and lets the doctor see polyps or cancer.

Colorectal cancer is the nation's No. 2 cancer killer. The American Cancer Society estimates that 54,900 people will die of it in 1997.

The recommendations, published in Wednesday's *Journal of the American Medical Association*, involve only hereditary nonpolyposis cancer.

Three percent to 5 percent of the 150,000 Americans diagnosed each year with colorectal cancer have it.

The recommendations were designed to serve as guidelines for doctors now that genetic testing can pinpoint people at increased risk for colon cancer.

People with the genes have a 68 percent to 75 percent risk of colon cancer by age 65.

The recommendations largely echo guidelines issued in January by the American Gastroenterological Association.

The task force recommended colon removal for those who have the genes and already have cancer. It said colon removal is also an option for those with the genes who have benign tumors.

It added that in "carefully selected patients" — such as those who are unable or unwilling to undergo periodic exams — colon removal may be offered as a preventive option even if cancer has not yet developed.

People who have their colons removed can still excrete normally, though they might have watery stools, said a co-author of the recommendations, Dr. Patrick Lynch of the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center at the University of Texas in Houston.

The task force made no recommendation as to who should be screened for the colon cancer genes. The screening is done with a blood test.

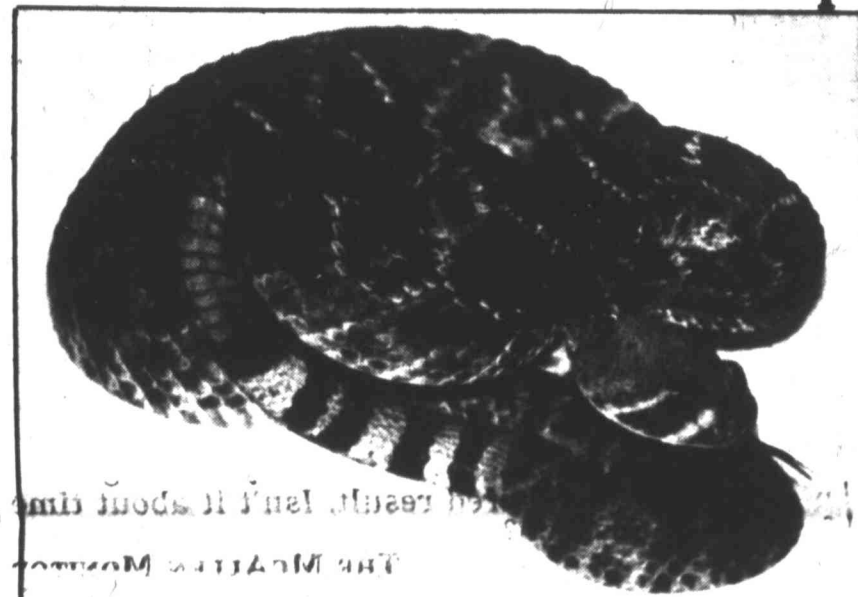
Dr. Robert Fletcher of Harvard Medical School, head of the panel that wrote the January guidelines, said doctors need to say which patients need genetic testing.

QUALITY TIME



Albert Overby plays at the Kids' Zone Playground with his daughters Hannah and Sara (not shown).

Schedule of events for 35th annual Rattlesnake Roundup



Rattlesnakes like this one will be featured at the Howard County Fairbarns this weekend at the annual roundup.

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Here is a schedule of events for the 35th annual Rattlesnake Roundup:

FRIDAY
• 1-6 p.m. - Weigh-in of snakes.

SATURDAY
• 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. - Weigh-in of snakes.

• 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. - Handling demonstrations of live poisonous snakes featuring educational exhibitions of Western Diamondback Rattlesnakes by MiMoJo, milking demonstrations and snake races.

• Noon to 7 p.m. - Skinning demonstrations.

• 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. - Arts and Crafts show at Dora Roberts Building and outdoor flea market.

SUNDAY
• Noon to 4 p.m. - Weigh-in of snakes.

• Noon to 6 p.m. - Handling demonstrations of live poisonous snakes featuring educational exhibitions of Western Diamondback Rattlesnakes by MiMoJo, milking and skinning demonstrations and snake races.

• Noon to 6 p.m. - Arts and Crafts show at Dora Roberts Building and outdoor flea market.

• 5 p.m. - Awarding of trophies.

University of Texas criticized over lack of night classes for working adults

AUSTIN (AP) — Every Tuesday night, Steve Tipton leaves his day job and drives to an Apple Computer facility for a three-hour class.

Tipton, a National Guard recruiter who aspires to be a colonel, is happy to have found an evening MBA program — offered by St. Edward's University. But he steams about the way the University of Texas responded when he asked about evening master's of business administration programs.

"I called and they said, 'Night school? You must be kidding,'" Tipton, 45, recalled in an interview with the *Austin American-Statesman*. "There's just an arrogance there at being 'the' university. I guess we're not their market," he said.

Some local businesses and residents complain that UT does little for adults who would like to continue their education after working hours.

St. Edwards, a private college, was accommodating and understanding of his schedule,

Tipton said. UT is not the only major university that doesn't have traditional night school. Officials said they are working harder to provide alternatives for working adults.

UT offers a two-year, \$26,000 executive MBA program known as Option II on two Fridays and Saturdays a month. The class also meets in four week-long sessions spread out during the two years.

Tipton and several of his classmates said they can't take

off work on Fridays, so the UT program is no option.

Others in the city's business community say there are widespread needs the state's biggest public university is best equipped to serve.

Demands have accelerated as Austin has become a high-tech center, drawing more and more well-educated adults.

In response, UT has added Friday-Saturday master's degree programs in software engineering and in commercial-

izing science and technology. It also offers a number of evening courses, some at the graduate level. Many cater to managers and high-tech workers, including courses that earn students certificates rather than degrees.

But many Austin high-tech workers make a 45-minute drive to Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos to pursue a master's in computer science.

Chip Wolfe, chief executive of the Sterling Information Group software consulting firm, said

the demand is greater than what's available.

"I'm a business owner who has employees who want to pursue advanced degrees at a modest tuition rate, and that is not available at the University of Texas," Wolfe said.

He cited a high-tech industry survey last year by the Austin Software Council that concluded, "UT's general isolation and failure to reach out to the business community" was a drawback to locating in Austin.

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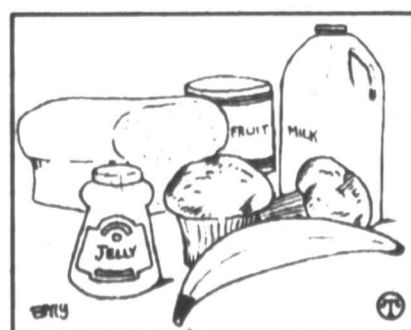
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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

School on May 26 for Coahoma

Coahoma Independent School District is having school on May 26 to make up for missed bad weather day.

Garden City Headstart

Garden City 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

Be patient with everyone, but above all with yourself.
St. Francis De Sales

The joy of life is variety; the tenderest love requires to be renewed by intervals of absence.
Samuel Johnson

It is difficult to make a man miserable while he feels he is worthy of himself and claims kindred to the great God who made him.
Abraham Lincoln

A painting in a museum probably hears more foolish remarks than anything else in the world.
Edmond and Jules Goncourt

SUPPORT GROUPS

Support group information may be submitted in writing to Gina Garza or Kellie Jones. For more information, call 263-7331, ext. 238 or ext. 235.

MONDAY

- Al-A-Teen, 7:30 p.m., 615 Settles.
- Turning Point A.A., 8-9 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.
- TOPS Club (Take off pound sensibly), weigh-in 5:30 to 6 p.m., Carriage Inn, 501 W. 17th, meeting starts at 6 p.m. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.
- Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.
- Encouragers Support Group (formerly Widow/Widower sup-

port group) first and third Mondays each month. First Monday meetings are at a local restaurant at 6 p.m. Third Monday meetings are at 5:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church Seventh and Runnels (enter through north door). We have various activities, such as guest speakers, play games, have covered dish supper, visit or go out to eat. For more information call 398-5522 or 399-4369.

•Big Spring Group of Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

TUESDAY

- Support for MS and Related Diseases, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Canterbury South. Public invited. Call Leslie, 267-1069.
- Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.
- Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.
- Compassionate Friends support group for parents who have experienced death of a child, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday in February, April, June, August, October and December in the Family Life Center Building, First Baptist Church, 705 West Marcy. Enter by southeast

door. Call 267-2769.

•Diabetes support group, second Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom.

•Cancer support group, first Tuesday of each month, 7-8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Beverly Rice, 268-5077.

•"Most Excellent Way," a chemical dependency support group, Tuesdays, 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.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed meeting.

the First Christian Church. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144.

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

WEDNESDAY

- Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-9920.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.
- Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have Sharon Beam, who is a licensed professional counselor interim specializing in play therapy for children, adolescent counseling and women's issues, available for clients at the First Presbyterian Church, Runnels and Eighth St. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144.

THURSDAY

- Salvation Army drug education program, sponsored by Permian Basin Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 7 p.m., Salvation Army building, 308 Aylford.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

•A.D.A.P.T. non-profit support and learning organization about attention deficit disorder, learning disorders and dyslexia. Meets second Thursday of September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May, Cerebral Palsy building, 802 Ventura, Midland.

•Grief Support related to the death of a loved one. Call Nurses Unlimited, Inc., at 264-6523.

•Alzheimer's Association Support Group, fourth Thursday of the month, Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway, 7 p.m.

•Support Group for Depression meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehab Center, Third and Lancaster.

FRIDAY

- Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study.

SATURDAY

- Alzheimer's Association Support Group, second Saturday of the month, Carriage Inn Retirement

Center, 501 W. 17th, 10 a.m.

•Family support group for current and former patients and their families, 1 p.m. weekly, Reflections Unit of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Call Beverly Grant, 263-0074.

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

•"So I Forget," Attention Deficit Disorder support group for individuals and couples, first Saturday of the month from 9 to 10:30 a.m., Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas, Inc., Midland. Call the center at (915) 563-4144 or 1-800-329-4144. Cost is \$15.

•West Texans Living with Chronic Fatigue and Immune Dysfunction Syndrome/Fibromyalgia, 1-3 p.m., on different Saturdays of the month, HealthSouth facility at Hwy. 191 and Loop 250, Midland. Call Joann Carney, (915) 686-7977, or Marsha Brunet, (915) 337-4829 to get the correct meeting date.

SUNDAY

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

LIONS CLUB EYEGLASS CLINIC



Brenda Sowell, a new member of the Big Spring Evening Lions Club, is learning to operate the lens-o-meter at their latest eyeglass clinic. The clinics are held the third Saturday of every month with the next one scheduled for April 19 at the Lions Club building, 1607 East Third. The clinic provides used free eyeglasses for needy residents.

Inhaled steroids cut asthma hospitalizations in half

CHICAGO (AP) — Inhaled steroids are far more effective than other drugs in keeping asthma patients out of the hospital, a study found.

For six years, the government has recommended steroid inhalants for the treatment of asthma. But doctors have been slow to prescribe them, perhaps because of the side effects associated with the pill form of the medication.

"There's a lot of clinical trial evidence to show that inhaled steroids work and they're a benefit to people who have asthma," said the lead author of the study, James Donahue, an epidemiologist with Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. "This is sort of a real-world practical example of how they do that."

Donahue's findings were published in Wednesday's issue of The Journal of the American Medical Association.

Asthma afflicts 14 million to 15 million Americans and kills more than 5,000 a year.

The three-year study found that people with moderate to severe asthma who take

inhaled steroids are only half as likely to be hospitalized as those who use other drugs — such as muscle-relaxants called beta agonists — or no medication at all.

Some of the lowest hospitalization rates occurred among patients who used large amounts of beta agonists in combination with inhaled steroids.

The study involved 16,941 people who were enrolled in Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, the largest health maintenance organization in New England, from 1991 to 1994. In that interval, 742 patients were hospitalized for asthma.

Beta agonists are intended for immediate relief during an asthma attack. They are sold under brand names such as Alupent, Brethaire, Bricanyl, Maxair Autohaler, Mataprel, Proventil, Tonalate and Ventolin.

Corticosteroids — the type of steroids used in asthma medications — control the inflammation that underlies asthma. Corticosteroids are very differ-

ent from body-building anabolic steroids. Inhaled corticosteroids are marketed under brand names such as Aerobid, Azmacort, Beclovent and Vancoril.

People have "steroid-o-phobia" because of the reputation the pill form of corticosteroids has for causing side effects, such as weight gain and increases in blood sugar, said Dr. Phillip Korenblat, a spokesman for the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America.

Korenblat, a professor of clinical medicine at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, said inhaled steroids get around most side effects by delivering steroids directly to the lungs. Relatively little is absorbed into the body, he said.

A recent study found high use of steroid-containing asthma inhalants may increase the risk of glaucoma in older people.

But Korenblat said that study group was different from the typical asthma patient — every one was over 66, and they used four times the typical dose.

Estrogen can protect against wrinkles

CHICAGO (AP) — Middle-aged women seeking a fountain of youth may find it in a bottle. A new study suggests estrogen supplements can help prevent wrinkles and skin dryness.

Researchers studying 3,875 post-menopausal women found that those who used estrogen had significantly fewer wrinkles and dryness.

The findings appear in the March issue of Archives of Dermatology, published by the American Medical Association. Specialists not associated with the study called it flawed, in part because it relied on women's memories of whether they had used estrogen in the past.

But the study supports previous evidence that estrogen — a growth-promoting hormone — improves skin appearance and suppleness by building up levels of collagen, a fibrous pro-

tein in connective tissue beneath the skin.

Dr. Gail Greendale, a UCLA internist and senior author of the study, said it is the first to use dermatological exams to compare the skin condition of post-menopausal estrogen users and non-users.

Most women who take estrogen do so to help prevent hot flashes, sweats and other symptoms associated with menopause. Research also has shown it can reduce the risks of heart disease and osteoporosis in older women.

Drawbacks include an increased risk of uterine cancer, and some studies have found an increased risk of breast cancer.

Greendale said estrogen's skin-improving qualities are simply one more factor women should consider when weighing whether to use estrogen.

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Cal coach: Bears won't be in awe of Smith, Tarheels

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — Ben Braun attaches no real significance to his coaching matchup with Dean Smith on Friday in the NCAA tournament — other than its timing. "It's always an honor to coach against his teams, especially in tournament play because that means you've done something to get there because his teams are always here," said Braun, who leads California against North Carolina in the East Regional semifinals. Braun said Tuesday his Golden Bears, who have put

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together a rather remarkable season despite several key injuries, won't be in awe of the streaking Tar Heels (26-6), who have won 14 straight and are seeking their 11th Final Four trip under Smith. "I think when you use the word 'awe' that's a pretty big word and you are not going to be successful if you walk around in awe of something," Braun said. "What you want to do and what our team has done is give people proper respect,

and we have a deep respect for North Carolina and I have a deep respect for Dean Smith and his teams. "I think you have to (have respect) against those teams because of who they are and what they've done, and they've earned that," he added. "But we've been through a lot, like losing a scorer like Ed Gray. I don't know, maybe a lot of teams wouldn't have come back with that type of thing, but our team has battled through that." That worries Smith, who has seen Cal lose Gray's 24.8 points per game — second in the

nation — yet not miss a beat on offense. The Golden Bears (23-8) also have one of the most physically imposing front line in all of college basketball. "Discounting Tim Duncan, who does so much, it is the strongest rebounding front line (we've faced), and they are deep," Smith said of the Golden Bears. "That front line can also score. It's different just being a rebounder, but they can score when they get the ball. That is one of their main goals, to throw the ball into the low block and score." Smith said he was particular-

ly impressed with 6-foot-6, 250-pound Tony Gonzalez, an All-America tight end who has entered the starting lineup since Gray broke a bone in his foot on Feb. 22. The Golden Bears are 4-1 with Gonzalez in the lineup. "The way (Gonzalez) is playing basketball he may want to put his name into the NBA draft as well, and I'm sure he would be drafted," Smith said. North Carolina swingman Vince Carter, who injured his right groin against Colorado, did some light running and walked through some offensive

plays Tuesday and was expected to return to practice today. The 6-6 sophomore, the team's best perimeter defender, is still questionable for Friday night's game in the Carrier Dome. "If Vince is limited, that could present big problems," Smith said. "I would rather not discuss it because I'm hoping. I hope he's not limited. We've done that earlier in January when he really wasn't ready to play even though he was back," added Smith, referring to the team's 0-3 Atlantic Coast Conference start with Carter nursing a hip pointer.

BSHS pounds Mustangs

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SWEETWATER — The Sweetwater Lady Mustangs want the number of that bus that hit them.

The Big Spring Lady Steers came to town Tuesday night and took few — if any — prisoners, rampaging their way to a 19-2 victory in District 4-4A softball action.

Big Spring (17-5 overall, 3-0 in district play) was leading 1-0 going into the third inning, then its first five batters reached base, leading to a five-run inning and control of the game.

The Lady Steers ended the game with a staggering 30 hits, and were helped by numerous Sweetwater errors as well.

"I expected a lot tougher game. They played Andrews earlier this year and only lost 4-0," BSHS coach Wes Overton said. "We got some breaks early in the game. That helped, too."

Angie Phillips (6-1) got the win, her first in district action.

The Lady Steers return to action Friday at Midland against Midland High School's junior varsity, then return home Tuesday for a crucial District 4-4A game against Fort Stockton. Game time is 5 p.m. at Roy Anderson Softball Complex.

Bulldogettes run-rule Snyder

COAHOMA — The Coahoma Bulldogettes improved to 5-11

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Coahoma second baseman Tonia Sparks fields a ground ball during the Bulldogettes' victory over Snyder Tuesday in Coahoma.

Fighting Irish run Horned Frogs out of NIT, 82-72

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — Notre Dame coach John MacLeod has been saying all season that his team can run. Now maybe someone will finally take him seriously.

Texas Christian can run-and-gun with the best of them, but it was Notre Dame that sprinted to an 82-72 victory Tuesday night in the second round of the NIT.

"We want to run and open the floor up and take some pressure off the halfcourt game," MacLeod said. "It's not every day you have the opportunity to get out and make the right connections."

Pat Garrity led Notre Dame with 20 points. Pete Miller, who was 5-of-6 from 3-point range, added 16 for the Irish (16-13).

In other second-round games Tuesday night, Connecticut beat Bradley 63-47, Michigan defeated Oklahoma State 75-65 and Nebraska downed Nevada 78-68.

The quarterfinal matchups are Michigan at Notre Dame, Florida State at West Virginia, UNLV at Arkansas and Nebraska at Connecticut.

Notre Dame didn't give TCU (22-13) any time to set its defense, whipping passes down the court for easy layups and dunks. TCU, meanwhile, never got its offense out of neutral.

The Horned Frogs, who trailed 35-23 at the half, shot only 34 percent for the game. They closed to 78-72 on a 3-pointer from Prince Fowler with nine seconds left, but it was too late.

"I don't think we played

sound basketball this whole game," TCU coach Billy Tubbs said.

The Frogs had to travel to Notre Dame even though they had a better record than the Irish and drew a bigger crowd in the first round.

"I'd like to issue a challenge: Anytime Notre Dame wants to play us, they can come to Fort Worth," Tubbs said.

After the teams traded the lead in the opening minutes, Garrity broke loose, and Notre Dame didn't trail again. He scored six points in a 12-2 run that gave the Irish a 21-12 lead with 11:30 left in the first half.

Mike Jones tried to get the Horned Frogs back in the game with back-to-back 3-pointers, but they trailed 35-23 at the half.

"I'm surprised we were within 12 at the half the way we played," Tubbs said. "That's as bad offensively as I've seen us play."

The Frogs stepped it up in the second half, as Damion Walker scored all but two of his 16 points. But the Irish had an answer for everything. When Garrity was covered, Miller worked himself free. And Phil Hickey added 13 points and 12 rebounds.

"We have a front line going 6-7, 6-9, 6-6," Garrity said. "We're going to be getting rebounds and that's going to trigger the fast break."

The frustration got to Tubbs, who was called for a technical with 9:19 left in the game.

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Was it a foul, or wasn't it?

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The ref blew his whistle and raised his fist, sending Michael Jordan to the foul line to score the winning points with three seconds left in overtime.

Afterward, the Seattle SuperSonics called it a bogus call.

"Everybody in the world knows there's a double standard here," Seattle coach George Karl said after the Sonics dropped an 89-87 decision to the Chicago Bulls on Tuesday night. "But that's part of it. You've got to win a championship. It's the old cliché of knocking out the world champion in boxing."

In a rematch of last season's NBA finalists, the disputed call came with the score tied 87-87. Jordan, guarded by Gary Payton, seemed to bobble the ball as he was putting up a jumper. By a foul was called on Payton, Jordan sank both free throws and Hersey Hawkins missed a 3-pointer at the buzzer.

"He lost the ball. I didn't foul anybody," Payton said. "We did a great job and played great defense. It's heartbreaking for us and I hope we get a chance to play them again."

Jordan disputed the double standard claim.

"That's garbage," he said. In other NBA games, Portland topped Sacramento 92-87, Houston defeated New Jersey 97-89, the Los Angeles Clippers beat Phoenix 121-111,

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Washington edged Dallas 86-85, Indiana trounced Minnesota 115-97, New York defeated Vancouver 98-73 and Toronto beat Philadelphia 117-105.

Jordan played 50 minutes, scored 32 points and matched a career high with 18 rebounds.

Payton finished with 14 points, 12 rebounds and 14 assists.

Chicago's Scottie Pippen and Seattle's Shawn Kemp both missed overtime after fouling out in the closing seconds of regulation.

The Bulls, who notched their 25th straight home victory, also beat the Sonics in an earlier regular-season meeting at Seattle.

"We defended our homecourt and we proved we can win there. They didn't prove they can win here," Jordan said.

Trail Blazers 92, Kings 87 At Portland, the Blazers upped their winning streak to 10 games, the longest current one in the league and the fourth-longest in franchise history.

The Blazers scored the first 15 points of the game, blew the lead and then led by nine midway through the fourth before Mitch Richmond led Sacramento back. A four-point play by Richmond cut Portland's lead to two points, but the Blazers held on as Mitchell Butler made one free throw and Kenny Anderson

added two from the line. Anderson scored all 22 of his points in the second half. Rockets 97, Nets 89

At East Rutherford, Sedale Threatt and Eddie Johnson, both signed by Houston earlier this month, scored 11 points each in the fourth quarter as the Rockets came from behind in the final period for the 17th time this season.

Clyde Drexler, playing only his second game since returning from a hamstring injury, led the Rockets with 23 points and 12 assists. Hakeem Olajuwon added 14 points and 15 rebounds.

Kendall Gill and Jimmy Jackson scored 20 points each to lead New Jersey, which was coming off wins over Chicago and New York. Eric Montross tied his career high with 18 rebounds.

Clippers 121, Suns 111 Rodney Rogers scored 11 of his 21 points in the fourth quarter, and Los Angeles moved into seventh place in the Western Conference playoff race by winning at Phoenix.

The Suns are 1½ games behind Sacramento for the eighth and final spot in the West.

Darrick Martin had 20 points for the Clippers, who lost seven of their previous nine games. Loy Vaught had 14 points and 18 rebounds.

Kevin Johnson had a season-high 37 points and 10 assists for the Suns, who were denied

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Lawmakers float idea for 'locker room' tax

DALLAS (AP) — Playing professional sports in Texas could cost athletes up to \$5,000 per game under a state lawmaker's proposal to raise money for arenas.

State Rep. Kim Brimer, R-Arlington, says he wants to give cities as many options as possible, including taxing the athletes and broadcasters who benefit from public investment in sports palaces.

"We can't do the income tax bit, but we can sure as heck do a locker fee," said Brimer, chairman of the House Business and Industry committee.

The state constitution prohibits a state income tax.

The committee began hearing testimony last week on Brimer's bill to allow local voters to assess an array of taxes to finance sports facilities.

Possible levies include a sales tax boost, a levy on car rentals and hotel rooms, and charges on parking and ticket permits.

An expert for a group representing hotels and car rental companies, Texans for Fair Play, told the committee it made no economic sense to pay for sports arenas by taxing those industries.

Instead, cities should find a way to spread some of the costs to direct beneficiaries like athletes, said Mark Rosentraub, director of the center for Urban Policy and the Environment at Indiana University and author of Major League Losers: The Real Cost of Sports and Who's Paying for It.

"Why should you pay taxes

Cowboys: Johnston to ink new contract

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys will announce today that they have reached an agreement with free-agent full-back Daryl Johnston. The Dallas Morning News reported today.

The newspaper quoted sources close to the negotiations as saying the team will announce the signing of Johnston, the team's top off-season priority, at a news conference today.

Team owner Jerry Jones said Tuesday that the talks were still under way.

so that Michael Irvin can earn a higher salary?" Rosentraub said in an interview Tuesday. "If you want to see Michael Irvin, then you should pay whatever it costs you to see him. If the Cowboys charge \$50, then you should pay \$50. Hotels and rental cars have nothing to do with it."

City officials around the state are keenly interested in the arena funding question as metropolitan areas and suburbs vie to keep and lure away teams.

In Dallas, the NBA's Mavericks and the NHL's Stars are pushing for a stadium to replace Reunion Arena, which has a dearth of lucrative luxury boxes.

Stars president Jim Lites said the \$5,000 fee per player per game that Brimer suggested Monday would total \$100,000 per game.

"You only gross \$500,000 on a

good night," he told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "You have a 20 percent player tax. The league'll move out of Dallas before they do that."

John Schomby, program director for radio station KLIF, which broadcasts Mavericks games, predicted that stations would pass on any fees.

"We may end up charging more for advertising. I don't know," Schomby said. "I think it's ludicrous. Why can't these people get together and realize they're building an arena that is going to draw crowds and bring money into the city of Dallas?"

Some cities already have ways to snag a share of major league athletes' high earnings.

Pros who play at the city-owned Veterans Stadium in Philadelphia owe the same 4.21 percent wage tax as anyone else who earns income in the city, said Kevin Feeley, city spokesman. The \$3.2 million collected from visiting players in 1993-96 went into the city's general fund.

Brimer said Tuesday he was looking at ways to amend the bill to include some of Rosentraub's ideas. But Texas' constitutional prohibition against an income tax would bar a wage tax like Philadelphia's, raising the prospect of the set, per-game locker fee.

Brian Mayes, a spokesman for Texans for Fair Play, said his group "is not anti-arena. What we want is a fairer way of financing arenas by making those who benefit, pay for it."

SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

CGA tournament on tap

The Chicano Golf Association will host a four-man low ball tournament Sunday at Comanche Trail Golf Course. Cost of the event is \$20 per person. For more information, call 264-2366 or 263-7741.

Mize Field site of tourney

The Snakefest Men's Softball Tournament will be held Friday through Sunday 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, con-

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their fourth straight victory.

Bullets 86, Mavericks 85

Calbert Cheaney's layup with 1.5 seconds left gave Washington its fifth straight road victory.

Derek Harper then bounced an inbound pass off the hip of Cheaney, picked up the ball and shot a 30-footer that rolled around the rim twice before falling away at the buzzer.

"I had to stand there and watch it," Cheaney said. "I said, 'Please don't let it go down.' I've seen that play happen in the pros before, but not in a while. I didn't want it to happen to me."

Pacers 115, Timberwolves 97

At Indianapolis, Reggie Miller scored 27 points, Dale Davis had 23 points and 13 rebounds

and Rik Smits added 21 points for the Pacers, who shot 57 percent from the field and outrebounded the Timberwolves 41-26.

Smits scored 17 of the Pacers' 38 points in the decisive third quarter, when Indiana went 14-for-19 from the field and 8-for-9 from the foul line to build a 17-point lead. Indiana extended the margin to 22 on Travis Best's 3-pointer with 7:27 left in the fourth quarter.

The Timberwolves have lost four of seven games to slip below .500 for the first time since Feb. 19.

Knicks 98, Grizzlies 73

At New York, the Knicks held the Grizzlies scoreless for the final 9:05 and extended Vancouver's losing streak to 14 games — the longest in the NBA this season.

The Grizzlies (11-57) were without one of their best players as center Bryant Reeves sat out with the flu. That allowed Patrick Ewing to face off against the likes of Eric Leckner, Roy Rogers and Aaron Williams, and he shot 11-for-21 from the field while scoring 22 points. Starks added 16 points and Charles Oakley had 10 points and 15 rebounds.

Raptors 117, 76ers 105

At Toronto, Marcus Camby scored a career-high 36 points and Damon Stoudamire had 30 points, 12 assists and 10 rebounds.

Stoudamire, who had 15 points in the third quarter, picked up his second triple-double of the season and third of his career.

tact Chuck Martin at 264-9236.

McCallister, Maxie make all-state team

Garden City Junior Tiffany Maxie and Stanton senior Leo McCallister were named to the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches all-state basketball teams for their respective divisions.

Maxie, the leading scorer for the regional finalist Lady Bearcats, was named to the Class 1A girls' first team, while McCallister was picked for the Class 2A boys' first team.

Maxie, a 5-7 guard, averaged 18.4 points, 9.3 assists, 7.3 rebounds, and 6.4 steals a game for Garden City this season. She has been named district MVP the last two years.

McCallister, the District 6-2A MVP the past two seasons, averaged 25.2 points and 7.9 rebounds for the Buffaloes this year.

In addition, the two were named to their respective all-region teams. Kim Harp of Garden City was selected to the Region II second team, while Forsan senior Robert Hillger was named to the Class 2A Region I boys' second team.

Umpires laying down the law

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Don't think the umpires are getting tough? Well, Bobby Cox might be the latest believer.

The Atlanta Braves manager was ejected for arguing in the first inning of Tuesday's 1-1 tie with the New York Mets at West Palm Beach, Fla.

Cox was banished by plate umpire Gregg Gibson after he made comments following a called third strike on Fred McGriff that ended the first.

"I don't remember every getting thrown out of a spring game," Cox said, refusing to discuss the matter further.

Umpires, still upset over the Roberto Alomar spitting incident last September, have said they will eject players, managers and coaches for the slightest arguments.

Greg Maddux allowed one run and six hits in five innings and walked none. Mets starter Bobby Jones gave up one run and five hits in five innings and struck out three.

Rangers 3, Cardinals 1

At St. Petersburg, Fla., Dennis Eckersley got into it with the umpires after walking Mark McLemore and Shawn Green in the fifth inning. The reliever made a few comments to home-plate umpire Eric Gregg. At one point, Eckersley came off the mound and Gregg removed his mask, but Eckersley wasn't ejected.

Reds 9, Indians 5

At Plant City, Fla., Cleveland's Orel Hershiser left

BASEBALL

after only one inning because of a strained groin, and Hal Morris, Willie Greene and Eddie Taubensee homered for Cincinnati.

Yankees 3, Blue Jays 1

At Dunedin, Fla., Darryl Strawberry hit a three-run homer in the first and Ramiro Mendoza allowed one hit in five innings. Paul O'Neill and Cecil Fielder singled off Erik Hanson with two outs in the first and Strawberry, who also had a three-run shot the last time the teams played, hit a wind-blown popup just over the right-field fence.

Red Sox 2, White Sox 2, 13 innings

At Fort Myers, Fla., Tim Lincecum hit a two-run homer off Wilson Alvarez to tie the game in the fourth. Alvarez struck out five in six innings, allowing six hits and a walk.

Phillies 6, Royals 5

At Clearwater, Fla., Mike Lieberthal was 3-for-4 and drove in four runs as Philadelphia extended its home winning streak to nine. After the Phillies wasted a 5-4 lead in the ninth, Ricky Otero led off the bottom half with a walk, took third on Gregg Jefferies' double and scored on Brent Bowers' sacrifice fly.

Astros 4, Expos 2

At Kissimmee, Fla., Mike Hampton struck out nine in five innings and allowed just two hits. Tommy Greene followed with two shutout

innings. Rhee Cormier gave up four runs — three earned — in four innings.

Dodgers 5, Orioles 4

At Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Scott Erickson allowed three runs and eight hits in four innings, and Dodgers starter Ramon Martinez gave up one run and five hits in four innings with seven strikeouts and four walks.

Los Angeles got the winning run in the 10th when B.J. Waszgiz allowed a passed ball on a low pitch from Armando Benitez with Adam Riggs on third.

Athletics 5, Angels 4

At Phoenix, pinch-hitter Damon Mashore had a two-run double and Ariel Prieto pitched six strong innings as Oakland sent Anaheim to its sixth straight loss. Mark McGwire, who missed five games because of back stiffness, returned to Oakland's lineup as designated hitter. He grounded out, then walked and scored in the fourth.

Mariners 10, Cubs 6

At Mesa, Ariz., Jay Buhner hit a three-run homer off Bob Patterson to cap a seven-run seventh. Mariners starter Dennis Martinez allowed five runs and eight hits in four innings.

Giants 12, Padres 3

At Peoria, Ariz., Jeff Kent went 3-for-4 with a home run, and Glenallen Hill also went 3-for-4 with two RBIs. San Francisco scored seven runs in the eighth inning off Marc Kroon to break open the game.

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for the season with an 11-1 pounding of Snyder Tuesday night in Coahoma.

The game was halted in the sixth inning because of the 10-run rule.

Tara Sterling picked up the win for Coahoma, and received offensive support from Cassie Tindol and Stephanie Stone, who each had two hits.

CHS coach Rob Dickenson said shortstop Misty Baker also played a fine game.

"We played them (last week) in the Snyder tournament ... and they came back and beat us 11-10," Dickenson said. "So, I guess you could say this was sweet revenge. (Coahoma) came out and played a complete ball game."

The Bulldogettes return to action Friday at Midland against Lee High School's junior varsity. Game time will be announced later.

Coahoma drops

Tuesday slugfest

COAHOMA — It was a fine day for battling practice, one can surmise.

The Coahoma Bulldogs and Midland Christian traded figurative blows for a few hours before MCHS came away with a 16-13 victory at Bulldog Field Tuesday afternoon.

"It was just a little bit of a slugfest," CHS coach Trey Morgan conceded. "They took the lead, and we came right back, then they'd score some runs ... there were runs scored every inning."

The Bulldogs (4-6) return to action Thursday at the Colorado City Baseball Tournament. Their first game is at 1 p.m. against Monahans JV.

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"I swear to God, I said nothing to that referee," Tubbs said. "I was walking back toward the end of the bench. That was a cheap technical. I did not deserve that."

Connecticut 63, Bradley 47

At Storrs, Richard Hamilton scored 24 points for UConn (16-14) and sparked a decisive 16-5 run midway through the second half. Bradley star Anthony Parker finished with 25 points, but was shut down for the final 12 minutes. Kevin Freeman added 15 points for UConn, which won the NIT in 1988. Michigan 75, Oklahoma St. 65

At Ann Arbor, Louis Bullock hit six 3-pointers and scored 28 points as Michigan (21-11) beat Oklahoma State (17-15). Bullock, a sophomore guard who already holds Michigan's career 3-point record, made a pair of 3-pointers during a 9-3 run that gave the Wolverines their biggest lead, 69-50.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
A serious discussion is in order. How you view a developing situation is up for grabs; you could easily change directions and ideas. Get rid of self-imposed limitations; there is no need to have them. Tonight: Beam in what you want.***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Foundations are important to you, more than most signs. Understand that you are in a process that could be trying. Evaluate different facets of your life. You might not be able to enact change quickly; but when you do, it will be with clarity. Tonight: Make a favorite meal.***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Focus on what you want out of a difficult but important discussion. You know your limits, and are willing to work with them. Realize that you can accomplish a long-desired goal, especially if you are realistic. Tonight: Talk it through.***

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Accept what is happening with a boss. You might not like the responsibility, and feel that matters are out of control. They are. However, in the long run you will profit. Don't hesitate; say yes. You can handle it all. Tonight: Work late.***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
You have to stretch to see the big picture, yet it will serve you to understand an offer. Don't do anything halfway. Exchange ideas, and begin communications. A course or seminar is a great idea. There is no time like now. Tonight: Wish upon a star.***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Assume a low profile, and let a partner dominate. Everything can't be the way you want it. Listen to the other side. An associate needs help expressing ideas. You aren't thrilled by

what you hear, yet it improves communications. Tonight: Think.***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
A partner puts terms on you that make you uncomfortable. How you think about your relationship with someone could change. Everyone doesn't share your point of view. Open up to possibilities. Tonight: Treat someone to dinner.***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Think through a decision that is long overdue. Establish boundaries, not only in your mind but also in an associate's. You tend to play superhuman, and now isn't the time. Let others know you are real and have limits. They will appreciate you more. Tonight: Take a night off.***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
You make a move that could have long-term effects. Options are exciting. You are intuitively on with your charisma; make what you want happen. In talks, exhibit your understanding and compassion. Tonight: Jump to a new tune.***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
You are building on solid rock, but it may be slow going. You, more so than other signs, can stick to the program. You are inspired by an associate's feedback. Trust your judgment with a loved one or friend. Tonight: Have a good time.***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Defer to others in a difficult conversation. Instead of playing all your cards, let others tell you what is on their mind. Understanding is key to development of trust, which you will need with a particular associate. Make time for a friend. Tonight: Invitations abound!***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
You feel a financial crunch, more than you would like. Be willing to stop what is going on. Open up to options in a discussion. You might decide to put in some overtime or take an extra job. You will be happier when finances are under control. Tonight: Go to the gym.***

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Father opposed to wedding is brought to his sense by wife

DEAR ABBY: I was so upset by the letter from the mother who will miss out if she skips her daughter's wedding that I'm writing to you for the first time ever.

Many years ago I was in a similar situation, so opposed to my daughter's forthcoming marriage that I canceled the ceremony



Abigail Van Buren
Columnist

AFTER the invitations had been mailed. Shortly after, they told me they were going to get married with or without my support.

I remained adamantly opposed until my dear wife asked me if I wanted to lose my daughter. When I exclaimed, "Of course not!" she said, "Well, you will if you keep on like this." Thank God I took my sweetheart's advice and escorted my daughter down the aisle at her wedding. My daughter and I have always remained very close.

To that mother who is judging her daughter by the moral standards that she grew up with 30 to 40 years ago, "Judge not lest ye yourself be judged," and "Let him who is without sin among you cast the first stone." Mother: You don't have to approve of your daughter's conduct, but don't lose her through rejection. — TOM WATTLE, ARCATA, CALIF.

DEAR MR. WATTLE: Thank you for your heartfelt letter. I have received a blizzard of letters from readers arguing both sides of the question. Read on: DEAR ABBY: What century is this woman living in? She should realize that her daughter is apparently old enough to make a decision to live with a man prior to jumping into a marriage that may not work out. I lived with my husband for 4 1/2 years before our wedding day. We have been married for 13 1/2 years and look forward to many more.

I'd also like to tell this woman who was concerned about the "strict" Catholic Church not addressing this subject my feelings: We were married in a Catholic church in my hometown but had to attend pre-Cana classes with a priest in the area where we live. This man had the gall to tell us that our marriage wouldn't last two years. This just goes to show that priests (and the Catholic Church) don't know everything.

If this woman continues with her negative attitude, she will alienate her daughter and future son-in-law. She should swallow her pride, trust her daughter to make the right decisions, and enjoy what should be a happy time for all. Keep up the good work, Abby. Your column makes my day! — MARYANNE WALTON, DOVER, DEL.

DEAR ABBY: "Disapproving Mother" said that her daughter's behavior reflected a lack

of morals in young people and her daughter doesn't respect or care what she thinks. I disagree!

The daughter and her fiancé obviously care very much what her parents think if the fiancé went so far as to ask the parents for the daughter's hand in marriage.

I say the daughter would be better off without a whining and controlling mother passing judgment on her, especially on her wedding day. The only thing that really matters is that the bride and groom are very much in love. If the mother is too wrapped up in her moral code of behavior to care if her daughter is happy, then she has forfeited her rights as a mother. — UNDER 40 IN GAINESVILLE, FLA.

DEAR ABBY: For the "Disapproving Mother" who is Catholic: Christ said, "Go and sin no more" to the whore who was caught in the act.

The Lord's Prayer says, "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those that sin against us."

Christ told Peter to forgive 70 times 7. This "Disapproving Mother" must take her hurt and worry to the cross and leave them there. That is what her strict Catholic Church would tell her to do. — ROCHELLE VANDENBURG

DEAR ABBY: Maybe this daughter's plans will turn out well. But I would never call her mother insensitive or rigid, either. The daughter has shown her lack of respect for all the parents hold dear, so why should she want or need their help with her long overdue wedding? She has already set up housekeeping, so why have a shower? Since she and her friend have already consummated a marriage, who needs a fancy wedding? The money might be more helpful later.

The votes won't be in until the daughter's own children are old enough to do likewise. As the old-timers say, "What goes around comes around." I suggest that what is now "modern practice" is not necessarily a right one. I cannot come down on this mother for what might prove to be the greater wisdom, in God's sight. — VIVIAN B. BROWNING, DAMASCUS, MD.

DEAR VIVIAN AND READERS: Thank you for letting me know your strong feelings on this matter. Tomorrow, we'll hear from some of those who supported my thinking.

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Prominent schools limp into 2nd round

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NCAA WOMEN

Not that it's apparent, but some prominent teams are going to the round of 16 in the NCAA women's basketball tournament with key players hurting or missing.

No. 1-ranked Connecticut breezed into the Midwest Regional semifinals without No. 3 scorer Shea Ralph, sidelined by torn knee ligaments. Stanford advanced easily in the West with All-American Kate Starbird nursing a sore left ankle.

Defending champion Tennessee played its second-round game with point guard Kellie Jolly limping on a bum ankle.

While Ralph and Howell are finished for the season, Starbird and Jolly have time to heal before the regional semifinals on Saturday, when the games figure to get tougher. Stanford (32-1) plays Virginia (23-7) in Missoula, Mont., and Tennessee (25-10) meets Colorado (23-8) in the Midwest Regional in Iowa City.

Starbird scored a season-low six points in Stanford's second-round game with Texas Tech on Monday night, but the Cardinal won 67-45 with a dominating performance that displayed the depth of their talent. And Starbird said it wasn't the ankle that caused her to shoot 3-for-10.

"The ankle felt pretty good. It wasn't bothering me that

much," she said. "I just was not shooting well. I've had a couple of other games like that this year."

Connecticut (32-0) will play Illinois (24-7) in Iowa City, Iowa, after knocking the host team for that regional out of the tournament. With Ralph watching from the sidelines, Connecticut relied on its balance and inside strength to overpower Iowa 72-53 on Monday night.

"We really don't depend on one person," Connecticut coach Geno Aurilemma said. "Our program isn't built around one person and at this time of year, you start to realize how much you depend on each other."

The East Regional at Columbia, S.C., has North Carolina (29-2) meeting George Washington (27-5) and Notre Dame (29-6) facing Alabama (25-6). In the Midwest at West Lafayette, Ind., LSU (25-4) plays Old Dominion (31-1) and Louisiana Tech (31-3) meets Florida (23-8).

Southeastern Conference rivals Georgia (24-5) and Vanderbilt (20-10) meet in the other West Regional game.

They're among six SEC teams still alive out of the seven that originally made the tournament. Tennessee, Alabama, LSU and Florida also are carrying the banner for the SEC, which is 13-1 in NCAA games.

Player lashes out at Hoosiers' coach

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Neil Reed is accusing Indiana coach Bob Knight of verbally and physically abusing the junior guard and pressuring him to leave the basketball program.

"If the choice were mine, I would have returned to Indiana University," Reed said in a statement Tuesday. "But the choice was not mine. Coach Knight has made it clear that in making those decisions about my future, he is accountable to no one."

Reed's statement also included vague references to Knight verbally and physically abusing coaches and players, though he did not elaborate. Reed said he was singled out by Knight for criticism and made the focal point of the coach's abuse.

"Coach Knight has continued his longstanding tradition of verbal attacks and physical assaults on his players and his coaches," Reed said. "I have personally been at the forefront of those focused attacks during my time at IU."

Reed's comments were part of a statement announcing that he would leave the basketball program at Knight's request.

Knight released a statement through the university Tuesday night, denying Reed's allegations that he abused players.

Reed would not elaborate on how he was abused, but said university officials were aware of what he alleged had happened.

"I only have the truth as my

defense," Reed told WTHR-TV in reference to the allegations. "(Knight) has a whole lot of people as his (defense) that will say whatever."

Earlier, Knight told Indianapolis television stations that he met with juniors Reed, Andrae Patterson, Richard Mandeville and Robbie Eggers to discuss their futures with the program. He said all four players were told what was expected of them next season, and each was given an option to play elsewhere.

Knight said Eggers, Mandeville and Patterson indicated they wanted to complete their careers at Indiana, which was routed by Colorado 80-62 last week in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

"What I want is for this to work out for these kids the best way possible," Knight said. "I've told them in each case what I think, and they've thought it over and have told us what they would like to do, and we'll just take that and go from there."

Knight criticized Reed, Patterson, Eggers, Mandeville and Charlie Miller for inconsistent play this season and questioned their dedication to the program. But Reed, who started 26 of 33 games, said he was singled out.

"Coach Knight has created a different set of rules for me," Reed said. "Leadership requires respect. I have not been given any respect for three years."

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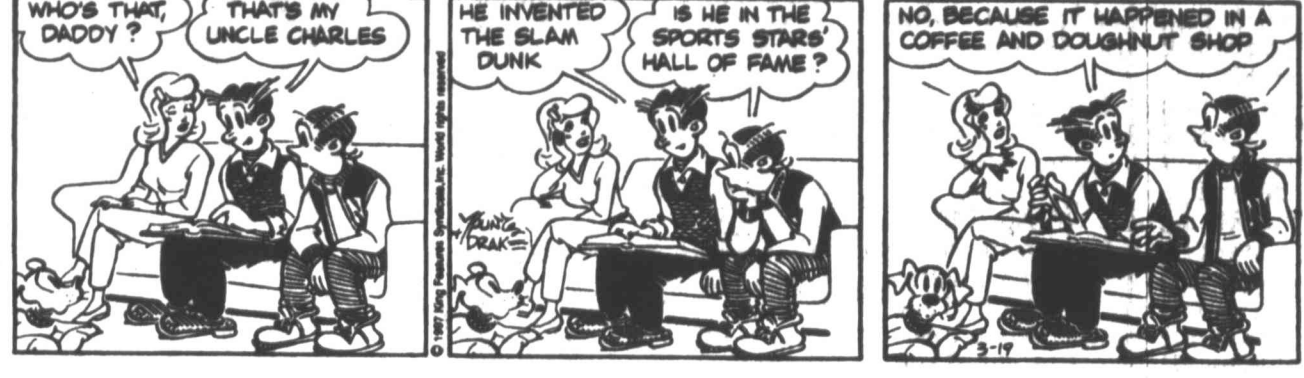
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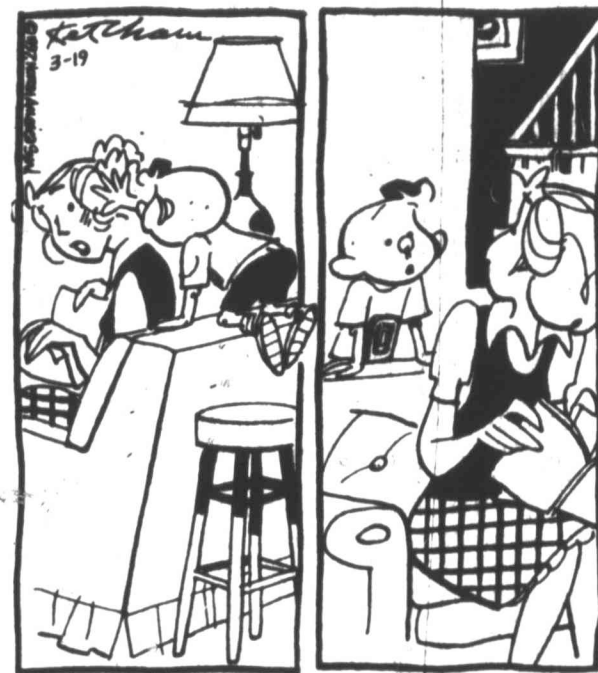
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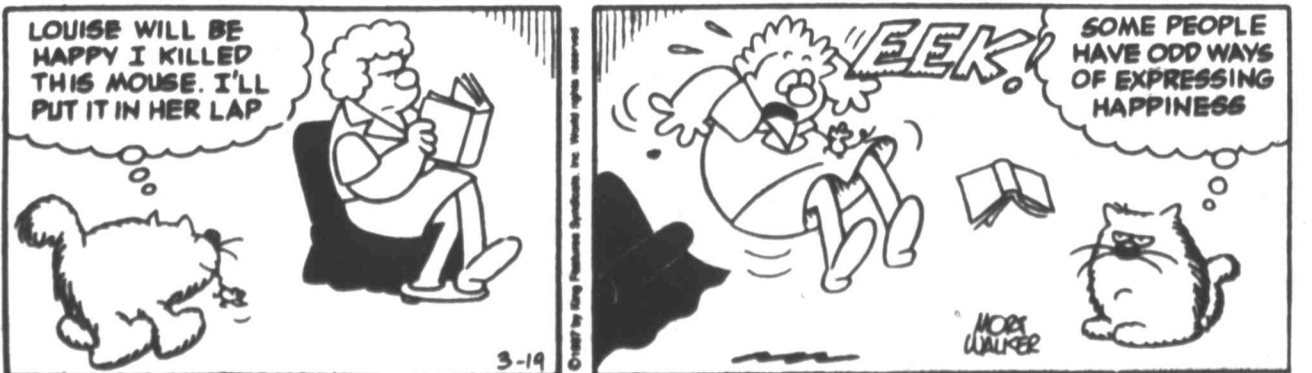
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Wednesday, March 19, the 78th day of 1997. There

are 287 days left in the year. This is the date the swallows traditionally return to the San Juan Capistrano Mission in California.

Today's Highlight in History:
On March 19, 1920, the U.S. Senate rejected for the second time the Treaty of Versailles by a vote of 49-35, falling short of

the two-thirds majority needed for approval.

On this date:
In 1687, French explorer Robert Cavelier, sieur de La Salle — the first European to navigate the length of the Mississippi River — was murdered by mutineers in present-day Texas.

In 1859, the opera "Faust" by Charles Gounod premiered in Paris.

In 1917, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the eight-hour workday for railroads.

In 1918, Congress approved Daylight Saving Time.

In 1931, Nevada legalized gambling.

In 1945, about 800 people were killed as kamikaze planes attacked the U.S. carrier Franklin off Japan; the ship, however, was saved.

In 1945, Adolf Hitler issued his so-called "Nero Decree," ordering the destruction of German facilities that could fall into Allied hands.

In 1976, Buckingham Palace announced the separation of Princess Margaret and her husband, the Earl of Snowdon, after 16 years of marriage.

In 1979, the U.S. House of Representatives began televising its day-to-day business.

In 1985, in a legislative victory for President Reagan, the Senate voted, 55-45, to authorize production of the MX missile.

Ten years ago: President Reagan, in a news conference, repudiated his policy of selling arms to Iran, saying, "I would not go down that road again."

Televangelist Jim Bakker resigned as chairman of his PTL ministry organization amid a sex and money scandal involving Jessica Hahn, a former church secretary from Oklahoma.

Five years ago: Democrat Paul Tsongas pulled out of the presidential race, leaving Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton the favorite to capture the party's nomination.

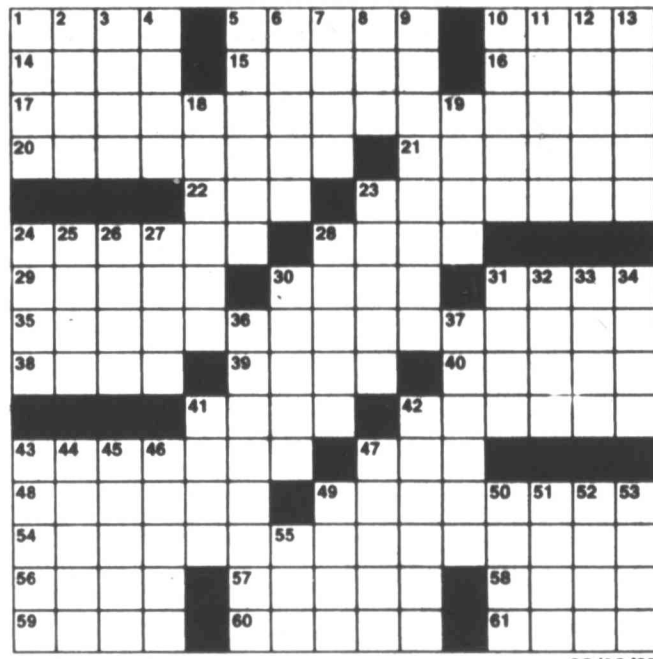
One year ago: Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole wrapped up the Republican presidential nomination with solid primary victories in four Midwestern states. President Clinton rolled out a \$1.64 trillion election-year budget, promising it would invigorate the economy, erase federal deficits and cut taxes.

Today's Birthdays: Former White House national security adviser Brent Scowcroft is 72. Actor-director Patrick McGeehan is 69. Theologian Hans Kung is 69. Author Phillip Roth is 64. Actress-singer Phyllis Newman is 62. Actress Renee Taylor is 62. Actress Ursula Andress is 61. Singer Clarence "Frogman" Henry is 60. Singer Ruth Pointer (The Pointer Sisters) is 51. Actress Glenn Close is 60.

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