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Area students to put solar powered model projects to test

By KELLIE JONES

Features Editor

Students from Forsan, Coahoma, Stanton and Colorado City have been learning solar energy in preparation for a car race Saturday. The event, the Western Region Model Solar Car Race, is sponsored by TU Electric.

The public is invited to the free race that begins at noon at the Midland High School Tennis Center. The four fastest cars advance to a championship race in Dallas with winners from four other geographic areas in TU Electric's service area.

For the past month, junior high school science teachers have been teaching units about solar energy and incorporated making solar cars into the curriculum. TU Electric provided the solar panel, gears, wheels and axles. three-volt motor, two screw eyes, bearings and the maximum dimensions the car can be.

The students had to draw their own designs, then build them to see if they would work. Each school had several groups of students making the cars. The classes would then vote on which one would have the best chance of winning the race. Every school reported their cars run

The solar panels are placed on top of the car so the sun can hit it just right to provide the energy needed to turn the motor and wheels. Each car is lightweight and aerodynamically designed.

Coahoma earth science teacher Kay Barr said she is giving extra credit to the students for their participation. There were about five cars designed by the eighth graders and the one chosen to win was made by Jonathan Foster, Chris Mulkey and Jay Chadwell.

"They had to design the car all by themselves without assistance from me," Barr said. "TU Electric provided the dimensions but allowed a lot of room for creativity.

"The boys had to figure out how to mount the motor and the other parts," she added, saying she was very impressed with the students and their car. "There are two magnets, one on each end of the car, for the guide wire. The cars are put on the wire so they will race in a straight line. The car has remained at school and it runs

Forsan Junior High Principal Jim Yancey said students there have also been working on their cars for a month. Three groups each designed a car and the students picked the one designed by Dustin Baker, Dustin Morgan, T.J. Colvin and Jerod Johnston as the fastest one that will represent the school.

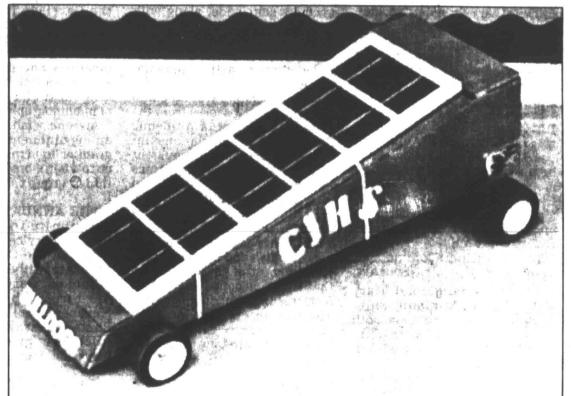
Science teacher Darrell Aberegg and industrial arts teacher Mark Reeh taught solar energy and design techniques to the students. Bric Turner, a history teacher, is taking the eighth graders to the race Saturday because Reeh and Aberegg have other commitments.

Sixth graders at Colorado City Middle School are also entering the race. Ashley Gonzalez and Bo Williamson are taking their solar car in hopes of winning the race. Their science teacher is Gail Evans. Seventh graders from Stanton who will participate include Josh Linderman, Tye Smith and John Eldridge. Their science teacher is Jarrell Hedrick.

TU Electric Big Spring District Manager John Toone said, "We've appealed to the interest students have in cars and school rivalry to encourage them to become interested in learning how solar power works."

Winners of Saturday's race receive trophies and cash prizes for their science departments: \$300 for first place; \$200 for second place; \$100 for third place; and \$50 for fourth place. In addition, cash prizes of \$50 and ribbons go to the three schools whose cars exhibit Best Use of

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HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

Several area students are participating in a solar car race Saturday afternoon in Midland. The race is sponsored by TU Electric and is designed to teach youngsters the importance of solar energy. This car was designed by Coahoma Junior High School eighth graders Jonathan Foster, Chris Mulkey and Jay Chadwell. The six panels are the solar panels provided by TU Electric to each school that is participating that also includes Stanton Middle School, Forsan Junior High and Colorado City Middle School.

Rare case of 'double trouble'

Two-headed timber rattler gets attention

By JOHN H, WALKER Managing Editor

Fred Lally figures he's been bitten 30 or 35 times by snakes, but never by a little 19-monthold timber rattler he owns "Double dubbed Trouble."

Lally is in Big Spring along with his 25-inch-long snake, a two-headed monkey. an eight-legged pig, an African bullfrog and a mermaid - for the 35th annual Big Spring

Rattlesnake Roundup. Now, while an eight-legged pig, and certainly a mermaid, are unusual, there's something different still about "Double Trouble" in that it's alive —

and has two heads. Lally doesn't worry about handling the snake, which he carries around in a small ice chest.

"It's been around humans since it was born, so it doesn't seem to have any fear of them," the West Fork, Ark. resident offered.

"The more contact I do have with it, the better the chance it will be this way all its life," he added.

It's easy to describe the demeanor of the snake -

According

to a newspa-

per clipping

reporting the

find, a man

giving birth.

named Jimmy

Bailey had gone to

the junk yard to pick up an

old car he had purchased.

Beneath the car was a mother

timber rattler in the process of

The story says the landowner

killed the mother snake with a

shotgun and then he and Bailey

started killing the baby snakes

inside their mother's body.

Instead of carefully reaching into the ice chest to pick up the snake, Lally simply sticks his hand in and pulls it out allowing both heads to brush against his hand and arm.

"It's always been this way," Herald entryway to catch a home." glimpse of Lally's pet.

August 8, 1995 in a junk yard in ity of nature. Lawrence County, Ala.

Bailey said he was preparing term a non-traditional lifestyle to kill the last baby snake when he noticed something different about it.

"I went to kill the last one when I saw it had two heads," Bailey said. "I had never heard of one or seen anything like he said as a carnival sideshow- that, so I caught it and put it realize that it's not bad ... that type crowd gathered in the in a bucket and brought it it's not the regular 9 to 5

Down the road, Lally entered The snake was born on the picture and bought the odd-

Lally said he had gone to rattlesnake roundups for a number of years, but quit for about 15.

not tough enough for that (9-5 And so he takes his menagerie on the road to play to the curiosity of people, charging them admission to see "Double Trouble," but let-"Now, ting them view the mermaid I'll do and eight-legged pig as a bonus.

working with a carnival,

"Yeah," he admitted, "people

building silos and painting

look at you strange when they

find out what you do, but after

they talk to you a while they

Lally laughed and said, "I'm

transmission towers.

grind.'



in Oklahoma and two Texas,' said, adding that Big Spring is the first stop on the sideshow tour

some of which were still for "Double Trouble." Lally has led what one might rather than a warning.

I've only heard it buzz about three times," he said adding that the sound of the rattle is a sign of nervousness

Griffin waits on Fuqua's decision, has faith in system

By CARLTON JOHNSON

Staff Writer

Colleen Harmon, CLEAT Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas) attorney for Lt. Scott Griffin, says she and Griffin have faith in the system that Griffin will be cleared of charges that he falsified government records (time sheets), which led to his being fired from the Big Spring Police Department (BSPD) on March 4.

Griffin's future with the BSPD remains in the hands of Big Spring City Manager Gary Fuqua, will make a decision in the next few days.

Griffin and Harmon, along with BSPD Chief Jerry Edwards and City Attorney Jim Finley went before Fuqua and Assistant City Manager and Personnel Director Emma Bogard Wednesday in what amounted to a two-hour appeal of Griffin's firing.

Fuqua will decide whether to uphold the BSPD's decision to terminate Griffin or whether to overturn or modify it.

Fuqua can recommend any number of punishments other than firing, meaning Griffin could be reinstated and given a different type of punishment.

Should Fugua reverse the BSPD's decision, that decision is final, but if he upholds the decision, Griffin has the right to appeal before a retired district judge.

Because Fuqua's decision is still pending, Edwards would not comment on the hearing and referred all questions to the city manager.

Thursday afternoon, Harmon said the allegations against Griffin are very serious, but that they are placing their faith in the system.

'We're not in a position to say much about Wednesday's hearing right now," Harmon

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the city has no right of appeal. said. "We want to preserve the integrity of the appeal process and we're trying to respect Mr. Fuqua's role.

Griffin can then appeal to a

If the decision is overturned

retired district court judge.

Harmon added, she is disappointed that the first hearing scheduled for March 11 was canceled.

"We were disappointed that the first hearing was canceled and then the story was broadcast on the radio the next day and later in the newspaper,' Harmon said. "Publicity has damaged Mr. Griffin's reputa-

Harmon added, "He (Griffin) has dedicated 12 years of his life to Big Spring and he did not falsify records. Mr. Griffin is a good officer."

During Wednesday's hearing, each side had the opportunity to present their side of things, and both sides presented Fugua with information for his review.

No timetable has been set as to when Fuqua will announce a decision, but after Wednesday's hearing Fuqua did say he wanted to deal with the matter as quickly as possible.

"Our hope is that people will reserve judgment of him (Griffin) until they have heard all of the facts," Harmon said.

BSISD trustees renew teacher contracts for next year dations made by the adminis- related damages will now cost Runnels Junior High, but that

By KELLIE JONES

Features Editor

More than 300 teachers with the Big Spring Independent School District have had their contracts renewed for the 1997-98 school year.

School board members met in executive session Thursday night as part of their regular meeting to discuss recommentration to renew all contracts. Superintendent Bill McQueary said there were no nonrenewals of the contracts for 305 teachers.

Because the district has had large insurance claims three of the last five years, the premium for coverage increased by more than \$44,000. Property insurance that includes fire and extended coverage for weather-

the district \$93,385 starting April 1 compared to \$48,946 last year. The bid was awarded to Dallas-based Arthur Gallagher and Company.

McQueary said the district has spent about \$5 million to repair roofs to various school buildings the last few years with last May's damage included. One reason for the premium increase is the condition of Please see BOARD, page 2A

won't be as much of a factor once the new junior high is built.

Premiums for professional legal liability insurance did not change from last year. The board approved bids to American Fidelity Insurance Company in Spring for \$3,200 for general liability and \$7,998

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WEATHER





Today: Sunny with a high near 90. Low in the upper 40s. Saturday: Partly cloudy. High in the upper 60s. Low near 40. Extended outlook: Sunday, mostly sunny and windy. High near 80. Low around 50. Monday, cloudy with a chance of rain. High in the 70s.

Rattlesnake Roundup draws top billing on 'Ticket'

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

HERALD Staff Report

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

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

WEEKEND TICKET

over the phone.

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

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

Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, area are invited.

· 35th annual Big Spring Rattlesnake Roundup, today through Sunday, Howard through Sunday, County Fairgrounds.

AMBUCS-sponsored event includes a carnival, arts and crafts and a number of rattlesnake-related demonstra-

There is an admission charge and all proceeds go to help fund

AMBUCS Physical Therapist Scholarship Fund.

 Snakefest Men's Softball Tournament, today through Sunday, Cotton Mize Field, Comanche Trail Park.

Teams take advantage of the weather to play ball.

· Bake sale, 10 a.m. Saturday, Big Spring Mall.

The St. Paul Lutheran Church women will use the proceeds to fund church-related projects.

Golf tournament, Sunday, Four-man low-ball sponsored

Comanche Trail Golf Course. by Chicano Golf Association.

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OBITUARIES

Ray Woolverton

Service for Ray Woolverton, 72, Big Spring, is pending with-'Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral

He died Friday, March 21, 1997, at his residence.

Manuela Arispe

Service for Manuela Arispe. 77, Midland, will be 10 a.m. Saturday, March 22, 1997, at St. James Catholic Church with Father Liam Sweeney officiating. Burial will follow in Gaines County Cemetery. Rosary will be 7 p.m. tonight at St. James Catholic Church.

Mrs. Arispe died Thursday, March 20, at her home.

She was born in Sierra Blanca on June 1, 1919. She married Trinidad Arispe in 1941 in Big Spring. He preceded her in death in 1992. They moved to Seminole in 1968 and then to San Antonio in 1989. Mrs. Arispe was a homemaker and a member of St. James Catholic Church.

Survivors include: one son, Trinidad Arispe, Jr., Phoenix, Ariz.; three daughters, Mary Helen Uribe, Midland, Sally Tovar and Carmen Garcia, both of San Antonio; 17 grandchildren; and 31 great-grandchil-

Arrangements under the direction of Roger Pool Funeral Home, Seminole.

MARKETS

May cotton 74.12 cents a pound, down 13 points; April crude oil 21.69 down 16 points; Cash hogs steady at 48; slaughter steers at 67; April lean hog futures 70.90, up 162 points; April live cattle futures 67.70, up 22 points. Courtesy: Delta Corporation.

Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co.

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and Crematory

Della Hicks, 92, died Saturday. Graveside services will be 10:00 A.M. Saturday at Trinity Memorial Park. Ray Woolverton, 72, died Friday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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BOARD

total \$37,435.34.

Continued from page 1A for professional/legal premium. Board members also approved two bids to Bob Brock Ford for maintenance vehicles — a delivery van at \$19,457.47 and two three-quarter ton trucks at a

discussed Trustees also switching the type of system used to appraise teachers and schools. Currently, the district uses the Texas Teacher Appraisal System to evaluate teachers. A group of 10,000 teachers state-wide, along with **Education Commissioner Mike** Moses, has recommended to districts to adopt the Professional Development and Appraisal System.

The new system will take into account the test scores from the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) and the amount of professional development teachers are involved in. Moses has said publicly that no teacher will be fired based solely on TAAS results, which is one of 52 criteria considered.

McQueary said that in the past, English and math teachers carried most of the burden for the school because the TAAS tests reading and math skills. The new system provides consistency where all teachers have input as to how the school is evaluated.

Continued from page 1A Recycled Materials, Best Use of School Mascot and Overall Creativity.

The championship race in Dallas April 19 is the highlight of a TU Electric public EarthFair to commemorate Earth Day. The fair is at Energy Park in Dallas, the company's research and demonstration facility for renewable energy and environmentally clean electrotechnologies.

BRIEFS

THE AG APPRECIATION LUNCH is at the East Room of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum March 27 at noon in conjunction with the West Texas Ag A RETIREMENT RECEP Expo. Tickets are available at TION for County Extension the Chamber officer and is free Agent Don Richardson is

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

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

THE COAHOMA UNITED GIRLS sign-up continues through Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. in the ballpark at Coahoma. Try-outs are Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call Tina LaRue, president, at 394-4928.

TEENAGE PONY LEAGUE SIGN-UPS are Saturday at the Big Spring Mall from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is for teenagers ages 13 to 18.

RAPE CRISIS/VICTIM SER-VICES is sponsoring a creative art and poetry/essay contest for students and kindergarten through grade 12 in recognition of National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 13-19. Entry information can be

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picked up and entries should be submitted at Bealls, Athletic Supply or Sugge Hallmark, all located at Big Spring Mail.

The deadline for entries is 5 p.m. April 3. Entries will be judged and Flo-Lite Screen Printing will provide ribbons and certificates to be awarded to contest winners.

For additional information. contact Corky Mitchell at 263-

THE WEST TEXAS CAN-PREVENTION Partnership's Mobile Mammography Clinic will be at

the Carriage Inn Retirement Center on April 2. The clinic provides both screening and diagnostic mammograms and free educational seminars on breast health

of mammography. Anyone wishing to schedule an appointment for a mammogram or to arrange for a speaker to visit a business, organization or group can 1-800-222-8388.

awareness and the importance

THE ANNUAL BIG SPRING community-wide Easter Sunrise Service is March 30 at 7 a.m. at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater. Everyone is invited. Gary Smith, pastor of First Church of the Nazarene, will deliver the Easter message. Coffee and juice are provided by the Salvation Army.

THE HARLEY-DAVIDSON SHOP in Big Spring is hosting the Harley-Davidson Traveling Museum, an 18-wheeler what displays the Harley-Davidson Motor Company's history.

The traveling museum, featuring famous motorcycles and memorabilia from the company's racing tradition, will be at the Big Spring dealership, 908 W. Third, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 7.

Admission to the the museum is free and donations for the Muscular Dystrophy Association will be welcomed.

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.

Sunday from 2 to 4 p,m. st, the Dora Roberts Community Center, 100 Whipkey Drive.

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.

SPRINGBOARD

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

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

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

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

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

•Garden City Headstart registration, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., headstart classroom. Please bring proof of income, birth

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ROUND THE TOWN

certificate, immunization record and social security cards for all household. SATURDAY

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

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

 American Legion Post 506 Fish Fry, 1 to 4 p.m., American Legion Hall, 3203 W. Hwy. 80. \$5 per plate and carry out available. Call 263-2084 for more information.

•Pony League sign-ups for teenagers, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Big Spring Mall.

SUNDAY •Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.

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for Reception Richardson's retirement, 2 to 4 p.m., Dora Roberts Community Center, 100 Whipkey Drive, (located in Comanche Trail

·Midway Baptist Church's Easter Cantata, "Then Came Sunday," 7 p.m.

RECORDS

Thursday's high 86 Thursday's low 46 Average high 70 Average low 41 Record high 92 in 1916 Record low 18 in 1965 Precip, Thursday 0.00 Month to date 0.09 Month's normal 0.45 Year to date 3.64 Normal for the year 1.77 **Statistics not available Texas Lottery

POLICE

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

· AMY DAWN MILLER, 21, of Austin, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.

JASON ELLIS, 18, no address given, was arrested for failure to identify himself to a peace officer.

• SAMMY MUNIZ, 32, of 1006 W. Jefferson, was arrested for assault/family violence.

RONNIE WAYNE THAMES, 40, 1900 Birdwell, was arrested on outstanding local warrants. • **STEVEN URIBE**, 21, of 1240

Marijo, was arrested on outstanding local warrants. • ERNEST TURNER, no age or address given, was arrested

for public intoxication. • LEO PENA, 18, of 3010 Hoyle, was arrested for crimi-

nal trespassing. JOSEPH MARTINEZ, 39. of 2910 Cherokee, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.

 BURGLARY OF A VEHI-CLE in the 1100 block of E. Third, 600 block of McEwen and 2500 block of Old Highway

 INVESTIGATING SUSPI-CIOUS ACTIVITIES in the 2800 block of Lynn, 1700 block of E. Marcy, 500 block of N. Lamesa, 800 block of W. Interstate 20, 700 block of W. Fourth, 300 block of Gregg, 1800 block of Scurry and 700 block of W. FM 700.

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• THEFTS in the 900 block of Willia, 1700 block of E. Marcy, 2600 block of Albrook and 1000 block of Hearn.

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BANCE in the 500 block of N.W. 11th.

· ASSAULTS in the 500 block of N.W. Seventh, 500 block of Aylesford, 1400 block of Tucson and 400 block of Aylesford.

· CREDIT CARD ABUSE in the 1800 block of E. FM 700. · CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING ISSUED in the 700 block of W. Interstate 20.

SHERIFF

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

 PERRY SHANE HAMIL-TON, 24, of Odessa, was arrested on outstanding DPS warrants and later released on a \$105 bond.

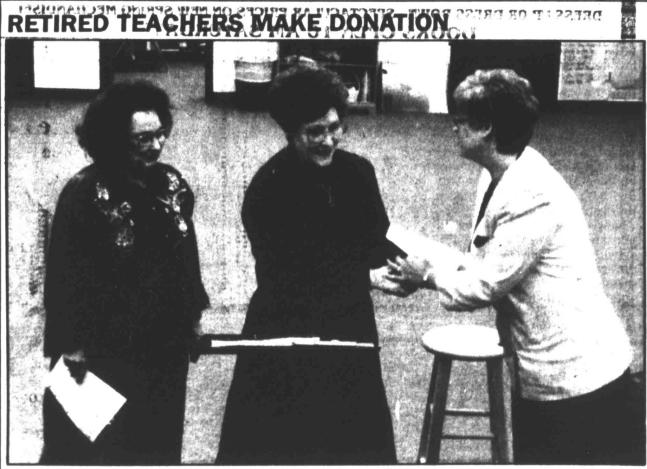
• DEE ARVIN RATLIFF, 56. of 2112 Grace, was sentenced to 10 years probation and one year in a substance abuse felony punishment facility, fined \$2,000 and jailed for 30 days for his third conviction of driving while intoxicated.

• HOWARD FOSTER, 21, of 1002 N. Main, was transferred from the police department after being arrested on a probation violation warrant. He's being held in jail so New Mexico authorities can pick him up.

 SIMON JOE ALCANTAR, 31. of 502 N. Runnels, was released from jail after paying a fine for revoking his probation. He had been on probation for possession of a controlled substance.

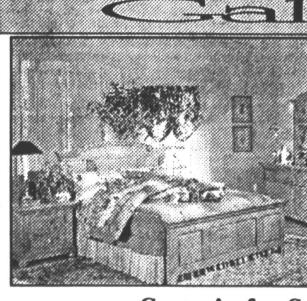
• POSSIBLE SUSPICIOUS **PERSON** at the Country Store. Deputies were unable to locate anyone.

· TWO-VEHICLE ACCI-**DENT** at mile marker 174 on Interstate 20.



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

Billye Grisham (left) and Loma Jean Wynn (middle) present a \$200 check to Coahoma Elementary School Principal Jan Sanders on behalf of the Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association during the school's staff meeting Thursday afternoon. The money will be used to purchase books for the school's accelerated reader program entitled Reading Renaissance. Grisham is president and Wynn is secretary of the association.





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Wall Street Journal hit with \$222.7 million libel verdict

HOUSTON - The publisher of The Wall Street Journal will ask a judge to throw out the nation's largest ever libel verdict — \$222.7 million - awarded to a brokerage firm that blamed its shutdown on a 1993 article.

"We are optimistic, based on applicable law, that it will not stand," Paul Steiger, managing editor of the Journal, said in a

U.S. District Judge Ewing Werlein Jr. gave lawyers seven days to submit arguments on the legitimacy of Thursday's jury award. Money Management Analytical Research, a defunct Houston brokerage, claimed the article by Journal reporter Laura Jereski contained false information and helped force it out of business.

Senators give final OK to parental notification bill

AUSTIN - The battle over requiring parental notification before minors can have abortions shifts to the Texas House now that senators have given their final stamp of approval to the bill. Some supporters of the bill by Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, say they have enough support to pass it in the House if they can

Gov. George W. Bush said if the bill passes the House, he'll sign it. Bush previously has indicated support for a tougher measure requiring parental consent, but said, "It sounds like to me that the notification bill is the bill of choice in the Senate."

Senators, who gave the bill an initial OK Wednesday, took pains to explain their positions on the measure before sending it to the House Thursday.

Senate passes bill to ban smoking in state-owned buildings

AUSTIN - Gov. George W. Bush, who occasionally enjoys a cigar, couldn't smoke in his ho**use** — the Governor's Mansion or his Capitol office under a bill OK'd by the Texas Senate.

Other state officials and government employees also would be left smokeless under the bill, which would ban smoking in the Texas Capitol and other state-owned buildings effective Sept. 1,

"If this bill passes, would I be able to sit down with Governor Bush in the governor's office and smoke a Jamaican cigar?" Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, asked the bill sponsor, Sen. Mike Moncrief, D-Fort Worth.

Committee approves water bill

AUSTIN - The Senate Natural Resources Committee has unanimously approved a bill aimed at creating a statewide water conservation and drought management plan.

The bill, which Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock considers the most important facing lawmakers this session, was approved 11-0 Thursday. The measure requires the Texas Water Development Board to adopt a comprehensive state water plan every five years. The plan will be composed of regional water plans that must be submitted to the state by Sept. 1, 2000.

The legislation doesn't dictate a specific drought management plan on cities and counties.

Committee closer to tax decision

AUSTIN (AP) - A House committee trying to find a way to cut property taxes is reviewing a \$6.4 billion proposal to expand the state business tax and repeal nearly \$2 billion in sales tax exemptions.

"We're not through, but we're a step closer," Rep. Paul Sadler, D-Henderson, chairman of the committee, said after a committee hearing Thursday.

Gov. George W. Bush earlier this year proposed a half-cent sales tax increase, a new business tax and the use of \$1 billion in additional state funds to lower local school property taxes by \$3 billion a year.

Local school property taxes, which raise about \$10 billion a year, average about \$1.40 per \$100 in property value.

The House plan, on which the committee has not voted, would lower local school taxes on residential property to about 50 cents per \$100 in value. Business property would be

taxed by the state - instead of done, the committee will have distrust that lawyers and by local school districts — at a rate of \$1 per \$100 value.

The plan, being formally drafted by legislative staffers, also would subject all businesses to the current franchise tax. The plan still needs a formal committee vote before the full House can consider it.

Sole proprietorships and business partnerships don't currently pay the business franchise tax. Bush and lawmakers have said that is unfair.

The House Select Committee on Revenue and Public Education has spent more than a month discussing alternatives for raising more state funding to replace local property taxes.

Nearly everyone on the 11member committee said passing a constitutional amendment required to expand the current business tax would not get the support needed from lawmak-

Sadler said if that can't be

to figure out how to get those who don't pay the tax to share in the cost of funding Texas schools.

He suggested a higher occupation tax on all licensed professionals.

But some members said raising the so-called head tax and putting it on all licensed professionals would treat those who make little money the same as those who make more.

"I'm concerned about that one man or woman who works part time or not in a corporation," said Rep. Scott Hochberg, D Houston.

Rep. Ric Williamson, 17 Weatherford, said the committee has to come up with a way to tax all businesses or I wmakers will face angry voters.

"If we walk out of nere leaving sole propri orships and partnerships w ced, and add 37 new taxes, will reenforce

accountants always get off the hook," Williamson said.

After the meeting, Sadler said there was no consensus on how to tax those businesses, but a plan would be drawn up subjecting them to the franchise

But extending the tax or enacting the governor's proposed business tax could be a constitutional problem. That's because a constitutional amendment approved in 1993 requires a vote by Texans before an income tax can be implemented. Included in the definition of income is money from a sole proprietorship or a partnership, most lawmakers say.

Williamson said it may be time to consider an income tax.

"I'm the one who in 1992 filed a personal income tax (bill),' Sadler said. "I'd pay it today if it meant better schools. But at some point, reality has to set

Morales: Settlement bolsters state's case

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Attorney General Dan Morales said he believes criminal charges against tobacco industry executives will follow a settlement with one of the companies in the state's \$14 billion lawsuit.

"The bottom line is we have the first crack in the dam," Morales said Thursday. "I think that this represents the beginning of what will be the Evil Empire crumbling over the course of the coming weeks and months as we get into the trial stage."

Liggett Group Inc., the maker of Chesterfield cigarettes, agreed to settle lawsuits with 22 states, including Texas, by putting warning labels on cigarette packs that smoking is addictive and causes cancer.

"Liggett now is in a position that they are essentially conceding that every single point in our complaint is true," Morales said. "That is a far cry with which the lawsuit was met when filed in March 1996."

As part of the deal, Liggett is to turn over hundreds of documents believed to incriminate the tobacco industry and help the states' interpret them in their lawsuits.

The documents include conversations among industry lawyers, and Philip Morris, R.J. Reynolds, Lorillard and Brown & Williamson contend they are privileged attorney-client communications.

Philip Morris announced it ment, the 22 states will split \$25

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ing order Thursday morning to prevent the documents from being turned over.

In a joint statement released by the other major tobacco companies, Liggett chief executive Bennett LeBow was accused of trying to force one of the other cigarette manufacturers to take over his tobacco interests.

"The only ones who potentially benefit from LeBow's latest shenanigans are plaintiffs' la wyers, who get nothing more than another free round of publicity and possibly some seed money to fund their illegitimate assault on the remainder of the tobacco industry," the statement said.

As part of the Liggett settlehad won a temporary restrain- million, Morales said.

"I think some people are going to go to jail based upon what these documents are going to show," Morales said, adding that he believes tobacco officials have violated perjury and racketeering statutes. "I think some individuals are going to go to prison for a long time.'

Morales, who said several criminal grand juries are looking into the case, contends the tobacco industry owes Texas \$14 billion for tobacco-related health-care costs that the state has paid through Medicaid claims.

Morales said he was surprised that Liggett decided to settle.

"Since at least the 1950s, there has been a close level of cooperation between the tobacco companies," Morales said.



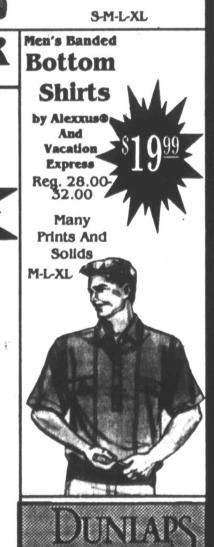
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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

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

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

• The 15 men and women who have filed as candidates in the city council and school board elections.

Candidates include PAT DEANDA, OSCAR GARCIA, BOB TAYLOR, TOMMY TUNE, TOM GUESS, RANDY MASON, DANNY HORTON, RAY RINARD and GREG BIDDISON for city council and DON BAKER, FRANK A. LONG, LARRY HOLLAR, STEVE JETER, STEVE FRASER and MIKE ROBINSON for the school board.

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smallest state capital, but this week, it had to

be one of the smelliest because it was he site for the 22nd annual Odor

Eaters International Rotten Sneaker Contest...

John A.

Moseley

News Editor

Therefore, it goes without saying that 11-year-old Sasha Miranda of Las Cruces, N.M., would earn mention on any compilation of the strange and wacky from this week's Associated Press wire offerings.

Miranda won the contest, "defeeting" finalists between the ages of five and 16 from Vermont to Alaska where the contestant who stank the most walked away with the prize.

"They smell like dog droppings, and another smell I can't identify," said Miranda. "They were my lucky shoes."

Judges in the contest, we're told, graded shoes on the basis of odor as well as the rattiness of the soles, laces, toes, heels, and tongues.

For those out-of-state finalists, Odor Eaters treated the

contestants and their parents to a Vermont vacation — and more publicity than they might have expected.

THE DESMOINES REGISTER

Judges were frank in their appraisal of contestants' shoes. Judge Bob Scruton, who won the contest in 1988, looked over the scraped-up sneakers of Texas' 8-year-old finalist, Dameon Dimorier of Irving.

"You don't have much sole left there, big guy," said Scruton, standing on the floor examining the shoe worn by Dimorier. "Sometimes pictures are worth a thousand words, but I don't like this picture."

Miranda suggests aspiring champions be brutal with their footwear. "Run around in them. scrape your feet, do everything your Mom tells you not to," she

As winner, she receives a \$500 savings bond, a year's supply of Odor-Eaters and a trophy. She also, blessedly, received a pair of new Nikes.

Certainly nothing so base would occur in jolly old England where the queen ... well, she's not amused.

About being depicted as overly amused.

Buckingham Palace ordered a sculptor to scrap his bronze relief portrait of Queen Elizabeth II because it made her appear too toothy.

"On all the photographs I was using of our present queen she

was smiling," a nonplused Gordon Brown said Tuesday. "The queen had a big smile

the portrait with her teeth

11-year-old New Mexican 'defeets' competition

showing.' A second version, not showing her teeth, was unveiled by the queen today when she visited Queen Elizabeth School in

showing her teeth. So, I started

Mansfield, central England. The school, founded in 1541, was named for Queen Elizabeth I when she ascended to the throne in 1558. Brown is sculpting a bronze relief of the first Elizabeth to hang alongside his

portrait of the current queen. Getting back home, it seems that in Iowa, there's dumb and dumber, but a state lawmaker just won't abide by insensitive. Presently no "idiot" can vote

in Iowa. That's right, the Iowa consti-

tution now says that no "idiot," "insane person" or anyone convicted of an "infamous crime" can vote.

Sen. Rod Halvorson thinks that's outdated and insensitive. He's backing an amendment to replace the words with those judged "mentally incompetent to vote" and those "convicted of any felony."

If the amendment is approved by the Legislature this year, it would have to be approved again by the general assembly that starts in 1999 and then be put on the election ballot for

voters to decide. In other words, once you're politically incorrect in Iowa, it's hard to get things changed.

And once again, we can't short the folks in California.

That's where a high school student who demonstrated the effect of radiation on fruit fly reproduction was dropped from a science fair because of cruelty to animals.

"I wasn't being cruel to them," Ari Hoffman said. "The life they lived was actually a good life.'

Hoffman's experiment won first prize at a recent Marin County science fair.

But the 15-year-old high school sophomore was disqualified from the Bay Area Science Fair in San Francisco because his experiment violated fair rules against cruelty to ani-

The rules are consistent with national science fair regulations, which ban experiments that injure or kill animals of any kind.

Some of Hoffman's flies never woke up from anesthesia. Others were euthanized because they became infected with mites.

Apparently, however, nuking them was acceptable.

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

Moral comparisons don't work in the world of public service apologists, by NBC's Jim Let's play a word game to no longer exist. They just

show how moral relativism can lead otherwise normal people into an amoral wasteland Here is ·a statement. very typi

cal of

Democrat



Miklaszewski: "President Clinton's best

defense for any campaign fundraising excesses or irregularities by Democrats appears to be that the Republicans do it too. And even more.

Now let's substitute a few nouns "Adolf Hitler's best defense

for any genocidal excesses or murders by Nazis appears to be that Communists do it too. And even more. Both statements are factually

true, but the moral fallacy in

both is that the sins of A are not ameliorated or made less sinful by the fact that B also sins.

We, thankfully, are not addressing evil on the scale of Stalin and Hitler, but the point is, if we are going to re-establish morality in public service, we have to abandon the habit of comparative praise or

When a Democrat does something unethical or illegal, condemn him. If a Republican does it, condemn him. What's difficult about that? Don't let either off the hook just because both are scoundrels. A liar is not less a liar just because he isn't the only liar on the plan-

Political partisans — and sometimes it appears there's no one but political partisans in the country - are loathe to condemn wrongdoing by their respective champions or

groups. Often they can do nothing but fall back on the lame rationalization that the other side is just as bad. The result of that - a form of moral neutering — is that both sides get worse.

The engine of true reform runs on high-octane outrage. Moral relativism and cynical excuse making are intended to water down the outrage and to thus maintain the status quo. The shenanigans of any par-

ticular set of politicians are less important than the public's reaction to those shenanigans. That's why I'm not going to rehash all the allegations flying back and forth in Washington. I'm not concerned about the politicians. I'm concerned about the people.

So long as the people refuse to approve of ethical lapses and law breaking, reform is possible. But if we get to the point where the people know

but don't care what their public officials are doing, then it's time to recognize that reform is impossible and that it's every man for himself.

Personally, it doesn't matter to me if Bill Clinton is no worse than George Bush or if Bush was better than Jimmy Carter. I think they are all bad presidents. In my book, we haven't had a good president since Eisenhower. Since the 1960s, we have

lived in an age of mental and moral midgets, and we shouldn't use mental and moral midgets as the standards by which we judge public servants. After all, we have giants. I

don't care how Clinton measures up compared to Carter. I care how both measure up to George Washington. And the answer is, they don't. It is a mistake to assume that

people of honor and integrity

aren't very popular with the media. They often aren't very popular with big business or with big-labor bosses. Any ruling establishment, which is by definition reactionary, hates people who can't be either bought, duped or intimidated, for those are the three major means of control.

Therefore, when looking for candidates, look for people who have integrity, intelligence and courage. If someone doesn't have all three qualities, look somewhere else. You certainly don't want a smart, bold crook, an honest coward or a well-intentioned dummy in public office.

But most of all, don't succumb to cynicism. If the people don't care about honest government, who will?

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Trey Tipton is working with a macaroni noodle shell project to be taken to Mountain View Lodge for Easter. The youth at First Baptist Church worked on their creations during Wednesday

Senate facing abortion procedure issue

WASHINGTON Abortion opponents hope the momentum behind House passage of a ban on a late-term abortion procedure continues in the Senate, where they also must win enough votes to fight another presidential veto.

Supporters of the effort beamed with confidence Thursday after the House voted 295-136 in favor of a bill identical to the one President Clinton vetoed last April. Last year's vote was 286-129. Both votes exceeded the two-thirds necessary to override a presidential

"Today's vote will give the effort in the Senate a boost," Rep. Charles Canady, R-Fla., the bill's sponsor, said after the House vote.

Last year, the House voted to override Clinton's veto. But abortion opponents fell eight votes short of the two-thirds majority needed in the Senate.

Congress was beginning a two-week Easter recess today. But abortion opponents insist they will have the Senate votes

"It gives us two more weeks to work town hall meetings ... and have the kind of grassroots lobbying that, frankly, we're best at," Ralph Reed, executive director of the Christian Coalition, said in an interview. The group has pushed the ban for two years. "We've clearly

got the momentum," he said. The House vote after hours of emotional debate marked the second time in as many years that the Republican-controlled Congress has tried to ban except when the mother's life is endangered — what abortion opponents call "partial-birth

abortions." Voting in favor were 218 Republicans and 77 Democrats. Opposed were Republicans, 127 Democrats and one independent. Five lawmakers - three Republicans and two Democrats - who voted against the measure last year voted in favor this time.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., who opposes the procedure. acknowledged

Thursday there is not enough support in the Senate now to override Clinton's threatened veto. But he said debate could begin in April or May.

Many senators, including Lott, looked to the House for a

"I hope that same kind of dynamic occurs here in the Senate," Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., said after the House vote. "Those votes changed because of new information that has been brought to light about what is actually going on out there in America about this issue of partial-birth abortion."

Throughout the debate, abortion foes tried to capitalize on the recent admission by abortion-rights supporter Ron Fitzsimmons, who said he "lied through my teeth" when he testified that the procedure was rare and used only to save a woman's life or abort mal-

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formed fetuses.

More complicated than firsttrimester abortions, the procedure involves partially extracting a fetus, legs first, through the birth canal, cutting an incision in the barely visible skull base and then draining its con-

But as abortion opponents focused on the Senate, supporters of a woman's right to choose looked to Clinton for help. He supports abortion rights.

"The real goal is to ban abortion," said Kate Michelman, president of the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League. She added that women "must once again look to the president for protection.'

The White House issued a veto threat Thursday saying the bill contains the "same serious flaws" as the measure Clinton rejected last year.

Rebellious Republicans refuse

WASHINGTON (AP) - One by one, in an angry closed-door meeting, 11 House Republicans who defied their leaders were summoned to the microphone to explain themselves.

They were unrepentant. "You can't intimidate me. I've been in the NFL. I had 280pound linebackers that wanted to kill me," said the first dissident, Steve Largent.

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Earlier in the day, these 11 conservatives had broken ranks with Speaker Newt Gingrich and Majority Leader Dick Joining Democrats, they blocked a proposal to increase funding for House operations - from \$156 million in the last Congress to \$178 million.

The leaders quickly called a meeting of all Republicans to try to make the dissidents recognize the error of their ways.

It did not work.

WASHINGTON (AP)

President Clinton won a solid victory with overwhelming

Senate acceptance of his pass-

ing grade for Mexico's fight

against illicit drugs. But the

plan requires close monitoring

of both Mexican and U.S.

The resolution passed 94-5 by

the Senate Thursday is almost

as critical of U.S. inability to

cut the demand for drugs as it is

of Mexico's failure to cut the

supply. It stresses joint respon-

sibility and the need for united

The resolution gives congres-

sional opponents to Clinton's

formal stamp of approval for

Mexico's anti-drug work a new

process that focuses on both

If approved by the House, the

bill requires Clinton to report

back to Congress in five months

U.S. and Mexican efforts.

Gingrich already had angered conservatives by suggesting tax cuts could be postponed while Republicans fought for a balanced budget. The unhappiness escalated, the dissidents said, when the leadership backed the spending increase for the House committees.

Salmon's account, Gingrich spoke first and "said each one of us has to stand up and explain" the rebellion.

"And then we were made to walk up in front, 11 of us, in a very hostile environment and explain why we did what we added Rep. Scarborough, R-Fla.

The conservatives marched slowly past their colleagues, who were fuming because they missed their flights home for the start of the Easter break.

Largent was the first to walk up and he told everybody that he could not be intimidated. "I felt we were kind of treated that those NFL linebackers, like little children," said one of according to Scarborough, the 11, Arizona Rep., Matt. wanted to get him when he said

Dismantling drug cartels.

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to combat money laundering.

Eradicating illegal crops.

-Implementing Mexican laws

Prosecuting corrupt offi-

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The resolution's most wel-

come bonus for the administra-

tion is that it puts an end to the

"decertification problem" — at

least for another year. Clinton

had certified Mexico as "fully

cooperative" in the battle

against drugs and bills were

introduced in Congress to over-

review the administration

"You can be sure that we will

turn that decision.

border

cooperation

in several areas:

—Improving

patrols.

dictions.

-Strengthening

enforcement agencies.

with a players' strike.

"He told them," Scarborough said, "I signed an individual contract with management and I was going to keep my word to management. The same can be said about the (Republicans') 'Contract With America.' And the linebackers hated my guts, everybody hated my guts, but I had to keep my word. I made an individual promise to cut committee staff and to live within our means."

week, rank-and-file Last Senate Republicans rebelled against their leadership when they rejected Majority Leader Trent Lott's proposal for a narrow investigation of campaign funding. Lott, R-Miss., nonetheless claimed victory because the investigation was allowed to proceed.

Gingrich did not sound much different after the meeting.

"It's wonderful to watch democracy in action," he said with a smile. "We had a wonderful dialogue. We are closer he was not going to go along together as a result. I think we what we preach:

resolute, that there will be as

major battle to decertify Mexico

next March," said Sen. Dianne

Feinstein, D-Calif. She had

sponsored a decertification bill,

but worked with the adminis-

tration and other senators for

Even if the House fails to pass

the resolution, time has run out

for overturning Clinton's certi-

fication because Congress will

be in recess until after the

March 30 deadline. The Senate

bill carries no provision for

overruling this year's decision

Clinton's drug policy director,

retired Gen. Barry McCaffery,

led administration efforts to negotiate an acceptable alterna-

tive to a decertification resolu-

Secretary of State Madeleine

the compromise.

tion in Congress.

made substantial progress. This is how a government conducts itself in a free society.

Ironically, the one clear winner in the tense Republican caucus was the House campaign finance investigation. In their one harmonious decision, the Republicans agreed to fully fund the Government Reform Committee's inquiry while holding other panels at their current levels for 30 days.

Why were the dissidents angry?

"We were saying ... you're not going to march forward telling the rest of America that they have to live within their means when we're increasing some of our committees 15 percent,' Scarborough said.

He blamed GOP leaders for recently restoring an airline ticket tax and - in a dig at Gingrich - criticized his "backing down on what supposedly was the centerpiece of the 'Contract With America' - tax cuts. ... We need to practice Clinton wins victory with Senate Mexico vote

The House had already passed

a bill demanding that Mexico

reform in 90 days or face auto-

matic decertification and possi-

"The language of the Senate

holds to task both nations to work on this problem,"

McCaffery said in an interview

He said it underscores the

reality that drugs annually kill

14.000 Americans, cost the coun-

try \$70 billion and also lead to

the murder of hundreds of

Mexican police and prosecutors.

demonstrate in the negotiations "the larger issue," pointing out

that Mexico is a multi-party

democracy of 94 million people

facing "the awesome threat of

\$49 billion a year in illegal drug

McCaffery said he tried to

that if progress is not made Clinton would sign the bill if

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WASHINGTON (AP) - One Federal Reserve employee hid cash in his pockets. Another used another used his socks. Still others made off with stacks of crumpled old bills that were supposed to be destroyed.

In all, authorities have documented the theft of nearly \$500,000 by workers at Federal Reserve banks over the last decade, the central bank said in a report released to the House banking committee chairman Thursday.

Rep. Henry Gonzalez, D-Tex., who requested information about Fed thefts, said some of the thieves eluded surveillance cameras and Fed bookkeepers.

A frequent critic of the Fed, Gonzalez wants the central bank's vault operations to be examined every three years and auditors given more leeway to check up on the central bank.

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Four killed in Tel Aviv blast; Hamas claims responsi

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — A suicide bomber blew himself up today in a street cafe crowded with people dressed in costumes celebrating the Jewish holiday of Purim. Police said three other people were killed and 43 wounded in the explosion.

The Muslim militant group Hamas claimed responsibility for the nailstudded bomb. Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority condemned the explosion, the first after a yearlong lull in suicide bomb attacks.

Israel responded by barring Palestinians from West Bank and Gaza Strip from entering fsrael.

Among the injured was a 6-month-old boy in a red-and-blue clown costume. his head matted with blood as he was carried away screaming by a police woman.

"There was a powerful boom, glass flying everywhere and there was a lot of blood," said the cafe's shift manager. who gave his name as Roi. He sobbed hysterically, sitting on the sidewalk holding his head.

The blackened body of the assailant remained at the scene several hours after the attack, partially covered by a

blanket. Israel TV said an ID card on rubber bullets and at one point live. Arafat called Israeli President Ezer him said he was from the West Bank village of Zurif near Hebron.

The blast came at a time of rising Palestinian anger over Israel's decision to build a new Jewish neighborhood in disputed east Jerusalem, where Palestinians want to set up a future capital. The bombing was preceded by two days of riots in the West

Heavy clashes erupted today in Hebron and at the Jerusalem construction site, where bulldozers began work Tuesday. Israeli troops fired tear gas,

ammunition to keep a crowd of Palestinians away. More than 30 Palestinians were treated for tear gas inhalation. A soldier was hit by a firebomb, and his uniform caught fire.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu warned that Israel would not be frightened by terror and would crack down

"Whoever thinks that those who kill children will frighten us doesn't know us," Netanyahu said. "We will deal with these murderers, each and every

Weizman to express his condolences, but other Palestinians said Netanyahu

was to blame for the violence.
"The terror of buildozers led to the terror of explosives," said-Ahmed Tibi, an adviser to Arafat.

A waiter at the Apropo Coffee House on Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Boulevard said he saw a man walking into the patio just before today's explosion, carrying two bags and moving between

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"He looked strange," the waiter, Gad Ben-Tzur, told The Associated Press.

Differences over NATO still remain

HELSINKI, Finland (AP) - In a long day of seaside summitry, President Clinton and Russian President Boris Yeltsin debated their differences over NATO expansion. Yeltsin would not budge from his opposition, "not even in nuances.'

The two presidents met for hours today at the airy presidential residence on the Gulf of Finland, moving beyond the NATO dispute to another thorny issue: arms control. Yet Yeltsin left no doubt he was dead-set against the spread of NATO to absorb Eastern and Central European countries.

Going into their talks, Yeltsin said he hoped he and Clinton could "erase the differences of opinion" over expanding NATO to former Warsaw Pact nations.

Asked after their morning meetings if the Russian leader had altered his opposition to widening the NATO net, spokesman Sergei Yastrzhembsky said, "He did not change, not even in nuances.

The differences were discussed openly and "in a good atmosphere," which "helped bring the positions of the sides even closer," Yastrzhembsky

White House spokesman Mike McCurry said the first two-hour " bession was "by far the most resubstantive and intense discussion they've ever had.

The talks took place in the newly built residence with towering glass windows and a breathtaking view of the gulf. In a picture-taking session before the talks began, Clinton told reporters, "I think we'll have a good meeting."

In contrast to his talkative counterpart, Clinton was taciturn. "Boris, we should shake hands," he urged. As they shook, Clinton tried to cut off questions but Yeltsin continued

"We always come to an agreement with Bill," he said. "It's the duty of the presidents of the two great superpowers and it's simply our human duty."

"We have the good will to move toward each other and erase the differences of opinion that we now have," he said.

Senior U.S. aides have prepared five tentative documents of understanding. These include one on European security that would set forth areas of agreement, a second on advancing strategic arms control, and a third on U.S. economic assistance to Russia.

The two others, a U.S. official said, would deal with controlling chemical weapons and distinguishing which missile defense systems are considered legal under past accords.

In some ways, this 12th Clinton-Yeltsin meeting in four years was shaping up as their most troublesome. But the two leaders kicked it off with kindly statements.

"I think we'll work something out," Clinton said as they sat down to dine Thursday night. "I hope we will. ... And I'm glad to see President Yeltsin looking so fit and well."

They dined on young reindeer at the presidential palace, on the waterfront alongside an open-air market. Known for its opulent Hall of Mirrors, it was the site in 1990 of a summit between Presidents George Bush and Mikhail Gorbachev.

Clinton's conciliation went beyond warm words.

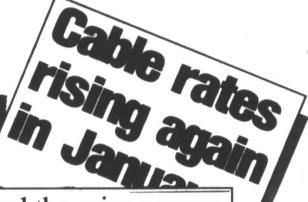
He brought with him a package of arms control concessions. hoping the offer would end a long impasse on the START II missile-reduction treaty.

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Leonardo Da Vinci's famous painting comes to life Sunday

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Press.

Most everyone has seen Leonardo Da Vinci's famous painting of The Last Supper. This Sunday, area residents have the opportunity to see it as a living picture at First United Methodist Church, 400

Church members have been busy the last several weeks. rehearsing for this presentation where Jesus and His disciples are having the Last. Supper in the Upper Room. Each disciple tells about himself and then confront the question as to whether or not he is: the one who betrays Jesus.

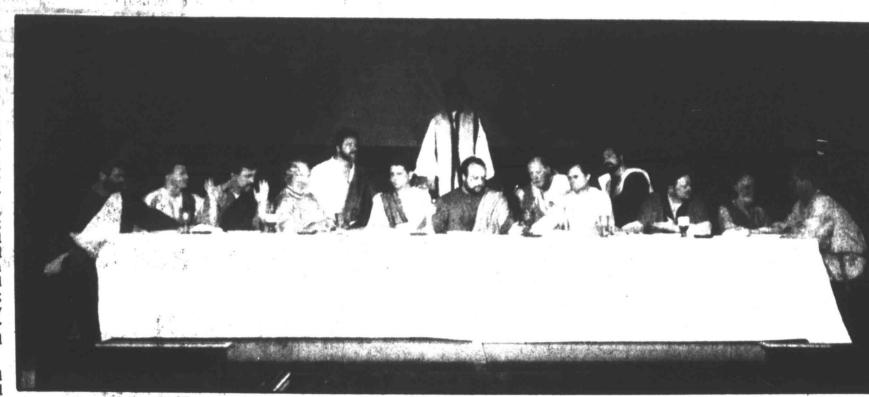
Cast members say, "It is fascinating to see how all the parts are coming together. Those of us in the production have had a chance to get to know each other better as well as to learn about the disciples and Jesus. It has been a truly enriching experience.

There came a time when each

of the disciples had to ask himself if they were the one who betrayed the Lord. How each man handles this question in different ways is a way to remind everyone how we can be better disciples.

The cast members include: Chuck Bagwell, Jesus; Chuck Carr, James the Lesser; Gary Hubbard, Andrew; Jack Abendschan, Judas; Dusty Choate; Nathaniel; Murray Murphy, John; Steve Herren, James; Lee Emerson, Thomas: John Plaia, Phillip; Paul Townsend, Matthew; Bill Birrell, Thaddeus; Jim Clements, Simon the Zealot; Ed Williamson, Simon Peter; Chuck Kirby, Narrator; Mary Eliane Williamson, director and Sandra Waggoner and Marcie Lykken, co-producers.

The Chancel Choir directed by John Ross is singing several Christian songs and music is a major part of the production. The presentation is this Sunday, Palm Sunday at 7 p.m.



Actors in "The Last Supper, A Living Picture," pose for a photograph that resembles Leonardo Da Vinci's famous painting of the Last Supper. First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry, is presenting the program at 7 p.m. on Palm Sunday and the public is invited to

CLUB NEWS

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

1955 Hyperion Club

The 1955 Hyperion Club met Tuesday, March 4, in the home of Mrs. Diane Murphy. Co-hostess Mrs. Sue Bagwell assisted in serving refreshments to 10 members.

President Dot Blackwell presided over the business meeting. Her resignation was

regretfully accepted pending her move to California.

Diane Murphy presented a very informative program on wild flowers. She showed the mold she uses in drying her flowers and explained how it was made. She note, however, flowers could be dried between the pages of an ordinary book if the paper is all cotton. Many of the wild flowers she uses in her work are found within a threeblock area near her home. She carefully catalogs and identifies the wild flowers she uses in her pictures. Members enjoyed seeing her lovely framed wild flower creations which were displayed.

The next meeting is Tuesday, April 1, in the home of Mrs. Sharon Johnston, 2512 Fisher.

City Family and Community Education

The City Family and Community Education Club met in the home of Nadine Hodnett for the first meeting in March. The name of these clubs have been changed by National from Extension Homemakers so we changed to

Nadine Hodnett gave the devotional from Ephesians 4:32. Roll call was "My Greatest Fear" and the thought was 'Many things are opened by mistake, but none quite as often as the mouth." Jowili

Etchison, president, presided at the business meeting. Frances

Zant will furnish a door prize for the district meeting in Midland April 17.

Dana Tarter, CEA, gave a program on staying healthy. She brought some delicious brownies made with applesauce instead of all fats. She said we should watch what we eat for many of the things we put in our body are more harmful than others. Some foods keep us from getting the dreaded diseases the food experts think.

Everyone present was presented a door prize by the hostess. Refreshments were served and a period of visiting was enjoyed.

The next meeting was March 20 with the Elbow FCE Club at the Rehab Center with a health program about how to be "Heart Smart."

CHURCH NEWS

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

Baptist Temple

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

First Assembly of God

The Easter Play, "Love Attaineth Victory," is being prepared by the First Assembly of God, Fourth and Lancaster, approximately 100 cast members and live animals.

There are four performances Thursday, March 27; Good Friday, March 28; Saturday, March 29; and last performance Easter Sunday night, March 30. Performance time is 7:30 p.m. Pastor Stephen Grace encourages the community to attend. Admission is free.

Living Water **Ministries**

Living Water Ministries is hosting meetings on Easter Weekend with Sam Soleyn as

our guest speaker. Sam received his doctorate in law at the University of New Mexico Law School in 1982, has a B.A. in English Speech, and graduated from Seminary at Oklahoma Christian College in 1970-71. He established Church of Christ churches on St. Vincent and Granada at the age of 18. He currently provides Apostolic oversight to many groups in the West Texas area as well as speaking on the Prime Time Television network

We meet at Living Water Ministries on Saturday, March 29, at 7 p.m. at which time Sam will share his message with the church. We meet again on Easter Sunday Resurrection morning morning also at Living Water, 1008 Birdwell Lane, at 9:30 a.m. If you consider yourself a part of the body of Christ or the

church, or is you are seeking to

be a part, please feel free to join us.

First Presbyterian Church

Kids' Club meet on Palm Sunday to take full advantage of the Easter egg hunt at First Presbyterian Church, Eighth and Runnels. Bring your parents to worship, stay for lunch in the fellowship hall of the First Presbyterian Church and then be ready to fill your bas-

Following Palm Sunday's worship, everyone is invited to a congregational dinner in the fellowship hall and then children will participate in our annual Easter egg hunt. You can help out by bringing lots of eggs and goodies to the church between now and then. We need plastic eggs and candy. Bring the leggs filled or unfilled, but the candy should be individually wrapped. please. Leave it in the fellowship hall and we will take care of the rest.

Berea Baptist Church

Berea Baptist Church is having a bake sale Saturday in the Big Spring Mall. Funds raised will be used to help pay for new sound equipment being installed in the church auditorium.

Baker's Chapel Methodist Church

Baker's Chapel Methodist Church is having barbecue dinners, Saturday at the church cafeteria from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dinners consist of choice of meat, (brisket, pork ribs, chicken or sausage), potato salad, red beans, bread. Dinners may be picked up at the church, 911 N. Lancaster or have your dinner delivered by calling 267-

Ticket donation is \$5 for a regular plate or \$6 for a combination plate. The church is having a Spring Time Tea, Friday, March 28, at 7 p.m. The tea is in the Church Cafeteria. The Tea is sponsored by Baker's Chapel Missionary Society. There will be drawings for prizes throughout the Tea. The ticket donation is \$5. Everyone is invited to attend. Funds raised will be used for the general improvement of the

Please see CHURCH, page A8

A closer look at round table' discipline story about one of the best known weeks in history, using approximately 100 cast mem

By BERNIE DONATO

Guest Columnist

When very young, I enjoyed reading stories of the knights of long ago, especially about King Arthur, his valiant knights, and the "round table," at which they sat together, holding court, or telling tales of their exploits. How I wished then that I lived in those days of adventure, romance, and gallantry.

As I grew older, I began to see more the value of round tables. It was a delight to sit around one with friends and talk and laugh just about anything.

Then I got married; and while in overseas service as missionaries, with headquarters in exotic Singapore, my family was provided with a large house with an extra dining round table. It was just large

enough for my wife and me and child who made the wrong comour three children, a girl and twin boys. Without our intentionally doing it, that small table had become a 'family center" for us. I felt that around that table, all were equal.

We enjoyed having meals together, especially in the evenings, during which we talked about the happenings of the day. With me leading in the conversation, everybody was free to express himself. And we listened. Of course, once in a while, I had to tap the table lightly to see to it that the rest listened while one talked. It was great fun.

My wife and I had an agreement each child could say anything without being interrupted unnecessarily. Then, in case something unpleasant or shocking was said or displayed, we would wait until after the meal was over, find time with the

ment or action at the table and talk with her or him privately about it. If any disciplinary measure

was needed, my wife supported me: and if I said, or did something to the child about which she did not agree, she would not intervene but wait until the two of us were alone before she would tell me where I had gone wrong. In this way, the children knew Dad and Mom were united in the way discipline was imposed.

The years have come and gone, and the children have grown. Two are married and the younger of the twins is nearing that stage of life, too. Today, as we have an opportunity, all five of us still enjoy sitting together at a round table, swapping experiences and praising God for His goodness and blessings. And included now in the circle are the spouses of our married children. Thanks be to God, the "round table" way of disciplining has helped the children grow up into matured Christians, able to make right decisions, and happy in their chosen professions.

The Wise Man said, "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6. The Bible tells us that our Lord Jesus loves the children and youth, and He wants them to become His "light of the world," channels of His rich blessings to humanity.

Parents have a great part in this process, and one of the best ways to do it is through the family "round table."

Bernie Donato is pastor at Big Spring Seventh-Day Adventist

Hollywood veteran offers top Oscar prognostications

By The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Veteran Hollywood reporter Bob Thomas, who has covered the movie business for almost 60 years, offers his winners for this year's Academy Awards:

PICTURE: "The English Patient," if only because of its 12 nominations. It's also the kind of grand movie-making

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Academy voters like. Outside chance: "Jerry Maguire."

ACTOR: Geoffrey Rush, "Shine." An unforgettable performance. Possibility: Billy Bob Thornton, "Sling Blade."

ACTRESS: Brenda Blethyn, "Secrets & Lies." A study in pure emotion. Long shot: Frances McDormand, "Fargo." SUPPORTING ACTOR: Cuba

Gooding Jr., "Jerry Maguire." possibility: Edward Norton, "Primal Fear."

SUPPORTING ACTRESS: Lauren Bacall, "The Mirror Has Two Faces." Hollywood loves survivors. In the running: Juliette Binoche, "The English Patient."

DIRECTOR: Anthony

Minghella, "The English Show him the Oscar. Strong Patient." He should win for screenplay, too. Runner-up: Scott Hicks, "Shine."

> If all goes as planned, this year's Oscar telecast will be a kinder, gentler ceremony.

The theme is "the experience of going to the movies." The ceremony airs live at 8 p.m. Monday on ABC.

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Watch and see the dough bake around each individual cup to form cookie baskets. Cool 10 minutes, then gently remove. You can even make them early in the day, fill with ice cream, cover and freeze.

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Easter Sunrise Service

The annual Big Spring community-wide Easter Sunrise Service is March 30 at 7 a.m. at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater. Gary Smith, pastor of First Church of the Nazarene, will deliver the Easter message. Coffee and juice are provided by the Salvation Army.

THE LAST WORD

If you don't want to work you have to work to earn enough money so that you won't have to

Ogden Nash

The important thing is not to stop questioning. Albert Einstein

When I look back on all these worries I remember the story of the old man who said on his deathbed that he had had a lot of trouble in his life, most of which never happened.

A little learning is a dangerous thing; but a lot of ignorance is just

Bob Edwards

Winston Churchill

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

St. Mary's Episcopal Church is having a full schedule of Holy Week services, according to Rev. James Liggett, Rector of St. Mary's. Palm Sunday is this Sunday, March 23, and the Palm Sunday service begins at 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall and includes the service of the Palms, a procession into the Church, and the reading of the Passion from St. Mark's Gospel. On Easter morning, March 30, the festive service begins at 10:30 a.m. There is no 8 a.m. service on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday.

Throughout Holy Week, morning prayer will be said at 7:30 a.m. in the chapel. Stations of the Cross is at noon on Monday and Thursday. The Maundy Thursday Communion is at 7 p.m.; the ancient Good Friday service is at both noon and 7 p.m. and the Great Vigil of Easter begins at 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 29.

The public is warmly invited to all Holy Week and Easter Services.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

St. Paul Lutheran Church ladies are having a bake sale Saturday, at 10 a.m. in the Big Spring Mall. Celebrate Easter with our cakes, pies, cookies and bread.

The church, located at 810 Scurry, is having Good Friday Tenebrea services on Friday, March 28, at 8 p.m. Good Friday is the solemn commemoration of Jesus' suffering and death on the cross. The service will feature music of the Praisemakers choir.

An Easter Sunrise Service is in the courtyard of the church at 7:15 a.m., Sunday, March 30. Afterwards, the Lutheran Youth Fellowship is having a pancake and sausage breakfast

starting at approximately 8 a.m. Freewill donations will be accepted to cover the breakfast's cost. Sunday School for everyone will start at 9:30 a.m. and an Easter Festival Service begins at 10:45 a.m. The public is cordially invited to these services. Blankets are suggested for the outdoors Sunrise Service in case of chilly weath-

First United Methodist Church

'Jesus: The King Enters Jerusalem" (Luke 19: 28-40) is Dr. Ed Williamson's message this Sunday, March 23, at the First United Methodist Church. 400 Scurry. The message is about Jesus' triumphal entry into the hearts of all people through His triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Join us in church at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. Palm Sunday morning we

will have our children's Palm Processional, our Confirmation Class Joining Service, and 30 Pieces of Silver Offering as a part of our morning services. We will be back to our normal two-service format.

Monday through Friday, next week, we have a special "Holy Week Lunch and Worship Service each day. Our lunches, beginning at 11:30 a.m. each day, are provided by our Sunday School classes. At noon each day, we have a 30-minute worship service.

Worship leaders for the days of the week will be: Monday: Rev. Jack Abendscham, Tuesday: Rev. Lee Emerson, Wednesday: Mr. Virgil Feinsod, Thursday: Rev. Gary Hubbard, and Friday: Rev. Sam Partee. Join us for food and worship each day. Thursday night, March 27, at 7 p.m. in the sanc-tuary we will have one of the holiest and most meaningful worship services of the year, the Maundy Thursday Worship Service.

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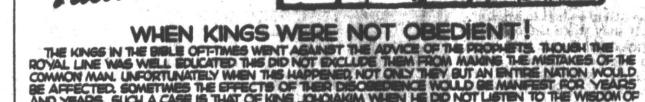
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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

UCLA, Minnesota and Utah had nothing to complain about after a long night on the court. Kentucky spent the usual 40 minutes proving its worth.

The top two seeds in the Midwest and West Regionals advanced to the NCAA's final eight Thursday night. Top-seeded Minnesota worked the longest, needing double overtime to beat Clemson 90-84 at San Antonio. UCLA, No. 2 in the Midwest, then went one extra session before edging Iowa State 74-73.

Utah, ranked second in the nation but seeded only second in the West, took Stanford 82-77

in OT, with All-America forward Keith Van Horn sitting out almost all of the overtime. Only defending champion

Kentucky wasn't stretched beyond regulation, easing past St. Joseph's 83-68. On Saturday, the winners

meet for berths in the Final Four at Indianapolis. Tonight, it's Texas (18-11) vs. Louisville (25-8), followed by

North Carolina (26-6) vs. California (23-8) in the East at Syracuse, N.Y., and Kansas (34-1) vs. Arizona (21-9), followed by Providence (23-11) vs. Tennessee-Chattanooga (24-10)

Southeast at overtime. Birmingham, Ala. The winners play on Sunday.

Minnesota 90, Clemson 84, 2

UCLA 74, Iowa State 73, OT At San Antonio, the Golden Gophers (30-3) got a superb performance from Bobby Jackson, with a career-high 36 points. Jackson was operating without his backcourt partner, Eric Harris, who left with 7:10 remaining in the second half, apparently with a separated right shoulder.

Jackson made a 3-pointer with 3:55 left and a fadeaway jumper in the lane with 42 seconds remaining in the second

"We pretty much try to stay in the team concept," said Jackson, who had nine rebounds and just one turnover in 49 minutes. "We moved the ball around, but when the ball came back to us, coach always gave us that freedom to take the ball to the hole or do what we wanted to do."

Sam Jacobson matched his career best with 29 points.

"Wow, what a game," coach Clem Haskins said. "I've been in a lot of games, over 2,000 that I've either played in or coached in, and this game tonight ranks up there."

Clemson (23-10) got 22 points from Greg Buckner.

Dollar's driving bank shot with 1.9 seconds left lifted UCLA. The Cyclones (22-9) took the lead when Shawn Bankhead scored off an in-bounds play with 12.5 seconds to go after the

Bruins (24-7) committed a trav-

eling violation. "I got the go-ahead from Coach to break it down and go to the rack," Dollar said. "I got by Jacy Holloway at the foul fine and put the shot up over Kelvin Cato. If he was going to

block it, he blocks it and we go

home. If I make it, we

advance." They advance.

Dedric Willoughby scored 34 points for Iowa State, including Please see NCAA, page 2B

In the second game, Cameron a 3-pointer that forced the overtime. Dollar wound up with 20 points as the Bruins came back from a 16-point deficit.

Utah 82, Stanford 77, OT

Kentucky 83, St. Joseph's 68 At San Jose, Calif., Andre Miller, Utah's point guard, and freshman Hanno Mottola took over when Van Horn fouled out early in overtime.

Mottola's three points gave the Utes (29-3), who have won 14 straight, the lead for good. Miller added three more free throws as the Utes scored their final seven points at the foul

Freeman feels right at home

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — Reggie Freeman is in a New York state of mind again, and he's still got those Bronx street smarts: He knows New York is a nice place to visit, but he sure wouldn't want to play

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once wowed family, friends, students, coaches and scouts who used to

climb stairs and cram the tiny gym at Rice High School in Manhattan to watch them play.

That was four years ago. when Lopez was the star and Freeman just helped get him the ball. How I have pres.

"He ewas sjust a shooting guard, poriod," Freeman said Thursday as he and his Texas teammates prepared to meet Louisville in the East Regional semifinals. "He was very talented at that time. He was a much better player than all of us. He was player of the year in the city his junior and senior years."

Their careers took off in different directions after high school. Freeman went halfway across the country and Lopez went across the 59th St. Bridge. When Lopez signed with St. John's, the New York Daily News did six pages on him. When Freeman signed with Texas, nobody knew.

"That was just decision-making," Freeman said. "If you have the pressure that Felipe did in high school — parents, other family members, coaches, friends - everybody wanted him to stay home and be the savior, get St. John's back on the map.

"My decision was to get away from the area and not worry, Freeman said. "If I had a bad game, I would probably be on the back cover of the Daily News. I didn't want to be in that situation."

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FIRING ONE HOME



Coahoma's Tara Sterling, right, fires a pitch home during the Buildogettes' victory over Snyder Tuesday in Coahoma. At left is Coahoma first baseman Stephanie Stone.

SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

CGA tournament on tap

Chicano Association will host a fourman 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 today through Sunday at Cotton Mize Field in Comanche Trail

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

In addition, awards will be presented to the tournament

MVP and Gold Glove.... Entry fee is \$130. For more information, contact Chuck Martin at 264-9236.

Softball umpires needed

Anyone interested in umpiring for girls' fastpitch softball is invited to attend a meeting at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Days

United Girls Softball Association Umpire-In-Chief Earl Zachary will certify umpires and review new rules for the 1997 season.

For more information, call 263-7510 or 263-3623.

Bulldogs blast Monahans JV

The Coahoma Bulldogs improved to 5-6 for the season with a 17-2 victory over Monahans' junior varsity during the first round of the Colorado City Baseball Tournament Thursday.

The game was called in the bottom of the fourth inning because of time limitations.

Freshman Delvin White scatted four hits while striking out seven and walking none to pick up his first decision of the year against one defeat. T.J. Green allowed one hit while striking out three in his one-inning relief stint.

As the score would indicate, rent the Bulldogs had no trouble posting big numbers offensive-

> Marshall Wright led the way, going 4-for-4 at the plate with a double, while Mike McMillan was 2-for-3 with a homer.

> The Bulldogs played Jim Ned at 1 p.m. today.

Lakers avoid life in slow lane, race past Cavaliers

The Los Angeles Lakers playing Cleveland's tempo is like Guns 'n Roses doing Lawrence Welk.

"Cleveland is very successful at the slow-down game," Lakers guard Eddie Jones said. "If we continued to play their game, we were going to be one of their victims.'

Jones and backcourt partner Nick Van Exel each scored 16 points after halftime as the Lakers finally went up-tempo Thursday night and raced to an 89-76 victory over the Cavaliers - the Lakers' first win in Cleveland in nearly nine years.

"If you let Cleveland lock you into one side of the court, then you're going to have a tough night because it ends up being a Mike Fratello-defense drill,"

Lakers coach Del Harris said. "But if you can keep the ball moving and keep attacking and make them shift the defense, then you've got a chance to play your game.

In other NBA games Thursday night, it was Seattle 123, Denver 97; Phoenix 113, San Antonio 106; Houston 96, Washington 90; Portland 97, Milwaukee 78; and Orlando 100, Golden State 95.

Jones scored 11 consecutive Lakers points early in the third quarter, finishing with 25. Van Exel had 22.

"Those two guys, when they get on a roll, they can really fill it up," Cleveland's Bob Sura said. "They both got hot at the same time, unfortunately for

Harris said Los Angeles was also aided by the absence of Cleveland's Terrell Brandon (bruised tailbone) and Chris Mills (sinus infection).

"Hey, let's face it, Cleveland was short-handed and they had played the night before in Charlotte," the Lakers coach said. "It was the best of situations for us tonight."

Guard Bobby Phills, who led the Cavs with a season-high 27 points, agreed.

"It's tough when you have key guys out like Terrell and Chris and you are playing hard, but coming up a little short," he said. "That led to some of those turnovers. Even though we practice together, guys aren't accustomed to knowing where each and every guy is going to be on the court, and that's where those turnovers happen."

begin the third quarter to tie the score at 43. But when Phills rested for 42 seconds midway through period — his only bench time of the game — the Lakers went on an 8-0 run to take the lead for good. Rockets 96, Bullets 90

Hakeem Olajuwon scored 26 points and led a fourth-quarter charge as Houston snapped Washington's five-game road winning streak.

After the Bullets took their first lead of the game, 82-81 with 7:29 to play, Olajuwon scored eight points while Houston held Washington to just two baskets in the final three minutes.

Strickland Rod Washington with 21 points and 10 assists.

SuperSonics 123, Nuggets 97 Shawn Kemp had 24 points

Cleveland used a 10-4 run to and 10 rebounds and Seattle's pressure defense forced visiting Denver into a season-high 33 turnovers in the SuperSonics' rout of the Nuggets, who lost despite set a franchise record with 16 3-pointers.

Hersey Hawkins had 23 points on 9-of-11 shooting as five Sonics scored in double figures. LaPhonso Ellis paced the Nuggets with 20 points.

Sonics center Jim McIlvaine capped Seattle's one-sided victory with his first career 3-point-

Suns 113, Spurs 106

In Phoenix, Danny Manning scored 10 of his 26 points in the fourth quarter to lead the Suns to their sixth victory in eight

Kevin Johnson added 24 points and 15 assists and John 'Hot Rod'' Williams had 13 points and 14 rebounds.

Johnson's back gives Mariners a pain; Indians audition for closer

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The last thing the Seattle Mariners need as they attempt to wrest the American League West title from the Texas Rangers is an injury to pitcher Randy Johnson.

For a moment Thursday, they had to wonder if that would be the case. The 6-foot-10 left-hander stirred concern in the fifth inning at Mesa, Ariz., when he grimaced in pain after fielding Brian McRae's soft grounder.

"It was just a little ache," said Johnson, the 1995 AL Cy Young winner who missed most of last season before having back surgery in September. Johnson threw 69 pitches,

and only one of the three runs

he allowed in 4 2-3 innings was

earned in a 6-4 victory over the Chicago Cubs "I thought I threw pretty well," he said. "It was pretty hot out there, and I felt like I kind of hit a wall in about the

fourth inning.

BASEBALL

"The only way I can get work is to go deep into the game. But felt good. That's the most important thing.'

He said he never thought

about his back while fielding

McRae's grounder. Indians Paul Shuey will get the first shot at closing games while Jose Mesa is unavailable due to

a rape trial, Cleveland manager Mike Hargrove said. "He's been groomed for the role. He's got outstanding stuff," Hargrove said. "He's the

guy we'll go to first." When Mesa slumped last season, Hargrove made Shuey the closer temporarily. Shuey, 26, was 5-2 with a 2.85 ERA and

The Indians do not know how long they will be without Mesa. their ace closer who goes on trial for rape March 31 in Cleveland opens the season April 2 at Oakland.

Mesa had 39 saves in 44 chances last season, and has saved 85 games for Cleveland in the last two years. Royals

Bob Boone sounded happy with the progress of reliever Mitch Williams. But "Wild Thing," as Williams is known, was anything but wild about the Kansas City manager's decision to farm him out.

The left-hander, who set single-season save records with two National League teams, but is better known for his failures blowing a 14-10 lead in a 15-14 loss in Game 4 and allowing Joe Carter's decisive homer in Game 6 of the 1993 World Series - was asked Thursday to go to Triple-A Omaha.

"He's disappointed," Boone said. "He's made significant strides. But it's a matter of right now I can't give him enough innings.' Williams refused to talk after

emerging from Boone's office,

other than to say, "I'm going to rights must be approved by went 2-for-4 and drove in three Omaha," as he packed his belongings and walked out in obvious anger. The cut followed a perfect

inning in a 5-4 victory over Pittsburgh. Yankees Hideki Irabu still hungers to

pitch for the New York Yankees, if only the San Diego Padres would trade him. After arriving home in Japan. the 27-year-old right-hander

said he has a plan in case they don't - playing in Canada's independent league "rather than training alone by myself." But, he conceded, even that door could be closed to him.

"This way also is being shut out," Irabu said, alluding to reports that Japanese baseball authorities might suspend him if he goes to an independent The Padres acquired rights to

Irabu in a deal with Japan's

Chiba Lotte Marines. Any deal

San Diego makes for Irabu's

Chiba. The Regina Cyclones of the independent Prairie League are

interested in signing Irabu.

Mariners 6, Cubs 4 At Mesa, Ariz., Johnson got the support he needed when Joey Cora hit a grand slam. Johnson contributed to the big hit by drawing a walk to load

the bases in the fifth inning. Royals 5, Pirates 4 At Haines City, Fla., Clint Sodowsky walked Jon Nunally with the bases loaded in the eighth inning to force in the

decisive run for Kansas City. **Marlins 8, Tigers 3** At Melbourne, Fla., Bobby Bonilla hit two homers, and Pat Rapp won his second game of the spring for Florida, which

Padres 7, Athletics 3 At Peoria, Ariz., Jody Reed's two-run homer broke open a close game in the seventh

inning. Reed, battling for the

starting job at second base,

improved to 18-4

Braves 8, Orioles 1 At West Palm Beach, Fla.,

eighth inning.

Jermaine Dye hit a two-run homer, his first this spring for Atlanta. Tony Graffanino had a two-run double in a fourth-run

Dodgers 8, Astros 3 At Kissimmee, Fla., Brett Butler, Wilton Guerrero and Raul Mondesi had two hits apiece among 18 by Los Angeles, which ended

Houston's five-game winning

Cardinals 8, Yankees 3

At St. Petersburg, Fla., Donovan Osborne pitched well. Dwight Gooden didn't. Osborne gave up a run on three hits while striking out four in six innings. Gooden, who entered the game with a 1.06 ERA, allowed six runs on 10 hits in six innings.

Brewers 10, Angels 7

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Instead, he's in a situation that Lopez can only envy. Freeman, a senior, has averaged 26.5 points in his first two tournament games this year, and Texas has not missed the NCAA tournament since he enrolled. Lopez has never even been to the NCAA tournament.

"It's a tough break for Felipe, but he's still a great player, he's just in a bad system, Freeman said. "If he had come down to a school like Texas, he would have done well." Instead, it is Freeman who

has made the greatest impact. "I don't think we could have won more than 10 games without Reggie," Texas coach Tom Penders said. "If that's not an impact player, then I haven't

seen one. We're not here, I'm not here. I'm out playing golf today if it weren't for Reggie. "Reggie has fit in so well," Penders said. "He's easily the most popular player that we've ever had at Texas. Reggie volunteers, goes to every kid's

thing, anything that involves community work. He's not just a great player, he's a hell of a

BASEBALL

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At Tempe, Ariz., John Jaha's two-run homer — his fifth this spring — highlighted a sevenrun sixth-inning that led Milwaukee over Anaheim. Giants 9, Rockies 3

At Scottsdale, Ariz., Rick Wilkins had two hits and drove in four runs for San Francisco. Darryl Hamilton and Jose Vizcaino, batting 1-2 in the order, had three hits apiece and scored a combined five runs for the Giants. Blue Jays 4, Twins 1 (7

innings) At Fort Myers, Fla., Juan Guzman pitched 4 2-3 shutout innings to lead Toronto in a seven-inning, rain-shortened night game. The Blue Jays scored three runs off Twins starter Bob Tewksbury in the

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AMARILLO (AP) - For the first time in 29 years, the National Women's Invitational Tournament is not being held in Amarillo - or anywhere

Legislation passed by the NCAA last year put NWIT organizers in a bind, and created some financial hurdles they couldn't clear. In September, the NWIT board of directors voted to put the tournament on

"I would say we're looking at between \$70,000 and maybe \$100,000 to do it up real good," said Pat Nolan, who served as the NWIT director last year.

The NWIT has been a threeday event featuring an eightteam field.

The tournament, which had no television contract and depended on local businesses for funding, made just \$18,371 last year

"We have the people that are willing to work ... if we just had the money to abide by the

new NCAA rules," Nolan said. In the past, teams selected for the NWIT have paid their own expenses — with the guarantee of getting to play three games

corporate sponsor to find the money needed to resurrect the

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"We just need some people that would be willing to finance the tournament, without a guarantee of TV," Nolan said. "We have some people, especially those who have worked with it for over 25 years, they are really hating to see it die."

Nolan said the NCAA has said the tournament can return if enough money is found.

The NWIT board of directors applied for an exemption from the new NCAA guidelines, but that application — as well as a subsequent appeal - were

denied. Nolan said she has received letters from several coaches around the country who would like to see the NWIT resurrect-

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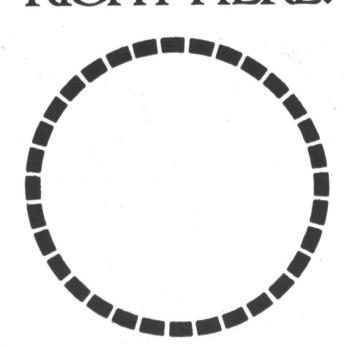
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SAN DIEGO

Stankowski leads at Bay Hill tourney

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — The first round of the Bay Hill Invitational had a familiar look

Paul Stankowski was ahead. shooting a 5-under-par 67, just like he did last week in taking a share of the first-round lead at the Honda Classic.

Tiger Woods was in the thick of it, as always, with massive crowds following him around the course.

And the King was back.

Two months after prostate cancer surgery, Arnold Palmer was back in his domain, winking and waving, hitching his pants and ripping at the ball in his distinctive, slashing style. 'I felt wonderful out there." Palmer said after an 81.

Stankowski, winless on the PGA Tour at this time last year and virtually unheard of, keeps playing his way into the lead.

He is long off the tee, which came in handy Thursday on a Bay Hill Club course that played a little more dangerous because of the thick rough and got a little bit longer when showers fell at the end of the

Stankowski overcame his lone bogey at No. 15 by catching a huge break when his 2iron to the 517-yard 16th hole landed between sand and rocks in a patch of turf no wider than his stance.

He chipped to 3 feet, then finished off his 67 by hitting an 8iron to within 6 feet for a birdie at No. 18.

"This is one of the best ballstriking rounds I've had," said Stankowski, who led the first two rounds of the Honda before faltering in the 36-hole final

Woods can't say the same. which makes him pleased to be only one stroke behind at 68. He was wild off the tee, and struggled at times with his irons, even sending one wedge

well left and long of his mark. But he saved par five times and took advantage of the par

in the hole somehow," Woods said. "I made some mistakes

out there, but I recovered." Also at 68 are Fred Funk, U.S. Open champion Steve Jones and Billy Andrade, who played at Wake Forest a decade ago on the Arnold Palmer golf scholar-

Payne Stewart, defending champion Paul Goydos and Ryder Cup captain Tom Kite were among those at 69. Twenty players shot 70, including British Open champion Tom Lehman, Nick Price, Ernie Els and Ian Woosnam.

"It would be a dream come come true to have him put that coat, around me," Andrade said of the gray jacket that goes to the winner of Palmer's Bay Hill tournament

It was dreamy just to see Palmer playing again, even though he had a nightmarish stretch of three holes.

Palmer may not be able to contend on the PGA Tour, but; he's still savvy enough to count, his clubs before he starts. He found 15 in bag when he asked his caddie to count them, then removed the extra wedge and proceeded to belt a low liner that trickled into the first cut of rough.

Palmer made pars on the first. six holes, missing birdie putts of about 15 to 20 feet on four of

And then it was over.

A bogey from the front bunker at the par-3 seventh, a 12 double bogey on No. 8 when his 5-wood trickled back toward the water and left him an awkward lie, and then a triple... bogey on No. 9 when he hit out, - i of bounds from a fairway.

"I feel poorly that I scored as bad as I did," Palmer said. "I hit the ball as solid as I did a couple of years ago."

Still, nothing could spoil his day under partly cloudy skies? that gave way to showers after the King was finished : with his round, of course.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO DEAR MR. ATTORNEY GEN-ERAL: Thank you for some very useful information. I'm sure it will be of interest to many readers to know that

speak for my female readers, but my definition of a lousy lover (male or female) would be one who is hurried, selfish and inconsiderate. Readers? **DEAR ABBY: I enjoyed your** recent column from "No Name or Town, Please" concerning his talkative wife and her friend. It reminded me of the story

about a man who had not spoken to his wife in 12 years. Finally, a friend asked him He replied, "Because I hate to interrupt people." —DICK QUINN IN LA JOLLA, CALIF.

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Mucha tops at LPGA stop

PHOENIX (AP) — Only two of the 1992 Oldsmobile Classic 3 tournaments into the season, Barb Mucha knew she was in trouble.

But a self-imposed sevenweek exile has turned things around.

Mucha, playing her first tournament since mid-January, tied the course record with an 8under-par 65 Thursday to take a one-shot lead over Dawn Coe-Jones after the opening round of the LPGA Standard-Register

Mucha skipped the last five events after finishing third in season-opening Tournament of Champions on Jan. 12 and tying for fifth the

following week at Orlando, Fla. "I was in a rut. I just felt I needed a break to get recharged," she said. "I also needed a few changes so I'm now playing spikeless, with a

new ball and a new color in my

hair. I'm having fun with it so

Mucha's bogey-free round matched the Moon Valley Country Club mark set by Amy Alcott in 1988 and equaled by Patty Sheehan in 1993 and

Nancy Lopez a year later.

It also tied Mucha's career low score set in the third round

Big Spring, Texas

- an event she went on to win as the second of her four titles. in 10 years on the tour.

"Every putt I looked at I felt I could make," said Mucha, who had her best money-earning! year ever with \$304,805 and five top-10 finishes last year. "I had 11 threes on my card. Now I. want to see how low I can go."

Coe-Jones, also among the early starters who finished before the afternoon high hit 95 degrees, nearly matched Muchawith seven birdies - four coming on the front side.

Kelly Robbins, who won last month at West Palm Beach, Fla., was alone at 67 after five birdies on the back nine.

Three-time defending champion Laura Davies, who has never bettered 69 in any first round here, needed five birdies in an eight-hole span to finishwith a 70.

Swede Annika Sorenstam, with two wins and a second in the four previous tourneys this season, was in a large group at

Davies is trying to become the first player in LPGA history to win the same tournament? four consecutive years. Sam. Snead, Gene Sarazen and Walter Hagen are the only ones to do it on the PGA Tour.

"Maybe my luck has run out; here," said Davies, who missed: the cut last week at Tucson. "Is love the desert heat, but I have to play well in order to win, and I'm not playing that well right now.

But Mucha is.

Starting her round on the back nine of Moon Valley's 6,435-yard layout, Mucha rolled in 15-foot birdie putts on Nos 14 and 18, and a 8 footer on 16 3

A 20-foot putt on the first hole and 6-footer on No 3 dropped Mucha to 5-under. She made 12: footers on Nos. 6 and 7, then? capped her round with a 4-Roof." putt on No. 9 for her eighth. birdie of the day.

Coe-Jones missed birdle tries on the final two holes that would have given her at least a share of the lead

"I'm still recovering from food poisoning," said Coes

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FAMILY CIRCUS

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WELL, ALMOST EVERYTHING

B.C.





"Daddy hugged the checkout lady. Is that okay?"

DENNIS THE MENACE



"He's one of the reasons you don't see many welcome mats in the neighborhood."

reported

GEECH





WIZARD OF ID









YEAH ..

BUT I'M

LEARNING

ALOT





THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Friday, March the 80th day of 1997. There are Eisenach, Germany.

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surface

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Stewart

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45 Visualize

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THE Daily Crossword

285 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On March 21, 1946, the United Nations set up temporary headquarters at Hunter College in New York City.

On this date: In 1685, composer Johann Sebastian Bach was born in

the "Code Napoleon," adopted.

In 1806, Mexican statesman Benito Juarez, who Mexico's first president of Indian ancestry, was born in Oaxaca.

In 1790, Thomas Jefferson

Washington in New York as the

In 1804, the French civil code,

new secretary of state.

President

In 1918, during World War I, Germany launched the Somme Offensive, hoping to break through the Allied line before American reinforcements could arrive.

In 1945, during World War II, Allied bombers began four days of raids over Germany.

In 1960, some 70 people were killed in Sharpeville, South Africa, when police fired on demonstrators.

In 1963, the Alcatraz federal prison island in San Francisco Bay was emptied of its last inmates at the order of Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy.

In 1965, more than 3,000 civil rights demonstrators led by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. began their march from Selma to Montgomery, Ala.

GASOLINE ALLEY

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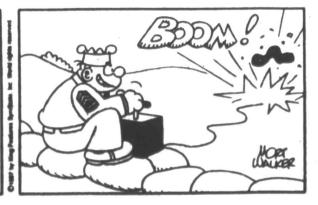




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Thursday's Puzzle solved: ICECOLDPITCHERS G A L L U S E S A P E X E S
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Sal. & Sun. Mat. 1:00 Mon. Thurs. Times: 4:00-7:00 STARTING WEDNESDAY 3/26/97 THE DEVIL'S OWN STARTING FRIDAY 3/28/97 JUNGLE 2 JUNGLE
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Sun. Times: 4:00-7:00