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AT&T warns customers of con artists' telephone scams

HERALD Staff Report

April 1 is the most popular day of the year — for jokes and fun that is, but AT&T warns consumers that the "F" in fun could stand for fraud on April 1 or any other day.

Today is the day AT&T officials have taken aim at in order to identify some of the scams pulled by con artists most likely to fool consumers and businesses.

These scams include making international calls without realizing it, callers posing as company representatives, cellular cloning and internet schemes.

Consumers targeted most frequently by con artists include the elderly, non-English speaking people and those who use public phones. Businesses of all

sizes also fall prey to the scams of unscrupulous hustlers.

Most of the fraud involving international calling occurs in large major U.S. cities and other cities with significant international calling.

To combat communications fraud, AT&T has systems in place to deter many types of long distance fraud. But because the most effective safeguard against any type of fraud is prevention, AT&T is focusing its efforts on educating consumers.

According to Rich Petillo, AT&T corporate security manager, consumer education is one of the most effective ways to combat fraud.

"It is important to teach all members of the family — especially the elderly members and children — how to avoid being defrauded at home and in public

places," Petillo said.

Where international calls are concerned, it is not always easy to tell if you're dialing an international telephone number, according to AT&T. You may see a job ad in the newspaper that directs you to call a specific number, or you may receive a page, an e-mail message or an urgent message on your answering machine.

You may also be told a family member has been injured, you've won a prize or you owe money an legal action is pending.

All of these messages direct you to call a number for more information — almost always an international number.

The best defense against this kind of fraud, according to AT&T is to be careful of area codes you don't recognize

and check with the operator to determine where an area code is before dialing it.

People posing as company representatives of you long distance or credit card company may say there has been unauthorized use of your calling card or credit card and ask you to verify the account number and PIN.

The caller may also ask you to help in an investigation by asking you to accept the charges for third-party calls billed to your number.

You may be assured that you won't be charged for the calls, but if you hesitate to go along, the caller may threaten to terminate your telephone service, or say that you'll have to pay for all fraudulent calls charged to your phone.

The best defense against this, according to AT&T, is to remember no rep-

utable company will ever ask for your calling card or credit card number unless you are actually initiating an operator-assisted calling card call or are charging merchandise to your credit card.

AT&T also warns consumers to never accept third-party charges from anyone you don't know. AT&T also adds that it and other long distance companies do not ask their customers to help trap telephone con artists.

Consumers and businesses who think they have been defrauded in any way should contact one of the following: National Fraud Information Center at (800)876-7060; Call For Action at (800)647-1756; the State Attorney General, Better Business Bureau; and call any questionable number that appears on your bill.

BASEBALL WEATHER?



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

Cade Bowlin is prepared for the sun to go down and the temperature to drop but refuses to let that stop him from enjoying the Coahoma Bulldogs' baseball game with Reagan County last week. The weather forecast indicates that area teams playing this afternoon and tonight may find similar weather.

Switcheroonie 1997: The Bumsteeds and Garfield huddle on April Fools

From staff and wire reports

There's something funny on today's comics page — "Garfield" has somehow sneaked into the Bumsteeds' house in "Blondie," prompting a wide-eyed stare from Dagwood.

The warm-and-fuzzy "Family Circus" has swapped moods, language and even hairdos with dour "Dilbert." And there's more strange switches.

April Fools. This joke is for real.

Millions of comic-strip readers found a surprise in their newspapers when 46 of the nation's top syndicated cartoonists traded features for a day.

"You've gotta shake 'em up a little bit!" said "Dilbert" creator Scott Adams about the Comics Switcheroonie 1997 — a widespread assault on America's funny bone.

Organizers Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott, creators of the "Baby Blues" strip, asked fellow cartoonists to choose a feature for a makeover. Adams went for Bill Keane's "Family Circus,"

FAMILY CIRCUS by Bill Keane



"We wrapped your birthday present, Mommy. I'll show you how to open it."

Bill Keane's "Family Circus" (left) from March 15. At right is Scott Adams' April Fools version

FAMILY CIRCUS by Scott Adams ("Dilbert")



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And Keane chose Adams' strip.

It was pure chance — and an attraction of opposites.

"This was a shocker," said Keane, chuckling from his Arizona home as the presses churned out the comic confusion — the creator of "Dilbert," a strip that pokes fun at cubicles, downsizing and corporate life, drawing "Family Circus,"

which embraces home life.

"Garfield" creator Jim Davis and "Blondie" cartoonist Dean Young made the switch.

Jeff MacNelly of "Shoe" got "Beetle Bailey," whose creator, Mort Walker, played with "Shoe." And "Snuffy Smith" cartoonist Fred Lasswell doodled with "Dennis the Menace," whose cartoonists, Hank

Ketcham and Marcus Hamilton, went for "Snuffy Smith."

And so it went into the comic-strip twilight zone.

"They don't want to give us something in one hand, and take it back in another," Adams said.

Doing "Family Circus," he

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Alcohol makers are next target on Clinton's list

WASHINGTON (AP) — Having waged a politically successful war on the tobacco industry, President Clinton is turning up the pressure on liquor manufacturers.

Two White House officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, say Clinton today will ask the Federal Communications Commission to study the ramifications of the liquor industry's 1996 decision to abandon its 50-year voluntary ban on television and radio ads.

He also will ask the panel to explore whether the ads should be banned or sharply curbed. But the officials said Clinton would stop short of ordering a ban.

The action may have limited effect. Reed Hundt, a Democrat appointed by Clinton to head the FCC, has been stymied by fellow board members in his efforts to open a broad inquiry. Clinton hopes his call for action will apply pressure on the board and sway a majority in Hundt's favor.

The nation's distillers voted in November to lift the voluntary ban after Seagram's ran a limited number of ads in Texas. Objecting to Clinton's plans, the Distilled Spirits Council of the United States notes that the president is not cracking down on beer ads that swamp broadcasting outlets.

"What we take issue with is being isolated, that spirits are

somehow different from beer or wine," said spokeswoman Elizabeth Board. She said \$2.5 billion in beer ads have aired since Clinton took office. "He has never said anything about that," Board said.

This is not the first time Clinton has used the bully pulpit on the issue.

In a Father's Day radio address during the 1996 presidential election, Clinton urged liquor companies to hold to the ban. Just a week after Seagram's broke with the voluntary ban, the president also said a breakdown of the restrictions would make "the job of being a parent even harder."

In the first radio address of his second term, Clinton reiterated his plea. Lifting the ban means "exposing our children to such ads before they know how to handle alcohol or are legally allowed to do so." Clinton also said the decision by Seagram's "is simply irresponsible."

Clinton's endorsement of federal limits on tobacco advertising and sales to children was an important election-year issue, particularly among parents and women. In the Father's Day address, he coupled his call for alcohol ad restraints with an attack on rival Bob Dole for saying tobacco is not necessarily addictive.

The tobacco restrictions have not taken effect.

Thieves steal \$1 million in cocaine from Refugio County Courthouse

REFUGIO (AP) — Thieves broke into an evidence room over the weekend and stole 66 pounds of confiscated cocaine from an evidence room of the Refugio County Courthouse, officers say.

Sheriff Jim Hodges said the cocaine would be worth an estimated \$1 million on the street. It was stored in an evidence room in the basement of the courthouse late Sunday or early Monday, he said.

"Everything was locked; deputies were coming and going every hour," Hodges explained. "You wouldn't think anybody had that kind of guts."

Texas Rangers, Corpus Christi police and Texas

Department of Public Safety officers were called in to investigate the theft.

Hodges estimated that 33 bundles containing 80-percent pure cocaine were taken.

The thieves entered the building by breaking a basement window, then went through a boiler room and gained entry to the locked evidence room by busting through a non-reinforced interior wall.

"They had more than just a general knowledge of the courthouse to know where to go," said Lt. David Guy of the Sheriff's Department.

Hodges said he believes the thieves walked off with what they could carry.

Pauken: Plan puts money in one pocket, takes from other

AUSTIN (AP) — Texans aren't in the mood to pay more in state taxes just to save some money on their local property taxes, the head of the Texas Republican Party says.

Tom Pauken, state GOP chairman, took shots Monday at a tax overhaul plan which is being prepared by lawmakers for public hearings expected late this week.

The plan would pay for a cut to local school property taxes by expanding the state business tax, raising some taxes and increasing the number of goods

and services on which the state sales tax is applied.

The list of would-be taxed items includes car washes, laundry services and haircuts.

"They don't want to give us something in one hand, and take it back in another," Pauken said of voters.

Fellow Republican Gov. George W. Bush has proposed a new business tax, a half-cent sales tax increase and the use of \$1 billion in additional state funds to cut property taxes by about \$3 billion a year.

The plan being drafted by a

special House property tax committee would cut property taxes by slightly more than that.

But Pauken has said the state shouldn't rush into changing its tax system. He said Texans would be better off if the Legislature used \$1.5 billion in state funds to lower local school property taxes and conduct an interim study of larger issues.

Bush last summer appointed a committee to hold public hearings across the state on school property taxes, which make up more than half of all property taxes levied.

"This is a very major tax bill with major consequences," Pauken said. "You rush things through and risk not looking at the unintended consequences."

One thing that could happen with the expansion of the sales tax would be a windfall of tax revenue for local governments.

Under state law, local governments can tack their sales taxes — up to 2 cents per \$1 — on any item the state taxes. Expanding the number of goods and services taxed by the state could amount to billions of dollars for local governments.

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TODAY'S WEATHER

67 ▲ Highs 53
Lows ▼

Today: Mostly cloudy. Highs in upper 60s. Low in lower 50s with a chance of showers tonight.

Wednesday: Mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Highs in 70s. Wednesday night, mostly cloudy with chance of thunderstorms. Lows in near 50.

Extended outlook: Thursday and Friday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 60s. Lows near 50. Saturday, mostly cloudy with a high near 80. Low in the lower 50s.

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OBITUARIES

Charlie M. Calvert

Service for Charlie M. Calvert, 79, Big Spring, is 2 p.m. Thursday, April 3, 1997, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He died Tuesday, April 1, in a Midland hospital.

Minnie Jane Lawson

Graveside service for Minnie Jane Lawson, 101, Stephenville, formerly of Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, 1997, in Trinity Memorial Park, Big Spring, with Rev. Frank Johnson officiating.

Mrs. Lawson died Monday, March 31, in Stephenville.

She was born on April 6, 1895, near Goldthwaite. She married Albert V. Lawson on May 28, 1909. He preceded her in death on June 15, 1972. She was a housewife and a member of Kelview Heights Baptist Church in Midland. She had lived in the Midland and Big Spring area from 1955 to 1987.

Survivors include: two daughters, Vergie Pear Woods, Stephenville, and Willie Lee Mason, Midland; 12 grandchildren; and a host of great-grandchildren and other relatives.

Arrangements under the direction of Harrell Funeral Home, Dublin.

Dorothy Donaldson Armstrong

Service for Dorothy Donaldson Armstrong, 85, Sand Springs, will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 2, 1997, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Bro. Arnold Tonn officiating. Burial will be in Coffeyville, Kan.

Mrs. Armstrong died Sunday, March 31, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

She was born on April 13, 1911, in Osawatimil, Kan. She married H. Raymond Armstrong on Aug. 24, 1932, in Independence, Kan. He preceded her in death on May 12, 1988. She was a member of the First Christian Church, Dorothy and her husband moved to Big Spring in 1950. When they retired, they moved to Coffeyville, Kan. She returned to Big Spring in 1989. Mrs. Armstrong had worked as a presser at Ideal Laundry and City Cleaners and had also worked at Bennett House Nursing Home.

She is survived by: one daughter, Anita Armstrong, Ruidoso, N.M.; one son, Charles Armstrong, Sand Springs; one sister, Dixie Carns, Coffeyville, Kan.; 15 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and 18 great-great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

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FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Dorothy Donaldson Armstrong, died Sunday. Services 10 AM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with interment in Coffeyville Kansas.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH

Funeral Home

Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory

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SWITCH

Continued from page 1 said, "felt like I went from the dark side to light, while bringing some evil with me" — including a hairstyle for Mommy, who had two "horns" alighting from her head.

"I hate Mommy's new hairdo," says Dolly, looking at her mother sitting alongside Dogbert, Adams' character from "Dilbert."

For a day, Mommy even went '90s corporate, talking about downsizing the family and urging Billy to "work cuter, not harder."

Keane said he asked Adams to do him a favor: "Sign your name real big so my readers won't blame me for what you did."

Meanwhile, the 39-year-old Adams allowed the 74-year-old Keane to give "Dilbert" a lighter touch.

"I gave Dilbert better arms, instead of his usual broomsticks," joked Keane. "I gave him the arms of a human being."

Keane also had Billy, visiting from "Family Circus," feed Dilbert some optimism.

"Hey Dilbert!" says Billy, "you'll never be hungry as long as you're workin' in this strip 'cause you're sure of three squares every day!"

"Some of us hafta keep goin' around in circles!" — the shape of Keane's panel. Dilbert is a three-square strip.

"I told Scott I'll probably lose 500 to 1,000 newspapers, but it was worth it," said Keane, whose feature runs in 1,500 papers, including translations in Spanish, Japanese and Italian.

Adams' strip is syndicated in 1,550 newspapers worldwide, and he had to do "a different, normal cartoon for the other countries."

Any lessons to be learned from the joke? "Nah," said Adams. "This is not gonna feed the poor."

BRIEFS

RAPE CRISIS/VICTIM SERVICES 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 picked up and entries should be submitted at Bealls, Athletic Supply or Suggs Hallmark, all located at Big Spring Mall.

Deadline for entries is 5 p.m. Thursday. Entries will be judged and Flo-Lite Screen Printing will provide ribbons and certificates to be awarded to contest winners. For additional information, call 263-3312.

THE EIGHTH ANNUAL SPRING City Arts and Crafts Show is this weekend in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum in Big Spring. More than 200 exhibitors from throughout the Southwest fill the main arena, concourse, foyer, and east room with original art and handcrafted items. Hours for the show are Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. There is no admission charge.

THE COAHOMA HIGH SCHOOL Drama Club is sponsoring their annual dinner theater tonight beginning at 7 p.m. in the high school main hall. Following a spaghetti dinner, the students present scenes from Maxwell Anderson's historical play "Anne of the Thousand Days." Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under the age of 12 and available at the door. Contact Sandy Wegman at the high school at 394-4535 for more information.

NO IMMUNIZATIONS WILL BE given at the Texas Department of Health on Tuesday, April 8 due to our school immunization clinics. Normal shot day will resume Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center

1601 W. 11th Place 263-1211

DUNLAPS

111 E Marcy 267-6283 Mon.-Sat. 10 am-6 pm

THE WEST TEXAS CANCER PREVENTION Partnership's Mobile Mammography Clinic will be at the Carriage Inn Retirement Center Wednesday.

The clinic provides both screening and diagnostic mammograms and free educational seminars on breast health awareness and the importance of mammography.

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

CLARIFICATION

Sandra Joan Hatfield, 1012 E. 21st, was not arrested last week for sale of alcoholic beverage to a minor but rather for sale of alcoholic beverage to an intoxicated person.

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have experienced the death of a child, 7:00 p.m., Family Life Center, First Baptist Church. Enter through southeast door. Call 267-2769

•VFW Post No. 2013, 7 p.m., VFW Hall.

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local warrant and an outstanding Department of Public Safety warrant.

• DIANA CANALES, 35, of 627 State, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.

• CAMILO MARTIN NIETO, 22, of 1901 Morrison, was arrested on an outstanding local warrant.

• INVESTIGATING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES in the 1300 block of Douglas, 1500 block of Tucson, 700 block of E. 10th, 400 block of E. Fifth, 2600 block of W. Highway 80, 1800 block of Hearn, 500 block of Birdwell and 1200 block of Lancaster.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 800 block of W. Marcy, 2200 block of Grace and 1300 block of Virginia.

• ATTEMPTED ASSAULT WITH A MOTOR VEHICLE in the 1000 block of Nolan. The complainant told officers someone attempted to cause bodily injury to her by using a car to try to run her over. The incident allegedly happened last Friday but wasn't reported until Monday.

• CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNINGS ISSUED in the 1200 block of Lloyd and 400 block of Young.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE in the 2500 block of Ent.

• THEFT in the 1700 block of E. Marcy.

• LOUD PARTY/NOISE in the 500 block of Westover.

SHERIFF

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

• JOE NUNEZ TORRES, 43, of 813 Anna, turned himself in on an outstanding warrant for failure to appear in court. He was later released on a \$500 bond.

• LAURA SUE ABBOTT, 20, of Odessa, was arrested by DPS Highway Patrol officers for driving with an invalid license and later released on a \$200 bond.

• MICHAEL J. FOX, 37, of 904 Abrams, was arrested on a warrant for revoking his probation.

• TIMOTHY WAYNE KNOX, 70, of Dallas, was arrested for public intoxication. He was given a citation and released four hours later.

• LYNDELL BURL KNOX, no age given, of Sand Springs, was arrested for public intoxication. He was given a citation and released four hours later.

• SHERI LARUE FOWLER, 36, of 2008 Scurry, was arrested on a failure to appear in court warrant on a charge of posses-

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Texas outlaw's personal items to be auctioned

BALLAS (AP) — Outlaws Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker wanted to be buried together, but that didn't happen. Her mother refused to allow it.

Now, Barrow's sole surviving sibling, Marie Barrow, wants to honor their wish by auctioning Barrow's personal items to raise money to have the graves moved.

After the outlaws were killed at the end of a two-year bloody crime wave across the Southwest and Midwest, Bonnie Parker's mother refused to have her daughter buried beside Barrow. As a result, the lovers were buried in separate Dallas cemeteries.

Barrow said Monday she plans to seek out Parker's relatives and try to get their permission to have the graves moved.

"Bonnie begged her mother to bury them together, and her mother promised all the time that she would," she said. "But then she didn't do it. I guess she thought Clyde had taken Bonnie off and got her killed. You know how mothers feel. I guess I would have thought the same way, maybe."

Baylor University, Health Care System settle dispute

DALLAS — Baylor University regents have agreed to let Baylor Health Care System chart its own future.

The governing boards of the two institutions reached an agreement in principle Monday to end a bitter 20-month dispute that began when the Waco university announced plans to sell the Dallas-based non-profit hospital system, which it owns.

Under the agreement, the Dallas-based hospital system will be governed solely by its own board of directors, which will become self-perpetuating, said Boone Powell Jr., Baylor Health Care president and chief executive officer.

The hospital board is selected currently by the university's board of regents in Waco.

In return, the nonprofit health-care system will continue to collaborate with the university in its health-related programs, Powell said.

Judge disqualifies prosecutor in priest-assault case

SANTON — The district attorney prosecuting a priest accused of sexually assaulting an altar boy has been disqualified from the case because defense attorneys say he is a potential witness.

San Patricio County District Attorney Tom Bridges was removed from the case on Monday, just two weeks before the Rev. Jesus Garcia was scheduled to go to trial.

The case was expected to be delayed for several months.

Defense attorneys were granted a request to disqualify Bridges after disclosing that they may call him as a witness.

Tony Canales, who represents Garcia, is arguing that the alleged victim changed his story since first speaking with prosecutors and wants Bridges to testify about his interviews.

Bill would ban machines that simulate casino games

AUSTIN — The Texas Legislature, which has been inclined to bring games of chance to the state in the past with pari-mutuel dog and horse racing and a lottery, now is considering an effort to cut down on it.

Targeted are machines — about 15,000 of them collecting as much as \$117 million per year — that supporters say are legal amusement machines but critics say are illegal gambling devices.

The machines, most commonly known as "eight-liners," can look and play like those in casinos.

Jury selection plods on in McVeigh trial

DENVER (AP) — After two nervous breakdowns, one potential juror fears judging the evidence against Oklahoma City bombing suspect Timothy McVeigh could mean even more health problems.

Another doesn't believe in sitting in judgment of others, while a third wasn't sure she could disregard news accounts she has read about the bombing that killed 168 people and injured hundreds more.

Jury selection for McVeigh's trial began at a snail's pace Monday, with the questioning of only six potential jurors. Three admitted they were reluctant to serve at all.

Five said they would be willing to recommend the death penalty should McVeigh be convicted.

The exhaustive interrogation covered the death penalty and news coverage of the O.J. Simpson trials and the bombing case, among other topics.

Even McVeigh's attorney, Stephen Jones, said the day had progressed "slowly." McVeigh himself nodded and smiled at each potential juror, but his expression hardened as discussions turned to the death penalty.

The potential jurors were shielded from the view of most courtroom spectators and were referred to only by numbers.

When asked about news accounts of the bombing, No. 851 said it may be difficult to set aside those details to hear the case.

"I did read a lot about it in the beginning," said No. 851, the mother of a 4-year-old and an agent for artists and photographers. She added that she is "high-strung" and occasionally confuses things — and that she favors the death penalty if it applies.

She said she has avoided news reports since receiving her jury summons, a five-week period in which The Dallas Morning News and Playboy magazine posted stories on the Internet about McVeigh's purported confessions.

Jones has claimed the jury pool was tainted by those accounts.

The woman who cited her nervous breakdowns, No. 630, said they were brought on by a prob-

lem with prescription drugs. The woman, a personal shopper at a Denver department store, said one of her clients suggested the federal government may be involved in a conspiracy surrounding the bombing. She said she wasn't sure if she shared that view.

Then there was No. 858. When asked about the government sieges at Ruby Ridge, Idaho, and Waco, Texas, the middle-aged man said he thought the government failed to handle them as well as they could have. "To me, in my mind, they were overkill."

No. 306, a union pipefitter, could not recommend the death penalty, saying only God — not the justice system — can stand in judgment.

'Hopwood' plaintiffs seek millions in damages

AUSTIN (AP) — David Rogers estimates that not being admitted to the University of Texas law school cost him nearly \$383,000, chiefly in money he could have made if he were a lawyer.

He wants the state of Texas to pay.

Rogers and three other white plaintiffs — who successfully challenged a 1992 University of Texas law school admissions policy designed to boost enrollment of black and Mexican-American students — were in court Monday seeking damages in their case.

Together, the four are asking for about \$5.5 million in damages from the state. That doesn't include attorneys' fees.

Rogers, 33, said not getting the chance to go to UT law school has cost him tens of thousands of dollars a year.

The average lawyer who graduates from UT makes \$53,000, said Rogers, 33, "and I haven't cracked 26 (thousand dollars) yet." Rogers, who until recently managed a Relax The Back store in Arlington, Texas, wants to enter law school this fall.

A federal appeals court last year found that UT law school's former admissions policy, in use when the four unsuccessfully sought to enter the school, discriminated against whites.

That decision, allowed to stand by the U.S. Supreme Court, has led to discontinuation of affirmative action policies at universities around the state. The case was returned to U.S. district court to decide damages concerning the four plaintiffs.

Rogers has applied to the University of Houston Law

Center and to UT law school. More than likely, he said, he'll end up at UH.

"I don't think the University of Texas is going to let me in unless there's a court order" to do so, which he also is seeking in the case, said Rogers. He also plans to write a book.

Cheryl Hopwood, the lawsuit's lead plaintiff, is asking for \$2.8 million for alleged economic and emotional harm. Now a certified public accountant living in Maryland, she was in court Monday but declined to be interviewed.

Suicide bombers set off explosions in Gaza Strip

NETZARIM, Gaza Strip (AP) — Two Palestinians blew themselves up in failed bombing attempts today outside Jewish settlements in the Gaza Strip, the Israeli army said. Two other Palestinians were shot dead by Israeli troops in the West Bank.

The Israelis said the suicide bombers apparently targeted school buses for Jewish children, but both missed their targets. The attacks came at a time of deadlock in peace talks and triggered new accusations from both sides.

However, Palestinian police maintained one of the explosions — outside the Jewish settlement of Kfar Darom in the Gaza Strip — was not a suicide bombing. They said Israeli troops threw explosives at a passing taxi and a donkey cart, seriously wounding five Palestinians.

The police report did not account for a Palestinian killed at the scene who was wearing a Palestinian police uniform. His body was dismembered. Palestinian leader Yasser

Arafat initially said the Israeli soldiers opened fire at the taxi, but hospital officials said the five wounded were hurt by shrapnel, not bullets.

Israel held Arafat responsible for the explosions, saying he had sanctioned attacks by Islamic militants as a means of extracting Israeli concessions.

"We believe it is not merely a coincidence that ever since Chairman Arafat gave the green light to terrorist organizations to return to terrorist activities, there have been four or five

attempts, one of them unfortunately deadly, to kill Israelis," said David Bar-Illan, an aide to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Arafat dismissed the accusations and said Israel's prolonged security closure of the Palestinian areas created the climate for the militants.

"The closure is the best platform for fanaticism and crime. To any pressure, there is reaction. We are all doing our best, by all our capability, to control the situation," Arafat said.

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Quote of the Day

"Courage — Fear that has said its prayers."
—Dorothy Bernard

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OUR VIEWS

Rural Texas belongs on state commission

While the Texas Department of Transportation is the state agency that builds and repairs Texas' roadways, the three-member Texas Transportation Commission is the governing board that decides how highway monies are allocated and spent.

It was the Texas Transportation Commission which the Transportation Committee of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce appeared before when making a presentation on behalf of three West Texas highway corridors instead of designating one of the three as a future interstate.

Because of its role in deciding how highway monies are spent, the Texas Transportation Commission is important to each and every Texan who drives on the roadways of this state.

A state regulation calls for the composition of the Commission to include two members from urban Texas and one from rural Texas.

The regulation was put in place years ago because Texas Legislators saw the need to ensure the interests of rural Texans were represented on the commission.

Sad to say, Gov. George W. Bush apparently doesn't feel the same way.

Word around the state capitol is that the governor intends to fill a vacancy on the commission with an appointee from Houston — which would round out an all-urban commission when considering the two incumbent appointees are from Dallas and Austin.

State Rep. David Counts (D-Knox City) and State Sen. Robert Duncan (R-Lubbock) have contacted the governor and made him aware of their concerns that the best interests of all Texans would not be served with an all-urban commission.

We concur and, while we encourage the governor to follow the guidelines set forth by legislators in years past, we would go so far as to encourage him to look west — beyond Interstate 35 — when he makes his selection.

No, there aren't as many of us in West Texas as there are east of I-35 but that doesn't mean we're disadvantaged when it comes to talented people who are capable of evaluating information and making an informed decision that is fair to all Texans — whether they live in Houston or Howard County.

OTHER VIEWS

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Here are excerpts from editorials in newspapers in the United States and abroad:

None should mourn the passing of Zaire's present government, which has been one of the world's most brutal and corrupt dictatorships. But will what's to come be any better?

The rebel alliance that has seized most of eastern Zaire and captured Kisangani — an important regional capital on the Congo — has shattered all confidence in the government, which now seems likely to fall by military coup or to the rebels.

The deterioration of Zaire's political institutions, not to mention its economy and infrastructure, will pose a daunting challenge to any government that eventually accedes to power.

The Post and Courier, Charleston, S.C.

This time House Speaker Newt Gingrich is making excellent sense, and he's getting a bum rap from some of his fellow conservatives.

That's a mind-boggling reversal from a few months ago, when he was getting support from misguided conservatives at a time when he deserved condemnation for ethical lapses.

Gingrich seems to have come around to the eminently sensible, totally logical idea that the budget should

be balanced before taxes are cut. You can't get any more fiscally conservative than that.

The Advocate, Baton Rouge, La.

The Liggett Group, maker of Chesterfield and Lark cigarettes, has come clean and made damning admissions and agreed to fines.

Liggett also admitted it marketed smokes to kids as young as 14 to get them hooked on its brands.

Maybe the effort to cut sales to youngsters can help some here and there; at least the effort carries a steady message, even if kids have ways of getting cigarettes anyway.

Daily News, Dayton, Ohio

Snakebit by the Susan B. Anthony dollar coin fiasco of two decades ago, the federal government has shied away from minting a coin worth \$1.

So shy, in fact, that the last Susan B. Anthony dollar was minted 16 years ago. Only now are government stocks of that coin running low.

Everybody who had or handled that dollar coin knew the problem: It was too much like a quarter. So people stopped using them.

Yet that experience should not stand in the way of saving hundreds of millions of dollars in currency manufacturing expense.

Telegraph Herald, Dubuque, Iowa



Gospel music is niche marketing at its best

WHITESBURG, Ga. — This is a town of one caution light and 750 people. It is the home of Consolation Baptist Church,



Rheta Johnson
Syndicated Columnist

Fowler's Little Bargain Store and a filling station or two. Pleasant enough. A mile or so from the Chattahoochee River, roughly equal distances from Newnan, Douglasville and Carrollton. A real crossroads community.

And just before the river bridge, in a low-slung building of concrete packed 10 inches thick, I find the home of Lamp Music South, the largest all-gospel recording studio in the Southeast, according to the its owner and resident producer, Mike Pillow.

The boxy building used to house a tanning salon; the palm trees and an orange sun

are still painted on its side. But the interior has been transformed, furnished with state-of-the-art recording and duplicating equipment, a concert grand piano, synthesizers and speakers. There are shiny black and white floors and the offices of Mike and Rhonda Pillow, once Temple High School sweethearts who married, moved to Tennessee, started a gospel recording business there, then moved part of it home last year.

I will be frank. Southern gospel, at least the white variety, is not my favorite sound. I think it's because my parents once were crazy about the Florida Boys, and we are all disposed to reject the music of our elders. In my youth I longed to hear the Mamas and the Papas late into the night, not the Blackwood Brothers early in the morning.

But things change. This flip world has come around to celebrating country music, which wasn't cool back then either. Could be crossover gospel hits are just around the corner. Recently, in fact, I heard

National Public Radio report that the musically sophisticated French have gone nuts for Southern black gospel. Paris has radio stations that play the genre exclusively, clubs that feature gospel.

So who can tell? Lamp Music eventually may be the Sun Studio of gospel. And little Whitesburg may become a mecca like Memphis.

The audience for gospel already is huge, Mike insists, and his company will record nothing else. Lamp Music records all kinds of Southern gospel and constantly is on the lookout for new talent. (By appointment only, please.)

"This is an idyllic, rural setting, perfect for the travel coaches some of the artists bring with them," Mike says. Most musicians make their living traveling and will follow a favorite producer anywhere, he adds. He's recorded musicians from Oklahoma City, Toronto and, yes, every burg you can mention in Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia.

Pillow is 28 but his serious

manner and gospel-coiffed hair make him seem much older. He mostly grew up in San Diego, moving to the Deep South when he was 17. His first gospel recording effort was a tape of Rhonda's solos. After that, he was hooked.

If you know gospel, which I do not, you've probably heard of some of the artists on the Pillows' three record labels. Naomi Segal Reader of Macon is a 37-year veteran of gospel who recently signed with Pillow's Gospel Heritage label. One of her past albums sold a million copies.

Mike's job is quality control, to tell an artist if she's singing off-key, to hire musicians who fit the material, "to make sure each project has direction A to Z."

The Georgia studio, only a year old, has recorded sessions booked weeks in advance. The duplicating equipment is whirring. A staff of 25 musicians are the best in gospel music, Pillow says. "We've found our niche."

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Elusive campaign reform delayed by amendment

By WALTER R. MEARS

AP Special Correspondent

To the advocates of reforming campaign finances by law this year, the quest for a constitutional amendment to permit spending limits was a charade, a diversion, only delaying the attempt to overhaul an overpriced political system.

But it served a purpose for Republican opponents, who now can cite the amendment as evidence of willingness to consider campaign reform, before moving to their own agenda of investigating the White House and demanding a special prosecutor to deal with Democratic conduct.

A reform sponsor said the amendment outcome was predetermined rejection or the measure wouldn't have been put up for today's Senate action in the first place.

When the Supreme Court overruled congressionally set ceilings on campaign spending, it upheld contribution limits and said that would ease "the corrupting influence" of big money donations.

Those words, and the low-budget campaigns the overturned law would have required, echo ironically 21 years later after a \$2 billion election cycle, with Democrats defending the way President Clinton and his aides raised

money, actually more than \$200 million less than the Republicans collected.

GOP fund-raising excesses and Watergate led to the campaign reform law of 1974, with spending limits that didn't last two years and never applied to an election.

Contribution limits stood, but they are antiquies, \$1,000 in direct giving to a candidate, which doesn't apply to the kind of \$100,000 and up donations the White House harvested for the Democratic National Committee.

So the runaway costs and conduct of 1996 have stirred pressure for reform, but with Republican leaders in the way. They have been doing fine under the current system and prefer gestures to drastic changes.

Hence the token of Senate action on the constitutional amendment to permit reinstatement of legal limits on what candidates can spend. Opponents said and sponsors acknowledged that the amendment was well short of the two-thirds vote it needed.

Sen. Trent Lott, the majority leader, said the proponents had made some good points, which he then rejected. "I don't think a constitutional amendment limiting free speech is the way to do it," said Lott.

It is a Democratic amendment, with one Republican co-

sponsor, opposed by the authors of the leading reform bill, which GOP leaders say won't pass anyhow.

Sen. Russell Feingold, D-Wis., said the amendment debate would do more to slow than to spur reform action this year.

Feingold called it a charade. "There are those who want this to sort of be the campaign finance reform debate for this Congress," he said. "Have a couple of days of talk ... and be done with it."

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., co-sponsor of the bill Clinton backs, said reform doesn't require a constitutional amendment. Their bill is written to avoid the bars the court raised in 1976. It would ban unregulated, unlimited contributions to the political parties, the donations Clinton and company went after so aggressively for the last campaign.

That doesn't conflict with the court decision, since it held contribution limits to be constitutional.

What it did forbid were limits on what candidates can spend, calling them unconstitutional limits on free speech. "A restriction on the amount of money a person or group can spend on political communication during a campaign necessarily reduces the quantity of expression by restricting the number of issues discussed, the depth of their exploration and

the size of the audience reached," the court ruled.

McCain and Feingold would deal with that with incentives — cut rate mail and TV — for congressional candidates who voluntarily limit their campaign spending. There had been earlier Democratic attempts at public financing of congressional campaigns, as in presidential elections, with spending limited in exchange for federal subsidies.

It takes tradeoffs for spending limits to fit the court ruling, although GOP opponents of the reform bill say those won't suffice, either. Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said the bill is unconstitutional in at least a dozen ways and would be dead on arrival in court.

He said the reform lobby uses euphemisms for limiting free speech.

Again, the irony. "If money is free speech, how much free speech does a person without money have?" McCain asked.

Prices still are going up. The limits the court overturned were \$140,000 for the primary and general election in a House contest, with a population-based scale for Senate candidates.

Since then, the average cost of a Senate campaign has gone from \$609,100 to \$3.6 million. The House average has increased from \$87,000 to \$651,000.



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Miles Simon named MVP

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — For most teams, Kentucky's pressure defense is 94 feet of misery, hands swiping at the ball all over the court, making the trip from one end to the other an awful adventure.

For Arizona's Miles Simon, named game MVP, it was an opportunity, a chance to convert the Wildcats' quickness into a national championship.

"We were able to break it and break it," Simon said after Arizona's 84-79 overtime victory Monday night. "Eventually, running 94 feet the whole game, they got tired."

When they did, they fouled. And when they fouled Simon, he simply converted the free throws. He finished with 30 points, and 14 of 17 from the foul line.

Simon played smart, tough ball all night long.

"The perimeter was open all night," he said. "It was a matter of not going to the hoop but pulling up for the short jumper."

Simon is not Superman. The Kentucky press took its toll on him.

"They wore me down," he said. "I was very tired. I called for subs three times."

But when the game and the title were up for grabs, he wasn't leaving.

"I had to suck it up," he said. "I was getting the ball in the right spot, trying to create shots and get to the foul line."

Arizona, not Kentucky, delivers with stifling defense

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The smirk on Bennett Davison's face and the NCAA championship hat on his head said it all: Kentucky isn't the only team that can play defense.

"Nobody really talked about Arizona at all. It was all Kentucky and its press," the Arizona forward said. "It feels like we're in heaven right now because we're the national champions."

And it was defense that gave Arizona (25-9) its first title with an 84-79 overtime victory. That's the Arizona defense, the defense that got lost in all the hype over Kentucky's smothering, full-court press.

No matter where Kentucky turned, there was an Arizona player right there and another closing fast. There was forward

Michael Dickerson, sticking his hand in All-American Ron Mercer's face and staying closer to him than anyone has all season.

There was Mike Bibby, sneaking up behind Kentucky players and knocking the ball loose. And there was Miles Simon, bobbing and weaving all over the court and making a general nuisance of himself.

Arizona controlled the game. Kentucky's only easy looks at the basket came early when Simon and Bibby were having trouble fighting through the Kentucky picks. With Dickerson and whoever else was available tied up with Mercer, the lane was wide open.

Kentucky took advantage, sending center Nazr Mohammed in for easy layups and jumpers. He scored eight of his 12 points in the first half, but he missed all six of his free throws.

Nothing came easy for Kentucky in the second half, and overtime was no different. Kentucky got just two shots at the basket, and Anthony Epps really had to work for his layup. He went over a crowd of players, pulled up short when Bibby came at him, faked and then shot.

With Arizona shutting down the lane and the easy buckets, Kentucky had to go outside. That usually isn't a problem because Mercer can hit from anywhere, but Arizona bottled him up Monday.

"I haven't been played like that all year," said Mercer, a sophomore who has announced that he'll enter the NBA draft in June.

Dickerson was on him the entire game, and the other Arizona players took turns helping out. Mercer scored just three points in the first half on 1-of-4 shooting, and finished with 13 points.



Luxury tax kicks in on baseball

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Yankees will pay for their luxurious lineup this season.

At the end of the 1997 season, the Yankees would pay the highest luxury tax if they don't shake up their roster, about \$3.8 million according to projections obtained Monday by The Associated Press.

Baltimore, Atlanta, Cleveland and the Chicago White Sox also would pay a luxury tax, according to management projections.

The Orioles would pay \$2.6 million, the Indians \$2.1 million, the Braves \$2 million and the White Sox \$1.9 million.

The tax, part of baseball's new collective bargaining agreement, is assessed on 35 percent of the amount above \$51 million for the five teams with the highest payrolls exceeding the threshold. The goal of the tax is to slow down the spending of the big-market teams.

The actual tax will be assessed in December based on final payrolls, including earned bonuses. Under the method of accounting used for the tax, payrolls are based on the average annual values of all contracts for players on 40-man rosters. Each payroll includes about \$4.8 million for benefits, such as pensions and health insurance.

Under this method of accounting, the Yankees have the high payroll of about \$61.9 million, followed by Baltimore at \$58.6 million.

Atlanta's payroll dropped from \$62.0 million to \$56.7 million with last week's trade of David Justice and Marquis Grissom to Cleveland for Kenny Lofton and Alan Embree, cutting the Braves' projected tax from \$3.85 million to \$2.0 million.

Cleveland wasn't in luxury tax territory before the deal, with the No. 8 payroll of \$51.7 million. Following the trade, the Indians are third at \$57.0 million.

The White Sox follow Atlanta and have the fifth-highest payroll at \$56.4 million.

The Braves-Indians trade dropped Texas out of the top five. Before the deal, the Rangers were projected to pay \$1.6 million.

Eight teams are above the threshold. If there aren't substantial changes, the 1998 threshold for the tax, originally pegged at \$55 million, would rise to at least \$59 million.

Because of rising revenue, the percentage of money teams spend on salaries is projected to drop from 62 percent to 59 percent, its lowest level since 1993, the last full season before the 7 1/2-month strike.



Big Spring's Keasha Lott, right, takes the baton to start the final leg of the girls' 800 meter relay at the 1996 Big Spring Relays. Lott and the Lady Steers will defend their title at this year's event, which will be held Saturday at Blankenship Field.

Lady Steers hope Big Spring Relays serve as District 4-4A meet preview

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

The Big Spring girls' track team would like Saturday's Big Spring Relays as a preview of the District 4-4A meet. For the most part, however, the district would rather run elsewhere.

The annual Relays have usually served as a preview of the district meet, with most, if not all, of the 4-4A field competing. Things are different this year, however.

With the exception of San Angelo Lake View, Big Spring will be the only 4-4A school competing in the varsity girls' division of the annual Relays, which will be held Saturday at Blankenship Field east of the high school.

For the past several years, the Lady Steers have used their home meet as a springboard to the district event, and head coach Jay Kennedy sees no reason to change that formula now.

"This meet is real important," Kennedy said. "You always want to perform well at home."

At the same time, Kennedy knows that the district meet, scheduled for the following Friday in Andrews, takes precedent over this weekend's event.

"It's important that we run

well (Saturday)," Kennedy said. "But really, winning is just icing on the cake. What we really want to do is keep improving every week."

For the most part, the Lady Steers have surpassed Kennedy's hopes and expectations this season. The defending district and regional champs opened track season with a second-place finish at the ABC Tiger Relays in Frenship, but have won every meet since that time, including last Friday's victory at the Rattlesnake Roundup Relays in Sweetwater.

The reason behind the team's success is fairly straightforward: The Lady Steers start strong in the field events, pick up valuable points in various running events, then dominate in the relays.

BSHS athletes to look for in the field events include shot putter Nadia Cole, discus thrower Gina Valdez and jumpers Jaclyn Owusu, Keasha Lott, Krissi McWhorter and Dee Hill.

In the running events, the Lady Steers have excelled in the three relays — which are worth double the points of individual running events.

In individual running events, Big Spring has not slumped the competition like it has in the field, but athletes such as sprinters Owusu

and Chanta Farr, hurdlers Hill and McWhorter, and distance specialists Stephanie Henderson and Tonya Phifer have been consistent point-earners this season.

With the Lady Steers showing such a solid front, perhaps it's not too surprising most of their district rivals have decided to skip town this weekend.

But don't try to tell Kennedy that.

"We know we have a lot of talent," he said. "But just as important is that we've made a lot of progress the last couple of weeks. We just don't want to take any steps backwards."

Although disappointed with the absence of most of the district field, Kennedy expects schools such as Hobbs, N.M., and Odessa High School to provide his team a stern challenge.

But the Lady Steers' toughest foe this weekend may be the weather. Last year, cold, rainy conditions forced meet officials to call a halt to the event after the preliminaries, and Kennedy said similar conditions this year could force him to sideline many of his regulars.

"We don't want to do anything to hurt ourselves, health-wise," he said. "We definitely don't want to kill ourselves heading into district."

Opening day 1997: Robinson's signature is found everywhere

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

John Wetteland, Jimmy Key, David Justice and Marquis Grissom will be missing, among others.

No doubt, the World Series champion New York Yankees and the team they beat, the Atlanta Braves, have undergone changes since last October. So has baseball in general going into opening day.

Twelve games were on the schedule today, though none of them are interleague matchups — those start in June.

The Chicago White Sox, after adding Albert Belle to a lineup that already included Frank Thomas, were in Toronto this afternoon to take on Cy Young winner Pat Hentgen. On Wednesday, the Blue Jays show off their top newcomer when Roger Clemens pitches.

The Yankees, now minus Wetteland and Key, are in Seattle tonight. The Braves, having traded Justice and Grissom to Cleveland for Kenny Lofton, were in Houston. The new-look Florida Marlins, coming off a 26-5 spring training, were at home against the Chicago Cubs.

This is the 50th anniversary of Jackie Robinson breaking the color barrier, and the season is dedicated to his memory. Special commemorative balls were made by Rawlings to mark the occasion, and will be used in every team's home opener. Players and umpires will wear Robinson patches all season in tribute.

Another change for 1997: Having seen a snowout at Fenway Park, a snowy afternoon at Yankee Stadium and freezing temperatures at Tiger Stadium and Wrigley Field for early openers last year, baseball adjusted its schedules in an attempt to beat the cold.

As a result, all five domes in the majors will be in use today, and every West Coast club in both leagues will begin the year at home.

Sounds like it was a smart idea, too — a freak snowstorm hit the East Coast on Monday, with its effects supposed to linger into this afternoon.

Cincinnati and Baltimore, which traditionally play at home on opening day, are the only typical cold-climate clubs playing at their own, open-air parks today.

"It is in response to last spring," NL vice president Katy Feeney said. "It's hard to make it a 100-percent warm weather schedule, but we did the best we could."

A rough draft of the 1997 schedule already had been drawn up last summer when baseball went to work changing it, prompted by the memory of 10 postponements in the first week of the 1996 season.

"It's not perfect," Feeney said. "A lot of East Coast teams don't want to start with nine or 10 games on the road, and a lot of West Coast teams don't want to have many April home games."

"We tried this once before in the early 1980s. We wound getting some rare rainouts on the West Coast and a blizzard in the East Coast on April 15th. But you do the best you can."

All 14 NL teams were on today's schedule. In addition to Chicago-Florida, Atlanta-Houston and Colorado-Cincinnati, it was St. Louis at Montreal, Philadelphia at Los Angeles, New York at San Diego and Pittsburgh at San Francisco.

"I'll tell you about tomorrow. I really am excited," said Deion Sanders, who has returned to the Reds after spending all of 1996 with the NFL's Dallas Cowboys. "I'm excited about this time, not just about tomorrow."

The Braves, trying to win a record sixth straight division title, are to officially open their new Turner Field on Friday.

In the AL, in addition to Chicago-Toronto and New York-Seattle, it's Kansas City at Baltimore, Milwaukee at Texas, Detroit at Minnesota. On Wednesday, Boston plays at the newly named Anaheim Angels and Cleveland visits Oakland.

Among the top players in new places are Matt Williams with Grissom and Justice in Cleveland and Moises Alou, Bobby Bonilla and Alex Fernandez with Florida. Jim Leyland of the Marlins is one of six managers with new clubs.

Among the top players who won't be with their teams on opening day are Roberto Alomar and Pedro Martinez.

Alomar, Baltimore's All-Star second baseman, will start serving a five-game suspension imposed for spitting in the face of umpire John Hirschbeck last September.

Martinez, Montreal's top pitcher, must finish a suspension imposed for a fight last season.

Umpires, upset that Alomar did not have to sit during last year's playoffs, have professed a get-tough policy. In particular, they say they will not tolerate any lip from players or managers, and seemed to mean business with several ejections in exhibition games — a spring training rarity.

LOCAL SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

Borden looking for games
GAIL — Borden County High School coaches are in need of basketball opponents for the next school year.

BCHS girls' coach Clay Stout said the school is looking for opponents to play both its varsity basketball squads Dec. 9 and 19. Also, the school needs teams to fill the roster for its annual basketball tournament Dec. 11-13.

For more information, contact Stout at (806) 756-4313.

Big Spring Softball Association deadline today
Today is the deadline for entry in the Big

Spring Softball Association's summer league.

All men's or coed teams who have already entered — or teams wanting to enter — are required to attend an organizational meeting at 7 p.m. at John Wesley's Pick Pocket Billiards, 102 W. Third St.

Several teams are close to filling out their rosters, but need coed players.

Contact Martin at 264-9236 for more information.

Stanton's Stallings opens outdoor season
Stanton native Jeremy Stallings, now running for the University of Florida, opened the 1997 outdoor track and field season by running on two winning relays at the Coca-Cola Florida

Relays last weekend in Gainesville, Fla.

Stallings ran the 800 meter leg on both the sprint medley relay and the 3,200 meter relay. The Gators won the sprint medley relay in a time of 3:17.37 and the 3,200 relay in 7:28.53.

Stallings also received the Billy Tompson Memorial Award as the outstanding UF senior track athlete at the meet.

Bass club sponsors tournament
The Big Spring Bass Club will sponsor a benefit fishing tournament for the family of Pam Christian Saturday at Lake Colorado City.

Entry fee will be \$20 per person; the tournament will be held from 6:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

All proceeds will go to the family of Christian,

the owner of Forsan's Soda Shop who died recently after suffering a heart attack.

Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers.

For more information, contact Todd Tubb at 267-3310, Sue Lindsey at 263-7868 or Cindy Klaus at 267-4984.

Softball tournament this weekend
Deadline to enter a softball tournament scheduled for this weekend at Cotton Mize Field is Thursday.

Entry fee for the tournament is \$100 per team.

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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Difficult; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Negative.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Surprises perk up your day. What seemed like a problem before, might not be after all. Your positive attitude helps bring an important goal to fruition. Caring about. Make appointments for group get-togethers. Tonight: Network late into the evening.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Take your bows in the limelight. Finally, others appreciate your efforts! You are instinctive regarding bosses and others in charge. With some perspective now, you might see that you have been overly sensitive. Flow with opportunities and chaos. Tonight: Plan on a late night.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Emphasize new perspectives and opportunity. News causes you to move in another direction. Travel, education and speeches all have a role in what happens. There is success at the end of this journey, and reason for celebration. Tonight: Talk about the future.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Financial agreement is possible with partners and associates. Keep your professional image in mind throughout the decision-making process. You reach a saturation point. Discussions have long-range implications. Tonight: Get feedback from a good friend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You could be smiling all day long. Enjoy what is going on. Loved ones and associates reverse their tracks and head in a different direction. They need to hear your perspective to understand themselves and shed light on a decision. Tonight: Take a midweek break.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Think through a business proposal. It could affect you both professionally and emotionally, with far-reaching implications. Do not be whimsical at all; use logic. A partner supports you in what you want, though he might raise an eyebrow at part of an offer. Tonight: Listen more.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Your playful and dynamic manner helps others understand what you mean. Your ideas are well-received; as a result, you'll need to follow through on a plan. Partners see you in a positive, optimistic light. Be willing to take a risk. Tonight: A little naughtiness is good.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You build stronger foundations and a better sense of direction. Others don't always understand you. Pay no mind. You are aware of your limitations and can work around them. A pay raise or promotion may not be quite as good as it seems. Tonight: Place your ducks in a row.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You have a way of being more concise and direct than most. However, you will have a plethora of information to digest. There might be a mixed message. You, however, have the ingenuity to turn a negative into a positive. Take time for a loved one. Tonight: Visit a friend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your instincts are generally right with money and security-related decisions. You might finally have what you need to do what you want with an investment or your home. Be careful, though. You could have more expenses than you anticipated. Tonight: Check out costs.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You beam onto the scene, full of happiness. You envision a change differently from another. A discussion is imperative. Help others understand where you are coming from. They don't have your ESP abilities! Humor helps a tight friend loosen up. Tonight: The choice is yours.

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proposal. It could affect you both professionally and emotionally, with far-reaching implications. Do not be whimsical at all; use logic. A partner supports you in what you want, though he might raise an eyebrow at part of an offer. Tonight: Listen more. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Your playful and dynamic manner helps others understand what you mean. Your ideas are well-received; as a result, you'll need to follow through on a plan. Partners see you in a positive, optimistic light. Be willing to take a risk. Tonight: A little naughtiness is good. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You build stronger foundations and a better sense of direction. Others don't always understand you. Pay no mind. You are aware of your limitations and can work around them. A pay raise or promotion may not be quite as good as it seems. Tonight: Place your ducks in a row. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You have a way of being more concise and direct than most. However, you will have a plethora of information to digest. There might be a mixed message. You, however, have the ingenuity to turn a negative into a positive. Take time for a loved one. Tonight: Visit a friend. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your instincts are generally right with money and security-related decisions. You might finally have what you need to do what you want with an investment or your home. Be careful, though. You could have more expenses than you anticipated. Tonight: Check out costs. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You beam onto the scene, full of happiness. You envision a change differently from another. A discussion is imperative. Help others understand where you are coming from. They don't have your ESP abilities! Humor helps a tight friend loosen up. Tonight: The choice is yours. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Take a back seat in decision making. Think through something that has been a problem for you. Your sense of humor is important when negotiating a money matter. Not everyone sees life as dynamically as you do. Trust your judgments. Tonight: Take a night off.

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Some life lessons are best taught outside the classroom

DEAR ABBY: I join the many who have valued your sage wisdom through the years. This letter is in response to "Brian Chiedo of Dallas," who wrote that the English teacher should not teach sex education but stick to what she is employed to teach.

Abby, my wife is a ninth- and 10th-grade science teacher at our local high school, Travelers Rest High. Three years ago, our school developed a new class called Community Service. Its purpose is to actively involve students, primarily juniors and seniors, in various civic activities.

Each day, these kids leave their school for an hour and a half to learn lessons about life by volunteering in nursing homes, feeding the homeless at the local soup kitchen, helping to distribute food to the needy at the local food pantry, mentoring preschool children at a day care center or working at city hall. The education these students receive is invaluable, and at the same time, they are giving back to their community.

None of these benefits would have been possible if my wife — and other teachers — had "stuck to the subjects they were hired to teach." How proud I am of my wife, the science teacher who volunteered to develop the curriculum and "teach" this pilot class.

Our community is very fortunate to have teachers who are willing to look for subjects that need to be taught and who never stop looking for ways to communicate with and reach our young people — even when the subjects fall outside the realm of traditional instruction. — RICK BLACKWELL, MARIETTA, S.C.

DEAR MR. BLACKWELL: Thank you for your thought-provoking letter. You should indeed be proud of your wife and her colleagues who have improvised an original and creative way to stimulate your community's most precious resources — its youth and its educators. Bravo! To receive a collection of Abby's most memorable — and most frequently requested — poems and essays, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby's "Keepers," P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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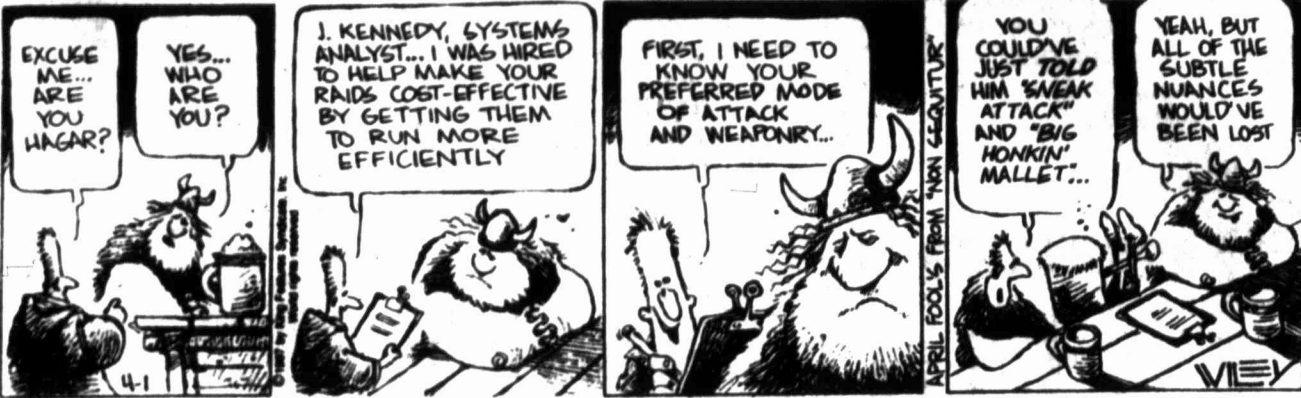
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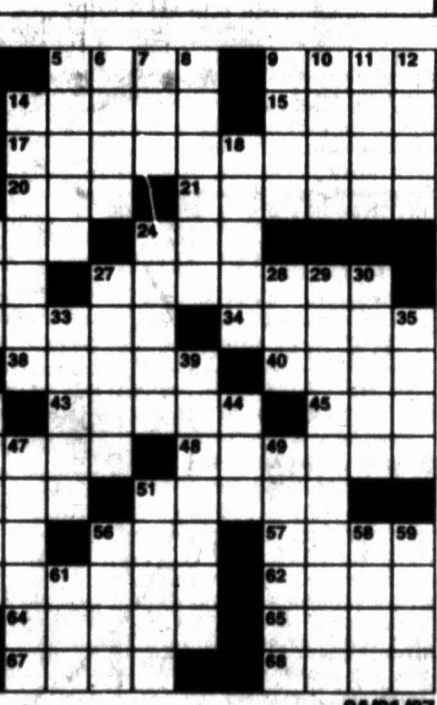
The ASSOCIATED PRESS
Today is Tuesday, April 1, the 91st day of 1997. There are 274 days left in the year. This is

April Fools' Day.
Today's Highlight in History:
On April 1, 1945, American forces invaded Okinawa during World War II.
On this date:
In 1789, the U.S. House of Representatives held its first full meeting in New York City.
Frederick Muhlenberg of Pennsylvania was elected the

first House Speaker.
In 1853, Cincinnati, Ohio, became the first U.S. city to pay its firefighters a regular salary.
In 1873, composer Sergei Rachmaninoff was born in Novgorod Province, Russia.
In 1918, the Royal Air Force was established in Britain.
In 1933, Nazi Germany began persecuting Jews with a boycott of Jewish-owned businesses.
In 1939, the United States recognized the Franco government in Spain following the end of the Spanish civil war.
In 1946, tidal waves struck the Hawaiian Islands, resulting in more than 170 deaths.
In 1947, Greece's King George II died.
In 1960, the first weather satellite, TIROS-1, was launched from Cape Canaveral.
In 1970, President Nixon signed a measure banning cigarette advertising on radio and television, to take effect after Jan. 1, 1971.
Ten years ago: In his first major speech on the AIDS epidemic, President Reagan told doctors in Philadelphia, "We've declared AIDS public health enemy No. 1."
Five years ago: President Bush pledged the United States would help finance a \$24 billion international aid fund for the former Soviet Union. The House ethics committee publicly identified 22 current and former lawmakers as the worst offenders in the House bank overdraft controversy.
One year ago: In a case that sparked an uproar reminiscent of the Rodney King case, two Riverside County, Calif., sheriff's deputies were videotaped repeatedly clubbing a Mexican man and woman after a 70-mile highway chase involving a pickup truck suspected of sneaking across the border. Baseball umpire John McSherry died after collapsing during a season opener between the Cincinnati Reds and Montreal Expos.

THE Daily Crossword

- ACROSS
1 Alan or Cheryl
5 Shake — (hurry)
9 — girl
13 Concerning
14 Texas mission
15 Speaker of baseball
16 A Redding
17 Something for nothing?
19 Hub
20 Ripen
21 Yellowish
22 Gen. Rommel
24 Jose's aunt
25 Singer Wayne
27 Lloyd Douglas work
31 Corrida cheer
32 Organic compound
34 Some beans
36 Touched ground
38 Records
40 Bismarck
41 Euphoric conditions
43 Appearances
45 Biddy
46 Shucked
48 Tankers
50 — the ramparts...
51 Indicator
52 Layers
56 Irritation
57 Mr. Connery
60 Traveler?
62 Kingly title
63 Part of T.A.E.
64 Charles — Hughes
65 Urges
66 — Gynt
67 Actor Andrews
68 Jigger of liquor



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1 Celebrity
2 Rectangular pillar
3 Garage road?
4 Mohave, e.g.
5 Even up
6 Bathe
7 Linguistic unit: suff.
8 Hockey player
9 Short piece
10 The Kingston —
11 Indicator
12 Pale
14 Contrary to
18 Sports
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24 — coins in a...
25 Arkwright?
26 New York island
27 Warm
28 Tick-tack-toe score?
29 Incidentally?
30 "...Peter, pumpkin —"
33 More doolie
35 — and Lovers'
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42 Laziness
44 Knightly title
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Thought for Today: "Si mi abuela tuviera ruedas seria bicicleta." (If my grandmother had wheels, she'd be a bicycle.) — Spanish proverb.