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Gore supports tough Democratic plan to rein in tobacco industry

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House and Senate Democrats are uniting behind a bill that would hit the tobacco industry with a \$1.50 a pack tax increase and give the government broad new powers to regulate tobacco products.

Vice President Al Gore said the White House, which has thus far left it to Congress to work out details of tobacco legislation, "strongly supports" a bill put together by a Senate Democratic task force.

"It is the next big step toward writing tough anti-tobacco measures into the law of our land," Gore said Wednesday at a Capitol Hill news conference.

He said the Democratic plan

gives "very powerful momentum" to the drive for anti-tobacco legislation this year.

But Congress still has a long way to go to enact into law aspects of the massive agreement reached between the tobacco industry and state attorney generals last year.

Republicans were generally cool to the Democratic strategy of crafting their own bill. Sen. John Chafee, R-R.I., a leader on health issues, said, "This is an issue that cries out for bipartisan leadership, and frankly, a bill written solely by the Democratic caucus is not going to get the job done."

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., faulted

President Clinton for not submitting an administration bill and said his choice was for a strong anti-teen smoking bill. Gingrich said taking into consideration new documents showing that the industry has targeted young smokers, "There is virtually no sentiment for listening in any way to the tobacco companies."

Senate Republicans are taking a different approach. Sen. Majority Whip Don Nickles, R-Okla., asked committee chairmen to submit tobacco legislation by March 16 that falls under their committees' purview. Labor and Human Resources Committee Chairman Sen. James Jeffords,

R-Vt., is to introduce a bill today dealing with public health issues and Food and Drug Administration authority.

The Democratic plan, introduced by task force leader Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., raises the cigarette tax by \$1.50 a pack over three years, much faster than the 10 years suggested by the White House.

It gives the FDA full regulatory authority over tobacco products, makes the industry responsible for reducing the level of teen smoking and helps tobacco farmers move into other crops.

Gore said it meets the "core principles" sought by the White House: reducing teen smoking,

affirming federal authority to regulate tobacco products, limiting tobacco marketing, helping smokers quit and protecting tobacco farmers from bankruptcy.

It does not, as stipulated in last year's settlement, protect the industry from future health-related lawsuits, a key provision for tobacco companies.

Industry spokesman Scott Williams said the Conrad bill would be unacceptable and could lead to the industry refusing to restrict some business practices.

He said the cigarette tax would have substantial economic impact on the Southeast and target the "40 or 50 million

Americans who consume a legal product."

Conrad said his bill would raise \$82 billion over five years and \$500 billion over 25 years, money the administration wants to direct into health care and childcare programs.

Senate Democratic leader Sen. Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said his party wants to work with Republicans and characterized the Conrad bill as "a very good beginning."

Daschle said Democrats generally oppose giving the tobacco industry immunity from lawsuits, but "at the end of the day, it depends on what the bill looks like. I think everything has to be on the table."

Furr's Cafeteria marks 1st anniversary

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Most Big Spring residents are very familiar with the giant red signs visible from FM 700 and along the south end of U.S. Highway 87, which serve as a reminder that Furr's Cafeteria is back in town.

It's been one year to the day since Furr's reopened in Big Spring with its prototype cafeteria following a three-year hiatus.

The new store opened up last February with record sales and has not looked back, according to Food and Beverage Manager Tim Alexander.

"Business is excellent," Alexander said. "We're not at what we were during grand opening, but we're still well above what the store was originally budgeted to do."

Last week Furr's served more than 9,000 customers and averages somewhere between 7,500-8,500 customers a week, according to Alexander.

Furr's didn't plan any major activities for today's anniversary but will focus more on Saturday's Golden Sweethearts Anniversary dinner scheduled for 4 p.m.

Alexander said this is a way to thank the community for its support as well as celebrate Valentine's Day.

Thirty-eight couples in and around the Big Spring area have agreed to participate and will be honored Saturday for having been married for 50 years or more.

"One of the participating couples was married in 1926," Alexander said. "Furr's will help the couples celebrate with a three-tiered wedding cake and has had several business donate gifts for the occasion."

"I personally called all of the participating businesses and was not turned down a single time, which show how much the community has supported us in the year we've been back," Alexander said.

Business participating in Saturday's anniversary dinner include Wal-Mart, Faye's Flowers, Klassic Kleaners, Fat Boys Fina, Qwik Car Lube, Nails by Gena, The Movie Gallery, Johansen Landscape and Nursery, Downtown Barber Shop and State National Bank.

"Furr's Cafeteria also appeared in the Restaurant News a couple of times in 1997 along with photos of the Big Spring store," Alexander said. "Expectations for this store has stood up well."

Several hundred Big Spring residents wasted no time getting a sneak preview of the new cafeteria two days before the store officially reopened.

Residents were able to observe every aspect of what takes place on a daily basis in the cafeteria from where salad is prepared to the 2,600-pound capacity ice machine to where fresh bread is baked.

Several of Furr's corporate officials were on hand to welcome Big Spring residents as

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Officials debate participation with drug force

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

When it comes to the safety and well-being of a community's residents, the burden falls on the shoulders of area law enforcement officials.

Where drugs are concerned, law enforcement officials often rely on outside agencies such as the Permian Basin Drug Task Force (PBDTF) to help keep drugs, which are a national crisis, out of the community.

Several Howard County residents have expressed some concern that the task force is not active in Howard County.

Counties participate with the drug task force depending on whether or not the district attorney deems it necessary, according to PBDTF Commander Tom Finley.

Where Howard County is concerned, participation with the drug task force is still unclear, according to Finley.

"The last discussion I had with the district attorney in Howard County (Hardy Wilkerson), he said he had not decided whether or not to join again," Finley said. "He signed up with us last year, but we were asked not to do any work over there."

One resident wished to remain anonymous but said, "People think we don't have a drug problem in Howard County, but we need to wake up because we're no immune to gang and drugs just because we're a small community."

"This is not a simple issue to discuss because there are several things involved," Wilkerson said.

Wilkerson added he will discuss the matter as far as Howard County's participation at a later time, but is not prepared to right now.

Counties that the task force has signed up to participate include Howard, Andrews, Borden, Crane, Ector, Glasscock, Howard, Jeff Davis, Loving, Midland, Presidio, Reagan, Reeves, Terrell, Upton, Ward, Winkler and Culberson.

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WILKERSON

School districts gear up for TAAS as new study guides make rounds

By KATHY GILBERT
Staff Writer

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) handed out new Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) study guides Tuesday. Luckily, most schools in the Big Spring area don't seem to need them.

Sands Consolidated Independent School District and Stanton were able to boast, along with Grady ISD, that 100 percent of their high school seniors had passed the test last fall.

"When it comes to educational performance, we're the best-kept secret in West Texas," Grady Superintendent Johnny Tubbs said. All of Grady High's juniors have passed the TAAS as well, he reported.

Of the more than 200 seniors

at Big Spring High School, a total of seven have not passed at least one portion of the test, high school principal Kent Bowerman said.

The Big Spring ISD has taken an aggressive approach to improving TAAS scores in the past few years, assistant superintendent Murray Murphy said.

"We've taken pretty drastic measures to get the students through the test," Murphy explained, "and we've had really good success."

The district developed its own remediation program before the new study guides, which arrived fall, were available, he said.

"The study guides are very good, very high quality," Murphy said.

More than 30 Big Spring High School students entered remedi-

ation classes last fall, Bowerman said. "We're down to seven now."

Big Spring's program is so successful that the state's study guides have played a minor role in the program, Bowerman said.

Earlier this week, the TEA said more than 16,000 high school seniors still must pass one or more sections of the state's exit-level test to be eligible to graduate this spring.

Students who failed one or more sections of TAAS when they retook the test last October have been sent a study guide called "Working Through TAAS."

Statewide, the TEA reported that passing rates continue to be low on the algebra I end-of-

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Signal Homes team member Bonnie Klaassen works on the final phase of a home project. Signal employs 113 workers who produce about 40 homes monthly.

WEATHER

Tonight: Mostly cloudy. Lows around 30. **Fri:** Mostly sunny. Highs around 60. **Sat:** Mostly cloudy with chance of rain. Highs in the upper 60s to lower 70s. **Sun:** Partly cloudy. Lows from near the mid 40s. Highs upper 60s to mid 70s. **Monday:** Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 40s.

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CVB projects progressing nicely, members say

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Three projects of the Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce continue to move ahead, according to CVB Chairman John H. Walker.

A signage project to direct residents and tourists to local points of interest that was begun late last year now has signs placed on U.S. 87 South in the vicinity of Comanche Trail

Park as well as on FM 700, in the vicinity of the entrance to Big Spring State Park.

"That was a project that the CVB began working on last year under the leadership of Mel Prather," Walker explained, adding, "A change in state law looks as if it will help us reduce our projected costs on the signs and their installation."

Walker said local Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) supervisor Johnny Moore explained that a change in law means that older, wooden signs will have to be

replaced with break-away signs. CVB had budgeted up to \$30,000 for the project.

Additionally, a long-planned project — the establishment of a beach at Comanche Trail Lake — is closer to becoming a reality.

"I really hate to talk about that one," Walker said. "Every time we get close to the time we've planned to bring in the sand, it has rained enough to cause a dramatic rise on the lake."

The beach was part of the overall park beautification pro-

ject that began in early 1996 and including the painting and placement of trash barrels throughout the park as well as laying the water line to get water flowing along the path of the original spring.

"We've gotten good feedback on this project and people are excited about this addition to the park," Walker said.

The beach would be located east of the Dora Roberts Community Center, near the beach volleyball court, and will

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OBITUARIES

Lila Krebs Brewster

Lila Krebs Brewster, 91, Lafayette, La., died on Wednesday, Feb. 11, 1998, in Lafayette. Service will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, 1998, at First United Methodist Church with Dr. Ed Williamson, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born on Sept. 8, 1906, in Birmingham, Ala., and married O.T. Brewster on Oct. 6, 1933, in Terrell. He preceded her in death on Dec. 28, 1986.

She was a native of Birmingham, Ala., and was a former resident of Big Spring. Mrs. Brewster moved to Lafayette, La., seven years ago to be with her daughter. Prior to her retirement, she was a teacher for Big Spring High School having taught French, English and humanities courses.

She had been an active member of First United Methodist Church in Big Spring and a member of the Hyperion Club.

Survivors include: a daughter and son-in-law, Ann B. and Walter Dobie of Lafayette, La.; two grandchildren, Bruce Dobie of Nashville, Tenn., and Charles Dobie of Bakersfield, Calif.; four great-grandchildren, Hannah Dobie, Rob Dobie, Ellen Dobie and Aaron Dobie.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

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

(Paid obituary)

Ross 'Roscoe' Olyer

Service for Ross 'Roscoe' Olyer, 44, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, 1998, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Rev. Al Yanke, pastor of Living Water, officiating. Burial will be in Mount Olive Memorial Park.



OYLER

Mr. Olyer died Saturday, Feb. 7, 1998 in Mitchell County.

He was born on Nov. 11, 1953, in Hamlin. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and a member of the Pentecostal church. He had worked as a driller for Patterson Drilling Company of Snyder.

Survivors include: his wife, Sandy Olyer of Midland; three sons, Zzachray Olyer and Zzane Olyer, both of Big Spring, Rozz Olyer of San Angelo; three daughters, Ami Olyer of Big Spring, Leigh Covert of San Angelo, and Melody Bolton of Oriskany, N.Y.; his parents, Finette and Vernon Johnson of Big Spring; three brothers, David Johnson of Applevale, Minn., Harry McDowell of Eden, and Gary Johnson of Big Spring; two sisters, Sandra

Heffington of Big Spring, and Barbara Behne of El Paso; two grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

The family will be at 200 Circle following the graveside service.

The family suggests memorials to Gary Johnson, for the children of Ross Olyer; c/o Security State Bank; Big Spring.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Matilda Gutierrez

Rosary for Matilda Gutierrez, 88, Stanton, will be 7 p.m. tonight at St. Joseph Catholic Church, with funeral service 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, 1998, in St. Joseph Catholic Church in Stanton. Burial will be in St. Joseph Cemetery.

Mrs. Gutierrez died Wednesday, Feb. 11, 1998 in Stanton.

She was born on Feb. 4, 1910, in Campbellton and had lived in Stanton 48 years. She married Bernardo Gutierrez on April 15, 1929, in Jourdon. She was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church and Guadalupanas.

Survivors include: her husband, Bernardo Gutierrez of Stanton; a son, Manuel Gutierrez of San Antonio; four daughters, Elena Samora of Eastland, Julia Romero of Stanton, Priscilla Garza of Lenorah and Mary Hernandez of Big Spring; two sisters, Virginia DeLaGarza of Pleasanton, and Lupe Tuscano of Sweeny; three brothers, Rafael Benavidez of Sanderson, Miguel Benavidez of Three Rivers and Cecelio Benavidez of Oklahoma; 19 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home, Stanton.

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be approximately 300 feet long and 75 feet wide. Walker said plans are to place the sand as far into the water as possible and to make the beach 12 to 18 inches deep.

The CVB is also in the process of working through Information Station Specials of Zeeland, Mich. to make application to the Federal Communications Commission for a 10-watt traveler's information radio station.

Plans are for the station to be on-line during the month of April. It will be used to make travelers through Big Spring aware of local points of interest as well as special events.

"We believe this station will be positive in at least two ways," Walker said. "First, we feel it will get people off of the highway and into Big Spring for a visit and second, we believe it will be a good educational tool for our residents and service workers who come in contact with the traveling public."

CVB has allocated \$10,000 for the project.

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"We have counties calling us everyday wanting to join the task force, but it's not up to us who actually participates," Finley said. "We're funded through the federal government through the Criminal Justice Division of the governor's office, so it really doesn't cost a county anything to participate with us."

In the past, some counties, including Howard have donated some funding to the task force, but the task force is actually designed to make its 25 percent match of funding through the drug seizures and such, according to Finley.

The 1997 summary of drugs seized by the task force includes cocaine, crack, heroin, LSD, marijuana, methamphetamine and other various drugs having a state value totaling \$3,435,186.40.

Task force initiated cases plus assistance from participating agencies and surrounding counties includes similar drugs as well as bootlegged items with a state value totaling \$6,848,133.39.

"We can't just sit back and do

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nothing," the resident said. "We're talking about the lives of our children. Our local officials have to understand this."

TAAS

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course exam and that performance on the biology I end-of-course test was high. Seventy percent of the 27,204 students who took the test passed.

TEA officials emphasized that seniors who took the test in October had previously failed at least one section; or they were taking it for the first time because they're new to Texas or missed previous chances.

"These results do not represent the performance of the entire senior class, but rather only a small portion who have had difficulty with this test in the past," state education commissioner Mike Moses said.

Sophomores and juniors also were tested in October if they previously failed one or more sections of the TAAS. Of 64,334 high school juniors who took the test, 37 percent passed all tests taken. Of 8,087 sophomores, 25 percent passed all tests taken.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

FURR'S

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he toured the facility, which has been billed the "cafeteria of the 21st Century."

Last February, Furr's brought in extra help from Midland, Odessa and as far away as Roswell to help with grand opening preparations.

Approximately 80 percent of the dining room is non-smoking and a large part of the dining room has pull curtains that can be used to turn two sections into private meeting rooms.

The 9,000 square-foot store has a dining area that can seat about 325 people and there is also the patio area out front capable of seating another 75 people.

Furr's never considered any other site to build their innovative new facility, according to company officials.

"Big Spring was good to us before and was always the choice," Vice President of Field Operations Jim Hale said. "It's good to be back. About a year and a half of planning went into this plan once we decided to build. Many, many meetings went into this plan."

Between 45 and 50 people are employed at the store on a regular basis, but about 60 to 65 employees were on hand during the first few weeks after the store opened.

Regular operating hours for the facility are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days a week. Those hours also include Furr's new carry-out market.

"This store has served a a model for our company, which has plans to build four new stores," Alexander said. "Hopefully that will happen within the next year."

Alexander added the time it took to prepare the new facility and get it open was well worth the wait.

"The management team here was anticipating the opening of the store as much as the residents of Big Spring," Alexander said.

BRIEFS

BIRTHRIGHT CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER needs baby blankets and large gift bags. If you can donate, call 264-9110 or go by the office at 713 Willia, between 10:30-11:30 a.m.

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come to attend.

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

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

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

•NA meeting, 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

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

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

•Christmas in April, noon, 1607 E. Third. Call Theresa Hodnett, 263-0147.

•West Texas Republican Women's Club, noon, Big Spring Country Club.

•Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

Table with lottery results: Euro Pacific 27.55-29.23, I.C.A. 29.42-31.21, New Economy 21.09-22.38, New Perspective 20.61-21.87, Prime Rate 6.50%, Gold 299.40-299.90, Silver 6.89-6.93

FIRE/EMS

The following activity was reported by the Big Spring Fire Department/EMS for the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today:

•8:21 a.m. — Medical call to 300 block of Aylesford, patient transferred to SMCC.

•10:47 a.m. — Medical call to 3200 block of Causeway, patient transferred to SMCC.

•4:03 p.m. — Medical call to 500 block of Runnels, patient refused service.

•4:33 p.m. — Automobile fire call at FM 700 and I-20. Fire was extinguished.

•9:46 p.m. — Medical call to 800 block of Lorilla, patient refused service.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. Thursday:

•DAVID CHAVARRIA, 42, was arrested for driving while license suspended.

•JAMES WINN, 18, was arrested on county warrants.

•LYNDA KELLY, 34, was arrested on local warrants.

•DEBRA RUTH, 37, was arrested for disorderly conduct-language.

•THEFT reported in the 1800 block of Gregg; the 1700 block of Purdue and Comanche Trail Park.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF reported in the 1900 block of Similar; the 1900 block of Similar; the 200 block of Runnels and the 1600 block of E. 11th Pl.

•CLASS C ASSAULT reported in the 1000 block of Birdwell.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. Thursday:

•BOBBY KLUG, 25, was arrested for driving while license suspended.

•CALEB LEE ROBERTSON, 21, was arrested for possession of marijuana.

•SHAWN CLIFFORD RYE, 17, was arrested for being a minor in possession of an alcoholic beverage.

MARKETS

March cotton 67.10 cents, down 1 point; March crude 16.01, down 14 points; Cash hogs steady at \$1.50 lower at 34.50; cash steers steady at \$1 lower at 60; Feb. lean hog futures 51.40, down 2 points; Feb. live cattle futures 62.72, up 22 points.

courtesy: Delta Corporation. Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co.

Table with market indices: Index 8258.50, Volume 170,798,840, ATT 61% + 1/2, Amoco 83% - 1/2, Atlantic Richfield 73% - 1/2, Atmos Energy 27% nc, Calenergy Inc. 24% - 1/2, Chevron 75% - 1/2, Cifra 18% to 18%, Compaq Computer 35% - 1 1/2, Cornell Correc. 20% + 1/2, De Beers 19% - 1 1/2, Diagnostic Health 10% + 1/2, DuPont 61% - 1/2, Excel Comm. 16% + 1/2, Exxon 62% - 1/2, Fina 59% + 1/2, Halliburton 46% - 1 1/2, IBM 102% - 1/2, Intel Corp 83% - 1 1/2, Medical Alliance 4% + 1/2, Mobil 69% - 1/2, Norwest 38% - 1/2, NUV 10% + 1/2, Phillips Petroleum 45% - 1/2, Palex Inc. 12% - 1/2, Pepsi Cola 35% + 1/2, Parallell Petroleum 6% - 1/2, Rural/Metro 34% + 1/2, Sears 52% - 1/2, Southwestern Bell 75% - 1 1/2, Sun 40% - 1/2, Texaco 54% + 1/2, Texas Instruments 55% - 1 1/2, Texas Utils. Co 40% - 1/2, Unocal Corp 36% + 1/2, Wal-Mart 43% + 1/2, Amcap 16.48-17.49

Advertisement for Teleflora's Valentine's Day bouquets. Features images of Mickey Mouse and Dakota's Special bouquets. Text includes: 'We've got your Valentine's Day covered.', 'Teleflora's Keepsake Bouquets for Valentine's Day, Saturday, February 14', 'Mickey Sweetheart Bouquet by Teleflora \$36.50', 'Dakota's Special \$25.00', 'HERSHEY'S KISSES, Bear Bouquet by Teleflora \$39.50', 'Teleflora Dakota's FLOWERS & GIFTS', '1110 11th Place 263-8323'.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL. 24th & Johnson 267-4288. Ross (Roscoe) Olyer, 44, died Saturday. Services will be 2:00 PM, Friday, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be in Mount Olive Cemetery.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home. Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory. 906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331. Lila Krebs Brewster, 91, died Wednesday. Services will be 2:00 PM Saturday at First United Methodist Church. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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EDITORIAL

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OTHER VIEWS

President Clinton took a calculated risk in making the budget he proposed hinge so heavily on money that currently exists only in the imagination. Mysteriously projecting that a deal with the tobacco industry will yield \$65.5 billion for the federal government in the next five years, he has already earmarked most of it for health and science research, and designated significant chunks for child care and education.

Those program address real needs and would have many long-term benefits. They are too important, in fact, to be dependent on the very iffy prospect of a tobacco settlement. The administration should be prepared to find the money somewhere else.

At this point, it's simply not clear whether granting the tobacco industry immunity from future class-action and state lawsuits, in exchange for \$368.5 billion over the next 25 years, would be in the public's best interest. Such a settlement could elicit the industry's agreement to disclose internal documents and to stop marketing to children, while also yielding a tidy sum for anti-smoking and other health-related programs. Putting tobacco money toward the kinds of efforts Clinton proposed would be fitting atonement for an industry that has for years lied to and exploited the public, particularly young people. ...

The News & Observer, Raleigh, N.C.

On Tuesday, Monica Lewinsky fled to Los Angeles, and Charlie Trie returned to Washington. Their paths don't cross.

But they do have something in common. They both found at the center of scandals swirling around President Clinton. In many ways, the one involving Lewinsky is the far more disturbing.

Lewinsky has been charged with arranging a scheme in which she allegedly collected money from foreign businessmen, who could not legally contribute to American political campaigns, and distributed the money to "straw donors" who were citizens and legal residents. The "straw donors" then made donations to the Democratic National Committee.

Among the charges against Trie is the allegation that he arranged the fund-raising scheme to purchase access for himself and others to top administration officials, including the president.

Did he and friends receive favors in return for the money? For the moment, that is unclear.

For 16 months, we've argued the scandal requires an investigation by an independent counsel.

The president may have abused the powers of his office to achieve a campaign advantage.

With the surrender of Trie, the Department of Justice has gained new momentum, even a dose of credibility, for its investigation.

Monica Lewinsky? What will Charlie Trie say?

Akron (Ohio) Beacon Journal

Advocates for Karla Faye Tucker argued she should not have been executed because she had a religious conversion.

That is not a valid argument. The Texas woman's death was a matter between her and her God. It is not the business of the state of Texas, or any other state, to judge religious conversions. The state is not authorized to make distinctions between the profession of a faith or unbelief. And the belief itself cannot be verified.

Tucker's case also was a matter of executing an attractive young woman. There is something almost comical about not doing that. We saw her 38-year-old face, and asked: Would we be questioning this path if she were old? ...

Karla Faye Tucker's crime was hideous: She and her boyfriend (who was sentenced to death and died in prison) killed a man and a woman with a pickax. ...

The opponents of capital punishment seized upon the Tucker case to highlight the cruelty of capital punishment.

It's a good test: If you accept capital punishment, you have to accept it for adults of whatever age, race or sex.

Texas accepts it. Texas may execute too many people — that is a question for another day — but it has to apply its rules impartially. In the case of Karla Faye Tucker, it did.

Seattle Post-Intelligencer

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Trying to explain facts in Lewinsky case

To understand what is going on in Washington, D.C., it will be helpful to separate facts from allegations in the Monica Lewinsky affair.

Here are the facts, not allegations:

1. Lewinsky was an intern at the White House, and later, the White House placed her in a job at the Pentagon.

2. Lewinsky made at least three dozen trips to the White House after moving to the Pentagon but not for any reason related to her job.

3. Lewinsky denied in a sworn affidavit that she had a sexual relationship with President Clinton.

4. Lewinsky said on the tapes that she did have an affair, and she implied that Clinton and his pal, Vernon Jordan, persuaded her to lie in the affidavit.

5. Jordan personally drove her to an attorney's office in Washington and personally called Revlon, in New York, which offered her a job.

6. Bill Richardson, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, invited Lewinsky to breakfast and offered her a job with the delegation in New York.

7. William Ginsburg, her expensive lawyer, told a reporter from the Israeli newspaper Yediot Ahronot that neither he nor Lewinsky want Clinton forced from office because "Clinton is very positive toward Israel and the Jews, and Monica and I are Jews."

All of the above are facts that no one has denied.

The questions to be answered are explanations for the facts. Nothing in human affairs happens without a cause or a reason.

There is a reason why Jordan was helpful, why Lewinsky was given a security clearance and a Pentagon job, why Richardson invited her to breakfast and offered her a job.

And what has it all got to do

with Clinton's attitude toward Israel and Jews?

Is Ginsburg trying to protect Clinton?

Only two people, Clinton and Lewinsky, know the truth, and both of them are refusing to talk.

If you assume that Clinton is innocent of both an affair and of attempting to persuade someone to lie under oath, then there must be some reasonable explanation for the following:

1. How did a 21-year-old intern with limited work experience get so much help in furthering her career from the White House, from a U.S. ambassador and from one of Washington's most high-powered power brokers?

2. Why did she say one thing in the affidavit and the opposite to her friend and confidante?

3. Why is she seeking immunity from prosecution? It is not a crime to fib to your friends.

4. Why has Clinton refused to give a reasonable explanation of the facts?

If in fact he did nothing improper, then telling the truth could not possibly incriminate

him or cause him any harm. On the contrary, it would do him great good.

I believe, of course, that Clinton is a sleaze, that he did have the affair and that he did encourage her to lie about it.

We know from the past that when Clinton says, "I never told anybody to lie," he probably means he never used the word "lie."

Even if you disagree, you should not be taken in by the White House propaganda campaign that Mrs. Clinton is orchestrating and leading.

Seriously now, when she tells the American people, "We just have to wait until the facts come out," she is insulting our intelligence.

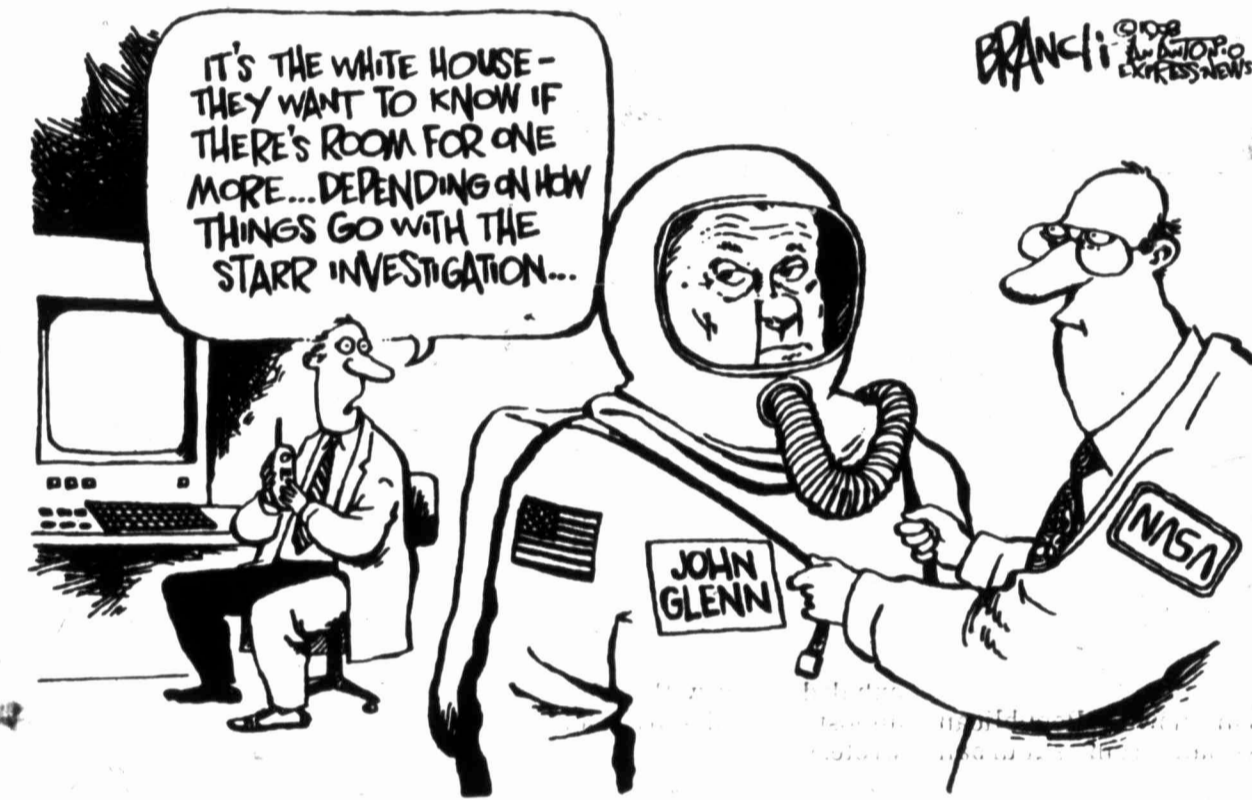
Presumably, she sleeps with all the facts every night, and if the facts were not damaging, she would be sharing them with the public.

Instead, she is leading the White House's normal modus operandi of attack, which is to deny, stonewall and slime all critics.

Clinton is still in trouble even if the pollsters don't believe it.



Charley Reese
Columnist



Musings on how people live their lives

I was born the middle child to middle-class parents in the middle of a South Georgia freeze. I've been middle-something all of my life. So why is being a middle-aged woman such a terror?

It would be odd, would it not, if Hillary Rodham Clinton ended up being the most

important first lady in history, saving the presidency by standing by her man?

The much-maligned Hillary may beat out the elegant Jackie and the crusading Eleanor in the significance of the role she eventually plays in Washington. Then the joke would be on all the joke writers, wouldn't it?

They say Harry S. Truman wrote letters to both his wife and his mother every day while away from them. Harry Truman was a wonderful man.

It's worth noting, then, that his becoming president was as close to an accident as there can be in politics. The American electorate had little to do with good Harry's rapid rise.

The older you get, the more politics seems like a player piano, repeating its tired songs at regular intervals. Sooner or later it sounds like noise, not music at all.

I heard a man on the radio who said he'd moved from Illinois to Florida, then back to Illinois again. He said he'd grown tired of the heat. I wonder if Ripley's has heard about him yet?

The other day they held an anti-immigration rally in Cullman, Ala., a town settled by German immigrants. They burned the Mexican flag to protest the 200 Hispanic residents who presently live and work mostly menial jobs in Cullman.

The name of this low-down event was "Stand Up For Cullman," and people came from California — and Georgia — to help burn a flag.

Martha Stewart had a suggestion or two about how to thrill your loved one on Valentine's Day. Instead of a dozen roses, she said, why not put a few flowers in an old tin can or fruit jar, then tie a ribbon around the holder and hang it on a door knob.

Just be careful not to knock the arrangement off the knob when your lover shows you the door.

All the 1-800 numbers have been assigned, so now you sometimes encounter 1-888 on

toll-free calls. New area codes are being added all over, too, and phone numbers I've called for years suddenly are different.

They say computer lines and cellular phones play a part in all this change.

I like to read movie books and see what my favorite actors intended to be before the camera found them.

Rip Torn, who was born Elmore Rual Torn, studied animal husbandry and wanted to own a ranch. He hitchhiked to Hollywood to become a star so he'd have the money to buy some cows. Paul Newman intended to study economics.

I can imagine Rip Torn as a rancher, but Paul Newman as an economist? Talk about major miscasting.

Some psychologists tell us that the happiest people change careers — entire careers, not just jobs — every seven years.

If society ever evolved to that state of happiness, you'd be in real trouble during brain surgery.

Blame your post-Christmas, deep-in-debt blues on businessman Frank X. McNamara. He went to lunch in New York one day in 1950 and discovered he had forgotten to bring cash.

His wife came to bail him out, but soon afterward McNamara invented Diners Club. It was the first multi-use charge card.



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Weather conditions would affect planning for any Iraqi attack

WASHINGTON (AP) — Military planners pay as much attention to the waxing and waning of the moon as young lovers and mythical werewolves: A dark sky with little or no visible crescent is the best time to launch an attack.

The U.S. Naval Observatory, which keeps track of the lunar calendar, says the next new moon will be Feb. 26, creating a potential window of opportunity for a possible U.S. strike on Iraq. The 1991 Persian Gulf War was launched Jan. 17, two days after the new moon arrived Jan. 15, continuing a long military tradition of surprising the enemy in the dead of night.

"There are three or four nights of darkness on either side of the new moon," Geoff Chester, a spokesman for the observatory, said Wednesday. "It certainly helps to have no moon. When it's full, it illuminates the sky."

The Clinton administration hasn't decided whether to launch an attack on Iraq with the stated goal of knocking out suspected sites of chemical and biological weapons making. But Secretary of State Madeleine Albright has said such a strike could come in a matter of weeks if Iraq hadn't complied with U.N. resolutions allowing international inspectors full access

to such suspected sites, including Saddam Hussein's many presidential palaces.

Defense Secretary William Cohen, who began a U.S. military buildup in the Persian Gulf region after the Iraqi crisis began in the fall, has said he has enough military might to do the job — two aircraft carriers, 320 aircraft and more on their way and about 30,000 troops stationed in the region.

Now, the only question — if diplomacy fails — is when to strike. So far, the administration says publicly there is no deadline for Iraq to comply.

A full moon could make attacking planes easier targets

for Iraq's anti-aircraft artillery and surface-to-ground missiles, according to military planners.

"If you strike, you often want to do it under cover of darkness," said an Air Force official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

"The bottom line is, we are going to plan our mission in a way that reduces our exposure to threats. The moon and the weather are just some of the considerations."

Today's high-tech aircraft have many more defense capabilities to protect themselves during the day, including radar-jamming equipment so they can't be tracked. Attack aircraft

operated during daylight hours in the Gulf War, but most airstrikes came after sundown. Fighter-bomber jets such as F-117s, which have few defense means, fly at night.

The stealth B-2 bomber is designed to evade radar, although tests indicate bad weather conditions, particularly rain, can make it less effective.

Day or night, B-52 bombers can "stand off from threats," launching cruise missiles far from their targets, the official said, so the crew doesn't need the cover of darkness. "You could launch it in New York, and it could hit a target like

Florida," he said.

Weather also can play a significant role in attack planning, especially in the Gulf region that's plagued by killing heat, high and unpredictable winds and blinding sandstorms, which can reduce visibility to zero.

In summer, heat can warp metal and plastic. In winter, when temperatures can drop to below freezing at night, sandstorms are common.

"Dust, sand and heat are deadly enemies to electronic equipment like radios, computers, and the 'black boxes' on aircraft and other combat vehicles," said a U.S. Army history of the Gulf War.

Reno calls for prosecutor

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Janet Reno wants a special prosecutor to examine whether Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt lied to Congress about an Indian casino dispute, but she urged that the investigation not expand into a broader inquiry into campaign finance abuses.

Several Republican lawmakers predicted, however, that the Babbitt investigation could open the door to an examination of "the larger picture" of Democratic fund raising during the 1996 election.

It is the first time a special prosecutor has been named in connection with the fund-raising controversy that has been the subject of congressional hearings and a Justice Department investigation.

Reno requested the limited independent counsel investigation Wednesday after concluding that Babbitt "may have testified falsely" before Congress about allegations that a senior White House official may have pressured him into rejecting a Wisconsin casino license in 1995. Indian tribes opposing the casino later contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars to the Democratic Party.

Babbitt has denied misleading Congress or that the casino decision was influenced by campaign contributions. He has said it was made by career Interior officials without White House influence.

A special court must decide whether to name the independent prosecutor and outline the scope of the investigation.

Republicans have argued that the casino investigation was intertwined with a broader investigation by the Justice Department into Democratic fund raising because rival Indian tribes opposed to the casino in Hudson, Wis., lobbied the White House and in 1996 gave at least \$286,000 to the Democratic Party.

Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., chairman of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, applauded Reno's decision. "It permits an examination of the larger picture of political contributions and contacts that make the (casino) decision suspicious," he said.

Reno made clear in her request that the special prosecutor should limit the investigation to the casino issue, even though she left open the possibility of a broader probe. She acknowledged in some cases the counsel "may encounter witnesses or subjects" involved in the broader fund-raising investigation and in such cases should coordinate with her department.

Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., chairman of the House committee investigating campaign finance abuses, said he regretted that Reno "focused her opinion so heavily" on the perjury issue, although he said she also "has left the door partially open to a broader investigation of the (casino) decision itself."

If approved by the court, the Babbitt inquiry would be the fourth ongoing investigation by an independent counsel involving the Clinton administration. The others are Kenneth Starr's Whitewater probe of President Clinton, plus investigations into alleged misconduct by former Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy.

Whitewater officials make offer to Susan McDougal

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a last-ditch effort to secure her cooperation, Whitewater prosecutors have offered to let Susan McDougal testify by videotape away from a grand jury but suggest if the plan is rejected, she risks further prosecution.

In a Jan. 21 letter, the text of which was obtained by The Associated Press, the prosecutors called their offer "quite extraordinary and to our knowledge without precedent."

Ms. McDougal, one of two former Whitewater business partners of President Clinton and

his wife, Hillary, has been jailed on civil contempt charges for the past 17 months for refusing a federal judge's order to answer Whitewater prosecutors' questions before a federal grand jury.

In recent months, she has portrayed herself as a political prisoner, even denied needed medical care for a breast tumor.

She says she refuses to testify because she believes Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr is trying to get her to lie to incriminate the president in

decade-old Arkansas business dealings.

Starr's office repeatedly has denied her allegations and stated she would be freed by a judge as soon as she testifies, calling her testimony essential since her former husband, James McDougal, began cooperating in 1996.

"The purpose of this letter is to make a proposal that I hope and believe can resolve Ms. McDougal's contempt situation entirely," Associate Independent Counsel Michael W. Emmick wrote Ms.

McDougal's lawyers.

"Ms. McDougal has offered a number of reasons why she refuses to testify before the grand jury," Emmick wrote. "It goes without saying that we regard your client's concerns as unwarranted."

"However, because of the unique circumstances present here, we are willing to try to accommodate those concerns in an effort to resolve the situation."

In one of the proposals, however, prosecutors suggest the offer may provide a final oppor-

tunity to avoid additional prosecution.

If Ms. McDougal accepts the latest offer, "we would agree not to prosecute Ms. McDougal for criminal contempt, obstruction of justice or any crimes related to her refusal to comply with the court's order," the letter states.

The offer comes at a critical time for prosecutors, who in addition to a two-year effort to force Ms. McDougal's cooperation have an entire new controversy to investigate — the Monica Lewinsky matter.

Today marks 25th anniversary of release of first American POWs from Vietnam

WASHINGTON (AP) — The gates at Hanoi's infamous Hoa Lo prison swung open 25 years ago today, disgorging the first wave of U.S. prisoners of war who had been tortured and starved behind its walls in retaliation for battling the communist regime in Vietnam.

Among the 135 or so Americans taking their first step toward freedom that day was Col. Sam Johnson of Texas, a decorated Air Force combat pilot whose F-4 Phantom had been shot down over North Vietnam nearly seven years earlier.

Johnson, now a Republican congressman from suburban Dallas, was among the celebrated "Alcatraz 11," who were singled out for especially brutal treatment because of their uncommon resistance. The Alcatraz alumni include former U.S. Sen. Jeremiah Denton and retired Adm. James Stockdale, who was Ross Perot's running mate in 1992.

A nation badly divided over Vietnam celebrated when its POWs returned home.

"It was a joyous time," retired Navy Capt. James Mulligan of Virginia Beach, Va., also a survivor of Alcatraz's solitary confinement and leg irons, said in an interview this week. "It was for us a magnificent experience to come home to a free country and be acclaimed like that."

Today, the U.S. House of Representatives pays tribute to Johnson, his fellow POWs and the more than 2,000 American soldiers who remain unaccounted for from the war. A resolution offered by the Republican

leadership praises "these patriots for their courage and exemplary service."

In his 1992 autobiography, "Captives Warriors," Johnson recalled Feb. 12, 1973, when buses arrived at the prison sarcastically dubbed the Hanoi Hilton by its inmates and drove them to the airport where U.S. planes would arrive to fly them to their long-awaited freedom.

"We had neither heart nor energy for celebration, and so the only sounds that emanated from us were the sounds of long-held breaths finally exhaled along with a few soft, almost muffled sobs," Johnson wrote.

Twenty-five years later, the laconic Texan says his ordeal taught him above all that "it's okay to be in the greatest country in the world."

"And I tell you what, every time I leave the country, I think about it because ... those who have never had their freedom denied don't really know what we have here," he said this week. "In spite of the problems we muddle through, it's still the greatest place in the world to live. And I think about that every day."

For wife Shirley, who didn't receive confirmation that Johnson was alive for two years after his capture, today is "a day of thanksgiving for both of us."

"It's not really a day that we have celebrated," she said. "But I know the guys will call each other, just say 'Happy Birthday' or 'Welcome Home.'"

The bonds between the Alcatraz gang "are stronger

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Dogs, cats poisoned on Hill Top Road

One owner thinks deaths intentional

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

A group of neighbors on Hill Top Road are questioning the sudden deaths of several pets.

Vallene Sawyer, who has lost three dogs and one cat, said she thinks it is a case of intentional poisoning.

"They walk around a couple of steps, then just fall over, get up and walk a few steps, then fall over," said Sawyer, who took two dogs to be put to sleep at a veterinarian's office after they became extremely ill.

"Their heart rate was so slow, we could hardly get any blood out of them," Sawyer said.

Veterinarian Debra Hill, who treated two of Sawyer's dogs, said the poison found in their systems was the same chemical in antifreeze. It also can be found in some slug and snail baits.

"I don't know if it was intentional," Hill said, "but they had a lot in their systems."

If the poison was antifreeze, Hill said, it could have come from a completely drained radiator.

But Sawyer said she thinks the dogs were intentionally killed. All three of the dead dogs had regurgitated a substance that contained hot dogs, spaghetti and other food, she said.

"I think someone threw something in the yard," Sawyer said. "They didn't digest any of it."

Although she says her male dogs did roam away from their yard recently, climbing a fence

to reach a female dog, Sawyer said her own female dog, which was also killed, had not left the yard at all.

She said another neighbor is missing a cat, feared dead from the same poison.

"I'm just one of those people that's an animal lover, period," Sawyer said. "I pick them up off the interstate."

"You love them and take care of them, and then somebody can do something awful like this, it just makes me sick."

Hill warned pet owners that antifreeze is a common cause of death in dogs and cats, because the animals seem to like the taste of the substance.

"If you know it's antifreeze, get your dog to the vet in a hurry," Hill said. "It destroys the kidneys."

But unless you see the animal drink the poison, you may not be sure. Hill said not much antifreeze is required to kill a dog or cat.

And an antifreeze poisoning, Hill added, is a painful death. "There is one on the market that is not toxic to pets," Hill said.

Sawyer said if her dogs were killed intentionally, she needs help finding the person who did it.

"I have no idea who it might be, but I'd like to find out," she said. Her advice to other pet owners is be alert to intruders, and "put your dogs up."

Anyone with information that might help Sawyer determine what happened is asked to call her at 263-2765.



HERALD photo/Linda Choate

At left, these choir students from Coahoma High School received a superior rating on their vocal performances at the Region II U.L.L. Solo and Ensemble Contest Saturday in Abilene. They are, front row, left to right, Felisha Cevallos, Jill Allen, Ashlee Smith and back row, Marianne Mullins and Leslie Martin. Allen and Cevallos will advance to the state solo contest in San Marcos May 30 and June 1.



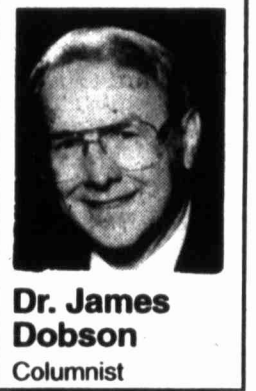
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These Big Spring High School choir students earned top ratings at their solo and ensemble contest Saturday in Odessa. They are, front row, left to right, Tracy Fann, Tammie Hodge, and Karissa Wilson; second row, Lacey Lyons, Jeanie Warren, Brittney Stone, April Agular, and Andrea Fleming; third row, Alicia Phifer, Jillery Armstrong, Laura Davis, Trisha Trevino and Keely Patterson; fourth row, Richard Key, Shawn Simmons, Chris Felty and David Gunn. Not pictured is Koeisha Boyd.

Teachers must defend defenseless in classroom

QUESTION: As an elementary school teacher, I am bothered by what I see my students doing to each other every day. They can be brutal - especially to the child who is a little different. I'm not sure what my role should be.

I feel I should step in to defend the underdog, but other teachers say kids should learn to work out their own problems. What do you think?



Dr. James Dobson
Columnist

DR. DOBSON: As a former teacher, I am very familiar with the cruelty of which you speak. Every classroom has a few boys and girls at the bottom of the social hierarchy who are subjected to frequent ridicule. Their ranks include those who are physically unattractive, intellectually challenged, uncoordinated - boys who are very small or effeminate, girls who are taller than all the boys, the foreign child, the stutterer, etc.

Anyone who is different is an easy mark for the wolf pack. What is most disturbing is that adults often feel no obligation to come to the aid of these vulnerable children.

I've heard the argument that says, "Kids will be kids - adults should stay out of the conflict and let the children settle it themselves." I disagree emphatically. It is almost criminal for an adult to stand by passively while a defenseless boy or girl is shredded by peers. The damage inflicted in those moments can reverberate for a lifetime.

Some years ago, a woman told me about her experience as a room mother for her daughter's fourth-grade class. She visited the classroom on Valentine's Day to assist the teacher with the traditional party on that holiday. Valentine's Day can be the most painful day of the year for an unpopular child. Every student counts the number of valentines he or she is given, which becomes a direct measure of social worth.

This mother said the teacher then announced that the class was going to play a game that required the formation of boy-girl teams. That was her first mistake, since fourth-graders have not yet experienced the happy hormones which draw the sexes together. The moment the teacher instructed the students to select a partner, all the boys immediately laughed and pointed at the homeliest and least respected girl in the room. She was overweight, had protruding teeth, and was too withdrawn even to look anyone in the eye.

"Don't put us with Nancy," they all said in mock terror. "Anybody but Nancy! She'll give us a disease! Ugh! Spare us from Nancy Nancy!" The mother waited for the teacher (a strong disciplinarian) to rush to the aid of the beleaguered little girl. But

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SCHOOL NEWS

Bauer Magnet School

by Fifth graders Kyrie Wright, Felicia Ross, Marissa Vierra, Heather Granados and Alicia Correa.

January was a very busy and exciting month for Bauer Magnet Elementary School. Here are some of the things we did.

Bauer has had the privilege of having a student teacher. She works very hard. Her name is Denise Wilkinson. The students have been training her very well.

Many second graders in the enrichment program, plus the help of some third graders, led by Beverly Jeffcoat are preparing for a play "Celebrate 1998" the first week of February.

Corey Green was one of the Cultural Arts Winners for his poster on "What's Good About Big Spring?" His poster was honored by the Chamber of Commerce. Bauer is very proud of all the winners. The students' entries are displayed at Bauer School.

At Bauer Magnet School 93 students were present everyday for the first semester. They were all in a drawing for a twenty dollar bill.

The winner was Blake James. There will be two more drawings at Bauer in May. One for \$20.00 for the spring semester and one for \$50.00 for the whole year.

The fourth graders have prepared their wonderful work displayed for Black History during the month of February.

Students at Bauer in the fourth and fifth grades are entering the 1998 Spelling Bee. The Spelling Bee for Bauer School will be held February 25. The students at Bauer are working busily on their 1998 Paideia books.

Students at Bauer are looking forward to two programs the first weeks of February. The dramatic presentation of "The Littlest Vaquero" by the visiting author, Maurine Walpole Liles, a native Texas author.

She will be in full pioneer dress. She will have pioneer memorabilia for props.

The students will be treated to a fabulous, yet interesting program about self-esteem called the Cool 2 BU program during the first week of February.

Goliad Middle School

by Victoria Patterson and Savannah Cross

In second period Reading class, we are experiencing the life of Harriet Tubman in tribute to her, the slaves, and Black History Month. This story is about the courage and determination of a slave woman who fought for her freedom and helped others to theirs.

Harriet first got to freedom by a system called the Underground Railroad. It is made up of caring people who

are devoted to helping slaves get to the North.

These people called conductors, risked everything for the liberty and well-being of slaves. This young woman risked her life more than once helping others.

Through her journey, she was burdened with scars, both emotional and physical. Even though Harriet was yet alone and afraid, through her courageous life she never lost faith in herself, God, or her family.

Harriet inspired many others through her great deeds and thus is thought of as a hero today.

This is an inspiring book of the determination and willpower of a woman who risked everything to help others.

What's the green thing in the fridge?

By JOHN CROWE

Scripts: Howard News Service

Maybe you've had the experience.

Stowed away on the back of the refrigerator where it's been left undisturbed for weeks or months is something it's hard to identify because it's covered with mold or it has disintegrated in a bacterial attack.

The cooler temperatures in a refrigerator do retard spoilage of perishable items, but over time the microorganisms will prevail.

Linda Harris, a microbiologist at the University of California at Davis, said the organisms that can attack refrigerated items include mold, yeasts and bacteria.

And while most critters that would be found on refrigerated foods are not dangerous pathogens, food that has spoiled should not be eaten. It should be thrown out and any container in which it was stored should be thoroughly cleaned and sterilized, Harris said.

One dangerous bacterium that can survive in cold temperatures is Listeria, which can cause listeriosis. The organism has been found on luncheon meats, hot dogs and some soft cheeses.

The disease is especially dangerous among pregnant women, where there have been instances of spontaneous abortion.

Children under 5 and people over 50 are also more susceptible to the disease, said Linda Bruhn, director of the Center for Consumer Research at UC Davis.

Many people have encountered food gone bad in the refrigerator at home, but the organisms that attack food may find better pickings in the company lunchroom fridge.

"The office tends to be the place where people forget and no one is responsible. There's no mother who goes through the fridge," Harris said, conceding that even the community refrigerator in her department has occasionally housed some pretty yucky stuff.

"Even the pros mess up," she said with a laugh.

Duane Lyon, a spokesman at Please see **THING**, page 7A.

CAREER CORNER

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The books I haven't written are better than the ones other people have.

Cyril V. Connolly

There are two places in the world where time takes precedence over the job to be done: School and prison.

William Glasser

A cynic is a person searching for an honest man, with a stolen lantern.

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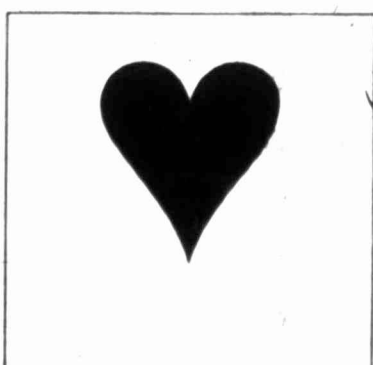
Bad cologne can break hearts

According to a survey from the makers of Blistex, women out there are looking for a romantic dance with a favorite partner this Valentine's Day, with 30 percent of women choosing that activity tops on their holiday wish list. Bad cologne and razor stubble, however, were both named heart-breakers for women surveyed.

Men and women agreed a romantic weekend getaway was the best way to spend Valentine's Day, with a night on the town coming in second.

A candlelight dinner was tops in the gift category for men and women, with a bouquet of flowers coming in second for women and a memorable kiss coming in second for men.

Eleven percent of men and 8 percent of women said they have had a first date on Valentine's Day. Of those, 64 percent said it ended with a kiss.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Scholarships available

Applications for the Marie Hall Scholarships from the Permian Basin Area Foundation are available for residents of several West Texas counties, including Howard, Borden, Glasscock, Martin and Mitchell.

Awards usually range from \$250 to \$1,500 per semester, and are available to students in any academic pursuit. Recipients must attend a specified college or university in the area.

Contact the financial aid office of the educational institution, and return the application by April 15. Call the Permian Basin Area Foundation for more information, 682-4704.

Kids go wild for a town that's sized just right for little people

By ELAINE GALE
Minneapolis-St. Paul Star Tribune

The adult world is super-sized from a kid's perspective: Doorknobs are too high, silverware unwieldy, armchairs too wide. The sheer space of the world can be overwhelming. Not so in "Busytown," an exhibit at the Minnesota Children's Museum, in St. Paul, where cars, street signs, doorways, mailboxes, tools and cash registers are scaled just right.

The 2,900-square-foot exhibit, based on the colorful and hugely popular kids' books by illustrator Richard Scarry, is set up to resemble a teeny town with roads that connect a factory, shipyard, power plant, grocery store, playground and library.

More than 250 of the late writer's images make up the backdrop for the village. Pictures of Lowly Worm, Huckle Cat, Hilda Hippo, Sergeant Murphy and Mr. Frumble, accompanied by explanatory plaques, serve as Chamber of Commerce guides.

The characters are widely familiar from Scarry's 250 books, which have sold more than 100 million copies in 30 languages. They are also the basis for "The Busy World of Richard Scarry" TV cartoon show, seen on Showtime at 8:30 a.m. Sundays and at 9 a.m. weekdays on Nickelodeon.

"Most parents remember Richard Scarry from their childhood," said Johnny Robertson, assistant manager of the Nickelodeon store at the Mall of America, which sells Scarry merchandise. "Now they're introducing their kids to him."

"Richard Scarry's Best Word Book Ever," with pictures of more than 1,400 objects, has sold 4 million copies since the 1970s. Robertson said he's somewhat surprised that Scarry sales are so consistent, because they've been around so long. "Everyone has a favorite character and a favorite book they remember," he said. (His own is Lowly Worm.)

"People have been reading Richard Scarry books for over 30 years," said Ann Bitter, president of the St. Paul museum. "I'm 52, and I used to read them."

Children who got a sneak preview of the Busytown show earlier this week were agog.

"Lowly Worm!" shouted 4-year-old Nathan Peltier with glee as he ran to touch the Tyrolean-hatted grub's docile smile on a placard.

A cacophony of children's questions echoed through the room. Hilda the Hippo, one of the life-size cutouts of Scarry characters suspended from the ceiling with wire, appeared to be eavesdropping on the curious kids below, her eyes closed and chunky hands clasped: "How does this work?" "What's that?" "Where is the train going?" "Can I have that?" "What's this for?"

The museum is encouraging parents to wander around Busytown with their kids, play, get messy and help field the inevitable barrage of questions. Parents' stations provide them with suggested questions about science, cultural diversity, math and so on.

Bitter said the book-based exhibit goes hand in hand with the museum's desire to encourage family literacy and parent-child interaction. "Not every parent is born knowing how to be a parent," she said, noting the smattering of bilingual plaques in Spanish and English that suggest questions for kids to ponder while they play: "What's different about these three doors?" "Who could live in these little houses?" "Find an object in Busytown that will fit in this mailbox."

Even kids who can't read can enjoy Busytown, according to Bitter. Indeed, Peltier's 6-month-old sister, Lauren, was wide-eyed in her mother's arms and intermittently drooling on a little white bib. "She likes it," said her mom, Gina. "You can see her eyes focusing and moving."

There's plenty to do and to watch, because activity runs amok in the aptly named Busytown: From punching a time clock to moving cargo on plastic conveyor belts or making tracks in a Bananamobile, kids have sundry stations from which to engage in their activity of choice.

Two-year-old Sylvia Eisenbeis had a blast crawling in the Lilliputian houses equipped with doors and windows that open and close. She stopped her play to pose coyly, her blond head poking out of a window and her necklace of red plastic beads hanging over the edge like a tiny string of Christmas

lights.

In a role reversal, Sylvia also tackled chores at the grocery store with her mom, Jessica, in tow. Dragging a basketful of groceries to the downsized checkout counter, she punched in numbers on the imitation credit-card-approval machine. Asked whether she was going to charge Mom a fortune, she replied, "Yep!" without hesitation, brushed her hair out of her eyes and proceeded to quibble with a small fellow shopper over access to the colorfully beaded abacus.

The kids were gently coaxed into conflict resolution by Jessica Eisenbeis, who pointed out a second credit-card machine off to one side and reminded them to share. Effective urban planning ensured that the exhibit had enough stations and toys for a multitude.

Kirstin Hagen, marketing associate at the Children's Museum, said the exhibit was designed for messes. "Things are going to end up all over the room, and that's great," she said, kicking a foam building block out of her path.

Geared for 2- to 10-year-olds, "Busytown" poses a challenge for the museum staff because all its movable parts continually need reorganization. Hagen pointed to a staff member organizing a cupboard of blocks. "This kills me — he's so neatly putting those blocks in," she said. "It'll be chaos in 5 minutes."

That's the point, however. "You get to touch things and explore," said Hagen. "You can't make mistakes here."

Marshal Landrum, a curly haired, curious 20-month-old, grabbed plastic grapes from the grocery-store shelves — which he reached with ease — weighed them in a scale and proudly presented them to his mother.

"I personally want him to come here and get messy so he doesn't have to do it at home," said his mother, Tara Lundborg, after "pretend" bites.

A drawback: Once you set kids loose in Busytown, you may have a hard time plucking them up to head for the car. Sylvia Eisenbeis pushed out her lower lip and proclaimed, "I'm not going home."

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DOBSON

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nothing was said to the insulting boys. Instead, the teacher left Nancy to cope with that painful situation in solitude.

Ridicule by one's own sex is distressing, but rejection by the opposite sex is like taking a hatchet to one's self-concept. What could this devastated child say in reply? How does an overweight fourth-grade girl defend herself against aggressive boys? What response could she make but to blush in mortification and slide foolishly into her chair? This child will never forget that moment — or the

teacher who abandoned her in this time of need.

I say again to teachers: Defend the most defenseless child in your classroom. We can do no less.

QUESTION: Is it harder for a man or for a woman to recover from an affair by a spouse?

DR. DOBSON: I have not observed any appreciable difference between the sexes at the time of disclosure. Both husbands and wives suffer incalculable anguish when a mate is unfaithful. Men do seem to have a cultural advan-

tage after the crisis is over, however. Their work is often a better diversion and their economic consequences are less severe. They also find it easier to find someone new, as a rule. But no one wins in illicit affairs of the heart.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. James C. Dobson's "Focus on the Family" appears each Thursday as a cooperative effort of Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the Big Spring Herald. Letters to Dr. Dobson may be sent to P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, Colo., 80903.

THING

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The Shasta-Trinity National Forests headquarters in Redding, Calif., said an office refrigerator at one time held some containers with "green fuzzy stuff" but now it's cleaned out weekly and has remained reasonably clean and odor-free.

"We try not to let things go that long," said Charlene Domingo, an employee at Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co. of Redding. "If something doesn't look good, I just go through and throw things out."

Harris said organisms generally won't spread from a closed container.

"Microorganisms are not mobile. The don't tend to crawl out at night," she said. But she did say that in certain instances, if stuff is left long enough, "there could be an explosion."

If a container is opened, spores could spread to other items in a refrigerator, she added. And if something is spilled, there is the possibility of cross-contamination.

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Discovery pushes back suspected origin of ants

NEW YORK (AP) — Scientists have found the remains of 92-million-year-old ants encased in amber from New Jersey. The finding suggests ants first arose 120 million to 130 million years ago — longer ago than suspected.

The seven ant fossils are not the oldest ever found. But one of them is surprisingly advanced for the era it lived in, suggesting ants must have started evolving earlier, said David Grimaldi of the

American Museum of Natural History in New York.

Before the finding, scientists might have guessed that ants originated about 100 million years ago, said Grimaldi, chairman of the museum's entomology department. He and museum colleagues report the finding in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature.

The ants are the same age as a specimen reported in 1967 by E.O. Wilson, an authority on ants at Harvard University.

That find and the new one are the oldest known specimens of what are clearly ants, Grimaldi said.

In an interview, Wilson said he considers the oldest ant ever found to be a poorly preserved specimen from Brazil that dates to about 110 million years ago. Grimaldi said it's not clear that creature is truly an ant.

Wilson also said the idea that ants originated 130 million years ago is "a good guess."

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HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen
American Cancer Society recently honored its "Road to Recovery" volunteer drivers, who give their time to take cancer patients to medical appointments. Shown are, front row, left to right, Mary Randle, LaWanda Hamm, Cheryl Click, Betty Thomas, Laverne Gaskins and Joanne Forrest; back row, Marvin Watson, Bobby Hill, A.J. Dean, Bill Birrell, Ray Stukel and Wanda Driver. Not shown are drivers Ethelyne McCann, Billy Gossett, Mildred Franklin, Betty Miller and Deloris Albert.

Study shows babies born to learn

By CAROLYN BOWER
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

ST. LOUIS — Some new parents are now able to push a videotape into a recorder, turn on a television and see the keys to their children's development.

The videos show babies — white, black and Asian — gazing with rapt attention at their parents. Fade to scientists and doctors talking in plain language about how early experiences, good and bad, will change babies' brains and affect what they become. Parents who pay attention to their babies — even actions so basic as laughing with them or making eye contact — help form critical connections in the babies' brains, the experts say.

The video is one of about 20 that the Parents As Teachers National Center Inc., based in Creve Coeur, Mo. "We don't think most parents realize that the brain achieves 50 percent of its adult size by the time a child is 6 months old and 80 percent of its adult size by the time the child is 3."

The goal is to offer material about child brain development and how experience affects it and to see if parents act on that information.

During the 18 months of the pilot program, Parents as Teachers will continue its traditional program, which provides information and support to parents of children from birth to age 5. At the end of 18 months, the effectiveness of the pilot program will be examined with an eye to expanding it to serve those in the regular Parents as Teachers program.

"A child's brain is in an unfinished state when the child is born, and parents play a critical role in shaping the brain and what the child will become," said Mildred Winter, executive director of the Parents as Teachers National Center Inc., based in Creve Coeur, Mo. "We don't think most parents realize that the brain achieves 50 percent of its adult size by the time a child is 6 months old and 80 percent of its adult size by the time the child is 3."

The program is financed through a \$473,300 grant from

The Charles A. Dana Foundation in New York City. The grant has helped link Washington University scientists in St. Louis and parent educators. The Robert R. McCormick Tribune Foundation in Chicago recently contributed \$505,000 for the program in Chicago and \$300,000 for a project that includes the videotapes.

For the first time, the videos and the pilot projects give scientific evidence for the messages parent educators have delivered through Parents as Teachers.

In a traditional home visit, a parent educator talks with a parent about the development of a baby, suggests activities and books and observes the baby at play.

In the pilot program, parents will get information from doctors and scientists, as well. Much of that information will come from the videos, most of which last about five minutes.

Each segment relates to a topic of child development, such as attachment or language development.

Married folks would choose same partner again

Scripps Howard News Service

Even though marriage is at an all-time low in America, take heart.

Those folks who have taken the plunge overwhelmingly say they would marry the same person again and plan to mark this Valentine's Day as a personal celebration of romance, according to a survey of 1,014 adults conducted by Scripps Howard News Service and Ohio University.

"I am inspired by this," said marriage psychologist John Gray, author of the best-seller "Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus," after reviewing the poll findings.

"This is a real sign of the times. Romance is becoming more and more important in our culture. Women are saying they want faithfulness in their marriage and men are willing to provide that faithfulness in order to stay married."

But not all is wedded bliss. Nearly a third of the married people say they have seriously considered divorce. Women are more likely than men to say that they have contemplated calling it quits with their spouses.

The poll also found that both single and married Americans are concerned that our sense of romance may be on the decline, a result that causes Gray to chuckle. His career now is based upon offering practical suggestions in obtaining and sustaining lasting romantic relationships.

"The American public doesn't realize that romance has never been a part of marriage in history," Gray said. "People today are more romantic in their marriages, by leaps and bounds, than ever. Look at all the romantic accouterments. More and more people will go to romantic restaurants, hotels, movies and read romantic novels."

Part of the pessimism is based upon the reality of marriage statistics. Only 60 percent of all U.S. adults in 1996 were married, down from 62 percent in 1990 and 66 percent in 1980.

"People are waiting longer to get married," said Terry Lugala, statistician at the U.S. Census Bureau. "Instead, they are continuing their education, or are waiting longer for 'the right one' to marry, or they feel they are just getting started in their jobs and careers, or they are in an unmarried couple situation for a while."

The number of Americans who live with someone of the opposite sex to whom they are not married has risen from only 523,000 in 1970 to more than 3.7 million today.

The survey found that, among single people, only about half say they want to marry.

Extensions creating new options for women's hair

By LISA JONES TOWNSEL
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Michelle Murman's copper-colored tresses were thin, fly-away and limp, which limited her styling choices to a small ponytail and a just-barely-there bob. The 41-year-old St. Louis teacher wanted something to perk up her styling routine, but she didn't know quite where to start.

Time and technology produced an option Murman hadn't considered for years: longer, fuller hair. "I always dreamed of having long hair," says Murman. "As a kid, when people asked what's the one thing you'd change about yourself, I always said my hair."

After years of complaining about her feather-light mane, Murman made a heavy-duty decision to try hair extensions for more length and thickness. "I got tired of looking humdrum all the time," she says. "Sometimes, you want to dress it up. This will allow me to do that — and more."

Darren Brokaw, owner of Intoto full service salon in suburban St. Louis, spearheaded the two-day event. The salon uses Great Lengths natural hair extensions, he said, because "they're silky and a better quality than the hair of

most clients."

For years, ethnic women have used hair extensions. But Brokaw said the selection of natural-hair extensions for white women has been slim. "There haven't really been a lot of options for Caucasian women to get extensions," he said. "There haven't been a lot of options that didn't damage the hair or that didn't loosen up after about a month."

To prepare Murman for the time-intensive process, Brokaw and stylist Holly Enders first had to find extensions that matched her reddish-blond hair color. The two decided to use a mixture of copper and blond extension strands.

The first evening, Enders shampooed Murman's hair, added a low-pH solution to close down the cuticles, dried the hair and bonded 1/8-inch sections of hair and 18-inch long extensions together with a special heated soldering iron.

"These look like shoe-strings," Brokaw said of the individual extensions, which have a resin base that softens once heated. "The resin base is not a glue, but keratin protein, which is similar to what real hair is made of."

"If she wanted to change hair colors, cut or perm it, she can."

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Seeds for Li, Villarreal show strength of Boosters Tourney field

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

One need only look at the seedings for this weekend's Big Spring Boosters Tennis Tournament to know how strong the field will be when play gets under way at 8:30 a.m. Friday on the Figure 7 Tennis Center's courts.

"We're going to have an exceptionally strong field... certainly the best teams in West Texas are going to be here," Steers coach Ralph Davis said as he put his players through workouts Wednesday afternoon.

"By that, I mean we're going to have the best Class 5A teams here," he added, noting Big Spring's highest seed for the tournament will be senior Monica Villarreal in the girls' singles where she's No. 2 behind top-seeded

Sarah Voss of San Angelo Central. "The only other Class 4A team besides us is Sweetwater."

Villarreal, who two weeks ago won the girls' singles championship at the Midland Invitational Tournament, will face Lubbock's Stevie Ansley in the opening round Friday.

Big Spring's other girls' singles entry, Farrah Schooler will open the tournament facing No. 4 seed Toffee Wilson of Midland. Third-seeded Sarah Pennington of Sweetwater will face Odessa Permian's Melissa Mann in the first round.

If anything, Davis said the boys' singles field will be even stronger than the girls'.

The Steers' top player, senior Hsiao-Hsuan Li a two-time state tournament qualifier, is seeded behind Lubbock

Coronado's Jeremy Earl and San Angelo Central's Toddy Petty. The No. 4 boys' seed is Chad Bendusen of Carlsbad, N.M.

Li will open the tournament facing Central's Oliver Thurman, while Earl will play Carlsbad's Brian Waller. Bendusen faces Sweetwater's Jordan Matchen in the first round, while Petty is pitted with Midland High's Clayton Vandergriff.

The Steers' second entry in the boys' singles draw, Devon Swafford, will face Luis Flores of Lubbock High. A first round win for Swafford would more than likely leave him facing Bendusen in the quarterfinal round.

Big Spring's only seeded doubles team will be YuChing Li and Kim Dominguez. They are ranked fourth in a girls' field topped by Odessa

Permian's Beverly Dawson and Tisha Corcoran.

The No. 2 seed in girls' doubles will be the Central tandem of Katy Morton and Julie Harrison, while Midland's Sonia Valdez and Lindsay Hanlon are No. 3.

Morton and Harrison will open the tournament facing Big Spring's Stefanie Lewis and Christine Vera, a match that will be even more of a challenge for the Lady Steers duo since both are nursing injuries. Lewis injured a shoulder at the Midland tournament two weeks ago and has not recovered, and Vera is nursing a sprained ankle.

With the exception of Li and Swafford, however, the Steers' boys will be relatively untested.

Drew McKimney and Kayne Stroup,

who were expected to be Big Spring's top boys' doubles entry this spring, voluntarily left the team at the start of the semester.

Their loss was felt even more this week when Jeff Castle was removed from the team for violating athletic department policies.

"We're having to bring up some very young players that don't have a lot of experience," Davis said, noting that sophomore Shane Blackshear and freshmen Josh Arguello, Zach Smiley and Drew Mirales have been moved into the doubles field.

"It's a tough field to have to get your feet wet," he added, "but they're looking forward to it."

Finals matches are slated for Saturday with play again starting at 8:30 a.m.

Tar Heels overcome Cavaliers

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Virginia was all Curtis Staples in the first half. North Carolina was all defense in the second half.

The top-ranked Tar Heels held Virginia to 12 points in the second half of a 60-45 victory Wednesday night, the Cavaliers' fourth loss this season to a No. 1 team.

"It was just one of those things where in the second half, we just came together defensively," said Tar Heels forward Antawn Jamison, who outscored Virginia by one point in the second half.

"In the first half, we were missing easy shots and they were hitting everything," said Jamison, who finished with 19 points and 14 rebounds. "We clamped down defensively at the end of the half, then played Carolina basketball offensively and defensively after that."

That meant a sixth straight loss for the Cavaliers (10-14, 2-9 Atlantic Coast Conference), who had the home crowd thinking upset as Staples had six 3-pointers in the first half, the last of which gave Virginia a 31-17 lead with 3:15 left.

"In the first half, we did a good job of finding a rhythm and everyone was taking good shots," Staples said. "Things were going fine. But the second half was totally different. ... They were on me the whole time."

With Ed Cota covering him, Staples hit his last 3 — and final points of the game — with 17:56 to play. North Carolina (25-1, 11-1) was in a 22-5 run that gave it the lead for good.

In other games involving ranked teams Wednesday, it was No. 16 West Virginia 80, No. 6 Connecticut 62; No. 7 Kentucky 80, Tennessee 74; No. 15 South Carolina 74, Alabama 63; No. 18 Mississippi 87, Vanderbilt 76; No. 21 Michigan 76, Ohio State 68; and No. 24 Maryland 78, North Carolina State 63.

Taylor, Lady Steers ready for playoff run

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

With a bidistrict girls' basketball playoff game with El Paso Parkland looming, Big Spring Lady Steers coach Ron Taylor seems relatively unconcerned about his team's opponent.

Instead, Taylor is concentrating on having his team hone its offensive and defensive schemes in the belief that if the Lady Steers play up to their capabilities, there's little the Lady Matadors can do to stop Big Spring's advance to the area playoff round.

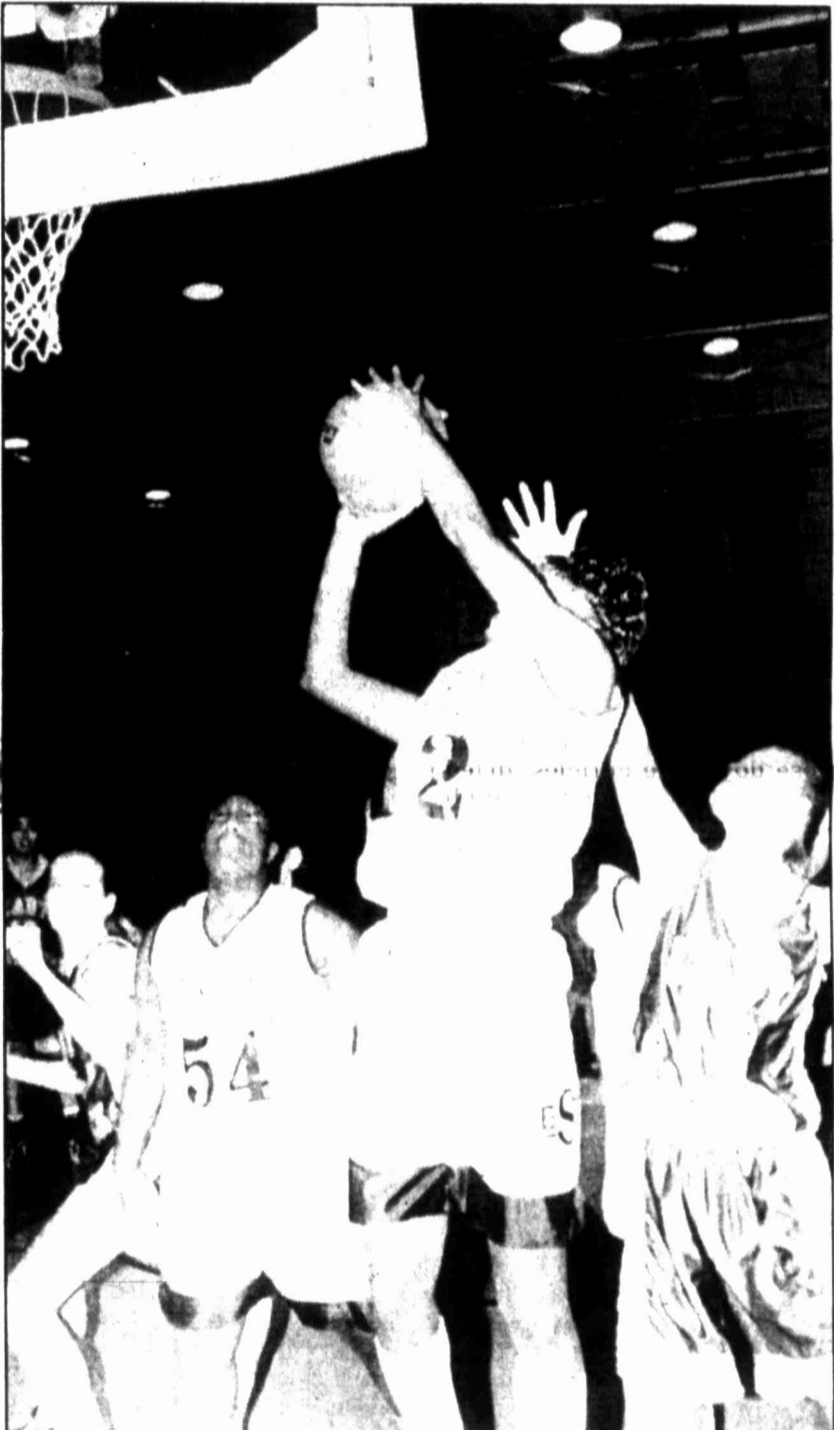
"I've really never spent a lot of time trying to worry about what other people do," Taylor explained after putting the Lady Steers through a workout in preparation for Friday's 6 p.m. playoff at the Sul Ross State University gym in Alpine. "We're trying to concentrate on what we do and what we need to be able to do... that's my biggest concern."

"There's no question in my mind that we're capable of playing with anyone if we play our game and play four quarters of basketball," he added. "We're going to be ready to go physically... the key is going to be whether we're mentally ready to play the game."

It's been a couple of years since the Lady Steers have played a bidistrict game, even though Friday's game will mark the seventh consecutive year in which they've appeared in the playoffs.

Last year, as District 4-4A champions, the Lady Steers received a first-round bye in the playoffs.

And while Taylor won't go so far as to say he's pleased that the Lady Steers, 16-11 going into the playoffs, saw their string of six consecutive 4-4A championships snapped this season, he does believe there's a positive aspect to facing the 12-10 Lady Matadors who posted a 10-4 record in District 3-4A



Big Spring's Keesha Lott (12) puts up a shot in the Lady Steers' regular season finale as Pecos' Shay Lara (12) defends. The Lady Steers enter bidistrict playoff action with El Paso Parkland at 6 p.m. Friday in the Sul Ross State University gymnasium.

to finish as the runnerup to El Paso Bowie. "I'm glad we're getting a bidistrict game," the Lady Steers boss explained. "Last year we had a 10-day layoff between finishing district play and our game with Hereford in See LADY STEERS, page 2B

First snow, now rain wreaking major havoc on this Winter Games

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

NAGANO, Japan — For today, at least, these were the Watery Games.

A snowy siege turned soggy when driving rain and high winds moved into the Japanese Alps, forcing more skiing postponements and raising the question how all the Olympic Alpine events can be crammed into an increasingly tight fit.

Thunder crashed overhead and rivers of water streamed down the bobsled run, while soaked spectators watched snowboarders do flips and turns in the icy rain. Cross-country skiers also slogged on, with Norway's Bjorn Dahlie becoming the first man to win six Winter Olympics gold medals.

U.S. snowboarders won two bronze medals, doubling the American medal take through five days of competition.

Canada, meanwhile, got a medal back. An international appeal panel overturned a decision by Olympic officials that had stripped snowboarder Ross Rebagliati of his gold medal after he tested positive for marijuana. The panel said it was never clearly spelled out that marijuana was a banned substance. Fellow boarders and teammates had rallied earlier in Rebagliati's support, with Canadian rider Michael Michalchuck holding up a homemade sign reading "Ross is the champion. Give him the gold back" after his first run on today's halfpipe.

With above-freezing temperatures and winds gusting up to 37 mph, forecasters had a field day. First they issued a gale warning, then a thaw warning and, finally, an avalanche warning for the Happono course in the mountains surrounding Nagano.

The men's downhill race was wiped out for the third time in five days, as was the men's downhill portion of the combined.

"As long as the Olympic flame is burning, we can reschedule

ropes," said Gian Franco Kasper, secretary general of the international ski federation. "We will do our best to avoid any cancellation."

So far, America's Picabo Street has won all the Alpine skiing gold medals awarded in these games — one. She took that Wednesday, when a rare day of sunshine allowed the women's super-G to take place.

"We watched it turn from clear to cloudy to snowing a little bit to blizzard to fog to rain," Street said today. "We could have gone out there and fished for polliwogs."

With nine Alpine events still to be run and 10 days left in the games, officials were forced to schedule doubleheaders.

The men's downhill, men's combined downhill and the two women's downhill training runs — all called off today — were rescheduled for Friday. The men's super-G, originally scheduled for Friday, was pushed back to Saturday, where it will be the first half of a skiing twinbill that includes the women's downhill.

At the bobsled run, where thunder crashed over the slopes, the second round of the two-man practice was canceled after a pounding rain sent water pouring down the ice track. The competition begins Saturday, weather permitting.

— DRUGS: The Committee for the Arbitration of Sport, an independent appeal panel that has overturned International Olympic Committee drug sanctions before, did it again by reinstating Rebagliati's medal, the first gold ever won in Olympic snowboarding. Rebagliati had appealed being stripped of the medal, saying he was merely exposed to marijuana smoke and did not smoke it himself recently.

— CROSS-COUNTRY: Dahlie is the undisputed Olympic king of cross country. He showed why by bouncing back from a horrendous showing in Monday's 30-kilometer race to win the 10K classical.

Steers, Lady Steers host top high school golf teams in Invitational

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

After impressive third-place finishes at season-opening golf tournaments in Snyder and San Angelo last week, Big Spring's Steers and Lady Steers will play host to some of the state's top teams this weekend in the Big Spring Invitational Golf Tournament.

The tournament will have the boys' playing the first round on the Comanche Trail Golf Course Friday with an 8 a.m. tee time, while the second round will be on the Big Spring Country Club course.

The girls will play the country club course on Friday and Comanche Trail Saturday.

Steers coach Steve Simmons will field a top five team of Sammy Rodriguez, Rudy Gamboa, Blake Weaver, Heath Bailey and O.J. Hernandez against a strong field of 20 teams.

He says he hopes for better weather when the likes of Lubbock Coronado, Odessa Permian, Amarillo Palo Duro, San Angelo and Hereford come calling than the Steers enjoyed

last week.

"The weather was pretty miserable," Steers coach Gary Simmons said following his team's 323,317-640 finish that left them trailing team champion Bastrop (301,319-620) and Permian (312,309-621).

"We went out there to see what we needed to improve on and that's what we got... that's what first tournaments are for," Simmons added. "We'll be playing a little different lineup than we had last week, but the competition will be just as tough."

After the Lady Steers' third-place finish at the San Angelo Invitational Tournament has coach Mike Scarbrough says Midland High, Abilene Cooper and Odessa Permian should be among the favorites in the 24-team girls' field, but wasn't about to rule out his team of Kelly Hollar, Stefanie Wagner, Alicia Wood, Ashlie Simmons and Tatum Weeks.

"This is going to be one of the strongest fields we've had here in a long time," Scarbrough noted. "But I wouldn't want anyone counting us out. We feel like we're going to have a team that can play with anyone."



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SPORTS EXTRA

TRANSACTIONS

CLARENDON 6-3... COLORADO ROCKIES—Agreed to terms with 1B Todd Helton on a one-year contract.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Agreed to terms with INF Juan Castro, INF Tripp Cramer, C Henry Blanco and C Angel Pena on one-year contracts.

MONTREAL EXPOS—Agreed to terms with OF F.P. Santangelo, LHP Rick Delart, RHP Mike Johnson, LHP Steve Kluge, LHP Trey Moore, RHP Jeremy Powell, RHP Mike Thurman, RHP Javier Vazquez, C Bob Henley, INF Orlando Cabrera, INF Jose Fernandez and OF Terry Jones on one-year contracts.

NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with 2B Ralph Millard on a one-year contract.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Agreed to terms with RHP Ricky Bottalico on a one-year contract.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION ATLANTA HAWKS—Placed G Edgardo Recasner on the injured list. Signed G Drew Barry for the remainder of the season.

CLEVELAND CAVALIERS—Signed G Carl Thomas to a second 10-day contract.

PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZERS—Suspended G Isaiah Rider one game for leaving before the end of Tuesday's game.

ARIZONA CARDINALS—Agreed to terms with DT Eric Swann on a five-year contract.

ATLANTA FALCONS—Resigned P Dan Strzyzowski to a three-year contract. Waived DT Antonio Davis, C Roman Fortin, WR Michael Haynes and DE Anthony Pleasant.

DETROIT LIONS—Signed S Sean Hill, S Cyril Weems and DE Willie Whitehead.

MIAMI DOLPHINS—Promoted Kippy Brown from running backs coach to offensive coordinator. Juel Collins from defensive assistant to running backs coach, and Larry Seiple from receivers coach to assistant coach. Named Robert Ford receivers coach and Randy Shannon defensive assistant.

OKLAHOMA RAIDERS—Named Skip Smith running backs coach.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Signed WR James McKnight to a three-year contract.

TAMPA BAY BUCCINNIERS—Signed FB Randy Barber, DE Isaac Izeanyi, FB Steve Lee, OL Kenneth McDaniel and WR Gerry Smith to two-year contracts.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE CALGARY FLAMES—Assigned F Toddrusko, F Heat Dumenichell, G Tyler Mosco, and D Denis Gauthier to Saint John's.

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Peyton Manning 'scores' again, this time with Sullivan Award

The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Peyton Manning's schedule is getting busier every day. The newest addition for the Tennessee quarterback is a ceremony picking up his latest honor: the Sullivan Award.

Manning, who finished second in voting for the prestigious Heisman Trophy as college football's best player, on Wednesday became only the fourth football player in 68 years honored as the nation's outstanding amateur athlete.

The announcement by the Amateur Athletic Union confirmed reports he had won. But Manning, who drove to Knoxville for a funeral Wednesday, could not be reached for comment.

Archie Manning called the Sullivan Award a wonderful honor for his son. "Peyton's been very fortunate to win some real nice awards this year," Archie Manning said from New Orleans.

"It's a little different than a football award. It's really special." The other football players to win the Sullivan were Florida State's Charlie Ward (1993) and Army's Arnold Tucker (1946) and Doc Blanchard (1945).

The award is based on athletic accomplishments, leadership, character and sportsmanship. Manning returned to school last fall rather than entering the NFL draft earlier in the year.

He then led Tennessee to a Southeastern Conference championship last season and a berth in the Orange Bowl against Nebraska. He also set career records for passing yardage (10,669) and touchdowns (84) at Tennessee and had the most 300-yard passing games in SEC history with 17.

Manning, who finished second to Michigan's Charles Woodson in the Heisman balloting, is the first University of Tennessee athlete to win the Sullivan. He beat Tennessee basketball player Chamique Holdscrow and former Wake Forest basketball player Tim Duncan.

Other finalists included swimmer Chad Carvin, former Florida State baseball player J.D. Drew, wrestler Les Gutches, South Carolina softball player Trinity Johnson, disability sports participant Linda Mastandrea, swimmer Jenny Thompson and gymnast Blaine Wilson.

Manning outpooled Woodson for the Maxwell Award as the best all-around player and picked up the Davey O'Brien National Quarterback Award and the Johnny Unitas quarterback award.

SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

Hunter education course scheduled

A hunter education course, required of all Texas hunters born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, has been scheduled for Feb. 19-21 at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce offices located at Third and Gregg Streets.

Participants must pay a \$10 fee. Class sessions are slated for 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Feb. 19-20 and from 8 a.m. until noon on Feb. 21.

The course's instructor will be Boyce Hale. Pre-registration is required. To pre-register, call 267-6957 or 267-7891.

Baseball, softball signups scheduled

City wide signups for baseball and softball programs in Big Spring are scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 21, through the following Saturday, Feb. 28, at Big Spring Mall.

Programs involving boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 18, including the American Little League, Howard County Youth Baseball Association, International Little League, National Little League and United Girls Softball Association, will be conducting the registration from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays and from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday.

To sign up, youngsters and their parents should bring the child's birth certificate and registration fee. For more information, contact Kenda Jones at 263-8612.

Bufs, Coyotes to play practice game

Stanton's Buffaloes will take on Borden County's Coyotes in a practice game at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 16, at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum in Big Spring.

The Bufs, ranked No. 7 in the Class 2A ranks, have locked up the District 6-2A championship, while the Coyotes have clinched their Class A district title.

"We were supposed to have played early in the year," Bufs coach Doug Gordon noted. "But they were in the football semifinals at the time and we were in the quarterfinals."

"We have a good relationship with Borden County, so we're looking forward to being able to play them," he added.

CGA sets membership drive for Feb. 15

Members of Big Spring's Chicano Golf Association is inviting area golfers to join them for a membership drive tournament scheduled for Sunday at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

The tournament, a four-man scramble in which teams will be made up of A,B,C and D players, is set for a 10 a.m. start.

All players must be registered and have entry fees paid by tee time. For additional information, contact the Comanche Trail Golf Course by calling 264-2366.

Softball meeting slated for Feb. 18

A meeting to discuss the 1998 men's softball league season has been scheduled for 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, at John Wesley's.

All coaches and players are urged to attend the meeting.

Preseason baseball warmup scheduled

A series of preseason baseball warmup sessions for all Big Spring youngsters between the ages of 9 and 13 have been scheduled for Friday and Saturday, Feb. 20, and Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 28-March 1, at the American Little League Field, located just east of Howard College and Big Spring Memorial Stadium.

The first session is set for 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Feb. 20 with an 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. session the following day.

The third session will be 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, followed by a 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. warmup on Sunday.

'Dollar Night' slated at Howard College

Howard College has scheduled a "Dollar Night" promotion for tonight's Hawks and Lady Hawks games against Midland College at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Admission for the games will be \$1 per person. In addition, the college's "Highlight School of the Week" is the Forsan ISD. All Forsan students, faculty and residents will be admitted free of charge.

The No. 4-ranked Lady Hawks will face the Lady Chaparrals at 6 p.m., while the men's game is slated for an 8 p.m. tip.

LADY STEERS

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the second round. I think that hurt us." Taylor also notes that the Lady Steers first and only basketball playoff win came at the close of the 1995-96 season — the last time they appeared in the bidistrict round.

Four of this year's senior starters — Kara Hughes, Maggie Haddad, Nadia Cole and Keesha Lott — were sophomores that season. Hughes and Haddad played starting roles, while Lott was a reserve. Cole was injured and did not get to play in the bidistrict win.

They remember the thrill of having won a playoff game and make it clear they're ready for another taste of bidistrict victory.

"It was a great feeling — tremendous," Hughes said, recalling the Lady Steers' win over El Paso Bowie in 1996 and making it clear she believes she and her teammates have something to prove in the playoffs.

"We realize we broke the tradition of winning district, but we can make up for it by being the first team to win in the area

round of the playoffs," Hughes said. To reach the area round, however, the Lady Steers must beat Parkland.

"We're going to win," Hughes said, her matter-of-fact tone broaching any argument. "We just have to put four quarters together."

Cole recalls the Lady Steers' win over Hobbs, N.M., in the Seminole tournament earlier in the season in echoing Hughes' sentiments.

"We're capable of playing with anyone... anyone," Cole said. "We proved that when we played Hobbs. It's just a matter of being mentally prepared. That's what Coach Taylor is having us concentrate on."

Lott agreed. "Our problem has been letting things frustrate us," she explained. "We lose our concentration and then make a couple of turnovers and then get frustrated... let it take us out of our game."

A lengthy playoff run, they say, would salve what has clearly been a frustrating season.

While Taylor says mental preparation will be the key to Big Spring's fortunes in the next few days, Hughes makes it clear the Lady Steers' workout sessions have been physically demanding of late.

"These have been the hardest workouts, running-wise, since I've been on the varsity," she noted, admitting that she and her teammates are tired of having classmates continually remind them that teams from the Panhandle have literally owned them.

"He (Taylor) knows we can do it, we know we can do it... we've just got to go out there and play like we're capable of playing. If we get on a roll here in the playoffs, anything's possible."

WOOD'S VS SHOES advertisement featuring a shoe image and text: 'WALKING IS A COMPLETE EXERCISE CYCLE... involving nearly every muscle and bone in the body.' Includes contact info for E I-20 Colorado City 728-8638.

CELLULAR ONE advertisement featuring a Nokia 638 phone image and text: 'The answer is free. Free incoming calls for six months.' Includes contact info for CELLULAR ONE LOCATION at College Park Shopping Ctr 501 Birdwell Lane, #22 264-0003.

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Court rules for Martin in PGA suit

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

EUGENE, Ore. — When Casey Martin sued the PGA Tour for a chance to ride a cart while playing the pro golf tour, he had only himself and his painful right leg in mind. But after his federal court victory Wednesday — the first time the Americans with Disabilities Act was invoked for competition in a major sport — Martin said he wants to be an inspiration for others with handicaps.

"I was doing this selfishly," Martin said. "I realized if I win, that would open the way. That's something to feel good about. I'd like to be a role model. Hopefully, I'll do a good job."

Martin asked for a cart to accommodate his rare circulatory disorder that makes it painful and even dangerous to walk. His doctors say too much stress on his withered right leg could cause it to break, which could force amputation.

"I hope five to 10 years from now, if I'm still able to play golf, the PGA will lean back and scratch their heads and say, 'Why did we fight this guy?'" he said.

Martin's case caused a national debate over the rights of the disabled to compete in professional sports, and generated an outpouring of public sympathy, an endorsement from Bob Dole, and book and movie offers.

Sporting a Nike golf shirt that he donned after leaving court, the 25-year-old Stanford grad and former teammate of Tiger Woods said he would have lunch today with Nike chairman Phil Knight, who bucked the PGA Tour and signed Martin to be part of the company's new ad campaign, "I Can."

The PGA Tour will provide Martin with a cart when he plays March 3 in the Nike Tour's Greater Austin Open in Texas, but will also appeal the ruling.

"We find a great deal to admire about him," tour spokesman Bob Combs said. "It simply is not about Mr. Martin. We felt compelled to defend our principles."

U.S. Magistrate Thomas Coffin faulted the tour for failing to consider Martin's individual medical condition.

During the six-day trial, tour lawyers instead emphasized principles of fair competition, arguing a cart would give Martin an advantage and remove the fundamentals of athleticism and stamina that walking gives the game at its highest levels.

FISHING REPORT

AUSTIN — Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Feb. 12.

CENTRAL
BROWNWOOD: Water fairly clear; normal level; black bass to 5 pounds are slow to fair on jigs and crank baits. Hybrid strippers are fair to good on live bait and spoons. Crappie are slow to fair on minnows and jigs. Channel catfish are fair on rod and reels baited with shrimp and worms.

BUCHANAN: Water fairly clear; black bass are fair on Jig-N-Pigs combos and on crank baits and Carolina-rigged worms fished in 10 to 20 feet of water. Striped bass are fair on live bait fished in deep water. White bass are fair to good on live bait and slabs fished around Tow. Crappie are good on live minnows fished around crappie barges. Catfish are slow.

SOUTH
AMSTAD: Water clear; very low; black bass to 6 pounds are very good on Carolina and Texas-rigged worms and on crank baits. Striped and white bass are schooling together and coming on spinners, spoons and live baits. Catfish are fair on rod and reels baited with shrimp and cut bait.

CHOKE: Water fairly clear; black bass to 8 pounds are fair on spinners and Rat-L-Trap fished during the day. White bass are fair on slabs and live bait fished on the river. Catfish are good on rod and reels baited with cut and cheese bait.

WEST
ARROWHEAD: Water clear; 54 degrees. Black bass to 5 pounds are good on spinners and worms. White bass are fair to good on live bait and spoons. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs fished over deep brush. Channel catfish are fair on rod and reels baited with minnows and shrimp.

FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water murky; 54 degrees; Hybrids are fair on crank baits. Catfish are fair to good on cut bait and Mr. Whisker's bait.

KEMP: Water fairly clear; low; black bass to 7 pounds are fair on spinners and worms. Striped bass are fair to good on live bait. Catfish are fair to good on trotlines baited with bait.

OAK CREEK: Water fairly clear to off-colored; low; black bass are fair on crank baits and worms. White bass are fair on spoons. Crappie are fair on minnows fished over deep water brush piles. Catfish are slow.

O.H.VIE: Water clear on main lake, murky in upper end and tributaries 52 degrees; black bass and smallmouth to 3 pounds are slow on plastic worms and crank bait. Crappie are fair on minnows fished in 20 to 30 feet of water in the creeks, coves and ridges. White bass are fair. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with cut bait fished over baited holes. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live perch.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; low; 53 degrees; black bass are slow to fair on spinners and Carolina-rigged worms fished during the middle of the day. Striped and white bass are fair on slabs fished on the main lake. Crappie are fair on minnows fished around the docks. Catfish are good on rod and reels baited with cut bait.

The Mini Page

Especially for kids and their families

By BETTY DEBNAM

A Monumental Monument

The Shaw Memorial



A closeup of the soldiers in the memorial. This was the first time that an American artist had shown blacks as different people with strong features and faces.

The Mini Page celebrates African-American History Month with a story about a monument that is very important in both history and art.

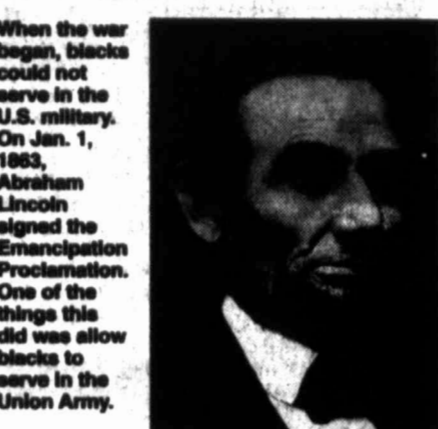
The Shaw Memorial honors one of the first African-American fighting units of the Civil War. It brings to memory the important part blacks played in their fight for freedom.

Many art experts also consider it the finest public memorial ever produced in this country. The artist was the great American sculptor Augustus Saint-Gaudens, who spent more than 14 years creating it, starting in 1882.

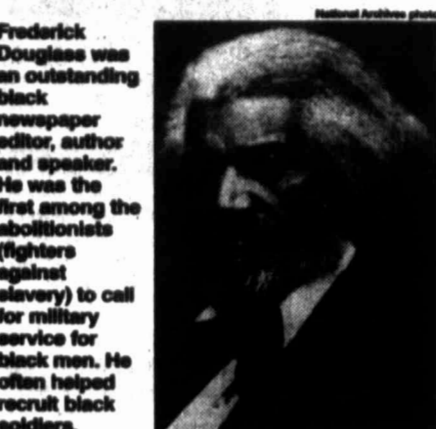
The history

To understand this memorial, we must look back in history to the Civil War. At this time, most blacks in this country were slaves.

The Civil War between the Northern and Southern states lasted from 1861 to 1865. It took more lives than any other war in our history. Preserving the union of the North and South and freeing the slaves were two important reasons it was fought.



Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865)



Frederick Douglass (1817-1895)



The monument honors the commander of the black troops, Robert Gould Shaw (on the horse) and the members of the 54th Volunteer Infantry from Massachusetts, one of the first black units to fight for the Union in the Civil War.

Rookie Cookie's Recipe

Gold Medal Chicken

- You'll need:
- 1 3/4 cups stuffing mix
 - 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese
 - 3 tablespoons margarine, melted
 - 1/4 cup buttermilk
 - 4 chicken breasts
- What to do:
1. Place stuffing in a large plastic bag. Crush with a rolling pin.
 2. Add Parmesan cheese to bag. Shake well.
 3. Place melted butter or margarine and buttermilk in a medium bowl. Mix well.
 4. Dip chicken breasts, one at a time, in buttermilk mixture to coat completely.
 5. Place chicken in bag. Close bag and shake well.
 6. Place on a baking sheet.
 7. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 30 minutes. Serves 4.

TRY 'N SCULPTURE FIND

Words about sculpture are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: ARTIST, SCULPTURE, ART, FIGURE, STONE, MEMORIAL, PLASTER, BRONZE, METAL, MASTERPIECE, SCULPT, VIEW, CAST, STUDIO, WORK.

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and her friends are visiting the Shaw Memorial. See if you can find:

- peanut
- elephant
- acorn
- number 7
- mushroom
- fish
- canoe
- word MINI
- teapot
- number 3
- number 8
- letter L
- bell

The Men and the Monument

The men of the 54th



The artist created 16 faces of the men. Most are carrying rifles, knapsacks and bedrolls.

The most famous black military unit of the Civil War was the 54th Volunteer Infantry from Massachusetts. Their bravery and skill in battle set an example for all and inspired many to follow them. Other volunteer military units had been raised in the South, but this was the first raised in the North.

In 1863, the governor of Massachusetts formed a military unit. It was made up of mostly free black men.

After training in Boston, the men boarded ships and sailed for Charleston, S.C. In their first test in battle, 250 of their men were successful in holding out against 900 Confederate soldiers.

Their real test came in the attack on Fort Wagner near Charleston in July of 1863. The men of the 54th were chosen to lead the attack. In the battle, almost half the 600 men lost their lives, were wounded or were captured. The fort was never captured.

The rest of the unit continued to serve until the end of the war.

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Look through your newspaper for people or events that might make a good monument.

Next week, The Mini Page celebrates Newspaper in Education Week, March 1-7.

Col. Robert Gould Shaw



A photo of Colonel Shaw (above). It is interesting to compare it with the figure in the monument (right). The artist worked hard to make his subjects very realistic.

Black soldiers served under white officers during the Civil War.

The man chosen to lead the 54th was a 25-year-old colonel, Robert Gould Shaw. He was from a well-known family from Boston that was against slavery. He had served in the Union Army for two years.

He was killed when he bravely led his men into battle at Fort Wagner on July 18, 1863.

The Shaw Memorial



The bronze memorial was unveiled in May 1897 in Boston, Mass. Veterans of the 54th posed in front of it. Look at the photo carefully. Notice the flying figure of an angel above the men.

There are other versions of the memorial:

- One in bronze is at Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site in Cornish, N.H.
- One in plaster is at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. It will be on view in the fall of 1998.

The artist



Augustus Saint-Gaudens (1848-1907) was born in Ireland but grew up in New York City.

Twenty years after the battle, a well-known sculptor, Augustus Saint-Gaudens, was selected to make a memorial to Colonel Shaw and the men of the 54th.

Saint-Gaudens had studied in France and Rome. He created many famous public monuments that we admire today.

His home in Cornish, N.H., is a National Historic Site.

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(Both sent in by Francie Friddle)

Meet Tahj Mowry

Tahj Mowry plays 10-year-old high school genius T.J. Henderson on the show "Smart Guy."
Acting seems to run in the Mowry family. Tahj's sisters are Tia and Tamara Mowry from the show "Sister, Sister."
His first show business job was a part in a commercial when he was 4. His first acting job was in the show "Who's the Boss?" He later played Teddy, a friend of the Olsen twins, on the show "Full House."
Not only does Tahj act, but he dances as well. He has danced on the Academy Awards show and in music videos by Michael Jackson and Mariah Carey.
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LUCKY 7 CAR SALE

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TOSS THOSE BILLS AWAY

Advertisement for tossing bills away and earning extra money.

DEAR ABBY: I am living with a guy

Dear Abby column entry about a man with an ex-wife.

DEAR ABBY: I am all for keeping promises

Dear Abby column entry about keeping promises.

DEAR ABBY: As both a businessman and consumer

Dear Abby column entry about business and consumer.

DEAR ABBY: I had been happily married to "Jake"

Dear Abby column entry about a man named Jake.

DEAR ABBY: The letter in your column

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DEAR ABBY: I wish you had told "Sick of Signs"

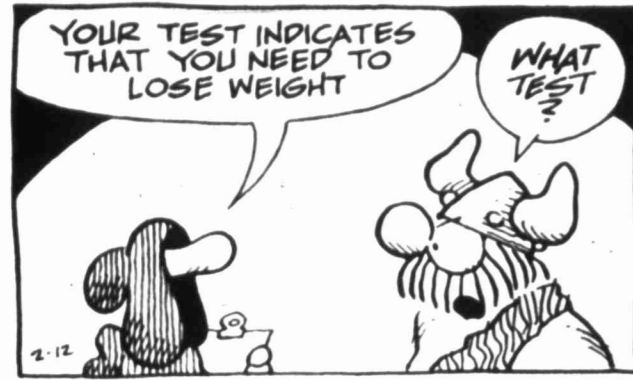
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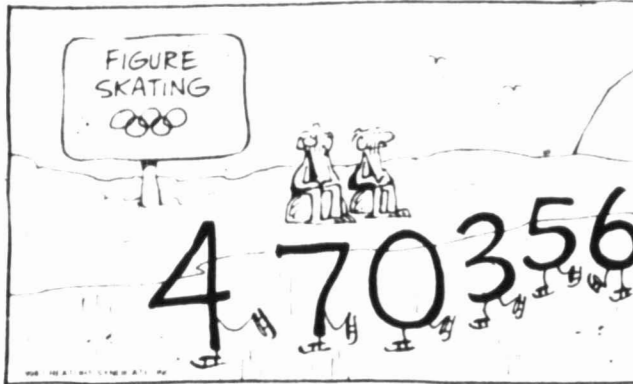
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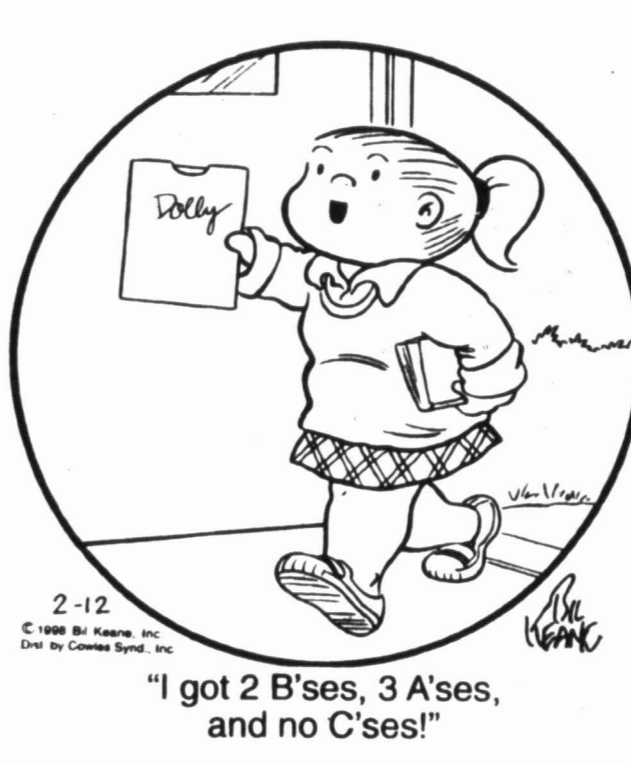
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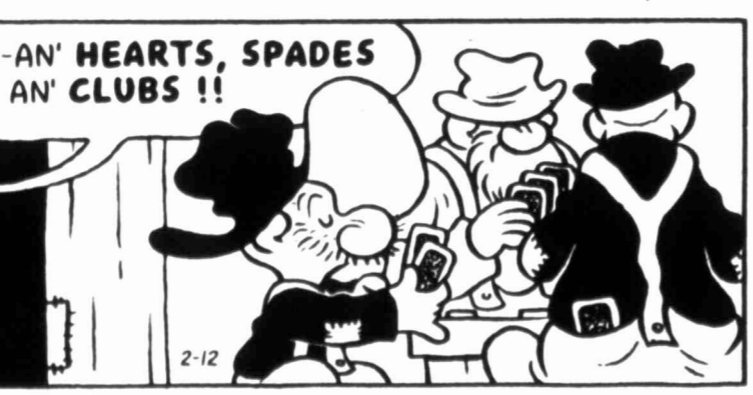
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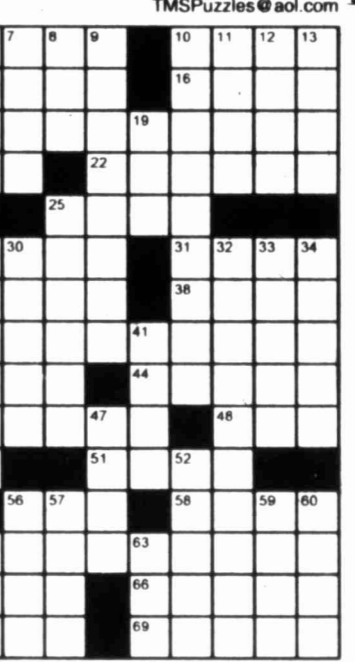
THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Thursday, Feb. 12.

the 43rd day of 1998. There are 322 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 12, 1809, Abraham Lincoln, the 16th president of the United States, was born in present-day Larue County, Ky. On this date:

THE Daily Crossword

- Edited by Wayne Robert Williams
- ACROSS
- Dining surface
 - Desert Storm missile
 - Windy City perennial also-rans
 - Sign on var.
 - French soldier's cap
 - Environers
 - Song by the Kinks and the Pretenders
 - Woods walk
 - Brit. flyboys
 - Moves effortlessly
 - First name in mysteries
 - Arrangement
 - Letters on Cardinals' caps
 - Dated platters
 - Speak imperfectly
 - Common writing
 - Dancer Pavlova
 - Division word
 - Bowie song
 - Teensy
 - Gratuitous
 - Wading bird
 - Muscle: archaic
 - Livestock feed
 - Madison Ave. output
 - Downpour
 - Gentle
 - The Last of
 - Opening
 - Teases
 - Ramones song
 - Otherwise
 - Bird confinement
 - Cosmetician
 - Lauder
 - Active person
 - Slaughterer of baseball
 - Cereal grain
 - Refused
 - Bowling challenge
 - Fidelity
 - Polyester fabric
 - Signed, Hollywood-style
 - Work to gain favor
 - Spirited mount
 - Harbors
 - Airplane with a message
 - Kind of dancer
 - Betroth
 - Flying: prof.
 - Catch sight of
 - Pub offering
 - New
 - Snow glider
 - Hawaiian port
 - Being: Lat
 - Kind of dancer
 - Iowa college town
 - La Tar Pits
 - Prouler's word
 - Brown in the sun
 - Chop



By Stanley B. Whitten Northbrook, IL 2/12/98

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved



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In 1554, Lady Jane Grey, who had claimed the throne of England for nine days, was beheaded after being charged with treason.

In 1733, English colonists led by James Oglethorpe founded Savannah, Ga.

In 1870, women in the Utah Territory gained the right to vote.

In 1892, President Lincoln's birthday was declared a national holiday.

In 1907, more than 300 people died when the steamer Larchmont collided with a schooner off New England's Block Island.

In 1909, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was founded.

In 1915, the cornerstone for the Lincoln Memorial was laid in Washington, D.C.

In 1924, George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" premiered in New York City.

In 1940, the radio play "The Adventures of Superman" debuted on the Mutual network with Bud Collyer as the Man of Steel.

In 1968, "Soul on Ice" by Eldridge Cleaver was first published.

In 1973, the first release of American prisoners of war from the Vietnam conflict took place.

Ten years ago: The Pentagon charged that two Soviet Navy vessels deliberately bumped two U.S. warships in the Black Sea as the American vessels sailed through waters claimed by the Soviet Union. Alexander M. Haig dropped out of the race for the Republican presidential nomination.

Five years ago: In a crime that shocked Britons, two 10-year-old boys lured 2-year-old James Bulger from his mother at a shopping mall in Liverpool, England, then beat him to death.

One year ago: The highest-ranking official to flee communist North Korea, Hwang Jang Yop, asked for political asylum at South Korea's consulate in Beijing. The Clinton administration gave permission to 10 U.S. news organizations to open bureaus in Cuba.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Franco Zeffirelli is 75. Baseball Hall-of-Fame sportscaster Joe Garagiola is 72. Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., is 68. Basketball Hall-of-Famer Bill Russell is 64. Rock musician Ray Manzarek (The Doors) is 63. Actor Joe Don Baker is 62. Author Judy Blume is 60. Country singer Moe Bandy is 54. Actress Maud Adams is 53. Actor Cliff DeYoung is 53. Actor Michael Ironside is 48. Rock musician Steve Hackett is 48. Actress Joanna Kerns is 45. Actor-former talk show host-Arsenio Hall is 43.