



Tentative 'yes' to laptops

Trustees agree in principle to buy computers for high school students, teachers

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District trustees took a major step Thursday night toward putting a laptop computer into the hands of every high school student and

teacher.

Trustees approved in principle the program, which is scheduled to begin with the 2007-2008 school year.

A potential roadblock still exists, however. Trustees must next approve financing for the

project and it was evident during Thursday night's meeting that dissension exists on just when to implement the program.

By a 4-3 vote, trustees decided to seek sealed-bid proposals rather

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"Everyone agrees that it's a very effective learning tool ... The issue now is whether we can afford it as a school district."

—Tony Kennedy, BSISD board president



High praise

Floydada ISD educators laud laptop program

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

As Big Spring school officials decide whether to purchase laptop computers for staff and students next school year, they sought advice from educators who have "been there, done that."

Jerry Vaughn and Dr. Bill Dean, superintendent and school board president, respectively, for Floydada schools, were in Big Spring Thursday to consult with local trustees as they wrestle with whether to green light the \$1 million program.

With the help of a technology grant, Floydada officials purchased laptops for their junior high teachers and students three years ago.

The program proved so successful that trustees voted to use local money to buy laptops for teachers and students at the high school the following year, Vaughn said.

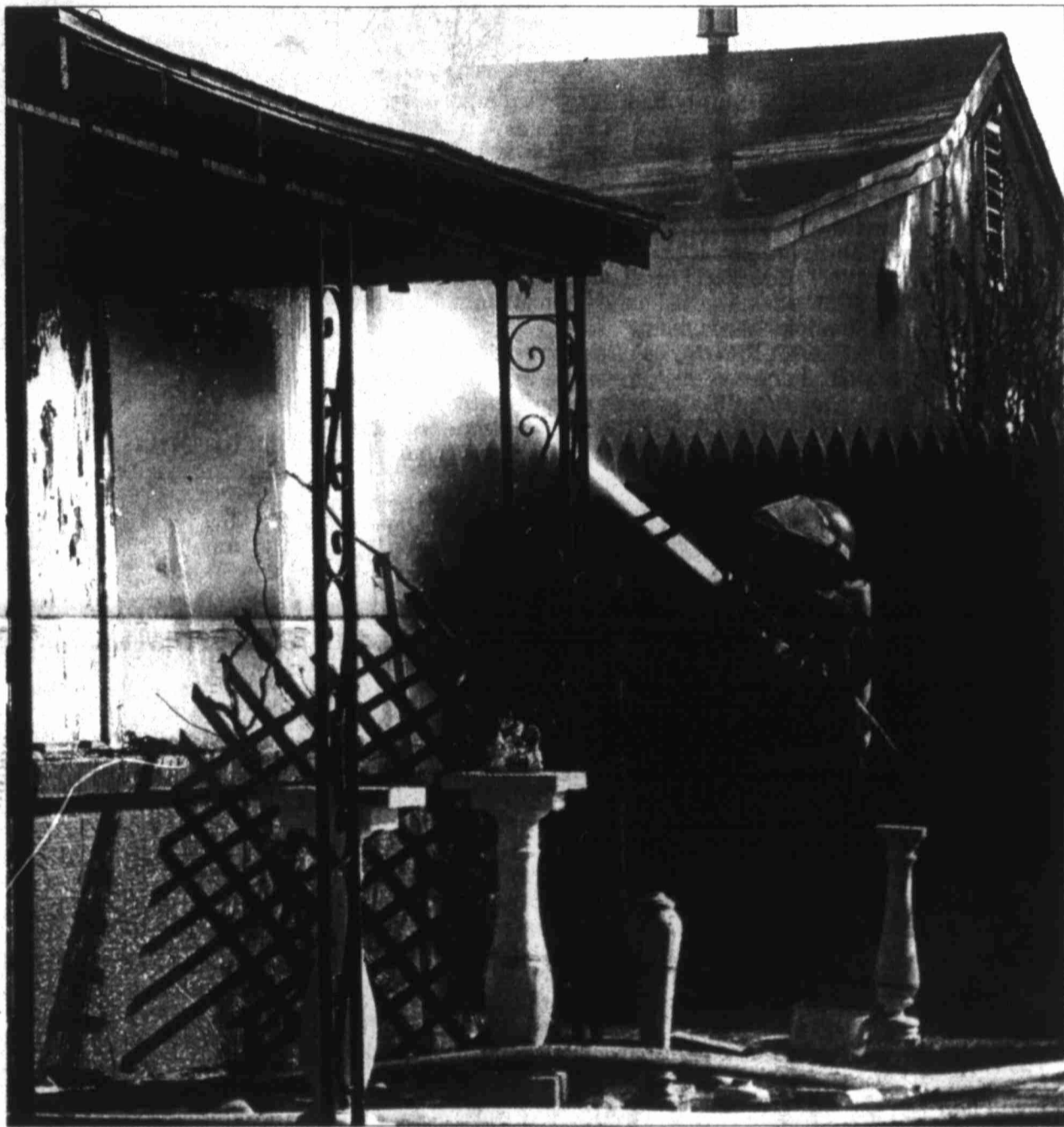
Three years and 600 laptops later, Vaughn and Dean are firm supporters of the program.

"A lot of people will tell you this is a technology initiative. I'm here to tell you it's a learning initiative," Vaughn told BSISD trustees. "There was a lot of anxiety (in Floydada) about purchasing the laptops, but they are one of the best 'leveling' tools I've seen in my career — they really level the playing field for our students."

Vaughn said the program has had a positive impact on student test scores, especially among those from low-income families.

Two major concerns raised in Big Spring —

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Firefighters work to extinguish a blaze at a home located at 407 E. 11th Street Wednesday morning. A fund has been set up for the family — Michael and Joy Marquez and their two sons — who lost their home at Cosden Credit Union. For more information on the fund, which has been set up to help defray costs associated with the fire, contact Jennifer Romine at 268-3302.

Murder charges dismissed against one of four suspects

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

One of the four suspects arrested for the murder of 20-year-old Roland David Dickinson has been released, as investigators continue to piece together the chain of events that lead to the young man's death.

Kirk Douglas Flanary, 35, was released this week and first-degree murder charges against him were dropped, according to Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker.

"All charges against Flanary have been dropped," said Walker. "It's possible we could charge him with something



Flanary

else at a different time, but as of now he has been cleared.

"Originally, he was named by a witness as being at the location at the time of the murder. Through our investigation, however, it was determined he was not at the location at the time of the crime."

The three other suspects arrested in connection with the murder — Billy Wayne Haynes, 30, of Houston; John Michael Hays, 50, of Big Spring; and Christopher David Lovett, 33 — remain charged

with first-degree murder, according to Walker.

Dickinson's body was recovered from a ravine six miles north of Coahoma on Highway 820 Jan. 11. He had lived in the Big Spring area for less than six months, according to Walker, having moved to the area to work in the oilfield, and was most recently employed by S&S Well Service.

Dickinson's body remained unidentified for more than a week before family members positively identified his remains. Walker estimates the

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TIME CHANGE COMING

Daylight Saving Time begins this weekend, the second weekend in March, courtesy of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

That act changed the date this year, which in previous years had been the first weekend in April. Officially, the time change still takes place at 2 a.m. Sunday. It's much simpler, however, to set your clock an hour ahead when you go to bed Saturday night (Spring forward, fall back).

Oh, and make a note, time changes back this year on the first weekend in November instead of the last weekend in October.

POWOW SET MARCH 17-18



The third annual Big Spring Powwow is set for March 17-18 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The Powwow will feature a number of vendors and exhibits, as well as dance competitions.

The event gets under way at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 17, with gourd dancing, followed by the Grand Entry, where all the dancers enter. Admission to the event is \$2 and children under 12 are free.

For more information about the powwow, contact Lesser at 264-8203.

FISD RACE NOW CONTESTED

FORSAN — For the first time in recent memory, there will be a contested election for a spot on the Forsan Independent School District school board.

Former student Chris Evans, now owner of Lee's Rental Center in Big Spring, and Heritage Museum Director Nancy Raney filed their candidacies for the Forsan board Thursday, school officials said.

They join incumbent Tom Bill Kuykendall and Big Spring firefighter Glenn Graves in the race for two at-large seats on the board.

The election will be held May 12.

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Obituaries

Don M. Farley

Don M. Farley, 79, of Big Spring, passed away Wednesday, March 7, 2007. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park and the Memorial Service will be at the First Presbyterian Church at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 10, 2007, with the Rev. Matt Miles of the First Presbyterian Church officiating.

He was born Nov. 25, 1927, in Eldorado, Okla. to Phebe Bell Farley and Barney G. Farley. He graduated from Eldorado High School in 1945 and entered the Navy at the end of World War II. He served as a storekeeper in the U.S. Navy. He married Jean Ann Farley on Aug. 19, 1949. In January of 1953, he came to Big Spring to be a part in the Reef Fields East Vealmoor Gas Plant. He lived and worked in Big Spring until his transfer by Skelly Oil to Tulsa, Okla. in 1971. After several mergers, he retired from Texaco in May of 1985. The Farleys returned to Big Spring in December of 2000. He was an elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Big Spring.

Survivors include his wife Jean Ann Farley of Big Spring; his four children, his son Essex Farley and his wife Diana of Round Rock; his daughter Ann Farley of Big Spring; his son Mark Farley and his wife Deborah of Oklahoma City; his son Tom Farley of Austin; his brother Earl Farley of Amarillo; his nephew Drew Clonts and his wife Sammie of El Paso; five grandsons; four granddaughters; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and sister Pauline Clonts Hively.

The family will be receiving friends on Friday at 409 Edwards.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be sent to the First Presbyterian Church, 711 Runnels, Big Spring 79720 and the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. 3rd, Big Spring 79720.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Paid obituary

Nathaniel Alexander Rodriguez Vincent

Nathaniel Alexander Rodriguez Vincent, infant son of Rosa Rodriguez and Keith Vincent, died Wednesday, March 7, 2007, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 10, 2007, at the St. Thomas Catholic Church with Deacon Johnny Arguello, officiating. Interment will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

He was born March 7, 2007, in Big Spring. In addition to his parents, he is survived by his grandparents Priscilla and Raymond Rodriguez and Irma and Bryan Vincent, all of Big Spring; his great grandparents Rosa and Cosme Ramirez of Big Spring; his great grandfathers Pedro Ramos and Juan Rodriguez, both of Big Spring; his great grandmother Yvonne Vincent of Dalton, Mass.; and numerous cousins and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his great grandmothers Maria Rodriguez and Josefina Ramos.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Take Note

• IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH will have Stations of the Cross today at 6 p.m. A fish fry will follow in the church hall. Plates are \$5 per adults and \$2.50 per child.

• BIG SPRING SYMPHONY CHORUS REHEARSALS HAVE BEGUN at the first United Methodist Church upstairs choral rehearsal room. The rehearsals are for the April 21 concert and will feature spiritual music and Mozart.

• CHRIST COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP IS COLLECTING INFANT CAR SEATS AND CARRIERS. These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them. To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love. All donations are appreciated.

• ROAD TO RECOVERY, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call Nancy Koger at 267-7809.

• NEW LIFE MINISTRIES Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free. Call 264-0771 for more information.

• THE PET PATROL helps locate lost pets and owners of found pets. To volunteer or for more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).

• ODYSSEY HOSPICE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS to work in the office and perform patient services. For more information or to volunteer, call 263-5999.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Thursday and 7 a.m. today.

• **JIMMY C. HUDSON**, 34, of 1103 Sixth Street, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and a local warrant.

• **MICHAEL RODRIGUEZ**, 18, of 1906 Hale, was arrested Thursday on a charge of burglary of a coin operated machine.

• **MICHAEL T. RANDALL**, 34, of 1107 Goliad, was arrested Thursday on a charge of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice and a local warrant.

• **CHRISTOPHER JACKSON**, 25, of 1106 N.W. Second, was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and a local warrant.

• **STEPHANIE OBRIEN**, 19, of 1104 Nolan, was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

• **DAVID RYAN SANFORD**, 30, of Abilene, was arrested Friday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

• **REBECCA L. COMSTOCK**, 23, of 1700 Runnels, was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **FORGERY** was reported in the 3300 block of Highway 80.

• **FAILURE TO IDENTIFY AS A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE** was reported in the 100 block of Marcy.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1400 block of Stadium.

• **BURGLARY OF A COIN OPERATED MACHINE** was reported in the 2300 block of Goliad.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 44 inmates at the time of this report.

• **BRANDI ANN HUTCHESON**, 22, was arrested Thursday by DPS on charges of no driver's license and no liability insurance.

• **CYNTHIA WHITE**, 42, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of bondsman off bond for forgery of a financial instrument.

• **NITA ELLISON**, 63, was arrested Thursday by DPS on charges of driving while license invalid and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

• **DARIN SEAN TUCKER**, 48, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of contempt of court - disobedience of a court order.

• **JIMMY HUDSON**, 34, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of burglary of a habitation and possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1700 block of Harvard. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2000 block of Goliad. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 400 block of E. 11th Place. Service refused.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1700 block of Donley. Service refused.

• **STRUCTURE FIRE** was reported in the 400 block of E. 11th Street.

Support Groups

MONDAY

• Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

TUESDAY

• The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) support group meets from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main. Anyone who has a mental illness or has a friend or family with mental illness is invited to participate. Call Felicia Talley at 268-3835 for more information.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Bulletin Board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

TODAY

• Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area senior citizens are invited.

SATURDAY

• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

MONDAY

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

• Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 263-2786 for more information.

• Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave.

• The Christian Motorcyclists Association meets at 7 p.m. at TravelCenters of America truck stop.

• Archeology Society for Howard and Borden counties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room in the basement. Call 270-2615 for more information.

• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

• Big Spring Society of the Order of Beacients meets at 6:30 p.m. for a meal with meeting that begins at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

• Big Spring Commandry meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

TUESDAY

• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• The Powwow Committee of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church annex, 809 Scurry, or the fellowship hall at 810 Scurry. Call Robert Downing at 263-3255 for information.

WEDNESDAY

• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Weather

Tonight...Increasing clouds. Lows in the upper 40s. Northeast winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.

Saturday...Partly cloudy. Highs around 80. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday night...Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 50s. South winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Sunday...Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Cooler. Highs in the upper 60s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph shifting to the north 10 to 20 mph in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Colder. Lows in the lower 40s.

Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs around 70.

Monday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s.

Tuesday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 70s.

Tuesday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 40s.

Wednesday...Sunny. Highs in the upper 70s.

Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s.

Thursday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 60s.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 1-8-30-34. Bonus Ball: 2. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Monday night drawing: \$275,000.

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Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 26-27-28-34-36.

Number matching five of five: 0.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-5-4

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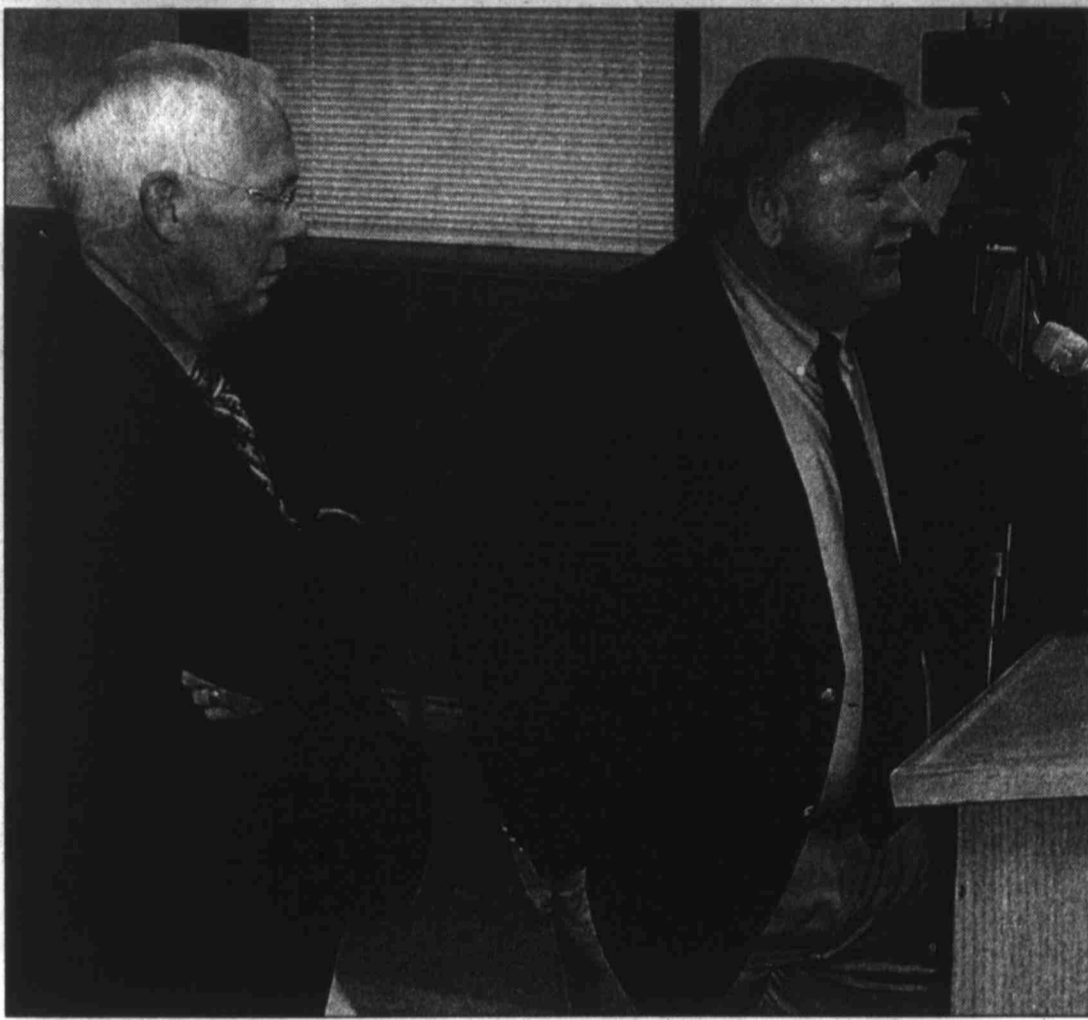
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Dr. Bill Dean, left, president of the Floydada Independent School District Board of Trustees, and Floydada ISD Superintendent Jerry Vaughn address the Big Spring ISD school board Thursday. Floydada is in the third year of a program that provides laptop computers to every student and teacher in grades 6 through 12.



HERALD Photo/Andra Medlin
Big Spring State Hospital direct care worker Brandon Sandridge simulates CPR on a mock victim with the supervision of clinical director Dr. Ba Han during a disaster drill held Thursday. The drill, held annually, helps prepare hospital staff in the case of an actual disaster. Local law enforcement, fire, and EMS also participated in the drill.

LAPTOPS

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than specific quotes for the laptop program. Seeking proposals rather than quotes would allow the computer purchase to occur sooner, school officials said.

But Trustee Mike Dawson, who along with Allan Partee and Irene Galan voted against seeking sealed bids, sees no

reason to rush into the project.

"I just want to slow the process down a bit and take a more in-depth look at the expenditures involved," Dawson said.

Trustee Phil Furqueron, however, said the laptop program is a proven learning tool and needs to get into the hands of students as soon as possible.

"I think this is extremely important," Furqueron said. "We need to contin-

ue to close the gap (between economically disadvantaged and non-economically disadvantaged students) and this is an important step in the process.

"I'm selfish," Furqueron added. "I want to live in a community full of educated people."

Despite differing on how to pay for the program, trustees did reach a consensus on its value.

"There is no dissension

on its educational value," Board President Tony Kennedy said. "Everyone agrees that it's a very effective learning tool ... The issue now is whether we can afford it as a school district."

Kennedy said a recent visit to Floydada to see the program in action alleviated his concerns over the value of laptops in the classroom.

"What really changed my mind was when we

went to Floydada," Kennedy said. "When we walked into the classroom, we saw student learning at its best. The teachers were excited, the students were excited and the administrators were excited."

"When those kids walked into the classroom, the first thing they did was flip open their laptops and go to work," he added. "There was more actual teaching

going on than I've ever seen."

Trustees will take up the issue of financing when they meet again in April, Superintendent Michael Downes said.

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PRAISE

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the risk of computer breakage and theft — have been non-factors in Floydada, the men said.

"After three years and 600 laptops, we've had one laptop stolen — and that wasn't at the student level. It was stolen out of a teacher's car in

Lubbock," Vaughn said. "We had people saying the kids would take them and sell them for drugs ... but we learned that when you give a kid a thousand-dollar computer that they've never had access to, they take care of it."

In year one of the Floydada program, there were 10 instances of computer breakage. In year two, when the high school was added to the project,

that number increased to 15. To date this school year, there have been 13 reports of computer breakage, Dean said.

Such incidents are to be expected, the men said.

"We don't take a math book away from a kid if he tears a page out," Vaughn said. "We can't keep this tool away from them."

"Kids are going to be kids, regardless," Dean

added. "If we had 10 instances, you'll probably have at least 20."

Whatever headaches might arise from the program are worth it in the long run, Vaughn counseled.

"Adults are what I call 'digital immigrants,'" Vaughn said. "Students are 'digital natives.' This is all about the kids ... and it's one of the best

learning initiatives I've ever seen."

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CHARGES

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body had been at the location near Coahoma for three to four days.

Preliminary autopsy results showed the cause of death to be blunt trauma to the head. The body, which was found wearing only a pair of underwear and a white T-shirt, showed signs of a brutal assault, according to Walker.

According to investiga-

tors, Hays confessed to the murder, saying Dickinson had been hateful and disrespectful to a family member.

The suspects are believed to have ties to the Texas prison affiliated gang known as the Aryan Circle, according to Walker.

"The investigation is in the process of being

wrapped up," said Walker. "We're just getting all of the reports completed now so we can file the charges with the district attorney's office."

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Lisa Karen Cawthon, 46, died Wednesday. Private family services will be at a later date.

Don Farley, 79, died Wednesday. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park and the Memorial Service will be at the First Presbyterian Church at 10 a.m. Saturday.

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

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

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play

This week we salute:

• Crossroads area Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, who collected non-perishable food items for local food pantries last weekend. Thanks, too, to all of you who donated.

• Big Spring Prospector's Club members on their 38th Annual Gem and Mineral Show, held once again at the Howard County Fairbarns. As always, the show was interesting because it was educational, and fun because of all the neat stuff.

• The Howard College Hawks, who begin play in the Region 5 tournament in Belton today after a strong finish in the regular season. And, to Garden City's Bearkats, who also play today in the University Interscholastic League state high school basketball tournament. Good luck, fellows!

• The 250 or so Crossroads area folks who made their way to the State Capitol Building for Big Spring Area Day in Austin Wednesday. Thanks, as well, to Sen. Kel Seliger and Rep. Joe Heflin.

• Alon USA on its acquisition of 102 Skinny's stores. Now if only they could do something about the high price of gasoline!

• Sheree Moates on her exhibit at the Heritage Museum. If you haven't seen her artwork, you'll want to take time to do so this month.

• All of those who have filed as candidates to serve on local and area city and school boards. If you are on the outside looking in and thinking "just maybe," be aware the deadline to file is 5 p.m. Monday.

• VFW Post 2013 in Big Spring, which on March 18, will celebrate its 75th anniversary, a feat which has earned it a Diamond Jubilee Award citation from the national Veterans of Foreign Wars.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, may our life today be a clean-slate for You to write on.

Amen

The right place at the right time

You could call it being parked in the right spot... We'll get to that later.

December 1, 1955, could have been a typical day, but because the right person with the right character was in the right place at the right time, it was a day that changed the nation.

When Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat to a white man that demanded it, she was physically tired from a long day of work but she was spiritually and emotionally full of enough strength to push America out of the Stone Age of racism we had so long lived in.

The rest of Rosa's story is history — her arrest and trial, a 381-day Montgomery, Ala. bus boycott and the Supreme Court's ruling in November 1956 that segregation on transportation is unconstitutional.

Sometimes heroes come in small packages and Rosa Parks' fight was not just for her race, but also for everyone that is in love with what is right and hates what's wrong.

I thank God that Rosa didn't miss that bus. As sorry as I am for what she went through, I am so grateful that it was she on that bus in 1955. Everything changed because the right person was at the right place at the right time.

**Willing and Able
Because She Was Stable**

She was able to do what God had destined her to do because she was willing to be who God had

called her to be. Her character and strength put her into that world changing bus seat.

Parks' belief in God and her religious convictions are at the core of everything she did. It was the overriding theme of her book and the message she wanted to impart.

"I'd like for people to know that I had a very spiritual background and that I believe in church and my faith and that has helped to give me the strength and courage to live as I did."

The Brewer salutes you Rosa, and thanks God for her.

People of all races are amazing; they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road and the back of the church. They want to push others out of the way to jockey themselves into positions of greatness but truth be told, your obedience to God will put you in amazing places that you couldn't set up on your own with millions of dollars.

Tea and Crumpets

On my second mission trip to Uganda, my wife and I had a typical 16-hour layover in London. We took a train into downtown and ran around gawking at all things British.

Standing on the side of a busy London street and trying to make myself look right instead of left, I saw a police escort coming down the road toward me. There was a pretty good traffic jam that caused the entourage to stop right where Leanna and I were standing.

Distracted by the obnoxious English siren, I finally looked into the back seat of the limousine closest to me. And there, not five feet away sat Elizabeth II — that's

right, the queen of England.

I couldn't believe it. She made eye contact with me and nearly putting my mouth on the window glass, I yelled, "Hey Queen Elizabeth, Jesus loves you!"

As guards began to pour out of cars to beat up the foreigner that was yelling at their monarch, the traffic began to move and off she went.

Watching them drive away, I held my wife's hand and muttered, "That was the Queen, Leanna. I just got to preach to the Queen."

A short sermon, yes, but it was the best I could come up with for the time I had to put it together. You see, my obedience in going to the orphanage in Uganda placed me on the street corner in England. I thought about it all the way from London to Entebbe.

Something to Slip On

This week's sip from the Master's cup perks something like this: You will only do the great things God has called you to do if you are willing to be the person He has called you to be.

Your character and your destiny go hand in hand. Your submission to the Lord in everyday life lands you in the right place at the right time for the right miracle to happen.

God's word to us truly is directing us to much greater things.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. —Psalms 119:105

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TROY BREWER



Have a little love for your farmer

Good relationships take time; great relationships take work. One has to learn to compromise and sometimes to do what's not convenient. You may immediately think of your relationship with your best friend, siblings, parents, co-workers, or partner, but I am referring to your relationships with food and with those who provide our food.

Would you consider your relationship to food healthy? And I don't mean do you eat whole grains and lots of fruits and vegetables. Think through the following three questions for a moment to determine the state of your plate:

- What five foods do you eat on a regular basis?
 - Do you know where each food item comes from? (Not just milk from a cow or tortillas from corn, but where the food originated?)
 - Do you know the farmer who grew or raised the food?
- So you may think it is absurd to know who drove the combine to harvest the corn that fed the chickens that laid the eggs for your omelet (and if that is the case, you have probably already stopped reading at this point), but that just goes to show how disconnected we are to where our food comes from in the 21st Century. For millions of years we foraged or raised our food and knew exactly where every tasty morsel came from. But where is the relation-

ship to our food now?

Do children know that potatoes grow underground and aren't picked from a French fry tree? Or that true maple syrup comes from tree sap and not high fructose corn syrup? Our reliance on processed food is not only victimizing our health, but also destroying the all but forgotten relationship factor to food and those who grow it.

Like a Hollywood marriage, our relationships to processed foods are fleeting, and leave a bad taste in everyone's mouth. Our loyalties should belong to our hardworking family farmers instead of brands such as Doritos and Coke. In the spirit of showing our love this spring, let's love our farmers. Some ways you can demonstrate your love immediately:

- Eat seasonally and buy direct from a local farmer as much as you can. I'm not asking you to stop eating chocolate because there isn't a cocoa farmer nearby, but head to the farmers' market or find a local Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) group. You'll find food with a face is a relationship you won't want to cheat on.
- Plant a garden—whether you have room for a plot in the backyard or just for some herbs on the windowsill, growing your own food will make you appreciate everything farmers do for you, while pleasing your own palate.
- Go to your local supermarket, favorite restaurant, school cafeteria, etc., and ask for the manager and/or a comment card to request more locally grown products be stocked on their shelves.

Policy — it's not a four-letter word. Learn about the 2007 Farm Bill and how it affects our supply of healthy, safe, affordable food. Plenty of consumer and farm organizations have their proposals on the table and sifting through them all by yourself can seem like trying to read Greek. So call up an agricultural organization and ask what its farm bill proposal does to ensure that a healthy relationship will exist with the farmer. Try National Family Farm Coalition's farm bill proposal: the Food from Family Farms Act. Then relay your opinion to your representatives in Congress.

As environmentalist, entrepreneur, and best-selling author Paul Hawken eloquently states, "In this upside-down world, we pay the least to the people who give the most of their lives: nurses, teachers, and farmers."

Today, at the very least, we can offer those who care for our land and bodies the most: our utter gratitude, our amazement at the splendor of their gifts to us, and our unvarnished oath that we will take their offerings and multiply them in the world, and never take for granted those people who care for and nurture life on this Earth."

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DEBRA ESCHMEYER

Veteran of the month

Vicki Scott latest to receive honor from Hangar 25

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

The Hangar 25 Air Museum honored local resident Vicki Scott as its Veteran of the Month with a special reception Thursday evening.

Scott, who served in the U.S. Army for four years, said her experience in the military was a positive one.

"I joined in 1974 and got out in 1978," said Scott. "My dad was career Air Force, and when I told him I was going to join the military and asked him about it, he recommended the Army. He said the rank moved faster. I met a bunch of wonderful people and I was glad I did it. The Army put me through college, so it was certainly worth it."

Scott served as a helicopter mechanic stationed in Virginia, but the sky — and foreign lands — were no strangers to her during her stint in the Army.

"At Fort Eustis, Virginia, I was a helicopter mechanic on CH-47 Chinooks, and we were part of a replacement-type detachment," said Scott. "They would call us out whenever anyone needed a helicopter crew. We lost a lot of crews in Vietnam, and we lost a lot of helicopters."

"Fort Eustis was the home of the transportation core, so we would get called out to Southeast Asia. We were part of the evacuation when they had to have more crews out. We also did what I called advertising flights, when we took out high ranking officials to Kitty Hawk, N.C., and let them see the museum out there. There really were a wide range of things we did. Some were good, and some were not so good."

Being a woman in a predominantly male military was nothing new to Scott, who had been raised in the military lifestyle.

"I really didn't think of it as anything different at the time," said Scott. "I had been raised in the military. To me it was just a job, and I treated it that way. In my particular experiences I didn't



Heather Wallace, director of the Hangar 25 Air Museum, presents local resident Vicki Scott with the Veteran of the Month Award Thursday night during a special ceremony at the museum.

get any special treatment. "I got some interesting reactions every once in a while. I landed on a Navy ship at sea, and the executive officer nearly had a fit. I ended up with a Marine Corps guard the entire trip. I told him I wasn't going to hurt any of his sailors, and I really didn't need the Marines. All in all, it was a very

positive experience." And while Scott could put a helicopter in the air with ease, she said asking her to fetch a cup of tea was a completely different situation.

"My favorite memory from the military was about Gen. Rosenbloom. I was special staff with the 24th Infantry, and we had gone to Europe on a

NATO conference," said Scott. "The British are very prim and proper, and there was a British general there, and he asked me to get him a cup of tea."

"My general informed him that he could get his own damn tea, and not only that, he could get me a cup of tea as well because I was his division frequency manager and I wasn't a waitress."

So, what was Scott's reaction to being named Veteran of the Month?

"I said, 'Oh no, I have to get up and talk in front of a bunch of people,'" said Scott with a sly smile. "I'd rather go home and take a nap or something."

State jobless rate falls

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas' jobless rate fell to 4.5 percent in January — in line with the national rate — though the number of people filing for unemployment benefits rose as seasonal workers lost their jobs, the Texas Workforce Commission said Thursday.

January's seasonally adjusted rate was down from a revised 4.7 percent in December as the state continued to add jobs at the professional level and in the mining industry.

The nation's unemployment rate for January was 4.6 percent, the U.S.

Labor Department reported in early February. The latest U.S. jobless figures are scheduled to be released Friday.

The unemployment rate was calculated using figures adjusted for seasonal trends in hiring and firing, which most economists believe gives a better picture of the job market.

On an unadjusted basis, the state's jobless rate rose to 4.7 percent from 4.1 percent in December, as businesses that hire temporary workers and other staff for the holidays let those folks go.

Contract Bridge

Bidding Quiz

You have the following hand, both sides vulnerable:

♠ KQ963 ♥ A ♦ KJ5 ♣ QJ82

1. Your partner opens the bidding with One Heart, and the next player passes. What would you bid now?

2. Your right-hand opponent opens One Heart, which you double, and your left-hand opponent bids Two Hearts, which is followed by two passes. What would you bid now?

3. You deal and bid One Spade. Partner responds Two Hearts. What would you bid now?

4. Your partner deals and bids Three Clubs, and the next player passes. What would you bid now?

5. You deal and bid One Spade. Partner responds Two Clubs. What would you bid now?

1. One spade. The only other possible bid is two spades, but most experts would consider this hand not good enough to justify a jump-shift opposite a one-heart opening. Two spades would be the proper bid if partner opened with a club or a diamond because of the increased possibility of making a slam. But opposite one heart, a suit for which you have no fit, most experts would respond one spade, leaving any potential giant steps to be taken later.

2. Double. This is still a takeout double, even though partner had the

opportunity to respond and didn't. Obviously, the hand is too good to give up without bidding again, and the best way of competing further is to double once more. The alternative bid of two spades is a close second, but the spade suit is a bit too weak to mention independently at this level.

3. Three clubs. You have the high-card values to justify a bid of three notrump, but the wrong distribution. The unbalanced nature of your hand will be suggested by the three-club bid. This is a forward-going bid and indicates values well above a minimum opening.

4. Five clubs. Three clubs is a preemptive bid intended to make life difficult for the opponents. Because the bid denies the high-card values for a normal opening one-bid, partner cannot be credited with as much as seven clubs to the A-K and a side ace.

The most partner can have is a good club suit and a high card or two of secondary value, which should produce a good play for game. Three spades (forcing), followed by a raise to five clubs if partner does not support spades, is also acceptable.

5. Four clubs. The jump-raise shows approximately the high-card values you have, as well as implying distributional features. At the same time, it leaves room for partner to cuebid or use Blackwood if he is interested in a slam.

Tomorrow: Putting it all together.

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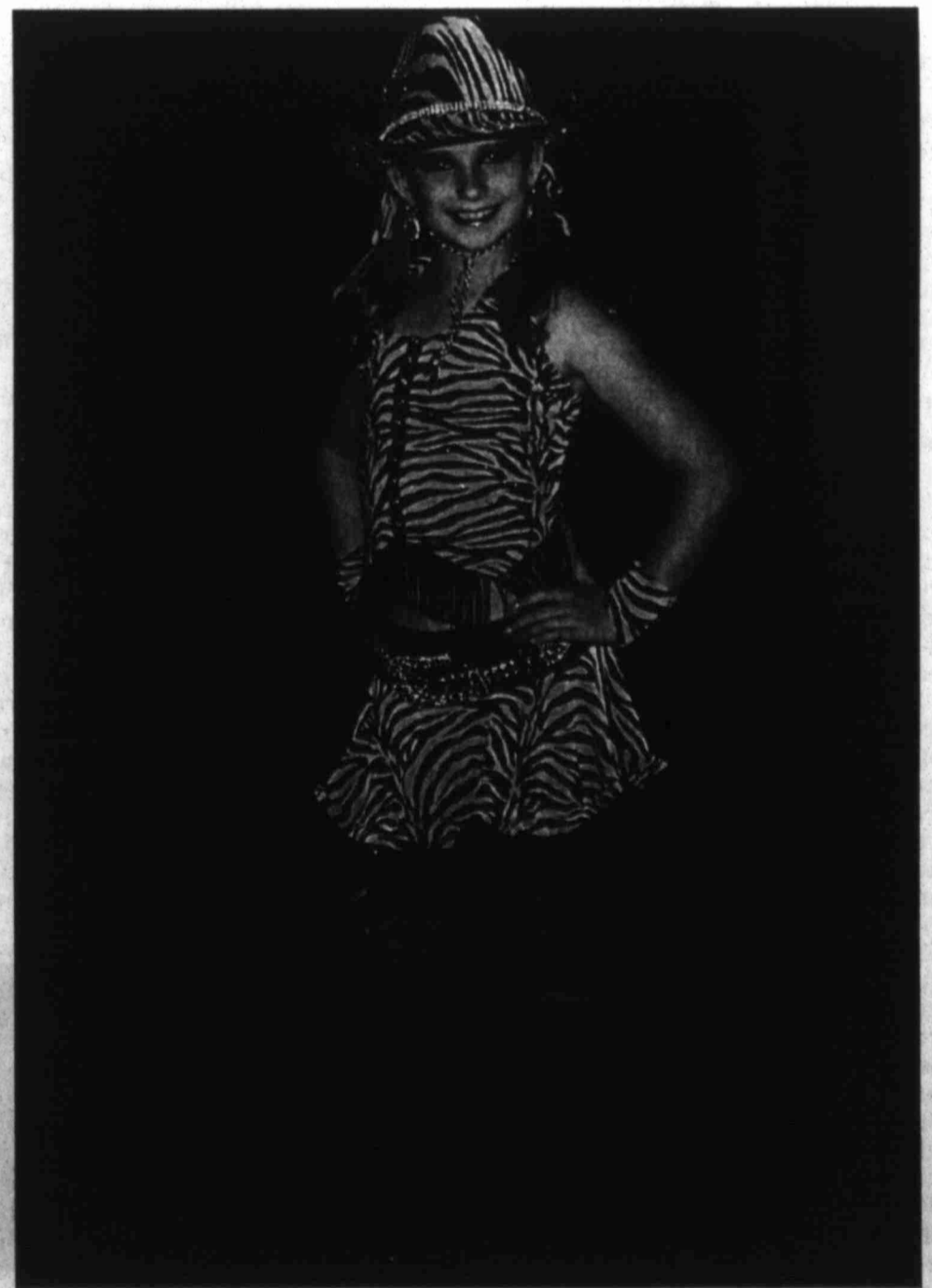
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Mt. Bethel Baptist Church

The Mt. Bethel Church family will celebrate the 83rd year of its existence winning souls to Christ Sunday, March 18, at 3 p.m. It has been through love, prayer and the presence of God that we have come this far by faith. The Rev. J.W. Hanson of Sharon Baptist Church in Odessa will be the speaker of the hour. It is our desire that everyone will join us in this joyous celebration. Mt. Bethel is located at 630 Sgt. Paredes St. (N.W. Fourth). The Rev. William Vaughn Jr. is pastor.

We invite you to worship and fellowship with us for Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., worship service at 11 a.m., Bible study at 5 p.m. each Sunday and Women's Missionary Society each Monday at 6 p.m. Youth ministry meets each Sunday at 5 p.m. and Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Christ's Community Fellowship

God is increasing His Kingdom daily. Come be a part of it. We are a church that teaches the Word, nothing else. We are not bound by traditions, only by the Word. Please challenge us Biblically if you hear or see otherwise. We have classes for all ages Sunday at 10 a.m. with service at 11 and 6 p.m.

Wednesday, our youth come together with others in the community for fun, encouragement and fellowship at 7 p.m. We have a food bank open Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. that is funded with the blessings from other congregations in town. What a joy to join together with fellow Christians for His work, not ours. 1008 Birdwell Lane; Phone 263-LOVE (5683).

Salem Baptist Church

Salem Baptist Church invites you Sunday for Sunday school at 10 a.m. worship and young people's church at 11 a.m., and evening service at 6 p.m. Nursery service is available at all Sunday services.

Wednesday evening service is held at Parkplace at 6 p.m. Salem is pastored by Bro. Monroe Teeters and is located at the corner of Salem Road and Old Colorado City Highway. For information call 394-4655.

First United Methodist Church

This Sunday our youth minister, Jason Archuleta, will be preaching at both services of worship. His sermon title will be "Stir it Up," based on second Timothy 1:6-7. Services are at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. Remember that daylight savings time begins very early Sunday morning.

Next week is Spring Break and many of our church activities will be cancelled, including Children's Day Out, Noon Bible Study and lunch, Chancel Choir practice as well as Adult Bells. Project Light classes and the Beth Moore Bible study will continue as usual. Regular schedules will resume beginning Sunday, March 18.

First United Methodist Church of Big Spring will be leading a team to Matagalpa, Nicaragua in January 2008. This mission trip will be for construction, medical needs and teaching.

If you are interested in helping or participating

in this trip contact the church office or Murray and Diane Murphy 263-1176. Deadline for reserving a spot on this trip is March 15.

CD copies of each week's services are now available upon request.

Call the church office for information.

First United Methodist Church is located at Fourth and Scurry streets in the heart of downtown Big Spring. We have a place for you.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Adult Sunday school will meet at 9:30 a.m.

St. Mary's Vestry meets at 6 p.m. Monday in the library. The Pot-Luck Supper and Lenten Program is at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the Parish Hall.

For more information about St. Mary's, call 267-8201 or visit www.stmarysbst.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001 South Goliad.

College Baptist Church

The Blackwood Legacy, a Southern gospel group, will present a free concert at 7 p.m. Wednesday at College Baptist Church.

Ladies are invited to enjoy good food, fun and fellowship when Serendipity meets Monday, March 19, at 6 p.m. The theme for the meeting is "Aging Gracefully and Having Fun." Child care is available.

The Associational VBS Rally will be held at College Baptist on March 31.

Coahoma First Baptist Church

First Baptist Church in Coahoma is pleased to announce a free showing of the movie "Facing the Giants," Saturday evening in the church Fellowship Hall. The public is invited and we are planning a great time. In addition to the movie, our church youth will be serving ice cream, sodas and popcorn for donations to help raise funds for their summer activities. The doors open at 6 p.m. and the movie will begin at 7 p.m.

"Facing the Giants" is an exceptional film which tells the story of Coach Grant Taylor and his Shiloh Eagles football team. Don Beebe, an NFL great and Super Bowl champion said, "When I saw 'Facing the Giants' I was in tears. I'm inspired and my team is inspired." Former NFL coach Dan Reeves said that "Facing the Giants" is a great movie ... every family in America should see it."

This really is a wonderful film and we want to invite everyone to come and see it for themselves.

We also want to invite you to come Sunday for our regular times of fellowship, Bible study, wor-

ship and praise. Our Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. and we have study groups for every age group. Then at 11 a.m. we meet together for worship and praise. Our pastor, Wes Massey will bring another message from the series 1 John, Walking A Certain Path during our morning service. Our evening services begin with youth Bible study at 5 p.m. and then our evening worship time at 6 p.m. Come on out and see for yourself the wonderful things God is doing in Coahoma.

East Side Baptist Church

Services are at 9:45 and 10:45 a.m. each Sunday morning. Afternoon service is at 1:45 p.m. Wednesday, the youth meet at 6 p.m. and Bible study is at 7 p.m.

This Sunday, we will have a blood drive to benefit Mrs. Genece Smith, who is battling cancer. The blood drive will be from noon until 3 p.m. Call the church at 267-1915 or 267-6025.

On Thursday, the "Warren Family" will be in concert beginning at 7 p.m. A nursery for children four years and younger is provided.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church

There have been some changes in the Angel Food Ministries of North Birdwell UMC. We are now getting our boxes from San Angelo and as a result, our pick up time will change to 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 31.

Another change is the number of specials that may be ordered. You may now order all three specials for each \$25 box ordered.

Because we are late getting our menus, we will be at the church Friday, Saturday and Friday, March 16, from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m.

All orders have to be in before 6 p.m. March 16. For those not familiar with Angel Food Ministries, it is a program to provide \$70 to \$90 of restaurant-quality food at a cost of \$25.

It is fresh, frozen items, not out-dated, dented cans or commodities. For an additional cost, you may order meat specials with each \$25 box. There is no qualifying; everyone is eligible. You must pay with cash at the time you place your order. Orders must be in the Friday two weeks prior to delivery. For more information, call 267-2203 or 267-4082.

Saturday, March 17, is our chili supper at North Birdwell UMC. Serving will start at 5:30 p.m. There will be lots of chili, hot dogs and desserts as well as lots of handmade crafts items. As always, there is no charge for the food. The craft sale items will be sold to benefit the building fund.

On Sunday, March 18, at

6 p.m., North Birdwell UMC will host the Area Methodist Meeting. The Rev. Eddie Williams of the Baker's Chapel A.M.E. will be the speaker.

Refreshments will be served following the worship time in the fellowship hall.

Because of slight problems, the Disciple Bible study will begin the study of the New Testament Wednesday, March 21. The study group meets the first and third Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. The group is led by Pastor Joel Miller.

Sunday services are at 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday school classes for all ages are at 10:30 a.m. United Methodist Women, under the leadership of Jacque Mauch, meets the second and fourth Thursday at 4:30 p.m. The church is located at 2702 North Birdwell Lane.

Spring Creek Fellowship

We are happy to welcome you to Spring Creek Fellowship where you make connections for life. Come join us this Sunday and let us connect with you.

Fellowship begins at 9 a.m. and Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. where we have classes for all ages. Worship is at 10:30 a.m. with great music led by worship pastor Stan Hanes. Our pastor, Dennis Teeters, is preaching out of Mark in his series of "Dangerous Intersections." This week's title is at the "Intersection of Belief or Unbelief."

We will not have services this Sunday night in order for families to have time together as Spring Break begins.

Blackwood Legacy to be in concert at Midway, College Baptist churches

Tennessee-based Blackwood Legacy gospel group, featuring former Blackwood Brothers Quartet lead singer and Gospel Music Hall of Fame inductee Rick Price, will make two appearances in Howard County next week.



Price

Wood music and gospel ministry has been kept alive through Blackwood Legacy, which

perform Monday at Midway Baptist Church and Wednesday at College Baptist Church. Both concerts will begin at 7 p.m. and are free. A love offering will be received.

The Blackwood Brothers were at the height of their fame during the Great Depression and amassed nine Grammy awards and 27 Dove awards.

As the original members retired, various singers came in to take their places, including Price in 1977. Eventually, the original group was formally dissolved. However, the Black-

wood music and gospel ministry has been kept alive through Blackwood Legacy, which Price formed. Performing with him will be Chris Reed, 2006 STGMA musician of the year, and Don E. Thomas, formerly of the popular Florida Boys Quartet. They will be performing such favorites as "Beulah Land" and "How Great Thou Art."

In the past six years they have performed more than 240 dates a year throughout the U.S. and on TBN's Unfolding Majesty as well as other Christian broadcasts.

Midway Baptist Church is located at 6200 S. Service Road 120 and College Baptist Church is at 1105 Birdwell Lane.

Wednesday is a time for connecting at our potluck meal at 5:30 p.m. until 6 p.m. when Bible study, youth worship led by youth pastor Chris Tucker and the children's choirs begin. These activities will resume after Spring Break.

Our desire is to connect

with you and your family. You can reach us at 714-4584 or at www.springcreekfellowship.org.

To get to the church, go down I-20 east to Salem exit, go under the overpass and turn back toward Big Spring.

We are about 300 yards down the service road.

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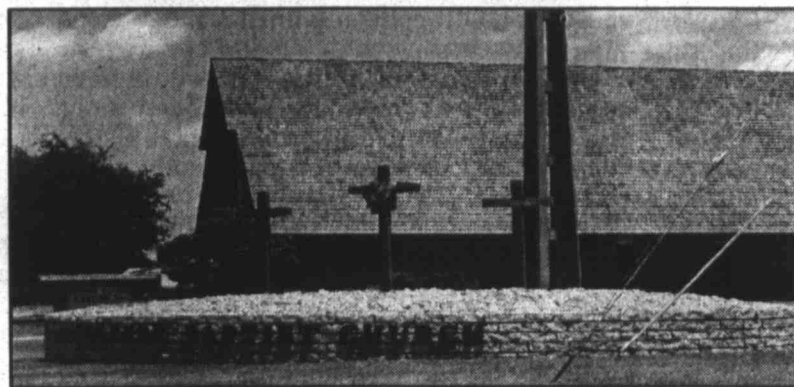
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News in brief

Man sentenced to death for scheme to kill family

RICHMOND (AP) — A 27-year-old man was sentenced to death Thursday for his role in the shooting deaths of his mother and brother, part of a scheme to inherit \$1 million.

A jury deliberated about 12 hours over two days before sentencing Bart Whitaker, who was convicted Monday of capital murder in connection with the deaths of his mother, Patricia, 51, and his brother, Kevin, 19, in December 2003.

Patricia and Kevin Whitaker were shot when they walked into their home in the Houston suburb of Sugar Land. Kent Whitaker, the defendant's father, was wounded in the attack. Bart Whitaker was shot in the arm to throw off suspicion from him, authorities said.

Prosecutors said Whitaker wanted his family dead in order to inherit an estate with a value of at least \$1 million.

Bart Whitaker showed no reaction, while some friends and family members cried after the verdict was read.

Kent Whitaker had asked jurors to spare his son by giving him a life sentence.

Prosecutor Fred Felcman told jurors Bart Whitaker merited a death sentence in part because he had twice before plotted to kill his parents and wouldn't stop "until he is in his grave."

Randy McDonald, Whitaker's attorney, said his client's feelings of isolation led him to commit the murders.

"His feelings were that he's off on this island and he didn't have anyone to go to and he developed that into a hatred," McDonald said.

Whitaker's friends, Chris Brashear and Steven Champagne, were also charged in connection with the killings. Champagne, the getaway driver, agreed to a 15-year prison sentence in exchange for his testimony against Bart Whitaker and Brashear, who is accused of shooting the mother and brother and will be tried separately.

Killer to be civilly committed under predator law awaits release

FORT WORTH (AP) — A man who fatally stabbed a high school cheerleader is to be released Friday after serving most of his 25-year prison sentence, but he will wear a bracelet that allows him to be tracked by a global positioning satellite.

As the first convicted killer to be civilly committed under Texas' sexual predator law, Wesley Wayne Miller, 44, will be one of the most closely monitored ex-convicts in the state.

After Miller's release, he will be taken under guard to the North Texas Intermediate Sanction Facility in Fort Worth, which primarily houses parole violators, said Michelle Lyons, a spokeswoman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

How long he will stay there is unclear, but parole officers will keep tabs on Miller until next February, when he would have completed his sentence for killing

Retha Stratton, a Fort Worth cheerleader who was stabbed 38 times in 1982.

After that, he will be placed under the supervision of the Council on Sex Offender Treatment, an agency that monitors sex offenders deemed a continuing threat to society. Supervision will continue until a judge rules that it's no longer necessary, which could be forever.

"If we had sat back and done nothing, he would have been on the street and there would have been more victims," said Rona Stratton Smith, the victim's sister. "We're doing this for our kids and everybody else's kids so their lives don't have to end."

Miller, a former high school football star, told police that he attacked Stratton after she rejected his sexual advances.

Two years later, he pleaded guilty to an unrelated charge of burglary with intent to commit rape in a 1981 Saginaw case. He received a 20-year sentence in that case at the same time as the murder sentence.

Over the past two decades, Miller has been released from prison on mandatory supervision several times under the terms of a state law in effect when he was convicted. Each time, he has been sent back because he refused to participate in sex-offender classes or was accused of committing another crime, including stalking a Wichita Falls woman in 1991.

Annual reptile roundup brings throngs to small West Texas town

SWEETWATER (AP) — This West Texas town isn't trying to outdo Hollywood, but there will be thousands more snakes on a plain this weekend than Samuel L. Jackson ever dreamed.

People from around the region will start bringing rattlesnakes to the 49th annual roundup early Friday. By the time the day is over, there'll be more than 10,000 pounds of the reptiles slithering around the Nolan County Coliseum floor — inside enclosures, to be sure.

In last year's blockbuster movie, "Snakes on a Plane," a mere few hundred venomous snakes roamed around a transoceanic jet terrorizing Jackson's character and other passengers.

Last year's total at the event officially known as the World's Largest Rattlesnake Roundup was 13,552 pounds.

Since 1958, those who've rounded up the snakes have brought in more than 142 tons of the reptiles. The record came in 1982, when 17,986 pounds were tallied.

Texas A&M University researchers have said the roundup pulls about 1 percent of the state's Western Diamondback population.

But the roundup, which started as a way to control the poisonous reptiles in the area, brings in more than rattlers. The economic impact is in the millions, Sweetwater Chamber of Commerce spokeswoman Kay Berryman said.

More than 30,000 people from across the nation and other countries throng to the four-day event, filling up hotels, restaurants and shops in the small town. Hotel occupancy spills into neighboring towns, including Snyder, Colorado City and Abilene.

"It just helps everybody," she said. "It brings a ton of

money into the town."

The roundup is organized by the Sweetwater Jaycees, and the money funds events the group sponsors throughout the year.

Besides the roundup, there's a parade, a snake charmer pageant, a snake meat eating contest and snake-handling demonstrations, which are aimed at educating adults and children about the ways of rattlers. There's also a demonstration on how to skin a rattler in preparation for cooking or to use the skins.

Lawmen corral steer after two-hour romp through city

HURST (AP) — Officers corralled a black steer after its nearly two-hour romp through several cities Thursday, including a trip through a fast-food restaurant's drive-through lane.

The steer got loose about 10 a.m. in North Richland Hills somewhere near the NRH20 water park and made its way across the Tarrant County College Northeast campus, according to police. It then wandered onto roads in several Fort Worth suburbs, was shot multiple times with tranquilizer darts and even found its way through a McDonald's drive-through lane.

"That wasn't a very good place for him to be," North Richland Hills police Lt. Ken Bounds said.

Before noon the steer entered a creek in Hurst, and authorities had shot it several times with tranquilizer darts before leading it into a fenced area near a building where it was lassoed, according to news footage from some Dallas-Fort Worth television stations.

High-profile senators launch bid for casino gambling in Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Big resorts with full casinos, shops and restaurants could be built in up to a dozen Texas cities under legislation proposed Thursday by two high-profile senators and backed by major gambling interests.

Voters ultimately would have the say on the proposed constitutional amendment legalizing casino gambling.

A main selling point of the plan, the legislators contend, is a provision that would dedicate \$1 billion per year to a fund to pay for eligible Texans to attend a community college or public university.

Sen. John Carona, a Dallas Republican, and Sen. Rodney Ellis, a Houston Democrat, sponsors of the legislation, both said they aren't gamblers themselves. But they said casinos in Texas would slow the flow of gambling money leaving the state.

They also said "destination resort casinos" will attract tourism money for related activities, like high-end entertainment.

"Texans are already voting with their feet and going out of state," Ellis said. "It's time for Texas to reap the economic benefits and use that revenue to help Texas students go to college."

It hasn't been determined which cities would get the casinos. A gaming commission appointed by state leaders would decide which developers receive permits to operate them.

Gasoline prices surge again

HOUSTON (AP) — Retail gasoline prices surged for a fifth straight week in Texas, according to a weekly gas price survey.

The AAA Texas gas price survey released Friday showed the average price of regular-grade gasoline rose 11 cents to \$2.38 per gallon. Nationally, the average price rose 10 cents.

"The statewide average price for a gallon of self-serve regular gasoline has risen sharply during the last five weeks, up more than 30 cents to \$2.383 a gallon," said AAA Texas spokeswoman Rose Rougeau. "This represents an especially rapid rise in gas prices. The recent increase can be attributed to strong crude

oil prices, unusually high driver demand and the annual switchover to less-polluting summer gasoline."

The survey found the most expensive regular-grade gas in Texas in Amarillo, where it rose 6 cents to \$2.46 per gallon. The cheapest was in Corpus Christi, where the average price rose 10 cents to \$2.30 per gallon.

These are average per-gallon prices of regular, self-serve gasoline in Texas metro areas:

- Austin-San Marcos — \$2.368, up 10.5 cents
- Amarillo — \$2.464, up 6.1 cents
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IN BRIEF

Comanche Trail has last hurrah

The Comanche Trail Golf Course is announcing its final day of golf by throwing a "chill ball" tournament on Sunday March 11, at 1 p.m.

It will be a shotgun start and all entries must be paid by noon Sunday. Entry fee is \$25 per player and you may sign-up in the pro shop.

Teams will be randomly chosen by the "A" player for each group.

For additional information call the Comanche Trail pro shop at 264-2366.

Texas Tech's Tim Siegel Tennis Camp

Tim Siegel, the Big 12 Tennis Coach of the Year in 2005, will be conducting overnight tennis camps on June 2-6 and June 17-21.

The camp is for children ages 8 to 17 and is open to players with all ability levels.

Siegel has been Director of the TTU Tennis Camps since 1993. For additional information, contact Mr. Siegel at (806) 742-3355 ext. 277.

State high school basketball toumey

Pairings for the University Interscholastic League state boys basketball tournament to be held Thursday-Saturday in Austin:

Class 5A Semifinals
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Humble Kingwood (38-2) vs. SA Madison (36-4), 3:30 p.m.
Duncanville (37-0) vs. Mesquite (29-4), 8:30 p.m.

Championship
8:30 p.m. Saturday

Class 4A Semifinals
Thursday
Beaumont Ozen 68, FW Dunbar 56
Dallas South Oak Cliff 48, Pflugerville Connally 44

Championship
Beaumont Ozen (29-5) vs. Dallas South Oak Cliff (32-3), 3:30 p.m. Saturday

Class 3A Semifinals
Thursday

Sour Lake Hardin-Jefferson 52, Tyler Chapel Hill 47
Abilene Wylie 56, Aransas Pass 49

Sour Lake Hardin-Jefferson (37-4) vs. Abilene Wylie (33-3), 10 a.m. Saturday

Class 1A Division II Semifinals
Friday

Goodrich (24-10) vs. Nazareth (17-6), 2 p.m.
Laneville (30-6) vs. Garden City (19-8), 7 p.m.

Championship
7 p.m. Saturday

Tech advances in Big 12 Tournament

By MURRAY EVANS

Associated Press Writer

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) - After yet another missed block-out, Texas Tech coach Bob Knight called Martin Zeno over to the Red Raiders' bench in the second half for what Knight initially referred to as "a discussion" before correcting himself.

"Wasn't really a discussion," Knight said. "It was kind of a one-way conversation. 'Discussion' is being very liberal with what took place."

Zeno listened, heeded Knight's warning and thus returned to the game. That allowed Zeno to match his career high with 28 points as Texas Tech burnished its NCAA tournament resume

with an 81-71 win over Colorado on Thursday in the first round of the Big 12 Conference tournament.

Big 12 Tournament
Men at the Ford Center in Oklahoma City

Thursday's results:
OU 68, Iowa State 63
Texas Tech 81, Colorado 71
OSU 54, Nebraska 39
Quarterfinals Today
Kansas vs. OU, 11:30 a.m.
KSU vs. Texas Tech 2 p.m.
Texas A&M vs. OSU 6 p.m.
Texas vs. Baylor 8:30 p.m.

Texas Tech (21-11) has won 20 games for the fifth time in six seasons under Knight, but a five-

game losing streak in late January and early February means the Red Raiders now are on the NCAA tournament bubble.

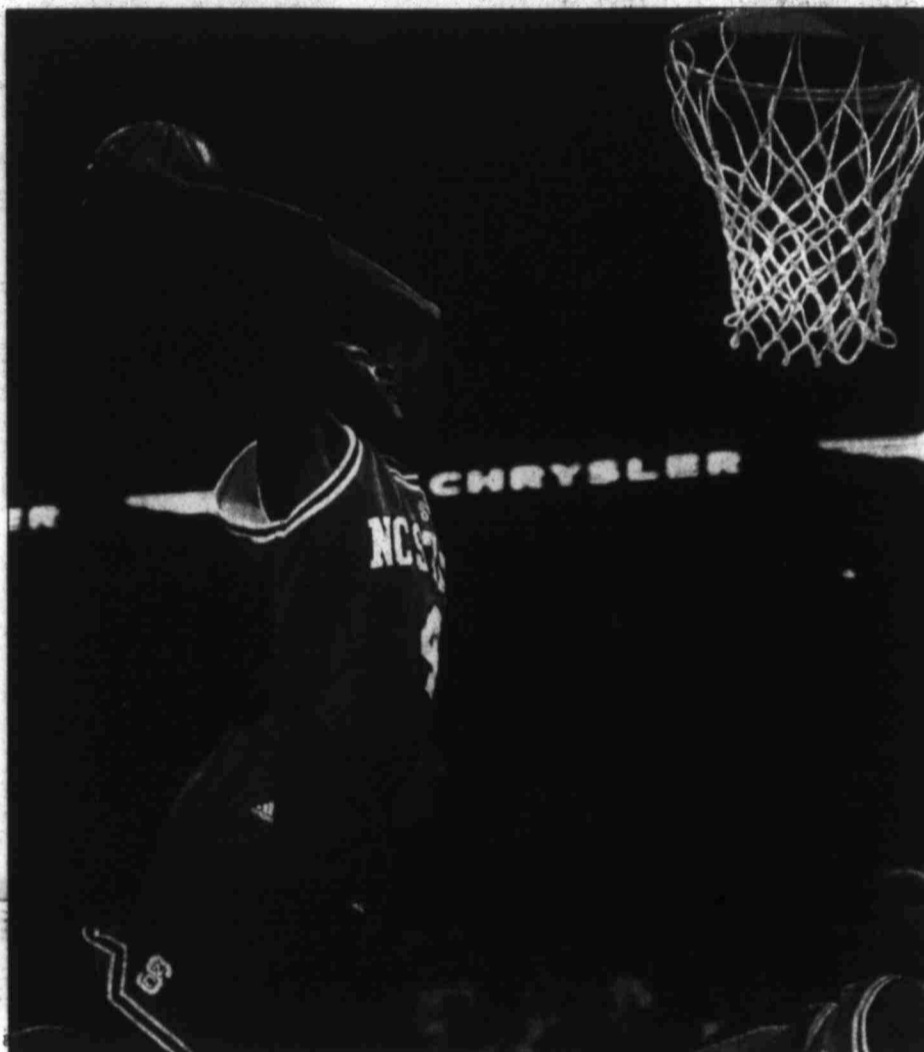
The fifth-seeded Red Raiders will play another bubble team, fourth-seeded Kansas State, on Friday in the quarterfinals. Knight said it's ridiculous that some consider the game to be what amounts to an elimination contest for a fourth Big 12 bid to the NCAA tournament. Three league teams - Kansas, Texas A&M and Texas - are considered tournament locks.

"To me, before the (Big 12) tournament ever started, both teams should be in the NCAA tournament," Knight said of Kansas State and Texas Tech.

"If a team is in the NCAA tournament at the end of a (regular) season, then the only way a tournament should matter is that somebody wins a tournament championship that wasn't figured on getting into the NCAA. I don't think you can put one (tournament) game against an entire season or two games against an entire season."

Colorado (7-20) closed its final season under coach Ricardo Patton, who said before the season that his 11th campaign with the Buffaloes would be his last. Colorado failed to win consecutive games this season, the first time the Buffs had done that since the 1971-72 season.

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MCT photo/Ted Richardson/Raleigh News & Observer
North Carolina State's Courtney Fells dunks during the first half of the ACC men's basketball tournament, Thursday.

Upsets galore dominate conference tournaments

By The Associated Press

From one coast to the other, it was a bad day for favorites in conference tournaments.

In Los Angeles, fourth-ranked UCLA was knocked out in the quarterfinals of the Pac-10 tournament by California. Ayinde Ubaka scored eight of his career-high 29 points in overtime for the Golden Bears, who are a mere 16-16 after springing the surprise.

Across the country in St. Petersburg, Fla., all four of the higher seeds fell in the opening round of the Atlantic Coast Conference event. Most notable was No. 21 Duke, which rarely even plays on the first day of the ACC tourney, losing to North Carolina State 85-80.

Other first-round losers in the ACC were No. 17 Maryland, 67-62 to Miami; Clemson, 67-66 to Florida State; and Georgia Tech, 114-112 to Wake Forest in double OT.

Another of the elite that couldn't escape an upset was Tennessee. The Volunteers

were beaten by LSU 76-67 in overtime in the Southeastern Conference. The Tigers, who made the Final Four last year but need to win the SEC to make the tourney this season, were joined in the quarterfinals by Kentucky, Arkansas and Georgia.

Some ranked teams had more success, although several were pushed to the limit.

No. 12 Louisville needed two overtimes to beat West Virginia 82-71 in the Big East, where No. 20 Notre Dame was tested by Syracuse before winning 89-83. Georgetown, ranked ninth, took Villanova 62-57, and No. 13 Pittsburgh took out No. 18 Marquette 89-79.

Advancing in the Pac-10 were No. 11 Washington State, 74-64 over Washington; No. 16 Oregon, which romped over Arizona 69-50; and Southern Cal, which needed overtime to knock out Stanford 83-79.

Fifth-ranked Memphis had no problem in Conference USA,

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Bob Knight holds unusual press conference

By MURRAY EVANS

Associated Press Writer

OKLAHOMA CITY — Bob Knight was in a good mood in front of the media. It was such a rare opportunity, the Texas Tech coach issued a friendly warning.

"You guys better catch me in this mood," Knight said after the Red Raiders' 81-71 win over Colorado on Thursday in the first round of the Big 12 Conference basketball tournament. "It ain't going to happen very often."

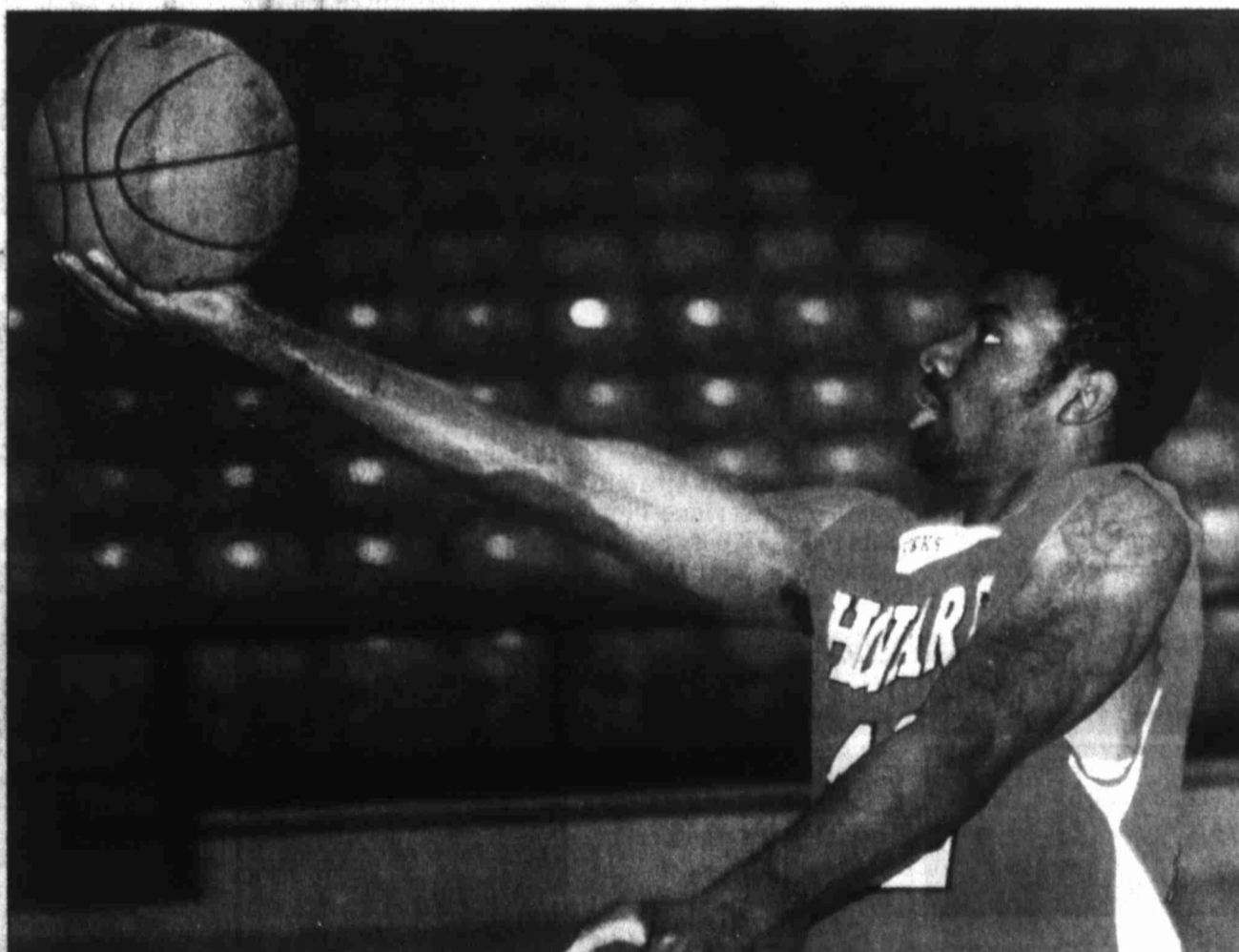
Knight, known for normally being short and brusque — at best — with reporters, spent the better part of 20 minutes charming them with tales that included mentions of sports legends including John Havlicek, Dick Vitale and Billy Vessels.

The question that started it all seemed rather innocuous, about Texas Tech's ability to score from the free-throw line. That prompted a story about a pair of free throws Knight made as an Ohio State player against St. John's in Madison Square Garden in New York.

"I had the ball at the foul line and I drove and scored," Knight said. "I didn't score a hell of a lot of buckets but I scored this one

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Howard Hawks flying high



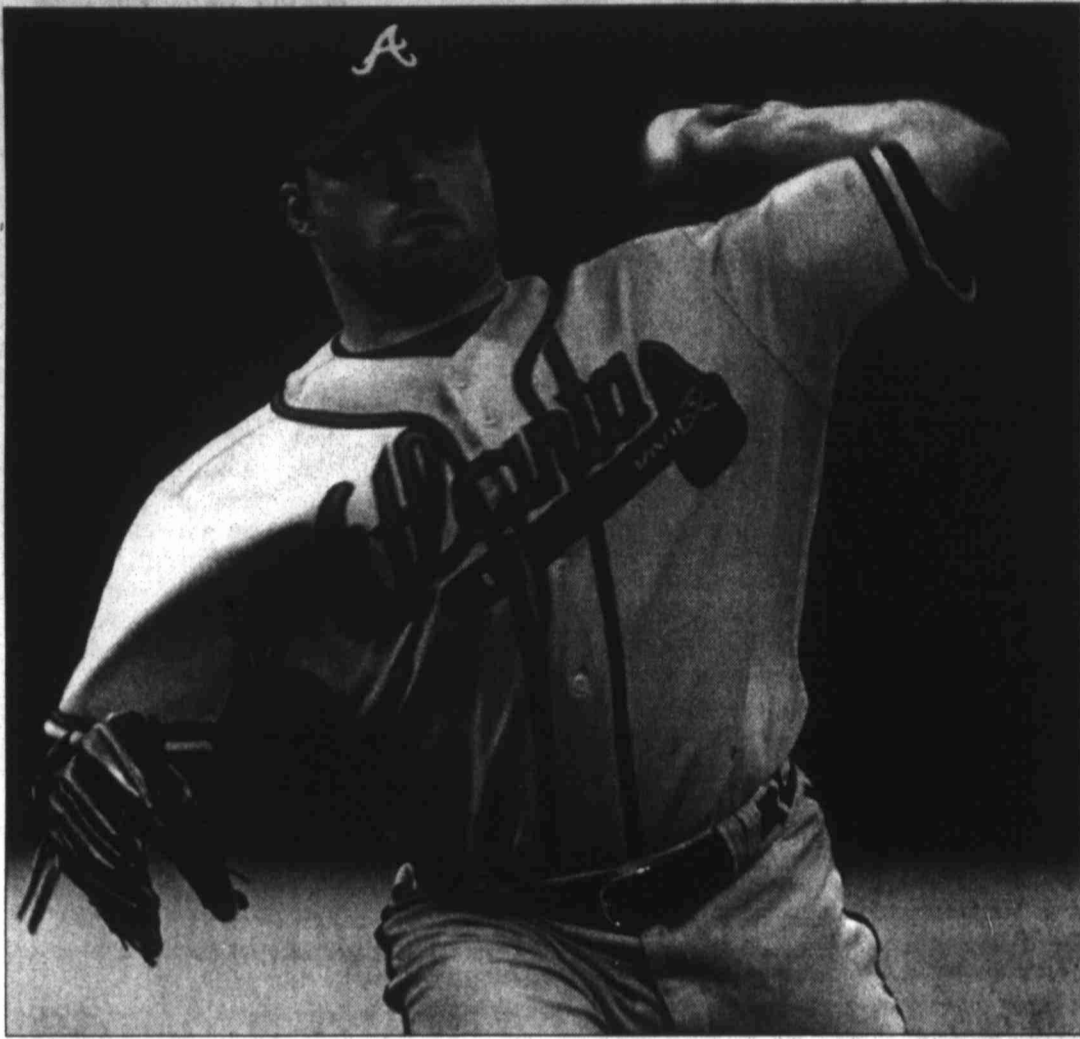
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If it's spring training, Hampton must be hurt



Atlanta's Mike Hampton pitches against Washington on Tuesday, May 31, 2005. After spending most last season on the disabled list, Hampton was injured in spring training and could miss up to six weeks.

(AP) — Mike Hampton is trying to find a bright side to his latest injury.

The Atlanta Braves' left-hander hurt his left side during batting practice, and won't be ready for the start of the regular season.

"I've heard anything from four weeks to six to eight weeks," Hampton said. "I guess I can officially say sand has been kicked in my face. I guess the only silver lining is my elbow will get a little more time to rest."

The Braves had been counting on Hampton, starting the seventh season of a \$121 million, eight-year contract, to bolster a rotation that includes John Smoltz, Tim Hudson and Chuck James.

"I think I pulled it pretty bad," Hampton said Thursday in Kissimmee, Fla. "There's nothing you can do about it now except try to get it healed up and get it better."

Hampton was taking batting practice Wednesday at the Braves' complex while the team was playing the Detroit Tigers in nearby

Lakeland. He fell to the ground in pain after a swing, prompting fears that he broke a rib.

X-rays were negative and team doctors determined that he strained his left oblique, still a serious injury for a pitcher.

Hampton, who missed all of last season after elbow surgery, already was coming along slower than what was expected. Now, he isn't likely to return to the majors before May.

In Phoenix, the Oakland Athletics said Milton Bradley will play center fielder while Mark Kotsay recovers from back surgery Thursday, a process that could take up to three months.

"We'll have to deal with it," Bradley said. "I know he agonized over it the past couple of years. It's good he's taking care of it so he doesn't have to go out and play in pain."

In Jupiter, Fla., the St. Louis Cardinals said pitcher Josh Kinney needs elbow ligament-replacement surgery and will likely miss the entire season. After pitching

three innings in a spring training game Monday, Kinney said he could not flex his arm fully.

"It just locked up on me after the game," Kinney said. "It stinks, because I was really looking forward to being a part of this clubhouse this year."

In Dunedin, Fla., Frank Thomas made his first appearance for the Toronto Blue Jays, going 1-for-3 with an RBI in a "B" game against the Philadelphia Phillies.

"I prefer to start late like this because you know what you're doing out there," said Thomas, who signed an \$18.12 million, two-year contract. "You've had enough BP, enough cage work to know what you're doing out there."

Thomas is scheduled to be a designated hitter in Friday's "A" game against the Houston Astros.

Toronto's A.J. Burnett started in the "B" game and allowed three runs and four hits in three innings, mixing in his curveball for the first time. He struck out two and walked one.

TECH

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The Buffs also lost 20 games in a season for the first time since the 1988-89 campaign, when they lost 21.

After the game, Knight put his arm around Patton and spoke to him briefly.

"He just talked about enjoying our relationship and if there ever was anything he could do for me, he would do that and he has a great deal of respect for what we've done here," Patton said.

Colorado trailed only 66-63 with five minutes left, but Zeno made sure the Buffs came no closer, scoring 13 of Texas Tech's final 15 points, starting with a three-point play with 4:58 left. The Buffs managed only one basket in the final five minutes.

"I had got taken out," Zeno said, recounting his version of his discussion with Knight. "He told me what I am going to do is sit down on the bench or I am going to go out there and play. I felt like playing so I went out there and did what he asked me to do."

Knight said he was "pleased with the way (Zeno) reacted over the period where we had to play to win the game."

Dominique Coleman led Colorado with a career-high 25 points and added eight rebounds and four assists.

Patton was the last remaining coach from the Big 12's original group of coaches in 1996-97, the league's first season. Before the game, Big 12 Commissioner Kevin Weiberg presented

Patton with a commemorative basketball to honor Patton's time in the league.

That likely was the highlight of Patton's afternoon. Colorado led only once, at 1-0, and played cohesively only in spurts, keeping the game just close enough to make it interesting but never catching the Red Raiders despite shooting 50.9 percent from the field and out-rebounding Texas Tech 35-29.

Texas Tech posted a sizable edge in free throws, finishing 35-of-44 from the line while Colorado went 12-of-22.

"The free-throw shooting certainly hurt us ... Even the ones we got we didn't do a good job of capitalizing and making those free throws," Patton said.

Texas Tech led 8-7 five minutes into the game before reeling off eight straight points. Two came on technical free throws by Jarrius Jackson, after Colorado's bench was penalized for having a substitute, Sean Kowal, enter the game with a jersey number not listed in the official scorebook.

The Buffs pulled within 33-29 in the final two minutes of the half, but Texas Tech answered with six straight points. The Red Raiders led 41-31 at halftime.

Texas Tech built its lead to 12 points with 16:37 left, but Colorado cut that margin to three points twice, at 58-55 with 9:46 left on Coleman's driving layup, and at 66-63 on a 3-pointer by Richard Roby with 5:25 left.

Roby added 17 points for the Buffs. Jackson and Charlie Burgess each had 13 points for Texas Tech.

KNIGHT

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against Tony Jackson who was an All-American at that time. And Jackson fouled me, and the bucket didn't count. I went to the free-throw line and made two free throws. I wanted to tell (teammate John) Havlicek so bad that I scored against Tony Jackson and the referee had screwed me out of that, see."

Knight said Havlicek approached him and complimented him on making the free throws.

"I thought back to that when I started coaching, that one of the things I wanted kids to understand was that two points from the free-throw line is many times more valuable than two points from the floor," Knight said.

Then came a question about the national image of Big 12 basketball. Knight defended the league, then, in mid-answer, switched gears to

talk about his crusade to ensure ESPN commentator Dick Vitale is elected to the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame. Knight has organized a letter-writing campaign that includes famous basketball names, but is irritated that Hall of Fame voters won't be able to read the letters.

"I think that's a screwy way to handle things because let's say we got a coach that coached 30 years ago," he said. "Hell, the only guy in America that will remember that guy is me. And if they don't listen to me, how the hell is he going to get in the Hall of Fame?"

Then Knight smiled. "How's that for a tirade?"

During the middle of his next answer, one of the microphones in the room popped loudly, prompting a one-liner from Knight about the Big 12 commissioner, who reprimanded the coach earlier this season for criticizing league

officials.

"Was that Kevin Weiberg?" Knight exclaimed upon hearing the noise. "Is he not happy with our press conference?"

Knight continued, addressing the subject of whether his team and Kansas State — which will play each other Friday and are both considered to be on the NCAA tournament bubble — should make the 65-team field. Knight, naturally, thought both the Red Raiders and Wildcats belong.

"Hell, I think (No. 2) Kansas ought to even be in it," he said, smiling.

Then came a final question about whether Knight thought Oklahoma City was doing a good job hosting the Big 12 tournament. Knight noted his wife, the former Karen Edgar, is from Oklahoma, and that his dad was born and grew up in the state.

NCAA

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with a quarterfinals victory over Marshall 92-71. Rice, Houston and Tulane also moved into the semifinals.

Nevada, ranked 10th, routed Idaho 88-56 and advanced in the Western Athletic tourney, along

with Utah State, Boise State and New Mexico State.

In the Mountain West, No. 23 BYU and No. 25 Nevada-Las Vegas moved on, along with Wyoming and Colorado State.

Pacific-10

UCLA's second straight loss dealt a serious blow to its hopes of being a No. 1 seed in next week's NCAA tournament.

"I don't even care," UCLA coach Ben Howland said. "If we don't play better than we're playing right now, anyone in the field of 64 teams will beat us."

Ryan Anderson added 18 points for the eighth-seeded Golden Bears (16-16), who blew a 16-point first-half lead but survived to advance to a semifinal Friday night.

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BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

In addition to the planetary affection between Venus and Jupiter, Saturn and Venus have also struck a pleasing arrangement. Not only is romance a lucky endeavor to spend time chasing, dreaming of and creating, but according to disciplined Saturn, the pursuit of romance is the most productive thing you could do with your time.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're an expert at something. You might not think it's an important thing to be an expert on, but that's where you're wrong. When you try to teach what you know, you realize the nuances that are involved.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If it stresses you out, don't think about it. This requires that you do think about something much more compelling. Otherwise, your mind naturally drifts to the stress-out stimulus.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The beauty of partnership is the theme. You're

willing to compromise in order to see results. The compromise turns out better than if you had gotten your way.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's a 5-star day. The cherry on top of this sundae is that there are people around who are so happy for you. You're thrilled that progress is coming as quickly as you wanted it to come.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). A behavior you used to think was maverick is really just stubborn. The new motto is, "If you can't beat 'em, join 'em." It's not weakness, but smarts that drive this transition.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Everybody wants to run the show, but you're the one most equipped to do it. Use that easygoing leadership style you've so carefully honed—the one where you make it seem like their idea.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Family gatherings are featured. It's funny how you still feel the need to impress your kin and prove that you're not a kid anymore. Actually, it's not necessary to talk up your accomplishments. An attitude of success says it all.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You may feel that opposing forces are fight-

ing for your soul—a bit dramatic, but not entirely off base. What you do today and the style you use to do it will have a far-reaching impact.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). People are talking in half-sentences, giving you knowing looks and projecting ideas to you without saying a word. This lack of complete communication could cause problems. Ask for more information.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Adoring eyes gaze on you everywhere you go. A natural provider, you're ultimately the one who gets nurtured by your nurturing efforts. Children, close friends and relatives rely on you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Handle your own needs first—otherwise, you'll have nothing to give to others. Protect yourself from toxic people. Create a buffer zone between you and other people's problems. By night, the "storm" has passed.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your work is a pleasure because you approach it with such an easygoing, light and playful heart. Someone has a message for you. Don't be so logical as to miss the tantaliz-

ing, hidden meaning.
WEEKEND LOVE REPORT: **ARIES:** You dream of the one who has captured your imagination. Does this mean you have also captured his or her imagination? Probably. **TAURUS:** You let loved ones do their "thing," and they love you for being so trusting. **GEMINI:** If you really believe that you caused your current romantic circumstances, you can create anything you want for the future. **CANCER:** You add whimsy and magic to stagnant relationships. **LEO:** Dare to make the first move. Someone is aching for you to do this. **VIRGO:** You know your heart, but may be too shy to reveal it. Saturday, you feel bolder. **LIBRA:** There are plenty of reasons why you shouldn't cut anyone out of your group, your work or your life—just yet. **SCORPIO:** You won't regret hoping for the best from a loved one. **SAGITTARIUS:** Get along. Make this your primary aim. There's always another day to be right. **CAPRICORN:** You don't need a partner's approval for everything you do. **AQUARIUS:** When loved ones take the initiative to make you feel special,

you're over the moon. **PISCES:** Someone young and sweet would love your attention and could make a play for you. However, old relationships need attention and won't be ignored any longer.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Gemini and Sagittarius feel the romantic heat. Both have a strong social persona that is part of their draw to each other. Both have a tendency to not want to get emotionally attached too quickly. That's why their love dance is more delicious when it's a long, drawn-out process. Trusting each other takes time. The more they savor getting to know each other, the more intimate they will feel later.

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Annie's Mailbox: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: Should a little boy have an American Girl doll? My 5-year-old son talks about nothing else since his older sister got one for Christmas. His 6th birthday is coming up, and he says all he wants is that doll. He loves to play with the Barbie that his older sister gave him.

We have not objected, since it seems harmless, but other boys his age are

leaving the dolls behind and growing out of the girly stuff. "Danny" also likes to play with girls, even though we have tried to get him to play with boys. The boys are usually too rough for him, and often, Danny is picked on.

My husband is OK with the dolls, since he played with dolls when he was a child. My husband is not the most "manly" kind of

guy, as he is not into sports and stuff like that, but he's great with the kids and helping around the house.

So, should we buy Danny his American Girl doll? — Sissy's Mom

Dear Mom: We often imbue toys with more characteristics than they deserve. Danny's sexual orientation is not going to change because he is a gentle soul whose older



KATHY MITCHELL
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I hope that her school will contact one of many national organizations that specialize in racism and other types of bias in schools. Any one of them can offer resources that assist young people and adults to promote respect in their environment. — Taina Mirach-Jack, Trainer, and Stephen Wessler, Executive Director, Center for the Prevention of Hate Violence (www.preventinghate.org)

Dear Taina Mirach-Jack and Stephen Wessler: Thank you for providing this excellent resource. We also heard from Penny Weaver at the Southern Poverty Law Center, who recommended several handbooks on bullying available through www.tolerance.org. We hope all schools will avail themselves of these materials.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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7 PM	Franklin Graham	Billy Graham Special	La Fea Mas Bella	House (CC)	Ghost Whisperer	Marina	1 vs. 100 (CC)	Movie: Austin Powers in International Man of Mystery (CC)	Update/Israel Alan Granger	Wash. Week NOW (CC)	Survorman	Movie: Conan the Barbarian	CSI: Crime Scene Investig. (CC)	Movie: Mission: Impossible 3 (CC)	Movie: Soul Plane (CC)	Han. Montana Cory in House	College Basketball: ACC Quarterfinal	College Basketball: Big East Semifinal	Special Unit 2 (CC)
8 PM	Wife Swap (CC)	Wife Swap (CC)	Mundo de Fieras	The Wedding Bells (CC)	Close to Home (CC)	Zoro - La Espada y la Rosa	Las Vegas (CC)	Goldmember (CC)	Light of the Southwest	Alaska's Gold Rush Train	Survorman		Pros vs. Joes (CC)		Movie: The Princess Diaries (CC)	College Basketball: ACC Quarterfinal	College Basketball: Big East Semifinal	Special Unit 2 (CC)	
9 PM	20/20 (CC)	20/20 (CC)	Casos de la Vida Real	Becker (CC) Friends (CC)	NUMB3RS (CC)	Decisiones	Law & Order (CC)	:10 Movie: Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star (CC)	The Carsten Spirit (CC)	The Carsten Spirit (CC)	Survorman	Movie: Disorderly Con. (CC)	Movie: Impossible 2 (CC)	Comicview (CC)	Diaries (CC)	ACC Quarterfinal	ACC Quarterfinal	Special Unit 2 (CC)	
10 PM	News (CC) Nightline	News Nightline	Primer Impacto Noticiero Univ.	70s Show Raymond	News Late Show	Noti-Telemundo Titulares y Mas	News Tonight Show	Former Child Star (CC)	The Hour of Healing	Charlie Rose (CC)	Stunt Junkies		Disorderly Con. (CC)	Jamie Foxx Jamie Foxx	Zack & Cody That's-Raven	Teams TBA Strongest Man	Teams TBA SportsCenter	Stargate SG-1 (CC)	
11 PM	The Insider Jimmy Kimmel	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	Incognito	King of the Hill Malcolm-Mid.	Latterman Late Show	12 Coronas (AI) Rojo Vivo!	Late Night	:15 Movie: Lost & Found (CC)	Global Force In-Crosshairs	Sign Off	Survorman	:45 Movie: The Exorcist (CC)	Whacked Out MDC	In Living Color In Living Color	Han. Montana Kim Possible	NASCAR Now 2006 World	Series of Poker 2006 World	Gamernight NBA Fastbreak	John Doe (CC)
12 AM	Live (CC) News (CC)	Extra (CC) Grey's	Gurejia y Algo	Malcolm-Mid. My Wife-Kids	The Insider	Programa	Conan O'Brien Apex	Update/Israel CCM Ministries					Game Head Wild World	Movie: Rocky (CC)	BET After Dark (CC)	Proud Family Sister, Sister			

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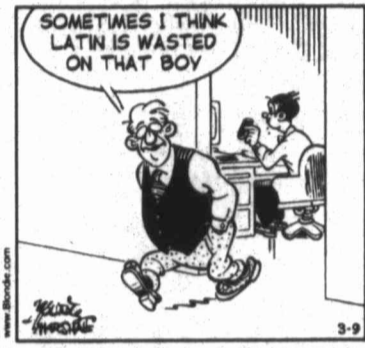


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This Date In History

Today is Friday, March 9, the 68th day of 2007. There are 297 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

One hundred years ago, on March 9, 1907, Indiana's General Assembly passed America's first involuntary sterilization law, one that was aimed at "confirmed criminals, idiots, imbeciles, and rapists" in state custody. (More than 30 states ended up passing compulsory sterilization laws that were eventually overturned or repealed.)

On this date:

In 1661, Cardinal Jules Mazarin, the chief minister of France, died, leaving King Louis XIV in full control.

In 1796, the future emperor of France, Napoleon Bonaparte, married Josephine de Beauharnais. (The couple divorced in 1809.)

In 1862, during the Civil War, the ironclads Monitor and Virginia (formerly Merrimack) clashed for five hours to a draw at Hampton Roads, Va.

In 1916, Mexican raiders led by Pancho Villa attacked Columbus, N.M., killing 18 Americans.

In 1932, Eamon de Valera was elected the head of government of the Irish Free State.

In 1933, Congress, called into special session by President Roosevelt, began its 100 days of enacting New Deal legislation.

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. B-29 bombers launched incendiary bomb attacks against Japan, resulting in an estimated 100,000 deaths.

In 1954, CBS newsman Edward R. Murrow critically reviewed Wisconsin Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy's anti-Communism campaign on an episode of "See It Now."

In 1977, about a dozen armed Hanafi Muslims invaded three buildings in Washington, killing one person and taking more than 130 hostages. The siege

ended two days later.

In 1987, Chrysler Corp. announced it had agreed to buy the financially ailing American Motors Corp.

Today's Birthdays: Singer-actress Keely Smith is 75. Singer Lloyd Price is 74. Actress Joyce Van Patten is 73. Actor-comedian Marty Ingels is 71. Country singer Mickey Gilley is 71. Singer Mark Lindsay (Paul Revere and the Raiders) is 65. ABC anchorman Charles Gibson is 64. Chess player Bobby Fischer is 64. Rock musician Robin Trower is 62. Singer Jeffrey Osborne is 59. Country musician Jimmie Fadden (The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band) is 59.

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Newsday Crossword

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| ACROSS | 53 1990s US poet laureate | 8 PC key | 36 Charm |
| 1 Purple bloomer | 56 Whistle stop | 9 Arena figures | 37 Hit upon |
| 6 Big-league park through 2008 | 57 Skin-cream additive | 10 _ rasa | 39 Theda Bara, for one |
| 10 Turner of tunes | 58 Creepy | 11 African republic | 40 Boasted about |
| 14 Paper Moon surname | 59 Former partners | 12 Zip | 42 Fellow creatures |
| 15 For fear that | 60 Fatigue fighters | 13 MP's quarry | 43 Cornfield sounds |
| 16 Declare openly | 61 Things frowned upon | 18 Engaged | 45 Michigan and Louise |
| 17 Gregory Peck film of '59 | | 23 Priestly vestments | 46 Emotional feeling, informally |
| 19 U2 frontman | | 24 Move swiftly | 47 Essence |
| 20 Ltr. additions | | 25 Speaks playfully | 48 Stage item |
| 21 Wished undone | DOWN | 26 Rice dish | 49 Repair, in a way |
| 22 Emblem of victory | 1 Aerial maneuver | 27 Like really hot water | 50 League or yard |
| 24 CD part | 2 Roadhouses | 28 Encino Man actor | 51 Some verse |
| 25 Sweet spread | 3 Response to "Shall we?" | 29 Big-band section | 54 It's due east of Miss. |
| 26 Jurisdiction of Benedict XVI | 4 Satisfied sound | 30 Musical toy | 55 Antique auto |
| 29 Reverses | 5 White-collar wearers | 31 Back of the boat | |
| 32 Construction pieces | 6 Streamlined | 33 Honeycomb units | |
| 33 Mason's work | 7 Strong start | | |
| 34 Bran source | | | |
| 35 Oaf | | | |
| 36 Uses a cell phone, maybe | | | |
| 37 Rattle | | | |
| 38 Be out, perhaps | | | |
| 39 Low-lying areas | | | |
| 40 Golf-cap feature | | | |
| 41 Outfielder's concerns | | | |
| 43 Ohio city | | | |
| 44 Road runners | | | |
| 45 Extol | | | |
| 46 TV blocking devices | | | |
| 48 Unwitting participant | | | |
| 49 Pair | | | |
| 52 Heavy metal | | | |

