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Moore Development to meet Wednesday

Moore Development for Big Spring, Inc. board will convene at 3 p.m. Wednesday in the chamber board room.

Consideration of a workforce survey, Freecome application, A&M composite application and a report from the industry retention and expansion committee are on the agenda.

Other items include employee medical insurance, purchase of a display booth and December financials and investment report.

The board will also go into executive session to discuss an employee matter and real property.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third.

TUESDAY

□ Beginning line dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628.

□ High school basketball — Stanton at Coahoma and Borden County at Grady, 7:30 and 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

□ Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room

□ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Terry Hansen at 264-5175.

□ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park.

□ Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

THURSDAY

□ Gideons International Big Spring Camp No. 4206, 7 a.m., Hermans.

□ Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

□ College basketball — Clarendon at Howard College, 6 and 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

□ High school basketball — Snyder at Big Spring, 6 and 8 p.m.; Wall at Forsan, Rankin at Garden City and Sands at Borden County, 6:30 and 8 p.m.

□ Spring City Senior Citizens C/W dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

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Duncan, Fraser land key committee assignments in Senate

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

State Sens. Robert Duncan (R-Lubbock) and Troy Fraser (R-Horseshoe Bay) landed key committee assignments relating to West Texas in the 76th Legislature following assignments made by Lt. Gov. Rick Perry.

Duncan, who represents Big Spring and the 28th District in Austin, will serve as vice-chair of the criminal justice committee and will serve as a member of both the finance committee as well as a special committee on border affairs.

Fraser, formerly of Big Spring, will



DUNCAN **FRASER** **PERRY**
serve as chair of the economic development subcommittee on technology and business growth. He will also serve on the finance committee as well as veterans affairs and military installations and a special committee on electric utility restructuring.

Sen. Teel Bivins (R-Amarillo), who represents the western portion of the Permian Basin in the Senate, will chair the education committee, serve as vice-chair of the natural resources subcommittee on agriculture and sit on both special committees — border affairs and electric utility restructuring.

Republicans will hold a majority in 10 of 15 committees in the 76th session, compared to the 75th session, where 11 of 15 committees contained a Republican majority.

"The committee appointments reflect my commitment to a bipartisan, productive and efficient legislative session," Perry said. "These appointments allow each senator to strengthen the legislative process, to serve the citizens of their

districts, and to make Texas' future brighter."

Perry said committees in the 76th Legislature have fewer members so senators will have fewer conflicts and can put more time on state issues.

Perry also cited Duncan and Fraser's appointments to the special committees. "The restructured veterans affairs and military installations committee, will help defend and enhance Texas' fine military bases and serve our many veterans. The special committee on border affairs will work to improve health care, infrastructure and economic development in the border region with the recognition that for Texas to succeed, the border region must succeed."

5th annual West Texas aerial rabies war ends

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

FORT STOCKTON — The fifth round of Texas' aerial war on rabies is over — at least in West Texas.

The Texas Department of Health (TDH) completed the dropping of some 900,000 vaccine baits over portions of 17 West Texas counties in a week-long series of flights from the Pecos County Airport.

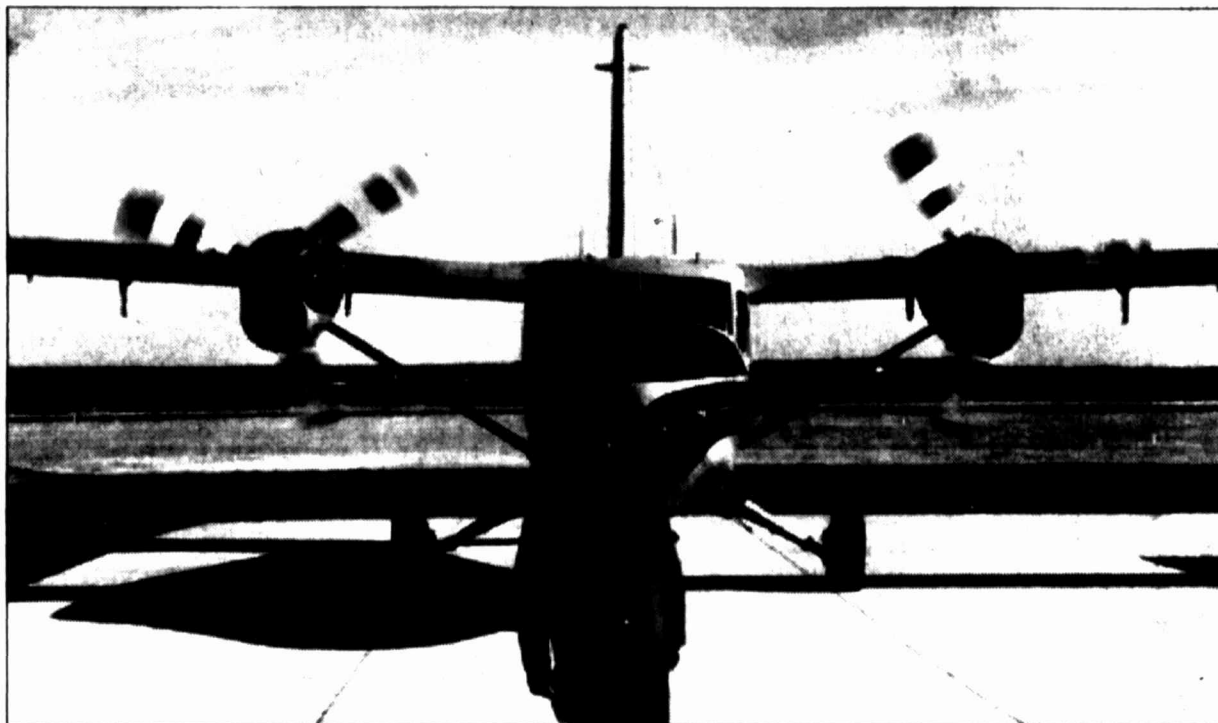
TDH utilized three specially equipped bright yellow Twin Otter from the Ontario (Canada) Ministry of Natural Resources to make the drops, which targeted the gray fox in an area stretching from Big Bend through the Permian Basin and into the western Big Country.

Howard, Glasscock and Mitchell counties were included in the flights, while Borden and Scurry counties were dropped from this year's flight pattern.

The planes and their crews, which include members of the Texas Army National Guard, now move to Fredericksburg for the third and final phase of this year's program.

When the Fredericksburg portion of the program is completed, more than 2.7 million baits will have been dropped.

The vaccines are contained in a square pellet made of dog food and scented with vanilla. They are dropped in a regular pat-



One of three specially equipped bright yellow Twin Otter airplanes lands at the Pecos County Airport in Fort Stockton after completing a flight in which rabies vaccines were dropped at the rate of 70 per square mile. The third phase of this year's anti-rabies campaign now moves to Fredericksburg.

tern so as to cover areas frequented by the gray fox.

TDH officials say the gray fox has a sweet tooth and is quickly attracted to the baits, which are dropped at a ratio of 70 per square mile.

The West Texas epizootic (an epidemic in animals) began in Val Verde (Del Rio) County in 1988 and eventually spread to 48 counties in West and Central Texas.

A total of 861 cases of rabies

have been reported since 1988 in the 52-county West-Central Texas area. The number of cases peaked in 1994, when 264 cases were reported, even though it was not until 1995 that cases began appearing in Howard and Glasscock counties.

Local accounts show 53 cases in Howard County in 1995, although TDH recorded only 40 testable cases from the county. Seven cases were reported in

Glasscock County.

Since the first annual air drop in 1995, TDH says there has been a 97 percent decline in animal cases of canine (coyotes) rabies in South Texas.

Since the first air drop in West Texas 1996, there has been an 88 percent decline in animal cases of gray fox rabies in West and Central Texas.

There have been no human cases in either area since the air drops began.

Variety of issues on Tuesday agenda for city council

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Rate schedules for TU Electric, calling for the May 1 election and a discussion of the comprehensive plan are among the many items Big Spring City Council members will address when they convene at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday.

City Manager Gary Fuqua will update the council on plans to repair the roof at the Settles building and provide information received from a potential contractor on demolition of the Permian Building.

Leigh Corson, planning coordinator, will update the council on development of the Comprehensive Plan over the past three years as well as map out plans for the next several

years. The Comprehensive Plans is a 20-year plan put together to help all city and city-related factions work toward goals of improving Big Spring.

Council members will be asked to approve a new, optional rate schedule for TU Electric. The rate has four pricing periods that depend on month and time of day. Customers who are able to shift their on-peak energy use to predetermined off-peak times within those pricing periods are charged less.

Under the time-of-use rates, prices for residential and business customers receiving electricity at secondary distribution voltages vary from 1.09 cents per kilowatt-hour every day in April, October and November, when demand is low, to 13.42 cents from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. on

weekdays in June through August when energy use is high.

Businesses are also eligible for a voluntary curtailable rate and an aggregate billing option.

The council is also expected to approve on first reading a resolution calling for the May 1 city council election.

Terms up for re-election are District 1, currently held by Stephanie Horton, and District 3, held by Chuck Cawthon.

Kent Sharp, executive director for Moore Development for Big Spring, will present the development board's annual financial report to the council.

There are several items on the agenda which will be addressed due to minor changes or because they require annual approval, according to Fuqua. These include a resolution sup-

porting joining the West Texas Narcotics Enforcement Task Force, amending the time and place of regular city council meetings, and authorizing the offering of health benefits to city retirees.

Other new business before the council includes the sale of two lots to the city and a request from the traffic commission to install four-way stop signs with flashing beacons at Fifth and Main streets.

Under second reading, council members will consider authorizing funds for police vehicles, crew cab trucks for the utility department and a sanitation truck.

The council will also convene in executive session to consider the purchase of property for housing, for the Wilderness Camp.

Sparks: Funding for HC, SWCID a legislative priority

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Funding issues for both Howard College and the Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf will be a priority for officials during this legislative session.

"What happens this spring will have a direct impact on next year, and we are going to be actively involved in the legislative process," said Howard College president Dr. Cheryl Sparks.

Two important issues facing the Legislature this year that directly affect the colleges are appropriations and the future

of the Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP) test.

"We are very interested in any action the Legislature may take related to the TASP," she said.

Beginning Howard College students are now required to pass the TASP before enrolling in classes, a policy that began in the Fall 1998.

Until that time a student may have completed nine college hours before attempting the test. To date, several exemptions from the test are in place, such as age, prior college credit or enrollment in a one-year or less certificate program.

"We are encouraging the Legislature to increase funding to community colleges," Sparks said.

And a different focus will be placed for funding requests for

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Vandals found guilty

\$825 restitution, 300 hours of community service & public apology required by judge

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

The three youths accused of the vandalism and robbery committed at Comanche Trail Festival of Lights and Comanche Trail Golf Course on Nov. 27 today received intensive probation.

County Judge Ben Lockhart read the charges to each of the boys, ages 14, 15 and 16.

Each defendant answered "true" to the felony charges of damage at the golf course that included theft of beer, money and bottle caps for free soft drinks.

Also, damage was done to a wooden wall and a golf course green, and each defendant admitted using an axe and a hammer to cause the damage.

Also, the youths admitted "true" to the charge of damaging the Festival of Lights, that included PVC pipe, Christmas lights, and electrical outlets.

The value of the damage to the golf course was stated as more than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000. The Festival of Lights damage was estimated at more than \$500 but less than \$1,500.

The three youths have been detained in a juvenile holding facility in Sweetwater since their arrest Dec. 16, according to testimony provided by Patricia Dunham, assistant juvenile officer for Martin, Howard and Glasscock counties.

Dunham made the recommendation that each of the youths receive intensive probation, which includes 30 days house arrest beginning today.

"They will be allowed to go to school and to work, and no place else," Dunham said.

Following the 30 day house arrest, the youths will then be held to a 7 p.m. curfew, followed by a 9 p.m. curfew, for the remainder of their probation. Each youth will be on probation until their 18th birthday, subject to yearly evaluations, Dunham said.

Also, the three youths must each pay \$825 in restitution, perform 300 hours of community service, and write letters of apology to the community of Big Spring, Dunham said.

Lockhart said, "I'll agree with the recommendation of intensive supervision, but I want it really enforced. If there is any deviation, I want immediate action taken."

The 16- and 15-year-olds were released to their parents while the 14-year-old was remanded back into juvenile custody until March 2, when his mother will return from a trip.

Intensive probation, Dunham said, requires several face-to-face visits, as well as unscheduled home visits by the youth's probation officer. Each youth will also be financially responsible for court costs and probation fees, she said.



Bettie Cox takes advantage of the spring-like weather to walk Clabber (right) and Boo Boo around Comanche Trail Lake. While walking her dogs, Cox picks up trash to help keep the area clean for residents and visitors.

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OBITUARIES

Benito J. Rubio, Sr.

Benito J. Rubio, Sr., 68, of Big Spring, died on Saturday, Jan. 23, 1999, in a local hospital. A rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Tuesday, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral mass will be 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27, 1999, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Rev. Cornelius Scanlan, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.



RUBIO

Mr. Rubio was born on Dec. 11, 1930, in Marfa, and married Josephine Parras in June of 1951 in Big Spring.

He came to Big Spring with his family in 1946. Mr. Rubio worked for the City of Big Spring as the general foreman for the sanitation department. He retired in 1992 after 33 years of service.

He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and a member of the Crucillista at the church.

Survivors include: his wife, Josephine Rubio of Big Spring; three sons, Benito Rubio, Jr. of Big Spring, Rudy Rubio of Memphis, Tenn., and Oscar Rubio of Plano; two daughters, Maria Belen Martinez of San Antonio, and Margie Johnson of Big Spring; 10 grandchildren, Tammy Rubio, Brandy Enrich, Gabriel Rubio, Nicole Johnson, Randy Rubio, Zachery Johnson, Joshua Martinez, Jeremy Johnson, Brittany Martinez, and Shelby Rubio; and two great-grandchildren, Bridgette Gutierrez and Breanna Gutierrez; four brothers, Frank Rubio and Ismael Manuel Rubio, both of Big Spring, Felix Rubio, Jr. and Domingo Rubio, Sr., both of Denver, Colo.; five sisters, Elva Olague, Esperanza Hope Rodriguez, Viola Lopez, and Lydia Herrera, all of Big Spring; and Connie Valdez of Dallas.

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

Paid obituary

Mina Juanita Dixon

Memorial service for Mina Juanita Dixon, 84, Carrollton, will be conducted 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, 1999, at

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FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL
24th & Johnson 267-8288
Roy Bruce, 87, died today. Services are pending.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH
Funeral Home

Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St.
(915) 267-6331

Mina Juanita Dixon, 84, died Saturday. Services will be 10:00 AM Tuesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. Mausoleum.

Benito J. Rubio Sr., 68, died Saturday. Rosary will be 7:00 PM Tuesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood chapel. Funeral services will be at 11:30 AM Wednesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Weldon B. Covert, 69, died Sunday. Services will be 2:00 PM Tuesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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Nalley-Pickle & Welch
Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring, with Rev. Eddie Tubbs, pastor of First Baptist Church in Big Spring, officiating. Entombment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park Mausoleum.

Mina passed into God's Kingdom on Jan. 23, 1999, after a series of strokes and failing health.

She was born on Feb. 1, 1914, in Granby, Mo., and married Charles P. Dixon on May 15, 1931, in Columbus, Kan. He preceded her in death on March 13, 1986.

Mina and Charles lived for 35 years in Phillips, where she taught Sunday School and was a member of the WMU at the First Baptist Church in Phillips. Prior to moving to Big Spring in 1974, she owned and operated The Charm Hut Beauty Salon.

Mina was an active member of the First Baptist Church in Carrollton, where she had lived the past 10 years. She was a member of the T.E.L. Sunday School Class and was active in the Live-Wire Choir Program for Senior Citizens.

She is survived by daughter Carolyn Tims and husband Arnold of Midland; daughter Kae Wise of Carrollton; and son Mike Dixon and his wife Donna of Highland Village; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Mina was also preceded in death by a daughter, Patricia Janet Dixon in 1933, a son, James Orris Dixon in 1988, and by a son-in-law, Warren Wise.

The family suggests memorials be given to Hospice or to a memorial of choice.

The family will receive friends at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home on Monday from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

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

Paid obituary

Weldon B. Covert

Service for Weldon B. Covert, 69, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, 1999, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Chaplain Dean Thomas of the VA Medical Center, officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Mr. Covert died Sunday, Jan. 24, in a local hospital.

He was born on June 3, 1929, in Big Spring and was a lifetime resident of Howard County. He had attended school in Big Spring and Coahoma. He graduated from Coahoma High School in 1947. Mr. Covert worked in civil service at Webb Air Force Base in various capacities for over 20 years until retiring. He had served in the United States Army.

Survivors include: two sons, Ronald W. Covert of Houston, and Byron D. Covert of Katy; two brothers, Hugh W. Covert of Garden City, and Ronald F. Covert of Sand Springs; and five grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

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

Marjorie Kernodle Hughes

Service for Marjorie Kernodle Hughes, 88, Burlington, N.C., will be 3 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, 1999, in the Union Ridge United Church of Christ Cemetery, in Union Ridge Road, Burlington, N.C.

Mrs. Hughes died Sunday, Jan. 24, in a Graham, N.C. nursing home after a number of years of failing health.

Survivors include: her husband, Tommy Hughes; a daughter, Shirley Brooks; two grandchildren; four great-grandchildren, all of Burlington, N.C.; and three brothers, Donald and Graham Kernodle of Burlington, N.C., and Alan Kernodle of Big Spring.

Arrangements under the direction of Rich and Thompson Funeral Home, Burlington, N.C.

Roy Bruce

Service for Roy Bruce, 87, Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Mr. Bruce died today at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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FUNDING

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SWCID. Officials are expected to seek funding to provide a diagnostic center in Burke Hall that will serve the needs of a large population, as well as other projects.

"This will be an important legislative session for SWCID. Funding for SWCID is not appropriated the same way. We ask for money in a different way for SWCID, and this session will be very important because there is no other revenue stream for that campus," Sparks said.

Projects officials are seeking for SWCID include a new wing for the dormitory, funding to remodel the Student Union Building and the main building, which needs maintenance such as a roof and plumbing, and funding to remodel Burke Hall into a diagnostic center.

"Mehan Hall is obsolete, so we will be seeking funding to demolish that building, which will include asbestos abatement," Sparks said.

Ron Brasel, provost for SWCID said, the diagnostic center is a vision for the college, with far reaching effects for a large population area.

"We hope to work more closely with Texas Rehabilitation Commission and other agencies. A diagnostic center will allow us to reach out to agency programs that are currently working with a deaf population, and help them decide what programs will help those students," he said.

SUPPORT GROUPS

MONDAY

•Al-A-Teen, 7:30 p.m., 615 Settles.

•TOPS Club (Take off pound sensibly), weigh-in 5 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m., Birdwell Lane Church of Christ.

•Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

•Encouragers Support Group (formerly Widow/Widower support group) first and third Mondays each month. First Monday meetings are at a local restaurant at 6 p.m. Third Monday meetings are at 6 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church Seventh and Rannels (enter through north door). We have various activities, such as guest speakers, play games, have covered dish supper, visit or go out to eat. For more information call 398-5522 or 399-4369. The Dec. 7 meeting will be at the Spanish Inn for dinner, and the Dec. 21 meeting will be a Christmas dinner. Bring a covered dish of salad, vegetables, desserts, etc. Also bring a gift not exceeding \$10 for a fun gift exchange.

•Alzheimer's support group, 7 p.m., Canterbury South, 1700 N. Lancaster, first Mondays of each month. Call Galynn Gamble at 263-1271. The topic for Nov. 2 will be on "Validation therapy, connecting with your loved one."

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

•Alzheimer's support group, 6:30 p.m., Marcy House, 2301 Wason. Call 268-9041.

•Association of Retarded Citizens of Howard County meet 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month at 806 E. Third Street, the HARC bingo building. Call 264-0674 for more information.

•Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the last Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at 409 Rannels, Clyde Alsip Building. TXAMI meeting to follow. For more information call 263-0027 or 267-7220.

•The Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill meets the fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at 409 Rannels (formerly the TU building) For further information call Sondra at 267-7220.

TUESDAY

•Support for MS and Related Diseases, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Canterbury South. Public invited. Call Leslie, 267-1069.

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

•Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.

•Compassionate Friends support group for parents who have experienced death of a child, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday in February, April, June, August, October and December in the Family Life Center Building, First Baptist Church, 705 West Marcy. Enter by southeast door. Call 267-2769.

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

•"Most Excellent Way," an addiction support group, 3610 Dixon, call 264-9900.

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

•Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at 319 Rannels. For more information call Shannon Nabors at 263-0027.

•The Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at 409 Rannels (formerly the TU building) For further information call Sondra at 267-7220

•Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have Dr. Ronald Meyer, D.Min., LCDC, LMFT, specializing in individual and marriage counseling, Attention Deficit Disorder and chemical dependency, available for clients in Midland. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

BRIEFS

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS 55 Alive/Mature Driving Course will be presented Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 1-2 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. This will include a one hour lunch. Both sessions must be attended and AARP membership is not required.

This is a review course designed to sharpen and enhance the driving skills of those age 50 and over. There are no written tests or exams. Tuition is \$8 and includes a valuable workbook to keep. Upon completion of the course, a certificate is issued which entitles the recipient to a 10 percent discount in auto insurance premiums good for one year.

To enroll, call the Senior Citizens Center at 267-1628.

THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF Health will be giving flu shots starting Wednesday, Oct. 14. These will be given every Wednesday throughout the winter (October-February) to those 18 years or older. The cost is \$5 for those not on Medicaid. The hours will be from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. Call 263-9775 for more information.

BIRTHRIGHT IS NEEDING DONATIONS of layette items for newborns: sleepers, booties, disposable diapers, baby toiletries, large gift bags, flannel fabric. Items may be delivered to Simpler Pleasures, 1305 Gregg, of Family Life Center (northeast door) of First Baptist Church, 8-12 a.m., 5-8 p.m., Mondays, Tuesday and Thursdays.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH a grade point average of B or better and college students with a grade point average of B+ or better are eligible for a \$1,000 college scholarship. To receive an application, send a request by March 16 to: Educational Communications Scholarship Foundation; 721 North McKinley Road; P.O. Box 5012; Lake Forest, Ill.; 60045-5012; fax a request to (847)295-3972; or e-mail a request to "scholar@ecsf.org"

All requests for applications must include the following: stu-

dent's name, permanent home address, city, state, zip code, name of current high school or college, approximate grade point average, and year in school during the 1998-99 academic year.

Applications will be fulfilled by mail only on or about April 9.

GOOD SHEPHERD FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m. Thursdays. Everyone welcome to come.

SUPPORT FOR GULF WAR veterans is available through Odessa Desert Shield, Desert Storm Association, Inc.

"We will be setting up some meetings, sharing information, things like that," said Rhonda Simon, a Colorado City resident who serves as area representative of the support group. "There have been some new bills past and we want to get veterans educated on those and get them going back to the Veterans Administration."

Anyone interested in becoming a part of the support group can call Simon at 915 728-2746 or email her at ezresort@bitstreet.com or call group president Vic Sylvester at 915 368 4667.

The group also has a website at www.odssa.com

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE INSTRUCTORS will be conducting a training session for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers and others who are interested in attending the class.

The training will be held at the Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Drive, from Monday, Jan. 11, until Friday, Jan. 15 at 9 a.m. to noon each day.

Persons must pass a test in order to qualify for working with the VITA program.

Tax assistance will be available from Feb. 1 through March 31 at locations to be announced later. For more information, call Dorothy Kennemur, 398-5522 or the Senior Center at 267-1628.

FREE GIFT CERTIFICATES ARE available now for children and teens needing an eye exam or eyeglasses.

Call Prevent Blindness Texas, Permian Basin Branch Office, at 915 683-0003.

MARKETS

March cotton 58.42 cents, down 12 points; Feb. crude 12.52, down 17 points; Cash hogs steady at 30 even; cash steers steady at 62 even; Feb. lean hog futures 42.50, down 15 points; Feb. live cattle futures 62.95, down 20 points.

courtesy: Delta Corporation. Other markets were unavailable by press time.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between Friday at 8 a.m. and Saturday at 3 p.m.

•JEFFERY BROWN, 20, was arrested on local warrants.

•BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 2100 block of South Main.

•BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1800 block Scurry and 800 block Lancaster.

•KEVIN SULLIVAN, 38, was arrested for public intoxication.

•TONY DELAGARZA, 33, was arrested for public intoxication.

•REYNALDO CARRASCO, 30, was arrested for assault/family violence.

•INJURY TO A CHILD was reported in the 1400 block Virginia.

•LONNIE GRAY, 18, was arrested for public intoxication.

•CLYDE MYLES, 71, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

•JOHN NOLTING, 35, was arrested for public intoxication.

•LOUD PARTY was reported in the 2500 block of Ent.

•BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 300 block of Aylesford.

•HARASSMENT was reported at the police station.

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports:

FRIDAY

1:43 a.m. - SMMC, medical call, patient transported to Odessa Medical Center.

3:55 a.m. - 1000 block Rannels, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

6:12 a.m. - 1000 block Rannels, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

7:45 a.m. - SMMC, medical call, patient transported to Abilene.

9:50 a.m. - SMMC, medical call, patient transported to private residence.

1:05 p.m. - 400 block S. Second in Coahoma, medical call, service refused.

2:02 p.m. - mm 171 I-20, traffic accident; service refused.

2:07 p.m. - SMMC, medical call, patient transported to Odessa Medical Center.

3:50 p.m. - SMMC, medical call, patient transported to Lubbock Methodist.

4:48 p.m. - 600 block Goliad, medical call, patient transported to the VA.

7:05 p.m. - 1500 block Lincoln, structure fire, false call.

7:57 p.m. - 900 block Goliad, medical call, service refused.

8:44 p.m. - 400 block Theo, structure fire, smoke scare

8:51 p.m. - 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

SATURDAY

6:25 a.m. - 800 block E. 16th, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

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Senate faces vote today that could end Clinton impeachment trial

WASHINGTON (AP) — With House prosecutors intent on bringing Monica Lewinsky to the well of the Senate, senators faced crucial votes that abruptly could end the trial or prolong it indefinitely.

Senators sitting in judgment of President Clinton agreed Sunday that the 67 votes needed to remove him from office are not there. They also said they are seeking a way for graceful exit from the yearlong scandal.

A vote this week to allow witnesses, if it fails, could set the stage for a final vote on conviction or acquittal.

"Let's close this thing out. Let's vote on it up or down," said Sen. Richard Shelby, a conservative Republican from Alabama.

Another Republican, Sen. Olympia Snowe of Maine, said Sunday she is leaning against voting to allow witnesses. "I haven't made that decision," she said on ABC's "Good Morning America." "What

would they offer?" Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., also on ABC, said deciding against witnesses would allow the Senate to end the trial this week. "Ninety senators have asked 104 questions over two days," he said. "There is a growing sense ... that we have enough to make the fundamental decisions."

House prosecutors pressed ahead Sunday with preparations to subpoena witnesses, holding an informal interview with Ms. Lewinsky that the former White House intern did not want and that Senate Democrats denounced as an act of desperation.

The House team focused on issues at the heart of obstruction of justice allegations against Clinton, according to a source familiar with the interview — the job search for Ms. Lewinsky and retrieval of presidential gifts for the former intern.

Three House prosecutors met

for nearly two hours with Ms. Lewinsky and her lawyer at the upscale Mayflower Hotel about six blocks from the White House. The meeting took place after Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr, citing the immunity agreement she signed with his office, on Saturday obtained a court order requiring her attendance.

"We found her to be a very personable and impressive young woman, and we found that she might be a very helpful witness to the Senate if she is called," said Rep. Bill McCollum, R-Fla.

Ms. Lewinsky's attorney, Plato Cacheris, said his client had been "extremely truthful" but said: "She added nothing to the record that is already sitting before the Senate."

She should not be called to testify, Cacheris said, "because all of her testimony is fully and completely disclosed."

The House team was able to question Ms. Lewinsky directly,

while lawyers working for Starr watched, said Rep. Asa Hutchinson's spokesman Christopher Battle. A source with knowledge of the interview said Ms. Lewinsky did not become emotional and the entire session was conducted in a professional manner.

The prosecutors insisted that witnesses were needed to prove their case that Clinton committed perjury and obstructed justice in trying to cover up his affair with Ms. Lewinsky.

They said witnesses could clear up contradictions arising in the first eight days of the trial, such as who initiated the concealment of gifts Clinton gave to Ms. Lewinsky and whether there was a tacit understanding that she would lie in the Paula Jones case to cover up the affair.

Democrats warned that witnesses could extend the trial for months and several Republicans said they were skeptical of the need for wit-

nesses. "If we do proceed (with witnesses), we want to make sure that it doesn't turn out to be 'The Jerry Springer Show,'" Snowe said on NBC.

Before moving to the witness issue, the Senate was expected today to take up a motion by Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., to dismiss the case.

Byrd, a stickler for maintaining Senate traditions, has been strongly critical of the president's behavior. His decision to come out against removal from office was a blow to Republicans who had hoped he would be the catalyst for a Democratic shift against the president.

The White House lawyers and the House prosecutors each have an hour to speak on dismissal. Senators then may call a break in the trial to debate the issue, either in open or closed session.

Then the trial would take up the question of whether to

depose witnesses, the first step to live testimony, before voting on dismissal and witnesses.

House prosecutors also were expected to make public their proposed list of witnesses. It likely would include Clinton's friend Vernon Jordan and his personal secretary Betty Curry and other White House officials as well as Lewinsky.

Former Clinton political adviser Dick Morris also was interviewed by House impeachment investigators Sunday. He said he was asked about his conversations with Clinton as the Lewinsky scandal was breaking a year ago.

Republicans, who hold a 55-45 majority in the House, appeared solidly against dismissal; and some Democrats agreed that it was more appropriate to end the trial with a straight vote on the charges. With acquittal, the next question would be whether to write a censure resolution condemning Clinton for the affair.

American warplanes attack Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — American warplanes, threatened by Iraqi artillery systems while patrolling the "no-fly" zone northern Iraq, attacked two surface-to-air missile sites in separate incidents Sunday.

It was a second day in a row that U.S. jets enforcing the flight-interdiction zone met resistance and fired back.

A U.S. F-15E Eagle fired a precision-guided missile and "suppressed" an Iraqi SA-3 surface-to-air missile site that threatened forces in the area, the military said.

The missile scored a direct hit, Operation Northern Watch said in a statement. Northern Watch operates out of the NATO base in Incirlik, Turkey to enforce the truce that ended the 1991 Persian Gulf War and bans Iraqi aircraft in the north-

ern sector of the country. The American aircraft in the area reported they were illuminated by the Iraqi surface-to-air missile system, said Air Force Lt. Col. Dennis Linn, a spokesman at European Command headquarters in Germany.

A pilot whose plane is illuminated, or locked on by radar, assumes he is about to be fired upon.

Less than an hour after the first attack, a U.S. Marine EA-6B Prowler and two U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcons fired high speed anti-radiation missiles after their aircraft were illuminated by Iraqi systems.

The damage to Iraqi forces in the second incident was being assessed.

All of the American aircraft

returned safely to Incirlik.

On Saturday, American warplanes were threatened by Iraqi MiGs and anti-aircraft ground fire and responded with laser-guided bombs on two surface-to-air missile sites in southern Iraq.

Planes from aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson, on station in the Persian Gulf, are patrolling that zone south of Baghdad.

Iraq has demanded that the United States and Britain end what Iraqi President Saddam Hussein calls their "illegal" patrols in the restricted zones set up over northern and southern Iraq to protect Iraqi Kurds and Shiite Muslims.

President Clinton has said the bans will be fully enforced because they are central to the U.S. strategy for containing Iraq's military.

Southeast Texas district to begin drug testing

LITTLE CYPRESS, Texas (AP) — Cheerleaders, athletes and other students involved in after-school activities at a southeast Texas school district will have to submit to random drug tests starting next month.

A sweeping drug testing program begins Feb. 8 at middle school and high schools in the Little Cypress-Mauriceville School District.

Most students aren't too thrilled about the prospect of being tested, and an ACLU spokesman said he may challenge the plan.

But superintendent Lamar Hebert said he has received little opposition from parents so far.

"I'm not foolish enough to think everyone is going to agree with this. Not in this country," Hebert told the Beaumont Enterprise. "But on the same token, drugs are unacceptable in this district. They are harmful to students and against the law."

Students involved in any extracurricular activity, such as athletics, drama and debate,

will fall under the new program, as will anyone who takes driver's education classes. Students who drive will have to comply with random testing to get a parking permit on campus. Parents also may request testing for their children.

At Little Cypress-Mauriceville High School, about 20 miles northeast of Beaumont, 17-year-old Joel Nash said he resents the policy.

"There have already been a couple of students drop out of athletics" to avoid testing, said Nash, who is involved in vocational and agricultural clubs after school. He said many others plan to park across the street rather than be tested.

Jay Jacobson of the ACLU said he's considering opposing the tests.

"I would love to talk to any parent or student who would like to challenge (the policy)," Jacobson said. "I think a good deal of it would fall afoul of the fourth amendment," which protects the right to privacy against unreasonable search and seizure.

Hebert said the policy has passed close legal inspection and is similar to those that have passed scrutiny in the courts elsewhere.

Students who fail a drug test the first time will be suspended from extracurricular activities for a semester, banned from the parking lot and forced to seek drug counseling at their own expense.

District officials hope to find free counseling or services provided on a sliding scale of fees based on the student's ability to pay, said Little Cypress-Mauriceville business manager Greg Perry.

The penalty will increase with each subsequent offense and those students will have to submit to follow-up testing.

Nash's mother, Toni, said that despite her son's objections, she and most parents she knows favor testing.

"A lot of times parents don't know what's going on. This is a great way to find out," Nash said. "If it helps a couple of kids, if it helps one kid, it will be worth it."

Governor, lawmakers unveil plan against social promotion in schools

DEL VALLE (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush and two leading lawmakers chose an elementary school as the stage to launch their plan of attack against social promotion, the term for advancing students from grade to grade when they can't do the work.

Bush, Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, and Rep. Paul Sadler, D-Henderson, planned to visit Hillcrest Elementary School today to draw attention to the bill.

The bill would set a standard of requiring students to pass the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills in third, fifth and eighth grades to be promoted. Students would be given three tries at the test, coupled with remedial courses.

Exceptions to the passing standard, however, would be allowed.

The bill would set up an appeals process that would

allow a student to be promoted despite failing the TAAS three times if the parent, teacher and principal agreed.

An appeal might, for example, take into account whether a student's test scores kept rising and were just short of passing on the third try, said Bivins, the Senate Education Committee chairman.

Bush — whose battle against social promotion was a major campaign promise — was asked a year ago whether there would be any way under his plan that a student would be promoted to fourth grade without passing the third-grade TAAS reading test.

"No there's not," he said then, adding, "The student will immediately go into remedial help."

Asked recently about the proposal discussed by Bivins, Bush said he supported allowing schools to determine if there

are mitigating circumstances. His office has worked with educators and lawmakers on details of the plan.

"The key is, are we putting in place something that helps students learn to read?" he said.

Besides requiring third-graders to pass the reading test, the bill would require fifth-graders to pass the reading and math portions of the TAAS to advance. Eighth-graders would have to pass reading, writing and math.

State law already says students may be promoted only on the basis of academic achievement or demonstrated proficiency. But there's no state standard to ensure students aren't passed without demonstrating knowledge.

The Texas Federation of Teachers estimated in 1996 that 150,000 Texas students are promoted every year without passing their courses.

Dragging death trial jury selection opens

JASPER (AP) — Tight security and worldwide media attention were expected today as the first of three capital murder suspects goes on trial in last summer's dragging death of a black man.

John William King, 24, faces the death penalty if convicted in the June 7, 1998 slaying of James Byrd Jr., who was stripped, chained to a pickup truck and dragged until his head came off.

About 200 prospective jurors were summoned to pass through newly acquired metal detectors at the Jasper County Courthouse and appear in state District Judge Joe Bob Golden's courtroom.

In Texas, potential jurors in capital murder cases are interviewed one at a time. After general introductions, they fill out questionnaires to help lawyers narrow the pool. The process is expected to take three weeks.

"When the trial starts, I think it will be worth watching," Jasper County District Attorney Guy James Gray said Sunday. "The jury selection process is very boring, very slow, not much to it."

He said about half of the 400 juror prospects, selected in a random computer search of county residents, were likely to attend today's session, since many had obtained exemptions

for having young children, or as sole operators of businesses. Others may have moved or died.

Gray said many people have told him they were reluctant to serve. "People are afraid of you guys," he told reporters. "They're afraid of having their picture taken. They're afraid of being interviewed. And they're afraid of serving on a big case like this with a lot of attention."

"That's one of the things I'm going to talk about (today)," he added.

King, a onetime member of a racist prison gang and an avowed white supremacist, is the first of three men to be tried in the Byrd murder. The trials of Shawn Allen Berry, 23, and Lawrence Russell Brewer, 31, haven't yet been scheduled.

King denies killing Byrd, saying he stood by innocently as Berry killed Byrd.

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8 Compelling Reasons Why: Christ Is Coming "Very, Very Soon"

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The evidence for the soon return of Jesus Christ is overwhelming. It could be any moment. One scholar lists 167 converging clues just in the last few years of this millennium. The following are eight:

- 1. Israel's rebirth.** As Jesus prophesied, the Jews were scattered during the Jewish-Roman war of A.D. 70 (Luke 21:24). Also prophesied to occur before Christ's return, the nation of Israel was miraculously reborn on May 14, 1948. Israel is called "God's time clock."
- 2. Plummeting morality.** Studies show a shocking breakdown just since mid-century (2 Timothy 3:1-4).
- 3. Famines, violence and wars.** Like birth pangs that intensify, Jesus said that the days just before His coming would see increased famines, violence and ethnic wars, a clear picture of our planet (Matthew 24: 6-8). One of six people on earth suffer from hunger. Violence is epidemic, and a study of wars since 500 B.C. shows a recent, dramatic increase. Of 82 world conflicts since just 1990, all but three have been civil or ethnic.
- 4. Increase in earthquakes.** A recent study shows a dramatic increase in worldwide earthquakes, just since the decade of Israel's rebirth. Like increasing birth pangs, in the 1940s there were 51 above Richter 6.0; the 1950s, 475; the 1980s, 1,085; and in the 1990s at the current rate, a projected 1,540 (Matthew 24:7).
- 5. Explosion of travel and education.** Two key conditions described about 2,500 years ago for the Second Coming are that "travel and education shall be vastly increased" (Daniel 12:4, Living Bible). In all of history, the vast increase in travel has come just since mid-century with the explosion of both ground and air transportation; in education, with the advance of science and computers.
- 6. Explosion of cults and the occult.** Counterfeit spirituality is everywhere with cults and false Christs (Matthew 24:24), psychic phenomena, spiritism, Satan worship, witchcraft, nature worship and the New Age movement (1 Timothy 4:1). What is a cult or the occult? See FREE REPORTS below.

7. The New World Order. Increased centralization of world financial and political power is a prelude to the soon-coming world power system in the hands of "Antichrist," who will be the incarnation of Satan and who will receive most of the world (Daniel 7:12, Matthew 24:15, Revelation 13).

8. Increase in both apostasy and faith. The Bible predicts in the last days, "A form of godliness, although they have denied its power" (2 Timothy 3:5). Today many churches deny the eternal truths of Scripture and power of the Holy Spirit, replacing them with ungodly, temporal and "political-correct" values. But also, a prophesied outpouring of God's Spirit is causing hundreds of millions worldwide to come to true faith in Christ in record numbers, virtually unnoticed by the media.

The "Angel Factor"

As an angel announced Christ's First Coming (Daniel 9:20-25; Luke 1:26), there have been recently reported visits from angels saying, "He is coming very, very soon." For a fascinating free, detailed account of two verified incidents, see below.

The Escape Plan

Christ will soon come and rescue His people from the approaching "Great Tribulation" (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18). He will later rule and bring peace on earth—after He judges the world and every person (Matthew 25:31-45).

God's judgment is, indeed, coming on a world in rebellion. He cannot deny His nature. His attributes of perfect holiness and justice demand judgment for sin, of which we are all guilty. "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

The result of sin is death, or separation from God. "For the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23). Wages are something we earn, or deserve.

But "God is love" (1 John 4:8). Is "love" in conflict with "judgment"? Answer: God's wisdom reconciled the dilemma—The Son of God would take all our judgment upon Himself! "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

To escape God's judgment, we each must receive His free gift of forgiveness and love. "But the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23). A gift is something we do not earn, or deserve.

How to receive Him

In any gift exchange, there has to be a giver and receiver. God has already given us the gift, His Son; now we must receive Him. "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God" (John 1:12).

We receive Him by faith. "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast" (Ephesians 2:8,9).

We receive Him by personal invitation. (Christ speaking) "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him" (Revelation 3:20). Do you hear His voice?

The following is a suggested prayer: "Lord Jesus, I believe you are the Son of God and that you died on the cross for my sins to save me from eternal death. I open the door of my life and receive you as my Savior and Lord. I give you my life. Help me to be what you want me to be. Amen."

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OUR VIEWS

It's no mystery why we all enjoy Heritage Museum

On Saturday night, an unsuspecting visitor to the Heritage Museum might have thought he had been transported back in time about 75 years.

That's because 80 local residents, most of them dressed for the part, participated in the museum's Murder Mystery Night. In groups of eight, they played mystery games, many of which were set in the 1930s. They portrayed colorful characters, from outlaws to lawmen, and proper ladies to flappers.

If you missed this year's event, you missed a good time, and a good project. The evening was expected to bring in about \$1,000 for the museum's general fund. That's thanks in part to Domino's Pizza, which donated all refreshments for the guests.

It's also thanks to nine local residents who took the time to serve as hosts for groups of players in their homes or other locations around town.

As always, the museum has found a way to keep the "fun" in fundraising. From their annual food festival "Around the World in 80 Bites," to the Murder Mystery Night, to a regular slate of exhibits, the staff has made a habit of providing interesting, informative and enjoyable activities for our community.

So it's no mystery why the museum is a favorite attraction for Big Spring residents. Many of us attend events there regularly.

If you missed this one, try to make it next year. Test your sleuthing skills during this evening of intrigue for a good cause.

Whether you find the murderer or not, you're sure to have a good time trying, and the community will reap the benefit.

OTHER VIEWS

John Cornyn has never been pleased with the contingency fee deal worked out for the private attorneys who represented Texas in the tobacco litigation. The idea of five law firms pocketing 15 percent-plus of a \$17.3 billion settlement rankled him as a former Texas Supreme Court justice and candidate for the attorney general's office, and it rankles him as he begins his 16th day as the state's top attorney.

Cornyn is toying with the idea of trying to seize for the state some of the \$3.3 billion awarded to the attorneys last month. The money is being paid by the tobacco companies under a special arbitration deal reached separately from the settlement itself.

We would caution the attorney general to shelve that idea. Texas is not an island unto itself in this situation; the arbitration agreement included attorneys' fees for Mississippi and Florida. Although Texas negotiated its own \$17.3 billion payment from the cigarette manufacturers independent of what other states will receive, the formula used to calculate each state's take could unravel like a cheap sweater if Texas starts picking at the agreement.

FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM

President Clinton has come up with a plan that would help

elderly Americans and those caring for aging parents. The plan represents at least a start toward addressing long-term care concerns of a growing legion of Americans.

At the core of Clinton's plan is a provision that would give a \$1,000-a-year tax credit to people who need long-term care in a nursing home or at home. With nursing home costs averaging more than \$46,000 a year, such a tax credit might not seem like much. But remember that it's \$1,000 more in tax credit than currently permissible. With the tax credit people who already provide informal, unpaid care to spouses and parents would get an overdue benefit.

Under current law, the government does not pay for long-term care until a beneficiary exhausts all financial resources. This policy has been blamed for many people hiding their assets to qualify for Medicaid, the government insurance plan for the poor.

Clinton's plan reflects the overdue realization of the need to do more to help aging Americans who are living longer. It marks the first time since the collapse of Clinton's efforts to reform health care in 1994 that there has been a significant attempt to address long-term care needs.

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UAE wants key to brains behind F-16s

When defense giant Lockheed-Martin announced last spring that it had struck a deal to sell 80 F-16 fighter jets to the United Arab Emirates, nobody paid much notice. This lack of attention may help explain why America is on the verge of dangerously escalating the Mideast arms race at the same time our diplomats are preaching peace between Israel and its neighbors.

The defense community sure noticed, though. These are tough times for arms merchants, with downsizing in the U.S. armed forces and an economic slowdown in Asia contributing to a steep decline in major military sales.

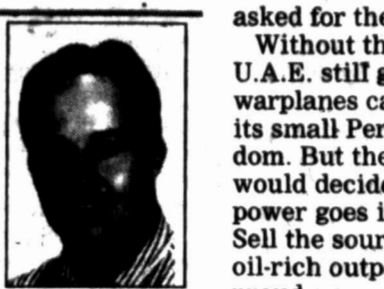
Competition for the U.A.E. contract was fierce, involving players not only here but abroad. Foreign sales mean domestic jobs, a neat way to keep production going when the U.S. Air Force isn't ordering planes the way it once did.

"The Middle East bought a lot of stuff in 1992-94," explains Luke Warren of the Council for a Livable World Education Fund. "(Those countries) didn't need as much the last few years. They got everything they needed. This is one of the few large aircraft sales that's out there at this point."

It's now more than eight months since the sale was announced, yet the ink on the deal still isn't dry. Several



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observers say that's because the U.A.E. — recognizing a buyer's market when it sees one — is pressing Lockheed and the Clinton administration to part with the "source codes" for the F-16s. Source codes are the brains behind the plane's sophisticated radar system. They determine how much — or how little — a plane is capable of.

Source codes are "the keys to the kingdom," says Richard Aboulafia, director of aviation for the Teal Group, a defense analysis firm in Alexandria, Va. "They allow you to go into (the aircraft's) architecture" to modify its warfare capabilities.

It's not the first time source codes have become an issue. Japan wanted them as part of an aircraft sale a few years back.

As did Taiwan. Both countries were turned down. But it is the first time a major Mideast player — albeit a strong American ally — has

asked for them.

Without the source codes, the U.A.E. still gets 80 American warplanes capable of defending its small Persian Gulf kingdom. But the U.S. government would decide how much firepower goes into the aircraft. Sell the source codes and this oil-rich outpost becomes the proud owner of the world's most sophisticated fighter planes — more capable than anything currently flown by our own Air Force.

Things looked like they were coming to a head in December, when a team of U.A.E. officials quietly visited the Ft. Worth plant where the F-16s will be built. A Lockheed spokesman told us the visit was merely to "resolve standard contractual issues" between the company and U.A.E.

But that still doesn't explain why things are taking so long. Already, the Clinton administration has caved in on U.A.E. demands on obtaining air-to-air missiles for its fighters. This is also an administration that caved into industry demands on satellite sales to China and high-tech weapons exports to Latin America.

Are we just cynical, or do we have a right to worry that some of the 94 individuals registered to lobby on behalf of Lockheed have something to do with this delay?

UNDER THE DOME — Bill Clinton's poll-tested, well-delivered State of the Union speech

might help his already stratospheric approval ratings. But it came as a grave disappointment to the handful of senators who've worked diligently for more than a year to address the touchy issue of Social Security reform.

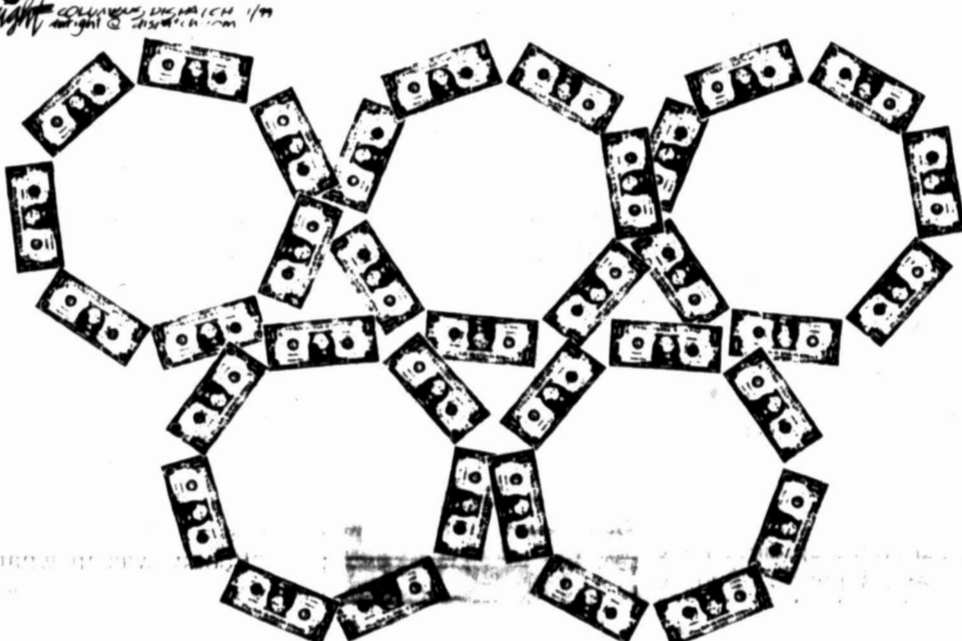
"Too little, too late" was the cry from lawmakers who wanted the president to lay out a plan — but hated Clinton's idea to have federal bureaucrats invest a small chunk of the budget surplus in the stock market as a way to boost returns.

That doesn't mean the issue is dead; it just means that the president may have already taken himself out of this all-important debate.

Right now there are three plans on the table — all of which have some degree of bipartisan support, and all of which propose some form of privatization.

"There's room for a deal" between the competing Senate plans, says Larry Neal, spokesman for Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, co-author of one reform proposal. But Gramm was "profoundly disappointed" in Clinton's plan, which Neal says is "just a political program."

Look for the Senate to act soon — or wait until 2001. If there's one thing both sides can agree on, it's that nothing of substance will get accomplished in a presidential election year.



2002 WINTER OLYMPICS

Sometimes you can go home again

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — "Here's the church, here's the steeple, open the door and there are the people."

The old Ryman Auditorium Saturday night was like that childhood game you used to play with an old maid aunt and your fingers. Full of people once again. Not just serving as some guide-yourself museum with a few tourists rattling around in its dusty bowels.

The regal, renovated tabernacle was alive. It purely glowed, smiled through its stained-glass eyes as tour buses from all over spilled hard-core country music lovers into the streets. Fans were wall-to-wall on Broadway, laughing and drinking and eating, buying boots and guitar strings and key chains shaped like treble clefs.

For one weekend the Grand Ole Opry was back where it belongs, home at the Ryman for the first time in 25 years. Say "Hallelujah."

And even if the occasion was contrived — perversely celebrating the show's 1974 move to Opryland USA in the first place — a lot of us were just grateful to see the Opry at the

Ryman. I never had. "Ever think how dull life would be without cornmeal?" announcer Kyle Cantrell asked during the Opry's Martha White portion.

Ever think how dull it would be without the Grand Ole Opry?

Without Little Jimmy Dickens, that dashboard doll of a man, singing about old cold taters? And without pyrotechnical Porter Wagoner, sequins spelling "Hi" inside of a charreuse and lavender jacket?

Where would Wilma Lee Cooper — or anybody else, for that matter — wear a hot pink dress with puffed sleeves and crinolines? And, aside from the stage of the Grand Ole Opry, the only place The Four Guys would look right in tuxedos and bow ties would be atop a wedding cake.

Oh, there has to be a Grand Ole Opry. It fills a need. A middle-aged, middle-class, middle-everything couple in front of me squeezed each other sweetly when Billy Walker sang "I waited such a long time, I can't believe it's true, that by my side, God has placed, a bride as beautiful as you ..."

All that lovely emotion, brought to you by Dickies Work Clothes.

And don't think the show's stuck in some time warp, strictly depending on the ghosts of Hank and Uncle Dave. The night I was there the Opry invited Trisha Yearwood to join the cast. She's like most of the hot young country stars — rock

and roll-influenced, stylish, pretty. She's no Kitty Wells, but then who is?

Usher Tommy Bentzel wore a blood-red coat and a constant smile. He used to sell insurance to a lot of the music stars on the stage; in retirement, Tommy works for Opryland. Guests were excited about coming back to the Ryman, he said, but then the customers at the Grand Ole Opry are always excited.

"They'll come up to me and say, 'I've waited 30 years to see Porter Wagoner,' and they are beside themselves."

All the usual Opry stars were there the other night. It's a little like a TV soap opera. You can watch it once every decade and still keep up. Jeanne Pruett sang "Satin Sheets" and Skeeter Davis sang "Silver Threads and Golden Needles." Just like last time I saw them.

All the stars had something to say about being back at the Ryman, or, in a couple of cases, performing at the Ryman for the first time. The Ryman itself was the biggest star, with its rock-hard pews and mighty mystique. God must be a country music fan, Bill Anderson said, because "He didn't let them" tear the Ryman down.

America is careless with buildings, institutions. We pave over, push down and shuffle things around. In our all-fired hurry to be bigger, newer, we lose as much as we gain. Thank goodness the Ryman, and the Opry, survive.

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Runnels, Golladay trounce Sweetwater

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Baseball boost to hold meeting

The Big Spring Baseball Boosters meet at 7 tonight Athletic Training Center. Members involved advertising for poster are supposed to those ads complete the meeting.

All parents of baseball players at High School are attend.

For more information Jim Clements at 267-2649.

Softball boosters first meeting

The Big Spring Softball Boosters its first meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday BSHS Athletic Center.

All parents of High School softball as well as other Lady Steers softball to attend.

Hunter Education scheduled for

A hunter education required for all on or after Sept. 15, will be conducted Feb. 27 at Big Spring Area Commerce office at the corner of Third and Main streets.

Boyce Hale instructor for which are scheduled to 5 p.m. both days \$10 per person charged.

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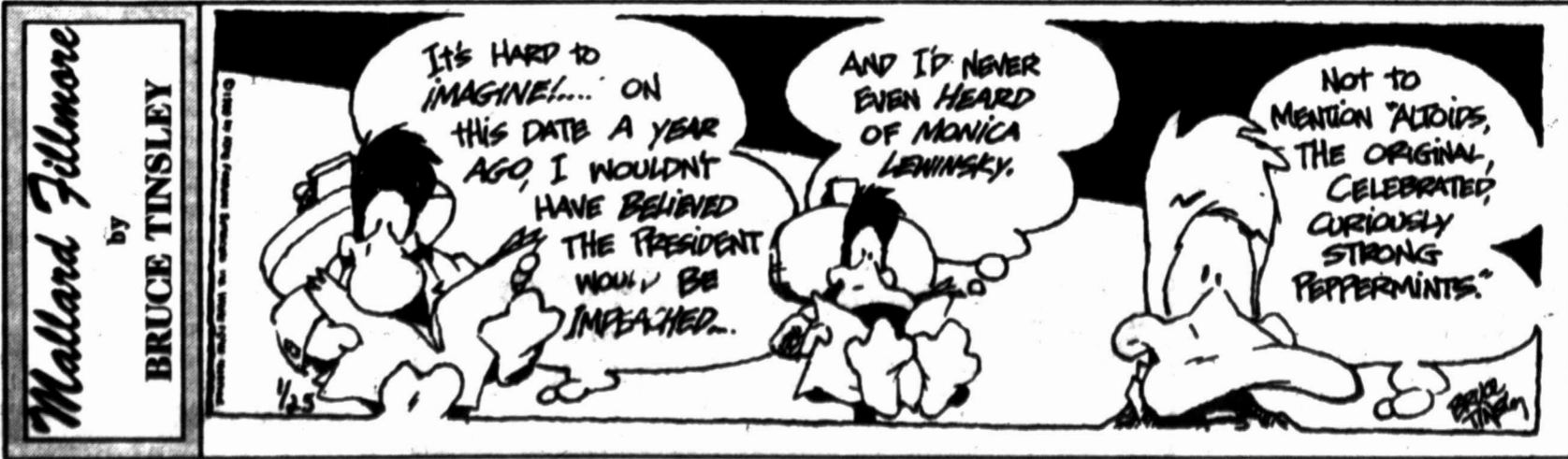
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IN BRIEF

Runnels, Goliad netters trounce Sweetwater

Tennis teams from Runnels Junior High School and Goliad Middle School took lopsided wins over Sweetwater's young Mustang squads in team tennis action last week.

In eighth-grade play, Sweetwater managed one girls' singles win, but the rest of the meet's 13 matches belonged to Big Spring.

In the two boys' singles matches, Jay Shroff took a 6-0 win over Tommy Matlina and Ryan Vela followed that with a 6-3 win over Sweetwater's only player in the division. Shroff and Vela then teamed to win the only boys' doubles event.

In girls' singles, Megan Roffers took a 6-4 win over Lacy Hix and Mindy Partee was a 6-1 winner over Samantha Rios in getting the Lady Yearlings off to a good start.

Sweetwater's only win came when Hix took a 6-2 win over Seneca Arguello; but Melissa Hale, Kera Creswell and Breck Simmons rattled off respective 6-0, 6-1 and 6-0 wins in their matches to ice the match.

In seventh-grade play, Big Spring's Jake Smiley, Vishal Shroff, Cliff Green, Tony Woodward and Will Liggett swept Sweetwater, none of them losing more than three games.

Sweetwater's seventh managed a boys' doubles win and a girls' singles win.

The Lady Mavericks netters were dominant as well, Ame Blacketer, Jaclyn Smith and Laura Ferguson taking singles wins before sweeping four doubles matches.

Baseball boosters slated to hold meeting tonight

The Big Spring Steers Baseball Boosters Club will meet at 7 tonight at the BSHS Athletic Training Center.

Members involved in selling advertising for the club's poster are supposed to have those ads completed prior to the meeting.

All parents of prospective baseball players at Big Spring High School are urged to attend.

For more information, call Jim Clements at 267-1069.

Softball boosters slate first meeting for Tuesday

The Big Spring Lady Steers Softball Booster Club will hold its first meeting of the season at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the BSHS Athletic Training Center.

All parents of Big Spring High School softball players, as well as other supporters of Lady Steers softball are urged to attend.

Hunter Education course scheduled for Feb. 20-21

A hunter education course, required for all hunters born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, will be conducted Feb. 20-21 at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce offices located at the corner of Third and Gregg streets.

Boyce Hale will be the instructor for the classes which are scheduled for 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. A few of \$10 per person will be charged.

For more information, call Hale at 267-6957 or Dibrell's Gun Shop at 267-7891.

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8:30 p.m. — Texas at Oklahoma, ESPN, Ch. 30.
11 p.m. — Fresno State at Utah, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Williams caps college career with MVP performance in Hula Bowl

WAILUKU, Hawaii (AP) — It went according to plan for Ricky Williams, and better than planned for Michael Bishop.

Williams, the Texas running back who won the Heisman Trophy, rushed for 114 yards and two touchdowns, while Kansas State quarterback and Heisman runner-up Bishop threw for two more Sunday in the South's 34-14 Hula Bowl victory over the North.

Williams went against the advice of his agent and came to Maui to fulfill a dream and play in a college all-star game.

"It's a great way to cap off a great college career," said Williams, the NCAA's career Division I rusher with 6,279 yards

who was named MVP for the South. Bishop wanted to show skeptical NFL scouts he can play quarterback in the pros, and turned some heads with a strong fourth quarter that saw him lead the South to three touchdowns.

After a windy and rainy first half that made passing an adventure, the weather quieted down and Bishop took advantage.

"I got the opportunity to put the ball in the air and made some good plays," said Bishop, who was 10-for-17 for 197 yards. "I had a great game."

The North took a 14-13 lead when quarterback Kevin Daft of Division II California-Davis hit Kent State receiver Eugene Baker with an 8-yard touchdown

pass late in the third quarter.

From then on, it was all South. Bishop led his team on a nine-play, 74-yard drive, capped by Williams' second TD run, an 11-yard dash off left tackle.

"There was a lot of hard hitting. There were a couple of guys that tried to kill me when I had the ball," Williams said. "I had to run hard to protect myself."

Bishop and East Carolina's Troy Smith put the game away for the South, hooking up on a 19-yard TD to make it 27-14.

Bishop closed out the game's scoring with a 54-yard TD pass to Texas receiver Wane McGarity, who said Bishop showed him he has pro qualities.

"He's got great mobility. He's got a great arm. Most people doubt that,"

McGarity said. "I expect him to play quarterback at the next level."

The North took a 7-0 lead, scoring on its first drive when Missouri quarterback Corby Jones hit Utah's Daniel Jones from 22 yards.

The South scored all 13 of its first-half points in the second quarter, with a 2-yard run by Williams that followed a North turnover sandwiched between field goals of 42 and 37 yards by Tennessee's Jeff Hall.

Daft was named MVP for the North after completing eight of 17 passes for 117 yards and a TD. Penn State defensive lineman Brad Scioli had three sacks and was the game's outstanding defensive player.

Howard Profiles

Hawk: Derrick Franklin, 6-foot-8 freshman small forward/zone guard.
Hometown: Sweetwater, Texas.

Quick Facts: A member of the 14-5 Hawks' starting five, Franklin is currently averaging 6.1 points per game and is the team's second-leading rebounder with 6.5 boards per outing. He leads the team in field goal shooting percentage at 58.5 percent, ranking ninth in the conference. In addition, he averages 1.2 assists and 1.4 steals per game for the Hawks who enter tonight's game at South Plains tied with the Texans for the WJAC lead at 4-0.

High School: Averaged 23 points, 16 rebounds, 4 assists and 3 steals per game for the District 4-4A co-champion, Sweetwater Mustangs during his senior season. Named the state's Class 4A player of the year, Franklin was the hands-down choice as 4-4A most valuable player, as well as an all-South Plains and first-team all-state selection. Originally signed with the University of North Texas before enrolling at Howard College last fall.

Coach Tommy Collins comments: "Wow, what an athlete! He has tremendous intensity and work ethic. The future is very, very bright for Derrick. He will play at a high level when he leaves here."

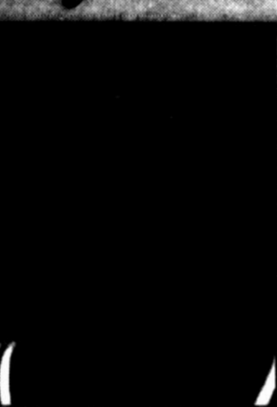
Lady Hawk: Caryn Ross, 6-foot freshman forward.

Hometown: Medford, Ore.

Quick Facts: Currently the No. 12-ranked Lady Hawks' third-leading scorer and rebounder, Ross averages 8.3 points, 5.9 rebounds and 1.5 assists per game. She suffered a sprained knee against Midland and hopes to return to action Thursday when the Lady Hawks play host to Clarendon.

High School: Averaged 10 points, 6 rebounds and 3 assists for Medford's Crater High School team that posted a 27-3 record and was the Class 4A state runner-up in Oregon. She also played on conference championship teams her sophomore and junior seasons at Crater.

Coach Matt Corkery's comments: "Right now Karen's injury has her listed as 'day-to-day.' We're still keeping our fingers crossed she can come back and not miss but one or two games. Karen's a winner ... comes from a winning high school program and that's important. She has the versatility to play with her back to the basket or facing it. She's a super athlete, but Karen — like the rest of our freshmen — is learning there's a lot of difference between high school and college basketball. And for that matter, there's a lot of difference between conference and non-conference play."



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Duke survives OT challenge from No. 9 St. John's, 92-88

NEW YORK (AP) — Mike Krzyzewski knows a thing or two about regional finals. His Duke teams have won seven of them, a total third to John Wooden's 12 and Dean Smith's 11.

He was right on the money when he told his second-ranked Blue Devils that Sunday's game against No. 9 St. John's was going to be like an NCAA regional final because of the atmosphere and the competition.

After recounting what he and his teammates were told by Krzyzewski, Duke's Trajan Langdon simply said: "He was right."

The Blue Devils (19-1) had plenty of competition from the Red Storm (16-4) in their 92-88 overtime victory in front of a loud sellout crowd of 19,528, including St. John's fan Spike Lee, at Madison Square Garden.

It may have been even more.

Duke's Elton Brand called it the best game he ever played in. Krzyzewski said it was an honor to be involved in a game he told his players they "would remember it the rest of your life."

St. John's coach Mike Jarvis stressed the same sentiment to his team.

"We had a chance to play an NCAA championship game in January," he said. "Very few people will ever know what that feels like."

Adding to all the excitement was the career day of Bootsy Thornton, who had 40 points, including a school-record seven 3-pointers, and 12 rebounds for the Red Storm, who have lost five straight to Duke.

"Bootsy was in what the kids call the zone," Jarvis said of the 6-foot-4 junior guard, who was 14-for-24 from the field and took 11 3-point attempts. "He played an unbelievable game. I have never, ever seen him better."

In other games Sunday involving ranked teams, No. 4 Maryland edged Clemson 81-79 in overtime, No. 8 Michigan State defeated No. 20 Indiana 73-59, No. 17 Syracuse clobbered South Carolina 84-37, Missouri upset No. 22 Kansas 71-63, and No. 23 Miami beat Boston College 75-67.

Thornton came in averaging 14.7 points, but he scored in bunches against Duke, which has won 14 straight, nine of which have been by 20 or more.

He scored the final eight points of the first half to cut Duke's 10-point lead to 39-37. He scored 14 straight for the Red Storm in one second-half stretch, and he got six of the eight his team had in the extra five minutes, including a driving field goal and free throw that gave St. John's an 84-81 lead.

Thornton is the first St. John's player to score 40 points since Malik Sealy had 43 against Central Connecticut State on Nov. 24, 1990. It also was the most scored against Duke since Maryland's Joe Smith got 40 on March 1, 1995, in Cameron Indoor Stadium.

"He's tough coming off those screens," Langdon said of Thornton. "He gets the shot off so quick, and then he knows you're guarding for that and drives through and gets to the line."

The foul line played a big part in the game. Seven players fouled out and at one point midway through the second half St. John's had four players on the court with four fouls and Ron Artest on the bench with four. Duke, which entered the game shooting 73 percent from line, was 24-of-37 (65 percent), a number that improved over the final two minutes of overtime when the Blue Devils made nine of 11.

Chris Carrawell had 17 points, including three free throws in the final 18 seconds after

NCAA ROUNDUP

Thornton's last 3 had the Red Storm within 89-88. Brand, who fouled out with 10 seconds left in regulation, had 16 points, 12 rebounds and seven blocked shots, while Langdon had 15 points.

Artest, who fouled out with 18 seconds left in overtime, was limited to 32 minutes because of foul trouble, but he got the Red Storm to the overtime.

His steal of an inbound pass with 10 seconds left led to three free throws, and he made two to make it 79-78. Duke's Nate James made two free throws with 9.3 seconds left and Artest tied it with a 3-pointer with 1.1 seconds left.

"That was just unbelievable. You can't describe a game like that," Brand said. "That was the greatest game I was ever in and we won. When we went down in overtime I thought we might lose, but we still had guys who came through for us."

The win kept Duke unbeaten in four games against Top Ten teams, including Michigan State, Maryland and Kentucky.

Cincinnati was No. 15 when it beat the Blue Devils.

Maryland 81, Clemson 79

Sophomore Terence Morris tied the score with a short follow, then made a baseline jumper with 14.4 seconds left in overtime, tying his career high with 26 points and giving visiting Maryland (18-2, 6-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) the victory. Terrell McIntyre led Clemson (12-8, 1-6) with 25 points, but missed a 3-pointer and was stuffed on a drive after Morris' game-winner.

Michigan St. 73, Indiana 59

Mateen Cleaves had 16 points and 13 assists, getting a 3-pointer and three-point play as visiting Michigan State (16-4, 5-1 Big Ten) pulled away in a second half with a 14-1 run. After Indiana's Kirk Haston scored on a layup with 16 minutes to play, Michigan State scored 11 consecutive points, capped by a Cleaves 3-pointer. Indiana (16-6, 3-4) didn't get another field goal until 7:41 remained.

Missouri 71, Kansas 63

Brian Grawer scored 16 points and Albert White had 15 as Missouri became the first visiting team to win on the Jayhawks' homecourt since the Tigers (13-4, 4-2) did it in 1994. Kansas (13-5, 5-1) had won 35 straight conference games since losing to Missouri on Feb. 20, 1994.

Syracuse 84, South Carolina 37

Jason Hart scored 15 points and Damone Brown added 13 as No. 20 Syracuse (14-5) held the Gamecocks to just 23.8 percent shooting in the first half and built an insurmountable lead despite some erratic early play. South Carolina (5-13) suffered its seventh straight loss.

Miami 75, Boston College 67

Johnny Hemsley scored 21 points to lead the Hurricanes (12-4, 6-2 Big East). Dwayne Pina scored a career-high 17 points and Kenny Harley had 16 for the Eagles (3-14, 0-9), losers of eight straight.

Unbeaten UConn still No. 1

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The top five teams in the AP college basketball poll remained the same today, while Ohio State returned to the Top 25 with an impressive jump and Florida made its first appearance in the rankings in four years.

Connecticut (17-0), the only remaining unbeaten team in Division I, held the No. 1 spot for the ninth consecutive week. The Huskies, who beat Miami in overtime and Seton Hall last week, received 54 first-place votes and 1,755 points from the national media panel.

Duke (19-1), which beat Clemson and was also extended into overtime by St. John's, was second with the 17 other No. 1 votes and 1,719 points.

Stanford, Maryland and Cincinnati, all of whom went 2-0 last week, held third through fifth from last week.

Kentucky and Auburn switched places from last week at Nos. 6 and 7 after the Wildcats handed the Tigers their first loss of the season.

Michigan State, which beat Iowa and Indiana last week, jumped three places to eighth and was followed by St. John's and North Carolina.

IOC acts swiftly in Salt Lake scandal, but crisis seems anything but over

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — Expelling members, enacting reforms and tackling corruption may lead the embattled IOC out of the abyss. But the crisis is far from over.

With its future at stake, the International Olympic Committee acted swiftly and decisively Sunday by ousting six members accused in the biggest ethics scandal in the history of the games.

A third member resigned, raising to nine the number of delegates purged so far for alleged misconduct in Salt Lake City's winning bid for the 2002 Winter Games.

The IOC said three other members — including a senior executive board official and contender for the IOC presidency — remain under investigation and could also face expulsion.

But will it be enough? Enough to restore credibility to the IOC, repair the tainted image of the five rings and placate the sponsors who finance the world's biggest sporting event?

IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch and his deputies hope so.

"This is the beginning, not the end of our work," Samaranch said. "I am certain that the Olympic movement will emerge from the crisis stronger than ever."

Added vice president Dick Pound: "We have survived many trials in our long history, and we will survive this one."

Samaranch apologized for the influence-peddling scandals and pledged to root out misconduct once and for all.

"It should not have happened," he said. "I am sorry. I hope the decisions we made today will demonstrate our resolve to never let this happen again."

But Samaranch took no personal responsibility for the improper behavior of the 14 members — 10 percent of the body — accused of soliciting cash payments and other favors from the Salt Lake bid committee.

Samaranch said there was no reason to heed the calls, coming from people outside the IOC, for him to resign because the wrongdoing took place on his watch.

"I have never considered resigning," he said. "My hope is to leave for my successor a reformed IOC with the prestige it deserves."

However, in an unprecedented move, Samaranch said he would seek a vote of confidence at a special IOC general assembly March 17-18.

Duval fires record-tying 59 to take Hope Classic victory

LA QUINTA, Calif. (AP) — All he needed to do was shoot a 59, a feat accomplished by only two players in the history of the PGA Tour.

David Duval, his game the best on the tour for the past year and maybe as good as anyone's ever, was just the guy to do it.

Playing almost flawlessly, Duval feeled off 11 birdies, then capped his round with an eagle Sunday on his way to a PGA record-tying, 13-under-par 59 and a Bob Hope Chrysler Classic victory.

"I have told everybody before I certainly want to be the best at some point in my career, and if I am considered that now, I am flattered and excited," Duval, responding to a reporter's question, said after storming from seven shots off the lead to edge Steve Pate by

one stroke.

"But I still have to keep trying to improve. Got to keep trying to get better and try to add some U.S. Opens and PGAs and such to my resume."

Although he doesn't have a major title to his credit, it seems one can't be far off — Duval has won nine of his last 29 tournaments, including the only other event he's played this year, the season-opening Mercedes Championships.

He finished the Hope at 26-under 334 for the 90-hole tournament. He also was 26-under when he won the Mercedes by nine shots, so he's a combined 56-under for his last two tournaments.

Making his 59 even more impressive was the fact it came on the final day, a charge even Arnold Palmer might envy.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Money matters need handling. Deal with bosses. Let a

partner carry on. Right now, it's your call. Evaluate directions carefully. A solid conversation with caring and direction brings results. You don't have to tell all, however. Tonight: Balance your check-book.***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
You have more energy than you know what to do with. News from a distance inspires you. There's a lot to do; you might feel like you're running in circles. Set a more realistic pace. Understand another's limitations. A health resolution is likely to stick. Tonight: Another whispers sweetly in your ear.*****

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Assume a low profile. Much changes rapidly. Finally, a partner verbalizes financial and emotional views. Brainstorm with this person rather than challenging him, even if you disagree. Your image could be in need of an overhaul; let another help you. Tonight: Early to bed.**

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Be diplomatic and you'll succeed. A family member loses his decorum for the moment. Remember the big picture and detach from immediate hassles. An associate finally expresses his thoughts. Tonight: Address issues that are stopping you!****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Assuming responsibility is definitely in your nature. Take action and make things happen. Always taking the back seat isn't a good idea. A co-worker becomes highly responsive. Working together proves fruitful. Nudge a partner and you get what you want! Tonight: Others listen.***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Your vision can become a reality. Start talking ideas and possibilities. Don't sell yourself short. You might spend too much on a great idea. Risks need to be checked out carefully. Be ambitious and take action. Creativity is heightened. Tonight: Browse through a favorite store or two!*****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
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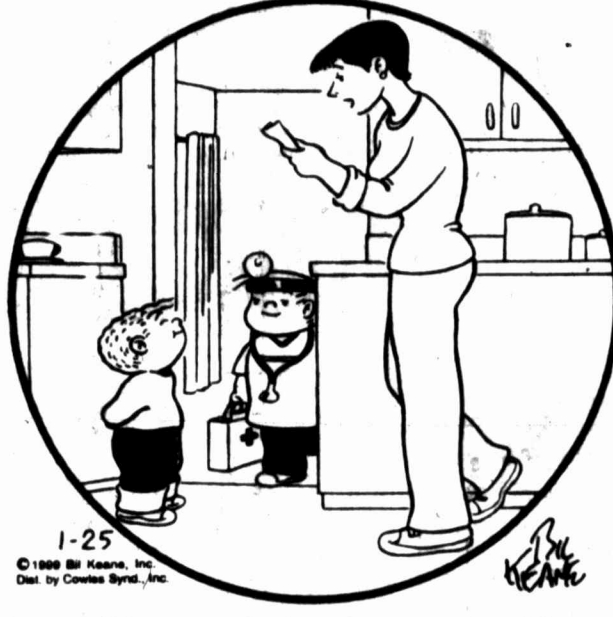
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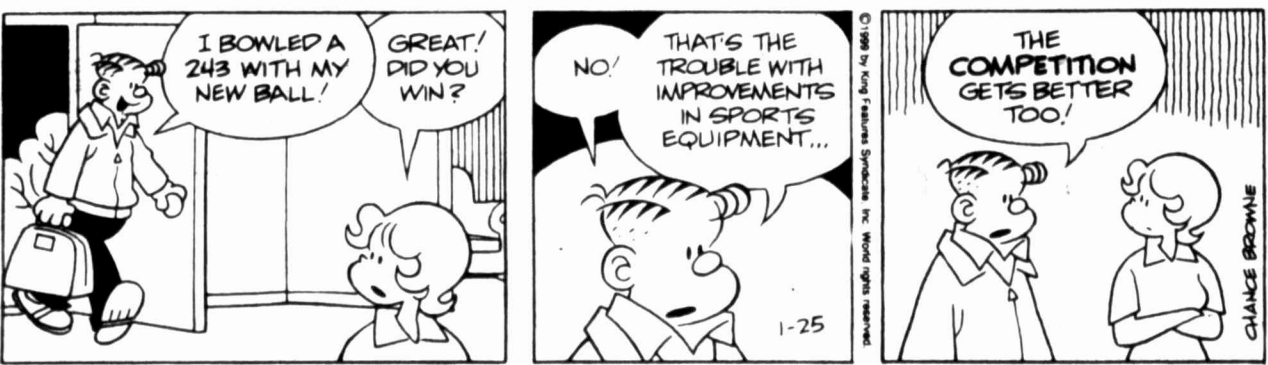
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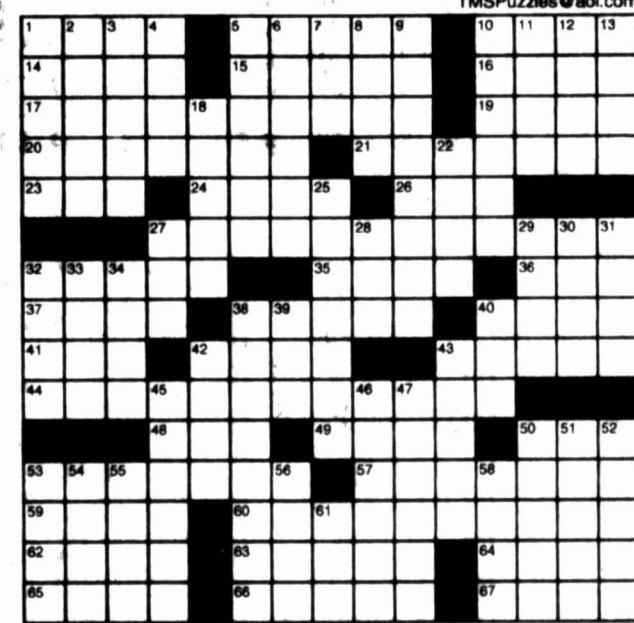


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In 1533, England's King Henry VIII secretly married his second wife, Anne Boleyn, who later gave birth to Elizabeth I.
In 1579, the Treaty of Utrecht was signed, marking the beginning of the Dutch Republic.
In 1787, Shay's Rebellion suffered a setback when debt-ridden farmers led by Capt. Daniel Shays failed to capture an arsenal at Springfield, Mass.
In 1890, the United Mine Workers of America was founded.
In 1915, the inventor of the telephone, Alexander Graham Bell, inaugurated U.S. transcontinental telephone service.
In 1946, the United Mine Workers rejoined the American Federation of Labor.
In 1947, American gangster Al Capone died in Miami Beach, Fla., at age 48.
In 1961, President Kennedy held the first presidential news conference carried live on radio and television.
In 1971, Charles Manson and three women followers were convicted in Los Angeles of murder and conspiracy in the 1969 slayings of seven people, including actress Sharon Tate.
In 1981, the 52 Americans held hostage by Iran for 444 days arrived in the United States.
Ten years ago: The Senate Armed Services Committee opened confirmation hearings on the nomination of John Tower to be secretary of defense.
Five years ago: President Clinton delivered his State of the Union address in which he challenged Congress to pass comprehensive health care reforms. The United States launched Clementine I, an unmanned spacecraft that was to study the moon before it was "lost and gone forever."
One year ago: Pope John Paul II ended his historic journey to Cuba. American astronaut Andrew Thomas moved from the space shuttle Endeavour into the Russian space station Mir as the relief for David Wolf. The Denver Broncos won their first Super Bowl title in four tries, defeating the Green Bay Packers 31-24.
Today's Birthdays: Journalist-author Edwin Newman is 80. Georgian President Eduard Shevardnadze is 71. Actor Dean Jones is 68. The former president of the Philippines, Corason Aquino, is 66. Blues singer Etta James is 61. Movie director Tobe Hooper ("The Texas Chainsaw Massacre") is 56. Actress Leigh Taylor-Young is 55. Actress Jennifer Lewis is 42. Actress Dinah Manoff is 41. Country musician Mike Burch (River Road) is 33.

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