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Specialized camera will be on display Saturday at the mall

On Saturday, Big Spring residents will have a chance to see a thermal imaging camera at work.

The camera, which the Harley Owners Group wants to purchase for the Big Spring Fire Department, is the subject of an ongoing fund drive with a goal of \$18,000.

HOG members and firefighters say the new technology, which originated with the military, will help save lives.

At Big Spring Mall from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., HOG and the Big Spring Professional Firefighters Association have arranged for a visit from ISG Thermal Systems, the company that sells the cameras. They will have a camera and "smoke room" set up in the space next to Athletic Supply.

HOG members and firefighters will visit with people, show them how the camera works and collect donations.

They will also sell barbecue, baked goods and "grab bags" for kids, all to benefit the fund drive.

Donations for the camera are also being taken at a State National Bank account, at the Harley-Davidson Shop and fire station #1 at the airport.

WEEKEND TICKET

TODAY

Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

SATURDAY

Eagles Lodge Pot Luck Supper, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

Dance 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. Everyone welcome.

American Legion Post 506 Fish Fry, noon-3 p.m., \$6 a plate, carryout available, 3203 W. Business 20 (old Hwy 80). Call 263-2084 for more information.

Big Spring Squares call 267-7034 or 263-6305 for more information.

The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1-5 p.m. A one-time admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizen is encouraged.

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Howard College hosting a fair kids can sink their teeth into

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Saturday is shaping up to be about the most fun kids ever had talking about their teeth.

A new toothbrush, puppet shows, games, food and fun are all promised at the Howard College dental hygiene program's children's dental health fair. The event is set from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Horace Garrett Building.

"This is something we do

every year," said Belinda Beck, dental hygiene instructor. "It's educational, and it's fun."

She said the day's events will be aimed at kids from 1 year old to about age 12. For the younger kids especially, parents are encouraged to participate with their little ones.

And all of the day's activities will be free.

A special feature of Saturday's fair is the "toothbrush exchange," in which kids can bring their old toothbrush and

drop it in a bin to receive a new one.

"You should change your toothbrush about every two to three months," Beck said. "Or when the bristles fray, it's time to throw it out. So we want to educate children about that."

Popcorn will be served, which Beck said is not necessarily an unhealthy snack for the teeth.

"It's really OK," she said, "as long as you floss afterwards."

Children are encouraged to start flossing at about the third

grade, when they develop the needed dexterity. Really young ones and first-time brushers usually need parental help, or at least supervision, in cleaning their teeth, Beck said.

"We encourage parents to participate in the fair with the younger kids, because they can learn how to help their children," she said.

First and second-year dental hygiene students do many public-service and educational projects throughout the year,

including programs at local schools and nursing homes. Beck said students and instructors look forward to the chance to spread their message of good dental health.

"We like to get out in the public and educate people," Beck said, "both young and old."

To find the dental health fair Saturday, follow the signs and balloons. Call the Howard College Dental Hygiene program at 264-5075 for more information.



HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant
Drug Interdiction Unit Corp. Ralph Rollins, holding the drug detection dog Chriss, as well as handler-in-training, Officer Joel Garza, retrieved as much as 130 pounds of marijuana during a traffic stop. The marijuana was being transported in hidden compartments inside vehicle rims and tires.

Chriss sniffs out pot-filled wheels

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Police Drug Interdiction Unit Thursday seized as much as 130 pounds of marijuana during a routine traffic stop, thanks to the department's canine drug detection dog, Chriss.

Marcos Ayala, 25, was arrested for no driver's license and no vehicle registration, and may be charged with a second degree felony possession of marijuana, said Sgt. Roger Sweatt with the BSPD.

"Corp. Ralph Rollins, our

drug interdiction officer and handler of Chriss, stopped a guy about 4 p.m. for an expired vehicle registration," Sweatt said.

The traffic stop occurred on I-20 near mile marker 178, Sweatt said.

Corp. Rollins and partner Joel Garza alerted to the evidence of no luggage in the vehicle, as well as other clues, and suspected Ayala's story that he was traveling to see family.

Once the scene was quieted and questions had been asked, Chriss was allowed to walk around the vehicle, as a matter

of procedure, Sweatt said. She alerted on the vehicle's tires, he said.

"Chriss hit the tires a couple of times. The corporal called in the suspect's license, which came back suspended, and he was arrested," Sweatt said.

Upon further questioning at the police station, Ayala agreed to a vehicle search, at which time Chriss identified all four tires on the road as suspect.

"We got one of the tires off and discovered a box with four compartments inside, and at

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New taxes on oil production will be stopped, Gramm says

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

New taxes on oil production proposed by the Clinton administration will be shot down, according to U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm.

"The administration, on top of our current problems, has proposed a new tax on crude production and we're going to kill that," Gramm said. "I don't know what they could be thinking, in thinking we should impose a new tax now."

The budget Clinton is proposing for fiscal year 2000, filed earlier this month, includes reinstating a 5-cent per barrel levy for 10 years.

And while that bill is current-

ly before Congress, Gramm and Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison are sponsoring a bill that would provide tax relief to marginal producers when the price of oil dips below \$14 per barrel.

Gramm said that although the tax cuts won't save the industry, it will ease the financial burden.

"Tax credits won't solve the problem, but at least they'll prevent the destruction of the industry," he said. "They'll prevent the shutting in of marginal wells, that when they're shutting, you're losing those proven reserves forever."

But Gramm said that while legislators from oil and gas states understand the problem, getting others in Congress to see the importance of the legislation is more difficult.

"It's hard to find a solution because most of America benefits from low prices at the gaso-

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Livestock Assistance Program deadline extended; 85 signed up so far

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Eighty-five Howard County producers have signed up so far for the Livestock Assistance Program, a number that roughly represents 80 percent of the cattle count in the county.

The program had a cut-

off of Feb. 5, but was extended to at least March 1, said Rick Liles, Farm Service Agency county executive director.

"There will probably be a request for additional funding because of the magnitude of the requests," said Liles.

Some \$200 million had been appropriated nation-

wide for the program. Just how much Howard County producers will benefit, won't be known for awhile, Liles said.

The extended deadline gives other producers in the county an opportunity to make application. Specifically, the program provides assistance to livestock owners who suf-

fered losses due to the drought.

Application is made by acres and the number of producer-owned animals from April 15 until Dec. 15, 1998.

In a normal year — "I'm not sure I know what 'normal' means anymore," said Liles — the cattle count in Howard County

is about 10,000 head, cows and bulls. If 85 livestock producers have filed for an application, that probably represents about 80 percent of the cattle in the county, Liles estimated.

"Those 85 applicants range in size of operation, of course," he said.

Howard County features about 325,000 acres of

ranchland, most of which is dedicated to cattle. There are about 400 to 500 head of sheep in the county, Liles estimated.

There's still no word on when applications will begin being taken on the Crops Assistance Program, which was to

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Year 2000

Legislation would shield computer manufacturers, sellers from some lawsuits

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

Computer manufacturers and sellers would be shielded from some Year 2000 bug lawsuits if they make a "good faith" effort to notify their consumers of potential problems and offer to fix them at little or no cost, under legislation filed Thursday in Austin.

The bill was filed by State Sen. Robert Duncan (R-Lubbock) and State Sen. Troy Frasier (R-Horseshoe Bay) and Rep. Brian McCall (R-Plano) and Rep. Jim Pitts (R-Waxahatchie) as HB 9 and SB 598.

Duncan represents Big Spring and Howard County as part of the 28th Senate District while Frasier was a longtime Howard County resident, businessman and former state representative.

"Our mission is to create a fair blueprint for the resolution of Year 2000 disputes," Duncan said.

"It is essential for all sectors of the economy that these disputes be resolved uniformly, and that the outcomes be somewhat predictable.

"With the enactment of this legislation, Texas will become the model nationwide for the

resolution of these disputes.

Lawmakers said their bills would give companies a good incentive to help prevent potential computer date failures in the new millennium.

"We want the people who know the most about the problem to make an effort to fix it," said Frasier.

The bills would give computer manufacturers and sellers an affirmative defense in lawsuits if they notify computer users at least 90 days in advance of a potential failure and offer to fix it at little or no cost.

The bills cover all potential disputes that could arise from Y2K problems except wrongful death, bodily injury or workers' compensation cases, the sponsors said.

Lawsuits stemming from a Y2K failure would have to be filed no later than two years after the computer date failure first caused harm.

The bills also would create a Texas Year 2000 Project Office website and toll-free telephone number — to be administered by the Texas Department of Information Resources — to help computer manufacturers and sellers inform customers of potential problems.

"Without action by the state, Texas leaves itself vulnerable to upheaval and disruption of our flourishing economy," Pitts said. "This bill is an attempt to ensure that this disruption does not occur."



DUNCAN



HERALD photo/Glen Sorensen
First Baptist Church Pastor Eddie Tubbs, third from left, presents a \$500 check to Howard Walker and Wayne Bartlett of the Harley Owner's Group to be used toward the purchase of a thermal imaging camera for the fire department. Also pictured are Terry McDaniel and Mike Hammock (far right), members of the church.

OBITUARIES

Laura Nell King

Laura Nell King, 90, Big Spring, died on Thursday, Feb. 18, 1999, in a local hospital. Service will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, 1999, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Robert Lacey, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.



KING

She was born on July 9, 1908, in Glasscock County, and married Joe Bailey King on Dec. 22, 1929, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on Aug. 16, 1977.

Her parents were Horace and Alice Dunagan and she had been a lifetime resident of this area. Before retirement she had been employed by Big Spring State Hospital and Big Spring High School.

Mrs. King was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church.

Survivors include: one daughter and son-in-law, Frances and Jack Lee of Big Spring; one son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Virginia King of Manassas, Va.; one brother, Cliff Dunagan of Lubbock; four grandchildren, Lorinda Lee of Fredericksburg, Greg King of San Diego, Calif., Lisa Beth Miller of Westchester, Ohio, Mary Ann King of Marietta, Ga.; and two great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, two sisters and five brothers.

Pallbearers will be Harold Smith, Charles Warren, James Kinman, Loy (Bo) Anderson, Harold (Sug) Cain and Roy Hester.

The family suggest memorials to: Hillcrest Baptist Church; 2000 W. FM 700; Big Spring.

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

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line tank and, in the east, they benefit from home heating oil. The fact we've lost 75,000 jobs in the past 18 months is a point that is not clear to people in other parts of the country.

"It's an uphill battle because, again, for most Americans, buying gasoline in the east and the west at a dollar a gallon looks like Christmas came early."

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have begun Feb. 1. "We've yet to receive the download of software that will let me complete an application," Liles said. "We had a producers meeting Tuesday and I think everyone is pretty understanding. They know there's nothing

we can do until we get the software."

As soon as the software becomes available, Liles will announce that the application process can begin.

Producers interested in Livestock Assistance Program or the Crops Assistance Program should contact the Farm Service Agency at 267-2557.

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least eight pounds of marijuana in each compartment," Sweatt said.

Officers found, welded and bolted to a tire rim, four metal, C-shaped compartments containing marijuana, Rollins said.

Rollins explained a tire is placed on a rim part way. Then the C-shaped, metal boxes are bolted and welded to the rim, and the tire is then inflated around the boxes and rim.

Due to the lateness of the hour, the vehicle was stored as evidence last night, and the search resumed this morning.

As of press time, two wheels had been opened, with more than 50 pounds of marijuana confiscated, he said.

Sweatt said this is a relatively new way of smuggling illegal drugs.

"This is the latest one we've heard about, and we were just talking about this at the station a few days ago," Sweatt said.

Ayala told officers he was traveling to Fort Worth from El Paso to visit friends, and then again, to visit family.

"He gave conflicting stories, and kept changing his story," Sweatt said.

Officers will continue to remove the tires from the vehicle, he said.

Sweatt estimated the street value of 130 pounds of marijuana as \$50,000 to \$60,000. Ayala may also be charged with intent to deliver, as the location of the marijuana, as well as the amount, casts doubt on the possession as "personal use," he said.

This is the largest amount of marijuana confiscated by the unit to date, Sweatt said.

Sight of chain called 'chilling' at dragging death trial

JASPER (AP) — In a single move, FBI agent Norman Townsend snapped a country courtroom out of its slumber by pulling out 24 feet of chain, the one prosecutor's say was used to drag James Byrd Jr. to death because he was black.

A hush fell and all eyes followed Townsend's hand as he reached into a cardboard evidence box and retrieved the steel logging chain. A relative of Byrd later called the scene "bone-chilling."

Authorities say the chain was attached to the bumper of a pickup truck and wrapped around Byrd's ankles. The 49-year-old man was dragged for three miles along an east Texas road last June, dismembering him in a crime that stunned the nation.

As evidence goes, the chain isn't much help in the case against John King, the first of three white men to be tried for first-degree murder. Authorities say it was put through a car wash after Byrd was killed, which would have stripped it of any flesh and blood evidence.

But there it was Thursday, stretched out like a lethal jump rope. And Townsend, the last of 19 witnesses for the day, dramatically revived a courtroom

made weary after two days of tedious testimony about evidence retrieval.

"I think we thought we were mentally prepared for everything that's come into this case," said Clara Taylor, one of Byrd's sisters. "But to see that chain was bone-chilling."

"It made me think back to the slaves — of slavery when you saw black men chained and brought over on ships."

King, 24, faces life in prison or execution if convicted of murder. Shawn Berry, 24, and Lawrence Brewer, 31, are to be tried later.

Townsend testified that on June 8, the day after Byrd's death, Berry led authorities to an area behind a friend's trailer. Berry kicked up a piece of plywood covering a depression in the ground, the agent said, and inside was the chain.

In other testimony, a former prison inmate said King told him that he envisioned a racial killing — "taking a black out" — as an initiation rite to prove loyalty to a white supremacist gang.

"To get in you have to get a blood tie," William Hoover, a convicted robber, said of the talks he and King had while in prison together a few years ago. "You send somebody on a mission to stab somebody or do something. ... You have to spill blood to get in and give blood to get out, I guess."

It wasn't clear from Hoover's testimony who would do the killing or what gang they were talking about. But prosecutors have said that King killed Byrd to gain credibility for a racist group he was organizing.

Poll finds kids tougher on Clinton than parents

NEW YORK (AP) — Children are tougher on President Clinton than their parents, a new poll has found.

More than half of children aged 8 to 14 polled last weekend by the Nickelodeon television network said Clinton should have been removed from office following his impeachment trial.

Only 40 percent of parents surveyed by Nickelodeon believed that, compared to 52 percent of their youngsters.

"There may be an attitude of 'If I do something bad and get caught, I get punished.' It probably is just that simple," said Linda Ellerbee, host of the Nick News program on the youth-oriented cable network.

In another survey taken by Nickelodeon last September, only 26 percent of children and 11 percent of their parents said they wanted to see Clinton impeached and removed from office.

Despite the harsh attitude toward Clinton's behavior in the Lewinsky scandal, three-quarters of the children and their parents believe he was an average or better president. That's similar to poll results from September and January 1998.

Perhaps with an eye toward what Clinton has been through, 56 percent of the children surveyed said they were not interested in being president when they grew up.

Nickelodeon polled 309 children and their parents. The margin for error was 5.5 percent.

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

BRIEFS

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

BIG SPRING POLICE DEPARTMENT is taking applications for the spring Citizens Police Academy class. The class will receive 3.6 continuing education units at Howard College, and learn about the department's operations in the community.

Applications are now available on the police department's web page at police.big-spring.tx.us. Select patrol division, then citizens police academy, and you can download the application to your computer.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old. Call Sgt. Lee Everett at the police department at 264-2564.

SUPPORT GROUPS

FRIDAY •Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

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

•Al-Anon support group, noon, 615 Settles.

SATURDAY •Alzheimer's Association Support Group, second Saturday of the month, Carriage Inn Retirement Center, 501 W. 17th, 10 a.m.

•Family support group for current and former patients and their families, 1 p.m. weekly, Reflections Unit of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Call Beverly Grant, 263-0074.

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

•"So I Forget," Attention Deficit Disorder support group for individuals and couples, first Saturday of the month from 9 to 10:30 a.m., Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas, Inc., Midland. Call the center at (915) 563-4144 or 1-800-329-4144. Cost is \$15.

•West Texans Living with Chronic Fatigue & Immune Dysfunction Syndrome/Fibromyalgia, 1-3 p.m., on different Saturdays of the month, HealthSouth facility at Hwy. 191 and Loop 250, Midland. Call Joann Carney, (915) 686-7977, or Marsha Brunet, (915) 337-4829 to get the correct meeting date.

•NA 10 p.m. candlelight meeting, St. Mary's Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.).

•Open birthday night meets the last Saturday of the month with a covered dish at 7 p.m. and birthday meeting at 8 p.m., 615 Settles. This is to celebrate AA sobriety yearly birthdays.

•West Texans Living with Chronic Fatigue/Fibromyalgia Syndromes support group meets the second Saturday of each month at 1 p.m. at HealthSouth, Loop 250 and Hwy 191.

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

MARKETS

March cotton 59.05 cents, up 86 points; March crude 11.19, down 13 points; Cash hogs

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TEXAS LOTTERY

Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission.

steady at \$1 higher at 27 cents even; cash steers steady at 63 even; April lean hog futures 45.07, up 2 points; April live cattle futures 66.55, down 2 points. Other markets were unavailable by press time.

FIRE/EMS

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

THURSDAY 6:30 a.m. — 400 block Dallas, trauma call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

10:40 a.m. — SMMC, trauma call, patient transported to Shannon San Angelo.

3:23 p.m. — 600 block Owens, traffic accident, service refused.

1:47 p.m. — 500 block W. 17th, public service call.

4:03 p.m. — 1400 block Donley, traffic accident, service refused.

10:13 p.m. — 500 block Washington, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

10:14 p.m. — 200 block E. 11th, medical call, service refused.

RECORDS

Thursday's high 66 Thursday's low 33 Average high 60 Average low 31 Record high 87 in 1996 Record low 11 in 1936 Precip. Thursday 0.00 Month to date 0.00 Month's normal 0.30 Year to date 0.28 Normal for the year 0.93

POLICE

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

•THEFT was reported in the 800 block of Marcy. \$200 in cash was reported stolen.

•BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 300 block of Northeast Eighth. A 115-piece tool set, valued at \$89, was reported stolen.

•UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 500 block of Westover. A \$7,000 step-side pickup was allegedly used.

•DENNIS TOLBERT, 40, was arrested for criminal trespass.

•THEFT was reported in the 3800 block of Connally, 1700 block of Wasson, 1400 block of Settles and 2500 block of Wasson.

•MINOR ACCIDENTS were reported in the 1100 block of Gregg, 400 block of East Fourth and at the intersection of 11th Place and Goliad.

•DRAG RACING/RECKLESS DRIVING was reported in the 400 block of East Fourth.

•LARCENY CROSS, 56, was arrested for federal warrants.

•BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported at Comanche Trail Park.

•ARTHUR JUAREZ, 17, was arrested for false report to a police officer.

•CARLOS CHAPA, 18, was arrested for no driver's license.

•MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported at the intersection of East 14th and Donley.

•MONICA RODRIGUEZ, 19, was arrested for local warrants.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 500 block of State.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 2500 block of Ent, 120 Airbase

RITE 491 E. Main 263-7480 Rite "BLAST FROM THE PAST (PG-13) DAILY: 7:00 & 9:20 SAT. & SUN.: 2:00 & 4:20 PATCH ADAMS (PG) DAILY: 7:10 & 9:30 SAT. & SUN.: 2:10 & 4:30 VARSITY BLUES (R) DAILY: 7:20 & 9:40 SAT. & SUN.: 2:20 & 4:40 Free & Single Restricted

PICK 3: 5,8,7 CASH 5:1,10,11,26,34

Road and on Courtney Place. •POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA was reported in the 900 block of East Second.

•MANUEL MARTINEZ, 50, was arrested for public intoxication.

•ANTONIO FLORES, 18, was arrested for unauthorized use of a vehicle.

•STEVEN MAGANA, 21, was arrested for unauthorized use of a vehicle.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the Big Spring High School parking lot. A cloth vehicle top, valued at \$678, was reported damaged.

•BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 400 block of Austin. A television, valued at \$500, was reported stolen.

•THEFT was reported in the 3800 block of Connally. A three-way, cabinet speaker, and a mail box and pole, all valued at \$250, were reported stolen.

•THEFT was reported in the 2100 block of Johnson. A gold mother's ring with three stones, a silver heart-shaped necklace, silver earrings, a gold necklace with a rose pendant and matching earrings, all valued at \$650, was reported stolen.

SHERIFF

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

•RAUL RODRIGUES PEREZ, 33, was arrested for parole violation.

•BUDDY CUNNINGHAM, 30, was arrested for motion to revoke probation/driving while license suspended.

•JAY BRUCE ANDERSON, 34, was arrested for an Ector County warrant for falsifying an alarm or report.

•RICHARD JAMES WHITE, 22, was arrested for motion to revoke probation/arson.

•ABEL MORELION, 33, was arrested for manufacture and delivery of a controlled substance in a drug free zone.

CORRECTION

An arrest in the Sheriff's report Feb. 16 should have read Willis Floyd Gilette Jr., 32, was arrested for motion to revoke probation/possession of a controlled substance, not Willis Floyd Gilette. Charges were dismissed.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL 24th & Johnson 267-8288

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory 906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331

Laura Nell King, 90, died Thursday. Services will be 2:00 PM Saturday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Budget-writers OK tax cut, spending bill

AUSTIN (AP) — Senate budget-writers voted to cut taxes and spend money Thursday.

Small businesses would get a franchise tax break totaling \$57.2 million over the next two-year budget period under a bill that's part of Gov. George W. Bush's tax-relief package.

"Small businesses in Texas operate on small profit margins, so every dollar counts," Sen. Troy Fraser, R-Horseshoe Bay, said when he filed the bill.

The Senate Finance Committee voted 11-0 for the tax break and for a \$96.7 million emergency spending bill — including more than \$94 million from the state general revenue fund — for items ranging from

child protective services to drought relief to education to prisons.

The emergency spending bill "provides all kinds of goodies," said Committee Vice Chairman Carlos Truan, D-Corpus Christi.

Both bills are headed to the full Senate for consideration.

Under the tax measure, businesses with gross receipts of \$100,000 a year or less would be exempt from the corporate franchise tax and from filing annual reports with the state comptroller, according to Fraser's office.

Currently, all businesses have to file paperwork, but they don't have to pay the franchise tax if they owe less than \$100, accord-

ing to Fraser's office.

Under the bill, 28,000 businesses that would have to pay taxes under current law would be exempt. It is estimated that a total of 231,000 would be exempt from paperwork requirements that bill backers say also cost businesses money.

"It makes no sense to start a small business in Texas and then have to spend as much as \$500 to hire someone to fill out a franchise tax form when the actual tax payment may only be about \$100," Fraser said.

On the spending side, the largest proposed emergency expenditures in the bill by Finance Committee Chairman Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant,

include:

— \$27.6 million to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

— \$25 million to the Texas Department of Agriculture for drought relief.

— \$18.8 million to fight social promotion, in which children are promoted from grade to grade without the necessary skills.

— \$8.9 million for child protective services, which would include \$6.7 million in state general revenue money and \$2.2 million in federal funds.

— \$7.1 million to the Texas A&M University System to reimburse expenses related to suppressing forest fires.

Attorney General pledges renewed effort to speed child-support payments

FORT WORTH (AP) — Attorney General John Cornyn promised child-welfare workers Thursday he will reassign staffers to improve service for parents who depend on support payments.

Cornyn said he will reassign "a couple hundred people" from Austin headquarters to regional child-support offices around the state, such as the one he visited in Fort Worth. He also proposes to add 114 workers in September to answer the phones.

Cornyn, on the job for six weeks, said child support is his top priority.

His office has long been besieged with complaints of poor service and slow payment of checks — \$22 million in child-support payments have not been distributed to the custodial parents, which officials blame on computer problems. Cornyn has asked the Legislature for \$39 million to upgrade the computer system and hire more workers to answer phones.

"I don't think it's too much that we answer the telephone when people who are desperate call for help," Cornyn told a group of caseworkers.

If Cornyn had arrived at his Fort Worth field office a few minutes earlier, he might have gotten an earful from Carol Moore.

The 37-year-old divorced mother of three went to the office to ask about her last two

child-support checks, totaling \$325. Her ex-husband sent the checks to a local agency which forwarded them to the attorney general's office, but Ms. Moore hasn't received them.

"I have nothing to feed my kids tonight. I have no canned goods in my cupboard. I have no meat in the freezer," said Ms. Moore, on the verge of tears.

But, she said, when she called the attorney general's branch office, "They put you on hold for 20 minutes and tell you to leave a message. I've been leaving messages forever, and they haven't called me back."

Cornyn said progress will take time.

"The truth is, it's taken about 16 years to get in this shape, and we're not going to turn it around on a dime," he said.

Staffers said they have made progress in some areas, such as tracking down deadbeat dads who disguise their employment to avoid having wages garnished.

Case worker Curtis Lilly said the office recently tracked down its "player of the year," a Fort Worth man who owes \$85,000 in back child-support.

The man had said he worked one day a week at a bus company but didn't reveal his full-time employer. The difference is important, because the state can garnish no more than half of a worker's pay.

Lawmakers complain about failure of nursing homes

AUSTIN (AP) — The state takeover of 13 nursing homes run by Sensitive Care, Inc. will cost Texans more than \$8 million and possibly displace nearly 1,500 patients, lawmakers said Thursday.

"Now these folks are my constituents and I am one angry state senator," said Sen. Mike Moncrief, D-Fort Worth. "Our most frail citizens are being forced to move from their homes. Some are so frail it is doubtful whether they can survive such a move."

The state took over daily operations of Fort Worth-based Sensitive Care last month after the federal government cut off Medicare funding — about a third of the homes' revenue — because of questions about the company's billing practices.

The federal Health Care Administration

accused the company of fraud.

Mary Jo Pleva, director of Sensitive Care's corporate affairs, said company officials have been advised not to comment because of pending litigation. "There is another side to this story and someday it will come out," she said.

The takeover was the largest in Texas history. Sensitive Care ran facilities in Temple, Lancaster, Garland, Gilmer, Mansfield, Bedford, Fort Worth, Richland Hills, and Houston. The largest is the 186-patient Sensitive Care-Lexington Place Health Care Center in Houston.

Eric Bost, commissioner of the Department of Human Services, said the state was moving several patients from a Fort Worth nursing home Thursday morning when they were notified of a temporary restraining order filed in

Tarrant County.

Patients were out on gurneys, waiting to be lifted into vans and driven to new homes when the restraining order was received, he said.

The property owner, Baron Investments, voluntarily withdrew the order Thursday afternoon, though patients are still not being moved, said Ted Delisi, spokesman for Attorney General John Cornyn.

The company has agreed to negotiate with the Texas Department of Human Services on whether another nursing home operator can take over the facility, minimizing their financial losses, Delisi said.

Moncrief criticized the federal government's role in the case as "insensitive and irresponsible."

"While the financial seizure of Sensitive Care was justified ... once the money was cut off,

the feds just washed their hands and went back to Washington, D.C.," he said.

"They haven't given a thought to the Texans whose lives have been devastated by this, or the cost of our state."

He met with HCFA officials last Friday to ask for assistance, but was turned down.

"I think we've had a great working relationship with the Texas Department of Human Services as we've worked through the problems with Sensitive Care," said Dr. James Randolph Farris, HCFA regional administrator in Dallas.

The federal agency is looking into whether it can give Texas additional support, Farris said.

Moncrief said he filed a bill Thursday to raise the cap on the nursing and convalescent home trust fund from \$500,000 to \$10 million.

Customs service agents bust alleged Freon smuggling operation

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — U.S. Customs Service agents disclosed Thursday a crackdown on an alleged "grandiose scheme" to smuggle 75,000 pounds of the banned refrigerant Freon into the United States.

The substance, which no longer can be imported into the country because of clean air laws, originated in Venezuela and Mexico, said Leonard Lindheim, Customs agent in charge in San Antonio.

Much of the Freon arrived in tanks at the Port of Houston before ending up in a San Antonio-area warehouse and then being sold to legitimate customers, Lindheim said.

"This is a smuggling case, and as in most smuggling cases, just like drugs, the profit motive here is pure greed," said Lindheim.

"This is the largest Freon smuggling bust so far in Texas," he said.

Freon, which is formally

known as dichlorodifluoromethane, or CFC-12, can be recycled in the United States but since 1996 it cannot be manufactured or brought into the country.

The Freon in this case has an estimated retail market value of \$3.2 million, said U.S. Attorney Bill Blagg.

Edwin Reilly Jr., 55, is accused of smuggling Freon and selling it through his Post Manufacturing Co. in Converse on the outskirts of San Antonio.

Customs agents Thursday showed reporters 5,500-pound tanks they said were made to appear to be refrigeration units but instead were simply storing illegal Freon.

Reilly is charged with one count of smuggling and one count of evading excise taxes and could face up to five years in prison and up to a \$250,000 fine if convicted.

Reilly did not immediately return a call from The Associated Press seeking com-

ment. He was expected to voluntarily turn himself in to federal authorities by Friday, Blagg said.

Customs investigators were tipped to the alleged smuggling operation by a company in Venezuela, Lindheim said.

"We're talking about a grandiose scheme involving 75,000 pounds," Lindheim said, adding that more arrests are possible.

Reilly is accused of claiming that large tanks were being sent

to Caracas, Venezuela, for repair when they were actually being sent there to be filled with Freon.

Freon is used in car air conditioners and various types of refrigeration units. New automobiles are made to operate without Freon.

The Clean Air Act and the Montreal Protocol banned Freon because a component in it sets off a reaction that destroys the ozone layer above the earth.

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OUR VIEWS

Area hoops teams scored big with us; now on to playoffs

With the high school basketball playoffs now under way, it seems only fitting to thank the area's schoolboy and schoolgirl teams for another exciting season and offer congratulations to the area teams involved in postseason play.

The Crossroads Country's playoff contingent was set at eight Tuesday night, as Big Spring's Steers fell just short of upsetting Snyder's Tigers and finished one game out of the Class 4A boys' postseason party.

At the same time, the area's eight-team contingent was reduced to seven when Grady's No. 4-ranked Lady Wildcats suffered an upset loss to Wellman-Union.

Four other Crossroads girls' teams are still alive, however.

In fact, Coahoma's Lady Bulldogs — having won the District 3-2A girls' championship — haven't even begun postseason play, having drawn a first-round bye. They'll take on former District 8-2A rival Ozona's Lady Lions tonight at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Borden County's Lady Coyotes, the state's No. 7-ranked Class 1A girls team, will face Robert Lee in the area playoff round tonight at Forsan after having pounded Klondike in bi-district play.

Stanton's Lady Buffs and Garden City's Lady Bearcats were also first-round winners Tuesday and will play area games tonight, as well.

The area's only boys' teams to qualify for the playoffs are Stanton's Buffaloes and Coahoma's Bulldogs, the champions and runners-up, respectively, in District 3-2A, and Borden County's Coyotes, the District 18-1A champions.

While the Buffs have drawn a first-round bye in the playoff and await an area opponent, the Bulldogs take on Farwell Tuesday in the Lubbock Monterey gymnasium.

Borden County, ranked No. 8 in Class A, will play Wellman at 6:30 p.m. Monday in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

We wish the area's six remaining playoff teams the best of luck in the upcoming games and want to thank the remainder of the Crossroads Country's high school teams for the exemplary manner in which they've not only represented their schools, but their communities and our entire area.

It has been and continues to be an enjoyable run for us all.

We salute:

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

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

• **KEN DARENSBOURG**, for the leadership he provides for students of Howard College and the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf.

• **HANGAR 25 COMMITTEE**, now the Hangar 25 Air Museum Association, for acquiring two trainer aircraft which will be placed in the air museum in March.

• **WEST TEXAS RAIN RALLY ORGANIZERS**, who have planned a non-denominational song and prayer for rain service on March 1, 6:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church.

• **HOWARD COLLEGE ATHLETES**, who participated in Hospitalized Veterans Week by presenting Valentines and talking with veterans.

• **HOWARD COLLEGE'S HAWKS BASKETBALL TEAM**, which has wrapped up the Western Junior College Athletic Conference championship.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

Of suspicious nature: When the wicked flee

These were the circumstances in Chicago on a September day in 1995, when police arrested Sam Wardlow.

Police Officer Timothy Nolan was patrolling a section of the city known for heavy traffic in narcotics. His patrol car was one of four police cars that converged for a full-court press in the 4000 block of West Van Buren. Nolan was wearing his full police uniform.



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Sam Wardlow was standing in front of No. 4035. He looked at Nolan and fled. Nolan followed in hot pursuit. Wardlow ran at top speed down an alley. After a brief chase, Nolan and his partner cornered their target on West Congress Street.

Nine years of experience as an officer had taught Nolan that guns are commonplace in neighborhoods where illicit drugs are sold. He therefore performed what is known at law as a "Terry stop-and-frisk." He patted down the suspect and squeezed a bulky white envelope that Wardlow was carrying. Nolan was not sur-

prised to find that it contained a fully loaded Colt .38 revolver.

The rest is quickly told. Wardlow had a criminal record. Nolan arrested him on a charge of unlawful use of a weapon by a felon. Before trial, Wardlow moved to suppress the evidence. The trial judge denied the motion. He said that when a person runs away from a police officer, "there's reason to think there's a problem. They have a right to make inquiry."

Wardlow was found guilty as charged and sentenced to two years in prison, but the appellate court reversed. The Illinois Supreme Court affirmed that opinion: "The weapon that was the basis for defendant's conviction should have been suppressed as the product of the unconstitutional seizure of his person."

Illinois has filed a petition for review by the Supreme Court. I think it likely that the Supremes will take the case, for lower state and federal courts are sharply divided on the key question: Are police in a high-crime area justified in stopping and searching a person who breaks and runs at the mere sight of an officer?

The high court took a stab at answering a closely related question almost 31 years ago in an Ohio case involving one John W. Terry. He and another man, Richard Chilton, were arrested by Cleveland detective

Martin McFadden in 1963. At the time, McFadden had 39 years of experience as a police officer. When he saw Terry and Chilton walking nervously back and forth in front of a store on Huron Road, he suspected that an armed robbery was about to occur. The officer identified himself and asked for the suspects' names. When they mumbled, McFadden spun Terry around and frisked him. Both Terry and Chilton were carrying revolvers.

Following their convictions for carrying concealed weapons, Terry appealed, but the Supreme Court affirmed his conviction. The stop-and-frisk was "the tempered act of a policeman who in the course of an investigation had to make a quick decision as to how to protect himself and others from possible danger, and took limited steps to do so."

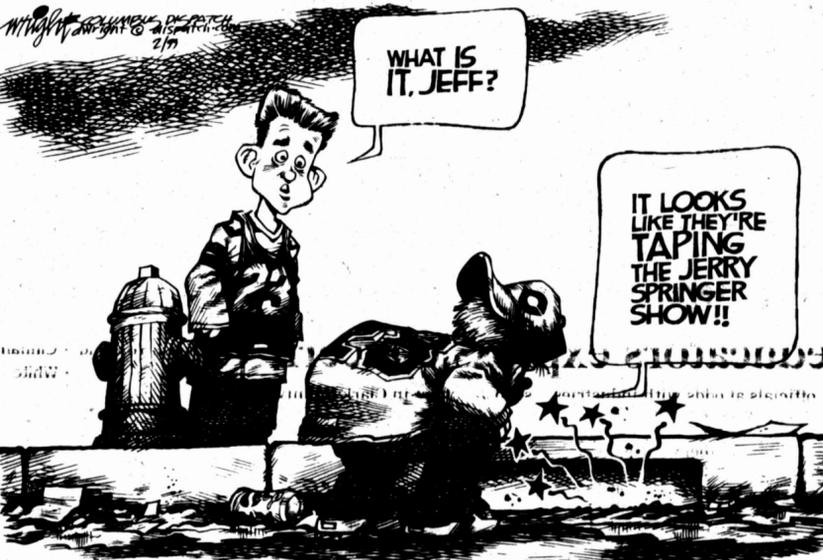
Chief Justice Earl Warren, speaking for an 8-1 court, refused to lay down bright lines — either that all such searches are presumptively reasonable or presumptively unreasonable. Every case would depend upon the facts. This is the language that has divided lower courts for 30 years:

"We merely hold today that where a police officer observes unusual conduct which leads him reasonably to conclude in light of his experience that criminal activity may be afoot

and that the persons with whom he is dealing may be armed and presently dangerous, where in the course of investigating this behavior he identifies himself as a policeman and makes reasonable inquiries, and where nothing in the initial stages of the encounter serves to dispel his reasonable fear for his own and others' safety, he is entitled ... to conduct a carefully limited search of the outer clothing of such persons in an attempt to discover weapons which might be used to assault him."

Since the Terry opinion in 1968, dozens of cases have arisen involving unprovoked flight. Is such flight "unusual conduct"? Eleven state supreme courts have ruled that flights at the sight of an officer give rise to a reasonable suspicion that justifies a stop-and-frisk. At least 10 state courts have ruled the other way — that flight creates a mere inference of guilt, and a mere inference of guilt is not enough.

With its opinion in the Sam Wardlow case, Illinois has put the state's police officers in a lose-lose position. If police stop a fleeing suspect and find weapons or contraband, the evidence will be suppressed. If they do not stop and frisk, armed criminals will saunter away. In this instance, I would come down on the side of the cops. Reasonable suspicion is good enough for me.



New battle over who can wage war

By WALTER R. MEARS
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — When the United States sent a peacekeeping force to Bosnia, the House and Senate grudgingly agreed in a resolution pointedly calling it President Clinton's commitment, not theirs. That line may be drawn again should Clinton send troops to Kosovo.

It is part of the unending strain between the White House and Congress over war-making, or war-risking, powers. This one isn't partisan, it is institutional.

The Kosovo mission is on hold at the moment, contingent on a peace deal that would be backed by a NATO force. Serbs are resisting. There is a Saturday noon deadline for them to accept or face NATO air strikes.

But the debate about the U.S. role didn't wait. Nor did Clinton, who said in a radio address on Saturday that he is prepared to send nearly 4,000 American troops to join about 24,000 from other NATO nations to enforce peace between Serbs and ethnic Albanians.

"Now, a final decision on troops, which I will make in close consultation with

Congress, will depend upon the parties reaching a strong peace agreement," Clinton said.

But any consultations will be on a commitment that already has been made. Clinton said he believes that with an agreement, there should be an American role. And while promising to work with Congress on it, the administration isn't seeking authority to send forces. Like his White House predecessors, Clinton maintains that power is inherent in his office.

George Bush narrowly won congressional approval for the Persian Gulf War against Iraq just before it began, and said he welcomed the expression of support although he didn't need it to act.

"This administration, like previous administrations, takes the view that the president has broad authority as commander in chief, and under his authority to conduct foreign relations, to authorize the use of force in the national interest," Undersecretary of State Thomas Pickering told the House International Relations Committee a week ago.

He cited as precedents the operations ordered by Republican presidents without action by Congress. "Previous constitutional violations do not justify subsequent ones,"

replied Republican Rep. Tom Campbell of California.

While that has been argued since the end of World War II, the decisions have been made by presidents, sometimes with use of force resolutions approved by Congress, more often, without.

Congress tried to change the balance 25 years ago with the War Powers Act, seeking to require congressional approval to keep U.S. forces in danger spots abroad. That hasn't worked; presidents can simply certify that the operations they order don't trigger its terms.

Clinton advised congressional leaders, but did not seek consent, in ordering U.S. air strikes against Iraq on Dec. 17, the day the House was to have started debating his impeachment, which was voted two days later.

Nor was there prior approval of an earlier peacekeeping mission to the Balkans, in late 1995. That was to enforce the U.S.-brokered peace settlement of ethnic wars in Bosnia, and at one point involved 22,500 Americans. There are still about 6,700 U.S. troops there.

Ten days after Clinton approved the operation, Congress adopted a resolution agreeing to it, "notwithstanding reservations" about his decision.

The resolution, which wasn't binding, said "the president may only fulfill his commitment" for about a year, the duration he'd set but could not keep.

"We really learned a lesson in Bosnia that setting an artificial deadline doesn't work," Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said.

There would be no deadline on a peacekeeping mission to Kosovo, she added.

Republicans who argue that Clinton's foreign policy credibility was shaken by the impeachment charges despite his Senate acquittal say the long-missed Bosnia deadline adds to their mistrust.

"We knew that wasn't quite as honest as it needed to be," said Sen. Don Nickles, the Republican whip. "And so that is affecting right now his request for troops into Kosovo."

But it isn't a request. The next step is contingent on a peace deal for Kosovo, not permission from Congress.

"I look forward to working with Congress in making this final decision," Clinton said. But he would make it and he's already said what it would be.

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Do you have a story idea for the *life!* section? Call 263-7331, Ext. 236.

CHURCH NEWS

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will have their monthly meeting and breakfast on Saturday, starting at 8 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

The Needlepoint Workshop with Vicci Fallin, designer and teacher of needlepoint from Georgetown, will start at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

If you are interested in helping stitch the kneelers, please join us for this informative workshop.

A Computer Users Group will have an initial meeting at St. Mary's on Sunday at 1:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome, regardless of experience with computers.

The Vestry will meet Monday, Feb. 22, at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

St. Mary's Lenten Program will begin this Wednesday, Feb. 24.

The All-Parish meatless Pot Luck Supper is at 6 p.m. Deacon Pam Dunbar and Deacon Dana Wilson from Midland, will present a program on "Gluttony," one of the Seven Deadly Sins at 6:30 p.m. We will end with a brief service of Compline.

First United Methodist Church

"Who Loves You?" (Matthew 13:34-46) is Dr. Ed Williamson's message this Sunday at the First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry. The message is about why God wants to make contact with us. Worship is at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.

Our home page is <http://www.xroadstx.com/dove>.

Do you have teenagers who need guidance in morality and a friendly group of other teenagers to have as healthy

friends?

We have a youth group called "Common Ground" led by our full-time youth minister, Vergil Feinsod. On Sunday evenings, mid-high age young people meet in the Partee building at 5 p.m. and senior high young people meet at 7 p.m. to learn about Jesus and His way. Senior high Bible study meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday night. To learn more, call Mr. Feinsod at 267-6394.

There is also the children's vocal and handbell choirs led by John and Denise Ross and a single adults class on Sunday mornings.

The First United Methodist Church has several Sunday School classes for adults, youth and children.

There is a regular Wednesday noon Bible study class and meal each week in Garrett Hall and everyone is invited to attend.

The Chancel Choir meets every Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. and everyone is encouraged to come and share in this creation of spiritual music.

Please call 267-6394 for more information.

First Baptist Church

Sunday morning's service begins at a new time, 10:45 a.m. It is "Praise Day," and special testimony will be shared during the hour by Terry McDaniel.

On Sunday evening at 6, Dr. Claude Cone will begin a Bible study in Joshua and will continue on Monday and Tuesday in the Family Life Center at 5 p.m. with a light supper provided.

On March 1 at 6:30 p.m. in our sanctuary, there will be a "rain rally" for the community. Look for more information in the coming days.

The greatest surprise is not what you see

I have a friend who tells the story of an apple with a surprise.

A number of years ago, he had a taste for a fresh red apple. After a few short minutes of concentrated study and examination, he carefully picked what appeared to be one without blemish.

Now, I have been told that for the first few bites that apple was just what my friend needed, but then catastrophe struck. With wide eyes and souring stomach, my friend came face to face with the latter half of a worm.

In the cosmos we live in

today, many of us have looked around our world and, after a degree of concentrated study and examination, we have picked something that we feel is worth living for.

In the beginning, as we take those first few bites from our new found creed or belief, we

...for those of us who place our hope in His gracious love — our God will never let us lose the excitement of a belief worth living.



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feel just like my friend with the shiny new red apple.

But after a while the shine begins to fade and we come face to face with a world that has nothing more to offer us than half a worm.

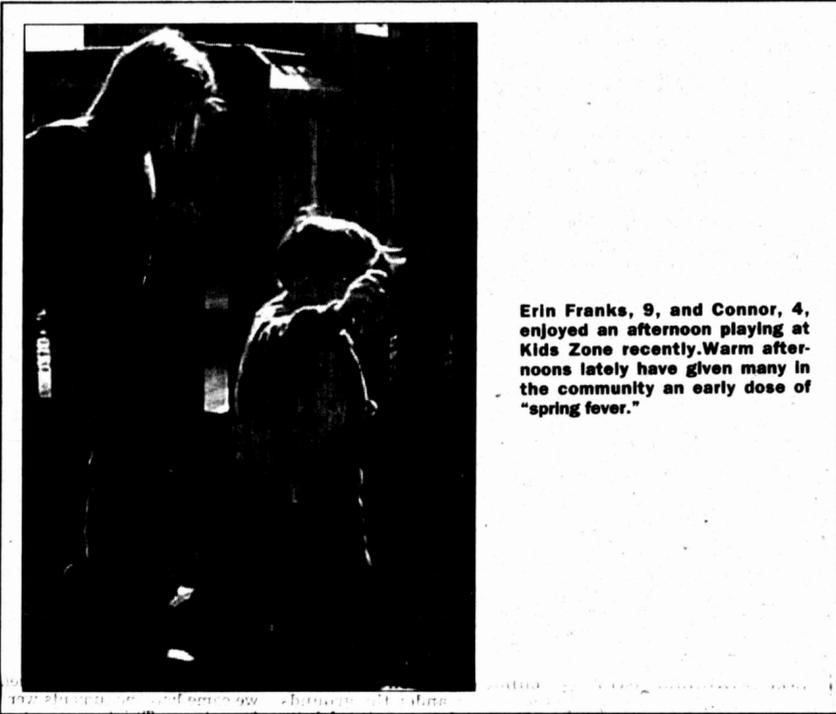
Well, today I have some good

news for those of us who find ourselves looking at the world's version of the latter half of a worm.

The good news is in the form of a God we call Jesus and for those of us who place our hope in His gracious love — our God will never let us lose the excitement of a belief worth living.

So today when you come face to face with the latter half of a world gone bad — please remember that the greatest surprise of all is found in a God who never quits wanting to love us.

Eddie Tubbs is pastor at First Baptist Church.



Erin Franks, 9, and Connor, 4, enjoyed an afternoon playing at Kids Zone recently. Warm afternoons lately have given many in the community an early dose of "spring fever."

CLUB NEWS

Busy Bee Club

Busy Bees met at noon for a covered dish luncheon in the fellowship hall of the Presbyterian Church in Coahoma Wednesday, Feb. 10.

Officers for the year were elected as follows: president Cleo Shive, vice president Freyda Griffin, secretary Rae Nell Best, treasurer Jean Rorick and reporter Maxine Hinsly.

The new yearbooks were passed out. There were 10 members, one visitor and one new member.

LaVerne Lewis was the hostess for this month.

Big Spring Prospectors Club

The Big Spring Prospectors Club met in regular session Thursday, Feb. 11, at 7:30 p.m. at 606 E. Third. This was the last regular meeting before the upcoming Gem and Mineral Show to be held March 6-7 at the Howard County Fairgrounds.

Final plans were made, and reports given. Dealers are signed and ready to come to Big Spring. All indications are that this will be an excellent show. The theme of this year's show will be "Revealing Earth's Hidden Treasures."

Due to the support from the community and local businesses, Chamber of Commerce and news media, we will be able to offer free admission to the show. A beautiful topaz has been cut by club member Mike Pitkin of Andrews. Jimmie Wilson donated the topaz for this stone which will be cut in "Star in Big Spring" design. This will be won by some lucky person at the close of the show at 5 p.m. Sunday.

There will also be dealer demonstrators who will answer questions concerning lapidary, a snack bar, spinning wheel and many beautiful and interesting display cases.

Currently faceting classes are being taught at the club building for club members. Teaching these classes are Jerald and Jimmy Wilson.

It was voted to donate to the fund being raised to purchase the thermal imaging camcorder for the local fire department.

The club is a non-profit organization with one of the chief aims being to educate the public to the value as well as beauty of Earth's hidden treasures. Demonstrations and lectures are available for schools and local clubs. For information

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Many Texas churches make diversity a priority

ARLINGTON, (AP) — For an hour, the Sunday school lesson about responding to the call of God led to serious discussion about directions for the lives of students.

Now, in the hurried minutes before the worship service begins, members of the college and career class are concerned with directions to Thursday night's Bible study. They are asking visitors for their telephone numbers and passing around a map.

"In a big church, if you don't feel connected, you could get lost," said Melissa Brown, 22, a member of the class for about 18 months. The Bible study and other class fellowships are designed to help the visitors make that connection, whether they are in college or at their first jobs, whether they are black or white.

Some weeks, this class at Cornerstone Baptist Church, a predominantly African-American church, has been evenly divided racially, the Rev. Dwight McKissic, church pastor, said. Although the church's vision statement projects a multiracial church in the future, this class is leading the curve.

This week, there are 17 young adults attending, three of them white. But race is not a concern, members say.

Ms. Brown, a white student

at the University of Texas at Arlington, says she sees the class members live by scripture, reaching out to others. As Christians, she says they have more in common than they have differences.

Do they talk about race? "It's like race isn't an issue. They're just people," William Hornbuckle Jr.

Mr. Hornbuckle, 20, is African-American. A student at Texas Christian University majoring in criminal justice with plans to become a lawyer, Mr. Hornbuckle said he has learned to accept differences, learn from them and make close friendships.

"I never even think about it. We want people of every race. It's going to be everybody in heaven," he said.

Those heavenly demographics are not reflected in their churches on Sunday mornings, four pastors of predominantly African-American churches agree. All races will be admitted to heaven, they say, and people of all races are welcome to join their churches.

Beyond that, there is a diversity of opinion about the future of the black church in today's culture, even within denominations.

"There is a special role for the black church," the Rev. C.L. Taylor, pastor of Morning Star Missionary Baptist

Church in Grand Prairie, said. "Without a doubt, all the black people have is the church. The church is the voice in the black community."

Morning Star has "some Hispanics" and "one or two Anglos" among its 1,500 members. Members come from as far away as Lancaster, Mesquite and Fort Worth. All are welcome, but the church is not trying to become multiracial.

"We're predominantly black. We definitely don't want to lose our culture," he said. "We welcome all because Jesus doesn't turn anybody away."

And if others — like the Potters House, an independent church founded three years ago in South Dallas by Bishop T.D. Jakes — want to be multiracial, there is room for other ministries, he said.

"I believe the black church is the most important part of our ministry," he said.

A few blocks away is St. John Missionary Baptist Church. The two congregations cooperate on activities such as a recent celebration honoring the late Martin Luther King Jr.

The Rev. Denny Davis, pastor of St. John, sees diversity as a must within the life of the church.

"The Bible teaches that God is no respecter of persons, sug-

gesting that God has no preference for one race or group of people over another," he said. "As a church, we promote the universal theme that those who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ are children of God."

More than 3,000 families from 29 cities are members of St. John, which has three services on Sunday morning. On any given Sunday, there might be 15 or 20 people who are Hispanic or white in the congregation, Davis said.

To reach out to others, Davis said he tries to stay in touch with other congregations, including those that are not black.

"I hope to continue to further those kinds of fellowships to bring about an understanding of the universal fellowship of Christ," he said.

Athletics and the summer camp program also promote diversity, he said.

"The greatest key is helping every member to realize they are evangelists and they have a responsibility for witnessing on a day-to-day basis," he said. He believes that members witness at church, at school, at work or in the community will broaden the diversity of the congregation.

The Rev. Michael Bell, pastor of Greater St. Stephen First Church in southeast Fort Worth, is more skeptical. Most

friendships outside of church fall along racial lines, he said, and that's who people invite to church.

The majority of white members who come to his church come because of intermarriage or some other relationship, he said.

"The black church has always been open. We have no problem, whoever you are, we have no problem with you coming and being a part of our fellowship. No eyebrows will be raised," he said. "We over-compensate because we know how it is to be ostracized. Whites, Hispanics — we would go out of our way to make them feel welcome."

In spite of that, he believes black people would become members of white churches more readily than white people would join black churches.

"Fifty-fifty? That's not going to happen in Tarrant County. In Dallas County. In Texas," he said.

McKissic would disagree. "Our vision is multiracial. We believe in the years to come our vision will become reality," he said.

At Sunday's morning worship service, a few white faces are seen among choir, a white man helps collect the offering and a few more white faces are scattered among the congregation.

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CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

A west Texas-wide Rain Rally is planned for 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 1 at First Baptist Church. The community will gather, organizers said, to pray for rain.

"This is for everybody that wants to participate," said Jody Nix, a member of First Baptist Church, who brought the rain rally idea to leaders there. "It will be a great time of praise and prayer."

Nix said the drought had affected many friends and family members. "Without rain, nothing grows," he said. "Grass doesn't grow for your cattle... This has affected a lot of people."

Aimed especially at farmers, ranchers and those who depend on the industry for their living, the rally is open to anyone. Organizers said it will be non-denominational. It will feature music and prayer.

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contact Lola Lamb, club secretary at 263-3340 or write to Prospectors Club at P.O. Box 1182.

Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month and visitors are always welcome.

Tall Talkers Toastmasters

Tall Talkers Toastmasters Club of Big Spring had its meeting on Feb. 17, at 6:30 a.m. at 606 Johnson Street.

The word of the day was prodigious which means marvelous, enormous. The sentence used was "The prodigious trip was exciting to plan." Toastmaster was Lynn Moody, and topic master was Dean Sheppard. Best table topic was Virginia Martin on "once upon a time." Best speaker was Virginia Martin on "Courtesy and good manners," and best evaluator was Dean Sheppard.

Tall Talkers Toastmasters meet weekly on Wednesdays, August to June at 6:30 a.m.

City FCE Club

"Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate," a discussion of the transfer of personal property was given by Frances Zant to six members of the FCE Club on Friday, Feb. 12, at the Carriage Inn.

Two types of property make up the property owned by an individual. Non-titled property includes items such as jewelry, stamp collection or sports equipment and these are items not always mentioned in wills.

Titled property includes real estate, savings accounts, machinery, motor vehicles, stocks or other property and these are usually included in wills and trusts.

Jowilli Etchison discussed the plans made for collection of recipes for a book to be sold by members of FCE Clubs of District 6.

Irene Priebe, Frances Zant and Jowilli Etchison will represent the City FCE Club as delegates at the District 6 meeting in Monahans in March.

Year books were given to the six members present.

Nadine Hodnett, hostess, presented a door prize to Jowilli Etchison.

ODDS-N-ENDS

CONWAY, Ark. (AP) — The envelope was addressed to Arthur Hoyt, a retired professor at the University of Central Arkansas, and it bore a 33-cent stamp.

Inside was a bill for taxes the university paid on behalf of Hoyt's life insurance policy, and another envelope, also with a 33-cent stamp, to be returned to the college.

What did UCA want from Hoyt? Sixty-nine cents.

"It's absolutely ludicrous," said Hoyt, who taught chemistry for 23 years.

He speculated that the cost of the paper and the labor it took to write and post the bill probably made it more expensive to mail the bill than to lose the 69 cents.

Perhaps, replied officials at UCA, but state and federal laws still require an effort to collect the 69 cents and amounts owed by other retirees.

According to the state's deputy legislative auditor, Bill Baum, it would cost UCA more to forgive the debt than it does to mail the letter and try to collect.

Still, Baum said Tuesday he understands why recipients are stunned.

"If I got a letter like that, asking for 69 cents which cost 66 cents to collect," he said, "I might wonder if it might not be cost-effective."

Course takes spirituality into police work for some

BROKEN ARROW, Okla. (AP) — Thou shalt not come across as preachy or judgmental when ministering to the souls of sheriff's deputies or police officers.

That's one lesson students learn about bringing spirituality into crime fighting during one of the nation's only training academies for law enforcement chaplains.

The 36-hour course offered through the Tulsa County Sheriff's Office combines theology with weapons training to help prepare chaplains for their roles in counseling officers, assisting crime victims, tending to the suicidal and breaking the news of death to survivors.

"The purpose of the basic academy," coordinator Mike Hardgrove said, "is to take someone with little or no experience with law enforcement and bring them up to speed and get them out in the field without them being a total liability."

The nondenominational course meets twice weekly for five weeks at the Tulsa Technology Center campus in suburban Broken Arrow. Any chaplain or would-be chaplain from a Tulsa-area law agency may attend, at no cost to them. The first class of 25 men and women graduates this week.

Nancy Dotson, a soft-spoken woman wearing a tiny cross on a chain around her neck, prayed for guidance before signing up. She is a reserve sheriff's deputy in Tulsa, a Methodist and a grandmother who hopes to soothe the stress of police work with compassion.

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a lot of experiences, good and bad, and that has given me a heart to maybe help," Ms. Dotson said.

Chaplains are unarmed and unpaid volunteers in most cases.

Training them makes sense and yet it is rare, said David W. DeRevere, executive director of the International Conference of Police Chaplains in Destin, Fla.

Only a few states have accredited programs, he said, adding that most of the nation's new chaplains have to learn as they go.

The Tulsa course was the first chaplain's academy in Oklahoma to win approval from the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training in Oklahoma City. That will improve the graduates' credibility in the eyes of police, said the council's Gary James. "It makes the officers a little more conscious, a little more aware it's important," James said.

"It's intense sometimes," said Bert Snethen, coordinating chaplain for the Owasso Police Department.

Snethen, a member of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, said attending the course has reinforced the importance of trust and confidentiality when

ministering to police.

"Sometimes they figure you're a goody-two-shoes," Snethen said. "They don't open up like you'd like."

Units in the chaplain's academy cover subjects such as legal liability, ethics, death notification, weapons familiarization, testifying in court, self-defense, stress management, suicide intervention and grief counseling.

Students take a multiple-choice exam after each unit. Some have dropped out since the course began Jan. 12.

Al Morgan taught a unit on "ride alongs." Morgan, a communications professor at Oral Roberts University, coordinates the academy with Hardgrove.

Morgan told the class that riding along with a patrol officer was the best way to get to know the person and gain his or her confidence. Do the Lord's work by listening to the officer's subtle requests for guidance, he said.

"If you're not listening, you might miss it," Morgan said.

Effective chaplains are aware of the tender hearts behind the badges, Morgan said, as cries of "amen!" answered from the class.

Printed handouts to the class said chaplains should find their inspiration in the Bible, and that through prayer they can help officers make sense of difficult situations.

Episcopalian priest Clark Shackelford is a member of the first academy class. The risks of encountering a police crisis do not frighten him.

"That's what ministry is all about," he said, "taking chances for other people."

Dignity restored to Hollywood cemetery, permanent home to cast of celebrities

LOS ANGELES (AP) — There's been another face lift in Hollywood.

New life has been breathed into the 100-year-old Hollywood Memorial Park Cemetery — renamed Hollywood Forever by its new owners — and the graveyard's permanent celebrity residents are now showcased in a setting befitting their fame.

Lawns, roads and roofs have been repaired or replaced. There is a new look to the buildings, including the sun-splashed chapel leading into an elegant columbarium with glass-paned niches. Two decades of decay and neglect have been erased.

The once crumbling mausoleum where Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel is entombed has been revitalized and pigeons have been shooed away. The road near the grave of Douglas Fairbanks Sr. has been repaved. The skylights over Rudolph Valentino's crypt have been fixed.

Palm trees sway over emerald lawns covering the graves of Peter Lorre, Tyrone Power, Harry Cohn, Cecil B. DeMille, John Huston, Nelson Eddy and Carl "Alfalfa" Switzer.

The "That's All Folks" epitaph on Mel Blanc's tombstone is now polished.

"It's a place to be proud of again," said Tyler Cassidy, who came to California to restore what he views as nothing less than a historic treasure. Cassidy, whose father owns a mortuary chain in St. Louis, and his investors bought the cemetery for \$375,000.

With the Hollywood sign looming in the distance, workers quietly go about completing the first phase of the \$7 million rehabilitation project while relatives place flowers on graves,

children play on lawns, and tourists wander the grounds clutching free maps to celebrity graves.

"Cemeteries aren't spooky anymore," the 28-year-old Cassidy said. "People want to see the old monuments and statues here. We're not like the lawn parks. The more people there are, the more alive it is. We're taking away that stigma of death."

"When you see a bunch of children frolicking on your grass, it makes you feel good."

Cassidy welcomes tourists and fans, including the annual migration of Valentino fans on the anniversary of his death, but tour buses are forbidden on the 620-acre site behind Paramount Studios.

Hearses occasionally turn off busy Santa Monica Boulevard with new arrivals.

The cemetery's mortuary is up and running, and the crematory (45 percent of California corpses go up in smoke) will be fired up soon. The Mamas & the Papas singer Cass Elliot was the last person cremated at the Hollywood cemetery.

New mausoleums are being added to increase capacity by 60,000 — mostly by eliminating some roads. There are 80,000 remains already at Hollywood Forever.

Several years ago, the Hollywood Cemetery Association, which owned the graveyard, filed for bankruptcy protection amid allegations of fiscal impropriety. Several purchase deals fell through before Cassidy bought it last year.

Considered by many to be the cemetery's savior, Cassidy is brimming with enthusiasm about the make-over. Early on, he saw promise in the bankrupt property.

"It was described to me as a

total disaster," he said. "When we came here monuments were face down. Thirty percent of the monuments needed to be reset. There was neglect, but I thought neglect was easy to correct."

Besides decay and disrepair, considerable damage was caused by the 1994 earthquake, and the 1998 El Nino rains flooded ponds and the cemetery lake. Cassidy has cleaned all that up, saying, "I've been a strict cemeterian for a year."

The new owner has also introduced an array of video and digital services for families.

California, which has long pioneered innovative send-offs for the dearly departed, offered the perfect climate for this death business maverick.

Families can now enter a video kiosk — a small viewing room — where a giant computer-activated television plays videotaped goodbyes and biographical epitaphs of the dead. Thousands of videos are already produced.

The dead can soon be downloaded from anywhere by tapping into the Hollywood Forever video library on the Internet.

A no-frills biography is \$400, and the all-out production is about \$5,000. But the average is about \$1,100.

Cassidy also wants to offer DNA analysis of the deceased for inscription on a CD-ROM. It would cost about \$400 for the analysis. The CD and a lock of hair would be stored at the cemetery.

The way Cassidy sees it, who knows what future advances will be made in science and technology?

"We treat it as a laboratory for ideas," he said.

RELIGION BRIEFS

Rape sentence overturned; judge consulted Bible

CINCINNATI (AP) — A rapist's 51-year prison sentence has been overturned on appeal because the judge turned to the Bible while deciding the punishment.

The appeals court ruled that James Arnett can seek a lesser sentence. Arnett, 33, was sentenced 13 months ago for raping and molesting his fiancée's 8-year-old daughter.

In weighing Arnett's sentence, Judge Melba Marsh said she turned to the Bible and read a verse in Matthew.

The verse said anyone who offends a child would be better off if "a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea."

The appeals court, in a 2-1 decision, concluded that Marsh acted outside Ohio's sentencing guidelines by using the Bible to determine Arnett's fate.

"We stress that this case is unusual in that a specific text in the Christian Bible was the determining factor in the judge's imposition of punishment," appellate Judge Mark Painter wrote.

Clinton reference to Hitler 'irresponsible'

NEW YORK (AP) — William Donohue, president of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights, says President Clinton should apologize for an "irresponsible" remark about Hitler at the annual Presidential Prayer Breakfast in Washington.

Clinton had said, "I do believe that even though Adolf Hitler preached a perverted form of Christianity, God did not want him to prevail."

Donohue said Clinton's statement would have been justified "if Hitler had invoked Christ in his writings or speeches and had referenced Christ as the source of his crusade."

But, he said, the Nazi leader "was a neo-pagan terrorist" who tried to destroy the church.

The Catholic League describes its purpose as defending Catholics against defamation.

Landmarks decision: Court upholds church exemption

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — A state law exempting reli-

gious organizations from local landmark preservation laws is constitutional, according to a state appeals court ruling.

Under the 1994 law, noncommercial property owned by religious organizations is excluded from historic landmark preservation laws. Thus a religious organization can alter or demolish a historic building if it decides the change is necessary for religious or financial purposes.

The law was challenged by the city of San Francisco and private landmark-preservation groups. They won a ruling in Sacramento Superior Court that the law established an unconstitutional state preference for religious organizations.

But the appeals court, 3-0, said the law merely removes a potential burden from the practice of religion by allowing religious organizations to decide which of their buildings should be preserved.

Church group approves same-sex unions

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (AP) — A Presbyterian church group that represents 20,000 faithful in seven New York counties has approved same-sex holy unions that stop short of marriage.

"I think that God's tears are a lot less every time we affirm monogamy over promiscuity," said the Rev. Steve Geckeler, minister of the Presbyterian Church in White Plains. His church was host to the Presbytery of the Hudson River, comprised of ministers and lay members from 96 churches who approved the motion by a vote of 107 to 35.

However, "a marriage is still understood as being between a man and a woman," Geckeler said.

The Presbytery voted three months after a Presbytery committee began investigating the South Presbyterian Church in nearby Dobbs Ferry, which openly performs same-sex unions. The committee found such unions are allowed, but they don't constitute marriage.

The Book of Order of the 2.7 million-member Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) does not mention same-sex unions specifically, but church officials have recommended that ministers do not perform ceremonies that are the "same as a marriage ceremony."

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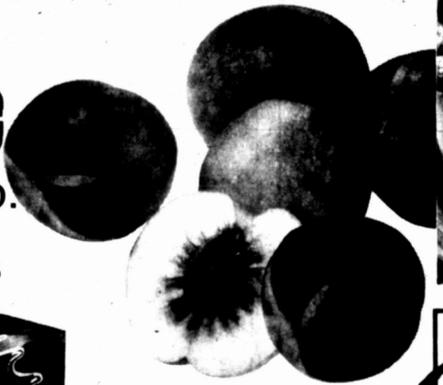
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• Stanton... playoff game...

ON TV

Radio HIGH SCHOOL
5:50 p.m. — Bulldogettes
Lions, KBST
7:50 p.m. — Buffaloes vs. KBTS-FM 94.1

Television BASKETBALL
7 p.m. — Phoenix Sun... 9:30 p.m. — at Golden S... Ch. 29.
9:30 p.m. — Spurs at Los... TNT, Ch. 28

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IN BRIEF

Dorothy Garrett is site for three games tonight

Basketball fans will be treated to a triple header at Dorothy Garrett tonight.

The day's action begins when Ira will face Rankin in a Class A boys practice game at 4:30.

Following that game, Coahoma (21-6) will face Ozon (23-7) in a girls Class 2A Area Championship game. The third game of the day will begin following the completion of game two and will feature Wall (22-9) and Stanton (18-9) in another girls Class 2A Area Championship.

No games are currently scheduled for Saturday, but single games are on tap for both Monday and Tuesday.

At 6 p.m. Monday, Borden County's boys will face Wellman in a Class A bi-district championship while Tuesday's game will feature Ira and Klondike in an 8 p.m. Class A boys bi-district title game.

Coliseum director Stan Feaster said another playoff game has been confirmed for Friday, Feb. 26, when Ozona's Lions will take on either Tahoka or Sundown in a boys' 2A area game at 8 p.m.

Little League coaches clinic slated Feb. 28

Howard College head baseball coach Brian Roper will conduct a clinic for Little League coaches and parents from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, at Jack Barber Field.

The free clinic, Roper explained, will provide fundamentals and teaching skills to help volunteer coaches better prepare their young players for the upcoming season.

Hunter education course scheduled this weekend

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

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

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

Softball umpires needed for high school schedule

Fastpitch umpires are currently needed to work softball games throughout West Texas, according to officials with the Permian Basin chapter of the Southwest Softball Umpires Association.

For more information, call Mack Gipson at 520-5961.

LOCAL GAMES

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TONIGHT

6 p.m.
• Coahoma vs. Ozona at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum (girls' area playoff game).

6:30 p.m.
• Borden County vs. Robert Lee at Forsan (girls' area playoff game).

• Garden City vs. Wink at Midland Christian (girls' area playoff game).

8 p.m.
• Stanton vs. Wall (girls' area playoff game).

ON THE AIR

Radio

HIGH SCHOOL PLAYOFFS
5:50 p.m. — Coahoma Bulldogettes vs. Ozona Lady Lions, KBST-FM 95.9.

7:50 p.m. — Stanton Lady Buffaloes vs. Wall Lady Hawks, KBTS-FM 94.3.

Television

BASKETBALL
7 p.m. — Detroit Pistons at Phoenix Suns, TNT, Ch. 28.

9:30 p.m. — Dallas Mavericks at Golden State Warriors, FXS, Ch. 29.

9:30 p.m. — San Antonio Spurs at Los Angeles Lakers, TNT, Ch. 28.

HOCKEY
6:30 p.m. — Pittsburgh Penguins at New York Rangers, ESPN, Ch. 30.

'Dogs thump Sudan, Buffs hold off Kermit in practice tilts

HERALD Staff Reports

LUBBOCK — Coahoma's Bulldogs got their final warm-up for Tuesday's Class 2A bi-district playoff with Farwell on Thursday night, taking a 68-54 win over Sudan's Hornets.

After jumping out to a 12-5 lead in the first quarter, the Bulldogs — paced the trio of Blake Nichols, David White and Ryan Peckham — extended that edge to 13 points at halftime, 30-17, and never looked back.

Although the District 2-1A champion Hornets managed to outscore Coahoma in the third period, 18-15, behind the scoring of Jeff McAdams, Thomas

Flowers and Tim Edwards, the Bulldogs pumped the nets for 23 points down the stretch to win going away.

"It was a good practice game for us," Bulldogs coach Kim Nichols said following the win that improved Coahoma's overall record to 22-8 going into Tuesday's game with Farwell tentatively scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in the Lubbock Monterey gymnasium.

That game could become part of a doubleheader, depending on the outcome of tonight's Class 2A girls' area playoff game pitting Coahoma against Ozona.

"We got to play everybody on the roster ... that's what you want to be able to do most when you're getting ready for the

playoffs." Nichols led all scorers in the game with 17 points, while Peckham finished just on his heels with 15. White rounded out Coahoma's double-digit scoring with 11 points.

McAdams paced Sudan's offensive showing with 14 points, while Flowers and Edwards finished the night with 11 and 10 points, respectively.

Coahoma 68, Sudan 54
COAHOMA — Nichols 17, Hancock 8, Bennett 4, White 11, Peckham 15, Ward 0, Teeler 0. Totals 24 17-24 68.

SUDAN — Weaver 5, Edwards 10, Salinas 4, Martin 2, McAdams 14, Flowers 11, King 8. Totals 23 5-19 54.
Score by Quarters:
Coahoma 12 18 15 23 - 68
Sudan 5 12 18 19 - 54

Three-point goals: Coahoma 3 (Nichols 3); Sudan 3 (Flowers 2, Edwards). Total Fouls: Coahoma 17, Sudan 18. Fouled Out: Hancock, King. Technical Fouls: White, Hancock. Records: Coahoma is 22-8.

Buffaloes now 14-5 following 71-66 victory over Kermit

ODESSA — Stanton's District 3-2A champion Buffaloes continued their string of practice games while awaiting an opponent in the area round of the state basketball playoffs Thursday, taking a 71-66 win over Kermit's Yellowjackets.

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South Plains no match for Howard

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Sports Editor

No contest. South Plains College's Texans, depleted by injuries that sidelined three top players, were simply no match Thursday for Howard College's Hawks.

As a result, what might have once been considered a showdown for the Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJAC) men's basketball championship was anything but, as the Hawks romped to an easy 84-54 win at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Of course, the WJAC title wasn't at stake — the Hawks having wrapped that up three nights earlier with a win over New Mexico Junior College, while the Texans were being upset by Odessa College.

But in running their WJAC record to a perfect 12-0 and improving to 22-5 overall, the Hawks displayed the kind of play that left a smile on head coach Tommy Collins' face.

Collins, who admitted he has been hard to please this season, got exactly what he asked for prior to Thursday's opening tip.

"With the championship wrapped up, I told the guys that I wanted us to use these last three conference games as a warm-up for the regional tournament ... to play them like we were playing the three regional games," Collins explained.

"We need to be playing that hard and for the most part I think we did," the Hawks boss added. "I think we played with some enthusiasm and unselfishness. We played with the kind of intensity that I've felt like we were capable of all season long."

With South Plains coach Shawn Scanlan unable to all on injured starters Cornelius Tucker, his point guard, and forward Lamarque Ward; and 6-foot-9 post Rapha Moore, there was no reason for the Hawks not to jump out early.

Howard did just that, even with leading scorer Greg Lewis slowed by a case of the flu, as four teammates — post Donald "Yogi" Caesar, forward Derrick Franklin and guards Larry Alloway and Justin Rhodes — combined to ignite a 25-8 run to open the first half.

As a result, the Hawks were able to virtually cost their way to a 43-20 halftime lead. With the Hawks easily in control, Collins decided to leave Lewis on the sidelines during the second half.

Howard, however, never missed a beat as they went on another blitz to open the second half, pulling away to as much as a 34-point lead, 63-29 with 12:25 remaining before the



Howard College reserve guard Scooter Owens (5) drives in for a layup, as South Plains' Terrell Byrd (14) arrives late to make a defensive play during the second half of Thursday's game at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The Hawks romped to an easy 84-54 win.

Texans tried to claw their way back to a respectable margin behind the long-distance shooting of guard Deshawn Curtis and forward Terrence Watkins.

With Watkins hitting a couple of three-pointers and 12 of his team-topping 16 points in the final eight minutes, and Curtis scoring 11 of his 15 on the night, the Texans pulled to within 24 points, but that was as close as they'd come.

The Hawks, however, answered with double-digit scoring from four players, as all 10 players suited up for action managed to contribute to the offensive onslaught.

Alloway paced the Howard attack with 19 points, 13 of them coming in the first half as he nailed a trio of three-point shots and went 4-for-6 at the free throw line.

Franklin and Caesar added 12 points each to Howard's total,

while Rhodes finished the night with 11.

Collins admitted being most pleased with his trio of point guards. Not only did Alloway lead Howard's point production, but reserves Darryl Martin and Scooter Owens combined for 13 more, and all three provided effective floor leadership.

"This was a study in just how important having point guards step up and do their job is," Collins said, noting that South Plains spent most of the night in an unsuccessful bid to find a replacement for Tucker.

In fact, Scanlan was forced to put his manager, Kyle Welcher, in uniform to provide a little depth at the point guard's position.

Unfortunately, even that tactic backfired, when the South

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Inside game powers Lady Hawks to win

By JOHN H. WALKER

Managing Editor

Howard College's Lady Hawks (25-3, 10-2) got double-digit scoring from four players Thursday night as they coasted to a 76-54 win over South Plains (16-12, 7-5) at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

A pair of Ricka McKee baskets in the first minute of play gave the Lady Hawks a lead they never relinquished.

Howard now travels to Clarendon on Monday to face the Lady Bulldogs. The Lady Hawks return home to the hardwood at Dorothy Garrett in the season finale against Frank Phillips next Thursday.

Howard coach Matt Corkery was pleased with the effort overall.

"We kept them off-balance on defense and I felt it was a solid overall performance and a good one for us defensively."

Latasha Moore came off the bench to lead Howard with 15 points, followed by McKee with 14. Karlita Washington and Jovanae St. Cyr each scored 12 points while Caryn Ross added nine.

Corkery cited Ross' play. "Caryn did a good job offensively inside in the first half."

South Plains managed to hang close for the first five minutes of the game, trailing just 8-5 after Monica Trimble converted a Howard turnover into a basket, but the Lady Hawks then started to pull away.

A pair of free throws by Washington gave Howard its first double-digit lead of the game, 20-10, with 9:54 left in the half, as the Lady Hawks went on to lead by 13, 35-22, at the half.

The two teams basically traded baskets the first six minutes of the second half until Howard unleashed one of its patented runs.

Moore hit a three, followed by a pair of Ross free throws, before Washington scored three straight baskets. St. Cyr capped what would be a 14-2 run with a three-point play to make the score 60-38 with 10:33 left in the game.

During the run, three of Howard's baskets came off South Plains turnovers. For the night, Howard scored 20 points off turnovers and steals.

The Lady Hawks dominated all aspects of the game as they held a 36-23 rebound advantage, forced 22 turnovers while

Love suspended for one-game following arrest

HERALD Staff Report

Aiesha Love, a 5-7 freshman from San Diego, Calif., was suspended for Howard College's game with South Plains College after she was arrested at Midland Park Mall early Thursday afternoon.

Howard coach Matt Corkery said Love, who had a season-high 17 points in Monday night's win over New Mexico Junior College, was arrested in Dillard's.

She was apparently stopped by a plainclothes Midland police officer in the act of shoplifting.

Corkery said he had talked with Midland police and that no merchandise was discovered when Love was searched.

He said she was arrested for failure to identify and disorderly conduct.

Officially, Corkery issued a one-paragraph statement following a post-game conference with the Herald and KBST radio.

"Aiesha Love was suspended for tonight's game with South Plains College as a result of an incident at Midland Park Mall. I am looking into the matter further at this time. Upon that review future decisions will be made."

Corkery said he learned of the incident about mid-afternoon when he was called for a comment by a Midland television station.

committing one less, and had 14 steals to just four for South Plains. In addition, Howard recorded three blocks.

The win was the third of the year for Howard over South Plains — including both conference games as well as the championship of the Levelland Breakfast Rotary Tournament in early season.

Corkery said the Lady Hawks want to go to Clarendon and play well on Monday.

"We want to go into the post-season on a positive note," he said. "We're trying to prepare ourselves for the regional and go win that thing."

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Steinbrenner's not crazy, just fickle in his desire to sign Clemens

The Boss is not crazy, just fickle. George Steinbrenner really did love David Wells. It's just that he loved Roger Clemens more. And the New York Yankees most of all.

There is not another owner in sports self-assured enough to do what Steinbrenner did. It was like sitting at a blackjack table holding 18 and saying "hit me" when the cards come around.

Steinbrenner already had the best team in baseball. Then he found a way to make them just a little bit better.

At this point, most owners would

pause and ask themselves: How much better, really, does a team that won 125 games and swept the World Series have to be?

The book says stay pat. Instead, George answered the way he always has: Hit me.

Naturally, not everybody was as comfortable with the decision as the decision-maker.

"Give me a couple of days," Wells said. "It's a little tough right now."

Small wonder. In the span of a Thursday morning meeting when Steinbrenner told Wells in person that the deal had been made, the wacky left-hander went from being the toast of New York to just toast.

Manager Joe Torre couldn't have felt much better. Getting Clemens, a five-time Cy Young award-winner, can hardly be called a consolation prize. But

replacing Wells in the clubhouse might turn out to be tougher than it is on the mound.

"There's some shock in that room right now," Torre said with a nod toward the clubhouse.

But he could have been talking about his office, too. For all the attention that's focused on Wells, Torre knows it won't be easy replacing the other two ex-Yankees on their way to Toronto: Graeme Lloyd, who developed into a solid left-handed reliever; and Homer Bush, a backup infielder whose speed and defense made him a valuable late-inning replacement.

"It's something you have to get used to," Torre added. "That is what the game is all about. There are going to be changes."

But this is a change almost no one saw coming.

Wells, after all, seemed so much like George's kind of guy. He pitched a perfect game, won 18 in all and never, ever ducked responsibility. Only last October, before one of the biggest games of the postseason, the two sat side-by-side in the clubhouse an hour before the game, bonding while the music of Metallica pounded in the background.

They might have seemed like an unlikely pair at that moment, the owner in his blazer and white turtle-neck, the potbellied, goateed pitcher in a cutoff T-shirt. But what they had in common was more important — a desire to bring New York back a world championship.

Three years ago, Steinbrenner felt the same way about Clemens. So much so

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JIM LITKE

SPORTS EXTRA

TABC RANKINGS

The Texas Association of Basketball Coaches' top 10 poll, with records through Feb. 13:

Table with columns for CLASS 5A, CLASS 4A, CLASS 3A, CLASS 2A, CLASS 1A, and GIRLS. Lists school names and their respective records.

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE Atlantic Division

NBA Standings table showing Eastern Conference Atlantic Division, Central Division, and Western Conference Midwest Division with columns for W, L, Pct, and GB.

Thursday's Games: Indiana 99, Philadelphia 95; Washington 95, Toronto 88; Cleveland 98, New York 74; Houston 93, New Jersey 92, OT; Utah 97, Denver 86.

Today's Games: New York at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.; Chicago at Washington, 6 p.m.; Milwaukee at Toronto, 6 p.m.; Orlando at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.; Vancouver at Minnesota, 7 p.m.; Detroit at Phoenix, 7 p.m.; Boston at Portland, 9 p.m.; Charlotte at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.; San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games: Houston at Miami, 2:30 p.m.; Seattle at Utah, 2:30 p.m.; Atlanta at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.; New Jersey at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.; Indiana at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.; Golden State at Portland, 9 p.m.; Dallas at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games: Boston at Washington, Noon; Chicago at New York, Noon; Detroit at San Antonio, Noon; Vancouver at Toronto, 2 p.m.; Houston at Orlando, 2:30 p.m.; Sacramento at Minnesota, 2:30 p.m.; New Jersey at Indiana, 5 p.m.; L.A. Lakers at Seattle, 5 p.m.

Table with columns for CLASS 5A, CLASS 4A, CLASS 3A, CLASS 2A, CLASS 1A, and GIRLS. Lists school names and their respective records.

Others receiving votes: Minnesota 106, Washington 60, Tennessee 46, Texas 43, Oklahoma 42, Arkansas 40, Louisville 40, Temple 40, Xavier 35, Villanova 34, Gonzaga 32, Rutgers 13, Mississippi 12, Murray St. 11, Oklahoma St. 11, Detroit 10, Tulsa 10, Nevada 9, California 8, DePaul 8, SW Missouri St. 5, Northwestern 3, George Washington 2, Boise St. 1, UNC-Charlotte 1, Texas Christian 1.

Top 25 teams in the National Junior College Athletic Association women's basketball poll and records through Feb. 15:

Table with columns for Record and School Name. Lists top 25 women's college basketball teams.

Top 25 teams in the Associated Press' women's college basketball poll with first-place votes in parentheses and records through Feb. 14:

Table with columns for Record and School Name. Lists top 25 women's college basketball teams.

Top 25-MEN: The top 25 teams in the Associated Press' men's college basketball poll with first-place votes in parentheses and records through Feb. 14:

Table with columns for Record and School Name. Lists top 25 men's college basketball teams.

Top 25-WOMEN: The top 25 teams in the Associated Press' women's college basketball poll with first-place votes in parentheses and records through Feb. 14:

Table with columns for Record and School Name. Lists top 25 women's college basketball teams.

Top 25-MEN: The top 25 teams in the Associated Press' men's college basketball poll with first-place votes in parentheses and records through Feb. 14:

Table with columns for Record and School Name. Lists top 25 men's college basketball teams.

COLLEGIATE BASEBALL: The top 25 teams in the Collegiate Baseball poll with records through Feb. 14:

Table with columns for Record and School Name. Lists top 25 college baseball teams.

TRANSACTIONS: BASEBALL American League MINNESOTA TWINS—Agreed to terms with OF Bobby Kielty on a minor league contract.

NEW YORK YANKEES—Traded LHP David Wells, LHP Graeme Lloyd and INF Homer Bush to the Toronto Blue Jays for RHP Roger Clemens.

TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Agreed to terms with RHP Jason Johnson on a one-year contract and with RHP Ben McDonald on a minor league contract.

TEXAS RANGERS—Signed LHP Matt Peirso and INF Rob Sasser to one-year contracts.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION: NBA—Fined Toronto FC Kevin Willis \$5,000 for a flagrant elbow in a game on Feb. 16, and Denver general manager Dan Issel \$3,500 for verbally berating the officials after a game Feb. 13.

CLEVELAND CAVALIERS—Placed C Zydrunas Ilgauskas on the injured list. Activated F Ryan Stack from the injured list.

DETROIT PISTONS—Waived G Mark Macon and FC Mikki Moore. Signed G Corey Beck.

WASHINGTON WIZARDS—Signed F Jason Sasser and G Dan Muller.

MINNESOTA WIKINGS—Signed LB Ed Daniel to a one-year contract.

Yanks get Clemens; Galarraga out with cancer as spring camps open

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

How was that for a first day of spring training? On the day workouts for the 1999 season officially began, two stories that will have a profound effect on the two best teams in the game shook up baseball.

The New York Yankees completed their winter-long courtship of Roger Clemens, acquiring the five-time Cy Young Award winner from Toronto for David Wells, Graeme Lloyd and Homer Bush on Thursday.

"It's just another indication of how the business of baseball is these days," pitcher Mike Stanton said. "We won 125 games, but you're still always looking to make yourself better. What can you say? It's one of those things that happens in baseball."

The Atlanta Braves were dealt a serious blow when doctors announced that first baseman Andres Galarraga has a cancerous tumor in his back and will miss the 1999 season.

"I think the potential for his recovery is very good with successful treatment," Dr. Lee Kelley said.

STANTON

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Senior point guard Kyle Herm paced the Buffs' win, ripping the Odessa College gymnasium's nets for 24 points, while post Justin Cobb added 20 more.

Chad Smith capped Stanton's double-digit scoring production with 12 points.

After Stanton managed to forge a 34-26 halftime lead, Kermit clawed its way back into contention with 18 third-quarter points to enter the final eight minutes trailing by just three.

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that when Clemens went on the free-agent market, the owner made a trip to Texas to convince him to move to New York. To prove his sincerity, Steinbrenner even lifted weights with the Rocket in his home gym. They didn't come to terms then, but clearly were impressed with each other's work ethic.

Now that they're partners, they had better make sure the rest of New York feels the same way when next fall rolls around.

HAWKS

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Plains coach forgot to have Welcher listed on the official book and was whistled for a technical foul the minute his manager stepped on the floor.

Collins can sympathize, having had to use his manager as a roster player during the past two seasons when injuries and discipline problems left the Hawks lineup short of personnel.

"Obviously they're not the same team they were before those lost their starters," Collins added. "They really missed Tucker and we got solid play from all three of our point people."

With the loss, South Plains dropped to 17-11 overall and 7-5 in conference play and must win one of its last two games — against New Mexico Military Institute and Clarendon — if it hopes to earn a seed in the Region V tournament at Abilene next month.

The Hawks now must travel to Clarendon on Tuesday before winding up conference play at home, playing host to Frank Phillips on Thursday.

Elsewhere in the WJAC, Odessa College's Wranglers pulled even in the conference standings with South Plains with a 69-57 win over New Mexico Military Institute, while Midland College took a 59-50 win over South Plains and New Mexico Junior College defeated Clarendon 89-78.

... HAWKS 84, SOUTH PLAINS 54. SOUTH PLAINS — Steven Barber 1 0 0 0 2.

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In other WJAC women's games Thursday, Midland's league-leading Lady Chaparrals defeated Frank Phillips 82-47, Western Texas defeated Odessa 53-51 and New Mexico Junior College knocked off Clarendon 71-53.

... LADY HAWKS 74, SOUTH PLAINS 54. SOUTH PLAINS — Kristi Voss 0 0 0 0, Monica Trimble 2 5 8 9, Monica Smith 1 0 0 2, Penny Sammons 2 1 2 6, Jody Avert 4 5 6 16.

said. "There's no widespread involvement, so the outlook is very good. I think there's a good possibility that he can look forward to playing in 2000."

Galarraga, 37, will undergo six months of treatment, which will include chemotherapy. He is the fourth prominent baseball player since 1996 to be stricken with cancer, following Brett Butler, Eric Davis and Darryl Strawberry.

"It's sad that he's out for the season, but it's a relief to know the cancer hasn't spread," manager Bobby Cox said.

Ryan Klesko is expected to replace Galarraga, who hit .305 with 44 homers and 121 RBIs last season. Otis Nixon and Gerald Williams are expected to share time in left field in place of Klesko.

"Our offense will be potent, but obviously not as potent without Andres," Cox said.

Clemens, coming off consecutive Cy Youngs, will report to the Yankees on Saturday. He went 20-6 last season, leading the AL in ERA (2.65) and strikeouts (271), and tying for the lead in wins.

"We've got a group of warriors here and we're getting a very big warrior," owner George Steinbrenner said. "He's a monster."

will play the winner of Tuesday's bi-district playoff game between Wall's Hawks and Iraan's Braves.

STANTON — J. Smith 2 0 0 6, Herm 8 5 7 24, Cobb 8 4 4 20, Martinez 1 1 2 3, B. Smith 0 1 2 1, Kelly 1 0 0 3, Cook 1 0 0 2, C. Smith 5 2 4 12. Totals 27 13 19 71.

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Score by Quarters: Stanton 15 19 13 24 - 71; Kermit 13 13 18 22 - 66.

Three-point goals: Stanton 4 (Herm 3, Kelly); Kermit 4 (Wright 2, Garcia, Alvarado). Total Fouls: Stanton 12, Kermit 13. Fouled Out: None. Technical Fouls: None. Records: Stanton is 14-5 overall.

often is a sedative for championship teams. The Florida Marlins won one championship, then fired just about everybody who made it happen. The Chicago Bulls won six in the NBA during the past decade, then simply let everybody walk away.

George may be meddling, but give him credit for this much: At least he's trying.

... Jim Litke is a sports columnist for The Associated Press.

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Halftime score: Howard 43, South Plains 20.

Three-point goals: South Plains 5 (Curtis, Watkins 2, Doucet 2); Howard 9 (Franklin 2, Rhodes, Owens 2, Roberts, Alleyway 3). Total Fouls: South Plains 11, Howard 15. Fouled Out: None. Technical Fouls: South Plains 7, Howard 3. Records: South Plains is 17-11 overall, 7-5 in WJAC; Howard is 22-6, 12-0.

Tasha Weatherly 0 2 2 2, Missy Frazier 3 0 0 8, Mindy Norman 1 0 0 2, Katrina Jordan 3 3 7 9. Totals 16 16 25 54.

HOWARD — Ricka McKee 6 0 2 14, Shaketa Ashley 1 0 0 2, Ashanti Nix 0 0 0 0, Karitta Washington 3 6 7 12, Latasha Moore 6 2 2 15, Jovanna St. Cyr 5 2 3 12, Kim Robertson 1 0 0 3, Shantaria Charles 0 3 4 3, Yolanda Grant 3 0 1 6, Zakiya Gardner 0 0 0 0, Cayn Ross 3 3 6 9. Totals 28 16 25 76.

Halftime score: Howard 35, South Plains 22.

Three-point goals: SPC 6 (Avent 3, Frazier 2), HC 4 (McKee 2). Total Fouls: SPC 21, HC 21. Fouled Out: SPC (Frazier), HC (Grant). Technical Fouls: None. Rebounds: HC 36, SPC 23. Turnovers: SPC 22, HC 21. Steals: HC 14, SPC 4. Blocks: HC 3, SPC 0. Attendance: 1,250.

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Ex-ski chief
says Salt Lake
'robbed' U.S.
athletes' funds

NEW YORK (AP) — Salt Lake City's Olympic bidders are being questioned about money they apparently didn't spend. Already enmeshed in a million-dollar bribery scandal, the group that won the 2002 Winter Olympics for Utah's capital was accused Thursday of failing to come up with \$3 million in promised training assistance for U.S. winter sports athletes over the last decade.

"As I see it, the athletes were robbed," former U.S. Ski Association executive director Howard Peterson said. Peterson, part of the U.S. Olympic Committee's site-selection task force that reviewed the four American bidders in 1989, said he would ask the USOC this weekend to pressure Utah to pay the money now, based on an annual commitment of \$300,000 over 10 years.

Peterson said Salt Lake City bidders promised to pay for training time, subsidized housing, work-study programs and tuition aid for American athletes if Salt Lake was the USOC's choice for the 1998 and 2002 Winter Games.

With Salt Lake's victorious run for 2002 now at the center of the biggest scandal in Olympic history, Peterson said, it was time for the city to finally make good on its commitment to American skiers, skaters and others training for those games. "Utah needs to come clean with the athletes," he said. "They may have spent the money somewhere, but they didn't spend that money on U.S. athletes."

Peterson said the support was promised by Norm Bangerter, then Utah's governor; Palmer DePaulis, then mayor of Salt Lake; and Tom Welch, chairman of the city's Olympic bid, during the race to be the USOC's candidate for the Winter Games in 1998 and 2002.

DePaulis, now an assistant to the Utah attorney general, said he had no recollection of the assistance promise.

Welch, who resigned as Salt Lake Organizing Committee chairman in 1997 amid charges of spouse abuse, did not return phone messages left at his home. Bangerter is on a Mormon church mission in Africa and was not available.

The USOC said that a check of Salt Lake's bid documents for both 1998 and 2002 found no specific mention of the program referred to by Peterson. The only thing close was a promise that 15 percent of a projected \$50 million surplus would go to "athlete development and training," USOC spokesman Mike Moran said.

Sandy Knapp, a USOC executive committee member who headed the site-selection panel in 1989, said she would pass Peterson's request to USOC leaders at a meeting this weekend.

Knapp said she was unaware of any pledges bid cities made for training programs, or if promises Salt Lake City might have made were fulfilled.

"I know there was give and take," she said. "What was given and taken, I don't know."

Peterson, however, provided documents from a USOC board meeting in Des Moines, Iowa, on June 4, 1989, at which the four bidders offered "sweeteners" for their packages.

Salt Lake's concluded: "Athletes to receive out-of-state tuition waivers, scholarships (elite level), and work-study training programs. National team has top priority at venues free of charge. Subsidized housing provided at venue sites."

Peterson said the restitution figure was based on athlete support pledged by Salt Lake and three other cities — Reno, Nev.; Anchorage, Alaska; and Denver — that sought the American candidacy.

The payments, should they be made, would go directly to athlete training programs, with the USOC making sure it wound up in the right hands.

"This would be pure money, no administrative costs or overhead," he said. "We don't want it going to people who already have money or athletes who would not be valid competitors in 2002."

Peterson, who lives in Park City, Utah, said he "regularly brought up" the payments to the Utah Sports Advisory Committee "but it was always met with a shrug."

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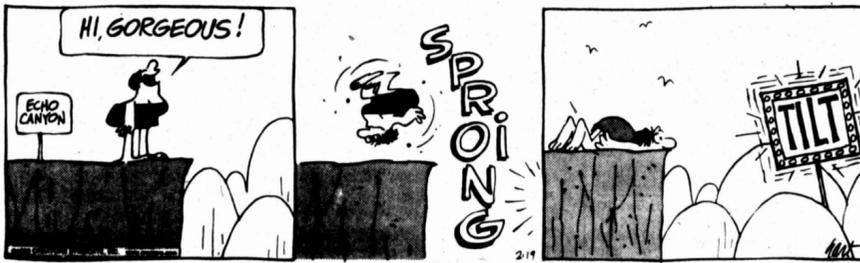
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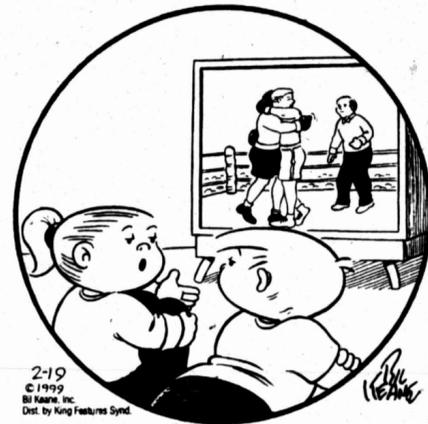
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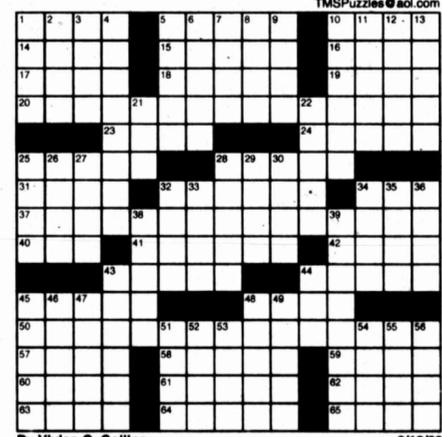
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days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 19, 1945, during World War II, some 30,000 Marines landed on Iwo Jima, where they began a month-long battle to seize control of the island from Japanese forces.

On this date: In 1473, the astronomer Copernicus was born in Torun, Poland. In 1803, Congress voted to accept Ohio's borders and constitution. (However, Congress did not get around to formally ratifying Ohio statehood until 1953.)

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

- ACROSS
- Went fast
 - Refrain syllables
 - Mess maker
 - Pocket bread
 - Defy authority
 - Shade of blue
 - Business letter abbr.
 - That is (to say): Lp'in
 - Yard-work tool
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 - Re-noves the cover
 - Louisiana cuisine
 - Soothsayers
 - Spanish cheers
 - Will's contents
 - Accomplished
 - Grace Paley title
 - Silly billy
 - Glossy paint
 - Excessive anger
 - Creates suds
 - "The Silver Streak" co-star
 - Boredom
 - Geena Davis sitcom
 - Beethoven title
 - Foundry form
 - Glossy
 - Trolley car
 - Pot entrance fee
 - Bequeath
 - Carson's successor
 - Parakeet staple
 - Called off
 - Long-haired pack animals
 - Facility
 - 30 & others: Latin
 - Sicilian volcano
 - Pretense
 - 6/6/44
 - *remembrance
 - Othello's nemesis
 - Singer Lopez
 - Defensive fortification
 - First victim
 - Supplied the cash
 - In favor of
 - Thompson and Samms
 - Nary a soul
 - '48 Hrs.' star
 - Martin of 'L.A. Story'
 - Queried
 - 51 of Wight
 - Welsh valley
 - Main part of a bust
 - Vicinity
 - War wagon?
 - Famous cookie man



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In 1807, former Vice President Aaron Burr was arrested in Alabama. He was subsequently tried for treason and acquitted.

In 1846, the Texas state government was formally installed in Austin.

In 1878, Thomas Edison received a patent for his phonograph.

In 1881, Kansas became the first state to prohibit all alcoholic beverages.

In 1942, President Roosevelt signed an executive order giving the military the authority to relocate and intern Japanese-Americans.

In 1942, about 150 Japanese warplanes attacked the Australian city of Darwin.

In 1959, an agreement was signed by Britain, Turkey and Greece granting Cyprus its independence.

In 1886, the U.S. Senate approved a treaty outlawing genocide, 37 years after the pact had first been submitted for ratification.

In 1997, Deng Xiaoping, the last of China's major Communist revolutionaries, died.

Ten years ago: Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini rejected the apology of "Satanic Verses" author Salman Rushdie, exhorting Muslims to "send him to hell" for committing blasphemy.

Five years ago: With Bosnian Serbs facing a NATO deadline to withdraw heavy weapons encircling Sarajevo or face air strikes, President Clinton delivered an address from the Oval Office reaffirming the ultimatum. American speedskater Bonnie Blair won the fourth Olympic gold medal of her career as she won the 500-meter race in Lillehammer, Norway.

One year ago: U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan set out for Iraq on a last-chance peace mission, saying he was "reasonably optimistic" about ending the standoff over weapons inspections without the use of force. At the Nagano Olympics, Austrian Hermann Maier won the men's giant slalom while Hilde Gerg of Germany won the women's slalom.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director John Frankenheimer ("The Manchurian Candidate") is 89. Singer Smokey Robinson is 59. Singer Bobby Rogers (Smokey Robinson & the Miracles) is 59.