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### Tonight:



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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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## 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

## 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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GRAMM



HERALD photo/Glen Sorenson

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.

## 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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EDITORIAL

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

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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.



JAMES J. KILPATRICK

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 surprised 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 reasons 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."

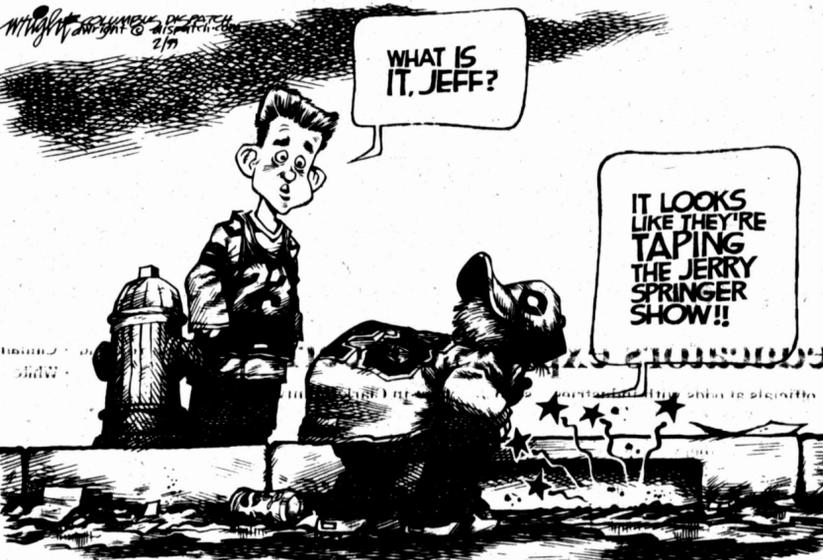
Chief Justice Earl Warren, speaking for an 8-1 court, refused to lay down bright lines — either that all such searches are presumptively reasonable or presumptively unreasonable. Every case would depend upon the facts. This is the language that has divided lower courts for 30 years:

"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.



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New battle over who can wage war

By WALTER R. MEARS AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — When the United States sent a peace-keeping 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.

Walter R. Mears is vice president and special correspondent for The Associated Press.

Mallard Fillmore by BRUCE TINSLEY



# Allies preparing to evacuate as Kosovo deadline approaches

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP) — Western embassies began evacuating staff and NATO troops stood poised at Yugoslavia's border today, ready to pull international monitors to safety as the deadline approached for a peace agreement for Kosovo.

Hoped for a last-minute breakthrough were dealt a blow as Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic insisted he would not back down over the province even if NATO goes through with promised airstrikes.

The American mediator for the talks in France, Christopher Hill, arrived in the Yugoslav capital for talks with Milosevic in a last-ditch bid to strike a deal before the Saturday noon deadline.

With NATO threatening airstrikes should the deadline pass without an accord between Serbs and ethnic Albanians, some residents of Kosovo's provincial capital, Pristina, started stocking up on food, fearful of both airstrikes and

retaliatory attacks by Serb forces.

About 2,000 people have died and hundreds of thousands been driven from their homes in a year of conflict in Kosovo. Ethnic Albanians make up 90 percent of the province, and most want independence from Serbia, Yugoslavia's main republic.

NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana refused to say how soon airstrikes would come if the deadline passed with no

deal, "but let me say this would be soon."

Solana spoke Thursday from neighboring Macedonia, where he was overseeing plans for either deployment of peace troops to enforce any peace accord or for an "extraction force" that would help evacuate 1,300 international monitors ahead of NATO bombing.

Yugoslavia has vehemently rejected the deployment of a NATO peacekeeping force, which the United States and its

European allies say is vital to enforce any peace deal.

Shortly before Hill's arrival, Milosevic defiantly rejected the NATO force, even in the face of airstrikes.

"We will not give away Kosovo, not even at the price of bombing," he said, quoted by the official Tanjug news agency.

Milan Milutinovic, the president of Serbia, warned that Western threats "can only distance" the negotiations from reaching a deal.

With the deadline looming, Western embassies in the Yugoslav capital, Belgrade, prepared to send nonessential staff and dependents out of the country. Canadian diplomatic families were seen packing into cars today and heading out for the Hungarian capital Budapest. Staff in the Dutch Embassy were also departing.

In London, the Foreign Office said the families of British diplomats planned to leave today.

# Tax time taking more time than ever, IRS officials contend

WASHINGTON (AP) — Taxpayers who itemize deductions and have even modest investment income will spend almost an entire day figuring out their tax returns. The time-consuming chore is just one consequence of the increasing complexity of the tax code.

Filing out the 1040 form, Schedule A for the deductions and Schedule D for capital gains or losses will take more than 22 hours, according to the Internal Revenue Service.

Those same forms took 19.5 hours last year.

The U.S. tax code now stands at more than 1.5 million words

and climbing, thanks to 1,260 changes enacted by Congress and signed by President Clinton in the last two years alone. The IRS had to develop 11 new forms and revise 177 others just for this year.

For millions of taxpayers trying to do their taxes by April 15, the complexity is so daunting they are almost forced to seek professional help or a computer software program. A new ad campaign by H&R Block sums up the fear factor: "We Know Do You?"

A major culprit is the trend in the Clinton administration and Congress to enact tax credits for

various social needs and to tinker with such intricate areas as taxes on capital gains from investments.

"Every time there's a new benefit, it requires an additional line to the form and additional forms to compute those credits," said Sheldon Schwartz, national tax forms and publications director at the IRS. "It's never as easy as we would like."

This year, some taxpayers for the first time can get a \$400 credit for children under age 17 and two education credits — the Hope and Lifetime Learning credits — that provide up to \$1,500 and \$1,000 respectively

for certain post-secondary education expenses.

Sounds relatively simple. But taxpayers claiming the child credit must complete an 11-line worksheet, and depending on the answers, a second 10-line form to determine if they qualify under the income limits.

The education credits require completion of an 18-line form and come with their own book of instructions.

Another area of difficulty is IRS Schedule D, where investors must report their capital gains or losses from investments. Even small-scale investors must fill out the 54-

line form and navigate its confounding maze of tax rates for different investments — which changed dramatically in 1997.

Most forbidding of all is the alternative minimum tax. Intended to prevent the wealthy from escaping taxes through deductions and credits, it now threatens more and more middle-class taxpayers because its thresholds were never indexed for inflation.

This means millions of taxpayers could be required to calculate both their regular taxes and their alternative minimum taxes — and pay the higher of the two.

# Yet another new fee showing up on telephone bills

WASHINGTON (AP) — Yet another new fee is beginning to appear on monthly telephone bills. The charge, typically about 50 cents a month for each phone line, is intended to help pave the way for the day when customers can change local carriers as easily as long-distance providers.

Some local phone companies began billing for the new fee in February; others plan to do so over the next several months.

The charge pays for the local phone companies' costs of complying with a provision in a

1996 law. Businesses also will pay a fee, depending on the services they get.

The charge covers the companies' cost for technical changes they must make so consumers can keep their phone numbers after they have switched to a new local phone provider. Those changes could cost the industry \$3 billion over five years, under one phone company estimate.

The concept of portable phone numbers is not new. For years, long-distance customers have been able to change their long-

distance carriers without getting a new phone number.

The rationale: Consumers would be less inclined to switch to a new carrier — local or long-distance — if they had to get a new phone number each time. That would thwart the goal of competition.

But most residential customers do not have a choice of local telephone providers. Local phone competition that has evolved since the 1996 law mainly focuses on lucrative, high-volume business customers.

"The problem with this

charge is it's making all consumers pay a price for something that most of them do not have and the vast majority probably will not get. That is — a choice of local phone companies," said Gene Kimmelman,

co-director of the Consumers Union Washington office.

The FCC last year gave phone companies permission to charge the new fees to recover their costs of providing "number portability."

# Nevada children turning to work rather than school; educators express concern

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Mike Kyner didn't give much thought to college last year after graduating from high school in the small town of Beatty. All he could think about were the big paychecks down the highway in Las Vegas.

Now 18, he's earning \$10.14 per hour washing dishes at Harrah's on the Strip. And that's fine with him.

"I thought about it (college), but the money wasn't there," he said.

Kyner and hundreds of other young adults in Nevada have discovered that working in casinos, construction or adult entertainment can mean big bucks. It's a trend that has education

officials at odds with industries that have been the state's economic lifeblood for decades.

The numbers are stark. Nevada's high school dropout rate of 9.9 percent in 1996-97 was the highest in the nation, as noted by first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton during a visit here last fall.

Gov. Kenny Guinn said Nevada ranks last in the nation in the percentage of high school students who pursue higher education. And only 38 percent of high school graduates go on to college, compared with the national average of 65 percent.

"You don't really need to go to school to make \$50,000," said Ray Willis, a spokesman for the

school district in Clark County, home to booming Las Vegas and 60 percent of all Nevada high school students. "The instant gratification aspect of having money immediately is fairly powerful."

In Las Vegas, where parking attendants can bring in \$50,000 a year and exotic dancers make hundreds of dollars a night, school officials are having a hard time persuading students to consider college.

"We are fighting a battle of sorts with our main industry, which seems to be a magnet for kids who see an opportunity, a financial opportunity that circumvents them having to go to college," Willis said.

# Posthumous pardon for black trailblazer

THOMASVILLE, Ga. (AP) — In his last two years at West Point, not one cadet spoke to Henry O. Flipper, a campaign of silence that failed to destroy his drive to become the school's first black graduate.

Flipper persevered against the shunning, and the former slave persevered until his death at the age of 84 against the apparently racially motivated charges that led to his dishonorable discharge.

Nearly 60 years after Flipper's death, President Clinton was to pardon the Army's first commissioned black officer at a ceremony in Washington tonight.

Retired Gen. Colin Powell, who kept a photo of Flipper on

his wall while serving as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was expected to attend along with other black officers and Flipper's descendants.

Flipper was the sixth black to enter West Point, but the first to graduate. He roomed with another black cadet when he began in 1873 at 17, but by his junior year he was the only black at the school.

After graduating 50th in a class of 76, Flipper was assigned to the 10th Cavalry, the "Buffalo Soldiers," one of two all-black units in the Army.

Flipper served in a number of combat assignments on the frontier before transferring to Fort Davis, Texas. In 1881, his

commanding officer accused him of failing to account for commissary money.

A court-martial acquitted Flipper of embezzlement but convicted him of conduct unbecoming an officer. The mandatory penalty was a dishonorable discharge, which came in 1882.

Flipper later served seven years as a special agent for the Justice Department, joined the staff of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee as an expert on political developments in Mexico and was special assistant to the secretary of the Interior Department, determining where railroad lines should be built in the Alaska Territory.



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### QUICK TRIVIA

◆Confederate General Thomas Jackson was given the name "Stonewall" by another general who remarked Jackson was standing "like a stone wall."

◆The first president born and elected during the 19th century was Millard Fillmore.

### Got an Item?

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.*



EDDIE TUBBS

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.

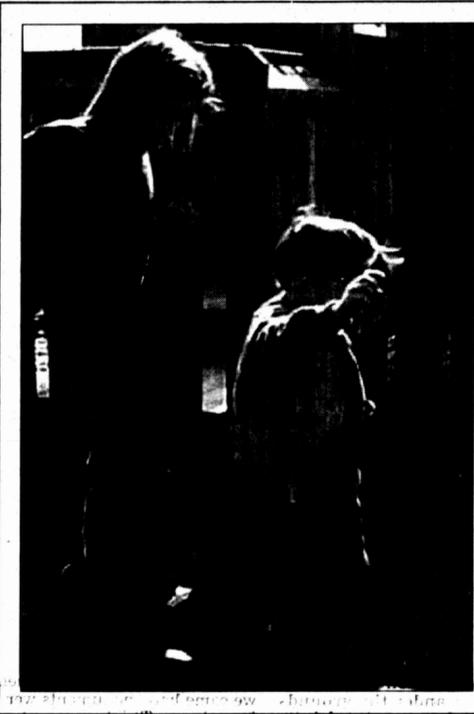
Well, today I have some good

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

See CLUB, Page 7A

## 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. said.

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 overcompensate 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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**Mae West**

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**Arnold Glasow**

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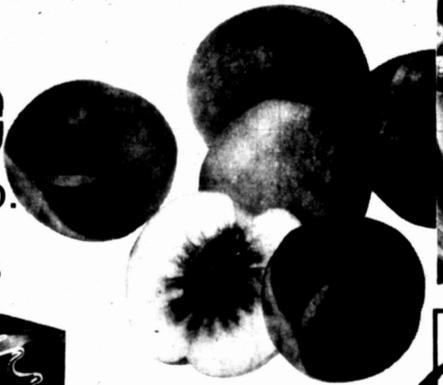
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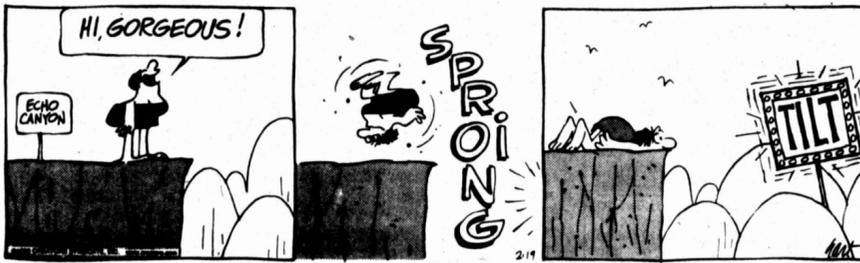
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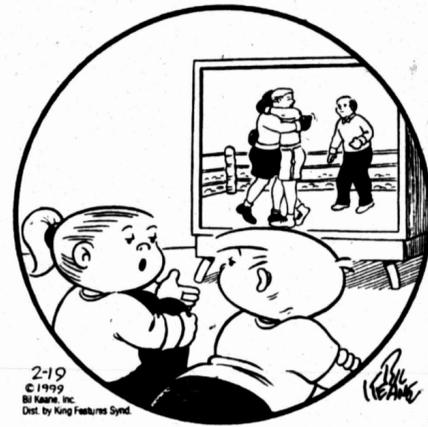
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The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Friday, Feb. 19, the 50th day of 1999. There are 315

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.)

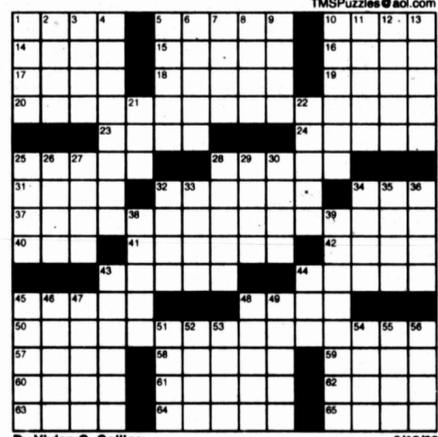
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ACROSS

- 1 Went fast
5 Refrain syllables
10 Mess maker
14 Pocket bread
15 Defy authority
16 Shade of blue
17 Business letter abbr.
18 That is (to say): Lp'in
19 Ya.d-work tool
20 H.ringway title
23 Address Moran
24 R- noves the cover
25 Louisiana cuisine
28 Soothsayers
31 Spanish cheers
32 Will's contents
34 Accomplished
37 Grace Paley title
40 Silly billy
41 Glossy paint
42 Excessive anger
43 Creates suds
44 "The Silver Streak" co-star
45 Boredom
48 Geena Davis sitcom
50 Beethoven title
57 Foundry form
58 Glossy
59 Trolley car
60 Pot entrance fee
61 Bequeath
62 Carson's successor
63 Parakeet staple
64 Called off
65 Long-haired pack animals

DOWN

- 1 Verbal skirmish
2 Heart of the matter
3 Back of the kitchen?
4 Ballerina
5 Singer Lopez
6 Defensive fortification
7 First victim



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Thursday's Puzzle Solved



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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.