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ACU Symphonic Band to perform at high school

The Abilene Christian University Symphonic Band will perform in the Big Spring High School Auditorium on Monday at noon. The performance will be free.

Under the direction of Blane Hinton, director of bands, and associate director Christopher Anderson, the band will perform locally as part of its spring tour. Included in the concert will be "Tempered Steel" by Charles Rochester Young, "Divertimento for Winds and Percussion" by Roger Cichy and "The Gum-Suckers March" by Percy Aldridge Grainger.

BSSH surplus sale planned Wednesday

Big Spring State Hospital will hold a surplus sale March 3 at the recycling building west of Rip Griffin's. Items for sale will include desks, tables, chairs, office equipment, VCRs, televisions and other appliances. Viewing and bidding will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday and Tuesday and Wednesday at 2 p.m. Call 263-0618 for more information.

WEEKEND TICKET

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

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

□ 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.

□ Around the World in 80 Bites, annual food festival at the Heritage Museum from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tickets to eat all you want at "80 Bites" are \$7.50 for adults and \$5 for students.

□ Big Spring Symphony concert begins at 8 p.m. at Municipal Auditorium.

The symphony concert will feature "World's Greatest Choruses" with the Big Spring Choral and Beethoven's Fifth Symphony. For \$12, an adult can attend both the concert and the Around the World in 80 Bites food festival beforehand.

Buy combination ticket at the museum, or call 267-8255 for more information.

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Saturday promises opportunity for good food, music

By **DEBBIE L. JENSEN**
Features Editor

Saturday should be a busy day on local social calendars.

After the Heritage Museum's food festival, "Around the World in 80 Bites," the Big Spring Symphony will perform its third concert of the current season.

Tickets are still available for both events.

The museum festival takes place from

5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at 510 Scurry, and the concert follows at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Auditorium.

"80 Bites" tickets are \$7.50 for adults and \$5 for children. Symphony tickets are regularly \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, and \$5 for students from elementary age through college.

This year, a special ticket price of \$12 for adults is being offered that combines both events.

Angie Way, curator of the Heritage Museum, said they are expecting record crowds at the food festival. About 30 booths will serve "bites" of a variety of main dishes, appetizers and desserts.

"Ticket sales have been fantastic; it seems like everyone is taking advantage of a night on the town," she said.

"Around the World in 80 Bites" invites visitors to taste foods from many countries of the globe and regions of the U.S. They can wander the building at will, trying an assortment of treats and specialties during the two-hour event.

"It's a fun place to come and see your friends, and try some delicious dishes," Way said. "The weather is supposed to be nice, and the evening should be perfect. Where else can you go and have everything from prime rib to shrimp, banana pudding to Mexican pralines?"

SATURDAY'S FESTIVITIES

Around the World in 80 Bites	Big Spring Symphony Memorial Auditorium
Heritage Museum	
5:30-7:30 p.m.	8 p.m.

Later, the symphony concert will feature "Beethoven's Fifth" for the first half.

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Windows go in on ground floor at Settles

By **JOHN H. WALKER**
Managing Editor

A project that began a little over two years ago made the turn into the home stretch Thursday afternoon when employees of Quality Glass began installing windows in the ground floor of the Settles Building.

"This is really something ... it's what it was all about," said Friends of the Settles (FOS) chairman Tommy Churchwell as he and FOS members Ben Bancroft and Mel Prather walked through the ground floor of the building.

"This started as an idea about how we could improve the appearance of this building and help the way downtown Big Spring looks," he said. "I think everyone would have to agree that the appearance is much better today than it was 30 months ago."

The windows on the ground floor are the last remaining to be installed of the more than 400 in the building — but the project is ongoing.

"We are planning a wine and cheese social to be held in the Settles so that persons can go in and see what it looks like and what we want to do," Churchwell explained.

"We now need to raise money to replace the doors on the ground floor, since we will have all of the windows in and they will still be boarded up."

Prather said there were 11 doors, with seven of them probably needing to be replaced.

"We had the money to do that work, but we had to spend it on the asbestos removal from the ground and second floors," Churchwell said.

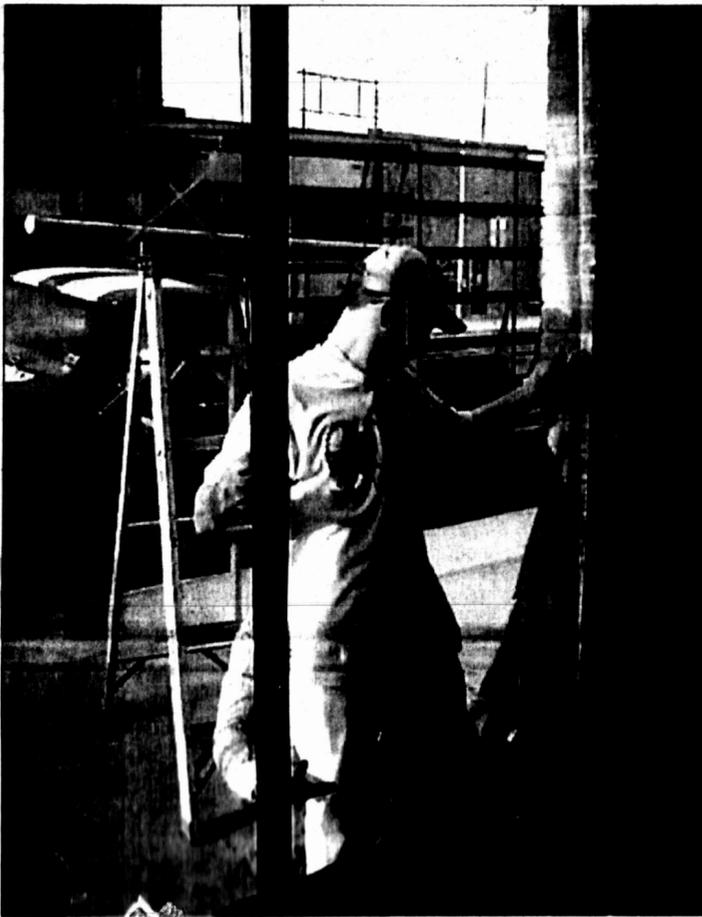
The asbestos, which became an issue when the group announced plans to hold a Halloween Haunted House in the building, cost \$11,950 to be removed.

"That was money we could have used elsewhere but, as it was, it paid for work that had to be done," he said.

FOS contracted through the city for an Odessa firm to remove the asbestos when the Texas Department of Health (TDH) would not allow federally licensed volunteers to remove the asbestos at no cost.

Prather said there is no estimate as to how much it will cost to repair or replace the doors, although the cost to repair the main front doors

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Brad Richardson of Quality Glass positions a window on the ground floor of the Settles Building as the final stage of window installation got under way Thursday afternoon. Friends of the Settles are now working to raise funds to replace or repair 11 exterior doors on the ground floor.

HERALD photo/John H. Walker

Election

No candidates yet for three city elections

HERALD Staff Report

Almost two weeks into the filing period for city council and alderman there are no takers.

"Nope, nobody yet," said Tom Ferguson, Big Spring city secretary.

That's the comment being echoed in Coahoma and Forsan, as well.

There's no particular rush. The filing period continues through March 17 in all three Howard County cities.

Up for election on the Big Spring City Council are District 1 and District 3. District 1, which represents county election precincts 1011, 1021, 1061 and 3011 within the city limits, is currently held by Stephanie Horton.

District 3, encompassing county election precincts 1073 and 3033 within the city limits, is held by Mayor Pro-Tem Chuck Cawthon.

The seats are for three-year terms. A candidate for Big Spring City Council may reside anywhere within the city limits.

Three at-large positions are up for election on the Coahoma City Council. They are council positions held by Bruce Allen and Warren Wallace, and the mayor's post, held by Bill Read.

Up for election at Forsan are three alderman positions. They are currently held by Clarence

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Like other entities, BSISD gets bad news on decline of values

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Trustees for Big Spring ISD listened Thursday as county chief appraiser Keith Toomire made his final stop in a round of taxing entity meetings, warning trustees about the impending tax dollar decline.

"I don't have a lot of good news. I'm here to caution you to expect a loss of 40 percent this



TOOMIRE

year, as a best-case scenario. It could go as high as 50-60 percent, and we're looking at a loss of about 50 percent in the year 2000 in mineral values. This has a lot of ramifications," Toomire said.

Big Spring schools registered a \$30 million inventory in 1997, he said, based on oil at \$16 a barrel. Upcoming estimates will be provided on oil at \$7 a barrel, he said.

"And that's not all. We've been seeing a down turn in business, you've seen a drop in your enrollment and we all see empty houses around town," he said.

Toomire said he has seen the price on real estate drop, and that agriculture losses are still

unknown.

"I don't know how to estimate ag values. I am really worried about ag values, because we are going to drop a good year and add a bad year," he said.

Trustee Larry Hollar asked Toomire if he knows of any way to facilitate the House Bill that was designed to help offset these losses.

"The problem we've got is that they are not listening to us. The larger areas, Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston, El Paso, they're all high tech and they're going crazy (with growth.) And they make the decisions," Toomire said.

Trustee Steve Fraser said, "Our problem is that they (other

areas in Texas) don't care. They seem to say to us 'you rubbed it in our face, and now you've made your bed,' and they don't care if we can make that bed or not."

In other business, district business manager Ron Logback presented trustees with a list of building projects within the district that need attention.

"I want to present to you the different facilities and how they are functioning at the present time," Logback said.

Trustees discussed Blankenship Field, and the need to resurface the track. Logback said the surface is eroding slightly, and should be replaced within the next two years.

"If we lose too much of the surface, then we will start to lose the base, and that is a costly expense, between \$125-175,000 to replace the base," Logback said.

The current surface was applied seven years ago, which is about an average life for these type of coverings.

A new track covering, one that would not be as porous, will cost an anticipated \$55-65,000, he said.

"I think we can get a seven-year warranty, and it's possible we could get a 10 year warranty. I would push for a 10 year warranty," Logback said.

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'You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown' debuts this evening on college campus

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Chummy cast-mates bring to life the classic characters of Charles Schultz's "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" tonight in the Practical Arts Building at Howard College.

Howard College's theater production opens at 8 p.m. The performances will continue Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday



GRIZZLE

in a matinee performance at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$3 at the door for everyone except Howard College students. The play will continue March 5-6-7, at the same times.

"And just for tonight, the West Texas Center for the Arts will have a reception during intermission, with refreshments," said theater instructor and director of the production, Clay Grizzle.

The six-member cast portrays a musical yet typical day in the life of Charlie Brown, complete with Snoopy chasing the Red Baron and the traditional baseball game, he said.

"Schroeder will have his

piano, and everybody sings, and each character has a solo except Patty," Grizzle said.

Linus, portrayed by Brandon Johnson, highlights the throes of indecision in his song about relinquishing his blanket, and Charlie Brown's personality is a constant source of attention, as well as humor.

Chris Weaver performs Charlie Brown, wearing the bright yellow T-shirt decorated with the black zig zag stripe fans have come to expect.

Tabatha McIntosh, who played Esmerelda in the fall production of Scarecrows and Gargoyle Sins, presents herself

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Howard College's production of "You're A Good Man Charlie Brown" opens tonight with cast, left to right, Stacy Bloodworth, Farrah Schooler, Dusty Osborn, Tabatha McIntosh, back row, Brandon Johnson and Chris Weaver.

HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant

OBITUARIES

Florence Story Hallam

Florence Story Hallam, born April 8, 1904, in Greensburg, Pa., died Feb. 23, 1999, in Big Spring.

Florence graduated from high school in Chicago, then attended Eureka College in Illinois, where she met Clyde (Hank) Hallam. They were married in Oak Park, Ill., on Aug. 8, 1928.

They eventually became home. Hank had been a civilian instructor at Webb Air Force Base in Big Spring. Both were active in the life of First Christian Church. Florence

sand in the choir and, after her husband's death, was employed as the church secretary until her retirement. She was a member of the Big Spring Country Club and loved to play golf. For the last two years of her life, Florence lived at Stanton Care Center in Stanton.

Survivors include: a sister, Jane McCullagh; three nieces, Sue Nicholson, Sally Minichino and Doris Johnson; and two nephews, Randall Bell and Donald L. Culp.

A memorial service will be held at First Christian Church, 911 Goliad, Big Spring on Sunday, Feb. 28, 1999, at 2 p.m. Rev. Paula Brooks will officiate. Graveside services will be held later in Eureka, Ill.

Contributions in memory of Ms. Hallam may be made to First Christian Church, 911 Goliad, Big Spring; or Stanton Care Center, P.O. Box 400; Stanton, 79782.

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

Paid obituary

Dave Nelson

Service for Dave Nelson, 89, Big Spring, will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, 1999, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Elder Eddy Nelson, Sr. and Elder James Anderson officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Mr. Nelson died Tuesday, Feb. 23, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a long illness.

He was born on Jan. 18, 1910, in Salado. He came to Big Spring in 1936 from Belton. He married Jessie M. Tucker on Jan. 6, 1937, in Big Spring. Mr. Nelson was a member of McGee Chapel Church of God in Christ. He had worked for Continental Trailways, Ferguson & Steer Trucking and D&C Trailers.

He is survived by: his wife, Jessie M. Nelson of Big Spring;

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Florence K. Hallam, 94, died Tuesday. Memorial services will be 2:00 PM Sunday at First Christian Church. Graveside services will be at a later date at Olio Township Cemetery, Eureka, Illinois.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Lottie V. Gilmore, 70, died Monday. Graveside services are 2:00 PM today at Trinity Memorial Park.

Dave Nelson, 89, died Tuesday. Services are 11:00 AM, Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be in Mt. Olive Cemetery.

Nicky Moya, 66, died Friday. Services are pending. Sam Hartfield, 54, died Friday. Services are pending.

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two daughters, Mittie Peral Russell of Belton, and Gloria Jean Long of Holly Hill, Fla.; two sons, Billy Roy Nelson of San Antonio, and Elder Eddy Nelson, Sr., of San Angelo; four brothers, N.L. Nelson of Belton, J.B. Nelson of Dallas, Jimmy Nelson of Temple, and Willie Nelson of Dallas; one sister, Lula Ann Brooks of Dallas; 24 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Sam Hartfield

Service for Sam Hartfield, 54, Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He died Friday, Feb. 26, 1999, at his home.

Nicky Moya

Service for Nicky Moya, 66, Colorado City, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She died Friday, Feb. 26, 1999, at her home.

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and "The World's Greatest Choruses" after intermission. For the second half of the concert, musicians will be joined by the Big Spring Chorale, a group of local singers.

Besides Beethoven's Symphony No. 5 in C minor, other symphony numbers planned for the evening include Beethoven's Hallelujah Chorus from "Christ on the Mount of Olives," the Humming Chorus from "Madame Butterfly," by Puccini, and the Hallelujah Chorus from "Messiah" by Handel.

Also performed will be three selections from "Carmen" by Bizet, and two selections from "Lohengrin" by Wagner. Tickets for the symphony are available in advance at Blum's, Dunlaps and the symphony office at 808 Scurry. For more information about the symphony concert, call the Big Spring Symphony office at 264-7223.

Tickets to the food festival, and joint tickets for both events, are available at the museum. Participants are urged to get their tickets as soon as possible in case of a sellout.

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was slightly less than \$1,000. And while FOS is working on the doors, roof repairs are set to begin on a hole in the roof created several years ago when vandals pushed a concrete cornerstone off the penthouse.

"That's the stopping point now," Churchwell said. "Until we can secure the building against the weather, we're limited in what we can do."

The roof repairs will be paid for with monies generated by a \$600 per month contract with Poka Lambro Wireless.

As soon as possible, FOS members want to open the building to where people can go inside and see the potential for themselves.

"We want to give people the opportunity to get into the building," Churchwell said. "We've talked about holding a couple of communitywide garage sales, a Christmas bazaar, even a concert in the rough."

FOS members said they are still planning to have a volunteer work day to clean up the first two floors and paint over graffiti prior to opening the building to outside activities.

Persons wishing to make a donation may do so by sending checks to Friends of the Settles, P.O. Box 2770, Big Spring, 79721.

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Williams, Mary Gressett and Fred Holguin. Candidate filing takes place

RITE Blast from the Past (PG-13) Daily: 7:00 & 9:20 SAT. & SUN.: 2:00 & 4:20 I MY FAVORITE MARTIAN (PG) Daily: 7:10 & 9:30 SAT. & SUN.: 2:10 & 4:30 AT FIRST SIGHT (PG-13) Daily: 7:20 & 9:40 SAT. & SUN.: 2:20 & 4:40

during normal business hours at city offices in Big Spring and Coahoma and the Forsan school business office.

Early voting in all three elections is April 14-27, with election day set for May 1.

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Fraser supported Logback's concern that the surface will need some attention soon.

Logback also discussed the campus buildings that have wings of classrooms. To become American With Disabilities Act compliant, these buildings need level surfaces at classroom entrances.

"We need to eliminate the step into the classroom. When we get the new heating and air conditioning units installed, we think it would be a good thing to enclose the hallways, so that there is no door to the outside, and to pour concrete down the hallways to eliminate the steps into the classrooms," he said.

Other areas Logback presented for trustees to consider are an inadequate parking situation at the new softball complex, the need to finish the aluminum bleachers at Memorial Stadium, and bringing Goliad into ADA compliance by the installation of ramps and hand rails.

Also, ceramic tile wall covering is falling at Moss Elementary, due to a shift in the building foundation, two rooms at College Heights need to be environmentally controlled for the storage of computer records, and the high school gymnasium needs to be sealed for the HVAC unit, he said.

"These can all be done piece meal, but if we begin one we need to finish it before we go onto the next project," Logback said.

In other business, deputy superintendent Murray Murphy told trustees a fifth grade class has been asked to present If I Had A Hammer April 19 at Big Spring Day in Austin.

With trustee approval, the Gifted and Talented Signal fifth-grade students will travel to Austin, spend Sunday night, perform Hammer Monday, and then tour various places in the state capital before they return.

"This will cost about \$1,500 and we have the monies available in our G/T fund. We feel this will be a great educational experience for them, and it will be well supervised," Murray said.

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as the constantly controlling Lucy.

Snoopy, played by Farrah Schooler, dresses as Charles Schultz fans think of Charlie Brown's dog, and Schroeder, the aloof intellect, is Dusty Osborn in every day life.

Stacy Bloodworth portrays Patty, and all cast members have been rehearsing for their starring roles since January, Grizzle said.

The play will be presented in the If I Had A Hammer room of the Practical Arts building, and cast members have worked diligently stringing their own lights, creating their own props and painting their own set.

Linda Lindell, choral director for Big Spring High School, assists the production as musical director and pianist.

Other band members are Michelle Steward, who performs percussion instruments, Jackie Clark on base guitar and Adolph Labbe the flute.

Seating is limited to the first 90 persons who attend.

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

BRILLS

A FREE TRIP TO San Antonio is being offered to a volunteer for the Howard County Dental Hygiene Department. Students are seeking a volunteer who has not had a professional tooth cleaning in at least five years to accompany them on the overnight trip, all expenses paid. The volunteer's teeth will be cleaned as part of the students' examination for certification. Call Tanya at 268-9015 for more information.

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA) volunteers will be preparing 1998 income tax returns for individuals each Monday from 9 a.m. until noon through March 29 at the Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Drive in the Industrial Park. The service is for all citizens, not only senior citizens, officials said.

Those requesting assistance are asked to bring their tax booklet received from the IRS, all W-2s, 1099s and other documents received showing their 1998 income, as well as last year's tax return. Those who are handicapped, cannot make it to the Senior Citizens Center, and who need help are invited to call Dorothy Kennemur at 398-5522, the Senior Citizens Center at 267-1628, or First Presbyterian Church at 263-4211.

GOOD SHEPHERD FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, and 9 a.m. Sunday. Everyone welcome to come. For more information call 267-5936.

SUPPORT GROUPS: 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 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) 568-4144 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 STAR Theatre at College Park Shopping Center Message in A Bottle (PG-13) Daily: 4:15-7:00-9:30 Sat. & Sun.: 1:30 *Ghosts (R) Daily: 4:30-7:15-9:45 Sat. & Sun.: 1:45 *Free Restricted

TEXAS LOTTERY PICK 3: 1,9,8 CASH 5: 2,6,28,32,35

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

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

May cotton 58.80 cents, down 9 points; April crude 12.53, down 15 points; Cash hogs steady at 26 cents even; cash steers steady at 43.77, down 37 points; April live cattle futures 68.55, down 15 points. Other markets were unavailable by press time.

POLICE

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

- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 600 block of Bethel. HENRY HALL, 57, was arrested for no driver's license. LUPE SEPEDA, 57, was arrested for local warrants. THEFT OF SERVICE was reported at the police station. ALFRED LEDESMA, 44, was arrested for sexual assault of a child. MICHAEL LEE, 19, was

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CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

was reported in the 3300 block of Drexel.

JIMMY JUAREZ, 29, was arrested for forgery.

JAMES ROBERTS, 30, was arrested for local warrants.

JUVENILE PROBLEM was reported in the 1000 block of North Main and the 1800 block of East Marcy.

MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 100 block of East Third and 1700 block of Wason.

JOHNNY TREVINO, 32, was arrested for driving while license suspended or invalid.

JASON DIAZ, 17, was arrested for criminal mischief.

JOHN GALAN, 19, was arrested for criminal mischief.

MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 1000 block of Gregg.

SHERIFF

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

ENRIQUE CALDERON, 22, was arrested for motion to revoke probation of owner knowingly allows vehicle to display false inspection sticker.

NOEL ORTEGA, 21, was arrested for driving while license suspended or invalid.

JOSEPH MICHAEL KNOWLES, 26, was arrested for driving while license suspended or invalid.

RECORDS

Thursday's high 84 Thursday's low 50 Average high 62 Average low 33 Record high 90 in 1917 Record low 11 in 1924 Precip. Thursday 0.00 Month to date 0.00 Month's normal 0.54 Year to date 0.28 Normal for the year 1.17

CINEMA 4 OCTOBER SKY (PG) DAILY: 4:30 & 7:00 SAT. & SUN.: 1:50 FRI.-SAT.: 9:40 PAYBACK (R) DAILY: 4:40 & 7:20 SAT. & SUN.: 2:00 FRI.-SAT.: 9:45 SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE (R) DAILY: 4:20 & 7:10 SAT. & SUN.: 1:40 FRI. & SAT.: 9:35 SHE'S ALL THAT! (PG-13) DAILY: 4:50 & 7:30 SAT. & SUN.: 2:10 FRI. & SAT.: 9:50

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Dragging death killer unrepentant after receiving death sentence

JASPER (AP) — His fate sealed, John King's unflinching demeanor cracked for just an instant, revealing a flash of the contempt that drove the white supremacist to murder.

Moments after he was sentenced to die, King hissed and cursed the family of the black man he dragged to death behind a pickup truck in what prosecutors said was a hideous bid to win credibility for his fledgling hate group.

"It just sums up the total personality of this young man," said Mary Verrett, a sister of King's mutilated victim. "He has no remorse even in the face of death. He's a danger to every-

body."

Eleven white jurors and their elected black foreman took less than three hours Thursday to sentence King to lethal injection rather than life in prison for the murder of James Byrd Jr.

"Bye! Bye, King!" spectators taunted as King, 24, was escorted by police from the Jasper County Courthouse.

When asked if he had anything to say to Byrd's family, King said "Yeah" and muttered an obscenity.

"Though I remain adamant about my innocence, it's been obvious from the beginning that this community would get what they desire," King said in a

statement released by his lawyer.

"So I'll close with the words of Francis Yockey," he added, quoting an author of Nazi doctrine. "The promise of success is with the man who is determined to die proudly when it is no longer possible to live proudly."

Prosecutor Guy James Gray said he was not surprised by King's reaction.

"It's consistent with all the other things," he said. "The man has no remorse for what he did."

What King did was commit one of the nation's grisliest racial crimes since the civil

rights era.

Prosecutors said Byrd, 49, was killed June 7 after King and two other white men beat him, lashed him by the ankles to the truck with a 24-foot logging chain and dragged him nearly three miles down an asphalt road.

His head and right arm were torn off and his torso was dumped across from a black cemetery in what prosecutors said was a message of terror to other blacks.

Lawrence Brewer, 31, and Shawn Berry, 24, are awaiting trial. They, too, could get the death penalty. No trial dates have been set.

Byrd's death shocked the nation and horrified residents of Jasper, a timber town of 8,000 people about 100 miles northeast of Houston.

"Who would have ever predicted anything like this would have occurred in the first place, or any kind of hate could exist in somebody who lives among us like this," said juror Lequeta Flowers. "It's scary, for everybody."

Jury foreman Joe Collins, who was an eighth-grade classmate of King's, said jurors were struck by the brutality of King's crime. Many, he said, had trouble dealing with color photographs of Byrd's body, which

had been ground to the bone as he tried to keep his head up while being dragged.

King had been expressionless throughout the five-week trial. He appeared to be moved only when his ailing father testified Wednesday, refusing to be in the courtroom as Ronald King tearfully asked the jury to spare his son.

But once back at the county jail Wednesday night, Sheriff Billy Rowles said King was "cussing, raising Cain, kicking the doors."

"I think probably the reality hit him in the last 24 to 36 hours," Rowles said. "He was mad."

Senate OKs another proposed business tax break

AUSTIN (AP) — Small businesses would get a franchise-tax break worth \$57.2 million over the next two years and an exemption from filing annual reports with the state comptroller under a bill approved Thursday by the Texas Senate.

The proposed break, which would apply to businesses with gross receipts of up to \$100,000 annually, is part of a tax-relief package pushed by Gov. George



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W. Bush. It next goes to the House for consideration.

"Exempting small and start-up businesses from the franchise tax will generate job growth and economic opportunity in Texas. It will also help small businesses take root and grow into big businesses — if that's what they want," Lt. Gov. Rick Perry said of the bill by Sen. Troy Fraser, R-Horseshoe Bay.

The move follows Senate approval two weeks ago of a \$45 million temporary tax break for owners of small oil wells, which backers said is meant to help struggling producers keep the marginal wells operating.

The oil tax break, which Bush has declared an emergency, has been left pending in a House committee as lawmakers question whether it would have a big effect on the industry.

Perry said he isn't worried about the delay on the oil measure.

"I think the House is going through its normal process of debate, and I certainly expect them to not rubber-stamp anything that the Senate does and go through a rigorous debate on the merits of any legislation that comes from the Senate," Perry said.

Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos noted that besides the proposed oil

industry and franchise-tax exemptions, the Senate has relied behind an emergency spending bill that includes millions of dollars to help farmers, among other expenditures.

"These are all certainly worthy causes that I have supported ... but I say to you members today that we should now be ready to start looking at legislation to address the other needy areas in our state," such as teacher pay raises and children's health insurance, said the Austin Democrat.

Backers said by helping small businesses, lawmakers can spur job creation and the state economy.

Ten of 11 are guilty in Plano heroin case

BEAUMONT (AP) — The parents of two Plano youths who died from heroin overdoses in 1997 could hardly contain their emotions when a jury returned guilty verdicts against those who supplied the drugs.

A jury convicted 10 of 11 suspected drug dealers on Thursday.

Only Irma Lopez Vega, 24, was exonerated by the jury, but she also was led away in chains after the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service took her into custody.

"I'm surprised it went as fast as it did, but I'm not surprised at the verdict," said Bill Baker, whose 16-year-old daughter, Erin Baker, died after overdosing on heroin in November 1997. "One got off, but that was the weak link. I hope they get the max."

Jurors took about one full day to sort through the numerous counts. The 10 face up to life in prison under a rarely used federal sentencing guideline that allows for stiffer punishment when a lethal dose of drugs can be traced to the dealer.

U.S. District Judge Richard Schell will mete out the punishment at an undetermined date.

"We couldn't believe it,"

said Lowell Hill, who along with his wife, Andrea, took notes during the closing arguments. "I cried," Mrs. Hill said, ecstatically hugging all who came near.

A gold locket around her neck contains a picture of their 18-year-old son, Rob Hill. He died Aug. 20, 1997, from a form of heroin called chiva that he snorted at a party the night before.

Also dying from heroin allegedly supplied by the defendants were Wesley Scott, 19, and Milan Malina, 20.

The four died from June through November of 1997 after overdosing from heroin they bought from the defendants. Prosecutors were barred from presenting evidence of the overdoses during trial.

Their deaths, and several others over an 18-month period, made Plano a symbol of how heroin had moved from urban street corners to the manicured lawns and look-alike tract homes of suburbia.

The trial was moved from North Texas to Beaumont because of publicity.

In all, 29 people were named in a 36-count indictment issued last summer. Eighteen, including several Plano youths who admitted they distributed drugs.

Two from Texas among 18 honored for heroism

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Two men who saved a farmer from 1,000-pound bull in Texas and 16 others were honored by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission.

Three of honorees named Thursday died saving others. Steel magnate Andrew Carnegie of Pittsburgh started the fund in 1904 after he was inspired by rescue stories from a mine disaster. Honorees or their survivors get \$3,000 and a medal.

Harmon Ray Block Jr., 40, and Stanley Davis, 34, of Port Neches, Texas, saved Clyde Allison on Oct. 12, 1997, after Allison was gored by a bull while loading cattle onto a five-barge.

Block kicked and punched the bull from behind and distracted it as Davis helped Allison out of a pen. Block then scurried over the fence as well. Allison needed 200 stitches to close horn wounds.

Also honored were:

- Arjuna Babapulle, 22, of Santa Clara, Calif., who drowned while trying to save his wife at Yosemite National

Park on Oct. 18, 1997. He could not swim but pushed Juanita Babapulle into shallow water, where others rescued her.

- Carl Dean Brewer, 57, of Hillsboro, Ind. He saved cousins Jacqueline Covault, 6, and Kelsey Gross, 7, from a burning house in Hillsboro on Dec. 7, 1997.
- Sylvia Brown, 54, of Sebago Lake, Maine. She drowned in Sebago Lake while trying to save Mildred Massello, who also drowned, last June 25.
- Marc Dilley, 46, and Margaret Dilley, 48 of Wenatchee, Wash. The couple pulled Wendy Roberts out of a burning sport utility vehicle on March 4, 1998, in Wenatchee.
- Robert Dummer, 39, of Holmen, Wis. He saved ice fisherman Arlen Arttus from frozen Third Lake in Trempealeau, Wis., on Feb. 21, 1998.
- Margaret Hanks, 52, of St. Paul, Minn. She saved neighbor Kaye Peterson from a 40-pound pit bull by beating the dog with an aluminum baseball bat in St. Paul last April 24.
- Chester Hoyt Jr., 33, a fire-

fighter in suburban Cleveland. He was off duty when he saved Mary Averill from her burning house in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, on Dec. 14, 1997.

- Robert Johnston, 47, of Brooklin, Ontario. He pulled Richard Kachmar from an icy pond in London, Ontario, on Feb. 21, 1998.
- Catalina Meyer, 60, of New York. She died after trying to save houseguests Ketevan Alexi-Meskishvili and Zahra Lahrizi from a fire on Dec. 17, 1997. Meyer and Lahrizi died in a four-story fall, and Alexi-Meskishvili recovered from smoke inhalation.
- James Miller, 54, of Bothwell, Ontario, and Gerard Jansen, 66, of Guelph, Ontario. The men saved pilot Nancy Kozlovic from a burning plane that crashed near a house in Guelph last June 24.
- Lisa Raymond, 34, of Sidney, Ill. She crawled across the floor of a smoky living room and saved young sisters Harleigh Akers and Harley and Heather Garrett from a burning house in Sidney on Dec. 19,

1997.

- Police Officer Douglas Schlegel, 37, of Bath, Pa. He fought his way through smoke to help save Walter Macaulay Jr. at Macaulay's burning house in Bath on March 14, 1997. The men fell down the stairs and were saved by other police.
- David Sestak, 37, of Hermosa Beach, Calif. He pulled Alexander Popoff out of the Sacramento River in West Sacramento, Calif., after a car accident on Jan. 14, 1998.
- Manuel Trombley, 47, of North Providence, R.I. He saved Janice Pharmakis from a burning building through a storm window in North Providence last March 7,

Texas man suspected in assault arrested in Kansas

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A trucker suspected in the abduction and sexual assault of an 8-year-old boy in Pittsburgh has been arrested in Wichita, Kan., an FBI spokeswoman said.

FBI agents and officers of the Kansas Highway Patrol arrested Carlitos Bell on Thursday on federal charges of fleeing to avoid prosecution.

Bell, 29, of Converse, Texas, will be charged with kidnapping, aggravated assault, indecent sexual intercourse, unlawful restraint, reckless endangerment and corrupting minors when he is returned to Pennsylvania, authorities said.

The boy was found a few hours after his abduction Sunday, wandering naked near an interstate highway about 10 miles south of Pittsburgh. He was examined at a hospital and released to his parents.

Authorities also have begun checking whether Bell may

have assaulted other people during his trucking runs across the country.

"We're concerned about a track record here. We don't know if he's used aliases," said Dennis Lormel, an assistant special agent in charge of the Pittsburgh FBI office.

Court records show that Bell was convicted in 1994 of assault

in Texas, tried but acquitted in 1997 on a charge of sexually assaulting a nursing home patient in San Antonio, and arrested in 1988 for sexually assaulting a child. The records indicate the 1988 charge was dismissed before Bell faced a trial.

Bell was tracked with the help of a global positioning satellite.

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OUR VIEWS

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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 please provide it in writing.

OTHER VIEWS

Attorney General John Cornyn says he will be the chief legal advocate for open government in Texas. That's making good on a campaign promise he made during an editorial board meeting at the Longview News-Journal. Cornyn initially is focusing on government entities that ignore open records rulings by his office. He says he will sue them. That's a start. Public officials sometimes will ignore AG opinions that mandate the release of information that should be open to the public. Some government officials think their opinions are above the law. Cornyn will hold a special summit today to discuss the state's open records laws and how the attorney general's office can facilitate open government. Topics will include requests for open records opinions, informal resolution of open records disputes, reduction in the number of reconsiderations of already-issued opinions, education of local government officials about open records laws and prosecution of those who defy the law. We would ask that Cornyn focus on a delay tactic used by attorneys for government entities. When they receive an opinion that tells them to release the information, they will ask for reconsideration of the opinion. When that happens, we would like to see Cornyn sue the government entity and request a reprimand for the attorney. Another area on which to focus is the failure of government entities to recognize previous AG opinions or to attempt to word their request for an opinion in language that makes it seem different. That's a frivolous delay tactic and there should be sanctions for those entities who use that practice. An attorney general's opinion carries the weight of law unless overturned by the Legislature or the courts. That's why Cornyn can make a real difference in attitudes and practices of government entities and officials who would try to keep information from the public. It's important that Texans understand that the Texas Public Information Act is their law. While the media, special interest groups and researchers use it most frequently, the fact is that anyone can use the act to obtain information. Cornyn's commitment to open government serves all Texans. LONGVIEW NEWS-JOURNAL

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IRS ruling ushers in new world of fund-raising

Coming soon to a cable channel near you: A teary-eyed appeal for money - not from a charity fighting cancer, famine or adult illiteracy - but for political candidates.

Don't laugh, because it could happen. A recent ruling by the Internal Revenue Service arising from the ethics troubles of former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., could usher in an entirely new world of political fund-raising. Call it Newt's revenge. Or call it his gift to candidates from either party who still feel constrained by the current system of campaign finance.

Under the new IRS ruling, political candidates may soon be funneling money through non-profit foundations, ostensibly set up for educational reasons but whose real function would be to advance a candidate's agenda.

When Gingrich became speaker, he became the target of more than 70 ethics complaints. Only one of them stuck - a finding by the House Ethics Committee that he misled them about the use of tax-exempt foundations to further his political goals. From that investigation came this month's long-awaited "private letter" ruling by the IRS. The letter essentially vindicates Gingrich's use of funds from the Progress and Freedom Foundation - a non-profit, 501(c)3 entity - to teach a controversial college course, "Renewing American Civilization."

By law, charitable organizations are forbidden from engaging in political activities.

Though the IRS letter pertains only to PFF's use of tax-exempt funds, some experts worry that the letter could be taken by some as yet another loophole in the already lax system of campaign finance. Before long, they warn, every candidate will want his or her own charity to help them spread the good word.

"Every candidate for political office ought to immediately incorporate a 501(c)3 charitable organization into his or her campaign finance structure. And they should do it sooner rather than later," University of Miami law professor Fran Hill told Roll Call. "I think they should run all of their research activities and all of their dissemination of ideas through the (c)3. I think they should now push the law."

Others aren't so sure. Matthew Hamill of Independent

Sector, an umbrella group for non-profits, says that the ruling is very narrow, and might not apply to other politicians who tried to stretch the law. Only time will tell if the IRS would allow a candidate to, for example, use a foundation to send out 100,000 copies of a videotaped policy speech to his or her closest supporters.

What is clear is that wealthy donors might soon have a confidential - and tax-deductible - means of shuffling contributions to their favorite candidates. Non-profits aren't required to disclose the names of their donors, nor the amounts they give.

"It seems to me that this might be as bad as the soft-money loophole," says Gary Ruskin of the Congressional Accountability Project. "What it would do is increase the influence of corporations and wealthy elites and further render ordinary folks into political insignificance."



JACK ANDERSON



LEGACIES

Hillary Clinton: Senator from New York?

With the unbeatable Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan stepping down in 2000, a huge hole opens in the political firmament. His New York Senate seat becomes one the Democrats must hold, and also an opportunity for the Republicans.

The buzz for weeks has been that Hillary Clinton will be the Democratic candidate. She has said she is thinking seriously about it; the president has urged her to take her time deciding; last Sunday, her possible candidacy was up front on all the talk shows; and, this week, her face is on the cover of both Time and Newsweek. Moynihan himself has said that she "would win" the election.

Not so fast. The Republican most often mentioned is Mayor Rudolph Giuliani of New York City. He has just won re-election by a landslide, as has Republican Gov. George Pataki.

In the electoral equation of New York state, a statewide Democratic candidate must emerge from New York City with a heavy majority in order to offset the expected Republican vote upstate.

That's the first big problem for a Hillary candidacy. Giuliani has been a spectacularly successful mayor in New York City. He is often compared with Fiorello La Guardia as one of the two great mayors of this century. The crime rate has dropped all across the country, but the drop has been noticeably larger in New York City, and Giuliani's tough and innovative police methods get the credit. Today the police in

New York are not only effective but polite. They actually get training in manners. Tourists are surprised to be called "sir" and to receive cheerful assistance.

Giuliani has aggressively cut welfare rolls. The streets are cleaner than anyone can remember. There are no "homeless" sleeping and urinating in the newly renovated Grand Central Station. In fact, the "homeless" are off the streets and in shelters. Muggings have become rare: Muggers now go to the infamous prison on Rikers Island. Bryant Park, behind the great public library on 42nd Street, used to be an overgrown jungle of dope-peddlers and vagrants. It is now an urban gem with grass, paths and a bandstand for noontime concerts.

Prosperity has certainly helped, the New York Yankees and Bill Parcells' Jets have helped, but the cheerful, new feeling in New York City owes much to Giuliani. He cannot run again because of term limits. I, myself, once supported term limits, but the case of Giuliani now seems to me a decisive argument against them.

The idea that a Democratic candidate could emerge from New York City against Giuliani with a large enough majority to offset the upstate Republican vote strikes me as preposterous. Of course, it's possible that neither Hillary nor Giuliani will run.

There are rumors that Giuliani really would prefer to run for governor in 2000. It is said that Hillary would rather make big money with a book and speaking engagements and then become ambassador to the United Nations in a possible Gore administration.

Hillary, despite polls showing great national popularity, may understand how tough a campaign in New York is likely to be. Politics in New York, the media capital, can be very hardball. Just the tip of the iceberg is

the statement by Judge Susan Webber Wright that she is considering contempt charges against President Clinton, presumably for violating her gag order in the Paula Jones case. That is, Clinton violated it when he called in his secretary, Betty Currie, to "refresh" her memory about his encounters with Monica Lewinsky: "We were never alone, were we?"

That the impeachment conviction failed in the Senate doesn't mean that the whole thing is over. If Clinton is cited for contempt, you can bet a New York reporter will ask Hillary whether she thinks he should be disbarred.

Can you imagine Don Imus? Jay Leno? Those cattle futures jokes will be dusted off. And that's only the beginning.

Hillary, perhaps much more than her husband, is a highly polarizing figure - and we will come to her high poll figures in a moment.

Much more than her husband, Hillary's identity is leftist. Her national health plan, cooked up with the eccentric Ira Magaziner, would have nationalized an entire industry - more than 15 percent of the economy. It was a socialist's dream and a nightmare for the Democratic party. You can argue that it cost the Democrats both houses of Congress in 1994 and left Clinton pleading that he was not "irrelevant." He moved to the right in order to win in 1996.

Hillary's associates within the Democratic party are uniformly left-wing, some of them - such as Lani Guinier - extreme left-wing. Her associates in the welfare bureaucracy fought welfare reform tooth and nail, with Donna Shalala denouncing it but clinging to office anyway.

There is no doubt that Hillary wants massive federal day care.

She favors a child's right to sue his or her parents. One of her cronies is Marian Edelman, a leading "child

advocate" whose husband resigned his federal post in fury over welfare reform.

After the debacle over nationalized health care and the loss of Congress in 1994, Hillary was put out to political pasture baking cookies, being photographed with infants and attending do-good conferences in the Third World. Bill Clinton moved rightward with NAFTA, crime, welfare, school uniforms and "V" chips. But no one doubts that Hillary is a cold-blooded power-seeker eager to climb the greasy pole if she can.

Hillary has genuine female admirers among career women who would like to see her gain power on her own rather than through her husband.

She will have media worshippers such as columnists Margaret Carlson and Ellen Goodman and plenty of glitzy adoration. She would be unbeatable in Beverly Hills.

But her current high poll ratings are deceptive. In the nation at large her high popularity, especially among women, has nothing to do with her politics. Only a small minority identifies with that.

The polls reflect the fact that people are sorry for her.

They see her as humiliated by a chronic philanderer of a husband, yet suffering stoically and keeping her family together.

She, despite her 1992 contempt for the idea, has "stood by her man," almost like Mrs. Joey Buttafuoco. (Old joke: Q: "What do you get when you send Joey to Yale?" A: "Bill Clinton.")

Though she said in 1992 that she was no Tammy Wynette, that is exactly what she has seemed to be. The polls reflect not admiration but pity.

Polls of that sort are no basis for a Senate candidacy.

Hillary's mind-set has always been statist, big government. Good slogan: "No To Big Brother and No To Big Mother."



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Republicans struggle with growing list of tax relief proposals

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans in Congress are struggling to find a tax cut formula even as they unveil new proposals on an almost daily basis.

In the House, where tax bills must originate, half of Speaker Dennis Hastert's symbolic top 10 bills propose some form of tax relief. They range from a 10 percent across-the-board cut in income tax rates to a measure lifting limits on outside earnings by Social Security recipients.

But Republicans have already agreed with President Clinton that 62 percent of the budget surplus — estimated at \$2.6 trillion over the next decade —

should go to ensure Social Security's future solvency. Clinton now wants 15 percent to fix up Medicare, which would leave 23 percent for increased spending or tax cuts.

Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas, chairman of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee, released a congressional analysis Thursday indicating that Clinton's proposed fiscal 2000 budget contains a net tax increase of \$89.7 billion over the next decade.

The new focus on Medicare, he said, is evidence of the president's unwillingness to pursue any broad tax reduction using the surplus.

"It strikes me as strictly a

political moving of the goal posts by taking the positions he has," Archer said in an interview Thursday.

"They are always trying to put roadblocks in our way to tax relief."

The question for the GOP is whether to push hard for a major tax cut that might never become law — but could be fodder for the 2000 elections — or work with Democrats on a more modest bill with a variety of targeted tax relief measures.

"That is the debate right now: which kind of tax relief we should provide," said Rep. Jennifer Dunn, R-Wash., a member of the Ways and Means Committee. "They're all going

into the pot."

Initial interest in the 10 percent income tax rate cut is fading fast because of GOP concerns about its cost — more than \$775 billion over 10 years — and the unlikelihood it could become law.

"It is pretty unlikely that we will pass a single tax provision of this magnitude," Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said at a tax seminar Thursday.

Some of the tax cut candidates have broad bipartisan support. Dozens of Democrats favor legislation providing relief to the estimated 21 million two-earner married couples who pay more taxes than they would if they were single.

Phasing out the estate, or "death," tax has more than 100 co-sponsors, and many Democrats strongly back a permanent extension of the research-and-development credit. Some Republicans back Clinton's proposals for new credits helping people care for the elderly and disabled and for parents who stay home with infants.

Democrats are solidly against the 10 percent across-the-board tax cut, arguing that too much of it benefits people earning more than \$100,000 a year. And they are firm in insisting that Social Security and Medicare come first.

"The question is not whether

we want a tax bill. It's whether we want to take care of Social Security and Medicare," said Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., senior Democrat on the Ways and Means Committee.

Republicans, however, are determined to make tax cuts their signature issue, one they can take to voters in 2000 to show their ability to get things done and erase perceptions that they were mainly concerned with impeaching Clinton.

"If we want smaller government, we are going to have to have tax cuts to take that extra money off the table," said Hastert, R-Ill. "If you leave it here, it will get spent and you will have bigger government."

In huge labor victory, California workers overwhelmingly approve union

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Years of campaigning paid off with one of labor's biggest victories in decades — a landslide vote to unionize 74,000 Los Angeles County workers who care for elderly and disabled residents in their homes.

"This is a day whose time has been a long time in coming," David Rolf, deputy general manager of the Service Employees International Union, said of Thursday's voting.

Supporters were jubilant at the final tally: 16,200 votes in favor of unionizing and 1,925

against in one of the nation's largest such votes in years. Experts said the vote showed a new commitment by organized labor to focus on women, minorities and low-wage workers.

Union leaders and observers said it would lead to better wages, which in turn will result in better care as fewer people would require long-term stays in hospitals and nursing homes.

"People are very happy," union member Steve Trossman said. "It's a good day for home care workers and home care

consumers because this a major step toward improving the quality of home care for people in L.A. and California."

The vote involves county workers like Cecilia Rivas who tend to the personal needs of about 80,000 elderly and disabled residents.

Ms. Rivas said she has considered quitting her \$5.75-per-hour job but worries about what would become of the 90-year-old man who relies on her for everything from trimming his toenails to preparing his meals.

The workers are paid mini-

mum wage primarily from local, state and federal funds, although some patients pay a portion of their care providers' wages.

"I'm almost speechless. For more than a decade we have struggled," said Verdia Daniels, president of fledgling Local 434-B and a homecare worker for more than 20 years.

The vote means more tax money will be spent on benefits and higher pay for homecare workers.

It will save money in the long run, said Harley Shaiken, a

University of California, Berkeley professor specializing in labor issues.

"Higher wages will attract a more stable and more professional group of people to home health care and to the extent that people remain in their homes, it is significantly cheaper," he said.

The union will negotiate with a county agency created to regulate the industry. Homecare workers have formed locals in five California counties in recent years.

Federal and AFL-CIO officials

say it is the biggest union drive since 1937, the year General Motors workers joined the United Auto Workers after the historic sit-down strike of 1936.

Shaiken said the vote also highlights the significance of women and ethnic minorities to a national labor movement still trying to regain ground lost during the 1980s and early 1990s.

"It indicates a major success in a new and important economy in the service sector," he said.

"It reflects the new face of labor."

Man takes on three would-be robbers holding his wife

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Relying on his military training, a former commando managed to fend off and help catch three men who had burst into his hotel room posing as police.

Robert Greer, 27, a former Army Airborne Ranger, returned from walking his two dogs Thursday morning to find the men in his hotel room and his wife, Rebecca, 32, tied up and screaming in the bathroom.

The St. Paul, Minn., native — who moved here with his wife just over a week ago — fought with the men, managed to untie

his wife, then chased after the assailants for miles until police caught up.

"I think it's instinctive, at least from the training that I've had in the military," Greer said at a news conference. "They were in my room. They could have injured my wife — and it's about not letting them get away with it."

Greer's body showed signs of bites to the neck, legs and hands, as well as scratches to the face and blows to the eye. He took on two of the men at once in the hotel hallway before

a bystander helped pin one down.

Then a barefoot Greer took off after the other two, who couldn't flee in their car because they had left the keys behind. It led across a road, over a fence and along a service road bordering Miami International Airport.

"I must have followed them for about two and a half or three miles," Greer said. "Then I got the assistance that I needed from the police officers. They were able to detain one and then they were able to corner another one."

Police identified the three would-be robbers as William Coleman, 35; Esteban Sanchez, 25; and Michael Walker, 41. All face armed burglary, kidnapping and other charges, Detective Rudy Espinosa said.

Coleman, Sanchez and Espinosa all showed bruises from their encounter with the former Army Ranger.

Miami-Dade police said Mrs. Greer suffered only minor injuries.

"She's doing okay, she's really shook up," Greer said. "She's the real victim in this case."

Dozen people seriously burned in foundry explosion

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — A dozen people were seriously injured after an explosion ripped through a foundry and demolished its two-story walls of brick and cinder.

Eleven people at the Jahn Foundry were hospitalized Thursday with burns covering up to 90 percent of their bodies, said hospital spokesman Keith

O'Connor. One person was completely burned. Most were in critical condition.

Jim Rickson, a quality control worker, said he saw five people scramble away from the blast.

"Their clothes were burned right off them," he said.

The explosion, which hurled cinder blocks as far as 60 yards away, went off in a section of

the foundry where metal is poured into molds. The cause was not immediately known.

Workers said they heard a thunderous boom before everything went dark in the building.

"I have a hearing problem and it sounded just like a bomb going off," said Gus Costa, a foreman at the plant.

About 180 people work at the

foundry, which makes brake liners for cars.

Meanwhile, an explosion earlier this week at a northern California oil refinery claimed a fourth victim Thursday.

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Major human rights setbacks occur in China, Congress told

WASHINGTON (AP) — China went into reverse on human rights last fall, reversing moves toward political reform while continuing "to commit widespread and well-documented human rights abuses" that defied international norms, the State Department told Congress today.

On top of killings, torture of prisoners, forced confessions and other familiar practices of an authoritarian state, officials in November began to impose new regulations on the Internet, the publishing industry and social organizations, closed several newspapers and barred politically sensitive publications, the report said.

Religious groups, including Protestants and Catholics, again experienced interference and repression even as the number of adherents in many churches continued to grow at a rapid pace, Congress was told.

The Chinese government still has not provided a comprehensive and credible accounting of those missing or detained in connection with the democracy uprising at Tiananmen Square in Beijing in 1989, the report

said.

The timing of the annual survey of how the nations of the world treat their own people could not have been more awkward for the Clinton administration.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright was headed to China to try to strengthen economic and political ties with the world's largest nation and to make preparations for a visit here by Prime Minister Zhu Rongji in the spring.

The Senate urged the administration on a 99-0 vote Thursday to sponsor a resolution condemning China for human rights abuses at a U.N. Human Rights Commission meeting next month in Geneva. Sponsors of the measure said that while it was not legally binding, it would send a powerful message to Beijing as well as to democracy advocates in China.

"The arrested dissidents and their courageous supporters deserve our full backing in their historic struggle to bring democracy to China," said Sen. Paul Wellstone, D-Minn., a sponsor of the measure.

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CHURCH NEWS

Baker's Chapel

Baker's Chapel AME Church will have barbecue dinners Saturday from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Dinners will consist of one meat (brisket, pork ribs, chicken or sausage), potato salad, red beans and dessert.

Prices range from \$5-\$7. Pickup is available at the church, 911 N. Lancaster, or delivery can be arranged by calling 267-7158. Call Friday to place your order early.

First United Methodist Church

"Anything To Get You Back" (Luke 15:3-7) is Dr. Ed Williamson's message this Sunday at the First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry. The message is about God's redemptive love for us. Worship is at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.

The First United Methodist Church has several Sunday School classes for adults, youth and children. There is a 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. For more information call 267-6394.

First Presbyterian

First Presbyterian Church will host two Lenten Lunch Breaks during March, sponsored by the Samaritan Counseling Center.

Friday, March 5: Dr. Jerry Kelly, executive director of Samaritan Counseling Center, will present, "Journey to the Depths on the Way to Resurrection."

Friday, March 19: Ron Ellison, clinical coordinator at Samaritan, will present, "Identity in Christ." Both lunch break programs will be from noon-1 p.m. Those participating are invited to bring a sack lunch and a friend. Call the church at 263-4211 for more information.

Kids' Club will be on Tuesday, March 2, at St. Mary's Church starting at 4:30 p.m.

Women's Conference

Women Worshiping Jesus Devotedly Conference will be held in Snyder March 12-13 beginning at 7 p.m. Friday at the Martha Ann Women's Club, 1600 Martha Ann Blvd. (just south of Cogdell Hospital). For more information or to preregister, please call 1-800-658-6216.

Abundant Grace Family Church

Abundant Grace Family Church, located at 1005 E. 11th Place, will be having services with Tommy Williams, guest speaker, March 7-10.

Tommy has been a resident of Big Spring and founded and pastored Christ Fellowship Church for several years before going out on the field to evangelize. He has been to several countries preaching the gospel. Our services will begin at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday morning, the 7th, and 6:30 p.m. Sunday

evening. We will be having evening services March 8-10, at 6:30.

Also on March 13-14 we'll be having a guest speaker, Curtis Taylor, from Italy, and he will be ministering at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday at 10:15 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

On Saturday, St. Mary's will host a one-day retreat and workshop on Contemplative Prayer. Pastor Steve Stutz, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, will lead the retreat. The day will run from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and lunch will be provided.

St. Mary's Lenten Program continues on Wednesday, March 3. The All-Parish meatless pot luck supper is at 6 p.m. The Rev. Canon David Veal from Lubbock will present a program on "Lust," one of the Seven Deadly Sins, at 6:30 p.m. We will end with a brief service of Compline.

Throughout the series, different speakers will deal with the Seven Deadly Sins — Pride, Envy, Anger, Lust, Gluttony, Greed, and Sloth. This week's speakers will be the Rev. Pam Dunbar, Deacon at St. Nicholas Episcopal Church in Midland, and the Rev. Dana Wilson, Deacon at Holy Trinity Church in Midland. They will present a program on Gluttony.

Prophecy Study

A non-denominational Prophecy Study will be led by Dr. Robert Lacey starting on Sunday from 5-6 p.m. in the fellowship hall of Hillcrest Baptist Church. Everyone is welcome to join us in this study.

God's Church

God's Church is an intimate fellowship of believers who come together on a regular basis to worship God, gain instruction from God's word and fellowship with one another. The name "God's Church," is really not a name at all but a statement of possession. God purchased His church with the blood of His only Son, Jesus!

We have met as a "home church" for three years and have recently moved to a new location, 206 E. 11th Place.

Sunday morning fellowship is 10:30, Sunday morning worship 11 a.m. and Wednesday evening Bible study at 7 p.m. Jim Pope is the pastor.

East Fourth Street Baptist

Residents of Big Spring and the surrounding area are cordially invited to join members of East Fourth Street Baptist Church, 7 p.m. Thursday, March 4, for a unique presentation, "Christ in the Passover." This presentation aims to enhance the Christian understanding of the New Testament by showing the Jewish background for the communion celebration. It describes ancient and modern Jewish customs with emphasis on the redemption accomplished by Christ through His death.

Jews for Jesus gives these presentations as an invitation for believers in Jesus to learn about the Jewish roots of their faith. They invite non-Christians to also come observe how Jews for Jesus see Christ in the Passover.

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Is this a time for forgiveness or pardon?

By DWAYNE WHEAT
Herald Columnist

"Thud! Whoosh!" My mother warned me that if I turned over her rain barrel (used for washing hair), I would be in "big trouble."

At the time, I thought I was being very careful, but I realized too late that I was not careful enough.

I hid in a tree, but it didn't take mother long to find me. I was really sorry and told her so! However, there was still a penalty to be paid via a mesquite switch.

Throughout Jesus' ministry he talked about relationships of all kinds. A frequent relationship issue was that of forgiveness, reconciliation and pardon. He talked about these things in relationship with God and with people.

Some of Jesus' most unset-

tling words are in Matthew 6:12, 14-15. We can forgive because we have been forgiven. Refusing to forgive disrupts our relationship with the Father and leaves us unable to respond to His forgiveness.

Here are definitions of God's forgiveness and pardon. Forgiveness: God deals with us on the basis of His grace and mercy rather than on the basis of our sin. Pardon: God's work of placing our guilt on Christ as He went to the cross.

God extends forgiveness through the death and resurrection of Jesus. He offers pardon because He laid the penalty for our sin on the Lord Jesus. We experience both when we know Christ as savior.

Here are definitions of forgiveness (human relationships) and pardon (law): Forgiveness: Giving up to God my desire to

be angry with or to get even with the person who hurt me.

People sometimes think that to forgive someone means that the injury is okay, and that it really didn't matter. However, it may matter very much, and it may never be okay. The burden of hate and revenge is too heavy to carry. God offers to carry this burden for us (1 Peter 5:7).

Pardon: Issues which must be dealt with under law. Knowing the difference between forgiveness and pardon helps us work through all kinds of hurts. While working with adults who had been abused as children, I saw that the injured person could deal with forgiveness better if it were separated from pardon.

In our daily lives, pardon and guilt are issues of law and government.

Pardon includes penalty for wrongful acts. Asking for and receiving forgiveness does not remove the legal issues which we may face.

A quick review of events in our state and national life will show this confusion over forgiveness and pardon. Men and women accused of wrong seem convinced that there is no responsibility to face the legal issues for which their conduct calls.

Because we are responsible for forgiveness within human relationships, God will give us grace (2 Corinthians 12:9) to deal with forgiveness when it is our responsibility. He will also give us grace and wisdom to recognize when the issue is one of pardon rather than forgiveness.

Dwayne Wheat is pastor at Berea Baptist Church.

CLUB NEWS

1905 Hyperion Club

The 1905 Hyperion Club met Thursday, Feb. 18, at 3 p.m. in the home of Joyce Bradley Marguerite Haddad was cohostess.



KEILLOR

The club voted to place a memorial plaque at Howard Keillor County Library in memory of Grace Long.

Geraldine Johnson presented a humorous musical tape by Garrison Keillor entitled "The Young Lutheran's Guide to the Orchestra" featuring a variety of musical instruments.

Big Spring Art Association

Estelle Howard was hostess to the Big Spring Art Association Feb. 16 meeting in the county library.

A watercolor demonstration was presented by club president Kay Smith.

Pam Hoggard is artist of the month and her art work is on display at the Heritage Museum. Estelle Howard will be March artist of the month.

The clubs area wide show will be held at the Dora Roberts Center April 29-May 8.

Guests were Grace McDaniel, Lenita Everton, Sara Beth Warren and Jean Money.

Winners of the college contest were Betty Conley and Smith. Bonita Lyght won first place in Tipping of the Brush contest and her painting is on display at the Citizens Credit Union; Judy Gibb's painting is at Dells Cafe; Howard's painting is at Al's Barbecue and First Bank of West Texas; Smith's is at the Chamber of Commerce; and Elnora Hart's is at the courthouse annex.

Mighty Oaks Senior Adult Club

The Mighty Oaks Senior Adult Club of East Fourth Street Baptist Church met at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, in the fellowship hall for their monthly luncheon and business meeting.

Lee Roy Day gave the opening prayer.

President Ida Belle Bankston led in a brief business meeting.

Eighteen members attended and two guests, Brother Ralph Cathey and Louise Dunlap.

Brother Ralph Cathey was guest speaker. His devotional was taken from John 1:1-5, "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

February birthday honorees were Ida Belle Bankston and Latrice Davis.

Lynda Davis was made an honorary member of the Mighty Oaks Senior Adult Club.

Brother Ralph Cathey gave the closing prayer.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 16, in the fellowship hall and guests and new members are welcome.

Coahoma Lions Club

The Coahoma Lions Club chaired by club President Bruce Griffith met on Monday, Feb. 22, in the Coahoma Community Center for their second Monday meeting. The main item on the agenda was the annual Pancake Supper to be held at the Coahoma Elementary School cafeteria on Thursday, March 4. Club members will serve pancakes, sausage and bacon from 5 to 7:30 p.m. The meal will cost only \$3.50 per plate. Children who are not yet in school may eat for free.

The supper is held in conjunction with school open house and "Public School Week" (March 1-5). Everyone is encouraged to visit the three school campuses Thursday evening March 4. Meet your children's teachers and become familiar with the fine education they are receiving in Coahoma schools. Before your visit come eat at the cafeteria. Tickets may be purchased from any Lion Club member or you may purchase tickets at the door.

The Coahoma Lions would like to educate the public concerning Texas Lions Camp at Kerrville. There are camp session search summer for handicapped children 7-16 years of age and separate sessions for diabetic children.

Eligible children may attend the camp at no cost. The local Lions Club may be able to sponsor your child and assist with transportation. Parents who believe that their children qualify are urged to contact any Lion Club member for more information. You can also learn more about the camp on the Internet at the following web site: www.lionscamp.com

It is the Lions Club's pleasure to serve the community in this

way. Please support your local Lions Club.

The next meeting of the Coahoma Lions will be Monday, March 8, at 6 p.m. at Christine's Cafe located in Coahoma on the north service road near the city ball parks.

1955 Hyperion Club

The 1955 Hyperion Club met at the home of Sue Bagwell on Feb. 2. Discussion and voting was held on various projects suggested for the year.

The program was given by Hayes Stripling who provided historical and amusing facts about the settling of Big Spring and surrounding West Texas.

The next meeting will be March 2, at the Heritage Museum.

Order of the Eastern Star

Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star will have a stated meeting at the Masonic Hall, 219 Main, on Tuesday, March 2, at 7:30 p.m. We will initiate a new member. Refreshments after the meeting.

Sand Springs Lions Club

The Sand Springs Lions Club met Monday with Betty Franklin, president, presiding.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Herschel Mathies and the opening prayer was worded by Jarrell Barbee.

The treasurer's report showed a \$100 check was received from the insurance company to replace two windows which were vandalized.

Chris Lamb has now made and installed iron bars on the windows. The Club will pay for the cost of materials and the labor will be negotiated. Jarrell Barbee was appointed to negotiate this.

Nell Wright, program chairperson, will be responsible for the March 15th program on Lionism. This will be a dinner meeting.

Mrs. Franklin read from the District Newsletter showing the Sand Springs Lions Club had given their 100 percent for 1998. The club agreed to give 100 percent in 1999 and also pay all District dues.

The Sand Springs Lions Club meets the first and third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Sand Springs Lions Community Center. Everyone is welcome to attend.

There were 10 members and one guest, Doris Wozencraft, in attendance.

New food pyramid aimed at older folks

BOSTON (AP) — The generation that raised its kids on the four basic food groups may be lacking some of the basics of good nutrition: vitamins, minerals and water.

A group of nutritionists at Tufts University is recommending that healthy people 70 years and older drink more water, eat foods that are more rich in nutrients and increase the amount of fiber in their diets.

To make their point, the nutritionists have proposed for seniors a modified version of the food pyramid, which replaced the basic four — milk group, meat group, breads and cereals group and vegetable-fruit group.

The new recommendations, to be published in the March issue of The Journal of Nutrition, are aimed at helping seniors live healthier lives while slowing the onset of medical problems associated with aging, including heart disease, osteoporosis and hypertension. "This pyramid is especially designed to give them a little more guidance on how to optimize their diet," said Alice Lichtenstein, a professor of nutrition at Tufts who worked on the study. "It's not suggesting that radical changes be made."

The new food pyramid modifies the original 1992 Food Guide Pyramid, which is based on guidelines of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Department of Health and Human Services.

The new pyramid includes roughly the same minimum number of daily servings as the original: six or more servings of breads and grains, two or more servings of fruit, three or more servings of meat, three servings of dairy products and a small amount of fats and sweets.

Because older people need fewer calories and generally eat less, the researchers recommend a higher concentration of nutrients with each serving. At the grocery store, that translates to choosing darker, more nutrient-rich vegetables and

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Some St. Mary's Episcopal School students took honors in a coloring contest sponsored by Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The theme was "Don't Touch — Hot!" and the goal was to promote awareness of fire safety. Posters will be displayed at Big Spring Mall for the public to see.

First grade winners were: third place, Anthony Barrera; second place, Chance Urias; and first place went to Tanner Money.

Second grade: third place, Tori Gauer; second place, Shelby Keaton; and first place, Spenser Hayworth.

Third grade: Megan Tunstall, third place; Emily Hanes, second place; and Abbey Keaton, first place.

Fourth grade: Austin Cox, third place; John Kountz, second place; and Haley Adams, first place.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A FREE TRIP TO San Antonio is being offered to a volunteer for the Howard College Dental Hygiene Department. Students are seeking a volunteer who has not had a professional tooth cleaning in at least five years to accompany them on the overnight trip, all expenses paid.

The volunteer's teeth will be cleaned as part of the students' examination for certification. Call Tanya at 268-9015 for more information.

THE LAST WORD

In all things of nature there is something marvelous.
Aristotle

Great wisdom is generous; petty wisdom is contentious. Great speech is impassioned; small speech is cantankerous.
Chuang-tzu

Man arrives as a novice at each stage of his life.
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This program will be presented in the fellowship hall of East Fourth Street Baptist Church, 401 E. Fourth. Everyone is welcome.

First Baptist Church
Y2K. Heard of this? Sunday morning, Pastor Eddie Tubbs' sermon is "The Sky is Falling" with James 2:14-17 as the text. This sermon concerns how God will handle the Y2K situation. We will also observe the ordinance of the Lord's Supper. At 6 p.m., the vocal ensemble, "One Voice," from Mary-Hardin Baylor, will share with us. If you are searching for a place to worship, we invite you to come and be a part of God's family here at First Baptist Church.

We would like to invite the community and surrounding area to participate in the "Rain Rally" at 6:30 p.m., Monday, March 1. "A Heart Like His" is an 11-week Bible study which involves seeking the heart of God through a study of David. One study began Thursday that meets at 10 a.m. and another study will begin on Thursday evenings, March 4, from 6 to 7. If you are interested in either of these studies and need more information on these or other activities, please call the church office at 267-8223, and we will be glad to answer any questions you might have.

First Christian Church
Rev. Paula Brooks will be

bringing the message at the 10:50 a.m. service this Sunday at First Christian Church. The schedule will be as follows: 9:15 a.m., Elders Prayer meeting; 9:25 a.m., singing, elementary children - parlor, everyone else, fellowship hall; 9:45 a.m., Sunday school; 10:50 a.m. morning worship. First Christian will have evening vespers from 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday during Lent to prepare us spiritually for Easter by remembering the life, ministry, crucifixion, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. On March 4, Paul Smith will bring the meditation. Each service will conclude with Holy Communion. Join us each Wednesday.

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Seniors should also consider eating foods with more fiber to keep their intestines healthy. For example, someone could eat an apple instead of just having a glass of apple juice. The modified pyramid also stresses the need for water - the equivalent of eight 8-ounce glasses a day. Seniors are at greater risk for dehydration than younger people because their bodies are less effective at letting them know when they need water, Lichtenstein said. Lastly, the new pyramid is topped with a flag suggesting that some might need supplements of calcium and vitamins D and B-12. According to the study, many

seniors do not get enough calcium, in part because they drink less milk. Limited exposure to the sun can cut back on vitamin D, and many older people do not properly absorb vitamin B-12. Fortified cereals and orange juice with extra calcium, as well as pills, could help compensate for deficiencies. Before changing their diets, seniors should take time to evaluate their current eating habits. Lichtenstein said they might only need a minor change in habit, such as eating wheat bread instead of white or eating

more green vegetables. "They should really take a look at their diet and see whether over a few days they're getting an adequate number of servings in each category," she said. "Then I personally would suggest that before they go down the vitamin aisle that they talk to their health care provider." The nutritionists based their recommendations on studies gathered within the past 20 years along with recent recommended dietary allowances produced by the Food and Nutrition Board of the National Academy of Sciences.

Take time out for yourself...
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Defrocked clergyman accused of con game

FORT COLLINS, Colo. (AP) - For a priest, Michael Gene Bergman really got around. He performed weddings. He held church services from coast to coast. He traveled to European capitals.

He's also in jail, accused of defrauding investors and impersonating a priest. "It's bad enough being a con man, but to do it under the guise of religion - there has to be a special place in hell for guys like that," said Larimer County Sheriff Jim Alderden.

Bergman, 50, was arrested Tuesday on charges he stole \$10,000 from Arthur Hogan, a Plano, Texas, businessman. Hogan said the money was intended for the needy, but Bergman squandered it.

The impersonation charge arose after Alderden noticed a Valentine's Day photograph in The Denver Post showing Bergman performing a wedding in Loveland, 55 miles north of Denver.

"This guy is as slick and polished as any con man I've ever seen," said Alderden, who began investigating Bergman two years ago. "The weddings were a new twist."

Gary and Judy Robertson, owners of the Loveland Wedding Chapel, described Bergman as a "very warm, very cordial" man who was in top demand for wedding services.

"We'll forgive him, sure," said Gary Robertson. "But whether we'll let him back in our lives, I'm not sure."

Alderden said Bergman's travels took him to Paris and Moscow and pulpits across the country. Bergman, now being held on \$50,000 bond, could not be reached in jail Wednesday to comment. His home phone in Loveland has been disconnected.

For a time, according to Alderden, Bergman was legitimate. He had been ordained a priest in 1996 by bishops of the Independent Catholic Church.

The church, which is not connected to the Vatican, revoked Bergman's license in 1998 following allegations of misconduct, said Archbishop Richard Gundry, head of the Catholic Apostolic Church of Antioch in Santa Fe, N.M.

Since then, Bergman has been excommunicated and forbidden to conduct religious ceremonies.

"He was using his collar to make contacts and impress people," Gundry said. "We don't want those kind of people in the clergy."

Gundry said he notified the Colorado Bureau of Investigation, the Securities and Exchange Commission and Fort Collins police after Hogan showed him proof he had been bilked.

Hogan said he gave Bergman \$10,000 to set up an account in the Bahamas. When Hogan checked on his account, the money wasn't there.

Besides the fraud charge based on Hogan's account, Bergman also faces trial this spring in Arapahoe County on charges of theft and securities fraud. He is accused of cheating two women out of \$10,000 each.

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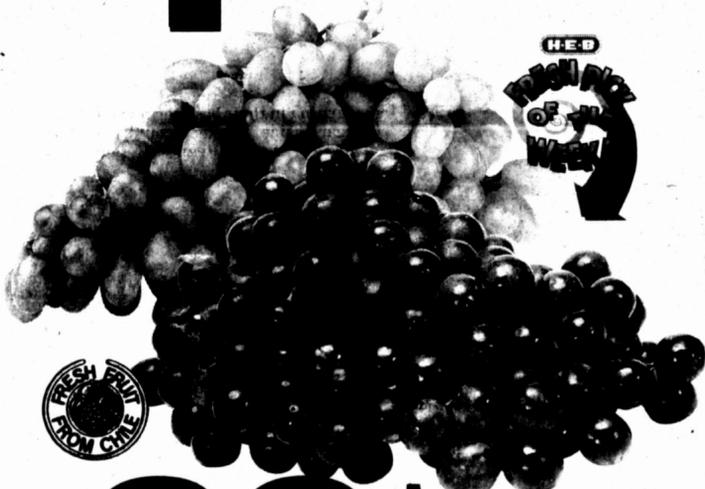
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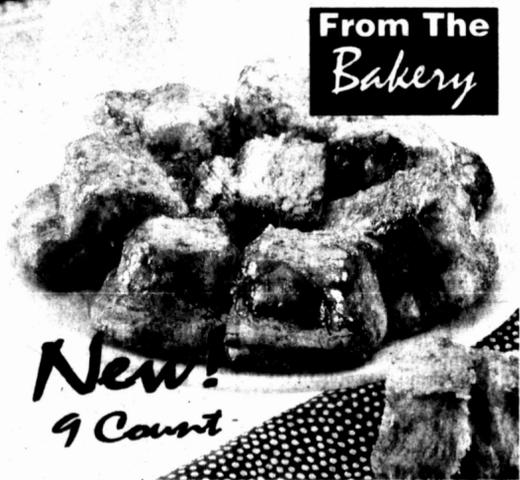
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IN BRIEF

Boys' playoff games slated at 'The Dorothy'

Dorothy Garrett Coliseum will be the site for two more boys' high school basketball playoff games this weekend.

Ozona's Lions will take on Tahoka's Bulldogs in a Class 2A area game at 8 tonight.

And on Saturday, Wall's Hawks will play Hale Center's Owls in another Class 2A boys' area playoff at 7:30 p.m.

Big Spring night slated for tonight by Jackalopes

Tonight is "Big Spring Night" for the Odessa Jackalopes game against the Waco Wizards at the Ector County Coliseum.

A group of at least 200 Big Spring residents is expected to be on hand for the game which begins at 7 tonight.

Mayor Tim Blackshear will drop the ceremonial first puck prior to the game and Big Spring Symphony trumpeter Jose Gonzales will play the national anthem.

Reduced tickets, priced at \$7 and \$9, are available by calling Carroll Jennings at 267-5201.

Little League coaches clinic slated for Sunday

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 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.

Tennis carnival scheduled at Figure 7 on Saturday

The Crossroads Tennis Association and Jim Blacketer Tennis will host a free tennis carnival from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Figure 7 Tennis Center.

More than 50 local businesses have donated prizes for the carnival which will include a fast serve court, rally with a pro court, prize court, "scoop it up" court and more.

Youngsters in the first through fifth grades will be able to sign up for the USA Tennis midnets program set to begin Monday, March 1, with a 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. session.

The cost for the midnets program is an unopened can of Wilson Championship or Penn Championship tennis balls. Racquets and proper tennis shoes will be required, but racquets can be checked out from Blacketer.

For more information, call Blacketer at 264-6834.

Little League umpires slate Tuesday meeting

The Big Spring Little League Baseball Umpires Association will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center.

Anyone interested in umpiring Little League games this season is encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Don Spence at 267-7780 or Michael King at 267-2939.

LOCAL GAMES

HIGH SCHOOL PLAYOFFS TONIGHT

7:30 p.m.
• Borden County (26-4) vs. Alvord (25-4) at McMurry University's Kimbrell Arena (Region II, Class 1 girls' semifinals).

8 p.m.
• Stanton (12-4) vs. Sonora (15-16) at Merkel (boys' area playoff).

ON THE AIR

Radio

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL
7:30 p.m. — Stanton Buffaloes vs. Sonora Broncos at Merkel, KBTS-FM 94.3.

Television

NBA BASKETBALL
7 p.m. — New York Knicks at Boston Celtics, TNT, Ch. 28.
HOCKEY
7:30 p.m. — Pittsburgh Penguins at Dallas Stars, FXS, Ch. 29.

Coyotes advance to region tournament with 75-41 win

HERALD Staff Report

MERKEL — Strong rebounding by Borden County and too many turnovers by Miles' Bulldogs made all the difference Thursday as the Coyotes romped to a 75-41 win in a Region II, Class A boys' area playoff.

Borden County jumped out to an early 14-2 lead, but Miles chipped away at the lead behind three-pointers from Tanner Lange and Jeremiah Shockley to tie the game at 17-17 by the end of the first period.

Turnovers by the Bulldogs, coupled with the loss of 6-foot senior forward Jaylon Ward, Miles' best rebounder, for the rest of the first half, allowed the Coyotes to pull away.

Behind the play of 6-foot-8 center Jeff

Dennis, the Coyotes took advantage of Ward's absence and outscored the Bulldogs 16-6 in the second quarter en route to a 33-23 halftime lead.

Miles could never recover in the second half as Borden County continued to pound inside against the smaller Bulldogs.

"We had (Colt) McCook and (Kevin) Pinkerton hitting three-pointers which forced Miles to extend its zone and allowed us to get inside," Borden County coach Trey Ritchey said following the win. "This is the most intense we've played all year and it's the best game we've played all year."

"My hat's off to this Miles team, though," he added. "They played hard but they got in foul trouble."

Miles coach Don Abbott knew the

Bulldogs would have trouble with the much taller Coyotes and fashioned a game plan that called for the Bulldogs to try and turn the game into up-tempo affair.

"The kids played as hard as they could," Abbott said. "They (Borden County) have got a good basketball team. Their kids gave us everything they had and there's too much height and skill."

"We tried to get into a running game, we had a little success," he added. "But then they countered back. They didn't have a weak spot for us to take advantage of."

Miles, the District 20-1A champion, finished the season at 14-16. Ty Groat paced the Bulldogs with 11 points. Ward, who fouled out in the fourth quarter trying to keep up with Dennis, finished with 10.

While Dennis gave the Bulldogs troubles inside, McCook was pacing the Coyotes with 24 points. Dennis finished the night with 14 points, while Justin Lawrence added 12 more.

Borden County advances to the Region II-1A Tournament this weekend. The Coyotes improved to 17-3 overall.

Borden County 75, Miles 41
MILES — Jaylon Ward 4 2 2 10; Jeremiah Shockley 2 0 0; Omer Puentes 1 0 0 2; Ty Groat 5 0 2 11; Tanner Lange 1 4 6 9; Alfred Castaneda 1 2 4 4. Totals: 15 8 14 41.
BORDEN COUNTY — Trent Pepper 0 2 5 2; Kevin Pinkerton 3 0 0 9; Jeff Dennis 7 0 11 4; Fernando Baeza 2 1 2 6; Colt McCook 8 2 2 24; Ed Rodriguez 1 0 0 2; Dale Grant 1 0 0 2; Justin Lawrence 5 2 6 12; Ryan Grant 0 2 4 2; Preston Sharp 1 0 0 2. Totals: 28 9 20 75.
Score by Quarters: Miles 17 6 6 12 41; Borden County 17 16 22 20 75.
Three-point goals: Miles 3 (Shockley 1, Groat 1, Lange 1); Borden County 10 (Pinkerton 3, Baeza 1, McCook 6).
Total Fouls: Miles 19; Borden County 16. Fouled Out: Ward.
Technical Fouls: None.

Hawks close out perfect WJCAC campaign

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Sports Editor

Put it in the record books.

Howard College's Hawks became the first men's team to finish Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) play undefeated in more than a decade Thursday night with a 72-59 win over Frank Phillips' Plainsmen.

The win, which improved the Hawks' season record to 24-5, wasn't all that pleasing for Howard head coach Tommy Collins — save for finishing WJCAC action at 14-0.

"We stank," Collins said following a brief meeting with his team after the game. "I'm happy for our guys... that we finished it by going undefeated in the conference, but not a bit pleased with the way we played."

"The only good thing I can say about this one is that we won the game and nobody got hurt... those were the only positives," Collins added.

Prior to the game's start, Collins admitted being nervous. Not only were the Hawks trying to become the first WJCAC men's team to go undefeated in conference play since Midland's 1986 Chaparrals squad, but the Howard boss knew it was entirely possible his players might not be taking Frank Phillips seriously.

"They're the ones who had something to play for, and I think we were a little too overconfident," Collins admitted in the game's aftermath.

After the two teams traded three-point shots and a couple of baskets that got things off to a quick 5-5 start, the Hawks essentially took control with a string of 12 unanswered points — freshman post Donald "Yogi" Ceasar and guard Justin Rhodes doing most of the damage.

That 12-point run initiated a 23-6 run over a 10-minute span that allowed the Hawks to take a 16-point lead, 28-11.

But just as suddenly as they had dominated at the half's start, the Hawks stumbled in the closing minutes of the period, allowing the Plainsmen to rattle off 13 unanswered points of their own and trim the Howard lead to 32-28 with 50 seconds remaining.

Only a Derrick Franklin dunk and a pair of free throws by point guard Larry Allaway allowed the Hawks to take a 36-28 lead into the locker room at the intermission.

Rhodes and Franklin led the Hawks back to a 17-point edge during the first 10 minutes of the second half, primarily with deadly-accurate three-point shooting.

Franklin's third long-distance bomb of the game allowed Howard to take a 61-44 lead with 7:08 remaining and the Hawks simply coasted in from there.

Ceasar paced the Hawks' offensive production with 16 points, while Franklin finished the night with 15. Rhodes closed out Howard's double-digit production with 14.

All but three players on the Howard roster contributed to the Hawks' point total, as Collins was able to substitute freely in the closing minutes.

The Plainsmen, who finished the season 9-18 overall and 5-9 in WJCAC



Howard point guard Larry Allaway (23) drives to the bucket during the first half, slipping Frank Phillips' Samuel Kimani and Nick Orr. Allaway finished with just seven points, but the WJCAC champion Hawks finished the regular season with a 14-0 mark in conference play.

action also put three players in double figures. Guards Nick Orr and B.J. Davis paced Frank Phillips' with 15 points each, Davis doing most of his damage from three-point range. Derossany Manuel added 14 more.

Frank Phillips' scoring frustrated Collins throughout the night. "They shot a lot better than I expected them to," he admitted somewhat sarcastically, "of course, I expected us to guard them once in a while. And offensively, we weren't much better. We made seven or eight passes tonight that all I could do was just stand there in awe that we could make such stupid mistakes."

The time for coasting has now passed, however.

Howard heads into Wednesday's first

round of the Region V men's tournament facing Hill County Junior College at 8 p.m. in Hardin Simmons University's Mabee Complex.

Hill will not be an unknown for the Hawks, since the two teams have already played one another once this season — a 10-point Howard win during the New Mexico Military Institute Classic.

"Believe me, Hill's an excellent basketball team," Collins noted. "They were tremendously competitive in the northern conference. They've got a couple of extremely good big men up front and tremendously quick guards."

In other WJCAC finales Thursday

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Quick starts place Lady Hawks on track to 81-45 win

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Sports Editor

It was vintage Howard College Lady Hawks basketball.

While the Lady Hawks 81-45 regular season finale win over Frank Phillips' Lady Plainsmen was without question a lopsided affair, it was the way in which Howard took Thursday's victory that was most impressive.

Following head coach Matt Corkery's direction to open each half with intensity, the Lady Hawks took control from the very outset with a 17-2 run.

From that point on, it wasn't a matter of whether or not the Lady Hawks would improve their record to 27-3 on the season and close out Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) play with a 12-2 mark. The only question was how bad the final margin would be.

With point guard Karlita Washington, the WJCAC's scoring champion pumping the nets for 23 points, and posts Jovanae St. Cyr and Yolanda Grant turning in their best performance of the year inside, Corkery could look ahead to next week's Region V tournament opener with McLennan Community College's Lady Highlanders pleased with the way his team is playing.

Corkery was particularly happy with the Lady Hawks' play inside the paint.

"We passing the ball better... making better decisions inside," Corkery said following the 36-point win. "Jovanae and Yolanda ran the floor well and did a great job on the boards. It's a sign that we're just a little bit more comfortable playing together."

The Lady Hawks boss was perhaps most pleased by St. Cyr's 10 offensive rebounds and the 10 caroms Grant pulled off the glass.

"When you rebound that well offensively, chances are you're going to score some points, because you're usually right there with a good look at the basket," Corkery explained.

Indeed, Grant and St. Cyr turned their dominance on the boards into double-digit scoring performances — Grant finishing the night with 18 points, while St. Cyr had 17 more.

Freshman swingman Aiesha Love rounded out the Lady Hawks' double-digit scoring with 12 points.

After getting off to the 17-2 start, Howard shifted into cruise control for a few minutes until Frank Phillips, refusing to completely crumble, rattled off eight unanswered points and trimmed a 17-point Lady Hawks lead to just nine with 3:45 remaining in the first half.

Perhaps shocked by the Lady Plainsmen's momentary challenge, the Lady Hawks stepped things up a notch, closing the half with a 12-2 run capped

See **LADY HAWKS**, page 2B

Match play getting on nerves of even golf's best of players

CARLSBAD, Calif. (AP) — Phil Mickelson can't sleep nights. Fred Couples battles his nerves and worries about choking. Even Tiger Woods appears mentally drained.

Now the fun really begins at the Match Play Championship, where it's getting more difficult by the day telling the winners from the losers, and Shigeki Maruyama may be the only person still smiling.

"I don't even know who I play tomorrow, but this stuff makes me so nervous I will be choking like a dog," Couples said.

Woods leads a group of 16 survivors chasing the \$1 million first prize into a possible 36 holes of play today in a tournament that has already taken a heavy toll on the world's best golfers.

Woods is joined by only two other players ranked in the top 20, after second round

play Thursday saw David Duval getting beaten and Greg Norman collapsing down the stretch to play his way out of the \$5 million tournament.

Now, as if two rounds of nerve-racking golf wasn't enough, two more today will leave just four players to tee it up in Saturday's semifinals.

"My match tomorrow is already creating excitement and anxiety," said Mickelson, who plays Norman conqueror Eduardo Romero. "It's very difficult sleeping at night knowing who you have to play but not what you have to shoot."

Two days of match play did what the creators of the first match play tournament in 14 years on the PGA Tour set out to do — generate pressure and excitement as players go head-to-head for 18 holes, with the loser heading home. But the opening rounds decimated

most of the big names, with Woods the lone remaining player in the top 10 to make it to the third round. Woods played Stewart Cink in a morning match, with an afternoon quarterfinal against either Bernhard Langer or Jeff Maggert scheduled for the winner.

"We knew some top seeds would lose, but we didn't expect 90 percent of them to lose," Mickelson said.

Even Woods didn't have it easy, having to come back from 1-down at the turn to go ahead with an eagle and birdie on the back nine in his match against Bob Tway. He then stumbled on the 18th hole and had to watch anxiously as Tway's 8-footer for par slid just by the hole.

"I am a little spent mentally," Woods admitted.

Woods managed to survive, though, something Norman didn't, even as he appeared to have his match wrapped up.

Norman was 3-up with four holes to go, but Romero won the final two holes — the last with a 7-iron to within a foot of the hole — to force extra holes. Norman hit it out of bounds on the second extra hole, but managed to tie it with a bogey, then Romero made a 24-footer for birdie on the next hole to win the match.

"This is what match play is all about," Norman said.

Also losing was Duval, the world's No. 2 player, who admitted he wasn't comfortable with the match play format.

Bill Glasson, playing only his second match play match in 25 years, beat Duval 2 and 1, closing him out on the 17th hole, to advance to a match against Andrew Magee.

"My key was to stay with David, not to let him get on a roll, even though I don't know how you could stop somebody from getting on a roll," Glasson said.

SPORTS EXTRA

JUCO-MEN

The top 20 teams in the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I final men's basketball poll with first-place votes in parentheses and records through Feb. 23:

JUCO-WOMEN

The top 25 teams in the National Junior College Athletic Association women's basketball poll and records through Feb. 22:

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. 21:

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. 21:

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Arizona's road woes continue with Pac-10 loss to California

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The road has been rough for Arizona in the Pac-10.

The seventh-ranked Wildcats have won 20 of 25 games this season, but are only a .500 team on the road in their own league.

The latest loss took place Thursday night at California, which pulled off an 89-76 upset before a raucous crowd of 13,534 at Oakland's New Arena.

"The road is tough, and it's obvious the way Cal played here," said Arizona coach Lute Olson, whose team lost for the fourth time in eight conference road games.

It didn't get any easier Saturday, when the Wildcats (20-5, 11-4) visit No. 6 Stanford.

"When you go to Stanford, that home-court advantage is as big as it gets," Olson said. "It just gets down to how mentally tough we are."

Geno Carlisle scored 21 points and Sean Lampley added 20 as Cal (15-10, 6-9) snapped Arizona's five-game winning streak and reversed last month's 17-point loss at Tucson.

"We told each other we were going to dig down deep and get the job done," Carlisle said. "We were playing under a force that can't be described. We knew this game was a must. We didn't want to let it slip away."

Jason Terry and Ruben Douglas each had 17 points for Arizona, but Terry missed eight of his last nine shots.

In other Top 25 games, it was No. 6 Stanford 87, Arizona State 77; No. 9 Cincinnati 64, South Florida 53; No. 12 Utah 75, Texas-El Paso 70; No.

LADY HAWKS

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by a Love three-pointer just before the buzzer. The result was a 42-23 halftime lead.

And when the Lady Hawks used the same strategy to score 10 unanswered points to open the second half, the margin was suddenly 29 points.

With Washington, St. Cyr and Grant operating almost at will, the Lady Hawks expanded that margin to as many as 37 points, 71-34. That trio combined for 14 of Howard's final 19 points, sealing the Lady Plainsmen's fate.

Frank Phillips simply didn't have an answer. The best the Lady Plainsmen could muster was sporadic outside shooting from guard Brooke Moore — a couple of second-half three-point shots allowing her to finish the night in double figures with 12 points.

Moore would finish the game as Frank Phillips' only double-digit scorer, as the best support the Lady Plainsmen could muster were sisters Laurie and Mary Adams.

In the remainder of the WJCAC's final games, Midland's Lady Chaparrals finished conference play with a 14-0 record after taking a 78-38 win over Western Texas; New Mexico Junior College was a 74-72 winner over Odessa; and South Plains took a 79-64 win over Clarendon.

Looking ahead to Wednesday's 1 p.m. Region V tournament opener with McLennan at Hardin-Simmons University's Mabey Complex, Corkery said the Lady Hawks' first meeting with the Lady Highlanders, which came in the first week of the season, would

15 UCLA 100, Washington State 61; No. 21 New Mexico 85, BYU 64; and Minnesota 62, No. 23 Purdue 48.

Stanford 87, Arizona St. 77

Kris Weems scored five of his 19 points in overtime and Stanford sank 12 straight free throws down the stretch to beat visiting Arizona State.

Arthur Lee scored seven of his 18 points in OT for the Cardinal (23-5, 13-2 Pac-10), who have a two-game lead in the conference with three games remaining.

Cincinnati 64, S. Florida 53

Steve Logan scored 24 points as Cincinnati clinched a first-round bye in the Conference USA tournament.

Logan hit six of seven shots and personally outscored South Florida 15-14 in the first half when the Bearcats (24-4, 11-4) built a 19-point lead.

Utah 75, UTEP 70

Andre Miller scored 17 points as Utah tied a school record with its 18th straight victory.

The Runnin' Utes (23-4, 13-0 WAC) haven't lost since Dec. 12 and are one win away from the first perfect conference season in school history. They also won their school-record 34th straight home game, the third-longest streak in the country.

UCLA 100, Washington St. 61

Baron Davis had 17 points and 11 assists as UCLA demolished Washington State.

The Bruins (20-7, 10-5 Pac-10) reached the 20-win mark for the 38th time in school history.

no measure.

"Believe me, McLennan has a great team ... extremely quick," he noted. "We played them early, but we're not the same team we were back then, and you can be sure they aren't either. We'll have to play well if we want to advance."

Lady Hawks 81, Frank Phillips 45

FRANK PHILLIPS — Alicia Swain 1 0 0 0 2, Stacy Simmons 1 1 0 0 5, Laurie Adams 3 0 3 4 9, Kayla Garrison 0 0 2 2 2, Courtney Monden 0 0 0 0 0, Brooke Moore 1 3 1 4 12, Nicole Gutierrez 1 0 0 0 2, Talia Jefferson 1 0 2 3 4, Mary Adams 3 0 3 4 9. Totals 11 4 11 17 45.

HOWARD — Ricka McKee 2 0 0 0 4, Shaketha Ashley 0 0 0 0 0, Ashanti Nix 0 0 0 0 0, Karita Washington 7 2 3 5 23, Latasha Moore 2 1 0 0 7, Jovanne St. Cyr 8 0 1 2 17, Kim Robertson 0 0 0 0 0, Shariena Charles 0 0 0 1 0, Aiesha Love 4 1 1 3 12, Yolanda Grant 8 0 2 3 18, Zakyia Gardner 0 0 0 0 0. Totals 31 4 7 14 81.

Three-point goals: Frank Phillips 4 (Simmons, Moore 3); Howard 4 (Washington 2, Moore, Love). Total Fouls: Frank Phillips 15, Howard 18. Fouled Out: None. Technical Fouls: None.

Stepnoski weighs a return to Cowboys

IRVING (AP) — Former Dallas Cowboys center Mark Stepnoski is a free agent, would love to return to them, and would consider taking less money than he'd want from another club.

That doesn't mean a deal will be done, however, or that Stepnoski will come cheap.

Stepnoski earned \$3 million last season with the Tennessee Oilers, and the two free agent centers who signed contracts with new teams over the off-season received deals that averaged \$3.7 million per season with a \$6 million signing bonus.

"The money factor is important, but there are a lot of other things that come into play," Stepnoski said Thursday. "Obviously, I still know a lot of guys on the team, so the adjustment here would be easier."

Stepnoski spent two hours Thursday at the Cowboys' practice facility at Valley Ranch, meeting with owner Jerry Jones and coach Chan Gailey.

Jones and his son, vice president Stephen Jones, have said the Cowboys have enough flexibility to sign any free agent they covet. The question is whether they want to commit more than \$3 million to the position.

"It's not absurd to think I would play here for less money," Stepnoski said.

The Cowboys paid rookie free agent Mike Kiselak \$158,000 last season. Clay Shiver, who started in 1997 as a rookie, got \$232,000 last season. But the Cowboys have indicated they want to upgrade the center position.

Neither Kiselak nor Shiver has made the Pro Bowl, while Stepnoski has played in five.

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night, Midland College's Chaparrals benefited from the Hawks' win over Frank Phillips and Odessa's 75-72 win over New Mexico Junior College, to squeak into the conference's fourth and final Region V berth with a 64-51 win over New Mexico Military.

South Plains finished as the second-place team in the conference with a win over Clarendon.

FRANK PHILLIPS — Samuel Kimani 0 0 0 0 0, Nick Orr 4 1 4 6 15, Patrick Averil 2 1 2 2 9, Louis Brown 2 0 2 3 6, Adam Coulboly 0 0 0 2 0, Derossany Manuel 4 2 0 0 14, B.J. Davis 3 0 0 15, Shane Bannarrie 0 0 0 0 0. Totals 15 7 8 13 59.

HOWARD — Derrick Franklin 3 3 0 3 15, Justin Rhodes 1 4 0 0 14, Scooter Owens 0 0 0 0 0, Lamont Roberts 1 0 2 2 4, Larry Alloway 1 0 5 6 7, Don Peace 0 0 0 0 0, Greg Lewis 3 0 2 2 8, Darryl Martin 2 0 1 3 5, Donald Caesar 8 0 2 2 16, Myron Brown 1 0 1 2 3, Fred Lewis 0 0 0 0 0. Totals 20 7 11 20 72.

Three-point goals: Frank Phillips 7 (Orr, Averil, Manuel 2, Davis 3); Howard 7 (Franklin 3, Rhodes 4). Total Fouls: Frank Phillips 20, Howard 20. Fouled Out: None. Technical Fouls: None.

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Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Sept. 17. (Report also available on Web as www.tdfrshing.com.)

CENTRAL

BROWNWOOD: Water clear; 57 degrees; Black bass are good on jugs; baits fished in 2 to 10 feet of water. Crappie are good on white jigs fished around brush piles in the rivers. Hybrid Strippers slow. Catfish are slow.

BUCHANAN: Water clear; 53 degrees; 7.5' low; Black bass to 8 pounds are good on black/blue and black/red jigs; silver/red Terminator spinnerbaits and worms. Crappie are fair on minnows. White bass are good on Horizon jugging spoons and slabs. Striped bass to 7.5 pounds are good-trolling yellow/white bucktails, jugs with trailers, and deep Rattlin' Rogues. Channel and blue catfish are fair on cheesebait. Yellow catfish to 27 pounds are good on trotlines baited with live perch.

PROCTOR: Water clear; 55 degrees; Black bass are good on black and chartreuse Texas-rigged Power lizards fished along the north shore. Crappie are excellent on minnows and jigs fished at the dam. Hybrid Strippers are good on chrome jugs.

TRAVIS COUNTY: Water clear; 55 degrees; Black bass are good on spinnerbaits, minnows and jigs fished in 15 to 20 feet of water. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs fished near the docks off the rocks and around the Christmas trees by the docks in 15 feet of water. White bass are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on punchbait and large shiners. Yellow catfish to 15 pounds are fair on goldfish fished in 15 feet of water.

BRIDGEPORT: Water off color; 53 degrees; 1' low; Black bass to 4 pounds are slow on chartreuse/white spinnerbaits and black/brown jigs fished in 2 to 8 feet of water in Blockers Cove and around the Wise County Park area. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs fished around the brush baited boathouses in 10 to 15 feet of water. White bass and hybrid strippers are fair on slabs and jugging spoons fished around Steelhead and in the mouths of the creeks. Channel and blue catfish are slow on cut baits fished in 10 feet of water off the points and around the islands.

COLORADO CITY: Water murky; 54 degrees; 12' low; Black bass are fair on chrome Rat-L-Trap fished over the rocks. Redfish are fair trolling spinnerbaits. Few fishermen out.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 60 degrees; 17' low; Black bass are poor. Crappie are poor. Hybrid strippers to 9 pounds are fair on shad and shiners fished in 4 to 7 feet of water. Blue catfish to 14 pounds are good on shad and shiners fished in 8 to 10 feet of water. Yellow catfish to 38 pounds are fair on goldfish and perch fished in 12 to 14 feet of water.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water clear; 54 degrees; 5:25 low; Black bass to 5.5 pounds are good on Ret-L-Traps and shad or channel pattern crankbaits fished off the rocky points and the riprap. Crappie are fair on minnows and white marabou jigs fished in Sandy Creek. White bass are fair to good on anything shiny fished in the back of Hubbard Creek. Channel and blue catfish are good on worms fished on the flats in 4 to 6 feet of water.

KEMP: Water stained; 49 degrees; 12' low; Black bass are slow. White bass are good on white and chartreuse slabs fished in 30 to 45 feet of water.

NOCONA: Water clear; 49 degrees; 4.5' feet low; Black bass are fair on black and blue jigs fished in 10 to 14 feet of water. Also try slow trolling a white spinnerbait on the outside edges of the grass. Crappie are good on white jigs and chrome jugging spoons fished in 15 to 40 feet of water. White bass and hybrid strippers are fair on chrome jugging spoons fished in 15 to 40 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

OAK CREEK RESERVOIR: Water clear; 54 degrees; 10' low; Black bass to 10.05 pounds are fair on minnows, spinnerbaits and deep diving crankbaits fished in 10 to 20 feet of water. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished in 15 to 35 feet of water. White bass are slow on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 15 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish to 10 pounds are slow on goldfish and live perch fished in 10 to 20 feet of water.

O.H. IVE: Water clear; 55 degrees; Black bass to 11.5 pounds are fair on good fished in the rivers on rocky points and steep banks in about 5 feet of water. They are also starting to move onto the main points that run out to the river channel (fish Carolina-rigs). Crappie are fair to good in the river channels in 16 to 18 feet of water during the day and in 40 feet of water along the river channel at night. White bass are good up the Colorado River on the sandy flats using crank baits and the deep flats in the 25-foot range. The catfish have been a little slow.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 55 degrees; 11.5' low; Black bass are fair on crankbaits and Carolina-rigs fished in 4 to 10 feet of water. Crappie are slow on minnows fished in 10 to 15 feet of water. White bass are slow on small jigs and minnows fished in 5 to 20 feet of water. Striped bass to 13 pounds are fair on live shad fished in 30 to 40 feet of water. Blue catfish are good on cut baits fished in 30 to 50 feet of water. Yellow catfish are slow on perch fished in 20 to 30 feet of water. The birds are good on popcorn and table scraps around the peanut patch at about 4pm.

SPENCE: Water clear; 52 degrees; Black bass to 10 pounds are slow on worms fished off the bank. White bass are fair on minnows fished in 3 to 4 feet of water. Striped bass to 25 pounds are very good on cut baits fished in 10 to 15 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish to 30 pounds are good on cut baits fished in 8 to 15 feet of water. Yellow catfish to 60 pounds are very good on cut baits fished in 8 to 20 feet of water.

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Make Your Bed In The Morning

Making your bed as soon as you get up is a good way to start the day. This simple task can be the beginning of a well-organized day, and it seems that once the bed is made, the whole bedroom seems to be more in order.

Although we may be pressed for time to put things in order, if we leave our home neat in the morning, it seems that returning is always more enjoyable. God wants us to develop good habits, and taking pride in our appearance and belongings reflects our attitude and personality.

Making your bed in the morning may not be as important as some other good habits such as eating healthy, doing regular exercise, or praying on a daily basis; however, being neat and tidy is a good quality to possess.

In the Bible, St. Peter apparently thought it was important for us to make our bed when we get up, since he told the paralyzed man to rise and make his bed after he was healed.

And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed."

Revised Standard Version Acts 9:34

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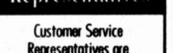
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Counselor. Classes
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school property beginning at 9:00
a.m. on Monday, March 15, 1999.
Bus can be seen by contacting
Superintendent's Office at 600
Main or by calling 915-394-4290
2196 February 24, & 26 1999

Public Notice
The Local Employee Committee
(LEC) of the State Employee
Charitable Campaign (SECC) will
begin accepting applications on
March 8, 1999, from health and
human service charitable organiza-
tions, including federations of such
organizations, desiring to partici-
pate in the 1999 SECC. Qualifying
nonprofit organizations in Andrews,
Crane, color, Howard, Martin,
Midland, Pecos, Upton, Ward, and
Winkler counties may obtain applica-
tion kits from the LEC through the
local campaign manager at
915/885-7799. Kits will be provided
automatically to all organizations
that participated in 1998.
Application deadline to the LEC is
April 14, 1999; consult your feder-
ation for internal deadlines.
2196 February 26 & 28, 1999

HOROSCOPE

as only you can.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
****Remain steady and direct-
ed. Intuition mixes with sensitiv-
ity. You might overreact to
another; there's a touch of
mania in you today. You enjoy
being home and dealing with
family. Stay in touch with feel-
ings, especially if you feel vul-
nerable. A partner could lose
his temper. Tonight: Happy at
home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
****Reach out, make calls,
decide on plans. Your ability to
understand others helps with a
key friendship. Another could
want more, whether you are
prepared to give it or not.
Recognize that your energy has
its limits. Adjust plans; be with
whomever you choose. Tonight:
Go to a favorite place or two.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
****Indulge a little. Spruce up
your image at work. Another
means well, but he doesn't
always see eye to eye with you.
A child or loved one gets frus-
trated. He wants what he
wants! Establish your bound-
aries more clearly. Don't take a
risk. Be practical. Tonight:
Treat yourself and a friend well.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
****Another does all he can
to lure you to his way of think-
ing. Why not? Irritation with a
family member could have you
a bit uptight. A change of
scenery makes you happy. You
might wax nostalgic over the
"good old days" in a relation-
ship. Tonight: Your smile mes-
merizes another.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
****Take some time to your-
self. Swallowing anger could
backfire and cause you a lot of
problems. Consider what is
going on. You might think
about writing a letter to a loved
one explaining how you feel.
An authority figure comes
through for you. Tonight: Talk
to a trusted friend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
****You come out on top,
especially when dealing with
friends and loved ones. Bring
friends together. Make the most
of another's willingness to dis-
cuss a problem. You clear the
air. However, you could feel
pressured when discussing
money. Make your own choices.
Tonight: You are the party.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
****Allow more play into your
life, even though you have
responsibilities. Another
responds to your energy. You

know what you want; zero in
on it. You

FRIDAY

FEB. 26

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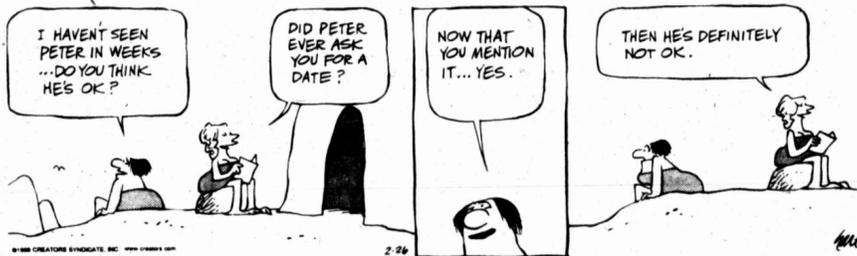
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FAMILY CIRCUS



DENNIS THE MENACE



GEECH



"No, I haven't had chicken pox, but I've had Chicken McNuggets."

"THIS TOOTH IS GETTING LOOSE."

"I HOPE IT'S NOT MY SWEET ONE!"

WIZARD OF ID



THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Friday, Feb. 26, the 57th day of 1999. There are 308

days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 26, 1919, Congress established Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona. On this date: In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte escaped from the Island of Elba

to begin his second conquest of France. In 1848, the Second French Republic was proclaimed. In 1929, President Coolidge signed a measure establishing Grand Teton National Park. In 1945, a midnight curfew on night clubs, bars and other places of entertainment was set to go into effect across the nation.

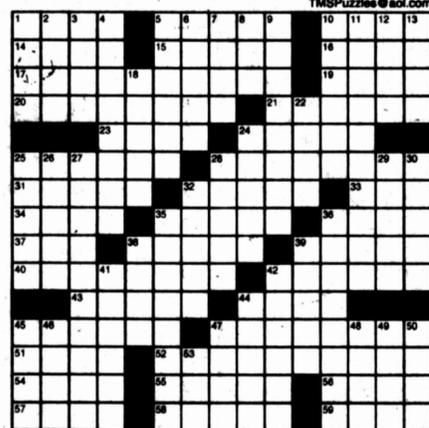
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THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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By Xan Lattimore Rosemont, PA

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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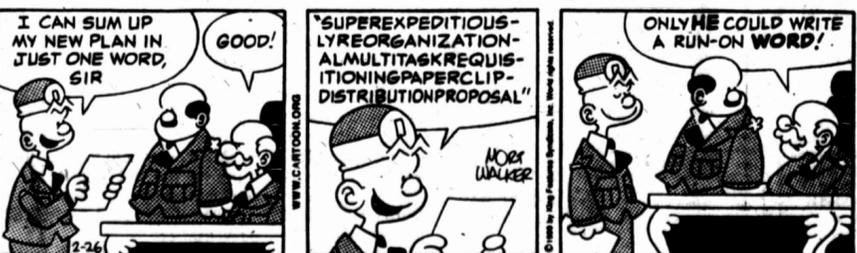
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Five years ago: A jury in San Antonio acquitted 11 followers of David Koresh of murder, rejecting claims they had ambushed federal agents; five were convicted of manslaughter. One year ago: A jury in Amarillo, Texas, rejected an \$11 million lawsuit brought by Texas cattlemen who blamed Oprah Winfrey's talk show for a price fall after a segment on food safety that included a discussion about mad-cow disease. Today's Birthdays: Actor Mason Adams is 80. Actor Tony Randall is 79. Actress Betty Hutton is 78. Singer Fats Domino is 71. Political columnist Robert Novak is 68. Singer Johnny Cash is 67.

Thought for Today: "Only the mediocrities of life hide behind the alibi 'in confidence.' The great of this earth are not only simple but accessible." - Isaac Frederick Marcossun, American journalist (1876-1961).