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Tonight:



TONIGHT SATURDAY
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'Charlie Brown' on stage again through weekend

Howard College's theater production of "You're A Good Man Charlie Brown" continues today and Saturday at 8 p.m.

A Sunday matinee is set for 2 p.m. All performances are in the Practical Arts Building. The stage is set in the "If I Had A Hammer" room on the first floor.

Admission is \$3 per person for adults and children who are not Howard College students.

The play features the talents of Chris Weaver, who portrays Charlie Brown. Snoopy is played by Farrah Schooler. Tabatha McIntosh portrays Lucy, while Stacy Bloodworth is Peppermint Patty.

Dusty Osborn performs as Schroeder and Brandon Johnson is Linus.

WEEKEND TICKET

TODAY

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

SATURDAY

Informed prayer and prayerful action, 10 a.m., First United Methodist Church. For more information call the church office at 267-6394.

30th annual Gem and Mineral Show at the Howard County Fair Barn from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sponsored by the Big Spring Prospector's Club, the show will feature dealers, demonstrators and displays of precious stones, polished minerals and petrified wood. Admission is free.

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. A one-time admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizen is encouraged.

Big Spring Squares call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

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Well-known western writer will sign latest novel Saturday

By **DEBBIE L. JENSEN**
Features Editor

San Angelo author Elmer Kelton will be at Wal-Mart Saturday morning to sign copies of his latest book, "The Smiling Country." Kelton, who has written



KELTON

nearly 40 western novels, will appear at the store beginning at 11 a.m. It will be his first promotional trip to Big Spring, although the author said he is familiar with the area.

"In my book, 'The Wolf and the Buffalo,' about the buffalo soldiers, they went by the big spring," Kelton explained. He worked as a newspaperman for 42 years in San Angelo, often making trips to Big Spring to cover livestock shows and bull sales.

"I was always able to use the

country I wrote about," Kelton said. "I'm very familiar with the area."

He worked as an agricultural writer for the San Angelo Standard-Times and wrote for the Livestock Weekly publication.

At 72, Kelton is currently recovering from a triple bypass heart surgery, but says he is also in the middle of another book. He said the latest book is progressing more slowly than most.

"I keep wondering if I've got

the next one in me," Kelton said. "But I guess I do."

Kelton's latest brings back Hewey Calloway of "The Good Old Boys," one of the author's most beloved characters.

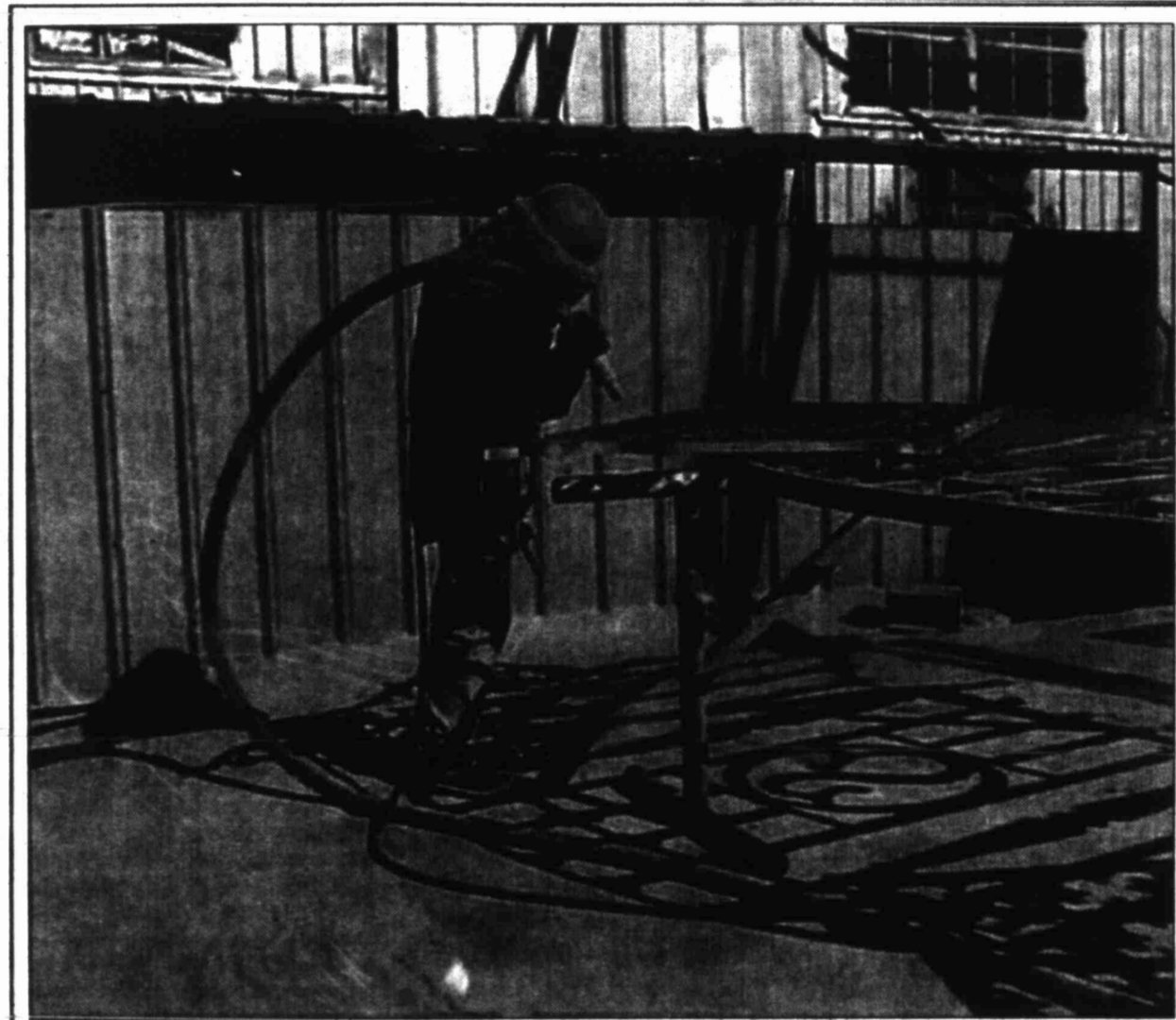
In the year 1910, fences, trucks and automobiles are creeping in even to remote Alpine, where Calloway works as a cowboy. Avoiding responsibility, he turns down a job as a ranch foreman in the "smiling country" of west Texas. But when he is injured trying to break a bronc, and is forced to

assess his future, Calloway sees the emptiness and regret he faces.

Kelton is said to be the most honored of all western writers.

A six-time winner of the Spur Award, he has earned four Western Heritage Awards from the National Cowboy Hall of Fame and was named the greatest Western author of all time by the Western Writers of America, in 1995.

Wal-Mart will have copies of Kelton's book for sale at Saturday's event.



David Pope of Southwest Tool sand blasts ornamental wrought iron that will be replaced above the main entrance of the Hotel Settles. The ornamental wrought iron has a large, scrolled "S" centered, an original marker for the hotel.

'Revealing Earth's Hidden Treasures' theme for 30th Gem and Mineral Show

By **DEBBIE L. JENSEN**
Features Editor

Searching for buried treasure?

You can find it in Big Spring Saturday at the 30th annual Gem and Mineral Show. It takes place at the Howard County Fair Barn from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Sponsored by the Big Spring Prospector's Club, the show will feature dealers, demonstrators and displays of precious stones, polished minerals and petrified wood.

Thanks to community support, admission is free.

"It's going to be a very good show," said Ralph Matteson, club president. Expected to appear are 10 dealers from all over the southwest, and even one from Ohio, with uncut

gems and minerals to partially prepared stones.

One new attraction will be handmade turquoise and silver jewelry from Colorado. Dealers will offer a variety of rock-related services, such as setting and sizing a ring on the spot, as well as demonstrations of what "rockhounds" say makes their hobby great.

There will also be a snack bar run by the club.

A spinning wheel game will offer rock-related prizes for kids, while adults can look forward to door prizes. The show's grand prize, an Australian blue topaz faceted in the "Star in Big Spring" design, will go to one lucky winner at the show's close on Sunday.

There will also be a "mystery rock," which visitors can try to identify.

Matteson said the stone was

actually found in the Big Spring area.

"There is some question as to whether it's a meteorite or not," he said. "We want people to guess what they think it is."

Club members said the show brings in many people to visit the community.

"People come in from several other states and stay overnight here," Matteson said.

The theme of this year's show is "Revealing Earth's Hidden Treasures," which reflects the hard work it takes to bring out the beauty in rocks and stones.

Dealer-demonstrators and club members at the show will be able to answer questions about the "rockhound" hobby and business. Prospector's Club members said they welcome

new members, and anyone interested in joining the club can pick up an application at

Capitol bound

Organizers are pushing for large turnout during Big Spring Day at Capitol

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**
News Editor

Big Spring gets its chance to let legislators across the state know what the community is all about on April 19 and organizers of "Big Spring Day at the State Capitol" are pushing for a large turnout.

"We want to make ourselves known more in Austin," said Terri Newton, executive vice president for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, which is sponsoring the activity. "Our goal is to get as many citizens and entities from Big Spring as we can to visit our capitol."

The day-long event will include tours of the capitol, special meetings with the offices of Sen. Robert Duncan and Rep. David Counts, a special "If I Had A Hammer" presentation by Howard College and Big Spring fifth grade Signal students at the capitol and lots more.

Frances Wheat, chamber board member and local representative for Sen. Robert Duncan, said "Big Spring Day at the State Capitol" will give Big Spring residents an opportunity to meet with members of the Senate and House.

"There will be resolutions read on the floor of the Senate and we will be recognized as a group," she said. "We hope to do the same thing in the House."

"We will be serving Cokes® and ice cream to all the legislators and their staff, the governor and his staff, all the committees and their staff," Wheat added.

The Coke® bottles will be from Western Container and the ice cream from Blue Bell, both locally-represented companies, pointed out Pam Welch,

BIG SPRING DAY

When: April 19
Who: Anyone
Where: State Capitol
Cost: \$15 (includes shirt) or \$50 (includes shirt, transportation, 2 meals)
Deadline: April 1
More info: Call 263-7641



NEWTON

assistant director for Moore Development.

Anyone who wants to attend and join the group at the capitol must register by April 1 and purchase a Big Spring shirt for \$15. Chartered buses will be available for a rate of \$50 per person, which includes transportation, breakfast and lunch and the Big Spring shirt. Those planning on taking a chartered bus must provide a \$25 deposit by April 1.

The buses will leave Big Spring at approximately 4 a.m. on April 19 and begin the return trip about 10:30 p.m.

"We know people will be inconvenienced by the early morning start and late arrival back but we want to get as many people as possible to go and a lot of people will have hard enough time getting Monday off from work anyway," said Newton.

There will be a return meal, which will be Dutch Treat.

"Obviously the \$50 won't cover the cost and so the chamber and Moore Development are underwriting the additional expenses," Newton said.

"I think the state does a good job of promoting the state. Big Spring needs to get out and promote themselves," said Welch. "We need to let everyone know who we are and what we have to offer in Big Spring."

To register, go by the chamber. For more information about "Big Spring Day at the State Capitol" call 263-7641.

Marcy kids encouraged to 'Stop, Drop and Read'

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

To focus on reading and the pleasure of reading, Marcy Elementary students and staff Thursday participated in "Stop, Drop and Read" throughout the day.

"This means to literally stop, drop what you're doing, and read," said Marcy principal Rey Villarreal.

The reading program is part of Marcy Elementary's participation in Public Schools Week.

Several times during the day, Villarreal announced through the intercom system that it was time to "Stop, Drop and Read," and students and staff selected and read anything they chose.

"I read a book I got at the Book Fair called 'Captain Underpants,'" said Matthew Thomas. He explained the book is a comedy.

Katie Crockett, a first grader,

said she read "Baby Moses." And Desiree Weaver read "The Big Wonder." Amber Tafoya read "Castle in the Attic."

Other students selected to read library books, comic books, newspapers or magazines, Villarreal said.

"There were no stipulations on their reading material. This involved the whole school. Every person in the building was reading," Villarreal said.

About 90 percent of all first graders are reading by this time of the school year, he said. Teachers read to those students who haven't mastered the technique.

Villarreal announced "Stop, Drop and Read" twice in the morning and twice in the afternoon.

"It seemed like we stopped everything we were doing and read every 50 or 60 minutes or so," Thomas said.

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Marcy Elementary students concluded Public Schools Week with 60s Day. Pictured are, left to right, Brittany Huckabes, Amber Tafoya, Brittany Salazar, Katie Crockett (standing), Desiree Weaver, Matthew Thomas and Ray Kuykendall in front.

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OBITUARIES

Mary Eugenia "Gene" Harrington

Mary Eugenia "Gene" Harrington, 85, wife of Matthew H. Harrington and daughter of a pioneer Big Spring couple, died Monday, March 1, 1999, in a Nacogdoches nursing home. She had been flown there two months ago after sustaining two strokes.

HARRINGTON

Service will be 2 p.m. Saturday, March 6, 1999, at the First Presbyterian Church where she was a life-long member and served as a deacon and elder. Dr. Flynn Long, former minister, will officiate. The body will be in state at Myers & Smith Funeral Home and burial will be in Mount Olive Cemetery.

Mrs. Harrington was born to Oscar Jackson Ulysses Dubberly and Opal Reese Robinson Dubberly in Big Spring on May 26, 1913. Mr. Dubberly was active in business and community activities, including volunteer director of the Big Spring Municipal Band. He and his wife were killed in an automobile collision in 1931.

Mrs. Harrington graduated from Big Spring High School in 1930 and attended the University of Southern California and Texas Tech. She was PBX operator at Cosden Oil Refinery from 1936 to 1938 and also worked for Schermerhorn Oil Company. She was registrar for Big Spring High School for 28 years, retiring in 1978. She was a long time volunteer at the Big Spring State Hospital, most recently with its retail outlet The Chalet and held certificates for more than 2,000 service hours. She served on numerous hospital committees.

Surviving her are her husband Matthew, to whom she was married on Oct. 17, 1936, in Colorado City; one daughter, Jane and her husband Dr. Don Gregory, head of the Political Science Department at Stephen F. Austin University, and their children, Steven Gregory of Dallas and Karen Gregory of Austin; one nephew, Jack Dubberly of Denver, Colo.; one niece, Nancy Rhodes of Paris, Texas; five cousins, John Robinson and Bill Robinson, both of Austin, Paul Robinson

of Houston, Bob Robinson of Virginia, and Dean Robinson of Port Arthur; and a cousin by marriage, Mrs. Tryon (Elizabeth) Robinson of Houston.

Predeceasing her besides her parents were her brother, Hugh Dubberly, and a sister, Janie Bess Dubberly, who died in 1937 after surgery at the age of 16.

For those wishing to make memorials, the family suggests The First Presbyterian Church; P.O. Box 2222, Big Spring, or the charity of your choice.

Pallbearers will be R.H. Weaver, Rip Patterson, Jerry Grimes, Harry Middleton, Joe Pickle and John Currie. Honorary pallbearers are Bea Zinn, Colleen Slaughter, Ann Weaver, Jan Morgan, Kent Morgan, Marcellus Torres and Aubrey Weaver.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home

Paid obituary

Thomas "Ted" Daniels

Thomas "Ted" Daniels, 85, Big Spring, passed away on Wednesday, March 3, 1999, at his home following a one year illness.

Service will be 10 a.m. Saturday, March 6, 1999, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Dr. Claude Craven officiating and assisted by Brad Daniels. Interment will be in Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on Oct. 3, 1913, in Hood County, and moved to Howard County on Nov. 6, 1928. Ted was of the Baptist faith. He had worked as a heavy equipment operator in sand and gravel for 35 years and 20 of those years he had worked for West Texas Sand & Gravel.

He married Georgia McMurray on Dec. 24, 1935, in Big Spring. She died April 16, 1998.

His hobbies were fishing, wood work and wood carving, including ox yokes.

He is survived by: two sons and daughters-in-law, Melynn and Marie Daniels and Jimmie and Pat Daniels, all of Big Spring; one brother, William Daniels of Granbury; three grandchildren, Leland Daniels and his wife Pam of Kenefick, Laurie Shryack and her husband Bert of Leander, and Brad Daniels and his wife Kara of Springfield, Mo.; and five great-grandchildren, Shawnda Daniels, Logan Daniels, Layton Shryack, Landon Shryack and Caleb Daniels. He was preceded in death by five brothers and four sisters.

Pallbearers will be Earl McMurray, Edmond McMurray, Henry James McElreath, John Ramey Festus McElreath, Jim Nelson, Marlin Robinson and Preston Daniels.

The family will be at 3208 Drexel.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

Ina Lucille Swanson

Graveside service for Ina Lucille Swanson, 86, Stanton, will be 3 p.m. Saturday, March 6, 1999, in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Mrs. Swanson died Thursday, March 4, in Big Spring.

She was born on Aug. 29, 1912, in Jack Co. and was married to Alton Swanson. He preceded her in death in 1951. She grew up in Marlow, Okla., and resided in Odessa and Midland for many years. She moved to Stanton in 1996 to live with her daughter, Mrs. Swanson was a member of the Church of Christ. She was a homemaker and a restaurant cook.

She is survived by: two sons, Harold W. Swanson of Iowa Park, and Bobby R. Swanson of Odessa; two daughters, Norma L. Wreth of Stanton, and JoAnn Lane of Odessa; a brother, Calvin Jackson of Bristow, Okla.; 17 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home, Stanton.

Lee Roy Hunt

Service for Lee Roy Hunt, 72, Sand Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He died Thursday, March 4, 1999, at his residence.

Rodney Tiller

Service for Rodney Tiller, 70, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He died Friday, March 5, 1999, in an Abilene hospital.

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This program brings attention to reading and has been successful in the past. Villarreal said.

In today's hurried lifestyle, often the only time to read for enjoyment is by just stopping, dropping a current activity, and reading, he said.

"This is a lot of fun, and the kids really like it. It is all about reading," he said.

Thomas, "who became Fonzie for today as he participated in 60s Day, said he looks forward to the program next year.

"It was fun, and it was cool," Thomas said.

Public Schools Week concludes today, and Big Spring students will have early dismissal, as all classes are dismissed for Spring Break March 8-12.

Classes resume at normal hours on March 15.

BRIEFS

ANNUAL AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION charity golf tournament, Big Spring Municipal Golf Course April 17. Sign up at the Municipal Golf course for four-person scramble, must have A,B,C,D player (open to all). \$200 per team (includes cart and green fee).

All proceeds of this event go to the Howard County Chapter of the American Heart Association to help aid in the fight of heart disease.

PARENTS OF BIG SPRING High School juniors and seniors are asked to attend the "Parents Who Care" after-prom party planning meeting Monday, March 15 at 7 p.m. in the school library. For more information, call Sue Bagwell at 263-7016 or Kelly McBee at 263-2306.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR the "Don't Mess With Texas" Trash Off, scheduled for Saturday, April 10 in the community.

Groups, individuals and organizations are asked to give a few hours of their time to help with this city-wide cleanup effort. Call 263-4607 to volunteer.

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 Laurie at 264-7446 for more information.

THE BIG SPRING EVENING Lions Club will be collecting "used eyeglasses" during the month of March.

Drop your used eyeglasses at any Big Spring pharmacy, in the collection containers. For additional information contact Bob Noyes at 267-6095.

SUPPORT GROUPS

FRIDAY •Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30

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TAKE TIME OUT FOR YOURSELF READ THE BIG SPRING HERALD

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

p.m. St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

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

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

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

•NA 10 p.m. candlelight meeting, St. Mary's Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4188 (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 TO:

MARKETS

May cotton 61.65 cents, up 36 points; April crude 13.33, down 2 points; Cash hogs steady, at 26 cents even; cash steers steady at 64.50 even; April lean hog futures 43.20, down 22 points; April live cattle futures 69.02, up 42 points.

courtesy: Delta Corporation Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co.

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TEXAS LOTTERY

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

PICK 3: 0,7,0 CASH 5:14,27,28,31,36

POLICE

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

•THEFT was reported in the 200 block of West Marcy. Miscellaneous property, valued at \$150, was reported stolen.

•FORGERY was reported at the police station.

•THEFT OF SERVICE was reported in the 1600 block of South Gregg. Rental property, valued at \$699.65, was reported stolen.

•ASSAULT BY THREAT was reported in the 200 block of West Marcy.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1000 block of West Sixth. A 30" x 80" window, valued at \$65, was reported damaged.

•DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 500 block of State.

•CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING was issued in the 300 block of Owens.

•THEFT OF SERVICE was reported in the 1700 block of FM 700.

•DALE THOMAS MITCHELL JR., 24, was arrested for criminal mischief more than \$50 less than \$500.

•MARCUS JACKSON, 39, was arrested for altering a motor vehicle inspection sticker.

•BURGLARY was reported at the police station.

•JUVENILE PROBLEM was reported in the 700 block of 11th Place and 1500 block of Sycamore.

•JUSTO SANTIAGO, 55, was arrested for county warrants.

•EARNEST CLARK, 58, was arrested for public intoxication.

•CECELIA GONZALES, 20, was arrested for no driver's license and no insurance.

•FRANK HERNANDEZ, 29, was arrested for violation of a protective order.

•STONEY CASSELMAN, 37, was arrested for disorderly conduct, language.

•WILLIAM WILLIAMS, 22, was arrested for driving while license suspended.

•PRISCILLA BANKS, 29, was arrested for county warrants.

•TYRONE BANKS, 25, was arrested for county warrants.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 2500 block of March.

•CHAD CASTILLO, 19, was arrested for public intoxication.

•MICHAEL CINTRON, 20, was arrested for consumption of alcohol by a minor.

•CLASS C ASSAULT was reported in the 2600 block of Chanute.

•BURGLARY OF A COIN-OPERATED MACHINE was reported in the 1800 block of East Fourth and the 1600 block of East Third. The report indicates coin-operated telephones were burglarized.

FIRE/EMS

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

THURSDAY 5:44 a.m. - 1400 block E. Sixth, trauma call, patient

***** The S1 Theatre ***** College Park Shopping Center Message in A Bottle (PG-13) Daily: 4:15, 7:00 & 9:30 Sat. & Sun.: 1:30 *Smm (R) Daily: 4:30, 7:15 & 9:45 Sat. & Sun.: 1:45 *Pass Restricted *****

RITE 401 S. Main 263-7480 Adult * Child * BLAST FROM THE PAST (PG-13) DAILY: 4:20, 7:00 & 9:20 SAT. & SUN.: 2:00 MY FAVORITE MARTIAN (PG) DAILY: 4:30, 7:10 & 9:30 SAT. & SUN.: 2:10 CRUEL INTENTIONS (R) DAILY: 4:40, 7:20 & 9:40 SAT. & SUN.: 2:20 *Pass & Bargain Restricted

transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

10:24 a.m. - 1700 block Lancaster, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

10:47 a.m. - 1700 block Lancaster, medical call, patient transported to VA.

12:37 p.m. - 3300 block W. 80, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

2:18 p.m. - SMMC, medical call, patient transported to Lubbock Methodist.

2:42 p.m. - 1900 block Highway 87, medical call, patient transported to University Hospital, Lubbock.

3:21 p.m. - 3600 block Highway 87, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

3:30 p.m. - 3000 block Highway 87, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

7:31 p.m. - 2800 block Apache, medical call, service refused.

8:35 p.m. - 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

9:17 p.m. - 300 block E. Third, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

SHERIFF

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

•ISRAEL JESUS PEREZ, 20, was arrested for motion to revoke probation of burglary of a building.

•ROBERT ARTHUR MCCALL, 33, was arrested for mpton to revoke probation of driving while intoxicated third or more offense.

RECORDS

Thursday's high 79. Thursday's low 46. Average high 65. Average low 51. Record high 87 in 1985. Record low 12 in 1989. Precip. Thursday 0.00. Month to date 0.00. Month's normal 0.05. Year to date 0.28. Normal for the year 1.28.

SEARS In the Sears March 5th insert, we incorrectly described and priced several items on pages 11 and 12. The Kenmore refrigerator sale priced at \$699.99 is actually item #48042, not #48048 and is available in white. Two Kenmore microwave item numbers are listed as closeout. Only item #68100 is \$79.88 closeout priced. The savings on the Kenmore washer item #20412 is \$62.00 not \$80.00. The final price of \$288.00 is correct. The Galaxy refrigerator sale priced at \$349.99 is actually item #68800, not #69800 and is available in white only. The dishwasher #14081 is not a Kenmore dishwasher. It is a Galaxy dishwasher and is not the lowest price ever. Also, the chest freezer #19501 is not at the lowest price ever. We apologize for any inconvenience these may cause our customers.

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NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory 906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331 Lee Roy Hunt, 72, died Thursday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Rodney Tiller died today in an Abilene hospital. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL 24th & Johnson 267-8288 Thomas "Ted" Daniels, 85, died Wednesday. Services will be 10:00 AM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park. Mary Eugenia (Gene) Harrington, 85, died Monday. Services will be 2:00 PM, Saturday at First Presbyterian Church, with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM today.

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Governor hires aide to lead campaign

AUSTIN (AP) — A mastermind of the GOP's 1994 takeover of the U.S. House will help direct Gov. George W. Bush's presidential campaign, according to a published report today.



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Sources close to the governor, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that Maria Cino, former executive director of the National Republican Congressional Committee, is expected to become political director in the campaign.

Members of Bush's presidential exploratory committee are expected to include former

Secretary of State George Shultz, who has been consulting with Bush, according to the Austin American-Statesman's editions today.

The governor is preparing for a Sunday announcement of other high-profile Republicans on the exploratory committee, which is expected to quickly rev up to full-speed fund raising.

Now affiliated with the Washington law and lobbying firm of Wiley, Rein & Fielding, Ms. Cino served as executive director of the National Republican Congressional Committee from 1993 to 1996. Her resume states that she was "responsible for managing two historic (U.S.) House Republican victories."

The Republicans in 1994 took control of the House for the first

time in 40 years.

In 1996, the party retained the majority for the first time in 60 years.

Ms. Cino's current firm has lobbied on behalf of Eastman Kodak, United Airlines, United Parcel Service and some media clients.

The governor has invited national reporters to Austin for the weekend news conference at the Austin Convention Center unveiling his committee. Several members of the committee will be on hand.

On Monday, the Bush campaign will file its papers with the Federal Election Commission, allowing the governor to raise and spend money as he decides whether to seek the presidency.

Associates expect him to run, though a final decision and for-

mal announcement are several months away.

The weekend political events will begin tonight with fundraising efforts for President Bill Clinton's hometown congressman. Bush is the featured speaker at the Dallas event for U.S. Rep. Jay Dickey, R-Ark.

The governor on Saturday will attend the University Interscholastic League girls basketball tournament, then head to Houston for a Saturday night speech to congregants at Second Baptist Church. Bush will speak Sunday morning at the same church.

The governor says he wants to help Dickey because the four-term House member whose district includes Hope and Hot Springs, the cities in which Clinton was raised, is vulnera-

Lawmakers contend Texas organs should stay in state

AUSTIN (AP) — Lawmakers are protesting federal regulations that could send Texas organ donations to the neediest patients nationwide first rather than giving a priority to those here.

"We have worked hard in Texas to increase organ donation," said Sen. Mario Gallegos Jr., D-Houston.

"By creating a national list, the new ruling would reallocate organs away from many of the smaller transplant centers in Texas and in other parts of the U.S. and shift them to a few, large surgical centers, many of which have had less success at increasing organ donation," he said.

Gallegos filed legislation to

counter regulations by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that may become effective in October.

The new federal policy aims for equality, said Charlotte Mehuron, spokeswoman for the department's Health Resources and Services Administration.

"The policy asks transplant communities to come up with policies to allocate organs based on medical rational and not just arbitrary geography," said Ms. Mehuron.

Gallegos' bill would require that organs recovered in Texas be first offered to local patients on transplant waiting lists before being made available nationwide.

Senate appropriators approve another moratorium on oil royalty rules

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate appropriators Thursday approved yet another extension to a ban that is prohibiting the federal government from changing the way oil companies pay royalties for oil and natural gas pumped from public lands.

The long-simmering issue has pitted Oil Patch lawmakers against the Interior Department's Minerals Management Service and

against others in Congress who contend the U.S. Treasury is being deprived of owed royalties.

"Once again, the Big Oil lobby is organizing to stop implementation of reform rules that will end the larcenous underpayments of royalties to taxpayers — underpayments that cost taxpayers more than \$60 million a year," Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., said after the Senate

Appropriations Committee's action.

The moratorium barring MMS from implementing new rules is due to expire June 1. The measure approved Thursday by the Appropriations Committee as part of a broader \$1.7 billion emergency supplemental spending bill would stretch the ban to Oct. 1.

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, the Texas Republican who

authored the initial ban language, is "obviously supportive" of the latest delay, a spokeswoman said.

Moratorium supporters contend the freeze was necessary to block overzealous bureaucrats from implementing an unfair royalty collection system without adequate input from the oil industry.

Miller and other critics contend the ban amounts to a wind-

fall for the oil industry, which stands accused of underpaying royalties by hundreds of millions of dollars over the last two decades. For every year Interior is blocked from implementing its royalty system, taxpayers will lose \$66 million, they say.

MMS collected some \$2.5 billion last year in royalties for gas from leases on federal land and another \$1.6-billion for oil pumped from government-

owned lands. States receive a share of the royalties, using the funds for education, public works projects and recreation.

MMS has sought to implement a new royalty collection system tied to market prices. But the agency has run afoul of the oil industry and Republicans on Capitol Hill, who contend the agency's plan would overstate the value of oil and is too complicated.

Committee OKs "middle-ground" bill to give youngsters health insurance

AUSTIN (AP) — Hundreds of thousands of Texas children who go without health coverage because their families don't qualify for Medicaid but can't afford private insurance could be covered through a new program under a bill approved Thursday by a Senate committee.

The effort to reach uninsured youngsters through the federally initiated Children's Health Insurance Program has been mired in debate.

Some have sought to qualify youngsters if their parents

make up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level, while others have advocated a lower level of 150 percent.

The difference is between about a \$22,000 annual income for a family of four, versus about \$34,000, according to lawmakers.

Under the bill forwarded to the full Senate by the Health Services Committee, youngsters from birth through age 10 would be covered at 200 percent of the poverty level.

Those who are 11 through 18 would be covered at the 150 per-

cent level. There is a provision to increase coverage in that age group if enough money is available.

"I think we have finally reached that middle ground," sponsoring Sen. Mike Moncrief, D-Fort Worth, said at a news conference with Republican Lt. Gov. Rick Perry and Senate Finance Committee Chairman Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant.

The bill would cost \$153 million in state funds in the next two-year budget period, an amount that would be financed through proceeds from Texas'

settlement of its lawsuit against the tobacco industry.

With federal matching funds, that would mean about \$445 million for the program in the coming biennium, according to Moncrief's office.

That would cover about 330,000 uninsured youngsters, out of 1.4 million in Texas who aren't insured, in the upcoming budget period. The state also would work to identify additional youngsters who would be eligible for Medicaid coverage.

Perry called the proposal a fiscally responsible one "that

cares for those most in need first, our youngest Texans."

Gov. George W. Bush met with Moncrief and plans to continue working with lawmakers on the proposal, said Linda Edwards, a spokeswoman for the Republican governor.

Bush's budget proposal submitted earlier to the Legislature included funding the program at 150 percent of poverty in an effort to increase coverage in a fiscally responsible way, according to his staff.

Governor Bush has not endorsed any specific proposal

on CHIP. He will continue to work with legislators and is confident consensus can be reached," Ms. Edwards said.

On the House side, Rep. Kevin Bailey said Moncrief's proposal could be acceptable to those who want broader coverage if the mechanism for making more of the 11-to-18 age group eligible could work quickly.

"We don't want something that will fail to cover those children in a short period of time," said Bailey, D-Houston, who heads the Legislative Study Group.

Education chairman files voucher bill; opponents hope to block consideration

AUSTIN (AP) — Opponents of a proposal to let some students pay for private school tuition with taxpayer-paid vouchers are hoping for enough strength to block the idea from even being considered by the Senate.

But Senate Education Committee Chairman Teel Bivins, who filed a voucher bill Thursday, hopes to change foes' minds by discussing the measure one-on-one with his colleagues.

"I think that if given a chance to sit down and talk with each of the members of the Senate and ... explain to them the non-threatening nature of this experiment, and secondly hear from them what their concerns are about how to make this a fairer experiment, I think we

have a reasonable chance of passing this bill this session," said Bivins, R-Amarillo.

Sen. Carlos Truan, who opposes diverting taxpayer funds from public to private schools, said he can't envision a voucher program he would support.

The Democrat from Corpus Christi said he is "cautiously optimistic" that enough of his colleagues agree with him to keep a voucher measure from a Senate vote. Senate rules require 21 of the 31 senators to agree to bring a bill up for consideration.

Under Bivins' bill, an estimated 143,000 public school students in Texas' six largest urban counties would be eligible for taxpayer-funded vouchers in a five-year trial program.

There are about 3.9 million public school students in Texas.

The program would be restricted to students in Bexar, Dallas, El Paso, Harris, Tarrant and Travis counties who didn't perform satisfactorily on the most recent Texas Assessment of Academic Skills reading, writing or math sections.

The students would have to be participants in the free and reduced-price lunch program that targets low-income students, and they couldn't have been enrolled in a private school during the current or preceding school year.

The program, which wouldn't be limited to students in schools that are considered low-performing, would begin with the 2000-2001 school year.

Five teens arrested in triple homicide

FORT WORTH (AP) — Three teen-agers were jailed today in lieu of bond and two juveniles were also in custody in connection with a triple homicide that police say may have resulted from a feud among members of a street gang.

The shootings earlier this week in front of a convenience store also wounded another man and a 13-year-old boy, according to investigators.

Charged Thursday with capital murder were Kareema Kimbrough, 18; 21-year-old Lamont Reese and Brian Johnson, 19, according to Police Chief Thomas Windham.

Bail for Ms. Kimbrough and Reese was set at \$500,000, with

Johnson's listed at \$400,000. All remained in Tarrant County Jail.

The two other suspects, ages 14 and 16, were held in juvenile detention.

"As a police department, we were shocked by this crime, but we take some comfort in the fact that we've got some suspects in custody," Windham said.

Assailants gunned down Anthony Roney, 26, Riki Jackson, 17, and Alonzo

Stewart, 25 with high-powered assault rifles Monday night. Two men had walked up to a cluster of about 10 people standing in front of the Stop and Shop store and opened fire.

Police said the suspects and some of their victims belonged to factions of the same Fort Worth street gang. Investigators said the suspects were implicated by a fellow gang member who was shot Tuesday night after he overheard them talking about the triple homicide.

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

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

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

This week we salute:

• **WEST TEXAS RAIN RALLY ORGANIZERS AND PARTICIPANTS**, who saw the need to come together in prayer for a common cause.

• **OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS**, who, during Public Schools Week, planned numerous activities — many of them parent-oriented — to promote education.

• **THE CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU** of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, on the new, locally-produced brochure about Big Spring.

• **THE VIETNAM MEMORIAL COMMITTEE**, when another part of their dream was realized this week as walls for the chapel began to go up.

• **BORDEN COUNTY LADY COYOTES**, who made their first-ever appearance at the UIL State Basketball Tournament.

• **TREVOR BIBB**, winner of the Howard County Spelling Bee, and the other 13 spellers who participated.

• **BIG SPRING LINE DANCERS**, on another successful festival Wednesday at the Senior Citizens Center.

• **STUDENT ARTISTS**, who won the school bus safety contest and to Brittini Coates and Eric Olivas especially, who will advance to regional competition next month.

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

OTHER VIEWS

Know Your Customer is an innocuous-sounding regulation that found its way onto the Federal Register two months ago. Thanks to attentive Internet privacy groups, the snoopy practices proposed by financial regulators may not survive much longer.

The proposed new rule would require federally chartered banks to identify every customer for the federal government and would mandate tracking of ordinary customer banking transactions. Credit unions and state-chartered banks that aren't members of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. also would be roped into

the scheme.

Federal regulators say the scheme is needed to protect the banking system against drug-related money-laundering. But existing rules already require private financial institutions to report most cash transactions of \$10,000 or more. Banks also must file reports of suspicious transactions with the Treasury Department if they believe a customer is engaging in criminal activities.

There is no need for an additional federal mandate directing banks to snitch on customers making ordinary financial transactions.

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Time may be right for female as president

By DEB RIECHMANN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — An unexpected consequence of the Monica Lewinsky affair could be that voters will be more willing to have a woman in the White House — not as first lady, but as commander in chief. The thinking is that a woman would be better at restoring honesty and ethics to the office.

People already are accustomed to seeing women in high places. Nine senators are women. Female military officers, female astronauts, female business executives are not as rare as they once were.

And even though some people still don't like the idea of women in politics, a poll last year indicated that 90 percent of adults would vote for a woman as their party's presidential nominee if she was qualified. In 1972, the figure was 70 percent.

Moreover, a quarter of 1,200 adults surveyed last month said they think a female president would be better than a man at "improving honesty and ethics in Washington" — not an unimportant factor in the aftermath of the 13-month scandal over President Clinton's affair with a former White House intern.

At one time, a considerable

number of men said they would not support a woman for president, but "that's no longer true," says Democratic pollster Celinda Lake. "A lot of older, blue-collar men want their daughters to be president."

Still that 10 percent of voters who aren't sold on the idea of a woman as commander in chief would matter in a tight race.

"What we don't know yet," says Linda DiVall, a Republican pollster, "is if some of these older voters are more inclined now to support a woman because of their belief that a woman would be the best to return integrity to the White House."

Twenty-three countries have had female prime ministers or presidents.

While American voters elect increasing numbers of women to legislative positions, they hesitate to put them in executive leadership positions, Lake says.

"We saw that in the gubernatorial races in the last election," DiVall says.

"We had a record number of women running for governor and most of them lost. Basically, the only women who were elected were women who were incumbents."

"For any woman running for president, the first imperative is that she project gravitas," wrote former Rep. Patricia Schroeder, D-Colo., in an opin-

ion piece in The New York Times. "Men are assumed to have it; women have to prove they have it."

Former Rep. Shirley Chisholm, D-N.Y., who in 1972 became the first woman to seek the presidential nomination of a major political party, says some voters believe that a woman would never have the same kind of personal troubles as Clinton.

"I've heard a lot of men say, 'Look, these men are messing up. Maybe it is time to give a woman an opportunity,'" says Chisholm, 74.

Gender, however, will never be the deciding factor in choosing a president, says former New York congresswoman Geraldine Ferraro, the Democratic vice presidential candidate in 1984 with Walter Mondale.

"I don't think the American public is going to turn around and say, 'I will vote for her because she's a woman, because she's pure and she's not going to get in trouble,'" Ferraro says. "They may consider it, but I don't think they'll vote on it. They'll look at the person and say, 'Where is this person on the issues?'"

Ferraro predicts Elizabeth Dole, who refers to the next president as "he or she" and is a potential candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, will not get the nomina-

tion. Ferraro says Mrs. Dole could wind up as the GOP's vice presidential nominee. That would pressure Democrats to nominate a woman for vice president, too, she says.

Ferraro offers some political advice to first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, who is considering a bid for a Senate seat from New York: Don't do it yet. Write a book, run for the Senate from Illinois in 2004 and "then she's our presidential candidate in 2008."

Continuing to see women in powerful positions — Madeleine Albright traversing the world as secretary of state and Janet Reno at the helm of the Justice Department — is what will convince voters that a woman is capable of leading the free world, says Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif.

"I really don't think a woman just for the sake of being a woman can win," Feinstein says. "I think she's got to do the apprenticeships, she's got to have the credentials."

Former President Ford, in a speech last week, said the most likely scenario for a woman becoming president would be if she were a vice president and the president, a man, "should die or get shot or whatever." "And that's the last time," Ford said to applause, "that we'll ever have a male president."



Clinton continues to leave a shameful mess

A little more than one week ago, Juanita Broaddrick went on national television and charged that the president of the United States raped her some 21 years ago when he was attorney general of Arkansas.

What's happened since this explosive accusation? Nothing.

Oh, the president's attorney has issued a two-sentence denial, to which the president himself carefully referred when asked about the accusation at a news conference later in the week. But basically everyone in official Washington — and indeed around the country — seems to want the story to go away. And it's not because they don't believe it — some 54 percent of those polled by Fox News allegation believe Broaddrick's version of events. But the dilemma is, even if you believe Juanita Broaddrick is telling the truth, what do you do about it?

First, if these were normal times and this president were a normal president, we could call for an investigation. But Bill Clinton is already the most investigated president in U.S. history. We know more about him — especially his sexual predilections — than most of us want to know about any human being. And most of what we know is loathsome. Still, a huge segment of the American public believes that no matter how badly Bill behaves when he's alone with a vulnerable woman, it's simply none of our business. What matters is Bill's effect on the economy. Period.

So we're not likely to get an official investigation of Broaddrick's claim — a dubious undertaking 21 years after the alleged rape, in any event. A few news organizations have attempted to verify Broaddrick's account — most notably NBC News, which aired a 26-minute interview with her last Wednesday watched by a paltry 14 million viewers (compared with 57 million who were watching the Grammy music awards at the same time).

A small number of major newspapers, including The Washington Post and the Chicago Tribune, have conducted their own investigations of the incident. According to those accounts, most of the verifiable details Broaddrick provided have proved accurate. Broaddrick came to Little

Rock in April 1978 to attend a conference, and stayed at the Camelot Hotel, sharing a room with a friend, Norma Rogers, who returned to the room to find Broaddrick shaken; with horribly swollen lips and torn pantyhose. Broaddrick told Rogers that then-attorney general Bill Clinton had raped her. The two women put ice on Broaddrick's lips and left the hotel to return home, without calling the police.

Did Bill Clinton rape Juanita Broaddrick? Or was it just "bad sex," as Democratic political operative Susan Estrich repulsively suggested on ABC's Sunday public affairs show "This Week"? Of course, it's impossible to know precisely what happened two decades after the incident occurred, especially since Broaddrick herself once denied that she was raped in an affidavit filed in the Paula Jones lawsuit. But the pattern which Broaddrick describes is eerily familiar.

To believe Bill Clinton, you must disbelieve an awfully lot of women — those who rebuffed his advances and those who succumbed or, as in the case of Monica Lewinsky, invited them. Bill Clinton's behavior with women is not just immoral — as even his Democrat defenders admit — but pathological. And yet women are Bill Clinton's staunchest supporters, recall-

ing to mind the 1980s best-seller "Men Who Hate Women ... and the Women Who Love Them."

What goes through the mind of Bill Clinton's women — not Hillary, the First Enabler, but Donna Shalala, Janet Reno, Alexis Herman, Madeleine Albright, the female members of his Cabinet? Doesn't any one of these smart, independent women wonder what kind of moral deviant they work for? Shalala once chastised the president after he admitted he'd lied to his Cabinet when he denied the Lewinsky story. But he rebuked her, and she retreated in silence.

What should we do about the Broaddrick story? The only people in a position to do something are the president's staff, his fellow Democrats in Congress and his feminist supporters. First, they must demand a public accounting from the president. And if he refuses or if they have doubts about his credibility — and who cannot? — their only avenue of protest is to shun this woman-hater.

They could resign from his Cabinet, refuse his invitations to social gatherings at the White House, in short ostracize Bill Clinton. It won't happen. Not even Diogenes with his lantern could find an honest man or woman in the crowd that surrounds this president.

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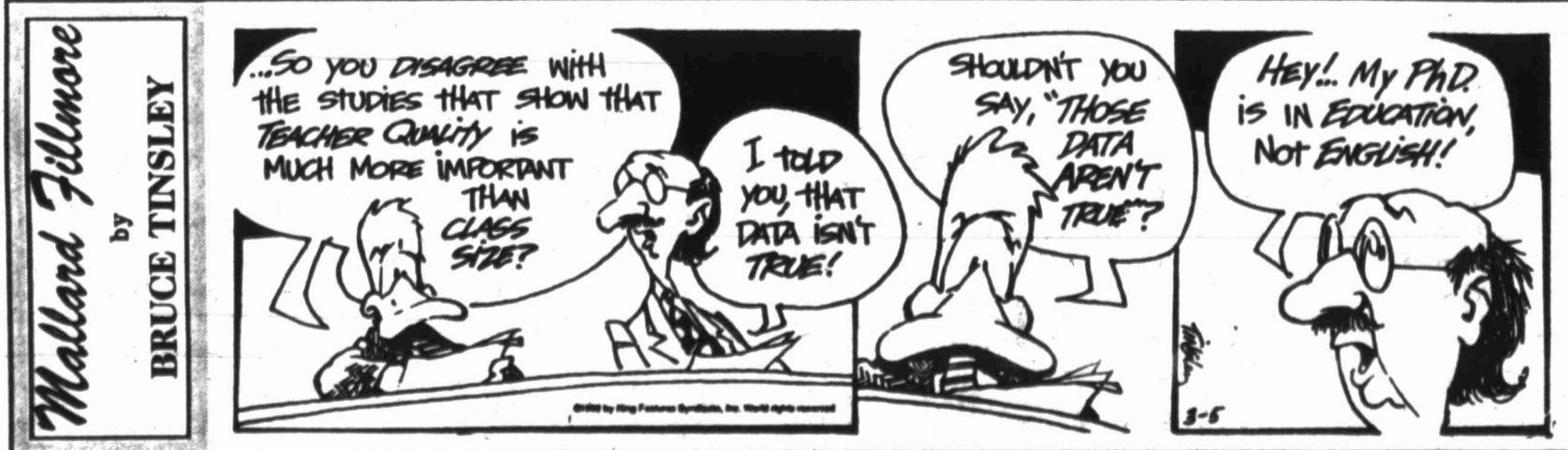
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Republicans are aiming to strengthen stand on education

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the first, muted clash of the new Congress, Republicans are maneuvering to strengthen their standing on education, a top issue with the public. Democrats are determined not to be outflanked.

The result, according to congressional aides in both parties, is that GOP-drafted legislation to loosen federal strings on school aid is likely to pass the Senate by an overwhelming margin next week. But not before a politically charged struggle over Democratic

amendments for hiring more teachers and funding after-school programs.

"Education was ranked as the most important issue by the single largest number of people" in the 1998 elections, Mark Mellman, a Democratic pollster, said Thursday as the two parties jockeyed for position in the Senate. "And those people voted overwhelmingly Democratic."

"I'm not sure we've found a way to make it work," conceded Jan Vanolhuizen, a pollster whose clients include the GOP Senatorial Campaign

Committee. GOP governors fared well last year among voters who care about education, he said, in contrast to candidates for Congress.

"I think they need to show that education is a priority and I think they need to show it in a non-punitive way," he said.

Long gone is the public talk among Republicans — prevalent when the GOP gained control of the Congress in 1994 — of abolishing the Department of Education.

And there has been little GOP emphasis thus far this year on

establishing federally-funded voucher programs to allow children to attend private schools. While that issue has gained some appeal among those seeking an alternative to poorly performing inner city schools, it is not supported as strongly by the public as much as other GOP education proposals.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert, a former high school teacher and wrestling coach, has identified education as a top priority. Hastert, whose wife is a kindergarten teacher, journeyed to a District of Columbia

elementary school earlier this week to read to school children to underscore his personal interest.

Already a bill to loosen federal strings on education aid has cleared a House committee and is expected on the floor next week. House Republicans will be introducing another measure next week to allow special education accounts, with interest to accumulate tax-free, that can be used for school expenses. That draws support of 90 percent of the public, according to a survey Vanolhuizen's firm, Voter

Consumer Research, did last fall for Senate Republicans.

In the Senate, Republican Sen. Pete Domenici of New Mexico, the chairman of the Budget Committee, floated a proposal for a 40 percent increase in federal school funding over the next several years.

And setting on a schedule for the post-impeachment era, Majority Leader Trent Lott decided on an early debate on legislation backed by governors of both parties to reduce federal restrictions on money that goes to the states.

Disbelief felt at verdict in deadly cable car case

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. (AP) — Marine Capt. Richard Ashby faced more than 200 years in prison for the deaths of 20 people after his jet tore through a gondola cable in Italy, hurling the group to the ground.

Despite his acquittal on involuntary manslaughter charges Thursday, Ashby could still be sent to prison — but only for a single year, if he's convicted of a single remaining count of obstruction of justice.

The verdict from a military jury outraged families of the victims and dumbfounded Italian authorities.

"I am really baffled by this ruling," said Italian Premier Massimo D'Alema. "With that kind of a massacre, with so many casualties, I think it is a duty to ensure that justice is done."

D'Alema, who was to meet with President Clinton today in Washington, said Italy will explore all legal ways to find accountability for the tragedy.

Ashby, 31, of Mission Viejo, Calif., was at the controls of an EA-6B Prowler jet when its wing sliced two cables on the Mount Cermis gondola near Cavalese, Italy. The gondola plunged more than 300 feet to the valley and nearly flattened on impact, dismembering some victims.

The remaining charge against the pilot is for his alleged role in the disappearance of a videotape shot during

the Feb. 3, 1998, flight.

After the verdict, his lawyer, Frank Spinner, said the obstruction charge should be dismissed, along with charges pending against the navigator, Capt. Joseph Schweitzer.

"We support Capt. Schweitzer and I think it's appropriate now for the government to drop the charges against him," Spinner said. "We still face charges. That still lies out in the future and we don't know how that's going to be resolved."

Schweitzer, 31, of Westbury, N.Y., is charged with, among other counts, involuntary manslaughter and obstruction of justice. His trial is set for March 22. Charges against the other two crewmen were dismissed.

Prosecutors had accused Ashby of violating the mission's 517-mph speed limit and 2,000-foot altitude restriction. His jet, traveling at 621 mph, cut the cable about 370 feet above the valley floor, prosecutors said.

The defense said the military's map didn't show the ski lift, and that key jet equipment wasn't working properly. Defense witnesses also said Ashby could have been drawn too low by a visual illusion that made him think he was higher.

People living near the ski area said they had long complained about low-flying jets from Aviano air base and their "Top Gun" antics.

Democrats rap GOP plan for fiscal 2000 budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats are attacking a Republican framework for a 2000 budget that the GOP says would protect Social Security surpluses, provide a five-year tax cut of nearly \$200 billion and heed two-year-old spending limits.

Senate and House Republican leaders agreed to a broad outline of their plan Thursday, capping weeks of intense, private meetings.

Republicans hope it will help them win their battle with President Clinton over how to use massive budget surpluses expected for the foreseeable future.

It also seems to reflect a truce

between House and Senate Republicans, whose bickering over cutting taxes last year resulted in Congress' first failure in 24 years to produce its own budget.

The agreement spells out general budget principles for fiscal 2000, which begins Oct. 1, and leaves questions about many details for later.

But even before the leaders began selling it to rank-and-file Republicans, Democrats derided it.

"I'm not sure that what they're proposing in this budget is possible without a good deal of smoke and mirrors," said Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D.

"We're going to be looking particularly to see if this plan does anything to strengthen the solvency of Social Security and Medicare, as the president's plan does," said White House spokesman Barry Toiv.

Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., and House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio, hope to push a detailed plan reflecting the agreement through their panels within two weeks.

The GOP proposal promises to set aside \$1.8 trillion in projected surpluses over the next decade for debt reduction, or to buttress Social Security and Medicare if those programs are

overhauled.

They declared that exceeded the amount the Clinton's budget, proposed last month, would reserve by \$150 billion, according to the Congressional Budget Office.

And they cited CBO figures saying Clinton would only use 58 percent of next year's \$137 billion Social Security surplus for the giant pension program.

"He's running around saying he's the one saving Social Security," said Domenici, one of the architects of the GOP plan.

"If saving the trust fund and not spending it is the test, we're 100 percent pure, and he's 58 percent pure," Domenici said.

FFA says air travel within U.S. will be safe on New Year's Day

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's skies will be safe to fly on New Year's Day despite the Year 2000 computer problem, government officials say, but they're still unsure how things will go at U.S. airports or in foreign aviation systems.

Top Federal Aviation Administration officials made that pronouncement Thursday, responding to continuing questions about whether the U.S. aviation system will be able to deal with the computer glitch.

"From the air traffic control system, our end-to-end testing says there will be no impact on Jan. 1," Ray Long, director of the FAA's Y2K program, told reporters. "The impact could be more to the infrastructure — how you get to and from the airport."

FAA Administrator Jane Garvey said, "There may be some disruptions because of delayed baggage or something like that," but the agency is working hard "to make sure that those disruptions are at a minimum."

She plans to fly coast-to-coast with Long on New Year's Eve to demonstrate their confidence in the agency's computer handiwork.

Their optimism contrasts sharply with recent failing Y2K grades given to the FAA and the Transportation Department in general by Rep. Stephen Horn,

R-Calif., who chairs the House Government Reform and Oversight panel on government management, information and technology.

Long conceded the agency was seven months late in starting its attack on the problem and will fall 35 percent short of meeting a March 31 deadline set by President Clinton. But he vowed that all 626 FAA computer systems, including 151 "mission critical" systems that operate everything from air traffic control to the agency's payroll, will be analyzed, repaired, tested and running properly in the field as of June 30.

A live air traffic control test with non-passenger aircraft will be conducted at Denver's airport in the early morning hours of April 10.

"Safety is not an issue," declared Garvey.

The bigger question is whether aviation-related systems not controlled by the FAA will operate properly.

The Y2K problem is an outgrowth of an old computer programming technique in which years were labeled for record-keeping purposes only by their final two digits, such as '99' for 1999.

There is concern that computers will malfunction when the date changes to 2000, which some computers might interpret as 1900.

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Alzheimer's disease

Information session Tuesday aimed at family members of victims

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

An information session planned Tuesday is aimed at family members of people with Alzheimer's disease. "Alzheimer's: Beginning to Cope," will be offered at 3 p.m. at Canterbury South and again at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library Conference Room. Maryjane Allen, program coordinator for the Alzheimer's Association Greater West Texas Chapter, said the program includes the "ABCs" of the disease. It would be helpful to those who have just received the diagnosis for a family member, as well as those who suspect

someone they love might be suffering from Alzheimer's, she said. "Anyone who is concerned someone they care about is showing signs of dementia could get some helpful information," Allen said. Although the session will not diagnose the disease, it will discuss symptoms, signs and stages of its progression. For those who may need medical assistance, Allen will refer them to a physician. "At this session, we give a 'care package' of information to take with them, and we cover all the common questions about the disease," Allen said. "This is a learning session." Once family members have learned

the basics, she said, they are ready to access other services of the Alzheimer's Association, such as support groups. A support meets locally each month for family members and caregivers of people with Alzheimer's. "There is a lot of family stress associated with the disease," Allen said. "There is usually a slow progression of symptoms, but it might hit you hard when you realize that mother has been faking her way along, and really needs some help." Such problems as hoarding things, forgetting simple things such as a recent conversation, and suspicion of family members are common in Alzheimer's

sufferers. The family member, who has been independent, might suddenly show signs of severe money mismanagement, or the inability to do simple tasks on her own, such as writing a check. The Alzheimer's Association, a non-profit organization, is dedicated to conquering the disease through research, and to providing education and support to people with Alzheimer's, their families and caregivers. It serves 24 West Texas counties which include, along with Howard, Martin, Glasscock, Andrews, Pecos, Midland and Ector. The association offers the ABC session every other month in Big Spring. For more information, call 1-800-682-1174.

CLUB NEWS

Mary Jane Club

The Mary Jane Club of Coahoma celebrated its annual girls night out on Thursday, Feb. 25. Organized and hosted by Diane Wood, the group of 15 traveled to Midland, had dinner at Abuelo's before attending Midland Community Theatre's presentation of "Carousel." Guests attending were Ann Bingham, Donna Merrick, Shelly Phinney and Cindy Fowler.

1948 Hyperion Club

The 1948 Hyperion Club held its monthly meeting in the Fireplace Room at the Dora Roberts Community Center with Kate Irons and Betty Price as cohostesses.

Fern Alexander presented Joanne Forrest, who gave an inspirational talk on the progress of the Relay for Life here in Big Spring.

Citing events from the uncertain beginning to last year's record breaking event which ranked second in the state and tenth in the nation, Forrest thanked the club for their continued support in the battle to find a cure for cancer and reminded those in attendance that this year's relay is scheduled for May 14-15.

Green Thumb Garden Club

Regular meeting of Green Thumb Garden Club was held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 2, in the home of Myra Robinson. Claudie Patterson was cohostess. Fifteen members were present. Special guests were Sandra Huston and Sherry Davis, also Milton and Elaine Frary from Yorkshire, England.

Jacque Thomas presented a book review of "The Persian Pickle Club" by Sandra Dallas.

The club voted to sponsor one relay team in the Relay for Life fundraiser by the American Cancer Society.

American Business Womens Association

The Scenic Cactus Chapter of the American Business Womens Association will be hosting its annual Business Associate of the Year event on Monday, March 8, at 6:30 p.m. at KC's Steakhouse. Our guest speaker will be Brenda Brooks, formerly of Big Spring. Her program will be entitled "Navigating Change." Last month the group honored their Woman of the Year Elaine Tubbs. She is owner of Elaine's Bookkeeping Service and is part time employed by Del Mar Drilling.

Our scholarship recipient Brenda Koerber was also introduced. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting and bring a companion or two. For more information please call Danelle at 267-8239.

Toastmasters

Tall Talkers Toastmasters' Club of Big Spring had its meeting on March 3, at 6:30 a.m. at 606 Johnson Street.

The word of the day was verity which means truth or reality. Toastmaster was Virginia Martin. Best speaker was Joelle Ford, speaking on "How to paint the portrait of a bird."

Tall Talkers Toastmasters meet weekly on Wednesdays, August to June at 6:30 a.m. For more information call Pam Welch at 264-6032.

CHURCH NEWS

Church Women United

Come join in informed prayer and prayerful action with God's people on World Day of Prayer, Saturday at 10 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church. This ecumenical service, written by Venezuelan women on the theme of "God's Tender Touch," is sponsored by Church Women United. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Bible Rally

There will be a "back alley Bible rally" on Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Maranatha Baptist Academy back alley, 903 Johnson. There will be free coffee, donuts and salvation. This is sponsored by East Side Baptist Church. Call 267-1915 for more information.

Salem Baptist Church

Salem Baptist Church, corner of the old Colorado City Hwy. and North Salem Road, is having an old-fashion gospel sing Sunday after at 2:30.

We invite all those who love gospel music to come.

We also invite you to stay for a meal at 5 p.m. giving you time to attend your church or stay for our Bible study at 6 p.m. led by pastor Ben Neel.

First United Methodist Church

"Floating a New Dream"

(Genesis 6:1-22) is Dr. Ed Williamson's message this Sunday at the First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry. The message is about Noah and his ark. 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.

United Methodist Men will have their monthly breakfast on Saturday, March 13, at 8:30 a.m. in Garrett Hall. Come in and enjoy the good breakfast and fellowship. On March 21, there will be a Christian Education Workshop for anyone currently teaching or interested in teaching or substitute teaching a Sunday School class of any level. Everyone is welcome to attend the workshop from noon to 3 p.m. and there will be a luncheon in Garrett Hall with day care provided. Please RSVP at 267-6394.

Living Water Ministries

Living Water Ministries, 1008 Birdwell Lane, will be hosting meetings this weekend. For more information call 267-7047.

Guest speakers will be Bob Terrell and Doug Roberts and the meetings will be Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. Saturday will also have a 1 p.m. men's meeting, and Sunday will meet at 9:30 a.m.

Bob Terrell, a native of Texas, has formerly served as President of Foundation

Ministries in Azel. He is presently retired from the U.S. Air Force, though continuing to be active as Missions Director for Foundation Ministries. He currently serves the Lord in the grace of an apostle, giving apostolic oversight in varying degrees to churches in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

He and his wife both have ministered to the Fellowship of Christina Athletic groups, as well as many other Christian groups. In recent years, Doug has ministered in Mexico and Africa as well as the United States.

East Fourth Street Baptist

On Sunday, East Fourth Street Baptist Church will be worshipping once again in their worship center. For the last several weeks they have been worshipping in the Municipal Auditorium. East Fourth Street would like to thank the city for the use of their auditorium during this time.

Many improvements have been made to the church's auditorium. New pews have been installed, as well as new choir chairs. The entire auditorium as well as the foyer has been carpeted. New paneling that coordinates with the pews have been installed. Cut glass windows have been added. The lighting is brighter. The church will also have a new sound system.

A beautiful painting was donated for the foyer by Virginia Whitten, who is also the artist.

Many church members and others have contributed with their financial support. Many hours of labor have gone into this project with many church members contributing their efforts. Among them, but certainly not limited to, are the members of the long range planning committee, of which Bob Taylor is chairman. David Rhoton served as the contractor.

A special dedication service will be held the last of April.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

St. Mary's Inquirer's Class meets on Monday, March 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the library. It's not too late to begin, and everyone is invited.

St. Mary's Lenten Program continues on Wednesday, March 10. The All-Parish meatless Pot Luck Supper is at 6 p.m. The Rt. Rev. Wallis Ohl, from Lubbock, will present a program on "Avarice and Envy" around 6:45 p.m. We will end with a brief service of Compline.

The Contemplative Prayer meeting will be held on Friday, March 12, at 5:30 p.m. in the library. Anyone interested in learning and practicing this ancient form of Christian prayer is welcome.

Sacred Heart Church

Sacred Heart Church will have Alan Ames speaking Thursday, March 25, at 7 p.m. He is from Australia and will be speaking on "Returning to

the Lord."

Alan speaks of his conversion three years ago, that took him from virtual non-believer to being on fire for the love of God. His missions are many and he guides his audience to live their lives in the companionship of the Holy Spirit.

He is endorsed by his Bishop, Most Rev. B.J. Hickey, Archbishop of Perth, Australia. The service will be at 508 N. Aylesford.

Hillcrest Baptist

"Christ in the Passover" - A Jews For Jesus Presentation - What do the Jewish Passover and Jesus' Last Supper have in common?

Andrew Barron, speaking on behalf of Jews for Jesus, will answer these question in a presentation called "Christ in the Passover" at Hillcrest Baptist Church, 2000 W. FM 700, on Sunday at 6 p.m.

Using a visual display, the "Christ in the Passover" presentation enhances the Christian's understanding and appreciation of Jewish background of the Christian Communion. Ancient and modern Jewish customs are discussed and described with an emphasis on the aspect of redemption that Christ accomplished at Calvary.

A table is set with the traditional Jewish Passover items, including representative foods which are explained, but not eaten. The ceremonial seder plate, the three compartment pouch in which the matzo (unleavened bread) is kept, as well as the traditional cup of Elijah are presented.

Struggle to fire pastor splits Houston-area congregation

WEST COLUMBIA, Texas (AP) - A judge has ordered a rural Brazoria County church to vote on a divisive proposal to fire its pastor.

The Rev. Mark C. Davis of First Missionary Baptist Church was terminated Dec. 27. But he kept preaching anyway.

So, four anti-Davis deacons took their case to court.

"This has kind of put a black eye on the church," said Charles Mathis, one of four deacons who voted to oust Davis. "We have some members in their 80s and 90s, and they're very stressed. They were hoping things would get back together before they would pass. It's heartbreaking."

There will be no more chances for them. Our responsibility is to be spiritually prepared whether His coming will be tomorrow or in the distant future because He will come as a "thief in the night."

Darrell Hendrickson is pastor at First Church of God.

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Y2K problem: What did Jesus say?

We have been hearing a lot about the year 2000.

We have heard people talk about the problems our computers will encounter when they roll over to the year 2000. Even some religious leaders have become "prophets of doom." They warn of massive power blackouts, the failure of hospitals, factory, and fire equipment, the collapse of banking, food shortages and riots.

Some national leaders are selling videos which summarize both the Y2K problem and predicting the end of the world.

According to "Time Magazine," there is the popular series of novels by retired pastor Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins, which chronicles life on the eve of the Second Coming of Christ.

They say genuine Christians will disappear and everyone else is abandoned to suffer terrible earthquakes, wars and the whims of the Antichrist, Secretary-General Nicolae

Carpathea, of Romania. Collectively, the books have sold more than three million copies.

LaHaye also predicted a one-world currency or a one-world economic system which will dominate the world commercially until it is destroyed. Many others are also speculating on what will happen at the end of 1999.

Before the time of Christ, people were expecting the Messiah to come to set up a Kingdom on the earth and regain the throne of Israel.

In the year 999, people thought He would surely come after the first 1000 years. The FBI is warning Americans that

religious groups may cause disturbances in order for their predictions to come true.

To gain some perspective, let us see what Jesus, the Savior of the world and the one who was sent by God, The Father, said. His own words about the condition of the world before His coming, should shed some light on the situation we are currently facing.

Jesus said, "As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man; they ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all." (Luke 17:26-27)

The Apostle Peter, who walked and talked with Jesus, describes the conditions at the Second Coming of Jesus, "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise and the elements will melt with a fervent

heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up." (II Peter 3:10)

Jesus, speaking of His Second Coming, said, "But of that day and hour, no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only." (Matthew 24:36)

Jesus said very simply that only the Father knows when that day will be and that it will come when we least expect it. Jesus didn't know, the disciples didn't know, preachers of today, don't know but only God, the Father, knows.

People who die before He comes back for His Church will, in a way, experience His Second coming.

There will be no more chances for them. Our responsibility is to be spiritually prepared whether His coming will be tomorrow or in the distant future because He will come as a "thief in the night."

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COMMUNITY NEWS

The Captain Elisha Mack Chapter, NSDAR celebrated their silver anniversary at the home of Mrs. John Key Feb. 21.

The original charter was displayed on an easel in the foyer of the Key home. The chapter was chartered 25 years ago on April 19, 1974. There were 31 charter members. Three charter members remain in the Big Spring area: Mrs. Stanley Reid, Mrs. John Damron and Mrs. Jack Alexander (pictured, left to right), all of whom were present at the silver anniversary celebration.

The Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter has contributed dozens of books to the genealogical section of the Howard County Library, awarded many seniors at area schools as DAR Good Citizens, participated in local Memorial Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day observances, and had the Mayor proclaim Constitution Week and the local church bells rung to commemorate the signing of the Constitution. The next meeting will be March 13, at the Big Spring Country Club. June Reid will present the program "Spirted Women of '76."



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A FUND HAS BEEN established at State National Bank to help with expenses for Z.B. Rinehart. He has been in intensive care at Shannon Medical Center since Feb. 22 due to a severe infection in his bloodstream.

Although he is beginning to show improvement, his recovery is expected to be long. Anyone can make donations to the Z.B. Rinehart Fund to help his family.

PARENTS OF BIG SPRING High School juniors and seniors are asked to attend the "Parents Who Care" after-prom party planning meeting Monday, March 15 at 7 p.m. in the school library. For more information, call Sue Bagwell at 264-7016 or Kelly McBee at 263-2306.

THE LAST WORD

They have in Turkey a drink called coffee. It comforteth the brain and heart and helpeth digestion. Francis Bacon

Humour is the first of the gifts to perish in a foreign tongue. Virginia Woolf

Accusing the times is but accusing ourselves. Thomas Fuller

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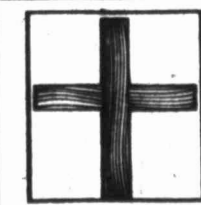
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ing." Davis supporters declined to comment in a story by The Facts, the county's daily newspaper.

On March 14, the congregation will hold a court-ordered election to determine once and for all if the pastor stays or goes.

Until then, separate services are being held each Sunday so his supporters and opponents can worship without conflict. The church's bank accounts are frozen and cannot be touched without the joint written consent of two court-appointed officials.

The conflict mirrors a dispute that wreaked havoc on the Freedom Missionary Baptist Church in Odessa a year ago. After a protracted fight, that congregation voted 23-19 last March to retain its pastor.

Davis' attorney has declined interviews, saying he wants to keep the matter private. But his attorney, Major Adams II, told The Facts that the lawsuit does not represent most worshippers' views.

"If it was the majority of the church that wanted him to go, he would just go, but that's not the case," Adams said. "We're just going to let the people vote and let the church give their voice, and after that it will be evident he's the right person. That's what he wanted all along."

Davis, 33, was hired about eight years ago as the church's pastor. Even his opponents describe him as an intelligent, energetic preacher.

Many of those wanting Davis to leave include longtime members, many of whom live in West Columbia. Many of those wanting him to stay are newer members who largely live out of town. Mathis claims some pro-Davis members tried to wrest control of church finances from the deacons, who under the church constitution are responsible for business and financial affairs.

Adams counters that the constitution never has been approved by the congregation. After the deacons filed suit Feb. 4, state District Judge Robert May ordered that a church election be held to determine the pastor's fate. The judge appointed an impartial outsider, Angleton attorney Von Shelton, to count the ballots.

The church was ordered to schedule separate services until then.

Mathis says he's looking forward to a period of healing once the election is over.

"We'll have to go through a reconciliation period where we'll have to try to rebuild the self-esteem and confidence of the people in the church," he said, "and look for a leader that can work with the church to help it grow, not pull it apart and scatter the flock."

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Dallas company tries to shake up funeral business

DALLAS (AP) — Tony Thornton started planning his funeral two years ago, even picking out a plum-colored casket with silver handles.

But when Thornton went to a funeral home this week and saw a casket covered with a picture of cherubic angels, their eyes cast heavenward, he snapped it up.

"I collect angels, and I just fell in love with that one," said the 43-year-old Dallas man, a designer who has a terminal illness. "My house is filled with angels, and I feel safe with angels. I saw that (casket) and thought, 'That's me.'"

The casket that Thornton bought was made by a fledgling company that operates out of the back of a print shop in Dallas. WhiteLight has sold only a dozen caskets, but owners Patrick Fant and Dennis Sternitzky dream of shaking up the stodgy death industry by selling 3,000 this year and 50,000 within three years — about one-half of 1 percent of the market.

Fant, 52, is a former rock 'n roll radio executive who believes he has devised an idea that will appeal to his fellow baby boomers.

"The baby boomers are planning funerals for their family members and, in some cases, each other. My generation craves choice and personal expression. That's what this is, taken all the way to the end — your final statement," Fant said. "If you're going to buy a casket anyway, why buy a blank? No one's life was a blank."

The company has created 12 designs so far. Fant expects religious themes to sell best, such as the angels and another depicting Our Lady of Guadalupe. Other models are more whimsical, including a golf-course scene called "Fairway to Heaven."

Last week in Hot Springs, Ark., James O'Donnell went to his final resting place in a WhiteLight coffin picturing the flag of the Republic of Ireland.

"He was all Irish — Duggans, Murphys and O'Donnells," said his widow, June. The service featured Irish music and white, green and orange floral arrangements to match the coffin.

"It was quite special. It was a gala occasion," Mrs. O'Donnell said brightly. "He went out in style."

More designs are in the works — Fant promised "a spring collection."

The art caskets are part of a move in the industry to satisfy families' desire for more-personalized funerals.

"They want more said about the person than just the standard eulogy by some minister who didn't know him," said Beverly Henley, the owner of Forest Lawn Funeral Home in Dallas, where Thornton bought his angels casket.

"The music is different, too," Ms. Henley said. "You still find 'Amazing Grace,' but we've had people ask for 'Pink Cadillac' and Barbra Streisand's 'Funny Girl.' I think the art caskets are part of that — more personalization."

Jerri Lyons, founder of the Natural Death Care Project in Sebastopol, Calif., said personalized caskets are gaining

ground among people who plan their own funerals. She has seen families attach photos, poems, feathers and glitter to plain pine coffins.

"Baby boomers are looking for more meaningful ways to take care of their own," Ms. Lyons said. "They're looking for something that's more personal and loving and dignified. They're looking to do it their way."

The industry leader, Batesville Casket of Indiana, has started offering laser engraving of names, dates and verses on caskets, plus eagle and angel insets on the corners. The changes were made after a marketing survey that focused on people in their 40s and 50s.

Some funeral directors say they don't plan to offer art caskets.

"We have agreements with two companies that provide caskets that meet the needs of our customers," said Terry Hemeyer, a spokesman for Houston-based Service Corporation International, which operates several funeral-home chains. "Most people want the traditional casket."

The idea for art caskets was born a year ago while Fant and Sternitzky were driving from Dallas to Arlington and talking about a newspaper advertisement touting the business opportunity in becoming a casket distributor.

"We got to thinking, 'Have you ever thought about how your own funeral service would look?'" Fant said. "I'd want mine to look different; to say something about me. You don't get much of that at the corner funeral home. Funerals all pretty much look the same."

WhiteLight starts with a generic steel casket and laminates it with a color design or photograph — the process takes two workers about 90 minutes.

Fant said his caskets will cost 40 percent to 50 percent more than a standard steel casket, but he sees it as a mass-market item, much cheaper than a hand-painted model. At the few homes that now stock the art casket, prices range from \$1,600 in Dallas to \$2,400 in Boston.

WhiteLight, a limited-liability company formed last year in Wisconsin, rolled out the caskets last fall at a National Funeral Directors Association show. Fant said more directors liked the coffins than didn't, and the company is taking its exhibit next month to World Death Expo '99 in Reno, Nev.

Fant refused to be drawn into saying what his own casket might look like.

"There are too many ideas to decide, and hopefully I've got a little more time to think about that. If something happened tomorrow, my wife would have to decide on one of them."

ODDS-N-ENDS

PORTSMOUTH, Va. (AP) — The fluffy, bug-eyed Furby toy — already banned by the National Security Agency — is no favorite of the Navy, either.

In January, word leaked out that the NSA had banned the toy at Fort Meade in Maryland because it can record speech and play it back later.

The toy isn't banned by the Navy, but personal recording devices aren't permitted in restricted areas at Navy installations in Hampton Roads. An e-mail message that made the rounds Monday at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard in Portsmouth said the toy isn't allowed without commander approval.

Sailors were even ordered to seize Furby toys and their owners, The Virginian-Pilot reported Wednesday.

Shipyard spokesman Steve Milner said the Navy has no official policy regarding Furby.

"It depends on specific facility instructions regarding the use of personal recording devices," he said. "In terms of the Norfolk Naval Shipyard, personal recording devices are not permitted in certain restricted areas."

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. (AP) — A pit bull named Ka-Le is 80 pounds of pure trouble — and he somehow knows how to spark a match.

The dog apparently got bored while in the back yard of his owner's home this week and began chewing on wooden matches left on a patio. He somehow managed to spark a fire that torched his bed before spreading up a wall to an awning.

Fortunately, the owners were at home and put out the blaze before there were any injuries or serious damage.

ATHENS, Ohio (AP) — Couch potatoes unite.

A professor and two Ohio University students upset with a ban against couches on porches said Wednesday they have enough signatures to put a couch referendum on the November ballot.

The City Council banned the couches after the anti-couch crowd complained they were unsightly and attract vermin.

Neurobiology Professor Scott Hooper, 42, called the vote "a bunch of elitism and mean spiritedness. It just made me furious."

Couches on porches are an essential part of student culture, he said.

"In the summer evenings, up and down entire streets they might sit around and socialize," Hooper said.

The Board of Elections will review the petitions before deciding whether to put the initiative on the ballot.

Church and Club News are due Wednesday noon in the Herald office.

Not by bread alone: Religion-based diets urge picking up the Bible

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — Many food worshippers struggling to shed pounds are coming to a new revelation: They are losing weight through prayer and the Bible.

There is no fasting. Instead, participants in The Weigh Down Workshop, a program taught by volunteers in churches throughout the country, use prayer and Scripture to fight the temptation to overeat.

"Scripture helps us get through that time when we're struggling," said Ron Hornbeck, a devotee of the workshop.

Some dietitians and theologians, however, say people must be careful about mixing faith and dieting. They say some people may get wrong, even dangerous messages. Believing that God loves or favors only those who are thin trivializes faith, they say, and psychological problems that sometimes underlie obesity may require medical or dietary interventions, not just prayer.

Regardless of the skepticism, Christian diet programs are growing rapidly, becoming a major player in the \$40 billion a year weight-loss industry.

Since Weigh Down Workshop began taking its message to churches six years ago, more than 250,000 people have attended its workshops worldwide. And founder Gwen Shamblin has sold nearly 1 million copies of her book, "The Weigh Down Diet."

First Place, another Christian health and diet program, has spread through more than 10,000 churches. Overeaters Anonymous is also a spirituality-based program.

There are others, each with a different approach, but their message to overeaters is united — substitute a love of God for a love of food.

"The reason why America is so overweight is that they've been told dieting is the key," said Shamblin, a registered dietitian who lives in Franklin, Tenn. "But dieting only makes people focus on the food. God will provide a way of escaping overeating." Her plan sounds simple,

almost too simple: Eat when you are truly hungry, and eat just to feel full.

The idea came to her after watching a thin friend eat, noticing that she finished half of a hamburger and then started to wrap it up. That's what led Shamblin to practice what she now preaches.

She contends that since God created all food, there are no "bad foods." She cites Bible verses such as Colossians 2:16, which says "let no one pass judgment on you in question of food and drink."

"God didn't put bacon on this Earth and make it smell so great to tell you that you couldn't eat it," Shamblin said.

It's an appealing approach to dieters tired of following regimented eating plans or those afraid of the effects of controversial diet pills.

"I had been on a lot of other diet programs and I had to give up so much," said Pam Denman, now a workshop organizer in Toledo. "I thought that just isn't fair."

Under this weight-loss plan, nothing is off limits — not even cheeseburgers, fried chicken or chocolate cake. There's no counting calories; there are no exercise videos to mimic.

"We have always been taught that fat foods are bad, but Scripture tells us no food is off limits," Hornbeck said.

There are doubters. Nutritionists question the wisdom of allowing dieters to have a menu without restrictions.

"I think we have to be careful with that to make sure a person gets enough fruits and vegetables in their diet," said Shirley Kindrick, director of Comprehensive Weight Management at Ohio State University.

"Not everybody knows how to choose what they should eat," she said. "It's knowing what's appropriate."

But she also gives credit to the idea of getting up from the table when full.

"Most of the time we eat on autopilot and we end up eating more than we realize," Kindrick said.

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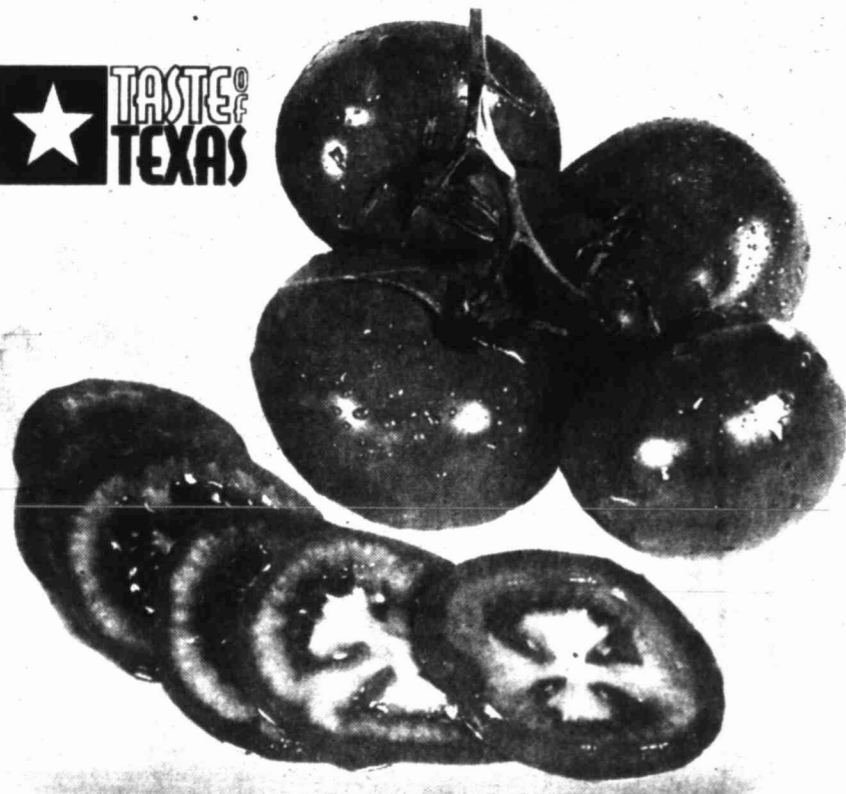
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Saturday set as deadline for YMCA roller hockey

Saturday is the deadline for registration for boys and girls in kindergarten through eighth grade wanting to take part in the YMCA's 1999 youth roller hockey program.

The program's fee for YMCA members will be \$15. Basic members will pay \$27 and non-members will pay \$32.

A parents' organizational meeting is set for 9 a.m. Saturday, March 13. Games will be played on Saturdays beginning on March 27.

For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

Bulldog lifters close out season at Sundown meet

Coahoma's Bulldogs garnered three placing finishes in their final outing prior to the state qualifying meet in powerlifting.

All six Coahoma lifters finished in the top 10 in their respective weight classes.

Senior Ricardo Rodrigues led the way with a third-place award in his class. He finished with lifts totaling 980 pounds.

Juniors Loren Wolf and Gary Hale both lifted a total of 1,010 pounds in their classes — Wolf finishing in fourth place, while Hale was sixth in his class.

Big Spring UGSA's registration continues

Officials with the Big Spring United Girls Softball Association have announced that registration will continue until April 9 at All-Star Sports, formerly Neal's Sporting Goods.

Parents should bring each child's birth certificate and registration fee of \$25 when signing up their children for the league.

Coahoma UGSA slates sign-ups, team tryouts

Girls wanting to take part in Coahoma's United Girls Softball Association program this season will be able to register from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, March 15-19 and March 22-26 at the Coahoma Community Center.

Registration will also be conducted from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 20, and from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 27, at the Coahoma softball park.

Tryouts will be held Saturday, May 27. T-ball and Division I players will try out at 1:30 p.m. and tryouts for Division II and III players will begin at 2:30 p.m.

Fundraiser tournament scheduled for April 3-4

The Ballapalooza Softball and Ragball Tournament to benefit youth sports programs and the Roy Anderson Complex is set for April 3-4.

Games will begin at 8 a.m. each day and continue until midnight.

Entry fees are \$100 for the softball tournament and \$80 for the ragball event.

For more information, call Chris at 264-2100 or Andrea Earle at 800-734-7641.

ON THE AIR

Radio

HIGH SCHOOL PLAYOFFS

8 p.m. — Stanton Buffaloes vs. West Texas High Comanches, Region I, Class 2A boys' semifinal, KBTS-FM 94.3.

JUCO BASKETBALL

3 p.m. — Region V women's tournament, second round, Howard College Lady Hawks vs. Grayson County Lady Vikings, KBYG-AM 1400.

8 p.m. — Region V tournament, second round, Howard College Hawks vs. South Plains Texans, KBST-AM 1430.

Television

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men
6 p.m. — Big East Conference Tournament semifinal, ESPN, Ch. 30.

8 p.m. — Big East Conference Tournament, semifinal, ESPN, Ch. 30.

11 p.m. — Western Athletic Conference Tournament semifinal, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Iowa State reaches final for first time; Lady Raiders in way

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Iowa State can't yet say it's found a way to beat No. 9 Texas Tech. But the No. 21 Cyclones definitely found a way to earn another shot at the Lady Raiders.

Iowa State used strong perimeter shooting from a trio of guards and a slashing inside game by backup forward Desiree Francis to keep No. 25 Kansas off-balance in the semifinals of the Big 12 tournament Thursday night.

The result — a 79-64 semifinal win that puts the Cyclones into Saturday night's final against top-seeded Texas Tech.

The Lady Raiders, after letting most of a 17-point first-half lead disappear, pulled away early in the second half to beat fifth-seeded Nebraska 77-59 in the other semifinal.

Five players scored in double figures for second-seeded Iowa State (22-6),

which completed its first three-game season sweep of Kansas and earned its first trip to a Big Eight or Big 12 tournament final.

"It wasn't just one person. It wasn't just two people. Everybody had a part," said guard Stacy Frese, who hit three 3-pointers and led the Cyclones with 21 points.

Francis scored 16 for Iowa State, 12 in the second half and eight in a 13-4 run that came after Kansas (22-9) had closed the lead to 51-42 with 10:49 left.

"She's a quicker post player than we're used to playing against," said center Nakia Sanford, who led Kansas with 16 points. "I don't think we responded well to that at all."

Jaclyn Johnson added 15 points for Kansas and Brook Reeves had 10.

Tracy Gahan hit two 3-pointers and

scored 14 points for Iowa State, which outshot Kansas 9-3 from 3-point range. Reserve Erica Haugen added three treys and 11 points, and Megan Taylor also finished with 11.

"We're just starting to realize that if we keep playing like that, keep going inside-outside and doing what we do best, it's going to be hard to stay with us," Frese said.

But Texas Tech (26-3), the defending tournament champion, also showed that it could play team basketball in its win over Nebraska.

The Cornhuskers all but shut down Rene Hanebutt, Texas Tech's top outside shooter, after she hit her first three 3-point shots. But they couldn't stop center Angie Brazier, who scored 19, or guard Julie Lake, who added 17.

Nebraska (21-11) also failed to carry

over into the second half its momentum from a 17-5 run in the last five minutes of the first. Texas Tech, leading 30-23 at the break, held the Cornhuskers to just one field goal and three points in the first 8:57 after that.

"I hope our defense had something to do with that," Texas Tech coach Marsha Sharp said. "At that point you have to think that maybe their legs are tired, but I think we played pretty good defense."

Texas Tech, led by Keitha Dickerson's 10 rebounds, also outboarded Nebraska 41-31.

"We took that as a personal challenge, to really go after them on rebounding," said Hanebutt, who had seven rebounds — all on defense — to go along with her 13 points.

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Hawks take Region V opener

Now face familiar WJCAC opponent in semis tonight

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

ABILENE — Howard College's Hawks opened the Region V Junior College Men's Basketball Tournament on Thursday by living up to their billing with a 72-63 win over Hill College's Rebels.

The Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) champion Hawks improved to 25-5 on the year by jumping out to a quick 9-0 lead and never looking back.

Although the Rebels, who finished the season at 18-13, never allowed Howard to run away and hide with the lead, they never came closer than five points after the Hawks opened the game with those nine unanswered points.

The Hawks now advance into tonight's second round where they'll face WJCAC rival South Plains' Texans, who eliminated McLennan Community College's defending regional champions 73-72 earlier Thursday.

Howard head coach Tommy Collins had said prior to Thursday's opening tip that he hoped his team's advantage in quickness inside would allow them to jump on top early, and that, coupled with tenacious defensive pressure, proved to be the key to the Hawks' opening run.

"It was a physical game and our kids played really hard ... we didn't play that well, but had a lot of emotion and played with intensity," Collins said.

Although the Hawks would wind up committing 15 turnovers to Hill's 13, Howard's pressure created two quick turnovers and two more steals in the opening minutes that allowed them to open the game with a quick run.

Sophomore post Greg Lewis nailed a jumper from inside to put the Hawks up for good just 22 seconds into the game. Freshman swingman Derrick Franklin made it 5-0 with a three-pointer on Howard's next trip down the floor.

Point guard Larry Alloway made it 7-0 with a layup and a baseline jumper by freshman post Donald "Yogi" Caesar capped the 9-0 run.

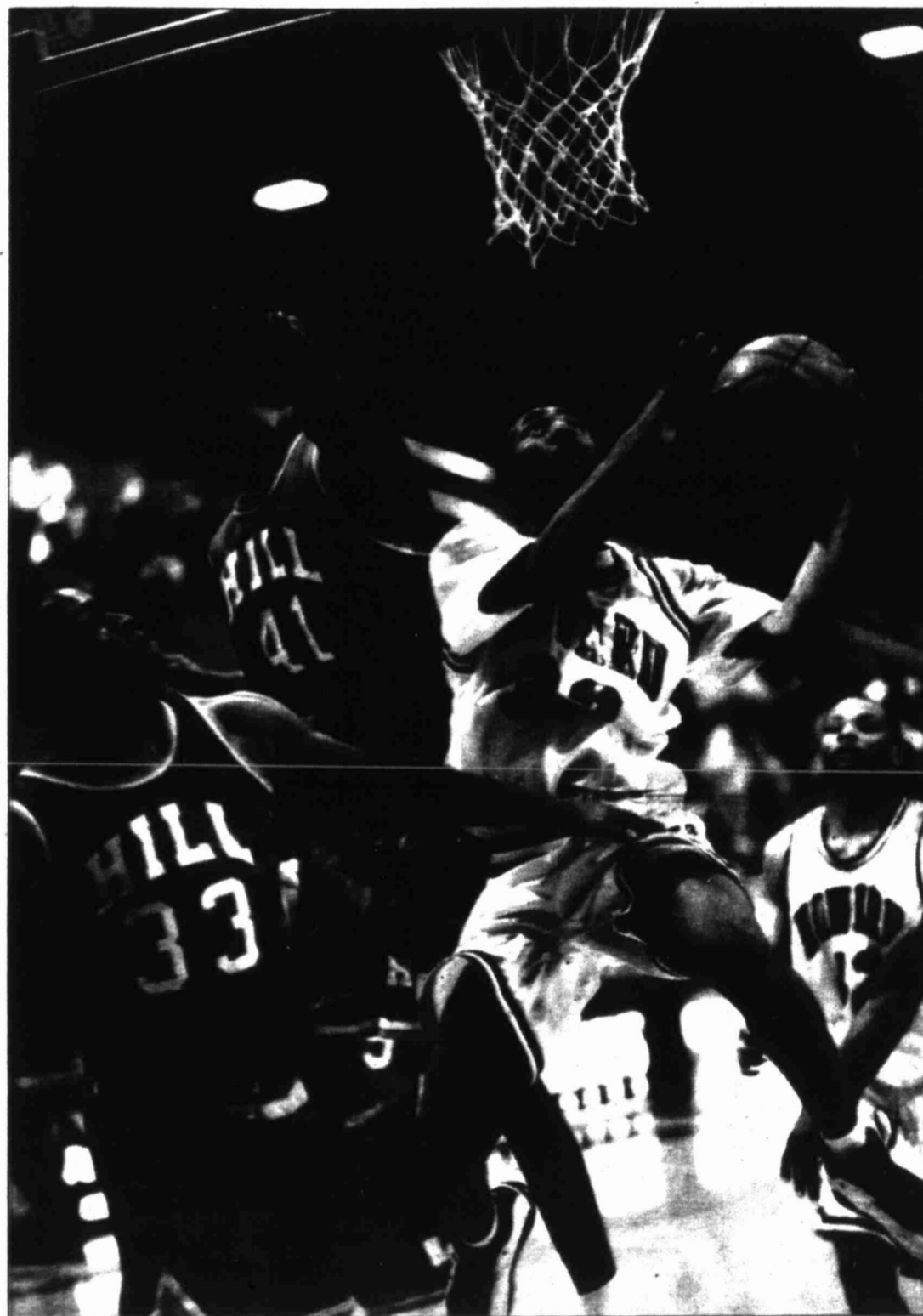
Hill's Kenneth Johnson snapped the string with a three-pointer, starting what would be a game-high 18-point performance.

But Howard sophomore guard Lamont Roberts, who would lead the Hawks with 17 points on the night, nailed back-to-back three-point shots a few minutes later to spark a 17-7 run that produced a 26-11 margin.

And while the Rebels would answer with their own 10-2 run a couple of minutes later, the Hawks outscored Hill 10-5 down the stretch to take a 38-25 halftime advantage.

Roberts capped that closing skein with a three-pointer with 5.2 seconds remaining, giving him nine points in the half.

"Lamont really came through for us



Howard College guard Darryl Martin (32) flies to the hoop, avoids the defensive efforts of Hill College's Nelson Williams (41) and Kory Wilson (33) and puts in a layup during the second half of Thursday night's Region V Junior College Men's Basketball Tournament in Abilene. The Hawks took a 72-63 win, advancing to tonight's second round where they'll face South Plains' Texans.

tonight," Collins admitted following the game. "We were really hurting with Justin (Rhodes) sick with the flu. We had to have someone come in and provide us with some scoring at that guard's position, and Lamont did the job."

"He (Roberts) played like you'd expect a sophomore with his kind of talent to play," the Hawks boss continued. "He's practiced well the last few days and played tonight like he'd been practicing."

The Hawks, who led by as many as 18 points in the first half, twice expanded their 13-point halftime margin to 16 in the second half before Hill made another run.

Throwing a frustrating full-court press at

the Hawks, the Rebels went on a 17-6 run to trim Howard's margin to just five, 69-54, but Roberts' final three-pointer of the evening at the 4:27 mark stopped the bleeding and Howard's lead would never be less than six points again.

"I was really disappointed with our press offense," Collins admitted, but said he never was concerned that Hill would take the game away.

"If I'd been worried, I'd have called a timeout," he added. "I knew by that time we were going to win, but I wasn't very happy with the way we played during that

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Williams won't play baseball this year

ARLINGTON (AP) — Heisman Trophy winner Ricky Williams, who has played parts of four seasons in baseball's minor leagues, has told the Texas Rangers that he will not play baseball this year to pursue a career in the NFL.

Rangers general manager Doug Melvin placed the University of Texas athlete on the restricted list Thursday after getting a letter from Williams informing that he won't be reporting to the Rangers' spring training camp in Port Charlotte, Fla.

Williams will not count against the team's major league roster and will remain the club's property if he decides later to resume a baseball career. With the move, the Rangers have 39 players on their major league roster.

The Philadelphia Phillies selected the right-handed outfielder in the eighth round of the June 1995 free agent draft, and he has played in their farm system each summer since then. The Montreal Expos selected him off Philadelphia's Scranton roster in the Rule V draft on Dec. 14 and sold him to the Rangers the following day.

Williams was named college football's outstanding player last fall and is expected to be one of the first picks in the NFL's upcoming college draft.

"I have spent a lot of time weighing all of my options, and at this point, I think the best thing for me to do is provide 100 percent of my attention to my immediate future in the National Football League," Williams said Thursday.

"I realize how important it is for me to be in the best shape possible, both mentally and physically, prior to the NFL draft and when rookie camps begin. With that in mind, I am going to spend this spring focusing my energy on preparing for professional football."

Williams said he isn't dismissing baseball forever. "Baseball will be there for me in the future. I am looking forward to one day being able to play in a Rangers uniform," Williams said.

Williams holds or shares 20 NCAA football records and 44 University of Texas records. Last fall, he led the nation in rushing (193.1 yards per game) and was second in scoring.

Four tied for lead after first round of Doral

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI (AP) — Whether it was back-to-back birdies or a tee-putt bogey to end the day, four players had their share of thrills on their way to a share of the lead after the first round of the Doral Ryder-Open.

Now, the question is whether anyone can only figure out who they are.

Already missing top players who are taking the week off after the Match Play Championship, the Doral Open didn't get much help Thursday trying to shake the stigma of having a weak field.

Just 26 players from the 64-man field at La Costa decided to come to Doral, along with just one of the top seven in the world rankings — Ernie Els, and only because he lost in the first round last week.

That wasn't lost on Jack Nicklaus, a spectator this year because of hip replacement surgery, who criticized the impact of the new world of golf.

"I think Doral has been hurt from it," said

Nicklaus, who until this year missed Doral only once since turning pro in 1962. "I know Tim (Fincher) has got his own point of view on that, but I don't like the point of view that I'm seeing. All of a sudden, the tour becomes a secondary tour."

The leader board at Doral was certainly proof of that.

Bob Burns, the Nike Tour player of the year in 1998, had the best chance to be the outright leader. He was at 6-under as darkness began to fall over the Blue Monster, but then three-putted from 30 feet on the 18th hole.

"I'm going to shoot the same no matter who's here," Burns said.

Also at 5-under 67 was Scott Dunlap, who also was at 6-under until his bogey from the bunker on No. 17. He's not about to complain — just four days ago, he was the sixth alternate.

"I called Tuesday morning to see if I moved up a spot or two and I was in," he said. "They must have been ringing off the hook at the tour because I couldn't believe it."

Hawks sweep twinbill wins over Wayland JV

HERALD Staff Report

Howard College's Hawks swept a non-conference baseball doubleheader from Wayland Baptist University's junior varsity on Thursday, taking 12-7 and 11-7 wins over the Pioneers.

The sweep improved Howard's overall record to 20-1 as they take a perfect 6-0 Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) slate into today's opener of a three-game series with New Mexico Junior College at Jack Barber Field.

In the opener, freshman Chris McLain chalked up the pitching win, thanks to Howard's potent offense spearheaded by sophomores Rhett Wells and Drew Topham.

Wells clubbed two home runs, while Topham went a perfect 4-for-4 at the plate.

The nightcap saw Chris Shannon take the win, while freshman outfielder Jay Alsop provided the offensive highlights by driving in four runs.

The Hawks will close out their three game stand with NMJC with a noon doubleheader on Saturday.

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Unbeatens will battle for Class 4A girls' crown

AUSTIN (AP) — Perhaps the only bad thing that can come of the Class 4A girls state basketball final is that one of the teams will have to lose for the first time.

Saturday's 4A title game will be a battle of unbeatens between Canyon (37-0) and Dallas Lincoln (29-0).

Canyon advanced to its second title game since 1996 with a 52-42 victory over Bay City in the semifinals Thursday night.

T'nae Thiel had 23 points and 10 rebounds for Canyon, which went 10 of 16 from the foul line in the fourth quarter to hold off Bay City and Chandi Jones, who scored 28.

Canyon sealed the game by making eight foul shots over the final 1:45.

As good as Canyon was from the foul line down the stretch, Dallas Lincoln was terrible in the final minutes of its 51-44 win over San Antonio Sam Houston.

Lincoln could have put the game away much earlier but missed 9 of 13 foul shots in the fourth quarter.

Tyesha Glover scored 23 points and Atiya Brown hit a critical 3-pointer for Lincoln in an often ugly game in which Sam Houston outshot Lincoln 31 percent to 30 percent.

Brown's fourth-quarter 3-pointer that gave Lincoln a 46-42 lead was her only shot of the game.

Annissa Hastings scored 16 points and grabbed 10 rebounds for Sam Houston.

In other girls' tournament action Thursday:

In Class 3A, Stacy Stephens scored 20 points with 10 rebounds and six blocks as Wimsboro rolled over Shallowater 72-44 in the semifinals.

Wimsboro (39-2) earned its second consecutive appearance in the Class 3A championship game and its fourth this decade. Kristin Warren led Shallowater (32-5) with 17 points.

In the other 3A semifinal, April Earley scored 20 points and Lufkin Hudson (35-2) held Wimberley without a field goal over the final seven minutes for a 47-37 victory.

Wimberley (24-11) got 13 points from Julie Dahl.

In Class 1A, Kyla May had 17 points and Amanda Selman scored 15 and grabbed 10 rebounds in leading Vega to a 66-55 win over Moulton and into Saturday's title game.

Jessica Fisbeck scored 19 points and grabbed 11 rebounds for Moulton (34-4).

Vega (24-12) advances to the final to play Valley View (36-2), which beat Borden County 61-58 Thursday.

Sarah Schneider led Valley View with 15 points. Valerie Wootan led Borden County (30-5), the smallest school in the state tournament with just 74 students, with 22 points and nine rebounds.

In today's games, Hughes Springs (28-2) plays Celina (28-7) and Salado (29-7) meets Farwell (27-8) in the Class 2A semifinals and Mansfield (36-0) plays Dallas Adams (25-9) and Corpus Christi Carroll (33-6) plays Sugar Land Dulles (12-24) in Class 5A.

BORDEN COUNTY 58 VALLEY VIEW (36-2)
Davis 5-12 1-2 13, Clifton 3-13 7-9 13, Schneider 5-11 3-5 15, McClinton 3-5 1-4 7, Prescher 4-10 2-3 10, Haynie 0-2 0-0 0, Sessums 0-1 1-2 1, Foster 0-1 2-2 2, Meyes 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 20-55 17-27 61.

BORDEN COUNTY (30-5)
Kemp 0-1 0-0 0, Meyes 3-9 3-6 9, Smith 4-18 0-1 10, Watts 5-12 2-2 12, Wootan 9-12 4-5 22, Isaac 1-3 0-0 3, Merritt 0-1 2-3 2, Totals 22-56 11-17 58.

Score by Quarters:
Valley View 14 11 20 16 — 61
Borden County 17 10 14 17 — 58

Three-Point Goals — Valley View 4-14 (Davis 2-6, Clifton 0-3, Schneider 2-4, Haynie 0-1), Borden County 3-20 (Meyes 0-4, Smith 2-14, Isaac 1-2). **Rebounds —** None. **Assists —** Valley View 44 (McClinton 12), Borden County 41 (Smith 10), Assists — Valley View 1 (Schneider 1), Borden County 1 (Meyes 1). **Total Fouls —** Valley View 16, Borden County 16.

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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
***Dig in and get to the bottom of problems. Don't trust money calculations unless they are yours, and even then, double-check them. You might be energized to seek a partner's feedback. Be careful; realize you are inviting a different opinion. Tonight: With a favorite person.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
***Discussions are animated and not always easy. Clearly, another has a totally different point of view. Confusion sets in with a partner, as well as with someone you put on a pedestal. Stay reality-bound, yet refuse to be negative. Don't take on extra responsibilities. Tonight: Let another make the call.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***You could be overwhelmed and in no mood to sort through problems. You are tired and need some downtime. Stop pushing yourself so hard. Even you need a break. Listen to feedback; touch base with friends. Give yourself a present or do something just for you. Tonight: Ask for a massage.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
***Creativity is needed to meet all the demands placed on you. A friend could disappoint you, dropping a problem in your lap. You might consider tossing it back. Be realistic about your limits. A child or loved one wants to pitch in. Help this person move past a restriction. Tonight: Dance stress, and the night, away.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***You might feel you've had enough of others. Though you might want to stay home, there are changes going on there, too. Take the bull by the horns and implement your own game plan. Reorganize your office or desk. Get ready for spring by tidying or completing a project. Tonight: Don't wander far from home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
***You say what you think, as do others. Your current lack of direction might be ok, but realize that others will push you hard. Make a long-distance call. Worry less about what others think. Agreement isn't needed; authenticity is. Eventually, you will find a mid-

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point. Tonight: Visiting with friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
***You'll wish a partner wasn't so touchy and difficult. You two don't see eye to eye about money and emotional needs, but you won't make him change his mind. Realize that you might not be viewing a risk realistically. Be careful with spending. Tonight: Avoid extremes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
***Another challenge you, even if you feel in control. You might not be exactly sure what triggers it, but you will say what you think. Still, a partner remains withdrawn, and your words might not be enough to open him up. Think before you say something that you can't take back. Tonight: Your call.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
***Listen to feedback; remain sure of yourself. Make contact with what is causing you to feel out of sorts. Express yourself and be direct. Worry less about plans; rather, flow with what is going on. You have little control, but if you are tired, do what you need. Tonight: Go for some time out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
***Aim for what you want, though be extraordinarily careful with finances. You could make an error when you least expect. Get together with friends and make the most of the moment. A child or loved one could be a little out of sorts. Give him some time to mellow out. Tonight: Where the gang is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***You could be confused about your choices. Listen carefully before you make any important decisions. If you defer for now, you won't regret it. You are dragged out, yet someone important makes demands. Do what you must. Tonight: Make an appearance.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
***Push hard, make decisions, break patterns. Allow more feedback from others. Seek information. Consider making or changing travel plans. Take off on a day trip. You might need a change of pace. Don't get hung up on details. Tonight: Do something different.

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- Garage Sale: 1900 Alabama Sat. 8-2. Furniture, bedding, 24 girls bike, camping, clothes, misc.
- Garage Sale: 211 Becker, Pleasant Springs)Thur. & Fri. 9-7 New girls clothes, baby blankets, lot's misc.
- GARAGE SALE:** 2602 Ent. Saturday, 8-12noon. Sofa, loveseat, mattress/box springs, VCR & more.
- GARAGE SALE:** 4008 Parkway, Saturday, 8am. Clothes, Router & lots of knick-knacks.
- GARAGE SALE:** Friday Only! 8-5pm. 3615 Hamilton. Lots of miscellaneous items.
- Garage Sale: Sat. 206 E. 16th. 8 till 2. Furniture, glass, wall hangings, clothing, misc.
- Garage Sale: Sat. 8-7 1516 Tucson. Infant toddler girls & boys and junior clothing lot's of misc.
- Garage Sale: Sat. 8-1pm. 1704 Alabam. Lot's of miscellaneous & clothes.
- Huge 3 Family Sat. 9-5 Lot's of misc. 1301 Michael Ave. 2 blk. E. of Birdwell between N. & S. Monticello.
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- 5405 Rockhouse Rd. Sat. 7-12noon. Baby bed, toys, gas dryer, computers, Rockies, clothes, lots of misc.
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HOUSEMATE IS HAPPY TO BE NO MORE THAN JUST FRIENDS

DEAR ABBY: I'm 51 and on SSI because I'm disabled. In order to have a roof over my head, I have shared housing. I left the last house-sharing situation because it was dangerous for my grandchildren to visit me. Then I moved in with "Mr. Blank."

Abby, this man treats me like a princess. I don't have to do anything I don't want to do. In fact, I could sleep all day if I want to. I love living here.

The problem is, Mr. Blank thinks he's in love with me and wants to tell his children that we are a couple. Abby, he's much older than I am, and I don't think I could ever love him the way he wants me to. (I quit looking for a love match years ago.) However, I would have no place to go if he became angry and asked me to move.

Mr. Blank reads your column every day, so please help me by printing my letter. Perhaps he will recognize himself and understand that I can't make a commitment to him, but I want to remain his friend. — HAPPY HOUSEMATE

DEAR HAPPY HOUSEMATE: In case Mr. Blank does not recognize himself in my column, I suggest you set the record straight with him yourself. Tell him how much you love living there and how much you appreciate his kindness, but let him know that you are not looking for a commitment. Assure him that it's nothing personal, but that you stopped looking for love a long time ago, and if you change your mind, he'll be the first to know. Good luck!

DEAR ABBY: I just turned 18, and my divorced mother and her steady boyfriend recently broke up. Now she wants to double-date with me.


Abby, my mother is almost 40 years old, and I'll never be able to get a date if I must double-date with her. What can I do? Mom reads your column, and I'm hoping you will publish my letter so she'll see that double-dating with me is not a good idea. — DAUGHTER IN A BIND

DEAR DAUGHTER: Your mother may be almost 40, but she has young ideas. Tell her you still need her to be a mother, not a "pal" — that at your age it would inhibit you and your date. However, in another five or six years (when you're all closer to the same level of maturity), it might be more fun for all of you.

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"NAW...TELLIN' THE TRUTH IS GOOD, JOEY. I JUST OVERDID IT A LITTLE."

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS
Today is Friday, March 5, the 64th day of 1999. There are 301

days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
On March 5, 1770, the Boston Massacre took place as British soldiers who'd been taunted by a crowd of colonists opened fire, killing five people. Two British soldiers were later con-

victed of manslaughter.
On this date:
In 1849, Zachary Taylor took the oath of office at his presidential inauguration.
In 1868, the Senate was organized into a Court of Impeachment to decide charges against President Andrew Johnson.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

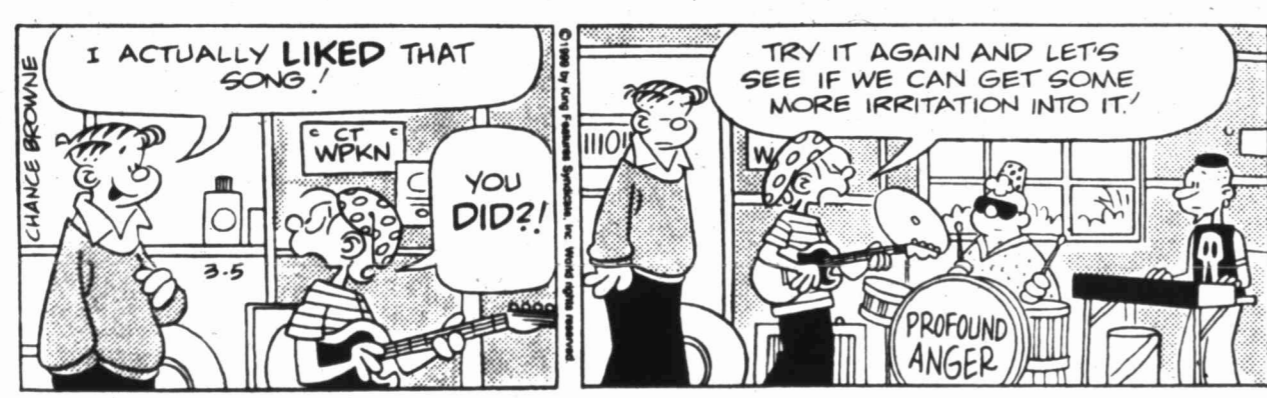
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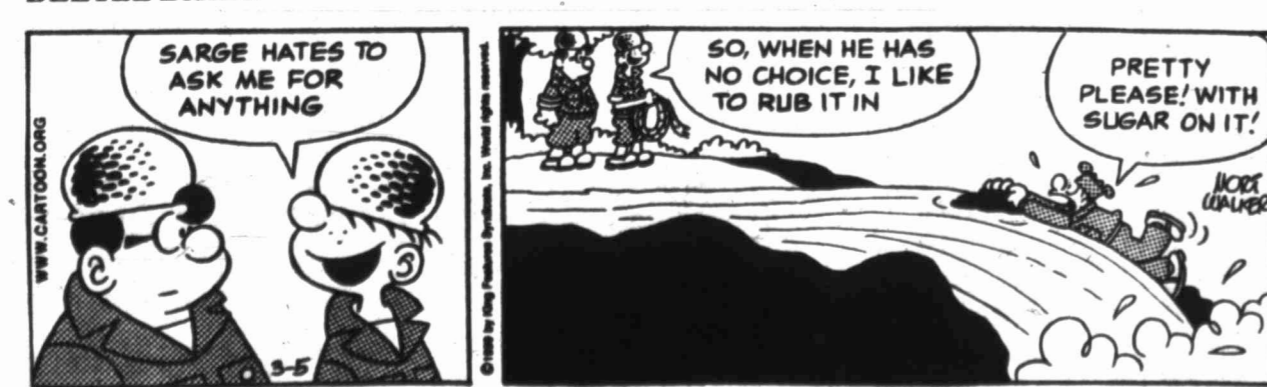
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In 1933, in German parliamentary elections, the Nazi Party won 44 percent of the vote, enabling it to join with the Nationalists to gain a slender majority in the Reichstag.

In 1946, Winston Churchill delivered his famous "Iron Curtain" speech at Westminster College in Fulton, Mo.

In 1953, Soviet dictator Josef Stalin died at age 73 after 29 years in power.

In 1963, a private plane crash near Camden, Tenn., claimed the lives of country music performers Patsy Cline, "Cowboy" Copas and "Hawkshaw" Hawkins.

In 1970, a nuclear non-proliferation treaty went into effect after 43 nations ratified it.

In 1982, comedian John Belushi was found dead of a drug overdose in a rented bungalow in Hollywood; he was 33.

Ten years ago: Machinists striking Eastern Airlines withdrew an immediate threat to picket the nation's railroads, after a federal judge issued an order temporarily prohibiting rail workers from honoring the Eastern picket lines.

Five years ago: White House Counsel Bernard Nussbaum resigned in the wake of turmoil over the Clinton administration's handling of questions related to Whitewater. A jury in Pensacola, Fla., convicted anti-abortion activist Michael F. Griffin of first-degree murder in the shooting death of Dr. David Gunn; Griffin was sentenced to life in prison.

One year ago: Details of President Clinton's deposition testimony in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case against him were published in The Washington Post, prompting an angry denunciation from the president for the news leak. NASA scientists said enough water is frozen in the loose soil of the moon to support a lunar base and perhaps to one day build a human colony there.

Today's Birthdays: Actor James Noble is 77. Actor James B. Sikking is 65. Actor Dean Stockwell is 63. Actor Fred Williamson is 61. Actor Michael Warren is 53. Actor Eddie Hodges is 52. Singer Eddy Grant is 51. Violinist Eugene Fodor is 49. Rock musician Alan Clark (Dire Straits) is 47. Actress-comedian Marsha Warfield is 45. Magician Penn Jillette is 44.