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Spring Gala set to raise funds for Rehab Center

A fund-raiser to benefit Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center — the Spring Gala — with the theme "Tango, Two-Step and Tulips" begins at 9 p.m. at Dora Roberts Community Center.

Tickets for the dance are \$30 a couple, \$20 for singles. Before the dance, a cocktail reception and auction are planned. Tickets that include that event are available at \$100 per couple.

The formal dance will include music provided by a disc jockey. Tickets are available at the rehab center, 306 W. Third.

WEEKEND TICKET

TODAY

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

SATURDAY

□ Big Spring Humane Society dog flea dip, 1-6 p.m. Wal-Mart parking lot north end. \$5 per dog.

□ 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 Pottion 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.

□ Everyone is invited to participate in the annual MS Walk. Participants will begin signing in at 9 a.m. at First Baptist Church. The walk begins at 10 a.m. The route runs through the Coronado subdivision and into Comanche Trail Park, returning to the church.

Call the MS Society at (915) 570-8248 for more information about the walk.

□ AMBUCS sponsors the Rattlesnake Roundup at the Howard County Fairbarns. Gates open at 10 a.m. An arts and crafts sale is being held in conjunction with the event. Tickets to the roundup are \$4 for adults and \$2 for children.

SUNDAY

□ AMBUCS' Rattlesnake Roundup, Howard County Fairbarns, from noon until 4 p.m. Trophies to be awarded at 5 p.m. for most pounds of snakes brought in, heaviest snake and snake with the most rattles.

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Howard County Fairbarns to get a little slithery this weekend

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**
News Editor

If you don't like snakes, maybe it's time to get out of Big Spring for the weekend.

On the other hand, if you are a bit curious, if you want to learn more about them...then you might want to try out the Rattlesnake Roundup Saturday and Sunday at the Howard County Fairbarns.

Put on by AMBUCS, the American Business Club, the Rattlesnake Roundup has been

going on since 1962. The Jaycees started the event, and it was taken over in 1983 when they disbanded.

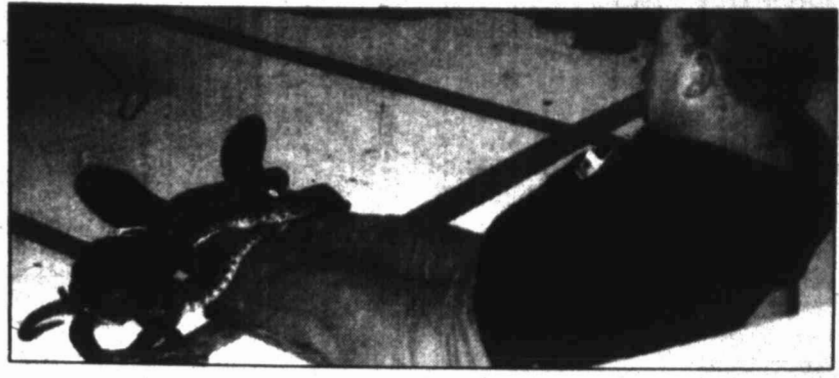
Most of the snakes that have been captured and brought to the fairgrounds will be Western Diamondbacks, the most prominent rattlesnakes in this area. Western Diamondbacks can be in excess of seven feet long; however, very few ever get that large. Most of the snakes that will be viewed at the roundup will be much smaller.

Those who attend will be able to learn all about the snakes,

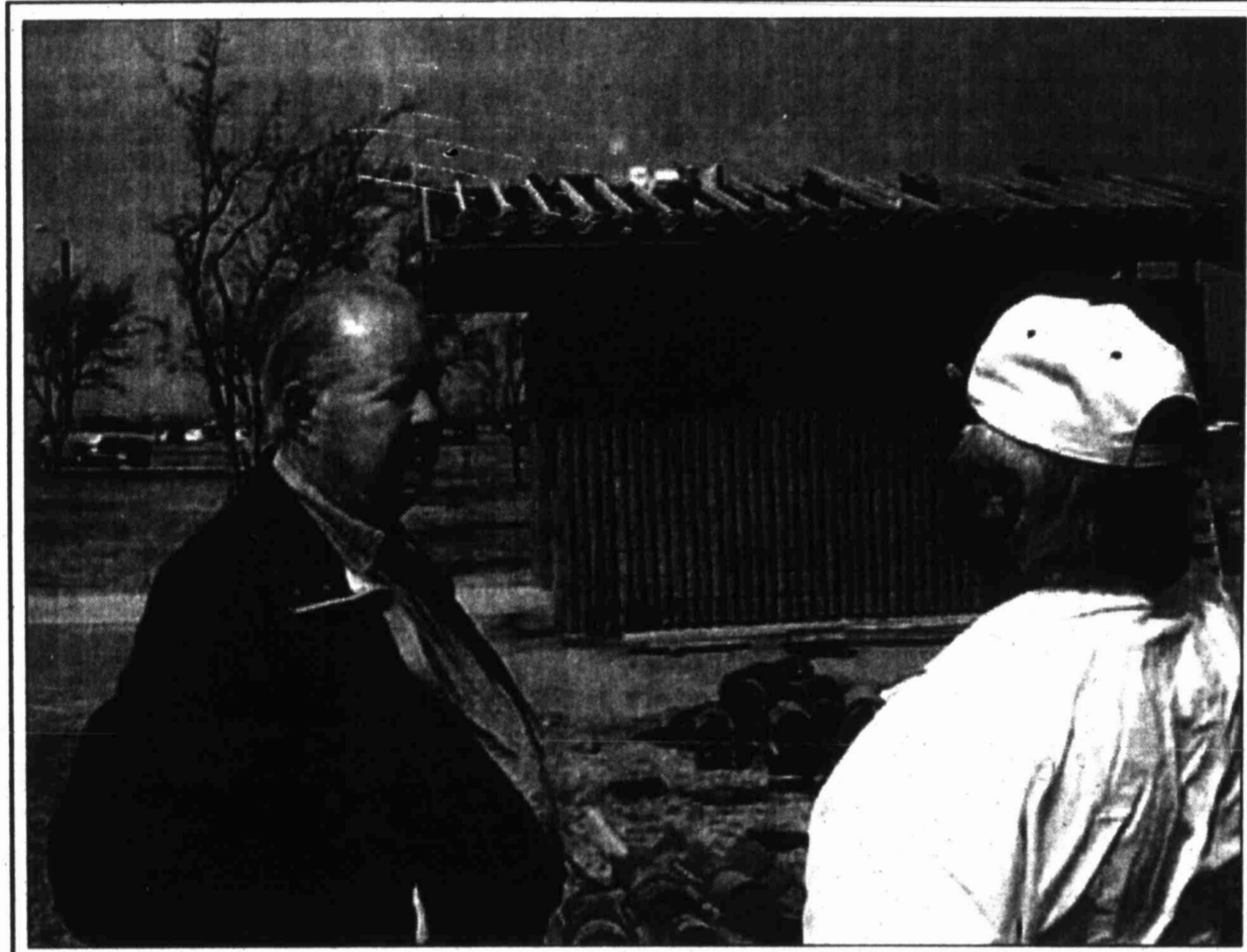
their habits and their habitats. Products made from rattlesnake skins, and from the rattles themselves will be available during the roundup. In addition, rattlesnake meat will be sold.

Roundup-goers will see pit handlers work with the live snakes. Led by featured handler Monty Stalcup of Fort Worth, the handlers will provide an educational - if somewhat daring - at times - show. They'll explain all about the reptiles,

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Contributed photo
AMBUCS member Wayne Pierce "relaxes" during a recent roundup. The organization holds the 28th annual roundup Saturday and Sunday here.



HERALD photo/John A. Moseley
Jerry Worthy, left, who donated tiles for the roof at the Vietnam Memorial Chapel, visits with Vietnam Memorial Committee member Jerry Groves about the project.

HEPA maintains aggressive posture, despite Air Force decision to back off

By **JOHN H. WALKER**
Managing Editor

Despite the fact the U.S. Air Force has said it will not fly low-level bomber training missions over portions of the northern Crossroads Area, the organization founded to oppose the effort is maintaining an aggressive posture.

HEPA — Heritage Environmental Preservation Association — is a non-profit organization set up last year to challenge the implementation of the bomber training missions, dubbed Realistic Bomber Training Initiative (RBT) by the Air Force.

"Just because the Air Force says they aren't going to fly over us doesn't mean a thing," said Borden County rancher Rich Anderson and HEPA vice president. "We've still got to be there fighting this and speaking out at those public hearings or

they'll say there's no opposition and the next thing we know, the planes will be in the air."

After reviewing the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which is available at the Dora Roberts Howard County Library, HEPA consultant William Weida was critical of the Air Force.

Weida, a professor at The Colorado College and a former professor at the U.S. Air Force Academy, said, "The Air Force noise calculations are all based on a person being in an urban environment."

"The Air Force knows full well that they are intentionally underestimating the noise levels that people hear in country or rural areas."

"The purpose of the EI (environmental impact) statement is to analyze and study the potential impact on citizens and the environment," said Lt. Don Kerr, public affairs officer with the 7th Bomb Wing at Dyess Air

Force Base in Abilene. "The study won't recommend any site. The Air Force can't do that and the environmental contractor cannot do that. However, people may be able to read through and form an opinion on which is more advantageous for the citizens and for the military."

The impact statement is the latest step in the Air Force's plan to improve aircrew training by linking existing low-altitude training routes with a military operations area (MOA), while providing electronic simulations of combat conditions. Called the RBTI (Realistic Bomber Training Initiative), it would offer realistic, integrated training to develop combat skills the Air Force contends are necessary for its pilots.

Four areas are being studied, including the Lancer MOA, a 40-by-80 nautical mile space

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Federal grand jury indicts former Cornell employee on five counts

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

A former employee of Cornell Corrections Facility was indicted Wednesday by an Abilene federal grand jury for sexual abuse of an inmate and smug-

gling contraband into the prison.

Gilbert Piedra Jimenez, 27, who worked as a prison guard at Cornell from Dec. 12, 1997, until June 8, 1998, has been indicted on a charge that he allegedly had consensual sex

with a male inmate in May 1998. Jimenez is also indicted on three contraband smuggling charges for incidents that reportedly occurred between February and June of 1998.

These charges allege he provided cocaine and marijuana, as

well as alcohol, to an inmate. The fourth charge alleges he gave a watch and a bottle of cologne to an inmate.

"We initiated the investigation after we received inmate allegations he was involved in this type of activity," said Dale

Brown, regional director for Cornell Corrections.

Once Cornell personnel received the complaints, a federal investigator from the El Paso branch of the Department

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Lotta, a favorite with law enforcement and kids alike, dies



Longtime K-9 unit favorite, Lotta, died this week.

By **DEBBIE L. JENSEN**
Features Editor

One of Big Spring's most profitable, and loyal, tools in the war against drugs is no more.

Lotta, the K-9 member of the Big Spring Police Department, died Monday night at home. She was seven years old.

"She had gotten sick and we retired her a year ago," explained BSPD Patrol Sgt. Jimmy Mayes, Lotta's first handler. "She finally gave it up."

Mayes said Lotta, a friendly drug-sniffing dog who was often used for educational programs in the community, had a problem with her pancreas. That meant she was unable to digest

her food and draw nutrients from it, he explained. She ate food supplements for quite a while and seemed to improve, but her health problems worsened recently.

Because she was guaranteed, the police department received a replacement dog, Chriss, when they were forced to retire Lotta, from the company that trained her, Global Training Academy in San Antonio.

Lotta arrived at the police department in November 1993. Mayes had attended several weeks of training to learn to work with her, and she became his four-legged partner.

"It was quite different," said Mayes, who kept Lotta at home

with his family when she wasn't on duty. After he was promoted, Lotta became the partner of Cpt. Ralph Rollins.

Mayes said the style in which Lotta was trained made her very useful.

"When we first got into the K-9 business, we didn't want a dog that would attack," Mayes explained. "We wanted a dog that could be around kids. But she would protect me and Officer Rollins if it became necessary."

Mayes said indirectly, he believed Lotta had probably saved him from a confrontation several times.

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OBITUARIES

Edna Cox

Funeral service for Edna Cox, 73, Andrews, formerly of Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Saturday, March 27, 1999, at the First Baptist Church in Andrews with Dr. H.A. Hanks, pastor, and Rev. J.B. Shewmaker, pastor of Travis Baptist Church in Midland, officiating. Burial will be in the Andrews West Cemetery. Mrs. Cox died Wednesday, March 24, in Ruidoso, N.M. She was born on March 6, 1926, in Tarzan. She married Gordon Cox on Dec. 21, 1941, in Big Spring. They moved to Andrews in 1950. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church of Andrews. Survivors include: her husband, Gordon Cox of Andrews; a daughter, Kay Sowders of Midland; one son, Berry Cox of Monahans; a sister, Joni Hazelwood of Stanton; one brother, Don Jones of Richardson; five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Arrangements under the direction of McNett Funeral Home, Inc., Andrews.

Pernie Harmon Wright

Service for Pernie Harmon Wright, 85, Strawn, formerly of Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Sunday, March 28, 1999, at the First Baptist Church of Strawn with Rev. Jerry Speer and Rev. Todd Haley officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Marion Cemetery. Mrs. Wright died Wednesday, March 24, at Harris Methodist Hospital in Stephenville. She was born on Aug. 11, 1913, in the Unity-Simms Valley community. She married George Lee Harmon on Dec. 12, 1931. He preceded her in death in May of 1957. She then married Olen Wright on Dec. 20, 1957. He preceded her in death on May 28, 1987. She owned and operated Strawn Center in Strawn for 12 years and moved to Big Spring and operated a mini storage and laundromat. She moved back to Strawn. Survivors include: two daughters, Betty Baker of Mingus, and Sheryl Moss of Watauga; two stepchildren, Clarence Wright of Breckenridge, and Shirley Martin of Clyde; one brother, Wood Parsons of Ranger; 15 grandchildren, and

numerous great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Arrangements under the direction of Edwards-Funeral Home, Strawn.

Perry S. Daily

Perry S. Daily, 91, Big Spring, passed away Thursday, March 25, 1999, at Midland Memorial Hospital after a short illness. Service will be 10 a.m. Monday, March 29, 1999, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Rev. Don Snipes, pastor of Baptist Temple Church, officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. Mr. Daily was born April 26, 1907, in Big Spring, and where he lived most of his life. He married Techla Knappe Oct. 22, 1933, in Big Spring. She preceded him in death Nov. 13, 1998. Mr. Daily was a veteran of the U.S. Army during World War II. He had been a carpenter and contractor. He was a member of Baptist Temple Church. Survivors include one son, Perry L. Daily of Midland; one granddaughter, Stephanie Lee O'Mahar and her husband, Tom, of Las Vegas, Nev.; three sisters, Era Davis of Dallas, Claudia Chambers and Grady Nourse, both of Stockton, Calif.; one brother, Orbin H. Daily of Big Spring; and several nieces and nephews. Pallbearers will be Terry Carter, Glenn Graves, Roy Hobbs, Wayman Lepard, Bill Banks, Dean Thomas, Don Yates and Harvey Harris. Honorary pallbearers will be Charlie Nichols, Ross Callihan, Jim Burt, Gerome Pfifer and Dois Ray. Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel. Paid obituary.



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Mary Louise Koger

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W.R. "Dub" Purser

Service for W.R. "Dub" Purser, 76, Big Spring, will be 4 p.m. Monday, March 29, 1999, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Chaplain Carroll Kohl, of the Veterans Administration Medical Center, officiating. Military graveside rites will follow at Trinity Memorial Park by Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo. Mr. Purser died Thursday, March 25, in a local hospital. He was born on Aug. 24, 1922, in Big Spring, and married Katie Faye Randell on Nov. 30, 1945, in Big Spring. She preceded him in death on Aug. 13, 1992. He was raised and attended school in Stanton, graduating from Stanton High School. He served his country during World War II in the 391st Bombardment Group of the 332nd Bomb Squadron and was stationed in Ipswich, England. He was a turret gunner on a B17 Flying Fortress when it was shot down over Germany in April of 1944, on his 13th mission. He was held captive for 13 months in Stalag 17B in Krems, Austria. Mr. Purser was awarded two Purple Hearts, a Distinguished Flying Cross with one Oak Leaf Cluster and an Air Medal. He was a Methodist. Survivors include: two sons, Rick Purser of Big Spring, and William R. Purser, Jr. of Napa, Calif.; one daughter, Beverly Van Gundy of San Jose, Calif.; one sister, Nora Kennedy of Grass Valley, Calif.; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. The family suggests memori-



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als to the Permian Basin Chapter of Ex-POW's; 2711 Lynn; Big Spring. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

LOTTA

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"Her size was so intimidating, and her bark," he said. "They knew not to do anything with her around." Lotta was the BSPD's first drug dog in more than a decade when she arrived. The department had not used a drug-sniffing dog since 1981. But Lotta proved her worth many times over, Mayes said. He estimates the amount of cash she helped the department to seize at over \$110,000. Drugs included three pounds of methamphetamine, 71 ounces of heroin, 500 grams of cocaine and 300 pounds of marijuana. With her help, the department was also able to seize six vehicles that had been used in the illegal drug business as well. In addition, she became a familiar sight around the community, appearing at schools, nursing homes, community groups and events.

including what to do if confronted by one in the wild. More importantly, they'll educate the public on what not to do. Snake skinning and venom-gathering demonstrations will also be given. During the roundup, there will be an arts and crafts sale. Vendors will provide plenty to eat. For those who don't care to dine on rattlesnake meat, hot dogs and other items will be available. An added attraction will be a Scout-A-Rama, going on at the same time and location. "We'd like to invite everyone out to the fairgrounds," said Dennis Burns, chairman of the roundup and an AMBUCS member. "It's fun, as well as educational."

SNAKES

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AMBUCS began buying snakes for the event at 1 o'clock today. The two-day show opens at 10 a.m. Saturday and will run through the early evening. It continues from noon until 4 p.m. Sunday. At 5 p.m., trophies will be awarded for most pounds of snakes brought in, heaviest snake and snake with the most rattles. Admission to the roundup is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children age 4 through 11.

which is over an eight-county area that includes Borden, Dawson and Scurry counties. There is another site in the Reagan County area, and another in New Mexico. The fourth alternative is to take no action. None of the Lancer-MOA lies within Howard County, although the training route to get to it does touch the far eastern edge, said Kerr. "In none of our proposals is Big Spring flown over. That's not a part of any of our proposals," he said. "Our reason to keep people informed in that area is there may be people who own land in, or live in the eastern edge of the county who might be in the route that leads into the military operating area."

Those training routes - called MTRs - are routes where low and medium altitude would be taking place. "Crews have a low-altitude requirement. They have a requirement to fly as low as 500 feet," said Kerr. "Between 10 and 15 percent of the crews have a requirement to fly as low as 300 feet." High-speed, low-altitude flying is what has several groups, including HEPA, opposing the Air Force. They contend the low B-1 and B-52 bomber flights would disrupt cattle and wildlife, and endanger the environment. Recently, they have asked U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm to help their voices be heard. Now that the environment impact statement has been released, citizens have 45-days to make comments. In addition, five public hearings have been scheduled to receive input: April 6 at Abilene High School; April 7 at Snyder High School cafeteria; April 8 at Reagan County High School auditorium in Big Lake; April 9 at the Pecos High School cafeteria and April 10 at the Alpine Recreation Center. All of the meetings except the last one will be held from 5 until 9 p.m. In Alpine, the times are 10 a.m. to noon and 1-5 p.m.

HEPA

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"Whenever allegations are made, our first step is to report that to the federal authorities," Brown said. Jimenez was a probationary employee at the time the allegations were made. He was four days away from fulfilling his six-month probationary training, Brown said. "He voluntarily resigned after the investigation started," he said. Cornell Corrections is a private firm that contracts with the city of Big Spring to manage the prison contracts the city has with the federal government. "This is a unique arrangement," Brown said. The Airpark unit where the incidents allegedly occurred is a low security facility, with a population of 428 inmates who are serving between three- and five-year sentences. "We will continue to cooperate fully with the federal investigators in this matter," Brown said. "We make sure our staff is professional and that all inmates are treated humanely and fairly." This is the first federal indictment of a former employee of Cornell, Brown said, and it is the second charge against a Big Spring prison employee in the past three months. In December, a Lubbock grand jury charged Keith Darsell Conner, a former kitchen supervisor with the Federal Corrections Institute, of smuggling contraband such as India ink, drugs and a watch into the facility, as well as taking \$350 in bribes from an inmate. Conner has pleaded guilty to those charges and will be sentenced next week. The Abilene Reported-News contributed to this article.

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

because they don't have a job," Mitchell said. Forsan ISD superintendent George White reported the only student enrollment in the area that has actually increased during the past year. Forsan records a student population of about 710 students, compared to about 690 students this time last year, he said. "I can't explain it, but we haven't lost one. In fact we gained two students just last Monday," White said. "Evidently our folks are not as dependent on the oil economy as we thought," he said. White said he has checked with other superintendents in Iraann, Kermit, Odessa and Rankin, and all are reporting decreased student enrollment. "I really can't explain it. All I can say is that I am really glad," he said.

TEXAS LOTTERY

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

PICK 3: 1,1,9
CASH 5: 1,10,16,24,36

FIRE/EMS

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

- THURSDAY
- 9:08 a.m. - 900 block Goliad, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.
- 9:08 a.m. - 1600 block I-20, medical call, patient transported to VA Medical Center.
- 9:39 a.m. - 1600 block Wood, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.
- 11:30 a.m. - 800 block W. Eighth, residence fire, smoke scare.
- 11:44 a.m. - 200 block Cary, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.
- 2:07 p.m. - SMMC, medical call, patient transported to Odessa.
- 4:56 p.m. - SMMC, medical call, patient transported to Sterling County.
- 9:57 p.m. - 2500 block Peach, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

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SCHOOLS

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economy, then we might expect more minus years in the future, but we're hoping the economy is sounder and enrollment picks up," he said. Murphy said the majority of student population declines exist in the elementary grades, and plans are being made to redistribute classes and adjust the staff through attrition. "No jobs are in danger and I want to stress this. We will accomplish this by shuffling and resignations may not be replaced," Murphy said. Other district officials offered the same solution to these enrollment declines, and all the districts are awaiting news from the current legislative session. Sands CISD superintendent Dr. Donald Bryan said the district enrollment has declined 10 students, from 255 to 245, or 4 percent of the student population. "We've had more students that we anticipated, and a lot more moved into the district, which was surprising. What will help is if we get any rain at all. Many of our students are migrant students, about 45, and they notoriously miss six weeks a year when they travel to Florida or California, depending on the crops involved," Bryan said. Grady ISD student enrollment reflects a 5 percent decline, down 11 students from 227 to 216 for the 1998-2000 school year. Coahoma ISD has declined about 67 students, or 7 percent from the 1998-99 school year to March 1999. School enrollment reached 907 students March 19. Interim superintendent for Coahoma ISD, Wayne Mitchell, said he believes the loss is a due to the economy. "Families are moving out

SHERIFF

- The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. today:
- JESSIE ACOSTA TARIN, 38, was arrested for motion to revoke probation of unlawfully carrying a weapon.
- DONALD ODELL VAUGHN, 51, was arrested for public intoxication.
- AMADO GONZALES VALLE III, 28, was arrested for driving while license suspended or invalid.

POLICE

- The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. today:
- CREDIT CARD ABUSE was reported at the police station.
- THEFT was reported in the 700 block of Sage Circle and 2000 block of Gregg.
- FORGERY was reported at the police station.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1400 block of Mesquite.
- ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 600 block of McEwen.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 1500 block of East 17th.
- MAXWELL WALKUP, 48, was arrested for public intoxication.

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Donald Sabatius, 60, died Tuesday. Military graveside services are 1:30 PM (MST) today at Ft. Bliss National Cemetery.

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906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331
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Senate passes HOPE scholarship plan

AUSTIN (AP) — Thousands of high school students who complete college preparatory courses and meet family income limits would be eligible to take part in a new, \$100 million scholarship program under a bill approved Thursday by the Texas Senate.

The Texas HOPE (Helping Outstanding Pupils Educationally) Grant Program "sends our children a signal that if you work hard, you will have the opportunity to go to college," said Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, sponsor of the measure. It now goes to the House.

The funding level envisioned

for the program over the next two-year budget period would pay for about 20,000 grants to students with a family income of \$25,000 or less.

Ellis said he hoped if the state's revenue estimate is increased, more funding could be made available.

Students receiving HOPE grants — which would pay for tuition and fees, averaging about \$2,400 — would have to maintain a 2.5 grade point average in college.

If they maintained a grade point average of 3.0 or above, they could use the HOPE funding for other costs, not just

tuition or fees.

Students would remain eligible for funding until they complete 150 semester credit hours or six years have lapsed since their initial enrollment.

Those who are juniors or seniors and pursue a teaching degree in a subject area in which there is a critical shortage would be eligible for Teach for Texas grants equal to twice the amount of a HOPE scholarship.

That money could be used for such costs as books, room and board.

HOPE grants wouldn't have to be repaid.

Teach for Texas grants wouldn't have to be repaid if recipients went to work for five years in a geographical area in which there was a critical teacher shortage.

They would work off one-fifth of the grant amount each year.

"This \$100 million scholarship program says to our young people the Texas dream is available to you whether you live in the barrios, on the border or in a suburb," said Lt. Gov. Rick Perry, a Republican.

He quipped that it is "a fashionable piece of legislation — the Perry Ellis scholarship program."

Hunt for 9-year-old lured into truck ends with return

DALLAS (AP) — A 9-year-old girl who was taken by a man from her Southeast Dallas neighborhood has been found unhurt, but law officers have issued another missing child alert.

An 11-year-old boy was discovered missing today from his Grand Prairie home, prompting activation of the so-called "Amber Plan," the emergency alert system devised after the death of an Arlington girl.

The Dallas girl, Fleisha Moore, was walking home from school Thursday when police said she was abducted by a husky man in a new purple pickup.

Officers went door-to-door in Fleisha's neighborhood while squad cars prowled the streets. A helicopter with a searchlight helped continue the hunt into the night.

The girl was found almost six hours later along a rural stretch of Interstate 45 near Rice, about 60 miles from home. She told officers a man in a pickup dropped her off, but gave them no other information.

Although authorities do not know whether Fleisha is hurt, police say she showed no out-

ward signs of injury.

Fleisha and a friend had been approached by a man in his 30s who offered them a kitten to accompany him, according to police Sgt. Jim Chandler. Fleisha was forced into the truck after her friend refused to go.

He said the girl would probably be taken to a hospital before being questioned.

"Because she was found alone in a location far away from Dallas, it looks like an abduction, but we won't know until we do more investigation," said Chandler.

The suspect was said to be about 6 feet tall, weighing 200 pounds and having brown hair, a mustache and a scar on his left cheek.

Police again used the Amber Plan — named for 9-year-old Amber Hagerman of Arlington, who was kidnapped in January 1996 — for the Grand Prairie boy. Details of his disappearance were sketchy.

The Amber Plan, which went into effect in October 1996, is an agreement between authorities and area radio stations to provide information about missing children and descriptions of their possible kidnappers over the airwaves.

PUC simplifies SWB's local calling to competition

AUSTIN (AP) — The Public Utility Commission ordered Southwestern Bell on Thursday to allow its customers to choose another company to connect local toll calls.

Toll calls are those that are too long to be local but not long enough to be long distance.

"This will bring competition to one segment of long-distance calling that has remained a monopoly until now," said PUC Chairman Pat Wood.

The PUC order affects local toll calls which Southwestern Bell automatically connects

now.

For example, they would include calls from Austin to Bastrop or Smithville, from Bay City to Houston, from Dallas to Greenville or Midland to Marfa.

As of May 7, telephone customers will be able to shop around for another phone company to connect those calls as they can with long distance.

"Now virtually all long-distance calls in Texas can be provided by a number of competing telecommunications companies," said PUC Commissioner Brett Perlman.

The order doesn't affect regular local phone service.

The PUC's decision comes as Southwestern Bell, Texas' largest local phone company, tries to satisfy state regulations so it can begin offering long-distance service.

"Southwestern Bell is still of the firm belief that long-distance companies should not be able to offer local toll calling service until Southwestern Bell is allowed to offer full long-distance service," said company spokesman Bill Maddox. "That is only fair."

Southwestern Bell argued that an order like the one issued Thursday would violate state law, but the Federal Communications Commission recently ruled otherwise.

To choose a new company to connect the local toll calls, customers would contact the long-distance company of their choice, according to the PUC. If they do nothing, Southwestern Bell will continue to connect those calls.

Southwestern Bell serves about 76 percent of the state's telephone customers.

Texas House passes legislation requiring inmates to work, study

AUSTIN (AP) — Prison inmates would be required to work and, if they lacked a high school diploma or its equivalent, to participate in educational programs under a bill given final passage by the Texas House on Thursday.

"There is an attitude in the public that inmates live in the country club," said bill author Rep. George "Buddy" West, R-Odessa.

"This legislation is saying there will be a law that they have to go to work and school ... so when they go back into society, they may have a legitimate way of making a living," he said.

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice currently requires that prison inmates work to the extent that they

are physically capable.

Under West's bill, the inmates' mental as well as physical capabilities would be considered.

The department could waive the education requirement if the inmate lacked the learning ability needed to earn a general equivalency certificate, or GED.

The education requirement would not apply to death row inmates or to those segregated due to behavioral problems or security reasons. Death row inmates would, however, be required to work, as long as they do not pose security risks.

More than 80 percent of the TDCJ's estimated 130,000 inmates in state prisons either work or are enrolled in an educational program.

Fog forces delay in nuclear waste shipment to WIPP

LOS ALAMOS, N.M. (AP) — A truck loaded with radioactive waste was poised Thursday to begin a historic journey to the nation's first nuclear waste dump, half a day after fog and worker fatigue delayed the inaugural shipment.

Fog between the shipment and its destination 270 miles south delayed the original start time just after midnight Wednesday. The postponement dampened the festive mood at Los Alamos National Laboratory, where the shipment was held up, and at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant near Carlsbad, its ultimate destination.

Officials set a new departure time of 7 p.m. MST Thursday for the estimated eight-hour trip to WIPP.

"I could have seen even a snowstorm stopping it, but fog of all things," said Carlsbad

Mayor Gary Perkowski. "It shows how safety-conscious they are."

About five hours after the truck originally was due to start out, officials decided against sending it through the heavy fog that socked in rural Clines Corners, about 95 miles southeast of Los Alamos. By that time, those involved with the shipment had been working so long they needed rest, said state Public Safety Department Secretary Darren White.

"There's a bunch of New Mexicans with red eyes this afternoon," said Kevin Roark, a spokesman for Los Alamos lab. At Los Alamos, those who went without sleep for much of Wednesday night and Thursday

morning included city and state police, the lab's waste-handling and loading staff, security and public affairs officers.

The weather was generally clear in both Los Alamos and Carlsbad Thursday.

"Last night was one of those classic situations like being stuck in an airport on a nice sunny day but they won't let you go somewhere because there's snow in Chicago," Roark said Thursday afternoon.

The fog "was about 3 or 4 feet off the ground, but above that it was thicker than the hair on a dog's back," White said.

The first shipment from the federal weapons lab to the \$1.8 billion repository follows 18 years of studies, protests and

lawsuits. The appellate court in Washington, D.C., and a federal judge in Santa Fe on Wednesday rejected three last-ditch appeals from environmental groups.

The truck is carrying about 600 pounds of waste — plutonium-contaminated trash including clothing, gloves, booties, filters, coveralls, plastic covers and metal cans. The waste is packed in boxes loaded in three specially designed stainless steel containers, each about 8 feet in diameter and 10 feet high.


Most of the material is from the lab's manufacture of nuclear batteries used in NASA deep space probes, such as the Voyager missions.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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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:

• **LELAND WALLACE**, Hereford breeder who was named Ag Producer of the Year during Thursday's Ag Expo and luncheon.

• **HOWARD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE** on a drug bust which netted 10 pounds of marijuana.

• **GREATER BIG SPRING ROTARY CLUB**, which donated funds to the Harley Owner's Group to help pay for the thermal imaging camera the group is hoping to purchase for the fire department.

• **BIG SPRING AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**, for sponsoring another Ag Expo, as well as the businesses, extension agents and individuals who took part in it.

• **BIG SPRING EAGLES LODGE AERIE 3188**, for its contribution to help with the Vietnam Memorial Chapel.

• **SARAH SMITH**, Big Spring High School student who was named to the All-Star Cast at the district one-act play competition, and to Johnathan Hull and David Moore, who received honorable mention.

• **EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAMS**, and all of those who participated in Wednesday's safety drill with Fina.

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

For nearly three weeks, that marvellous machine which flew through the blue sky carried our dreams and imagination. ... The balloonists held the whole world in their hands and offered to share it with us. Thanks to them, this earth, for a moment in every-one's life, became ours again.

Now they are back. They returned to the ground in their minuscule cabin, underneath this balloon which now seems huge and clumsy. ... You only remember the

first. The success of Bertrand Piccard, Brian Jones and their team certainly depressed all the balloonists who thought they could go round the world before them. But, discreetly swallowing their bitterness, they joined in with the enthusiasm. This victory belongs to them too.

Thanks to them the suspense remained intact, the field open, and the dreams inexhaustible. ...

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Free speech, fine; subsidized speech, no

Today's constitutional issue, boiled down and oversimplified, is whether college students may be compelled to support political entities they despise. Two cases are percolating through the federal courts.

One case comes from the University of Wisconsin. It is now actively pending before the Supreme Court on a petition for review. The other case comes from the University of Oregon. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit decided that case on Feb. 23, but it too presumably will be appealed.

Every college and university imposes a mandatory student activities fee. Most of the expenditures from these funds support athletics, health services, sponsored concerts and other noncontroversial purposes. A minor fraction is set aside in subsidies for student organizations, and here the trouble begins.

At the University of Wisconsin, a group of conservative students have challenged grants to 18 student organiza-

tions. The recipients include the Wisconsin PIRG (Public Interest Research Group), an offshoot of Ralph Nader's nationwide organization. It is not disputed that the 18 organizations engage in political and ideological activity. The UW Greens distributed campaign literature for Nader when he ran for president in 1996. The Women's Center lobbied against a bill to regulate abortions. Amnesty International worked publicly to abolish the death penalty. The Ten Percent Society advocated same-sex marriage.

The conservative students brought suit to stop the political and ideological grants. In their view, when students are compelled to pay the activities fee, they are thus compelled to support causes they oppose. Instead of free speech, the system fosters subsidized speech.

The dissenters won in the Wisconsin district court and won again in the 7th Circuit. A three-judge panel observed that the 18 targeted organizations have suffered no abridgement of their rights of free speech. The First Amendment protects their rights: "Of course it does," the court said. "They can lobby all they want, but the First Amendment does not guarantee that the government will subsidize speech."

In deciding in favor of the objecting students, the panel relied chiefly upon cases

involving the payment of compulsory union fees. The Supreme Court has held repeatedly that nonunion workers cannot be compelled to pay union fees that go into political advocacy. By the same token, attorneys cannot be compelled to pay for the lobbying activities of state bar associations. The same principle applies here.

The facts in the Oregon case may prove to be significantly different. At least the 9th Circuit thought so. The court came down in favor of the university authorities and against a group of conservative students.

On the Eugene campus, the student activities fund provides the entire support for more than 80 athletic, political and cultural organizations. The politically oriented groups include the usual suspects - Amnesty International, Students for Choice, the National Lawyers Guild, the Lesbian and Gay Alliance, and another Nader offshoot, OSPERG (Oregon Students Public Interest Research Group, Educational Fund).

The university administration defends the grants as part of the university's educational program. Universities exist to develop students' potential to become educated and responsible citizens. Through such groups as OSPERG, students have "an opportunity to

explore public policy issues."

I would be agreeably surprised to learn that OSPERG sponsors forums on such constitutional topics as "The Magnificent 10th Amendment" or "Desirable Limits on the Commerce Clause." Unlike the situation in Wisconsin, where the politically active PIRG is directly subsidized, in Oregon the theoretically separate OSPERG receives no support from the activities fund. It is a fair presumption that Oregon's two PIRGs are ideologically joined at the hip.

If the PIRG-EF is genuinely nonpartisan, perhaps it does contribute to the overall educational purposes of the university. The two-PIRG arrangement may save the constitutional point. Nothing prevents the conservative students from forming their own 10th Amendment Caucus in a similarly nonpartisan way. Nobody here but us nonpartisans.

I hope the high court ends up by ruling on these cases. On a per capita basis, we are talking of nickels and dimes, but the principles are as large as the sums are small. If I were anti-abortion, I would object to seeing even a penny of my activities fee diverted to Planned Parenthood. If I believed in the death penalty, I would holler at seeing my money channelled to Amnesty International. Let free speech reign! But don't make me pay for it.



JAMES J. KILPATRICK



Education can be defined by its content

In all the hoopla and babble about education these days, the single most important point is being completely ignored.

That's content. Education is good or evil depending on the content. An educational system designed to graduate semiliterate, young socialists who are atheistic and hostile to their own country, to capitalism, and to liberty

is not a system sensible Americans would want their children involved in. Let's do a bit of clarifying on this subject. State-controlled education is a high priority of every totalitarian state now or in the past. V. I. Lenin said it plainly: "Give me four years to teach the children and the seed I have sown will never uproot."

In fact, even democracies and liberal monarchies saw public schools as a means of indoctrinating and training citizens. The point is simply this: Government schools are by design established and run to serve government purposes. These purposes will change as the people who control the government change.

Though France set up the first central education system, the model most admired and adopted in America was the Prussian one. In 19th century America, there were many bitter battles fought as government education proponents sought to impose a system incorporating three points: tax-supported, government-controlled and the absence of all religious instruction.

As opponents of the government school system argued in 1800s, if you remove Christianity from the schools, then inevitably it will be replaced by the state religion of secular humanism. History has proven them correct.

So it's important to remember that education is not a synonym for the government educational system. There are

many ways to educate children. The government-funded, government-controlled secular system is only one of them.

And whether you wish your children to be a part of that government system should depend on what it is teaching as well as its ability to provide a healthy and safe environment. Good luck trying to find out. Most educational bureaucrats take the position that they are the high priests and that peasant parents should not interfere or ask too many questions. Just supply kids and money and keep your mouth shut.

Based on my observation of the products of this government system, I think all who can should withdraw their children and their support from it. I recognize, of course, that with 15,000 separate school districts there are some government schools that do a good job. My own children attended public schools.

Still, the trend is toward even more indoctrination rather than true education, and if I had to start over today, I'd find a way to keep them in private schools.

In 19th century America, education was targeted, as it ought to be, to fit the needs of the people. There was no need for a young man who intended to be a blacksmith to learn Greek and Latin. He was apprenticed to a blacksmith and taught enough reading and arithmetic to run his business. One of the most successful and intellectually esteemed individuals in American history was a product of this system - Benjamin Franklin.

Franklin received no more than two years of formal schooling, but at an age when Americans today are graduating from high school, Franklin was already successful and well-established in his chosen field.

To pad their own jobs, the government bureaucrats have stretched the length of time required to earn education certificates. A young American today has already wasted nearly a third or more of his life sitting in government institutions before he can even begin his vocation.

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WASHINGTON (AP) - Bombing in Yugoslavia by the Serb Army and command and support including fuel and dumps, to weaken Slobodan Milosevic return fire or attack Albanians, U.S. officials said.

The airstrikes, launched cruise missiles and two B-2 stealth bombers carrying 16 2,000-pound bombs also hammered a Serb's formidable system, which has resistance so far days of allied attacks on Milosevic.

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Senate Judiciary Committee Thursday approved several bills before Congress at averting lawsuit Y2K computer breach the Republican supporters must Democratic resistance. "I know that no is not bipartisan pass," Sen. Orrin Utah, said before the of which he is chairman 10-7 in favor of the

The only Democrat the measure was Feinstein, D-Calif., with Hatch.

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JANESVILLE, Wis. - The flash of a police lights, Jeremy Hentley decided he had to get out from behind the speeding van he was driving.

Holmes, whose legs had been Wisconsin because of his record, tried to get out with a passenger.

But the crowded of control and twice Thursday, the 14 passengers six dead on the highway.

"The bodies were all directions on the police officer J whose patrol car spotted moments crash. "I've never seen anything like this before that I'll never see like it again."

Conger said he van at 80 mph 90 about 70 miles Milwaukee.

Eight others injured, six critically injured, wore seat belts, police said.

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NATO hits Serb Army, police facilities in Yugoslavia

WASHINGTON (AP) — NATO bombing in Yugoslavia is hitting Serb Army and police command and support facilities, including fuel and ammunition dumps, to weaken President Slobodan Milosevic's ability to return fire or attack Kosovo Albanians, U.S. officials said.

The airstrikes, led by sea-launched cruise missiles and two B-2 stealth bombers each carrying 16 2,000-pound bombs, also hammered away at the Serb's formidable air defense system, which has put up little resistance so far during two days of allied attacks, the Pentagon said.

In a special satellite message beamed early today to the people of Serbia and Yugoslavia, President Clinton blamed the attacks on Milosevic.

"Right now he's forcing your sons to keep fighting a senseless conflict that you did not ask for and that he could have prevented," Clinton said in the taped message.

The nations of NATO, he said,

tried to avert the conflict "through every means we knew to be available."

Thursday night on CNN's "Larry King Live" program, Defense Secretary William Cohen, said the "targets that we were after we successfully hit." All planes returned safely, and more attacks were in the offing, he said.

Cohen wouldn't reveal the targets. But defense officials said they included anti-missile batteries, command, control and communications sites, ammunition and fuel dumps, bases, barracks and other military structures across Yugoslavia — from near the capital of Belgrade to the Kosovo capital of Pristina to Montenegro, which with the state of Serbia makes up Yugoslavia.

Destroying Serbian air defense systems would be required before manned NATO planes could enter the area for bombing and missile attacks on ground targets. Hitting fuel dumps would slow Yugoslavia's

tank corps, one official said, adding that NATO wouldn't strike tanks and troops directly until the U.S.-led alliance reached a much stronger attack phase.

"We're not there yet," said the official.

The expanding NATO bombing campaign, expected to continue tonight, came as the Clinton administration and commanders of the 19-nation alliance accused Milosevic of stepping up his attacks on Kosovo Albanians and warned him to pull back or face an even heavier NATO assault.

NATO missiles and bombs hit more than 40 targets in the first night of bombing. Allied planes also shot down at least three MIG jet fighters and destroyed more on the ground.

Thursday night, Tomahawk cruise missiles launched from Navy ships in the Adriatic and B-2s led the NATO attack. B-52 bombers, which took the lead Wednesday night, didn't fly on the second day to launch cruise

missiles. Instead, jet-fighters such as F-15s and F-16s, equipped with precision-guided munitions, dominated the air campaign, a defense official said.

About 400 NATO aircraft are deployed for the airstrikes, about half American.

President Clinton said crippling Milosevic's military could be achieved without ground troops.

Sandy Berger, the president's national security adviser, laid out the now familiar choices for Milosevic: Make peace by agreeing to self rule for the ethnic Albanians in Kosovo and a 28,000-member NATO peace-keeping force or face NATO's growing wrath.

"If he embraces peace, it will not be necessary to proceed with the military bombing operation that would severely damage his military operation," Berger said, warning Milosevic against stepping up his attacks on Kosovars to a "full-scale military offensive."

White House concerned over Russian threats to arm Serbs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Convinced that Russia's angry reaction to the NATO attack on the Serbs is geared to a domestic audience, the Clinton administration hopes President Boris Yeltsin's suspension of ties to the alliance will be short-lived.

"We will just have to watch and see what decisions Russia makes," Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott told The Associated Press. "That depends on them."

Yeltsin suspended cooperation with NATO to protest the attack. Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov, meanwhile, hinted Russia would try to get the U.N. arms embargo against Yugoslavia lifted, which Clinton said would be "a terrible mistake."

The Serbs "have quite a lot of arms on their own. They made

a lot of arms in the former Yugoslavia," Clinton said. "I have no intention of lifting any of the arms embargo on Serbia."

The administration also is checking reports the Russians already were providing Belgrade with weapons to resist the NATO attack.

"We are watching that closely with our eyes open," said another senior U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity. "We have seen nothing definitive."

Russia joined with the United States and four European countries in framing the proposed settlement for Kosovo that Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic has rejected. But Russia also consistently has opposed the use of force against the Serbs.

Republicans win approval of their fiscal 2000 budget plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans overpowered Democrats in both houses of Congress on Thursday to win approval for their "budget for the new millennium," a blueprint designed to showcase support for Social Security, the Pentagon and a new round of tax cuts.

Democrats argued that the GOP-backed tax reductions in the packages would favor the wealthy at the

expense of the long-term health of Medicare and Social Security.

Senate passage of the \$1.74 trillion spending plan for the 2000 fiscal year came on a 55-44 vote after two days of debate that centered on priorities for the enormous surpluses that are forecast for the next several years. Republicans unanimously voted yes; Sen. John Breaux of Louisiana was the only Democrat to cross party lines and support the package.

Earlier, the House ratified a similar spending plan on a vote of 221-208. All but two House Republicans voted in favor. Only four Democrats supported

it.

The vote in the House marked a triumph for the new speaker, Rep. Dennis Hastert, who had made its passage the top priority of his early months as leader of the slender Republican majority.

Hastert, R-Ill., said the GOP prescription "saves more for Social Security and Medicare than the president's budget."

In addition, it "provides for common-sense tax relief in the future. We have the largest surplus in history, which means the taxpayers are being overcharged," he said in a statement.

Democrats labored through

the day and night to raise questions about the prudence of the GOP tax cut plan. The final attempt, a bid by Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., to hold the cuts in abeyance each year until surpluses materialize, fell when all Republicans opposed it.

At the White House, President Clinton issued a statement describing the GOP blueprint as a "series of missed opportunities." The tax and spending plan did not "do enough to pay down the debt and strengthen Social Security and Medicare," he added.

Lawmakers will meet next month to iron out relatively minor differences between the

House and Senate versions. Congress will then spend the balance of the year working on spending and tax bills to carry out the policies embedded in their economic plan.

The budget, which sets guidelines for tax and spending bills later in the year, would be the first to be written by Congress since the government entered a new era of surpluses. And while House and Senate plans differed in detail, they had common priorities and served as the focus for a fierce partisan debate over Social Security, Medicare and tax cuts.

Rep. John Kasich, R-Ohio, said the plan could "not only

preserve Social Security and Medicare," but emphasize defense and education. "We also believe the American people ought to be empowered, the American people ought to have more money in their pockets," he said, referring to almost \$800 billion envisioned for tax cuts over the next decade. "I think we project a budget for the new millennium that is right in pace" with what the public wants, he said.

Democrats countered with a letter from the chief actuarial expert at the Social Security agency, who said the House GOP plan would do nothing to extend the life of the system.



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Committee approves Y2K lawsuit bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Judiciary Committee on Thursday approved one of several bills before Congress aimed at averting lawsuits related to Y2K computer breakdowns. But the Republican sponsor said supporters must overcome Democratic resistance.

"I know that no Y2K bill that is not bipartisan is going to pass," Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said before the committee of which he is chairman voted 10-7 in favor of the legislation.

The only Democrat to vote for the measure was Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., a co-sponsor with Hatch.

The Hatch-Feinstein bill would establish a 90-day grace period so companies could fix

computer problems before suits go forward. It would encourage alternatives to lawsuits and put limits on class action suits.

The measure would cap punitive damages at three times compensatory damages or \$250,000, whichever is greater; if a small business is involved, it is whichever is less.

The Clinton administration and most Democrats say they support efforts to encourage companies to update their computers to avoid needless and costly suits.

But they have expressed concern about stripping consumers and other wronged parties of their legal right to sue for damages.

The committee's ranking

Democrat, Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont, said the bill would reward irresponsible parties who do not address the Y2K problem. The measure "remains a wish list for special interests that are or might become involved in Y2K litigation," Leahy contended.

Earlier this month, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., used a straight party-line vote to move a similar bill through the Commerce Committee he leads. Another bill has also been introduced in the House.

Hatch quoted the much-cited figure of \$1 trillion as the estimate for litigation over Year 2000 computer problems unless steps are taken to block frivolous suits.

Homicide charges probable in deadly crash

JANESVILLE, Wis. (AP) — At the flash of a police car's headlights, Jeremy Holmes apparently decided he had to get out from behind the wheel of the speeding van he was driving.

Holmes, whose driving privileges had been revoked in Wisconsin because of a bad traffic record, tried to switch seats with a passenger, police said.

But the crowded van spun out of control and flipped over twice Thursday, ejecting 12 of the 14 passengers and leaving six dead on the highway.

"The bodies were scattered in all directions on the road," said police officer John Conger, whose patrol car Holmes had spotted moments before the crash. "I've never seen anything like this before and I trust that I'll never see something like it again."

Conger said he had clocked the van at 80 mph on Interstate 90 about 70 miles southwest of Milwaukee.

Eight others in the van were injured, six critically. No one wore seat belts, police said.

Holmes, of Clinton, Iowa, was confused but admitted he had been driving the van, Conger said. He was treated and in police custody Thursday night, hospital officials said.

Police have recommended that prosecutors charge Holmes, 20, with six counts of negligent vehicular homicide and six counts of causing great bodily harm, said Sgt. Brad Altman of the Wisconsin State Patrol.

The passenger that Holmes had tried to switch places with was among those killed.

The victims, all between 15

and 25, had been heading to a Janesville motel that had been their home base for two weeks for sales trips, sheriff's Cmdr. Thomas Gehl said. Other members arrived at the motel earlier in another van.

"We're hurt and we're scared and we're freaking out," said one, refusing to give her name. "I can't believe this happened."

The young people were selling magazines for an organization called Yes, police said. A spokesman for Subscriptions Plus Inc. of Bethany, Okla., said the company processes orders sold by Yes employees.

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Last Supper comes to life in First Methodist production Sunday

HERALD Staff Report

On Sunday evening, First United Methodist Church plans a special event, "The Last Living Supper."

Leonardo Da Vinci's painting "The Last Supper" will come to life, represented by actors depicting visually and verbally the evening Jesus and his disciples spent in the Upper Room. There came a time when each of the disciples had to ask himself if he was the one who betrayed the Lord. How each one answers this question can serve as a reminder to all believers of how they can be better disciples.

This event is open to the community beginning with a reception and refreshments at 6:30



Part of the table shared by Jesus and his disciples in the Upper Room is shown in this scene from "The Last Living Supper," which will be performed Sunday at First United Methodist Church. A reception at 6:30 p.m. in Garrett Hall precedes the drama, which takes place in the sanctuary.

p.m. in Garrett Hall. The sanctuary will be opened at 7 p.m. for the performance.

FUMC's Family and Parish Life Committee is sponsoring the production, and child care will be available.

The last time the Last Living Supper was presented locally was 1997.

This year it is under the direction of pastor Ed Williamson with assistant director Mary Elaine

Williamson. Music will be produced by John and Denise Ross along with the Chancel Choir.

Everyone is invited to see this unique production. The cast is as follows: Nathaniel — Dusty Choate;

James, the lesser — Cavan McMahon; Andrew, Richard Steel; Simon Peter — Ed Williamson.

Judas — John Plaia; John — Murray Murphy; Jesus — Chuck Bagwell; James — Steve

Herren; Thomas — Scott Riddle; Philip — Gary Walton.

Matthew — Tommy Churchwell; Thaddeus — Chris Wingert; Simon the Zealot — Danny Wright; Narrator — Chuck Kirby.

CHURCH NEWS

Hillcrest Baptist Church

Hillcrest Baptist Church welcomes the music and ministry of well-known gospel recording artist, Vern Jackson. Services begin at 6 p.m. in Sunday. Our church is located at 2000 W. FM 700 and everyone is welcome. This special service will offer something for the entire family as Vern shares this testimony of God's goodness in testimony and song.



Jackson

Vern is a featured vocalist on the Trinity Broadcasting Network. His trademark song, "Higher Than I've Ever Been," stayed on the gospel music charts for six months. Together, he has had six albums at various times in the Top 20 on the gospel charts. He is the recipient of three Angel Awards and in 1992 was voted Gospel music Association's Vocalist of the Year.

First Baptist Church

In the absence of our pastor this Sunday, we are privileged to have Dr. James Shields as

our guest preacher in both services. Dr. Shields is a professor at the Logdon School of Theology, Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene. You are invited to come hear one of the premier Bible scholars of our generation. Sunday services begin at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.

The Family Life Center hosted a church recreational basketball league these last 11 weeks. Nine teams participated from seven local churches. Congratulations to the Mount Bethel Baptist-Shiloh Church of God for winning all their games and receiving the league trophy. We look forward to next year, and hope more churches can participate.

College Park Church of God

College Park Church of God, 603 Tulane, will have a Broadway-style musical production called "The Prisoner," tonight at 7 and on Sunday at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 267-8593 or 267-2975.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

The Birdwell Lane Baptist Church will host their 34th annual fellowship April 6-8. Everyone is invited to attend this special time of sharing and

refreshment. We are expecting a large number of pastors, missionaries, and other ministers from all over Texas to attend this meeting. Our guests will participate in a golf tournament on Tuesday morning.

The meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. in Tuesday with a mini-concert by Dwayne Lee, Director of Recruitment for the Temple Baptist College in Cincinnati, Ohio. Services on Wednesday begin at 9 a.m. Wednesday evening services begin at 6:30 with a mini-concert by Thomas McGarity, Assistant Pastor and Youth Leader at the Northwest Baptist Church in Houston. The fellowship will end at noon on Thursday. Meals are provided by the church. Further information is available by calling 267-7157.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

The Contemplative Prayer meeting will be held today at 5:30 p.m. in the church library. St. Mary's Inquirers' Class meets on Monday, March 29, at 6:30 p.m.

St. Mary's Lenten Program is Wednesday, March 31. There will be a meatless pot luck supper at 6 p.m. The program will start around 6:45 p.m. and the Rev. Scott Mayer, from

Abilene, will share about "pride."

St. Mary's Episcopal Church will have a full schedule of Holy Week services. Palm Sunday is March 28, and the Palm Sunday service begins at 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall and will include the service of palms, a procession into the church and the reading of the Passion from St. Luke's Gospel. On Easter morning, April 4, the festive service will begin at 10:30 a.m. Special musical guests and additional instrumental and choir music will be a part of both Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday services. There will be no 8 a.m. service on Palm or Easter Sunday.

Throughout Holy Week, morning prayer will be said at 7:30 a.m. in the Chapel. Stations of the cross will be at noon on Tuesday and Thursday. The Maundy Thursday Communion will be at 6 p.m.; the ancient Good Friday service will be at both noon and 6 p.m., and the Great Vigil of Easter will begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday, April 3. The public is warmly invited to all Holy Week and Easter services.

First United Methodist Church

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Easter sunrise Community-wide service is highlight of season for many

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN

Features Editor

There's nothing like an Easter sunrise service.

At least, that's the opinion of Craig Felty, a local minister who is coordinating this year's community-wide event. It takes place Easter morning, April 4, at 7 a.m. in the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater.

"It's normally beautiful out there," Felty said. "At that time, the sun is just coming up, and it's a really special experience."

The event will feature various types of music, including contemporary praise and worship, traditional hymns and country gospel. It will include the music of Felty's Cornerstone Church praise team.

Each year, 300-350 people usually attend the service, Felty said. "This year we are hoping to get more churches involved," he said, adding that six to eight local churches normally organize the event. Anyone is welcome to attend, and many who do are not affiliated with any local church. Felty said he especially would like to see more teenagers at the event.

An offering is taken, which helps pay the nominal costs of the service, but also benefits the upcoming March for Jesus. This event, slated for May 22, will feature various local church members in a parade through the streets of downtown Big Spring.

"The Easter service," Felty said, "is definitely 'come as you are.' You can dress any way you feel comfortable," he said, adding that it is normally somewhat cool at that time of the morning.

The sunrise service is traditional, he said, because at sunrise is when his followers first found Jesus' tomb empty.

"We are celebrating the empty tomb," Felty said.

Although this is his first year to coordinate the service, Felty has been involved with it for four years. He is already looking toward next year as well.

"We've got the word from several churches that they will join us in 2000," he said. "That's going to be huge."

Felty said he is currently meeting with local pastors and musicians to finalize plans for the Easter event. Anyone who wants to be part of the sunrise service should call him at 263-2722.

CLUB NEWS

1905 Hyperion Club

1905 Hyperion Club met Thursday, March 18, at the Dora Roberts Rehab Center at 3 p.m. Seventeen members were present. Co-hostesses were Paulette Turner and Bobbie Thomas.

Dr. Guy Owens, exercise physiologist, presented the program outlining the center's approach to "Wellness." After an individual evaluation, a class is suggested which emphasizes the importance of proper management of stress food and exercise. A tour of the facility followed.

Woman's Forum

The Woman's Forum met March 19, in the home of Lucy Knox with Ruth Edmondson and Ruth Salisbury as cohostess. The meeting was called to order by President Connie

Gary. Sixteen members answered roll call. Minutes were read and approved.

Edna Faye Smith, program chairman, introduced Nancy Spurgin, an antique jewelry collector. She is an occupational therapist. She has been collecting jewelry since childhood. Her researching has given her much information. During the Victorian Age and Civil War Days, jewelry became noticeable. Coming out of World War I, costume jewelry became very popular. Dangling beads and ear screws. Around the time of the Depression, plastic came about and plastic jewelry became quite famous. Lucite jewelry was in demand since it was used of material from the planes. Ivory was replaced by celluloid because of ivory coming from the elephant's tusk.

During World War II, charm bracelets were everywhere and

all types of sweetheart jewelry. The soldiers sent lots of it to their wives, mothers and sweethearts.

Nancy handles her jewelry with soft white gloves. She displayed many pieces and her reference books. The program was very interesting. Several members shared some of their jewelry also.

Fifteen dollars was collected for Mountain View Home.

The next meeting will be April 16, in the home of Emily Easley with Tally Driver and Oline Ruth Cowden as cohostesses.

Mary Jane Club

The Mary Jane Club of Coahoma held its March meeting in downtown Big Spring at the Potton House. The group toured the historic home prior

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Doing God's work is showing Him your love

In John 8:42, Jesus in speaking to religious church going people who claimed they were God's children spoke these challenging words:

"If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and now am here. I have not come on my own; but He sent me. Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say. You belong to your father the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason that you do not hear is that you do not belong to God."

Wow! I thought everything was right between me and God. What is this talk all about?

On another occasion our loving Savior, Jesus turned to one of his closest disciples, Peter, and rebuked him saying,

"Get behind me Satan! I thought you loved me Jesus? How are these comments compatible with a loving Savior?"

Jesus saw to the heart. He saw past the paint and plastic. Religious flesh and forms of godliness are not tickets to heaven. Religious people can be some of the meanest spirited people in the world.

Yes, even Peter had religious parts of him that had to die, just like you and me. Going to church doesn't make

you a Christian, but doing the will of the Father and putting our trust and confidently believing His word is what being a Christian is all about. Jesus is after bringing all our religious flesh to death.

Jesus knows the heart of everyone.

On the day He entered Jerusalem and heard the cries of people saying how great He was. He knew even though they cried "Hosanna! Blessed is He that come in the name of the Lord!" that their words were saying one thing while their hearts were saying another.

Thank God He loves us enough to challenge us, say no and bring us to truth. Is there something 'religious' but unChristian about you that Jesus is pursuing?

Yield to Him and make your Christianity known to Him.

Paul Baskin is associate pastor at Miracle Revival Center.



PAUL BASKIN

COMMUNITY NEWS

HOWARD COUNTY 4-H MEMBERS recently toured the Big Spring Humane Society and met with staff there. They donated bags of cat and dog food, treats and cleaning supplies to the facility. Twelve members of Howard County 4-H are participating in the Dog Care and Training Project to learn more about responsible pet ownership. They would like to urge the public to have all pets spayed or neutered.

4-H members are also helping publicize the dog flea dip that the Humane Society is sponsoring Saturday at Wal-Mart's parking lot north end, 1-6 p.m. Cost for a dip is \$5 per dog.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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.

COAHOMA'S KINDERGARTEN RODEO will be Wednesday beginning at 9 a.m. in the elementary school gym. Everyone is welcome to attend.

THE LAST WORD

Cats and monkeys — monkeys and cats — all human life is there.
Henry James

Every man's road in life is marked by the graves of his personal likings.
Alexander Smith

I try to take it one day at a time, but sometimes several days attack me at once.
Ashleigh Brilliant

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City F.C.E. Club

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to being treated homemade pie and coffee at Dells Cafe. Hostesses for the month were Frances Mason and Pat Nash.

1948 Hyperion Club

Marge Carpenter was the guest speaker at the March meeting of the 1948 Hyperion Club. Introduced by Jan Foresyth, Carpenter presented a delightfully entertaining and informative history of early churches in Big Spring. Nineteen members were present for the program and the business meeting, led by president Zula McCrary, at which time the club agreed to financially sponsor a team for the upcoming Relay For Life. Hostesses for the day were Joan Gainey and Margie Hill.

Tall Talkers Toastmasters

Tall Talkers Toastmasters Club of Big Spring had its meeting on March 24, at 6:30 a.m. at 606 Johnson Street.

The word of the day was aplomb which means self confidence. The sentence used was "The speaker spoke with such aplomb we thought he had given the speech several times." Toastmaster was Dean Sheppard. Best table topic was Virginia Martin on "choice of book this summer." Best speaker was Lynn Moody on the importance of history, and best evaluator was Greg Parde.

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

City F.C.E. Club

Dana Tarter, Howard County Extension Agent, spoke to the City F.C.E. Club on "Five a Day," consuming three servings of vegetables and two fruits daily, a recommendation from the Food Pyramid, a nutrition guide from the USDA. Dana prepared a recipe of crunchy zucchini as she explain methods of meeting the five a day requirement.

Use a wider range of vegetables in salads; use vegetable slices to enhance sandwiches and soups; prepare stir fry dishes using several vegetables, and try new vegetables now available. By following the Pyramid recommendations, you can reduce the risk of cancer and heart disease, and you can reduce your daily intake of sodium.

Fruits are nature's dessert. Both vegetables and fruit are cheaper when bought in season and many varieties of both are available at our local markets.

Dana Tarter encouraged P.C.E. Club members to participate in the Walk Across Texas, an activity encouraging more

exercise for better health, which will begin on April 17 during the health fair.

Irene Preibe was hostess for the meeting. The meeting on March 26 will be in the home of Frances Zant.

Coahoma Lions Club

The regular fourth Monday meeting of the Coahoma Lions Club was held on March 22 at the Coahoma Community Center. Lion Irene LeMarr announced that the annual Community-Wide Garage Sale has been set for Saturday, May 8. Anyone interested in having a garage sale on that date is encouraged to contact Lion Irene for more information.

The nomination committee for new officers for the 1999-2000 club year was presented by Lion Marc Luttrell. The final approval for the new slate of officers will be made after every nominee has been contacted.

A letter from Zone Chairman Guy Teague was read by Lion Pete Wilson inviting every Lion Club member to the final Zone Meeting of the 1998-99 club year. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 30. At the meeting Lion Guy will cook hamburgers. He asks that all who plan to attend RSVP before Friday, March 26.

There were 10 members in attendance. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 12.

Mighty Oaks Senior Adult Club

The Mighty Oaks Senior Adult Club of East Fourth Street Baptist Church met at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 16, in the fellowship hall for their monthly luncheon and business meeting.

After an opening prayer, president Ida Belle Bankston presided over a brief business meeting. It was discussed and plans were to be made for the club to go to Midland for dinner and to attend "My Son My Savior Passion Play 99," to be presented by the choir, orchestra and drama ministries of First Baptist Church of Midland, depicting the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ!

There were eight in attendance, several of teh members were attending the AARP 55 Alive/Mature Driving Course and several members were reported sick.

After lunch, members enjoyed a time of fellowship.

Next meeting will be in April in the fellowship hall and guests and new members are welcome.

CHURCH

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"The King Returns to Jerusalem" (Matthew 21:1-11) is Dr. Ed Williamson's message this Sunday at the First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry. The message is about the story of Palm Sunday.

The Living Last Supper will be presented to the City of Big Spring Sunday at 7 p.m. A reception will be held at 6:30 p.m. prior to the production in Garrett Hall with refreshments being served. This production, directed by Mary Elaine Williamson, and special music by John and Denise Ross, is a live portrayal of Leonard DaVinci's painting of the Last Supper. The disciples will be members of the community reenacting the betrayal of Jesus. Please call 267-6394 for more information.

First Christian

An Easter Egg hunt is scheduled at First Christian Church for all children and their guests (toddlers through fifth grade) Saturday from 2-3 p.m. Meet in the fellowship hall.

Sunday, the Rev. Paula Brooks will bring the message for the 10:50 a.m. Worship Service. The Children's Choir will join the Chancel Choir with special music for Palm Sunday.

Also on Sunday, the community is invited to a concert by Jackie Henry and Virginia Martin entitled, "How beautiful the Lamb of God," at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary.

On Wednesday at 6 p.m., Shirley Burgess will present

the meditation for the final Lenten Vesper Service which will conclude with Holy Communion. Choir will rehearse after the service.

Christian Women's Fellowship will meet Thursday, April 1 in the fellowship hall for a luncheon at noon. That evening, a sandwich supper begins at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall, followed at 7 p.m. by Maundy Thursday Worship Service.

Easter Prayer Vigil begins at 6 a.m. on Good Friday and will continue throughout the day. Please call the church office, 267-7851, for times that are available.

On Easter Sunday morning, the J.I.M. (Jesus in Me) class will serve "Resurrection Day Breakfast" immediately after the sunrise service.

Living Water Ministries

Living Water Ministries and the Miracle Revival Center will host meetings Easter weekend with Ronald Campbell. He grew up in South Africa and accepted the Lord in 1977. He is now considered a prophetic teacher, speaking all over the U.S. with Foundation Ministries of Azle.

He and his family live in Irving.

He will speak at Living Water Friday, April 2, 7 p.m., Saturday, April 3 at 7 p.m. Miracle Revival Center; and Sunday, April 4, 9:30 a.m. at Living Water.

For more information, call 267-7047 or 263-3168.



First Assembly of God

Tim and Christa Grant, Home Missionary to Native Americans, will be ministering at the First Assembly of God, Fourth and Lancaster, this Sunday morning at 10:40. Tim and Christa Grant are both graduates of Evangel College, Springfield, Mo.

American Indian College of Assemblies of God is dedicated

to the training of Native Americans. Tim is an appointed home missionary with the Assemblies of God, and teaches, coaches and serves as the college's athletic director. Christa is also on staff at the college.

Pastor Havener and congregation of First Assembly invite you to join them for this most inspiring service.

Houston man on a 'Mission' to spiritually reach cities

HOUSTON — George K. Otis Jr. believes he knows the solution to violence, poverty, drugs and other social ills: prayer power.

Otis, a Seattle-based Christian researcher and author, has traveled the world studying communities that he says have gone from being centers of crime, corruption and moral decay to examples of Christian concern, unity and spiritual vitality.

"I am talking about something that is really awesome to behold and not just large numbers of people converting to Christianity and going to church," said Otis, who recently visited Houston.

Otis, 45, is in the forefront of the "city-reaching" movement, a far-flung national and international evangelical effort to spiritually transform cities through prayer ministries. In Houston, he is assisting Mission Houston, a network of more than 1,000 congregations led by Jim Herrington, former executive director of the Union (Southern) Baptist Association.

Among ministers and congregations supporting Mission Houston are the Rev. John Bisagno of First Baptist Church, the Rev. Lauren Hall of St. John the Divine Episcopal Church, the Rev. Steve Riggie of Grace Community Church and Doug Stringer of Turning Point Ministries.

"There is a city-reaching movement in almost every major city in the country," said Herrington, who became full-time Mission Houston director in January. The movement includes Washington, D.C.; Phoenix, Ariz.; New York; Portland, Ore.; and Los Angeles. Similar efforts are taking place in London, Mexico City, Paris and other major international cities, he said.

While in Houston, Otis

trained city-reaching teams from 20 cities nationwide.

He will return in September to train Houston teams, Herrington said.

Just praying for good things to happen is not effective, said Otis, coordinator of the united prayer track for A.D. 2000 and Beyond, a global evangelization program. The track includes millions of Christians praying worldwide for spiritual success, Otis said.

His research concluded that persevering ministers and laity must offer specifically targeted prayer in spiritually troubled areas for effectiveness.

"If it is not specific, it is a total waste of time," said Otis, whose forthcoming book is titled Unleashing the Power of Informed Intercession.

Call ministers believe that the prayer vigil and subsequent vigils have led to major drops in the city's violence and corruption, Otis said.

But prayer must also be accompanied by what Otis described as "spiritual mapping" or an effort to assess a community's problems, solutions and resources.

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RELIGION BRIEFS

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — Charleston County Council violated the Constitution when it posted the Ten Commandments outside its chambers, a judge has ruled.

R. Markley Dennis Jr. said the Constitution "bans governments from appearing to take a position on questions of religious belief."

Attorney Sam Howell said the county would not appeal.

"It's an important ruling that sends a clear message that government cannot endorse religion by endorsing the Ten Commandments," said Ayesha Khan, an attorney for the Americans United for the Separation of Church and State.

The group, along with the American Civil Liberties Union, represented a group of local residents who sued the county after the plaque went up in May 1997.

Dennis ruled "religion may be acknowledged and accommodated by government, but may

not be promoted."

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Church votes to sanction same-sex marriages

DENVER (AP) — After two years of debate, First Plymouth Congregational Church has agreed to sanction same-sex marriages and to form a support group for homosexuals. It also undertakes not to discriminate against gays in church employment.

With 1,400 members, First Plymouth is one of the largest in the United Church of Christ to take such action.

"We've taken a big step down the road of compassion and justice," said the Rev. Scott Landis, the church's senior minister.

The United Church of Christ allows its regional units to determine whether their churches can ordain gays and whether ministers can officiate at same sex unions. Nationally, 273 of its 6,100 congregations have voted affirmatively.

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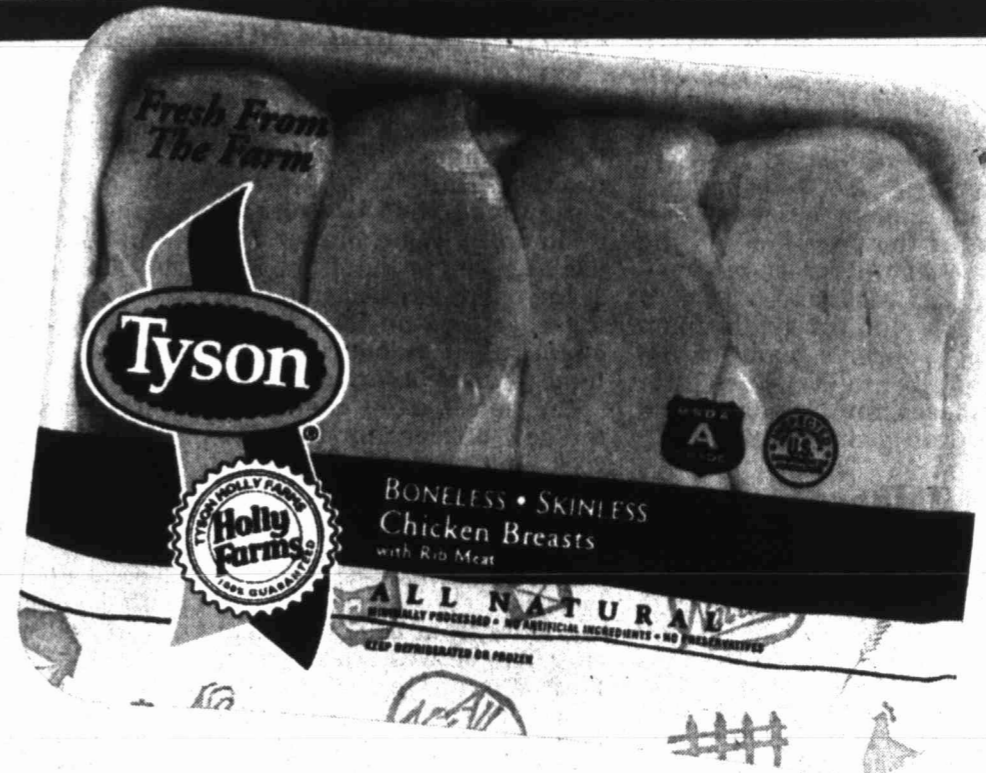


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YMCA swimmi scheduled for

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• Hale Center C Coahoma Bulldog

ON THE

Television COLLEGE BASKET

Women 6 p.m. — NCAA semifinal, Georgia ESPN, Ch. 30.

8 p.m. — NCAA semifinal, Louisiana Purdue, ESPN, Ch

NBA BASKETBAL 7 p.m. — New Phoenix Suns, TN

9:30 p.m. — S at Los Angeles L

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IN BRIEF

Athletic department slates physical exams

The Big Spring Independent School District Athletic Department has scheduled physical examinations for anyone in the sixth grade through junior year of high school for Saturday.

Physicals are required for all students wishing to participate in athletics.

Exams will be given at Big Spring High School at 10 a.m. for current sixth graders and at 10:30 a.m. for all other grades.

YMCA swimming meet scheduled for Saturday

The Big Spring YMCA swim team will host a meet beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday at the YMCA pool.

A field of 90 swimmers from Amarillo, Lubbock, Midland, Odessa, Abilene, San Angelo, Monahans and Andrews, as well as the local team, is expected to compete.

The public is invited to attend and admission will be free.

Coahoma UGSA slates sign-ups, team tryouts

Girls interested in taking part in Coahoma's United Girls Softball Association program will be able to register from 6 to 8 tonight at the Coahoma Community Center.

Registration will also be conducted from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday at the Coahoma softball park.

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

Industrial softball league slates Tuesday meeting

Industrial Softball League officials will hold their first meeting of the year at 7 p.m. Tuesday at John Wesley's Billiards.

League fees will be discussed and new board members will be selected.

All interested teams and coaches are urged to attend.

For more information, contact Jesse Rios at 264-6129.

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.

The organization will also be registering players April 3 during the Ballapalooza at Roy Anderson Complex.

IT'S MISSING

Details on how Howard College's Hawks and Lady Hawks rodeo teams fared during Thursday's opening performance of the Odessa College Rodeo were not available as the Herald went to press today.

Stan Feaster, Howard's sports information director, said those results were not available because coach Mike Yeater did not call in a report.

LOCAL GAMES

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

4:30 p.m.
• Loraine Lady Bulldogs at Coahoma Bulldogettes.
5 p.m.
• Big Spring Lady Steers at Snyder Lady Tigers.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

5 p.m.
• Hale Center Owls at Coahoma Bulldogs.

ON THE AIR

Television

COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Women
6 p.m. — NCAA Tournament semifinal, Georgia vs. Duke, ESPN, Ch. 30.
8 p.m. — NCAA Tournament semifinal, Louisiana Tech vs. Purdue, ESPN, Ch. 30.
NBA BASKETBALL
7 p.m. — New York Knicks at Phoenix Suns, TNT, Ch. 28.
9:30 p.m. — Sacramento Kings at Los Angeles Lakers, TNT, Ch. 29.

Steers to host first 5-4A golf round; Lady Steers at Snyder

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

With the first round of the District 5-4A boys' golf tournament set to get under way Saturday morning, Big Spring coach Gary Simmons is convinced his Steers need to get off to a good start.

Opening in strong fashion is especially important for the Steers, Simmons noted, because the tournament will begin on the Big Spring Country Club layout.

"I hope we go out there planning to defend our home course," Simmons said as he prepared for Saturday's 8 a.m. start of district play. "We've got to play well on our course, because we're going to have to play at Fort Stockton and Sweetwater, too."

"You've got to think we'll be battling both of those teams for a spot in the regional tournament," he added. "So, if we get off to a good start on our own course, it gives us a chance to jump out in front and put the pressure on everyone else."

Everyone else, of course, except Andrews' Mustangs.

While Andrews has to be considered a clear favorite to walk away with the 5-4A team crown, any one of the district's other five teams could earn a berth in the Region I, Class 4A tournament.

"Andrews is the favorite ... they've dominated virtually every tournament they've entered this year," Simmons noted. "And I'd have to say (San Angelo) Lake View is probably the best bet to finish second. Both of those teams have four players that went to the regional

tournament last year. That gives them a big edge."

In almost the same breath, however, Simmons is convinced the runner-up's berth is up for grabs.

"Anyone of us is capable of getting out of district," he added. "There are definitely three or four of us — Lake View, Fort Stockton, Sweetwater and us — that can get there (regional). For that matter, Snyder is capable of getting there, too. Snyder's only problem is they're awfully young right now."

The key to Big Spring's hopes for reaching the regional round, Simmons said, will be putting together strong rounds by three or four players.

"That's true for everyone else, too," he explained. "There are going to be a lot of quality players ... everyone's got an excellent No. 1 player that you have to

believe is going to play really well. The teams with the best depth are going to come out of it."

As of this morning, however, Simmons says he hasn't yet determined the exact make up of the Steers' five-man lineup.

Big Spring's No. 1 player will most certainly be senior Sammy Rodriguez, who is expected to contend for district medalist honors. And Simmons says his sure seniors Rudy Gamboa and Heath Bailey will also be included in the Steers' top five.

But the fourth and fifth spots in the Big Spring lineup are still up for grabs with Richard Gaitan, Zach Hall and Jamie Womble vying for position.

"Of course, we don't absolutely have to have things set in stone this weekend."

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Palmeiro has eyes on opening day

Back with Rangers, says training room is 'tough place to be'

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) — As his Texas teammates finish tucking in their jerseys and begin heading out of the clubhouse for batting practice, Rafael Palmeiro takes his time lathering cream cheese and jelly on a bagel. These days, he's in no hurry.

Palmeiro spends most of his time in the lonely, depressing training room recovering from two operations on his right knee. He's working hard in hopes of being back by opening day, but it's just not the same as being on the field, especially not for the major leaguer who has played more games this decade than everyone but Cal Ripken and not when it's his first year back in Texas after five seasons in Baltimore.

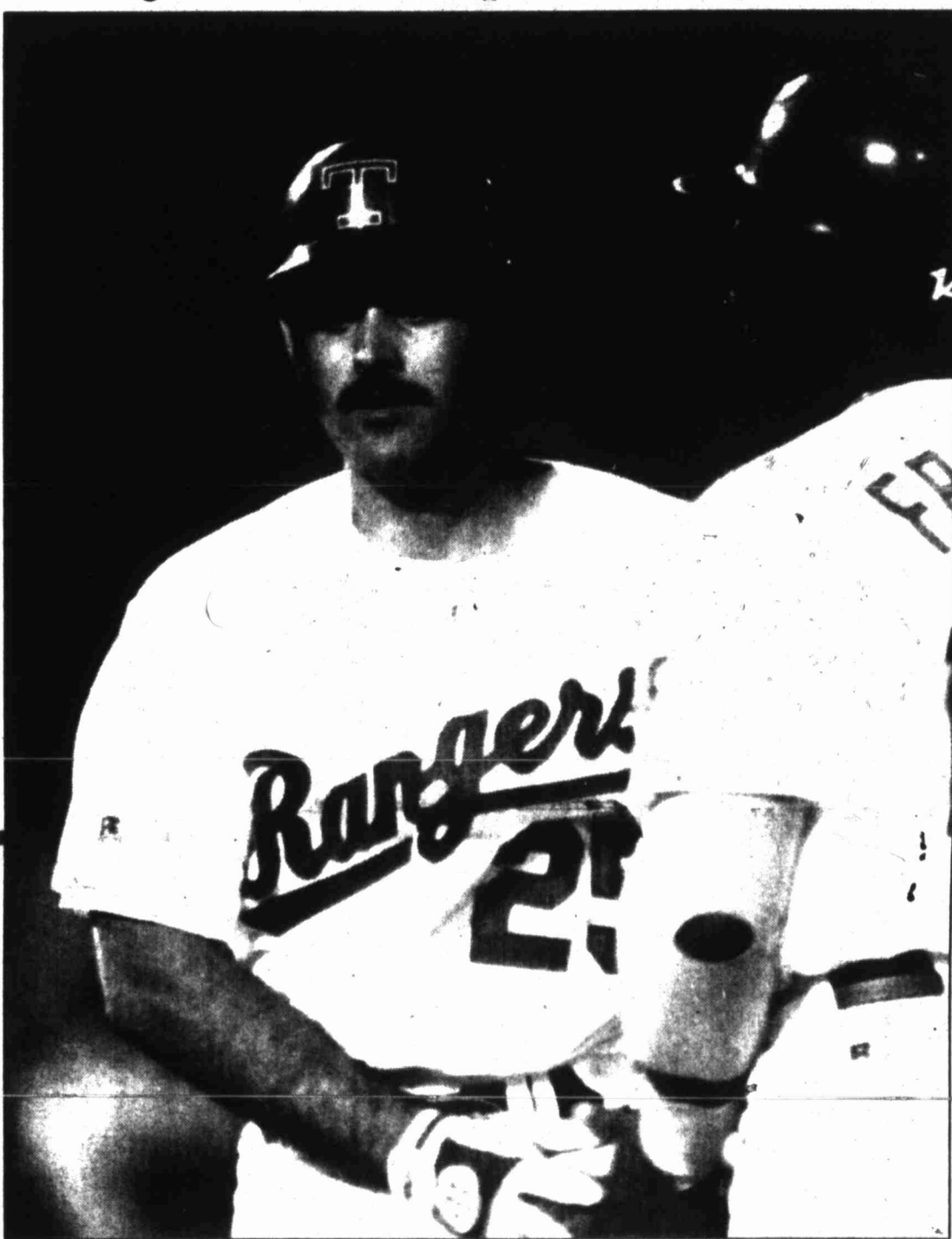
"Being in here is the tough part," Palmeiro said in a nearly empty clubhouse. "But my teammates have been very encouraging. They've tried to make me feel a part of it, even though I haven't been out there."

Palmeiro underwent arthroscopic surgery Feb. 10 to clean out some rough cartilage under his right kneecap, probably caused by wear and tear from his off-season regimen of running stairs. Less than four weeks later, Palmeiro was jogging and tore the cartilage that absorbs weight and provides stability, forcing another operation. Doctors said the injuries aren't related and Palmeiro calls them "a fluke, a coincidence."

"I'm telling them that I'm going to be ready for opening day," said Palmeiro, who has missed just 24 games in the last nine years. "I have to stay positive and think I'm going to be ready and work for it. If I'm not, I'm not. But at least I'm going to try to be."

Rangers manager Johnny Oates is looking forward to having his new slugger bat between Juan Gonzalez and Ivan Rodriguez. If Palmeiro can get in about three exhibition games, don't be surprised

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Rafael Palmeiro, shown here being congratulated after hitting a home run for the Rangers in 1993, is back in a Rangers uniform after five seasons in Baltimore. And after two knee operations, he wants to be in Texas' starting lineup on opening day.

Cal Ripkin Sr. loses battle with lung cancer

BALTIMORE (AP) — Cal Ripken Sr. made up for an ordinary baseball career as a player by becoming a distinguished teacher of the game. His most notable student was his own son, who parlayed instruction from his father into a Hall of Fame career.

Ripken Sr., who spent 36 years in the Baltimore Orioles organization, died Thursday of lung cancer. He was 63.

Cal Ripken Jr. learned many of the finer points of the game while accompanying his father to the ballpark while Ripken Sr. was managing teams in the Baltimore farm system. The young Ripken ended up becoming

the most durable player in the history of the game, playing in 2,632 straight games before voluntarily ending the streak last season.

Ripken Sr. also helped develop the skills of another son, Bill, an infielder who also played with the Orioles.

The Ripken boys were among hundreds of players and coaches who learned the game from a man whose teachings also had a great influence on current Orioles manager Ray Miller.

"We always talk about the Oriole Way. Cal Ripken Sr. was the one who indoctrinated every one of us who came in," said Miller.

"He's someone who meant a lot to this organization for a very long time," Orioles general manager Frank Wren said.

"What we will remember most about Cal Sr. is how he helped us understand that baseball is more than a national pastime, it is a metaphor for life," Gov. Parris Glendening said. "Through baseball, he taught us that diligence, determination and discipline are keys to winning at the game of life."

Ripken Sr. had leathery skin and a gruff voice, characteristics at least partially attributable to the fact that he was a heavy smoker. Back in the days

when smoking on the field wasn't taboo, he often cupped a filterless cigarette in his palm while watching games.

Ripken won 964 games in the minors and was 68-101 as manager of the Orioles in 1987-88. He was fired after the Orioles opened the 1988 season with six straight losses.

Ripken Sr. also enjoyed a lengthy run as Baltimore's third base coach.

"You talk about a guy who knew the game backwards and forwards," Arizona coach Buck Showalter said Thursday. "I always considered that he was the best third base coach I'd ever seen."

Holdslaw's modest goals made for major accomplishments

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Chamique Holdslaw is leaving Tennessee with a lot more in her resume than she expected when she arrived.

"When I came into Tennessee my freshman year, I said OK, hopefully I can play," Holdslaw said. "I'm going to work hard enough to play. Hopefully I can help the team, average 10 points or so."

Help the team? Well, Holdslaw certainly did that. She led Tennessee to three national championships and became a first-team All-American three times. On Thursday, she became the first woman to win The Associated Press player of the year award in women's basketball twice.

Holdslaw was an overwhelming choice for the honor in voting by AP, newspaper and broadcast members nationwide. Purdue's Carolyn Peck, who has her team in contention for the

national championship in just her second season, was named the coach of the year.

"It's a great honor. It's very exciting," Peck said. "But I've got to give credit to my team and my staff. It's been a complete team effort the last two years. Any coach who walked into the situation I did with the players I had would be blessed."

Holdslaw, the most decorated player of her era, also won The AP award as a junior last season, when she led Tennessee to a 39-0 record and its third straight national championship. The Lady Vols fell one game short of returning to the Final Four this year, losing to Duke in a regional final.

But the 6-foot-2 Holdslaw, so fluid that she makes the game seem effortless, still had an outstanding season.

She led Tennessee in scoring (21.3) and rebounding (8.1), shot 52 percent from

the field and left thousands of admiring fans something to remember by matching her career high of 39 points in her final home game, an 89-62 victory over Boston College in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

Holdslaw finished with 3,025 points and 1,295 rebounds, No. 1 on Tennessee's career list in both categories.

"She has been so special," Tennessee coach Pat Summitt said. "She has been a low-maintenance player because she does the right things off the floor. She makes good decisions."

"It has been a joy and an honor to coach Chamique, and I have to throw in every once in a while that it has been a challenge," Summitt said. "But I like the challenge."

The challenge for Summitt was to take a great player and help make her even better.

"I think I challenged myself immedi-

ately when she signed with us," Summitt said. "Because I saw this potential for greatness. I don't know if I envisioned three national championships and the level of notoriety that Chamique received."

"But I did envision someone very special. So I was very challenged because I knew all eyes would be on this player and the development of this player."

Peck will join the WNBA's Orlando Miracle as coach and general manager when the college season ends, but she has done far more than just go through the motions as a lame-duck coach.

Purdue became No. 1 for the first time in school history and will take a 32-1 record and 30-game winning streak into the national semifinals against Louisiana Tech tonight.

It would have been easy for Peck to coast this season, but that's not her style.

Cal takes NIT title in thriller

NEW YORK (AP) — Even on a bad night, California coach Ben Braun wanted the ball in Geno Carlisle's hands.

Though he was just 3-of-17 from the field, Carlisle came through with a three-point play with 4.7 seconds left, and the Golden Bears beat Clemson 61-60 to win the NIT championship Thursday night.

"We wanted the ball in Geno's hands," Braun said. "I just felt he would give us a really good chance to win the game, and if nothing else get us at the free-throw line. He got greedy, he got to the line and he scored."

Carlisle drove the lane, missed a shot, but got the ball back and tossed up a one-hander as he was fouled by Tom Wideman. The shot went in, the score was tied and Carlisle was on the free-throw line.

"It was kind of like slow motion, where I missed the shot and the ball just got knocked back out," said Carlisle, who led the Golden Bears with 16 points. "I knew time was going down, so I tried to knock it from two guys around me. I knew I had the opportunity to score and I made contact and got the bucket to go down."

And then it was time for the free throw. After a Clemson timeout, the 6-foot-2 Carlisle, who hits 77 percent of his free throws, stepped up and swished the decisive shot in front of a crowd of 10,864.

"I asked God to take the fear and nervousness I had in me away," Carlisle said, "and I was able to knock it down like it was any other free throw."

After the Tigers' Terrell McIntyre missed a last-second 15-footer, it was celebration time at Madison Square Garden as the Cal players raced to mid-court and began hugging each other.

"That free throw, it was for history, it was for everything we worked for," Carlisle said.

Carlisle is one of four seniors, all of whom enrolled at Cal two years ago even though NCAA sanctions loomed. Last year, the Golden Bears were banned from postseason play and also had two scholarships taken away for misdeeds under former coach Todd Bozeman.

And winning the NIT allowed the Golden Bears (22-11) to go out with a five-game winning streak and a whole bunch of

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SPORTS EXTRA

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

BOSTON RED SOX—Acquired OF Jon Nunnally from Cincinnati for RHP Pat Fly.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Acquired C Brook Fordyce from Cincinnati for RHP Jake Meyer.

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms with RHP Bartolo Colon on a four-year contract.

NEW YORK YANKEES—Signed LHP Tony Fossas to a minor-league contract.

TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Reassigned OF Billy Ashley to their minor-league camp.

TEXAS RANGERS—Named Jaime Garcia pitching coach of Charlotte of the Florida State League, and Fred Deberry pitching coach for the Rangers of the Gulf Coast League.

National League

MONTREAL EXPOS—Optioned INF Trace Coquette and INF Ryan McDermott to Ottawa of the International League.

HOUSTON ASTROS—Traded C Marc Ronan to Philadelphia for future considerations.

NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with RHP Orel Hershiser on a one-year contract.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

CHICAGO BULLS—Activated G Corey Benjamin from the injured list. Placed G Ron Harper on the injured list.

NEW JERSEY NETS—Signed F Mark Hendrickson to a 10-day contract.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

DALLAS COWBOYS—Re-signed S Signor Mobley.

GREEN BAY PACKERS—Signed P Will Brice.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Named Ryan Robinson assistant director of public relations.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Acquired WR Alex Van Dyke from the New York Jets for a 1999 sixth-round draft pick.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

CAROLINA HURRICANES—Assigned RW Greg Koehler to Florida of the ECHL.

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Recalled RW Ryan Vanderbussche from Portland of the AHL.

NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Recalled G Richard Shulman from Manitoba of the IHL.

PHOENIX COYOTES—Recalled LW Louie DeBrusk from Long Beach of the IHL.

ST. LOUIS BLUES—Signed G Cody Rudkowski.

NCAA-MEN

THE FINAL FOUR

At Tropicana Field, St. Petersburg, Fla.

National Semifinals Saturday, March 27

Ohio State (27-8) vs. Connecticut (32-2), 4:42 p.m.

Duke (36-1) vs. Michigan State (33-4), 30 minutes after first game

National Championship Monday, March 28

Semifinal winners, 8:18 p.m.

NCAA-WOMEN

THE FINAL FOUR

At San Jose Arena, San Jose, Calif.

National Semifinals Friday, March 26

Duke (28-6) vs. Georgia (27-6), 6 p.m.

Purdue (32-1) vs. Louisiana Tech

NBA STANDINGS

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Atlantic Division

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Orlando 20 8 .714 —

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New York 15 13 .536 5

Washington 11 15 .423 8

Boston 8 17 .320 10 1/2

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Central Division

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Atlanta 16 11 .593 2 1/2

Milwaukee 15 11 .577 3

Detroit 15 12 .556 3 1/2

Cleveland 13 12 .520 4 1/2

Toronto 12 14 .462 6

Charlotte 10 15 .400 7 1/2

Chicago 8 19 .296 10 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

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Houston 19 9 .679 2

San Antonio 18 9 .667 2 1/2

Minnesota 15 12 .556 5 1/2

Dallas 9 19 .321 12

Denver 7 20 .259 13 1/2

Vancouver 5 22 .185 15 1/2

Pacific Division

Portland 22 5 .815 —

LA Lakers 19 10 .655 4

Seattle 13 12 .520 8

Phoenix 14 14 .500 8 1/2

Sacramento 12 16 .429 10 1/2

Golden State 11 15 .423 10 1/2

LA Clippers 2 23 .080 19

Thursday's Games

Orlando 96, Cleveland 86

Houston 113, Toronto 104

San Antonio 86, Denver 65

Portland 97, Phoenix 84

Today's Games

Boston at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.

Indiana at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.

Chicago at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.

Orlando at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.

Milwaukee at Detroit, 7 p.m.

Miami at Minnesota, 7 p.m.

Denver at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

Toronto at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.

New York at Phoenix, 7 p.m.

LA Clippers at Seattle, 9 p.m.

Utah at Vancouver, 9:30 p.m.

Washington at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

Sacramento at LA Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Philadelphia at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.

Cleveland at New Jersey, 8:30 p.m.

Dallas at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.

Washington at Denver, 8 p.m.

Utah vs. LA Clippers at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.

Houston at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

(30-2), 8:30 p.m.

National Championship Sunday, March 28

Semifinal winners, 8 p.m.

NIT

Championship Round Thursday, March 25

Third Place Saturday, March 27

Xavier 106, Oregon 75

Championship California 61, Clemson 60

NHL

Thursday's Games

Chicago 3, Boston 3, tie

New Jersey 5, Pittsburgh 3

Phoenix 4, Washington 2

Calgary 2, Montreal 1

St. Louis 4, Vancouver 1

Dallas 2, Los Angeles 1

Today's Games

Toronto at Carolina, 6 p.m.

San Jose at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.

Nashville at Florida, 6:30 p.m.

Washington at Colorado, 8 p.m.

St. Louis at Edmonton, 8 p.m.

Tampa Bay at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.

Washington at Colorado, 8 p.m.

Chicago at New Jersey, Noon

N.Y. Rangers at Philadelphia, Noon

Boston at Toronto, 6 p.m.

Ottawa at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.

Montreal at Vancouver, 6 p.m.

Calgary at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Pittsburgh at Buffalo, 11 a.m.

Tampa Bay at Carolina, 12:30 p.m.

WPHL PLAYOFFS

First Round (Best-of-3)

EASTERN BRACKET

Central Texas vs. Lake Charles

Tuesday, March 23

Lake Charles 5, Central Texas 1

Thursday, March 25

Lake Charles 4, Central Texas 0

Lake Charles wins series 2-0

Arkansas vs. Monroe

Tuesday, March 23

Arkansas 5, Monroe 4, OT

Thursday, March 25

Monroe 4, Arkansas 0, series tied 1-1

Friday, March 26

Arkansas at Monroe

WESTERN BRACKET

Odessa vs. San Angelo

Tuesday, March 23

San Angelo 3, Odessa 1

Thursday, March 25

Odessa 5, San Angelo 4, OT, series tied 1-1

Friday, March 26

Odessa at San Angelo

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Thursday's Games

Minnesota 2, Tampa Bay 1

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Los Angeles 8, Houston 5

Oakland 10, Chicago White Sox 8

Anaheim 11, Milwaukee 4

San Diego 10, Seattle 7

Arizona 9, San Francisco 8

Chicago Cubs 11, Colorado 4

Kansas City 16, Cleveland 6

Detroit 8, New York Yankees 7

Toronto 6, Atlanta 1

Philadelphia 8, Boston 7

New York Mets 5, Montreal 0

Cincinnati 3, Pittsburgh 2

Today's Games

Minnesota vs. Tampa Bay at St. Petersburg, Fla., 12:05 p.m.

Boston vs. Texas at Fort Charlotte, Fla., 12:05 p.m.

Toronto vs. Kansas City at Haines City, Fla., 12:05 p.m.

Baltimore vs. Los Angeles at Vero Beach, Fla., 12:05 p.m.

Detroit vs. Florida at Viera, Fla., 12:05 p.m.

Minnesota vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 12:05 p.m.

Montreal vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 12:05 p.m.

Toronto vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla., 12:05 p.m.

Philadelphia vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 12:05 p.m.

Chicago Cubs (ss) vs. Seattle (ss) at Peoria, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.

San Diego vs. Anaheim at Mesa, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.

Milwaukee vs. Chicago White Sox at Tucson, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.

Chicago Cubs (ss) vs. Seattle (ss) at Peoria, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.

Oakland vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.

Arizona vs. Chicago Cubs (ss) at Mesa, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.

Houston vs. New York Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 6:15 p.m.

Final Four: It's Duke and the 'Forgotten Three'

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Signs and billboards all over Florida proclaim the arrival of the Final Four.

What we really have here is Duke & the Forgotten Three.

Yes, Mike Krzyzewski and the Blue Devils can make their case as one of the best college teams ever by winning their third national championship this decade. But let's not forget, the Dukies have company. Michigan State, Connecticut and Ohio State get a chance, too.

The Spartans (33-4) play Duke (36-1) in the national semifinals on Saturday, and should not be taken lightly. Mateen Cleaves, toughness personified, has never met a pressure shot he didn't want to take. Like Magic Johnson 20 years ago, Cleaves needs to win.

For UConn (32-2), a national title is all Jim Calhoun needs to consummate his splendid run as coach of the Huskies. Standing in the way is Ohio State, which used a little infusion of BC to help it forget all about last year's 8-22 season.

Coach Jim O'Brien's best move since going to Boston College and playing for Bob Cousy was bringing sensational guard Scoonie Penn with him when he left.

Three of the Final Four teams have been here before, and Krzyzewski is making his eighth appearance.

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if Palmeiro is Texas' designated hitter in the April 5 opener against Detroit.

"There are players who bring a presence to your lineup and for us he's one of them," Oates said. "We would not want to miss him for an extended period of time. If we do have to miss him, hopefully it's for a very brief time early in the year."

Palmeiro has done some hitting in a batting cage, and so far the knee has passed every test. His final obstacles are rebuilding strength in the knee and the typical spring training chore of regaining timing at the plate.

"He can catch up quickly," Texas hitting coach Rudy Jaramillo said. "His swing isn't the type you have to work, work, work, work. He's so fluid that he only needs to make little adjustments."

"Once you get there, all bets are off," said Calhoun, whose teams lost in the regional final in 1990, '95 and '98. "Now, very simply, you've got to make that one more stretch."

Some might say that another way to spell Duke is U-N-L-V. Krzyzewski has consciously avoided comparisons with — or even the mention of — the heavily favored 1991 UNLV team that his Blue Devils upset in the national semifinal before claiming Coach K's first championship.

"I've never talked to them about the '91 Vegas team," Krzyzewski said. "Don't believe everything you read in the papers, OK?"

Likewise, Krzyzewski wants to save the talk about Duke's place in history for later; Monday night, about midnight or so, at the earliest. "That's for somebody else to decide," he said. "It would be really dumb of me to even be thinking of those things right now, because we're going to have to play a hell of a game to beat Michigan State."

What of Duke's 31-game winning streak, the devastating 3-point shooting of Trajan Langdon and the inside presence of Elton Brand? Well, Michigan State has won 22 in a row, losing by just six points (73-67) to Duke in December in the Great Eight. It was one of only two times the Blue Devils won by fewer than 10 points this season.

Palmeiro's numbers could be even better this year considering the people hitting around him and the stadium where he'll play half his games. Palmeiro has a .772 slugging percentage at The Ballpark, with a homer every 8.8 at-bats and an RBI every 3.59 times up.

"As a hitter, you feel good in some parks and other parks you don't feel as good. And The Ballpark felt like one of the better ballparks for me to hit in," Palmeiro said.

Palmeiro said he doesn't think about what might have been had he never left Texas. "My five years in Baltimore were outstanding; I had a great time," he said. "I'm thankful I was able to play there, but I'm also thankful I'm going to have the opportunity to come back here and maybe do some great things for this team."

NIT

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smiling faces. Clemson ended the season at 20-15.

"This is a very special group of seniors and we just put together a good string at the end," Braun said. "These seniors have been together only two years and made the best of that time."

It's been 40 years since California won a postseason championship, and the Golden Bears became the 16th team win NCAA and NIT titles. Cal won the NCAA title in 1959, beating West Virginia by one point, 71-70.

In their run to the NIT title,

GOLF

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Simmons noted. "Everybody on our team is going to play, and if somebody gets hot, we can move them into the top five for the next round. Hopefully, I'll have 10 kids that play well."

While the district's boys are opening play on the Big Spring Country Club's 7,200-yard layout, 5-4A girls' teams will open their district tournament at the Western Texas College course in Snyder.

That's where Big Spring's Lady Steers, the defending District 4-4A champions, and junior Ashlie Simmons, Big Spring's defending 4-4A individual medalist, figure to run into a field dominated by Andrews and Snyder.

While Simmons returns to lead the Lady Steers, the rest of coach Mike Scarbrough's team, is composed of players in their first year of varsity competi-

the Golden Bears rallied from 12 points down to beat Fresno State and from 17 back to beat DePaul. Against Clemson, it was eight points.

McIntyre, who led Clemson with 17 points, said it was tough to get a clear shot at the end.

"It's hard to get a good look going full court with only four seconds," he said. "You don't really know how much time is going when you're dribbling so it was a rush shot and it just didn't go in for us."

Sean Lampley had 15 points and Michael Gill added nine for Cal, while Harold Jamison had 13 points and 14 rebounds for Clemson.

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The rest of the Big Spring lineup will include freshmen Julie Owens and Mandi Osborne and sophomores Heather Harris and Sarah Anthony.

"There's no question it should be a real battle between Andrews and Snyder," Scarbrough said. "Snyder was the 3-4A champion last year and they've got four players back from a team that went to the state tournament, and Andrews is loaded with veteran players, too."

And unlike their male counterparts, the Lady Steers will not get an opportunity to play their home course during the three district rounds.

Hershiser signs Mets' contract; Colon extends Cleveland deal

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Because of pitchers like Bartolo Colon, Orel Hershiser was forced to leave Cleveland and find a new home.

Hershiser, who went to spring training with the Indians, but couldn't crack their starting rotation, agreed Thursday with the New York Mets on a \$2 million, one-year contract that gives him the chance to earn \$500,000 more in performance bonuses.

"I knew the chance to win, and to win in New York — people say the greatest city in the world — was an opportunity that I wanted to have," Hershiser said from Port St. Lucie, Fla.

Hershiser, also sought by Atlanta, Florida, Philadelphia and the Chicago Cubs, wanted to win 10 more games, to give him 200 for his career. And he wouldn't have had that opportunity pitching out of the bullpen for Cleveland.

The Indians already had five starters, including Colon, whom they signed to a \$9.25 million, four-year contract Thursday. Cleveland has an option 2003 that could make the deal worth \$15 million over five years.

Colon finished 14-9 with a 3.71 ERA in 1998, leading the team with six complete games and two shutouts while pitching 204 innings. He earned his first All-Star selection after going 9-4 in the first half with a league-best 2.46 ERA.

"As I said before, I don't think there's any team in major league baseball that would not want to have Bartolo Colon in its rotation," Indians general manager John Hart said from Winter Haven, Fla.

Colon struggled Thursday night, giving up seven runs and six hits in five innings as Cleveland lost to Kansas City 16-6. Colon walked five and struck out five. He gave up a first-pitch homer to Carlos Beltran, as well as homers to Johnny Damon and Tim Lincecum.

Hershiser pitched two shutout innings in his Mets debut Thursday night, as New York beat the Montreal Expos 5-0 behind homers by Craig Paquette and Roger Cedeno.

"I have no idea what their plans are," Hershiser said. "I don't even know who's in their rotation. Today I was on the road for 3 hours, in two different camps."

At Lakeland, Fla., the New York Yankees signed Tony Fossas to a minor league contract, giving the World Series champs a second left-handed option in the bullpen.

Fossas, 41, will make \$410,000, with a chance for \$150,000 in bonuses if he makes the major league roster. He has an agreement that he will be released instead if he does not make the team.

At Sarasota, Fla., the Cincinnati Reds traded backup outfielder Jon Nunnally to the Boston Red Sox and third-string catcher Brook Fordyce to the Chicago White Sox for minor leaguers.

At Phoenix, Olmedo Saenz broke a tie with a two-run triple in the eighth inning and the Oakland Athletics beat the Chicago White Sox 10-8 in a game marred by a stadium accident that left a fan injured.

A 35-year-old man tumbled over a railing trying to catch a promotional T-shirt that had been shot into the stands between innings. He fell about 20 feet, hitting his head. He was treated by paramedics and then taken to the hospital. His condition wasn't immediately available.

In other games: Dodgers 8, Astros 5

Raul Mondesi hit two home runs and had three RBIs and Darren Dreifort allowed three runs in five innings for the win.

Twins 2, Devil Rays 1

Marty Cordova, still nursing a shoulder injury, hit his third home run of the spring, and Minnesota won on Denny Hocking's two-out single in the ninth.

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The Good News of Lent

The season of Lent begins forty days before Easter. Many Christians will fast, offer special prayers, and attend various religious church events during this period. It is a time for the Christian Church to be in agreement with God and to prepare to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The Lord's resurrection from the dead took place some two thousand years ago and proved that He was the true God and Savior of the world. Christ's dying and rising from the dead is a good reminder to all of us that one day we too shall die. The "Good News" is that He is coming again to receive all believers to Himself, and that where He is, they may be also.

Lent is a wonderful opportunity for spiritual renewal, and a time to listen to the Christ within us, because God's love for us is unconditional and His forgiveness and mercy are never ending.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, MARCH 27:
Love-hate relationships and high passion dominate this dramatic year. You feel deeply for everything and everyone, for better or worse. Whether to focus on building material security or delving into spirituality could be quite the dilemma. You could feel divided or that you're not getting ahead as quickly as you'd like. Try not to take life so seriously. You can have it all! If you are single, your intensity could be beguiling to some and downright scary to others. You might have two relationships going on simultaneously. If attached, work with your mate to bring added structure into your life. Through respect and consideration, you both benefit. Leo blows your mind!

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)
****Since you were never one to flee from a fight, you'll love the extreme tone of the day. You might catch someone red-handed, toying with your finances. Your ingenuity and lightning-quick insights are

magical. A love interest might cause you to become obsessed. Is this wise? Tonight: You'll soon find out!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
****You might see someone across a crowded room and fall madly in love. However, getting to him could be a challenge. Obstacles lie between you and satisfaction, but that's temporary. You will eventually get the chance you're hoping for. Patience, patience! Tonight: Turn in early.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***Evaluate a recent job prospect. An element of unrest exists between you and a business associate. If you want things done to your specifications, you're the only one who understands how. Don't trust anyone with any intimate secrets today. Tonight: Browse jewelry stores for a new trinket.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
***You could feel unlucky or thwarted and might try to take steps to correct that by risking more or throwing good money after bad. This is counterproductive, to say the least! Understand that there's a time and a place for everything. Let a romantic interest distract

you. Tonight: Places to go, people to meet!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
****This would be a great day if you didn't have to deal with family problems. To top it off, a boss might try to call you in to cover him at work. If you want to save the day, go ahead. If you want peace, screen your calls and escape as far as possible from home and phones! Tonight: Blues club, open-mike night.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
***Say as little as possible, unless you want to open up a king-sized can of worms. Others may play the "telephone game" and distort your words. Socialize, but stay close to home and to those who understand you; or, scrap the whole idea and take a day to just pamper yourself. Tonight: To bed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
***Spending could go wild extremes if you don't keep yourself in check. Don't feel you have to impress others; popularity should have little to do with finances. Defer a decision or investment until a more favorable time. Tonight: Dance and play in an inexpensive way.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
***You could learn a great deal about yourself today if you'll step outside of your ego. A partner won't have any of your willfulness, so don't try. You might think you can manipulate this person, but this is a classic case of irresistible force meeting an immovable object! Tonight: Take responsibility and make new friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
****Work and future prospects dominate, despite that it is Saturday. You might feel ready to climb the walls at your current job, and just one day away might make you feel you can't bear to go back. Recognize that this is probably a phase, but if changes need to be made, start now. Tonight:

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For Rent: 711 Johnson: 3 bd., 1 bath w/garage. Fenced yard \$295/mo. + dep. 305 E. 8th: Efficiency apt. \$150/mo. + dep. No bills paid. Call 425-1800.

TOO LATES
OWNER WILL FINANCE
3 or 4 bedroom
1408 Tucson
\$2000/down 11.25%
\$310/mo. for 10-12 yrs.
915-661-9338
570-8211/agent

TOO LATES
Very nice house. Detached office or bedroom & bath + 2' bedroom, bath, dining room, lg. utility room, double carport. \$45,000. 108 Lincoln. Call 267-1543.

THREE COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS FOR RENT. Call 263-2382.

Clear 1 bdr. ref./air, stove & refrigerator included. \$900/mo. No pets! References required. Call 267-2382.

Doctors Office seeking LVN, Paramedic or Certified EMT
Looking for someone with a good personality and who is able to get along well with the public. Apply at 1510 Scurry St. D or call 264-1222.

Garage Sale: 1311 E. 3rd. Sat. 8-7 Tools, elect. supplies, light fixtures, work trucks, motor home, misc

Don't throw those unwanted items away! Sell them!
Call 263-7331 and place your garage sale in the Herald Classified section and receive a Garage sale kit Free! Call Today!

INVITATION TO BID
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THE STATE OF TEXAS
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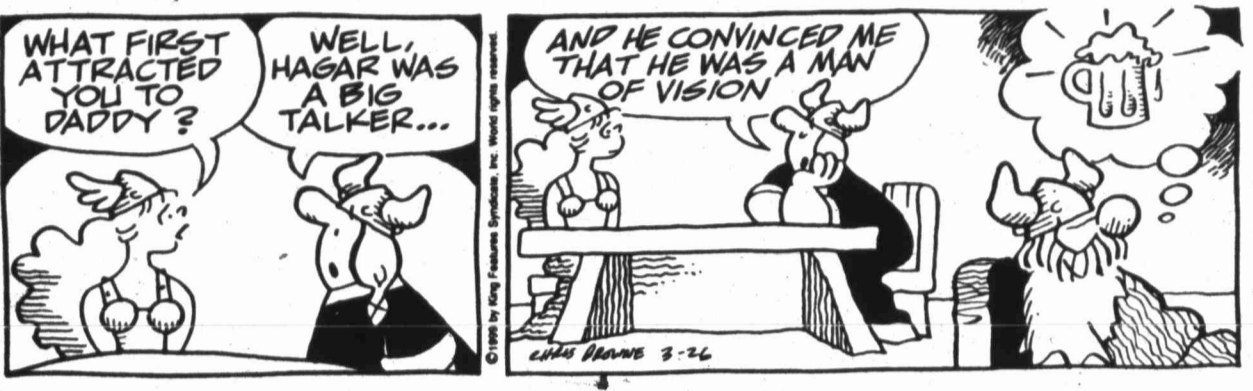
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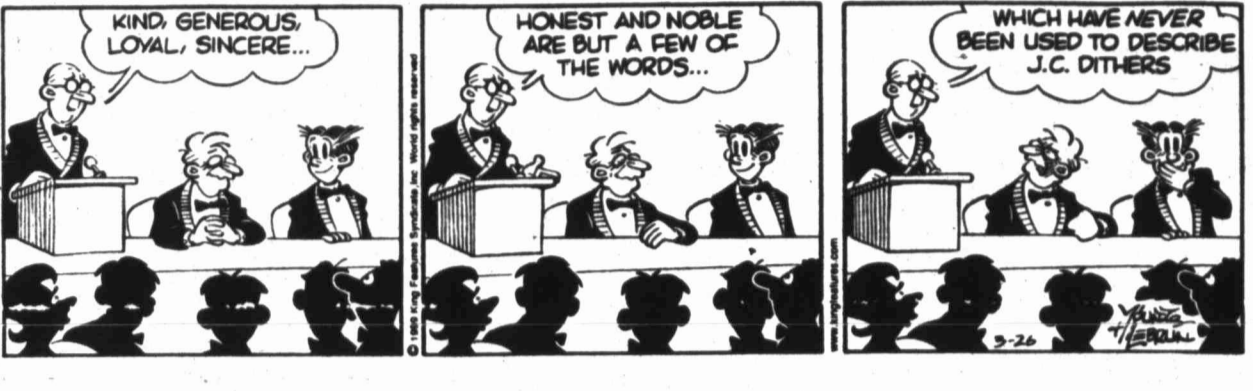
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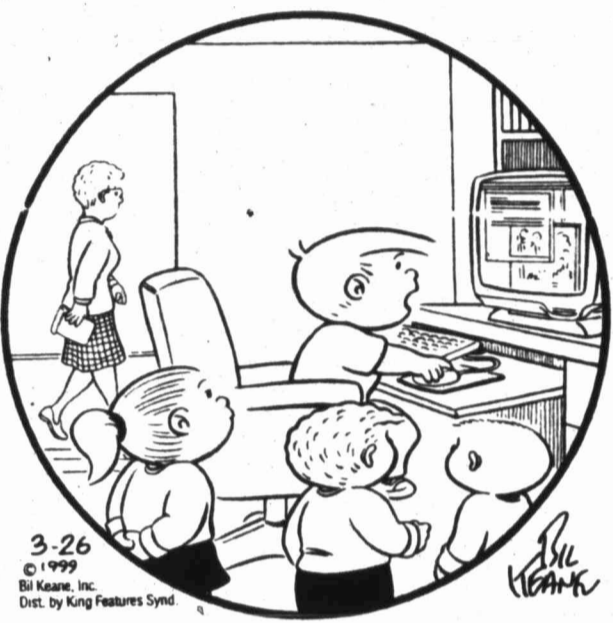
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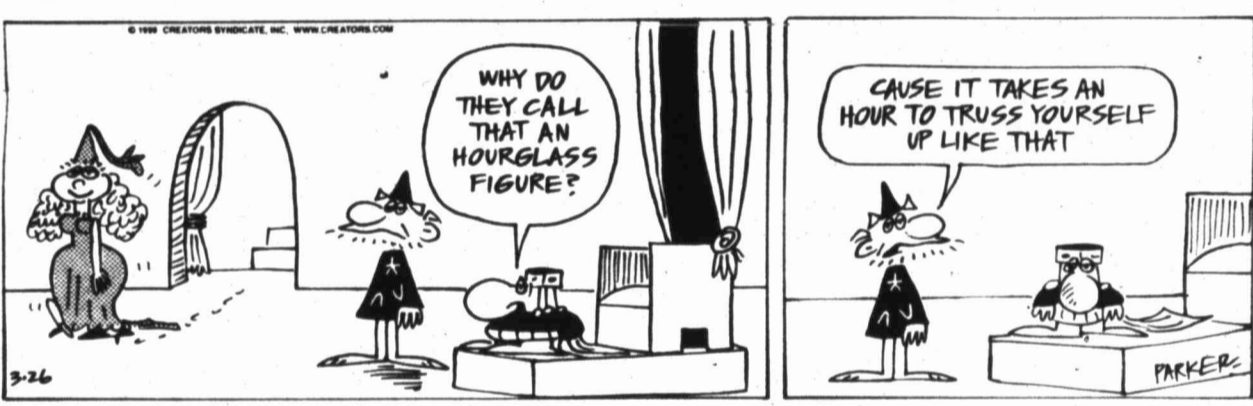
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Grandma said no computer for her. The VCR still has her stumped.

It's a calculator, Joey. It takes the place of a lot of fingers.

WIZARD OF ID



THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Friday, March 26.

the 85th day of 1999. There are 280 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On March 26, 1979, the Camp David peace treaty was signed by Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat at the White House.

THE Daily Crossword

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

White House. On this date: In 1804, the Louisiana Purchase was divided into the Territory of Orleans and the District of Louisiana. In 1827, composer Ludwig van Beethoven died in Vienna. In 1875, poet Robert Frost was born in San Francisco. In 1892, poet Walt Whitman died in Camden, N.J. In 1911, playwright Tennessee Williams was born in Columbus, Miss. In 1958, the U.S. Army launched America's third successful satellite, Explorer III. In 1964, the musical play "Funny Girl" opened on Broadway. In 1971, East Pakistan proclaimed its independence, taking the name Bangladesh. In 1982, groundbreaking ceremonies took place in Washington, D.C., for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. In 1997, the bodies of 39 members of the Heaven's Gate techno-religious cult who'd committed suicide were found inside a mansion in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif.

HI AND LOIS



Thursday's Puzzle Solved

Grid of solved crossword puzzle words.

5 Sicilian wine 6 Quebec peninsula 7 Colorful marine fish 8 Son of Jacob 9 Visionary 10 Oval nut 11 Mobutu Sese Seko's country 12 More peculiar shape 13 Leaf lines 22 Wide-eyed predators 23 Queue 24 Miami's county 26 '60s do 27 Telephone on stage, e.g. 28 Nuisance 29 Legal claim 31 Sherman or panzer 32 "Much About Nothing" 43 "Over the" 44 Gideon's gifts 46 Tenant farm in Scotland 47 Paramour 48 Lessen 49 Housemaid's joints 50 Something of value 52 French pronoun 53 Joyride 54 Marsh grass 55 Lazily 59 Dander

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Big Spring Herald advertisement with contact information and office hours.

Ten years ago: Voters in the Soviet Union filled 1,500 of more than 2,000 seats in the new Congress of People's Deputies, beginning embarrassing defeats for the Communist Party. Five years ago: U.N. peacekeepers in Bosnia-Herzegovina destroyed a Serb bunker following a seven-hour exchange of fire. The Senate passed President Clinton's education reform measure, the "Goals 2000" bill, 63-22. One year ago: President Clinton stood with President Nelson Mandela in a racially integrated South African parliament to salute a country that was "truly free and democratic at last." Today's Birthdays: Retired Army Gen. William C. Westmoreland is 85. Singer Rufus Thomas is 82. Conductor-composer Pierre Boulez is 74. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor is 69. Actor-director Leonard Nimoy is 68. Actor Alan Arkin is 65. Actor James Caan is 59. Author Erica Jong is 57. Journalist Bob Woodward is 56. Singer Diana Ross is 55. Actor Johnny Crawford ("The Rifleman") is 53. Rock singer Steven Tyler (Aerosmith) is 51. Television personality Vicki Lawrence is 50. Singer Teddy Pendergrass is 49. Comedian Martin Short is 49. Country singer Dean Dillon is 44. Country singer Charly McClain is 43. Actress Jennifer Grey is 39. Basketball player John Stockton is 37. Rock musician James Iha (Smashing Pumpkins) is 31. Country singer Kenny Chesney is 31.