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Relay for Life planned May 14-15 at Blankenship Field

Relay for Life, the community campout to raise money for the American Cancer Society, is planned May 14-15 at Blankenship Field.

Teams of walkers will take turns circling the track for pledges, participating in other fun activities and games throughout the two-day event. Campsites are often decorated to match creative team names such as "The Couch Potatoes."

Last year 51 teams set up camp at the field, and the event raised \$100,000, placing it among the top such fundraisers in the nation.

Other aspects of Relay for Life include a golf tournament, sales of luminarias in memory or honor of cancer's victims, and a Survivor's Walk that marks the formal beginning of Relay For Life Friday evening.

Anyone interested in putting together a team, call Wanda at 263-7180 or 267-1314, Kathy at 267-6919 or 267-1314, or Gloria at 263-4835 or 263-7616.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY
□ American Legion Auxiliary, 7 p.m. Call 263-2084.

□ Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

□ Big Spring Newcomer's Club contact Pat Mireles for time and location at 267-8741.

FRIDAY
□ Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

□ AMBUCS (American Business Club), noon, Brandin' Iron Restaurant.

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

SATURDAY
□ Howard County Scottish Rite Club, 7:30 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 21st and Lancaster. Breakfast served.

□ Giant garage sale, Big Spring High School band hall, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Benefits band's trip to play at Walt Disney World in Florida.

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

□ Parent-Youth Retreat, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Howard County Library Community Room, sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Call 264-2236.

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

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Positive renewable energy forecast heard by chamber

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

Members of the board of directors of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce were told that renewable energy could mean as much as \$30 million in increased property taxes and 5,000 new jobs.

Peter Altman, executive director of the Sustainable Energy and Economic Development (SEED) Coalition, and U.S. Rep.

Charles Stenholm (D-Stamford) were scheduled to meet with the chamber board at its regular monthly meeting at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Altman joined Stenholm to discuss future opportunities in renewable energy for Texas.

"Building renewable energy is smart economic investment for Texas," Altman said. "Renewable energy means mil-

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Up With People cast members Mellani Andres, left, Renee Blee, Albert Lopez and Ormravee Veerapinij arrived in Big Spring Wednesday for their performance of "Roads" Friday at 7:30 p.m. The cast boasts 120 members from 30 different countries. Tickets, \$10 for adults and \$8 for children and senior citizens, are available at Blum's Jewelers, the chamber of commerce, the Howard College Student Union Building Dean of Student's office, and both Premiere Video locations.

HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant

Air Force told to take their flights elsewhere

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

SNYDER — Citizens gathered at Worsham Auditorium on the Snyder High School campus Wednesday had only one message for the United States Air Force and its proposal to conduct bomber training flights over a seven-county area in West Texas — take it someplace else.

"It's not a matter of national security. It's a matter of convenience for pilots wanting to play war games. And to heck with 55,000 God-fearing, tax-paying citizens," said John Boswell, whose family has been ranching and farming in Dawson and Borden counties for more than 100 years.

Not all of the estimated 400 people who attended the hearing spoke, but those who did were adamantly against it.

It was the second in a series of comment periods planned by the Air Force, which has identified three Military Operations Areas, or MOAs, as acceptable sites for training aircrews. One, the Lancer MOA, is located in a seven-county area centered by Scurry County. The other two are the Texon MOA in the Big Lake area, and the Dora MOA in northeastern New Mexico.

The Air Force wants to select one of them for what it calls a Realistic Bomber Training Initiative (RBTI). Specifically, the site would be used to train B-1 crews from Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene and B-52s crews from Barksdale Air



HERALD photo/Bill McClellan

Some 400 people attended Wednesday's public hearing in Snyder to discuss a statement on the impact bomber training flights would have in a seven-county area that includes Dawson and Borden. Forty-eight people signed up to speak.

Force Base in Louisiana. The reason, according to the Air Force, for the necessity of placing an RBTI in one of the three areas, is that crews currently have to fly to Nevada, Wyoming and South Dakota, which is expensive and takes time that could otherwise be used for training.

A public hearing held in

Abilene on Tuesday evening drew only about 25 people and 5 speakers, but that wasn't the case in Snyder, where farmers and ranchers were united in their opposition.

"Our economy has been depressed with low cattle prices. It's been depressed with low cotton prices. Oil is depleted. Anything further that will

put a hardship on us could be a catastrophe," said Greg Hinley, Tahoka Independent School District board president.

Those who spoke cited reason after reason they don't want the training to be held in their area — concern over Sandhill cranes, pilot safety, public safe-

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Former Air Force colonel says noise studies outdated

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Noise level studies used by the Air Force to justify bomber flight training over West Texas are not credible, an economics professor and former military pilot said Wednesday.

"If they used valid figures, then what they are proposing would not be allowed," Bill Weida, professor of economics at The Colorado College, said in a press conference at the Heritage Environmental Preservation Association (HEPA) headquarters in Snyder.

Weida was a member of the economics department at the U.S. Air Force Academy for 11 years, an economist in the Office of the Secretary of Defense for three years, and is

a retired Air Force colonel. He is a college professor specializing in defense economics, statistics and econometric modeling. He was hired by HEPA to help protest the Air Force in its quest to conduct bomber training flights in West Texas.

Weida said Wednesday that the noise modules used in the Air Force's environmental impact statement are outdated and based on an urban setting instead of a rural one.

Among other things, he said the statistics are averaged to make them seem more acceptable. Higher-powered flights are averaged with lower-powered flights and heavy flight days are averaged with low flight days, he charged.

The result is an underesti-

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HERALD photo/Bill McClellan

Bill Weida, left, retired Air Force colonel, and attorney Frank Bond told those present at a news conference that noise studies used in the Air Force's environmental impact statement were outdated.

Chandler named medical center CEO

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Loren Chandler, interim CEO for Scenic Mountain Medical Center, was named permanent to the position Wednesday.

Chandler was notified of the decision by Community Health Systems, which owns the hospital, by his local board of directors. He said he does not plan any immediate changes in the hospital's operations, but that his appointment adds stability



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to the facility, which is in a state of transition.

"We've done a lot of working on the basics," said Chandler, citing recent changes in staffing of nurses, renovations and new equipment purchased for the hospital. "Now I think we can do some other things."

Chandler said he does not want to set limits on the hospital's growth, and welcomes input for ideas to add new services. Two new programs now in the works include wound care and a rehabilitation program for those hurt on the job.

Chandler, originally from Idaho, is a certified public accountant who earned a master's degree in business administration in December 1998. He began his health care career as

a financial officer, and transferred to Big Spring two years ago as chief financial officer. Since then he has served as chief operating officer, and was named interim chief executive officer after the departure of Kenneth Randall in January.

Randall had been the hospital's top executive since 1995.

Chandler said his challenge in the new position is to work with both the hospital's medical staff and the local board of directors, which includes volunteer members from the community.

Cheri Sparks, president of Howard College, is the board chairman.

Other members of the board are: Jim Wright, vice chair;

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State recognition, election cancellation on BSISD agenda

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Board trustees for the Big Spring Independent School District will recognize campuses for performance and cancel the school board election in a meeting set for 5 p.m. today.

"We'll be recognizing Kentwood Elementary, which achieved exemplary status this year, and our recog-



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nized schools, which are Washington, Moss and Marcy elementaries," said William McQueary, superintendent.

"Also, Marcy Elementary will receive \$1,989 cash award for being a Texas Successful School, which means they are in the top 25 percent of their comparison group," McQueary said.

The Texas Education Agency grades each school in the state on attendance, academic achievement and other measuring tools, and these BSISD schools received the highest and second highest honor pos-

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Drugs

5 people jailed when search reveals cocaine

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Howard County deputies executed a search warrant Wednesday on Air Base Road and arrested five adults, charging them with possession of cocaine with intent to deliver.

"We received information that there were people selling cocaine, and we gathered enough evidence to secure a search warrant for two houses at 110 and 112 Air Base Road," said Kerry Fritz, Howard County deputy sheriff.

"We confiscated more than four grams of cocaine and between two and four ounces of marijuana. We also located stolen property, and we arrested three females and two males," Fritz said.

Arrested in the drug bust were Margie Lario, 52, Robert Nunez, 51, Abraham Cash, 18, Alice Gonzales, 26, and Luz Alaniz, 24, he said.

The Big Spring Police Department and a member of the West Texas Narcotics Enforcement Task Force assisted in the search and arrests, he said.

All five individuals were arrested on four drug charges: manufacturing, delivery, sell or possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone; possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance; possession of marijuana more than two ounces but less than four ounces; and possession of drug paraphernalia, he said.

"They found some triple beam scales," Fritz said.

These scales are used to weigh the illegal substances. The cocaine was found ready for distribution, he said.

Lario and Nunez were also charged with theft more than \$50 and less than \$500.

Bond for all five individuals arrested, as set by Justice of the Peace China Long, was \$15,000 for the drug free zone charge. The houses are near Anderson Kindergarten Center, which is a drug free zone.

An enhanced first degree felony, conviction of this offense carries a minimum of 15 years in prison, Fritz said.

The possession with intent to deliver charge carried a \$10,000 bond for each suspect. A second

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Kosovo price tag could crimp GOP's election-year tax cut

WASHINGTON (AP) — The cost of the bombing campaign in Yugoslavia is giving Republicans uncomfortable choices back home: They may have to shrink their planned election-year tax cut, dip into Social Security funds they have pledged not to touch or engage President Clinton in a difficult fight over spending cuts.

No official cost estimates have been made for the conflict over Kosovo. But government and private analysts say if the fighting continues much longer, the price for the United States alone could easily hit \$2 billion or more.

Whatever the cost, Congress will have to find some way to finance the fighting and the planned movement of 20,000 refugees to Guantanamo naval base in Cuba for what officials say may be a six-month stay. In a year in which lawmakers have been scrounging for every dollar they can get for tax cuts or new spending, the Yugoslavia crisis will only intensify the problem.

"Clearly, this makes their job harder," said Marshall Wittman, congressional

affairs director for the conservative Heritage Foundation.

The costs of the confrontation with Yugoslavia will certainly be only a tiny portion of the \$111 billion federal surplus the Congressional Budget Office expects this year. But that surplus comes entirely from the Social Security trust fund — money congressional Republicans have pledged not to use for anything other than helping senior citizens.

"They're kind of stuck on their own rhetoric here," said Richard May, a consultant and former GOP staff director of the House Budget Committee.

On the other hand, many Republicans seem eager to avoid fighting Clinton over financing U.S. troops while they are still in the field in the Balkans.

As he proposed with a package of aid to Central America that is stalled in Congress, Clinton is expected to ask that the costs of the Yugoslavia conflict be declared an emergency, which would mean they would be financed using budget surpluses.

Numerous GOP aides said this week that they expect Congress to go along.

Underlining GOP reluctance to fight Clinton over spending cuts, conservative Rep. Todd Tiahrt, R-Kan., said he would not oppose using surpluses to pay for the Yugoslavia crisis. Just last month, he led an unsuccessful fight to cut spending to pay for some military costs in the Central America aid bill.

"I wouldn't want them to have any question that we're not behind them," Tiahrt said of U.S. troops in the Balkans.

But there may be divisions. The Heritage Foundation's Wittman said he believes the Yugoslavia costs should be fully paid for, particularly if the legislation that would fund the operation attracts unrelated domestic spending items as must-pass legislation almost always does.

"The question for conservatives is: Were they serious in 1997?" Whitman said. Spending limits were enacted as part of the budget-balancing pact in 1997. "This is a true test of their seriousness."

Cypriot leader says he will free three captured American soldiers

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — The speaker of the Cypriot parliament claimed he was close to winning the freedom today of three American soldiers captured by Yugoslavia.

Spyros Kyprianou arrived in Athens, Greece, today en route to the Yugoslav capital of Belgrade to meet with Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic. Yugoslavia's government did not comment on the deal.

"The exchanges have been very constructive so far and the indications are that this mission will succeed," Kyprianou told reporters.

"I am confident about it," he said

Kyprianou said he was likely to spend the night in Athens — "waiting for the green light from Belgrade" — before going to Yugoslavia on Thursday.

Cyprus' ambassador to the United States, Erato Kozakou Marcoullis, said Kyprianou was approached by the Yugoslav ambassador in Nicosia and informed that Yugoslavia was willing to turn over the three soldiers with no conditions attached.

The Clinton administration was restrained in its reaction. "We'll believe it when we see it," said David Leavy, spokesman for the National Security Council.

As Chinese premier visits, Clinton defends policies

WASHINGTON (AP) — As he prepares for a meeting with Chinese Premier Zhu Rongji, President Clinton says U.S. ties with China have yielded security benefits for Americans on a range of foreign policy hotspots from northeast Asia to the Middle East.

Zhu was talking with Clinton and other administration officials today on a number of contentious issues before a dinner Clinton will host in his honor tonight.

Aside from security issues, today's agenda included trade, Taiwan and human rights. Adding spice to the relationship were allegations of Chinese nuclear spying on the United States and newly published reports that the chief of China's

military intelligence directed \$300,000 to Clinton's re-election campaign in 1996.

Administration briefers declined comment on the two latter issues Wednesday on grounds that they were under investigation.

Clinton said in a speech Wednesday that his policies of engaging — as opposed to isolating — China have yielded benefits for the United States.

As a result of these links, the Clinton administration was able to negotiate a nuclear freeze with North Korea five years ago and it also persuaded China to stop selling weapons-related nuclear materials to Pakistan and Iran.

Zhu, known for his sense of humor, joked about the allega-

tions that China stole nuclear secrets from the Los Alamos research lab in the 1980s.

He said in Los Angeles on Tuesday that China would celebrate the 50th anniversary of communist rule this year by parading weaponry "developed by China itself, not by technology stolen from the United States."

Zhu arrived Wednesday and had an unscheduled White House meeting with Clinton.

Republican presidential candidate Steve Forbes said China has been the prime beneficiary of Clinton's efforts to cultivate closer ties with China.

"China's policies toward the United States are based on one perception — that is the administration will continue its one-

sided approach in favor of China," he said Wednesday.

The visit, the first by a Chinese premier in 15 years, comes at a time of great wariness between the two countries. China has been under fire from Republicans and others not only for the alleged spy and campaign finance activities but also for repressing dissent, refusing to renounce the use of force against Taiwan and keeping its market closed to many U.S. products.

U.S. and Chinese officials have been holding lengthy talks this week on proposals that would lead to a significant opening of Chinese markets. The discussions are part of China's bid to gain membership in the World Trade Organization.

Oil companies settle for \$160 million with royalty owners

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A federal judge has approved the agreement of several oil companies to pay \$164.2 million to settle a lawsuit alleging they short-changed royalty owners.

Tens of thousands of royalty owners nationwide will share in the settlement, approved Wednesday by U.S. District Judge Janis Graham Jack.

Companies involved in the settlement include independent oil producers such as Union Pacific Resources and major

producers such as Amoco BP, Chevron, USA, Shell, Texaco, Exxon and Mobil.

The judge set aside 25 percent of the award, or about \$40 million, to the attorneys for the royalty owners.

The settlement was the first of eight, totaling \$193.5 million, to be considered this week in Ms. Jack's courtroom. The remaining seven settlement proposals range from \$350,000 to \$11 million.

A central accusation in the

lawsuits is that the oil companies paid royalty owners on posted prices rather than on higher spot market prices.

The class action grew from numerous lawsuits filed in various courts in several states. A judicial panel consolidated the lawsuits and moved the class action to Corpus Christi last year.

Ms. Jack gave preliminary approval to all of the settlements last fall.

Scheduled for a hearing today

was a proposed \$10 million settlement that Irving, Texas-based Exxon has agreed to pay.

Houston lawyer Lee Godfrey, who represents plaintiffs who will split the largest piece of the settlement — about \$113 million — was pleased with the judge's ruling. "I think that the court did a great job handling a difficult matter," he said.

Richard Carrell, lead attorney for the settling oil companies, said he also thought Ms. Jack's rulings were fair.

Electronic filing proposals are backed by broad coalition

AUSTIN (AP) — Eight-year-old Hannah Lewis used a laptop computer to demonstrate the ease of filing campaign finance reports electronically as a wide range of groups teamed up to push the proposal in the Legislature.

"As you can see, this is pretty simple stuff," said Hannah's father, Fred Lewis, at a Capitol news conference Wednesday by the Coalition for Electronic Filing.

The coalition — which includes groups ranging from Public Citizen to Texas Baptist Christian Life to Texas Citizens for a Sound Economy to the League of Women Voters of Texas — supports mandatory electronic filing of campaign reports of statewide candidates with immediate posting on the Internet.

It says such a move would provide campaign information to all Texans with Internet access and allow interest groups to quickly analyze and publicize contribution information before elections.

The idea got a cold response, however, from the head of the House Elections Committee.

Rep. Debra Danburg, D-Houston, contended the requirement would be harmful to candidates without much

money or computer access — and that proposals to require such filing need improvement if they are to make donor information readily accessible.

"Every electronic filing bill that I have seen has been completely half-baked and does not allow for poor people who don't have thousands of dollars in hardware and who don't have thousands of dollars to spend on technicians, to be able to run," she said. "It's a barrier to entry to the political process for poor candidates."

Ms. Danburg said several House bills scheduled for a Wednesday hearing in her committee would be left pending.

House members and senators have filed bills to require electronic filing by political action committees and campaigns from state representative to governor.

They include varying exemptions for campaigns with less than a certain amount of money, ranging from \$1,000 to \$50,000.

Ms. Danburg has filed a bill that — rather than requiring candidates to file electronically — would require the Texas Ethics Commission to electronically image the paper reports and make them available.

3-year-old hangs onto back of truck for almost 12 miles

SANTA CLARA PUEBLO, N.M. (AP) — A 3-year-old girl who wanted to go for a ride clung to the rear of her father's truck for nearly 12 miles as the vehicle reached speeds of up to 85 mph.

Chelsea Tafoya wasn't hurt in March 30 incident.

Her father, Lincoln Tafoya, said Monday he was taking his four other children to Pojoaque Elementary School and didn't know Chelsea had jumped onto the back.

"I know we drove 10 to 12 miles before we were stopped," he said.

Tafoya credited a passing motorist, Connie Romero, with saving Chelsea's life after she flagged down his Ford Expedition about 20 miles north of Santa Fe.

"I am very, very grateful to the lady who stopped us," he said. "It's a miracle."

House panel considers package of sales tax bills

AUSTIN (AP) — The House Ways and Means Committee approved \$250 million in sales tax relief late Wednesday on several items including school supplies, diapers and children's over-the-counter medicines.



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"Sales tax is the most regressive form of taxation on the books — those with the least pay the most," said Rep. Rene Oliveira, D-Brownsville, committee chair. "By granting some sales tax relief we are able to benefit everyone regardless of income."

The tax-writing committee also approved a bill to create a nine-day August sales tax moratorium for clothing and shoes costing \$75 or less.

"We came up with, I think, a doable bill," said Rep. James Keffer, R-Eastland.

The bill doesn't cover athletic shoes, such as football or track cleats, or accessories. The tax holiday would cost \$24 million in 1999 and \$134 million for the next two fiscal years.

The committee also approved bills to: exempt diapers from the sales tax, \$56 million; children's over-the-counter medicine, \$45 million; and school supplies costing \$25 or less, \$5.8 million.

All of the tax exemptions would be for 2000-2001.

Selected sales tax relief has been key to Gov. George W. Bush's plan to funnel part of a multibillion-dollar budget surplus back to taxpayers.

The Senate Finance Committee approved similar relief, including the 14-day, back-to-school sales tax moratorium on shoes and clothing costing no more than \$200. That would cost the state \$150 million.

House Republicans also are considering a plan to spend \$1 billion to cut a quarter-cent

from the state's 6.25-cent-per-dollar sales tax.

The plan strays from Bush's plan for \$2 billion in property tax relief, but Rep. Kenny Marchant, R-Coppell, said the GOP stands "firmly behind George Bush in providing tax relief to Texans."

"With an extreme opposition to property tax cuts by a number of liberals, we're concerned that the surplus may end up being spent and Texas taxpayers will see no relief," said Marchant, chairman of the House Republican Caucus.

Bush said the Republican plan does not mean his tax cut proposal is dead.

"They don't have as much of a property tax relief as I do in my plan. But nevertheless, people are talking about tax cuts in Austin. I think that's very helpful," he said.

The governor said cutting the overall sales tax rate is an option, and that there would be several proposals between now and the end of the session on

how to do it.

"What I support are tax cuts that are significant. The House Republicans evidently agree we need a significant tax cut," he said.

The GOP plan also calls for: — An added \$1 billion in aid to local school districts for capital projects, such as new school construction, or to retire bond debts.

— A \$1 billion increase in state aid to the teachers' retirement system so teachers would have to contribute less. That would provide teachers with \$2,000 more in annual take-home pay.

— A \$500 million cut in business taxes for research and development, repealing the franchise tax for some small businesses, and eliminating the state sales tax on diapers, children's over-the-counter medicines and other items.

"I am pleased to see the House Republicans coalescing around a significant tax cut plan," Bush said.

Benefits of Postemergence vs. Preemergence Herbicides

Many growers here may begin their grass control program with a preemergence herbicide and these products might only use a post-emergence herbicide to control escapes later in the season.

Treating grass after crop emergence is becoming more common because postemergence treatment is a logical part of an integrated pest management program. Using a postemergence herbicide application allows growers to determine grass problems before treatment and select a specific treatment for the problem. And, post herbicides are more available and effective than in the past.

Plus, postemergence herbicide applications offer the best control of annual and perennial grasses, such as rhizome johnsongrass, bermudagrass, foxtails and crabgrass.

There are several post-emergence herbicides available. Growers can select the herbicide tailored to their individual problem. Two of the best are FUSION® and FUSILADE® DX herbicides.

Fusion is a broad-spectrum herbicide that offers total annual grass control in cotton and soybeans. To provide additional control of broadleaf weeds, Fusion can easily be tank mixed with a variety of broadleaf herbicides.

Even though Fusion gets tough on grass, it's gentle on the crop. The herbicide won't stress the crop and has no carryover.

Fusilade DX has a double-strength formulation for excellent control of problem perennial and annual grasses in soybeans and cotton. Research indicates Fusilade DX controls 90 percent or more of rhizome johnsongrass when applied within two to three weeks of crop emergence.

In addition, Fusilade DX works quickly. The herbicide is rainfast in an hour and stops plant growth in as little as two days.

For more information about these postemergence grass herbicides by Zeneca Ag Products, contact your local ag chem dealer.

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OUR VIEWS

Up With People offers experience for all involved

Local and area residents have the opportunity to experience something unique Friday night when Up with People performs at 7:30 in the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium.

Now in its 30th year, Up with People defines itself as an international experiential learning program. The Up with People education consists of helping students positively formulate and express their concerns in the context of a real world of social, cultural, economic and political realities.

As a successful experiential learning program, the Up with People curriculum is based on the principles of "learning by doing" with each course designed around preparation, experience, reflection and application.

But Up with People is not just an educational experience for the youngsters, who travel over 30,000 miles, work with cast members from over 20 different countries and live with 80 to 90 different families during the year.

It is an educational experience for all of us. Today, the Up with People cast is doing community service work in Big Spring — ranging from helping clean up downtown to painting over the graffiti in the former Settles Hotel.

The families with whom they are staying will learn something about another part of the world, whether it's Oklahoma or California or Germany or Japan.

And the youngsters will learn something about Big Spring, Texas.

Don't miss Friday night's performance of "Roads," the story of youth with hope and enthusiasm, coming together at a fork in the road and pondering the decisions that face them.

Remember ... Up with People's purpose is something we all should be working toward — to develop the potential in people to bring the world together through friendship and understanding.

TICKET INFO

WHEN — 7:30 p.m., Friday
WHERE — Municipal Auditorium
PRICES — \$10 adults, \$8 students/seniors
AVAILABILITY — Chamber of Commerce, Blum's Jewelers, Howard College, Premiere Video

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:
Hi! My name is Minh Chau and I am a fifth grade student at Beresford Elementary School in San Mateo, Calif.

I am researching the beautiful state of Texas for my state report. I am interested in obtaining any informa-

tion that can help me with this project (brochures, maps, pictures, etc.) Thank you very much!

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Hot Springs has a number of ways to soak you

Greetings from the Valley of the Vapors in Hot Springs, Ark. Arrived so late in the city famous for hot baths that I made a hasty choice about where to stay the night. Picked the only room in town without a tub.



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The second night I chose better. "We Bathe The World" was on the hotel stationery. The desk clerk, Penny Burkhalter, was the first of about a dozen people to ask me the question I haven't been asked since I was 6: "Have you had a bath yet?"

You can spend from \$8 to \$150 or more on thermal baths in this town. There are dozens of ways to "take the baths," some endorsed by the chamber of commerce and some not.

You can opt for coeducational bathing or private. You can be scrubbed with a loofah bath-

mitt or get a full-body Swedish massage and a heat wrap on a roller table. You can have your face or entire body slathered with bentonite clay, showered with peppermint soap or soak in sea salt. You can get married in a chapel, then take a honeymoon bath.

Or, you can do as I did: run through the shower in your own room. I'll admit to a lack of sophistication when it comes to hot baths, massages and having uniformed attendants bring you things. It's why I've never rushed to visit Hot Springs, which turned out to be one of the prettiest, most unusual Southern cities I've ever seen.

It's not that I'm too modest to walk to a tub in a bath sheet. Just say I have an unreasonable fear of being scalded.

The hot water in the tubs began as rain 4,000 years ago. It takes it that long to travel through rocks to percolate at depths between 2,000 and 8,000 feet. It comes back a lot quicker. In about a year it makes the upward journey, reaching the surface at an average temperature of 143 degrees.

They cool the water — to 100

degrees — before the first tourist sticks a toe in. But just walking through the restored 1913 Fordyce Bathhouse made me nervous. It's run by the National Park Service as a visitor center and museum. The architecture is gorgeous, Spanish Renaissance Revival. But all the old equipment — copper pipes and serious hoses and faucets-cum-thermometers — made it look like the Titanic's boiler room.

In the Hydrotherapy Room, for instance, there were defunct sun-ray cabinets, frigid cabinets, a Scotch Douche with high-powered hoses and, get this, an electric bath.

"There were no known deaths by electrocution in the electric bath at the Fordyce, but the procedure has long since been abandoned," a sign said.

Before penicillin, cortisone, sulfa drugs and a polio vaccine, people were willing to try anything. They flocked to the baths to "cure" rheumatism, kidney and liver disease, arthritis, syphilis, you name it. A quack's paradise.

Today bathers come for heat therapy or enjoyment. They

might need a soothing soak after losing a bundle on the ponies at Oaklawn, Hot Springs' Thoroughbred race-track.

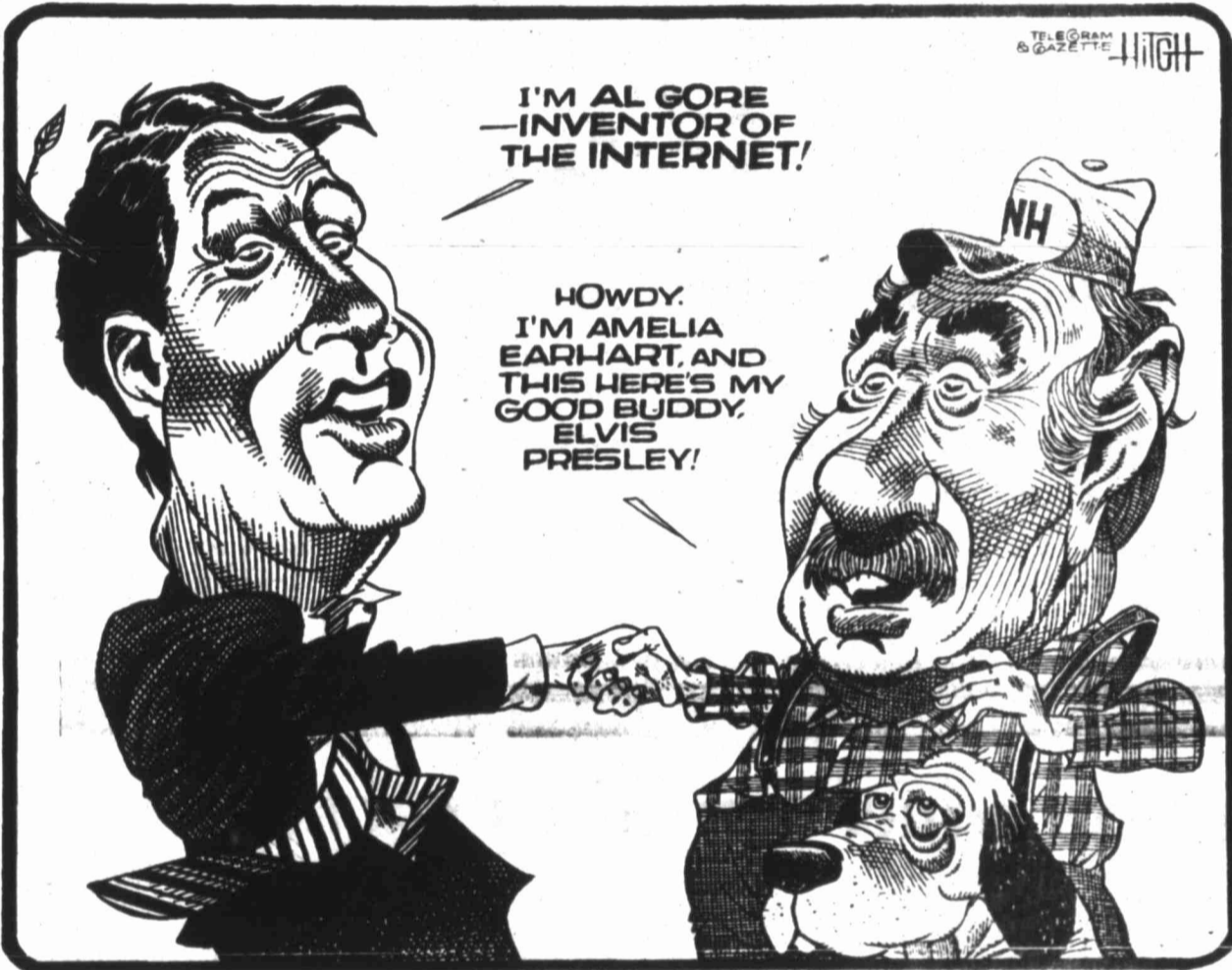
I bet \$5 on the horse Spodie Odie to place; he finished dead last on a muddy track. Even that didn't drive me to the tubs. I took a tour instead, though not on one of the red, white and blue, amphibious, Army-surplus DUCK boats that take you in and out of nearby Lake Hamilton. If I wanted to be that conspicuous, I'd bathe with strangers.

I chose instead a plain van with sisters Cyndy Anderson and Liz Plummer, who regaled me with stories of Bill Clinton's boyhood and Hot Springs' illegal casino industry that operated from the 1940s to the 1960s. Former Gov. Winthrop Rockefeller came to town one day, dug a hole and dumped into it all the city's gambling paraphernalia. Now the Tower of Strength Ministries operates where the Vapor Dinner Theater (and casino) used to swing.

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Attack against Connerly is an attack against liberty

Ward Connerly, the California regent who engineered the end of affirmative action in California and Washington, is starting a similar campaign in Florida.



CHARLEY REESE

What's interesting is the nature of attacks leveled against him by the political establishment. Florida's new Republican governor, Jeb Bush, and its old Democratic U.S. senator, Bob Graham, accused Connerly of being divisive.

Here's where the Orwellian newspeak comes in. The man who wishes to eliminate making decisions based on race, ethnic background or sex is accused of being divisive by the people who wish to maintain a system that is racist,

sexist and ethnically jingoistic. The politicians who wish to keep people divided for political purposes condemn as divisive the man who wants to unite everyone. That's newspeak when words are twisted by political men to mean the opposite of what normal people think they mean.

Whereas Connerly's position is that race should not be a factor in admissions, hiring, promoting or awarding contracts, Bush maintains that race should be a factor in all of that.

Well, guess what? Connerly's position is consistent with that of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., while Bush and Graham's position is consistent with that of the late George Wallace before he had second thoughts.

Bush and Graham might just as well have linked arms on the steps of the Florida Capitol and shouted, "Race is a factor today, race will be a factor tomorrow, race will be factor forever!" And then added, "Nobody is ever going to outrace us." What do reverse racists wear? Flowered sheets?

You see, racial segregation was based on the premise that a person's race should be a factor in determining his or her rights and privileges. Affirmative action is based on precisely the same premise. The only difference is today's demagogues have tossed in sex and ethnicity to have a few more groups they can pander to for selfish political purposes.

And just as segregation pre-supposed blacks to be inferior, so, too, do affirmative action programs. There is no need to have double standards if you believe everyone is capable of meeting a single standard. There is no reason to stack the deck in favor of a politically anointed group unless you believe it can't compete with a legit deck.

Bear in mind, lest you be misled by intellectually dishonest people, that ending affirmative action programs, which is all Connerly seeks to do, does not eliminate the laws against discrimination. Any person who genuinely believes he or she has been discriminated against still has enormous

resources for seeking just compensation. Those resources and laws have nothing to do with affirmative action and are not diminished or eliminated if affirmative action is abolished.

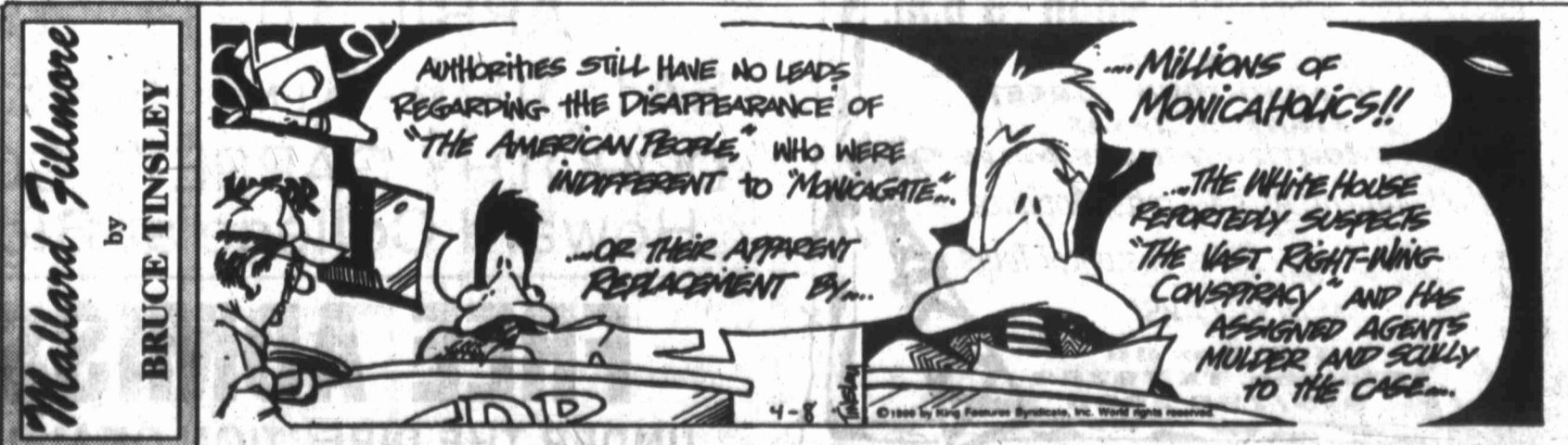
Remember, affirmative action is proactive discrimination by government against whites, males and people who are not in the politically favored ethnic groups (Asians, for example). That's what Connerly believes should be eliminated.

And what is Connerly's plan? Simply to draft a constitutional amendment, collect sufficient signatures to place it on the ballot and then allow the people of Florida to decide the question for themselves.

It's very bad for politicians like Bush to take the position that the citizens should be denied the opportunity to decide that question. By opposing Connerly's petition drive, the politicians plainly intend to force their position on the people and to deny them their right to dissent.

Friends of liberty are on the side of Connerly.

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Children and teen

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◆Queen Victoria was the mother of nine children and filled 110 albums with family photographs.

◆An Irish cow, Big Bertha, lived to the record age of 48 before her death in 1993. She gave birth to a record 39 calves.

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Parents can help prevent teen drinking

The peer pressure of drinking alcohol is one of the many hardships of being young. Children and teens long to feel accepted and part of the popular social circle. However, it has been proven that peers are not the only negative influences causing underage drinking. The environment in which a child is raised also weighs heavily on a child's decision to drink.

There are certain risk factors, found within the home, that may have a direct correlation between alcohol problems and adolescents. It is a parent's responsibility to play a positive role in raising their children, because a child raised in a negative environment may be more prone to drinking alcohol. The following are negative environments that can push a child to drink:

- Parents who are alcohol, tobacco or drug dependent
- Parents who are abusive or neglect their children
- High-levels of family stress, including financial strain
- Parents who are socially isolated
- Parents who have little con-

tact with their child
•High-levels of marital and family conflict and/or family violence

The number of adolescents who drink is growing every year and is a trend that crosses all socioeconomic lines. There is no big city or small town that is immune to this problem.



LOREN CHANDLER

According to a recent survey given by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, 26 percent of 8th graders, 40 percent of 10th graders and 51 percent of 12th graders reported drinking alcohol within the past month.

Drinking among children and teens is a worrisome problem considering the strong association that drinking has with suicide, violent behavior, high-risk sex, emotional problems and automobile accidents. In

fact, alcohol is involved in half of all traffic deaths each year, which is the number one killer of young people.

Not only does alcohol cause accidents and irrational behavior it is also a dangerous weapon that can destroy your child's health. Because the brain matures more slowly than other organs of the body, it may be even more susceptible to certain permanent, irreversible effect of alcohol. Adolescence is a time of fluctuating psychological and physical growth and so it is important to keep the brain cells as protected as possible to ensure normal development.

It would be ideal if there was an overnight miracle cure for alcohol problems among young people, unfortunately, however alcohol will always be around and children will always drink. But a caring, supportive family can help in the battle to lower the risk.

A child's best role model should be their parents. Parents need to take a proactive approach in developing households that provide a loving environment and the educa-

tional tools children need to survive in a world filled with so many types of social pressures.

There are several things that help a child form a positive self-esteem which will likely be reflected in the choices he/she makes. The following are a few characteristics of a low risk, positive environment:

- A structured and nurturing family
- Parents who promote learning
- Warm, close, personal relationships with parents
- Spiritual guidance
- Little marital conflict
- Family stability and cohesiveness
- Clear behavior guidelines

Just because a child is raised in a stable, loving household does not necessarily guarantee they will never touch a sip of alcohol. However, by providing a strong family environment, parents can help reduce the chance that their children will turn to alcohol. Why not give it a shot? For our children's sake. Loren Chandler is CEO at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Marriage commitment can weather storms of life

QUESTION: My uncle and aunt were happily married for nine years before a couple of terrible things happened. First, their youngest child drowned in a neighborhood pool, and then my uncle was injured in an automobile accident. Instead of bringing them together, these two events drove them apart. How could they have weathered the storms? How will my fiancée and I stay together through the difficult times in our lives?



DR. JAMES DOBSON

DR. DOBSON: Having served on a large medical school faculty for 14 years, I watched many families go through the kind of hardship your relatives suffered. All too commonly, I saw marital relationships succumb to the pressures of personal crises. Parents who produced a mentally retarded child, for example, often blamed each other for the tragedy that confronted them. Instead of clinging together in love and reassurance, they added to their sorrows by attacking each other. I didn't condemn them for this human failing, but I did pity them for it. A basic ingredient was lacking in their relationship, which remained unrecognized until their world fell off its axis. That missing component is called ... commitment.

I heard the late Dr. Francis Schaeffer speak to this issue some years ago. The noted theologian described the bridges that were built in Europe by the Romans in the first and second centuries A.D. They are still standing today, despite the unreinforced brick and mortar with which they were made. Why haven't they collapsed in this modern era of

heavy trucks and equipment? They remain intact because they are used for nothing but foot traffic. If an 18-wheel semi were driven across these historical structures, they would crumble in a great cloud of dust and debris.

Marriages that lack an iron-willed determination to hang together are like the fragile Roman bridges. They appear to be secure and may indeed remain upright -- until they are put under heavy pressure. That's when the seams split and the foundation crumbles. It appears to me that many young couples today are in that precarious position. Their relationships are constructed of unreinforced mud that will not withstand the weighty trials lying ahead. The determination to survive together is simply not there.

It's not only the great tragedies of life but also the daily frustrations that wear and tear on a marriage. When accumulated over time, these minor irritants may be even more threatening to a marriage than the catastrophic events that crash into our lives. And yes, there are times in every good marriage when a husband and wife don't like each other very much. There are occasions when they feel as though they will never be in love again. Emotions are like that. They flatten out occasionally like an automobile tire with a nail in the tread. Riding on the rim is a pretty bumpy experience for everyone on board.

Let's return to your specific question. What will you do when unexpected tornadoes blow through your home or when the doldrums leave your sails sagging and silent? Will you pack it in and go home to Mama? Will you pout and cry and seek ways to strike back? Or will your commitment hold you steady? If you want your marriage to last a lifetime, you must set your jaw and clench

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HERALD PHOTO/Marsha Sturdivant
The YMCA Day Care children worked during their afternoon and Easter vacation to create this cardboard house in the newly remodeled child care facility. Pictured are left to right, Kingslee King, Lauren Hill, Laremi King, Alex Larson, Ricky White, William Weise, Trevor Strickland and Michael Hill.



Coahoma hosts UIL meet, takes third

Two hundred seventeen students participated in the District 3AA Academic UIL Tournament March 29-30 at Coahoma High School.

Schools that sent competing teams included Coahoma, Plains, Post, Seagraves, Stanton and Tahoka. Plains was the overall winner, sweeping the events of LD debate, computer science, persuasive speaking, mathematics, number sense, calculators, newswriting, poetry interpretation and computer applications.

Post was second in the overall results, and Coahoma took third. Coahoma's results are as follows:

The One-Act Play will advance to area competition. Individual all-star cast awards went to seniors Amber Bennett and Kelli Buchanan, while freshman Brandi Hutchinson took an honorable mention.

In literary criticism, Amanda Morales, Ginger Sullivan and Jan Price took first place team; while Morales won a first in individual and Sullivan won third.

In science, third place team went to Robert Bayett, Jodi Rogers and Ross Williams. Third place math team was Monica Chen, Robert Bayett and Lane Belew. The three also took fourth place in number sense team.

Fourth place calculator team went to Monica Chen, Robert Bayett and Amanda Morales. Fifth place in individual number sense went to Monica Chen.

Computer applications fourth place individual was Eric Christopher, while Jodi Rogers took fifth place in that competition. Ginger Sullivan took sixth places in both headline writing and ready writing.

Amanda Taves and Brandon Haile took fourth

in Cx debate.

Those advancing to finals included Amanda Reyes, who took fourth, and Amber Dunlap, sixth in informative speaking; Leslie Phinny, fifth, and Larin Wolf, sixth, in persuasive speaking.

Stanton also received several awards:

Hailey Burns took fifth in poetry interpretation, while Bobby Haislip took sixth in spelling vocabulary. Julie Adams was fourth in ready writing, while Crystal Eldridge took sixth in feature writing and fifth in newswriting. Jody Louder was fourth in current issues and events, while David Butler was fifth in mathematics. Jeremy Clanton was fifth in computer science while Justin Cobb was sixth in computer science.

The team of Jeremy Clanton, Jonathan Burnett and Justin Cobb took second place in computer science. Accounting team Austin Kelly, Johnny Klein and Stephanie Washington were third. First place in current issues and events went to Adrian Hernandez, David Klein and Jody Louder. Third place in calculators went to Clayton Baker, Jeffrey Burch and Edward Segura.

Coahoma's sophomore class used the meet as a fundraiser by providing a snack bar, and the event went off without a hitch, said Dottie Rogers, UIL coordinator for Coahoma schools.

Coahoma Church of Christ hosted some events in its classrooms and dozens of people donated their time to help, Rogers said.

"I think what is most impressive is the witnessing our wonderful young people showcasing their hard work," she added. "Wow! Our future looks bright with young people like these."

Study shows smoking's lung damage greater in those who start as teens

WASHINGTON (AP) — Permanent genetic changes that forever increase the risk of lung cancer occurs in teenagers who smoke, even if they quit later in life. And the younger the smoking starts, the more damage is done.

That's the conclusion of a study published today in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute.

The research, coming at a time when more than a third of teens are taking up the smoking habit, shows "there is something uniquely bad about starting young," said John K. Wiencke, a genetics expert at the University of California, San Francisco, School of Medicine, and first author of the study.

He said the research gives powerful laboratory evidence of why starting smoking before the age of 18 can be particularly harmful to long-term health. Wiencke said such youthful smoking on a daily basis causes lung damage that the body cannot repair. He said the damage is less likely among smokers who start in their 20s or

later, although smoking at any age is unhealthy.

"It looks like it is the age when smoking starts that is important," Wiencke said. "It didn't matter if they were heavy or light smokers — what mattered is that they started young."

Earlier studies have indicated that young smoking stunts the lungs' full development and increases the risk of breathing problems later in life. Studies have also shown that smoking in the teen years is more addictive and that smokers who begin young are less likely to break the habit.

But Wiencke's study for the first time shows dramatic and enduring DNA damage caused by youthful smoking.

"This reinforces the idea that we need to stop young people from smoking, not only from the addiction standpoint, but also from the cancer risk standpoint," Wiencke said.

Surveys by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicate that 34.8 percent of high school students were regular smokers in 1995. That num-

ber rose to 36.4 percent in 1997. A CDC survey of smokers aged 30 to 39 showed that 62 percent had tried smoking by the age of 16, and 24.9 percent had taken up the habit permanently by that age.

About 3 million teen-agers now smoke, the government estimates. And about a third of all smokers will die of smoking-related illnesses, including lung and other types of cancers, heart disease, stroke, emphysema and chronic pulmonary obstruction.

In their study, Wiencke and his colleagues tested for DNA alterations in the nontumor lung tissue of patients being treated for lung cancer. The group included 57 people who were current smokers, 79 who were former smokers and seven who had never smoked.

The healthy lung tissue was tested for the number of DNA alterations per 10 billion cells. Some alterations occur with age, but the number of gene changes was much higher among smokers — and highest of all among those who started smoking at a young age.

SCHOOL NEWS

COAHOMA HIGH SCHOOL'S ANNUAL induction ceremony for the Honus Hapet Onus Chapter of the National Honor Society will be today at 7 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. The following students will be inducted: Marianne Mullins, Amber Bennett, Kelli Buchanan, Josh Marlar, Ryan Peckham, Misti Turner, Robert Boyett, Heather Cruz, Kirstin Marshall, Tyler Marshall, Bobbi-Leigh Spiller, Cody Teeler.

Also Tony Tucker, Ross Williams, Meridith Barr, Rhonda Barnett, Lane Belew, Monica Chen, Tiffany Hancock, Mikanna Herring, Jennifer LaRue, Leslie Martin, Leslie Phinny, Brittney Prater, Natalia Tucker, Stephanie Sparks.

To be eligible for membership, students must have a cumulative grade point average of 90.

COMMUNITY NEWS

THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF Health, 501 Birdwell, Suite 28-B, will have a shot clinic on Saturday from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 4 p.m. Please bring your child's shot record or a note from school. Call 263-9775 for more information.

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

Young people buying less music

NEW YORK (AP) — Young people are buying less music, according to a new recording industry survey — and the Internet may be partly to blame.

The music industry shipped \$13.7 billion worth of music to merchants in 1998, up from \$12.2 billion the year before.

But people aged 15 to 29 — the bedrock of a youth-obsessed industry — bought a smaller share of the music, according to a profile of music consumers by the Recording Industry Association of America. The age group accounted for 39 percent of music purchases in 1998, down from 42 percent the year before.

"In many ways, music is much more ubiquitous for young people," said Hilary Rosen, the association president. "You can get it on the radio, get it on MTV, get it on the Internet. There are many more choices out there to get music for free."

Fifty-one percent of consumers bought music in record stores last year, down from 72 percent in 1989. Just over 1 percent of consumers bought music through the Internet last year, a category the industry only started counting in 1996.

Through the MP3 technology, computer users are able to sell or trade copies of songs online, an activity that's causing major headaches now for the music industry.

Rosen said Internet distribution is a small factor in the trend. But Siddiq Bello, publisher of industry newsletter The MP3 Impact, suggested Wednesday the availability of

music in cyberspace is responsible for a real dent in sales, particularly among people aged 15 to 24.

Consumers aged 30 and older bought half the music sold last year, up from 34 percent a decade ago.

Rock 'n' roll is still the most popular category of music, but its slip is showing. Rock accounted for just under 26 percent of the music sold last year, down from 33 percent in 1997 and 42 percent in 1989.

It's a genre dominated by

white males, and women bought more music than men in 1998 for the second straight year.

Rock is also losing its dominant status to rhythm 'n' blues and rap, which has doubled its share of the market over the last decade. Rap and R&B accounted for 23 percent of sales last year, up from 16 percent in 1989.

Latin music is also booming. Its sales rose 25 percent last year, Rosen said.

DOBSON

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your fists. Make up your mind that nothing short of death will ever be permitted to come between the two of you. Nothing!

QUESTION: What causes attention deficit disorder?

DR. DOBSON: It is believed to be inherited. Russell Barkley of the University of Massachusetts Medical Center estimates that 40 percent of ADD kids have a parent with

similar symptoms, and 35 percent have an affected sibling. If one identical twin is affected, the chances are between 80 percent and 92 percent that his or her sibling will be affected as well. ADD is two to three times as likely to be diagnosed in boys as girls.

The cause of ADD is unknown, but is probably associated with subtle differences in brain structure, its neural pathways, its chemistry, its

blood supply or its electrical system. Some interesting hypotheses are emerging, although definitive conclusions can't yet be drawn.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. James C. Dobson's "Focus on the Family" appears each Thursday as a cooperative effort of Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the Big Spring Herald. Letters to Dr. Dobson may be sent to P.O. Box 444; Colorado Springs, Colo.; 80903.

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Theaters must meet conditions for new 'Star Wars'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — If theaters want the Force to be with them, they may have to meet strict conditions.

The studio distributing the eagerly anticipated "Star Wars: Episode I — The Phantom Menace" wants multiplexes to show the movie only in their biggest and best theaters for at least two months, with no more than eight minutes of coming attractions.

In addition, 20th Century Fox is asking that theater owners who play "Phantom" on more than one screen keep it on all those screens through the minimum run. Theaters are also being told to refrain from using a single movie print to show the film on two screens. And they're being asked not to show any non-movie advertisements before the film.

These, at least, are the conditions Fox wants. The final terms still must be worked out over the next few weeks in negotiations between the studio and theater owners.

If Fox gets its way, a theater failing to follow the studio's conditions could be hit with hefty fines or lose the right to show what could be one of the highest-grossing films of all time; one expected to rival "Titanic." "Titanic" grossed a record \$600 million in North America.

"There are often conditions put on (theaters), but this is pretty unusual," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of Exhibitor Relations Co., which tracks the industry.

"But Fox feels that with this type of product they can make these demands and the exhibitors will agree to them. I mean, who wouldn't want to have their theater playing this movie?"

"Phantom" opens May 19. The movie is a "prequel" to the "Star Wars" trilogy of the 1970s and '80s, taking audiences back to when Darth Vader was a child. The film is accompanied by a major merchandising and promotional campaign that includes toys and souvenir Pepsi cans.

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Mavericks thrive at Sweetwater

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Steers Basketball scheduled for Jimmy Avery

Spring High School... coaching staff ha... their first ever... Basketball Camp... in Steer Gym. The camp, ope... sters in the sec... eighth grades wil... ed with session... a.m. and noon ea... A fee of \$45 per... cover instruction... shirt and cert... application dead... 21. For more infor... Avery at 264-3641.

Bass club's open slated May 1 at Lake O.H. Ivie

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ON THE Television GOLF

8 p.m. — The Major League Baseball... (tape delay), MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL... 7 p.m. — Chicago Houston Astros, FOX...

IN BRIEF

Lions take Little League win over Rangers, 6-4

The National Little League Lions took a 6-4 win over the Rangers in "majors" play Tuesday night. Ryan Slate shutting down any hope of a comeback by striking out the final six batters of the game. Chance Cain provided a pair of doubles and Kelly Stanley went 2-for-2 at the plate in leading the Lions to the win. Brandon Tant added a triple. Lance Murphy and Gabriel Hernandez provided defensive heroics. Josh Robelo, Adam Johnson and Tye Baker led the way offensively for the Rangers.

Coahoma Cobras take win over Ackerly Rangers

Coahoma's Cobras and Ackerly's Rangers provided a thrilling Little League minors opener that wasn't decided until the final inning. David LaRue, Arthur Hilario and Blaine Kerby combined for the pitching win. All three played major offensive roles for the Cobras, as well. In addition, Ryan Kennedy, Kyle Brownfield, Brayden Griffin and William Riley made major offensive contributions. Riley provided the winning run, scoring on a passed ball.

Mavericks thins post win at Sweetwater meet

Goliad Middle School's Mavericks piled up 152 points to win the seventh-grade division of the Sweetwater Rattlesnake Relays. Mavs runners won the 100 meters, 200 meters, sprint relay and 1,600-meter relay, as well as the long jump. In all, Goliad earned 26 ribbons during the meet as Tyree Williams, Marcus Gray, Brown Hall, Josh Miereles, Weay Smith, Brandon Martin, Josh Pedigo, John Lusk, Martin Del Santos, Jacob Marquez and Brandon Brooks earned points.

Cancer Society schedules golf event for April 24-25

The Big Spring Country Club will again host a two-day golf tournament benefiting the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life on April 24-25. The four-person scramble event will offer a \$10,000 prize for a hole in one on No. 16, as well as prizes for winners of the long drive, putting and closest to the pin contests. Entry fees are \$75 per player, plus cart fees, but private carts will be permitted. For more information, call Larry Bryan at 267-5354.

Steers Basketball Camp scheduled for June 1-4

Jimmy Avery and his Big Spring High School Steers coaching staff have scheduled their first ever Steers Basketball Camp for June 1-4 in Steer Gym. The camp, open to youngsters in the second through eighth grades will be conducted with sessions between 9 a.m. and noon each day. A fee of \$45 per camper will cover instruction, a camp T-shirt and certificate. The application deadline is May 21. For more information, call Avery at 264-3641.

Bass club's open tourney slated May 1 at O.H. Ivie

The ninth annual Big Spring Bass Club Open Tournament has been scheduled for May 1 at Lake O.H. Ivie. Guaranteed prize money based on 150 entries will be \$4,400, with the first-place winner taking home \$1,500. Entry fees are \$40 and must be mailed no later than April 25. For more information, call Jim Crenshaw at 267-6129.

ON THE AIR

Television

GOLF
8 p.m. — The Masters, first round (tape delay), USA, Ch. 38.
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
7 p.m. — Chicago Cubs at Houston Astros, FXS, Ch. 29.

Morgan chalks up win in Rangers' 10-7 victory over Detroit

Rangers 10, Tigers 7

ARLINGTON (AP) — When Texas manager Johnny Oates heard that the Rangers had signed a 39-year-old journeyman during the winter meetings to bolster the team's pitching staff, his reaction was surprisingly positive. "I said that Mike Morgan might be our biggest signing of the offseason," Oates said Wednesday night after Morgan made baseball history in Texas' 10-7 victory over Detroit. Just two days after becoming the first player to appear on 11 teams, Morgan became the first player to win a game for 10 major league teams. "It's been a lot of fun," said Morgan, who made his debut for Oakland in 1978 just one week after he graduated high school. "If I could pitch 20 more years and play with the other 19 teams, I

would." Morgan went 2 2-3 innings, allowing one hit and striking out one. With the Rangers ahead 8-4 after seven, Morgan took himself out to rest a strained right hamstring. "He's not a spring chicken anymore. There are going to be days where he's not available," Oates said. "But he's the kind of guy you want with you in a fox-hole." Morgan lost all three starts his rookie year, then won twice for the A's in 1979. He's also been a winner for the New York Yankees, Seattle, Baltimore, Los Angeles, Chicago Cubs, St. Louis, Cincinnati and Minnesota — and, now, Texas. The answer to the obvious trivia question as to which team didn't he win for? Toronto in 1983, when he was 0-3 in 16

games. "Wins have been hard to come by," said Morgan, whose lifetime record is 122-170. The losses have been a lot easier. Morgan signed a \$450,000 contract with Texas in December with no guarantees of making the team, even though he had offers from several other clubs. He secured a spot with a great spring and is battling Esteban Loaiza to be the fifth starter, a role that won't be needed until next week. "Every team I've been with I've given my best every time I've taken the ball," said Morgan, who earned his first relief win since July 27, 1989, while pitching for the Dodgers. "That's why I'm still pitching." Bob H. Miller, one of three players to play for 10 teams, shared the record of

nine wins with Morgan. Ken Brett, the other pitcher in the 10-team triumvirate, won for eight clubs. After Morgan became the ultimate journeyman on Monday, the Baseball Hall of Fame requested his cap. They might be asking for something from this game, too. Morgan replaced starter Mark Clark with the Tigers leading 4-2 with one out in the fifth inning and runners on first and third. He needed just two pitches to get Tony Clark to ground into an inning-ending double play. "The pitch right before, I threw a fastball inside and moved him a little. Then I went down and away (with a slider), he hit it right to me and I turned it," Morgan said. Juan Gonzalez, Todd Zeile and Lee Stevens each had three of Texas' 18 hits.

Lady Hawks near WJCAC lock

Twinbill sweep over Lady Chaps sets up visit from Tejanas

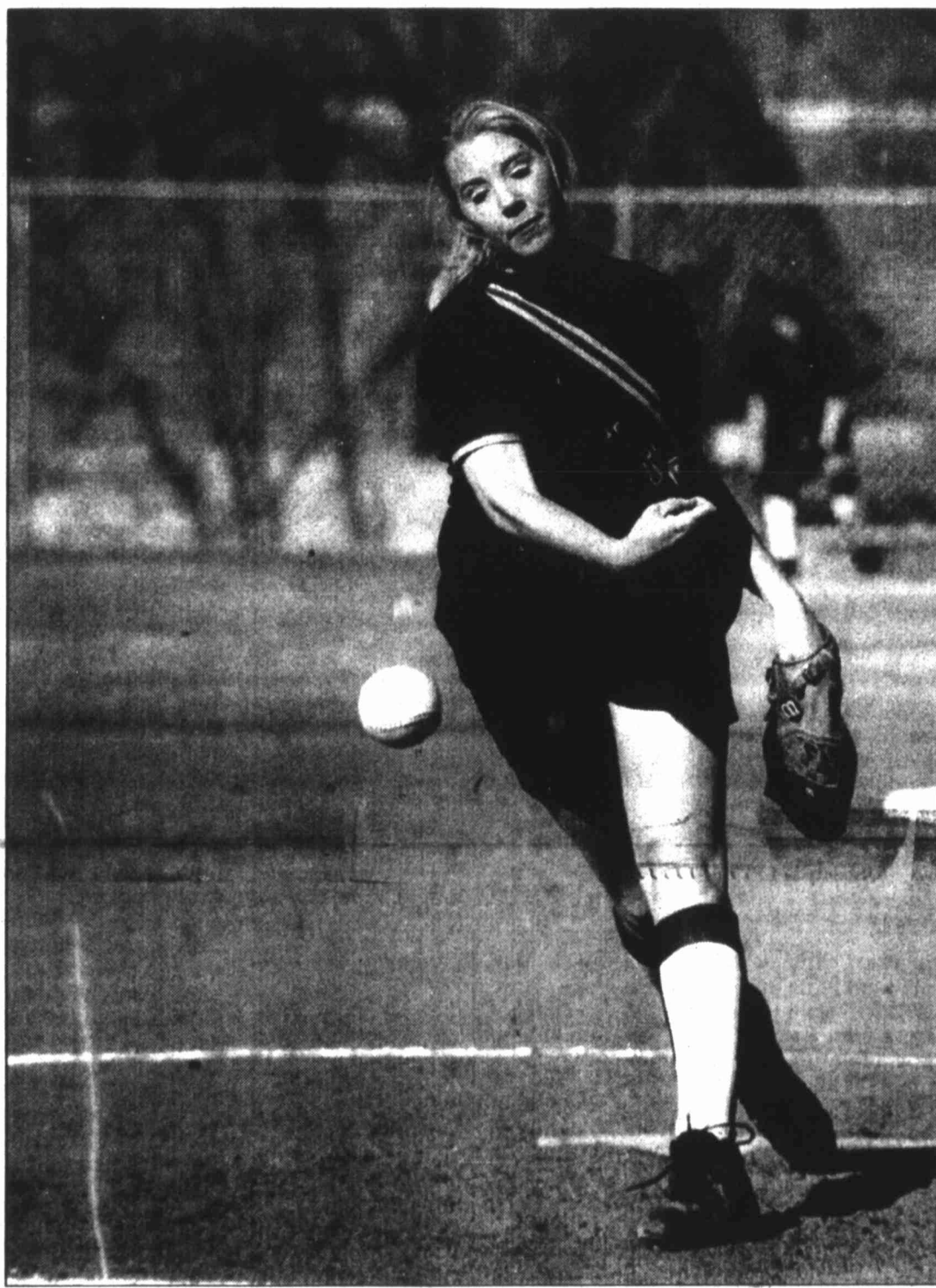
HERALD Staff Report

MIDLAND — Howard College's Lady Hawks took a giant stride toward chalking up the first Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) women's softball championship Wednesday, sweeping a doubleheader from Midland College's Lady Chaparrals. The Lady Hawks, who headed into the twinbill with a one-game lead in the WJCAC standings, improved to 6-3 in conference play with the 9-3 and 6-3 wins. What's more, Howard positioned itself to wrap up the WJCAC championship with just one win in its three conference games with El Paso Community College's Tejanas this weekend.

The Lady Hawks will play host to El Paso in doubleheaders on both Friday and Saturday — the first game of Friday's games and both of Saturday's figuring in the conference standings. Both doubleheaders are set for 1 p.m. starts. After having been swept by the Lady Chaps on Tuesday, Howard interim coach Cotton Mize said the Lady Hawks refused and played inspired softball when it counted the most.

Mize noted that during Tuesday's trip to the Bill Williams Softball Complex, many of the Lady Hawks discussed virtually everything but softball. "All that changed today," Mize said. "They walked out there ready to play and took it to Midland from the very start of the game." The Lady Hawks went right to work, scoring four runs in the top of the first inning of Wednesday's opener — two Lady Chaps errors setting the stage. Andrea Padias, Maria Lopez and Kara Brand provided singles and Josie Rosovich added a double to do all the damage Howard needed to do.

Lopez, who entered the game as the nation's strikeout leader, was only able to fan three Midland batters in the first game, but went the distance, scattering 11 Lady Chaps hits. Midland's only success came in the bottom of the fourth inning when former Big Spring Lady Steers star Jessica Cobos reached base on an error and scored on a double by J.R. Chavira. Lauren Wallace followed with a single and Laura Martinez pounded a double to round out the the Lady Chaps' scoring. The three Midland runs trimmed



Howard College freshman Brandy Smith delivers a pitch against Midland during the Lady Hawks' home opener on March 19. Smith, who has been sidelined with a sore shoulder, came in to provide strong relief pitching in a 6-3 Lady Hawks win over Midland in Wednesday's doubleheader sweep.

Howard's lead to 5-3, but the Lady Hawks capitalized on two more Midland errors in the top of the fifth when Lopez, Rosovich, Diana Julian, Brand, Teresa Johnson and Kristina DeVos hit five straight singles to effectively nail the lid on the Lady Chaps' coffin. Lopez started the second game for

Howard but was forced to leave in the second inning when she pulled a muscle running out a base hit.

Freshman Brandy Smith came on in relief and provided a masterful job, despite giving up a lead-off home run to Jackie

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Junior picks up slack for Mariners

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

It's hard to imagine the Seattle Mariners putting any more pressure on Ken Griffey Jr. But with Alex Rodriguez out for 4-6 weeks with torn cartilage in his left knee, Junior will be called on to shoulder most of the Mariners' offensive load. Griffey did just that Wednesday night, going 4-for-4 with his second home run to lead Seattle to its first victory of the season, 7-3 against the Chicago White Sox. "Junior was just being Junior," said manager Lou Piniella. "He hit the ball out in the first inning, and scratched out a couple more hits." As well as Griffey plays though, Seattle's success will be dependent as much on its shaky pitching staff as its powerful lineup. The Mariners, who allowed 19 runs in the first two losses to the weak-hitting White Sox, will need more starts like the one they got from rookie Freddy Garcia if they plan to stay in contention without Rodriguez. "Freddy pitched a heck of a ballgame. He threw strikes and went after the batters aggressively," said Piniella. Garcia, who came to the Mariners from Houston as part of the Randy Johnson trade last July, allowed seven hits and two runs in 5 2-3 innings to win his major league debut. "I tried to keep the ball down," said Garcia, whose fastball was clocked in the mid-90s. "I was confident and feel very good."

Carlos Guillen, who also came to Seattle in the

Johnson deal, added an RBI single and solid defense while filling in for Rodriguez at shortstop. Guillen started the season at second base, and his position will be filled by David Bell. "I'm glad that I am going to get an opportunity to play," Bell said, adding, "but what happened to Alex is terrible for the team." Meanwhile, Cal Ripken missed a game because of injury for the first time since 1982. Ripken, who left the Baltimore Orioles' season opener Monday in the third inning with stiffness in his lower back, watched Wednesday night's 8-5 loss to Tampa Bay from the dugout while Willis Otanez took over at third base. "I could beat my head against the wall and go do it today, but it doesn't make sense," Ripken said. "We're going to just work toward being ready tomorrow."

Last Sept. 20, Ripken voluntarily ended his record streak of playing in 2,632 games by sitting out the Orioles' final home game against the New York Yankees. In other American League games it was, the Yankees 4, Oakland 0; Boston 6, Kansas City 0; Toronto 9, Minnesota 3; Texas 10, Detroit 7; and Cleveland 9, Anaheim 1. In the National League, it was New York 6, Florida 0; San Francisco 8, Cincinnati 3; Montreal 4, Pittsburgh 3; Atlanta 4, Philadelphia 0; Chicago 9, Houston 2; St. Louis 4, Milwaukee 1; San Diego 2, Colorado 1; and Los Angeles Dodgers 6, Arizona 4.

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Agusta National changing

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — It's a course Bobby Jones would still recognize, despite some alterations. But the games of Tiger Woods and David Duval might not be as familiar to the late Masters co-founder, 65 years after he gathered friends and fellow competitors for his first spring get-together. With long hitters having changed the game of golf, the Masters opened today with a belated effort by Augusta National to strike back.

Masters officials reluctantly made their biggest course changes ever this year, fearful that shaved, undulating greens and tight fairways were no longer enough to help a course measuring under 7,000 yards fight off the assault on par.

Not everyone likes them. "Bobby Jones would turn over in his grave," Gary Player said of the changes made to the 17th hole. "The course still looks much the same, except for the new light layer of rough that lines the expansive fairways."

But things might actually have improved for the big hitters by alterations that included toughening a pair of par-5s and making the Eisenhower tree on No. 17 a potential nightmare for the shorter hitters.

"All the changes, I think, are beneficial to the long hitters," Woods said. "There's no doubt about it." While the big hitters can still blow it over the pine tree looming on the left side of the 17th fairway, marks like defending champion Gary O'Meara will have to try and cut the ball around the tree after the tee was moved back 25 yards.

It's the kind of change that would make it awfully difficult for O'Meara to hit the driver and 9-iron to 7 feet for a birdie that gave him a chance to win last year.

"I can't hit it over the tree now," O'Meara said. "It's the

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Lady Steers linksters seventh after first round of 5-4A play

HERALD Staff Report

ANDREWS — Snyder's Lady Tigers took a one-stroke lead over Andrews' Lady Mustangs by fashioning a 340 team total during the first round of play in the District 5-4A girls' golf tournament Monday at the Andrews Country Club. Big Spring's Lady Steers finished the first round with a 410 team total, holding down seventh place in the team standings. The Lady Steers were well represented by defending District 4-4A medalist Ashlie Simmons; however, as she carded a round of 83.

That score left Simmons fourth in the individual medalist standings, five strokes off the pace set by Sweetwater's Jacquie Simone who carded a 78.

Snyder's Lacey Kidd and Andrews' Rachel Robb were tied for second-place in the medalist chase after carding rounds of 81. Andrews' Jessica Treadwell was fifth with an 84, while Snyder's Keisha Gafford and Randi Reed posted rounds of 85 and 86, respectively.

In addition to Simmons' round of 83, the Lady Steers got a 99 from Pricilla Del Bosque, a 109 from Mandi Osborne, a 114 from Sarah Anthony and a 119 from Julie Owens.

Fort Stockton's Prowlers were third in the team standings following their opening round of 352, while Andrews' No. 2 team was fourth with a 355. Sweetwater was fifth at 372, while Snyder's No. 2 team was sixth with a 377.

Rounding out the team field were San Angelo Lake View's Maidens in eighth place with a 420, while Sweetwater's No. 2 team and Lake View's No. 2 team carded totals of 504 and 506, respectively.

The second round of district tournament play is set for Monday at the Western Texas College Golf Course in Snyder.

SPORTS EXTRA

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Placed OF Paul Sorrento on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled RHP Bobby Witt from Durham of the International League.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
PHOENIX SUNS—Activated G Rex Chapman. Released G Jimmy Oliver.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
CINCINNATI BENGALS—Signed WR Tommie Boyd to a two-year contract.
CLEVELAND BROWNS—Signed WR Leslie Shepherd.
GREEN BAY PACKERS—Signed RB Brent Moss. Waived LB Toran James.
NEW YORK JETS—Signed P Dirk Johnson.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Released OL Will Wolford.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Signed DT Brentson Buckner.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Waived K Matt George. Signed K Scott Bentley and K Danny Kight.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
NHL—Suspended San Jose D Bryan Marchment one game for an offensive comment directed at a Vancouver player on Saturday.
FLORIDA PANTHERS—Recalled F Ryan Johnson from New Haven of the AHL.
LOS ANGELES KINGS—Assigned G Ryan Bach to Long Beach of the IHL.
MONTREAL CANADIENS—Returned D Mikolaj Gurek to Fredericton of the AHL.
NEW YORK RANGERS—Promoted director of public relations John Rosasco to vice president, public relations.
PHILADELPHIA FLYERS—Returned LW Richard Park to Philadelphia of the AHL.
PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Recalled C Brian Bonin from Adirondack of the AHL. Assigned D Andrew Ference to Kansas City of the IHL.
SAN JOSE SHARKS—Assigned D Scott Hannan to Kentucky of the American Hockey League.
VANCOUVER CANUCKS—Re-assigned D Clint Cabana from Syracuse of the AHL to Augusta of the ECHL.

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

American League		National League		
East Division	West Division	East Division	West Division	
W	L	W	L	
Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	
GB	GB	GB	GB	
Boston	2	0	1.000	—
New York	2	1	.667	1/2
Baltimore	1	1	.500	1
Tampa Bay	1	1	.500	1
Toronto	1	1	.500	1
Central Division				
Chicago	2	1	.667	—
Cleveland	1	1	.500	1/2
Minnesota	1	1	.500	1/2
Detroit	1	2	.333	1
Kansas City	0	2	.000	1 1/2
West Division				
Texas	2	1	.667	—
Anaheim	1	1	.500	1/2
Oakland	1	2	.333	1
Seattle	1	2	.333	1

Wednesday's Games
New York 4, Oakland 0
Tampa Bay 8, Baltimore 5
Boston 6, Kansas City 0
Toronto 9, Minnesota 3
Texas 10, Chicago 7
Pittsburgh 1, Cleveland 9, Anaheim 1

National League
East Division

Atlanta	2	1	.667	—
Montreal	2	1	.667	—
New York	2	1	.667	—
Florida	1	2	.333	1
Philadelphia	1	2	.333	1

Central Division

Chicago	2	1	.667	—
Houston	1	1	.500	—
Milwaukee	1	1	.500	—
St. Louis	1	1	.500	—
Pittsburgh	1	2	.333	1/2
Cincinnati	0	3	.000	1 1/2

West Division

Los Angeles	3	0	1.000	—
San Francisco	3	0	1.000	—
San Diego	2	0	1.000	—
Colorado	1	2	.333	1
Arizona	0	3	.000	3

Wednesday's Games
San Francisco 8, Cincinnati 3
Montreal 4, Pittsburgh 3
New York 6, Florida 0
Atlanta 4, Philadelphia 0
Chicago 9, Houston 2
St. Louis 4, Milwaukee 1
San Diego 2, Colorado 1
Los Angeles 6, Arizona 4

NBA
Wednesday's Games
Boston 108, Washington 87
Charlotte 106, New York 82
Philadelphia 95, New Jersey 92
Detroit 89, Atlanta 82
Miami 93, Dallas 87
Milwaukee 99, Cleveland 91
Indiana 91, Chicago 74
Denver 87, Vancouver 84
Phoenix 90, Minnesota 82
LA Lakers 104, Sacramento 89

NHL
Wednesday's Games
Montreal 2, Carolina 0
St. Louis 4, Washington 2
Toronto 4, Ottawa 2
Boston 5, Florida 2
Detroit 6, Vancouver 1
Dallas 5, Anaheim 1
Colorado 4, Calgary 2
Edmonton 4, Calgary 2

ROUNDUP

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At Seattle, Griffey put the Mariners on the scoreboard with a solo homer off John Snyder (0-1) in the first inning. He added a single in the third, an RBI single in the fourth and a single in the eighth. He also walked in the sixth. Matt Mieske hit a pinch-hit homer for in the seventh inning and Edgar Martinez added an RBI double for the Mariners. Jose Mesa got four outs for his first save with Seattle. Darin Jackson had three hits for Chicago and is batting .692 (9-of-13).

MLB SCHEDULE

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Today's Games
Tampa Bay (Witt 5-4) at Baltimore (Erickson 16-13), 6:05 p.m.
San Jose at Kansas City, 2:30 p.m.
Columbus at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 10
San Jose at Kansas City, 2:30 p.m.
DC United at New England, 6:30 p.m.
Dallas at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Miami at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Sunday, April 11
New York-New Jersey at Tampa Bay, 4 p.m.

Devil Rays 8, Orioles 5
Dave Martinez homered and drove in four runs and Tony Saunders (1-0) allowed one run in five innings. Willis Otanez, filling in for Ripken, hit his first major league homer and a double. Will Clark added a homer for Baltimore. Juan Guzman (0-1), who went 4-0 with an 0.96 ERA in spring training, gave up six runs in 3 1/3 innings.

Yankees 4, Athletics 1
Ramiro Mendoza (1-0) pitched eight shutout innings, giving up five hits and not allowing a runner to reach second base. Hideki Irabu, dropped from the rotation after failing to cover first base twice in one week in spring training, pitched a perfect ninth. Chad Curtis homered for the second straight game, connecting off Jimmy Haynes (0-1).

Blue Jays 9, Twins 3
David Wells (1-0) gave up three runs on seven hits in six innings. Carlos Delgado, Tony Fernandez and Shannon Stewart all homered. Wells' scoreless streak against the Twins ended at 29 2/3 innings, but he still beat Minnesota for the seventh straight time. The left-hander pitched a perfect game against the Twins at Yankee

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kind of change that favors the long hitters." Woods, whose runaway win two years ago sparked the "Tiger-proofing" changes, was again a crowd favorite as he teed off in search of a second green jacket to add to the one he won by 12 shots in 1997.

The oddsmakers favor Duval, though, who is plenty long himself off the tee and is riding a hot streak like golf hasn't seen since Johnny Miller was in his prime in the 1970s. "I feel like I'm capable of winning out here," said Duval, who finished second last year when O'Meara sank a 20-foot birdie putt on the final hole to win his first major.

An elite field of 96 — bigger than usual because of changes in the selection process — played in the first threesomes since 1962 to try and finish the day in timely fashion. They found a course with the usual slick greens and funny bounces, though with two new tee boxes as well as some strategically placed pine trees. There's even a cut of rough to stop balls that would once bound into trees and to make it more difficult for players to stop their balls on the green.

Stadium last May 17. Rookie Roy Halladay pitched three scoreless innings for his first major league save. Mike Lincoln, making his major league debut, gave up five runs in 3 1/3 innings.

Red Sox 6, Royals 0
Bret Saberhagen pitched six scoreless innings and Jose Offerman got two hits and scored twice for Boston. Saberhagen (1-0), who won 110 games and two Cy Young awards with Kansas City in 1984-91, gave up just three singles. Offerman, who left Kansas City to sign a \$26 million contract with Boston this offseason, doubled in the third and scored Boston's only run off Jose Rosado (0-1).

Indians 9, Angels 1
Dave Burba (1-0) struck out 10 and allowed just three hits in six innings, and Omar Vizquel drove in four runs. Vizquel had a pair of two-run singles and scored a run, giving him seven RBIs in two games for the Indians.

Mets 6, Marlins 0
Even at 40, Rickey Henderson is showing no signs of slowing down. Henderson hit two homers, two doubles and scored four times to lead the New York Mets over the Florida Marlins 6-0 Wednesday night. Henderson, who had his first two-homer game since 1993, improved his batting average to .545 (6-for-11) and his on-base percentage to .643 (9-for-14) in three games.

Giants 8, Reds 3
After getting no-hit for six innings by Steve Avery, San Francisco scored seven runs in the eighth to complete a three-game sweep in Cincinnati. Avery (0-1) didn't give up a hit until Jeff Kent's leadoff single in the seventh.

win in Los Angeles earlier this year, and the two-time U.S. Open champion has just the right combination of length and putting touch to be a contender here.

"Everyone badly wants to win," Els said. "I want to win this tournament." Among those who won't win are Palmer, playing in a record-breaking 46th straight Masters, four of which he has won. The 69-year-old Palmer, though, hasn't played past on the weekend in 15 years at Augusta National.

"Maybe lightning will strike on Friday and I'll make the cut," the ever-hopeful Palmer said. Six-time champion Jack Nicklaus also won't be in contention after playing in 40 straight Masters. Nicklaus is still recovering from surgery to replace his hip and did no more than hit a 5-iron on No. 12 Tuesday while touring the course to see the changes.

"For Jack not playing here, it's like losing the diamond out of a ring," Greg Norman said. "He's it. It will be a sad week, honestly, from a player's perspective."

LADY HAWKS

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Ortega in the third that staked Midland to a 3-0 lead. But Smith would chalk up six of her seven strikeouts after that point and allowing just one more Midland hit, a single to left by Ortega in the fifth. The Lady Hawks trimmed the Midland lead to 3-2 in the top of the fourth when Carlee Ledford led off with a single and Smith drew a walk. Successive one-out singles by Julian and Brand plated the two runs. Howard took the lead in the fifth when Christy Shaffer led off with a single and was sacrificed to second by Padias. Ledford reached base on an error and Smith provided a sacrifice fly to drive in Shaffer and tie the game. Brand singled to left to provide the game-winning run, and the Lady Hawks added two insurance runs in the top of the seventh to finish Midland off. "I thought our chances were pretty slim when Lopez got hurt," Mize explained. "Smith has a hurt right shoulder and will have an MRI tomorrow.

Now Maria's going to have to see the doctor, too." The Lady Hawks, now 39-14 on the season, have no worse than a share of the WJCCV crown. El Paso will arrive Friday with a 3-3 conference slate and at 29-16 overall. With the losses on Wednesday, Midland dropped to 3-6 on conference play and 41-16 overall.

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STAMFORD: Water stained; Black bass to 5 pounds are Crappie are fair on minnows. Bass are fair on minnows. Bluegill are fair on minnows. Sunfish are fair on minnows. Goldfish are fair on minnows. Silver chubs are fair on minnows. Bowfin are fair on minnows. Catfish are fair on minnows. Stinkbaits are fair on minnows.

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CENTRAL BROWNWOOD: Water stained; 75 degrees; 2.5 low; Black bass are good in the river on chartreuse and white Escalator spinners...

BUCHANAN: Water clear; 66 degrees; 6' low; Black bass to 4.5 pounds are good on silver and administrator spinnerbaits...

PROCTOR: Water stained; 70 degrees; Black bass are fair around the dam and the North shore on white spinnerbaits...

SOUTH ARROWHEAD: Water clear; 68 degrees; 38' low; Black bass are good on almost anything (fish are scattered)...

WEST ALAN HENRY: Water clear; 60 degrees; 4.5' low; Black bass excellent on spinnerbaits and worms fished in the creeks...

ARROWHEAD: Water clear; 55 degrees; 5' low; Black bass are good on shiners fished in 10 to 12 feet of water...

BRADY: Water slightly stained; 61 degrees; 14' low; Black bass to 8 pounds are good on crankbaits, worms and spinnerbaits...

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water stained; 63 degrees; 16.5' low; Black bass are fair on minnows fished in 2 to 3 feet of water...

COLORADO CITY: Water slightly stained; 62 degrees; 13.5' low; No fishing report available.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water on main lake clear, water in creeks stained; 61 degrees; 4.5' low; Black bass to 10 pounds are good on Rat-L-Traps...

NASWORTHY: Water stained; 63 degrees; Black bass to 5 pounds are good on spinnerbaits and crankbaits fished in 5 feet of water...

OCOMA: Water stained; 62 degrees; 4.25' low; Black bass are good on pumpkinseed/chartreuse lizards fished in 2 to 8 feet of water...

O.H. WTE: Water clear; 63 degrees; 8' low; Black bass to 10 pounds are good on plastic lizards and top water baits...

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 62 degrees; 9' low; Black bass to 11 pounds are good using crawdaddiebaits and 4 inch lizards...

SPENCE: Water stained; 62 degrees; 12' low; Black bass to 8 degrees in the creeks; Black bass to 9.75 pounds are fair on spinnerbaits...

SWEETWATER: Water stained; 59 degrees; Black bass are slow on crankbaits fished in shallow water. No reports of crappie...

TWIN BUTTES: Water stained; 62 degrees; Black bass to 8 pounds are good on buzzbaits and crankbaits fished in 2 to 5 feet of water...

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Robert Goddard launches the first successful rocket using liquid fuel. This and his other discoveries are the basis for today's space flights. March 16, 1926

The Soviet Union sends up the first human-made object to orbit the Earth, Sputnik 1. This was the true beginning of the Space Age. Oct. 4, 1957

The first U.S. satellite, Explorer 1, leads to the discovery of belts of electrically charged particles high above the planet. These particles affect radio and electrical activity on Earth. Jan. 31, 1958

The U.S. launches the first successful weather satellite, Tiros 1. It sends back the first photos of Earth's cloud cover. April 1, 1960

Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin is the first person in space. He orbits the Earth once. April 12, 1961

The first U.S. astronaut to go into space, Alan Shepard Jr., goes up but does not orbit. His spacecraft was the Mercury Freedom 7. May 5, 1961

John Glenn Jr. is the first American to orbit the Earth, in the Mercury Friendship 7 spacecraft. Feb. 20, 1962

Telstar 1, a U.S.-made satellite, sends the first live TV broadcast between the United States and Europe. July 10, 1962

The U.S. probe Mariner 2 is the first spacecraft to fly over a planet other than Earth and send back information. It flies past Venus. Dec. 14, 1962

The first woman in space, Soviet cosmonaut Valentina Tereshkova, orbits the Earth 48 times. June 16, 1963

The first person to leave a spacecraft and take a walk in space is Soviet Cosmonaut Alexei Leonov. He stays outside for 12 minutes. March 18, 1965

Rookie Cookies Recipe Spacey Joes. You'll need: 1 onion, chopped; 1 pound ground beef; 1 can tomato soup; 1/2 of a 1 1/2-ounce package taco seasoning mix; 4 hamburger buns. What to do: 1. Place onion and ground beef in a large, microwave-safe bowl. Mix well.

More Milestones in Space

People land on the moon! Neil Armstrong, the first man on the moon, takes this picture of fellow astronaut Buzz Aldrin. This historic event was the first time humans set foot on a world other than our own. Altogether, 12 people have walked on the moon. July 20, 1969

Mariner 9 is the first successful spacecraft to orbit another planet. While orbiting Mars, it maps its entire surface. Nov. 13, 1971

The docking of America's Apollo 18 and the Soviet's Soyuz 19 marks the first international mission in space. July 17, 1975

The Viking 2 Lander touches down on Mars. It and the earlier Viking 1 test for life on Mars and send back more than 1,400 pictures. Sept. 3, 1976

The first manned space shuttle, Columbia, orbits the Earth for more than two days. April 12, 1981

SPACE EXPLORATION TRY 'N FIND. Words that remind us of space exploration are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: SPACE, EXPLORATION, MILESTONES, SOVIETS, SATELLITE, NASA, MOON, SUN, LAND, ORBIT, LAUNCH, AMERICA, STATION, COSMONAUT, EARTH, ROCKET, GLENN, MARS.

Mini Spy... Mini Spy and her friends are exploring the moon. See if you can find: peanut, mushroom, word MINI, letter E, bandage, horse's head, book, football, moon, tooth, toothbrush, snake, exclamation mark, lips.

Sally Ride is the first U.S. woman to journey into space. June 19, 1983

The Soviets launch the main unit of the space station Mir. Feb. 20, 1986

The Hubble Space Telescope is launched into orbit around Earth. Its discoveries will change the world's picture of outer space. April 24, 1990

After serving aboard Mir, U.S. Astronaut Shannon Lucid sets a record for the longest time any American has spent in space. Sept. 26, 1996

The Mars Pathfinder is launched with a low-cost lander and rover. It sends back more than 16,500 pictures and more than 2 billion bits of information. Dec. 4, 1996

John Glenn goes up a second time and becomes the oldest person to travel in space. Oct. 29, 1998

The Soviets launch the first unit of the International Space Station. On Dec. 4, the U.S. sends up and connects the second part. Nov. 20, 1998

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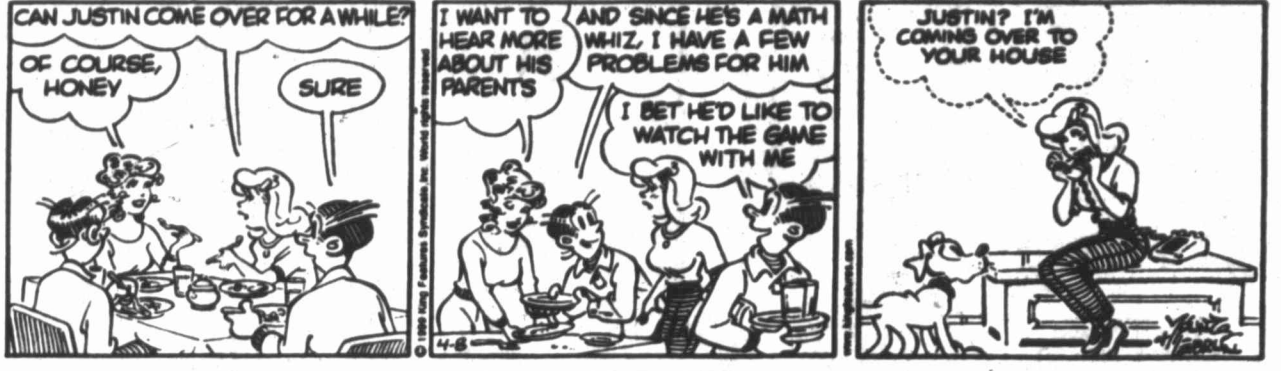
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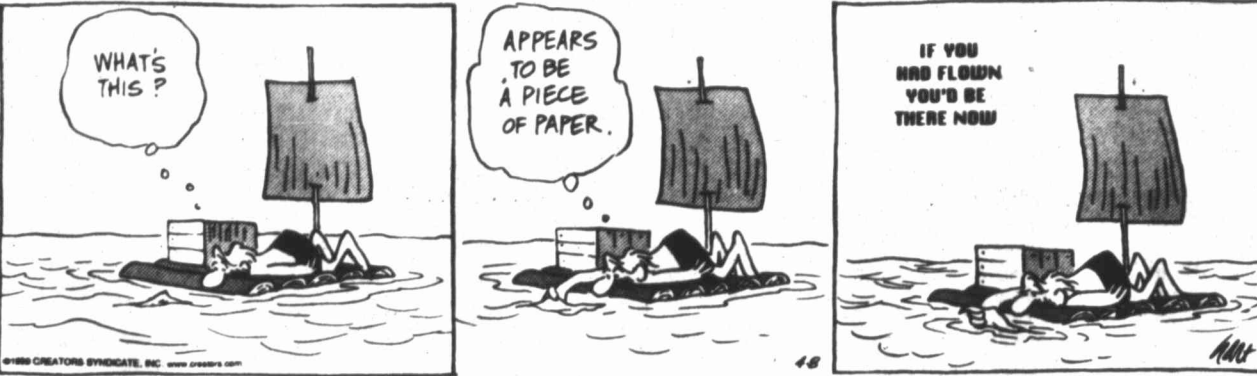
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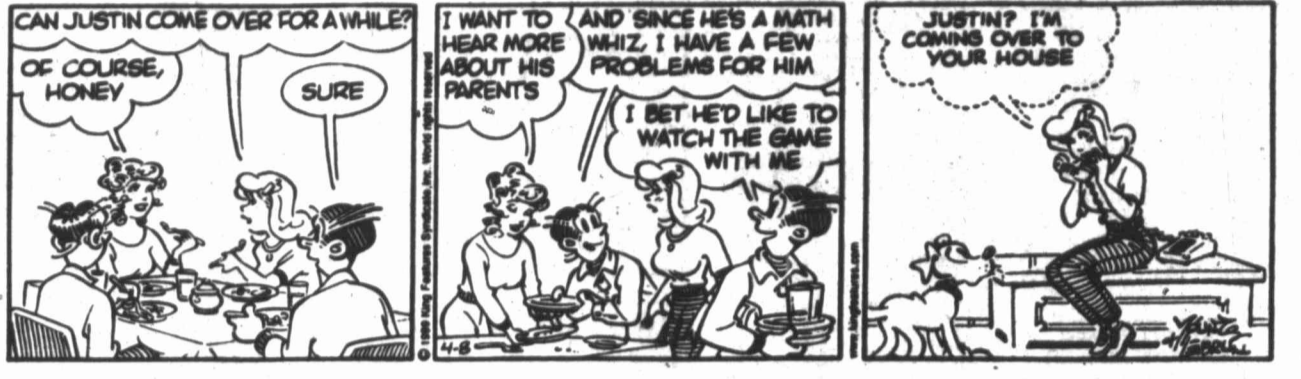
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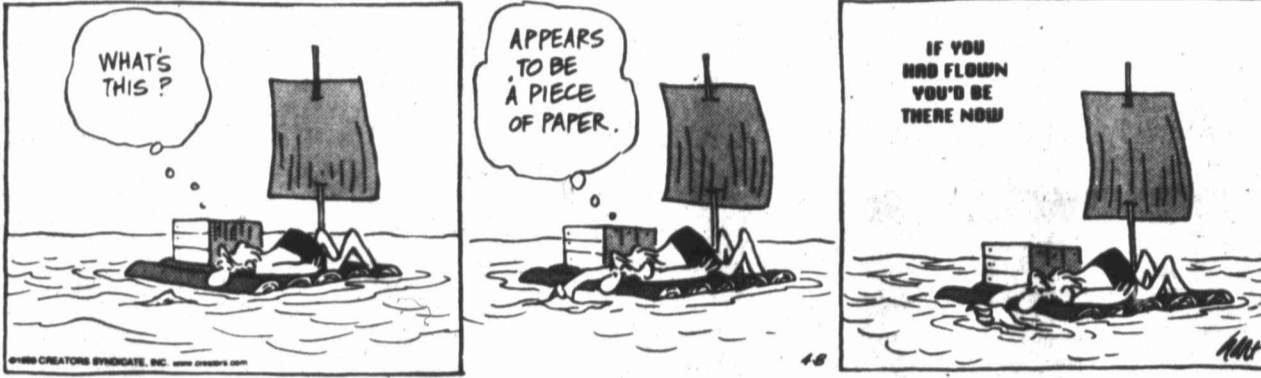
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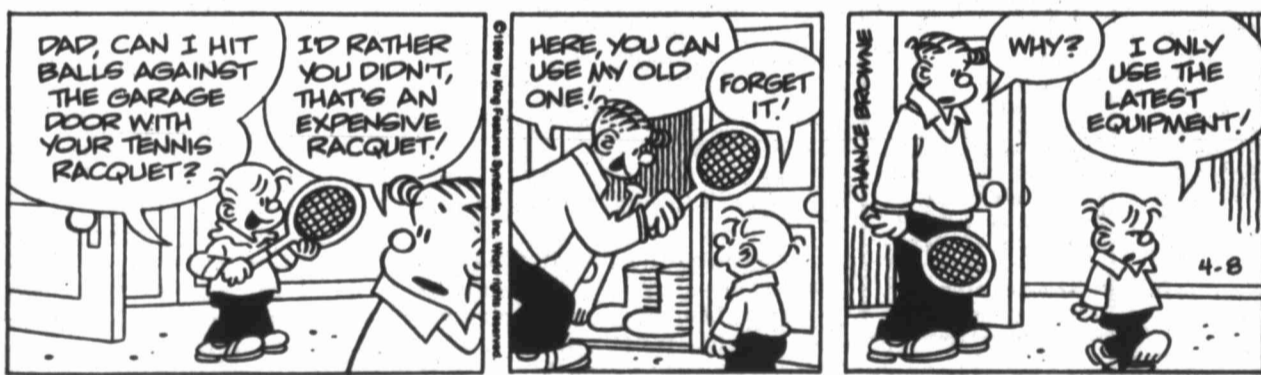
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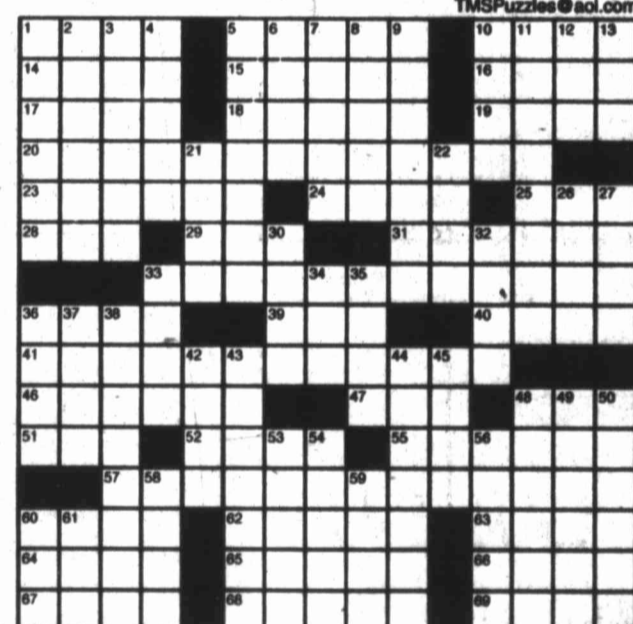
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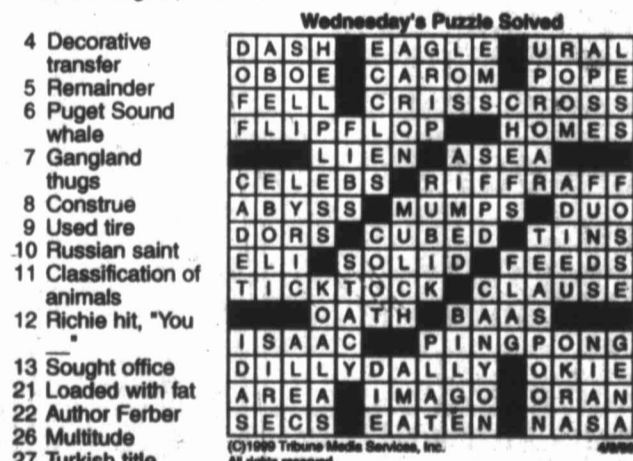
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