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Symphony concert planned Saturday

"Hooray for Broadway," a presentation by Big Spring Symphony with the Big Spring Chorale and a children's choir from Bauer Elementary, is planned for 8 p.m. Saturday at the Municipal Auditorium.

On the program are show tunes from Broadway musicals such as "Old Man River," "Phantom of the Opera," and "The King and I."

Dress will be casual, organizers said, and the music presented will be for the entire family.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens and \$5 for students through college age. They are available at the door of the concert at the Municipal Auditorium before the concert begins at 8 p.m. Tickets can also be purchased in advance at Blum's Jewelers in Big Spring Mall, Dunlaps, the chamber, First Bank of West Texas and the symphony office at 808 Scurry.

Tickets will also be sold at the Big Spring Area Health Fair Saturday in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The symphony will be directed by Gene Chartier Smith, the Big Spring Chorale by Stan Hanes and the Bauer Elementary School Children's Choir, by Susan Dawes.

WEEKEND TICKET

TODAY

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

SATURDAY

Big Spring Area Health Fair, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Exhibits, demonstrations and information for the whole family. Admission is free.

The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
The Pottin House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1-5 p.m.
Eagles Lodge pot luck supper, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.
Dance 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. Everyone welcome.

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

Tonight:



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Howard College recognizes top students, educator for 1998-99

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Howard College Thursday recognized outstanding students during an annual Awards Convocation ceremony in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

"We're proud of their dedication and hard work, and their ability to balance school and work and home, which is not an easy task," said Dr. Amy Burchett, dean of students and coordinator for the event.

The Presidential Award for



LARREMORE



MALLATT



SNELL

Outstanding Student of the Year was awarded to Melissa Snell of Ackerly. Dr. Cheryl Sparks, college president, presented the award to Snell.

A cheerleader for two years, Snell is listed in the Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. She was also selected as the Outstanding Agricultural Student, a two-year member of student senate and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa. Bart Larremore was named Outstanding Educator of the

Year at the ceremony. Larremore, from Llano, is an agriculture department instructor, and was selected for this honor by a student vote.

This is Larremore's first year as an instructor. He is also coach for the livestock judging team, and was an honor student at Tech. He received his masters degree in animal science from Texas Tech University in 1998, and his undergraduate degree from Texas A&M University.

Sophomore Angela Mallatt, a dental hygiene major, was nomi-

inated to the USA Today Phi Theta Kappa 1999 Texas All-State Academic Team. Mallatt was selected as one of 60 from nearly 1,400 community college students.

"This is a great honor and we are proud to have a nominee from our campus," said vice president Linda Conway.

Bryan Burton received a \$750 Troy M. Hogue Memorial Scholarship at the ceremony, presented by Bobby and Della Hogue, parents of the late

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Producers vote to put the bite on weevils

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

After years and years of battling the boll weevil, cotton producers in the six-county Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone have a new weapon in the war.

On Thursday, the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) announced producers and landowners in the zone voted to establish an active boll weevil eradication program as well as set an annual assessment to pay for the program.

A total of 1,507 — or 73.05 percent — voted for the establishment of the zone while 556 voted against it. Passage required a minimum two-thirds approval and the initiative passed by 125 votes.

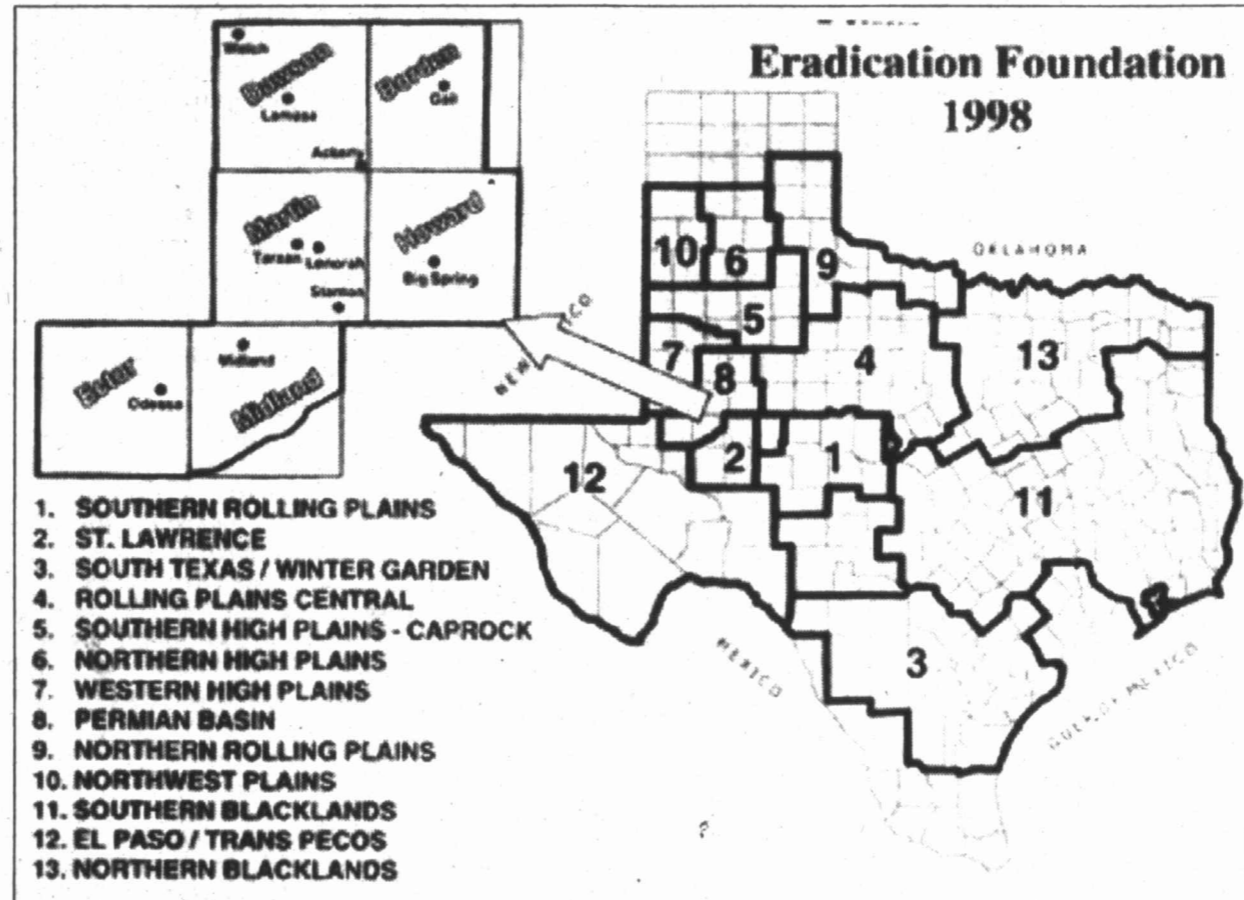
The vote to establish the maximum annual assessment at \$6 per acre dryland and \$12 per acre irrigated was closer, with 1,443 — or 71.01 percent — voting for the assessment and 589 voting against it. Again, passage required a two-thirds minimum and the initiative passed by 82 votes.

"I expected it to pass," said Permian Basin Growers Advisory Board chairman Eddy Herm. "I thought it would be about 70 or 75 percent, and we came real close."

"I think it (passage) is a tribute to the committee members



HERM



and everyone who worked so hard to get the message out and to make certain everybody had accurate information. We felt if folks had access to the material and looked at it, they would vote for it."

Herm pointed out that of all the zones where votes have been held, the Permian Basin Zone, with a 61.2 percent turnout, had the highest percentage of eligible voters casting ballots in the state.

Of the 3,385 ballots mailed out by TDA, a total of 2,074 were postmarked by the April 8 dead-

line. Passage of the referendum was doubly important, Herm said.

"The legislature is considering another \$50 million to help fund the eradication program and had indicated that if the Permian Basin Zone voted for it, it would help ensure passage of the money."

Herm said he and Howard County Extension Agent-Agriculture David Kight would be lobbying legislators to pass the appropriations bill while participating in Big Spring Day

in Austin on Monday.

"We have to have that (the state money) and they had to have this zone," he said. "I think the legislators will do their part."

Herm said one thing he wanted to make certain happened in Austin on Monday — that State Sen. Robert Duncan (R-Lubbock) got credit for all of the work he has put in to obtaining state funding to assist the program.

"He's worked very, very hard

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Weekend fair, bike rodeo and walks place an emphasis on health

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

About 50 exhibitors are planned to be part of the Big Spring Health Fair Saturday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

In addition, related events taking place that day include a fun run/walk at Big Spring State Park, bicycle rodeo for kids and Walk Across Texas, a health promotion of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"This is truly a family-oriented event," said Amber Rich, co-chair for the fair, which is orga-



RICH

nized by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. "We're looking forward to seeing the community come out on Saturday."

With a variety of health screenings, demonstrations and giveaways, the fair is expected to be popular with people of all ages. Rich said attendance increases each year.

This year's theme is "Walking Into the Millennium," to reflect the variety of services and technology available locally. From 10 a.m.-4 p.m. the coliseum floor will be covered by booths from local hospitals, doctor's offices and clinics, health-related services and programs, both businesses and non-profit agencies. Admission is free.

Free health screenings will include spinal checks, blood glucose, blood pressure, chole-

sterol and grip strength. Free information will be available on such topics as Alzheimer's, rehabilitation programs and prescription drugs.

Corporate sponsors for this year's health fair, which are also planning exhibits, include Warren Chiropractic, Malone Hogan Clinic, Nurses Unlimited, Leonard's Pharmacy, Comanche Trail Nursing Center, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Family Medical Center, Mountain View Lodge and the VA Medical Center.

The "Second Annual Master the Mountain" fun run/walk begins at 9 a.m. at the state park. Sponsored by Scenic Mountain Medical Center, the event includes 5k and 10k races around the 200-foot bluff.

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'File of Life' available through community SALT organization

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Senior citizens and others visiting the health fair Saturday might want to pick up a "File of Life."

The first public awareness project of the Seniors and Law Enforcement Together (SALT) locally, the File of Life encourages people to keep pertinent health information in a miniature file



TAYLOR

folder that will adhere to the front of the refrigerator. That way, emergency personnel can access the information, and it will be available in case a hospital admission is needed.

"Everybody should have a file," said Ming Taylor, of the Texas Nurses Association.

"It will save lives," said Clara Justice, co-chair of SALT. "It will save time in an emergency, and that will save lives."

Files and instructions for using them will be available at a booth shared by SALT and the Nurses Association. Those who

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Wind energy bill may represent shift towards renewable resources

By CHRIS NEWTON
Associated press Writer

Heading into Big Spring, you can't miss the gigantic, Statue of Liberty-sized windmills slowly turning atop the hills.

The wind turbines generate more than 1,650 kilowatts of power for TU Electric and seem to represent a turn toward wind energy in the region. Legislators are set to consider a bill next week requiring electricity providers to obtain a small percentage of their annual capacity from renewable energy.

As the state struggles to deal

with economic downturns because of mineral energy, wind power could evolve as a more viable source of energy, said Peter Altman, director for the Austin-based SEED, or Sustainable Energy and Economic Development, Coalition.

"Wind energy is inexpensive, efficient, its clean and it will provide many people jobs in West Texas," said Altman, who has traveled across the region to educate communities on wind energy. "Why ship money out of state to buy coal when we can produce the energy right here in Texas."

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Steve Wolens, D-Dallas, would require every electric producer to obtain a minimum of 1.65 percent of their annual capacity from renewable energy by

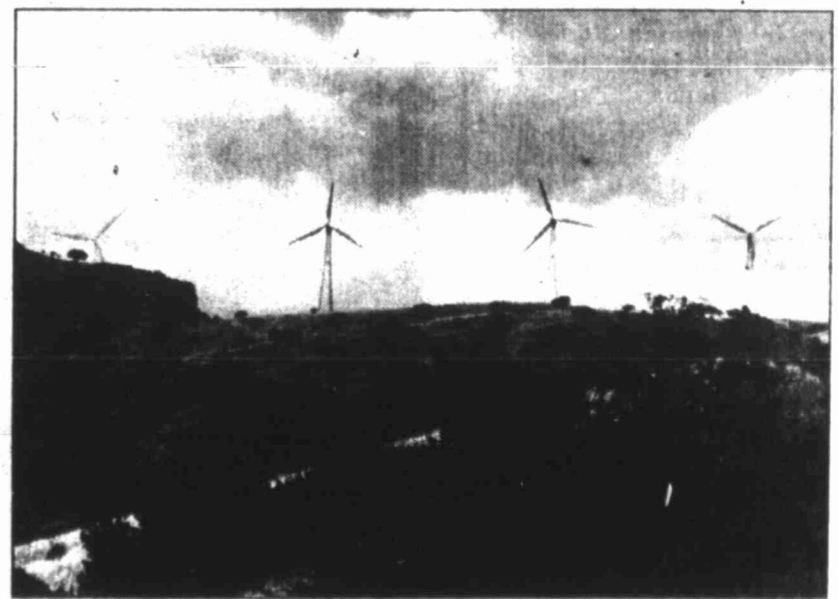
Jan. 1, 2003. The amount of renewable energy would increase slowly until companies would be required to obtain 3 percent of their capacity from renewable energy on Jan. 1, 2009, the Big Spring Herald reported.

Rand LaVonn, a spokesman for TU Electric, said the company will continue to invest in wind power regardless of the legislation's outcome.

"In terms of renewable energy, this is one of the things we have seen that our customers want," LaVonn said. "We have an obligation to supply it. We believe in wind energy and have invested substantially in wind energy."

Four of TU's turbines are among the tallest windmills in

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HERALD file photo
A bill introduced into the legislature would require electric companies to obtain a portion of their capacity from renewable sources, such as the wind turbines outside Big Spring.

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OBITUARIES

Jimmie Ted Irwin

Service for Jimmie Ted Irwin, 70, Idalou, formerly of Big Spring, will be 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 17, 1999, at the First Baptist Church of Idalou with Bro. Jimmie Irwin, son of Mr. Irwin, officiating. He will be assisted by Bro. Calvin Gray, of First Baptist Church of Idalou, and Bro. Norris Taylor, a retired Baptist minister. Burial will be in the Idalou Cemetery.

Mr. Irwin died Thursday, April 15, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

He was born on Nov. 7, 1928, in Vincent. He graduated from high school in Knott. He married Mary Elizabeth Irwin on Dec. 27, 1951, in Fieldton. He and his wife moved from Big Spring to Lubbock then to Idalou in 1984. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Idalou.

Survivors include: his wife, Mary S. Irwin of Idalou; a son, Jimmy Fred Irwin of Idalou; two daughters, Kathy Lynn Irwin of Brownfield, and Elizabeth I. Moore of Lubbock; a sister, Lenore Thistle of New Haven, Conn.; and four grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist; P.O. Box 918; Idalou; 79329.

Arrangements under the direction of White Funeral Home, Idalou.

Marie P. Wallace

Funeral for Marie P. Wallace, 77, Canyon, formerly of Big Spring, will be 1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 18, 1999, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Burial will be Monday, April 19, at Trinity Memorial Park.



WALLACE

Ms. Wallace died Thursday, April 15, at Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice in Amarillo following a long illness.

She was born on Aug. 10, 1921, near Paris, Texas, in Lamar County. She married Floyd Wallace on Aug. 28, 1938, in Colorado City. They lived in Colorado City until 1960. While in Colorado City she was very involved in the Oak Street Baptist Church. She was also very involved in churches that her husband pastored in such

as Garden City, Snyder, Cling and El Paso. Rev. and Mrs. Wallace came to Howard County in 1978 from El Paso. While in Big Spring she was a member of the First Baptist Church. Mr. Wallace died Jan. 24, 1996. Following his death, she moved to Canyon. Mr. Wallace had been an accountant in El Paso and Big Spring. While in Big Spring she worked for Lee, Reynolds and Welch and American Well Service.

She is survived by: three daughters, Judy Woodall of Canyon, Sheila Salmon of Altoona, Pa., and Debbie Lindsey of Andrews; two sisters, Estel Howard of Orlando, Fla., and Valree Stephenson of Woodland Hills, Calif.; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Michael Deax

Service for Michael Deax, 51, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He died Friday, April 16, 1999, in a local hospital.

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Department of Public Safety trooper.

The American Legion Citizenship Awards were presented by Terry Hansen, executive vice president, to Amanda Hale and Judd Cathey.

Department awards were presented by Ken Tunstall, vice president for the college. These students are selected by faculty members based upon their scholarship and leadership.

Awards were given to: Cindy Kelly and Barbara Brown in accounting; Melissa Snell and Daniel Woolley in agriculture; Shana Earnest and Ryan Kiefer in anatomy and physiology; Nina Toscano and Monika Robinson in business; Shana Earnest in chemistry; and Jonathan Best in computer aided drafting technology.

Also Laurie Aguilar and Craig Jumper in computer science; Amy Arausa in cosmetology; Shawn Rivas in criminal justice; Tanya Shelley and Erika Blum in dental hygiene; Eunice Thixton in emergency medical technology; Melissa Henry and Teresa Labbe in English; and Heather Nichols and Luke Huit in government.

Also Derrick Tant and Amanda Nelson in history; Marc Reed and Ricka McKee in kinesiology; Justin Word in kinesiology-emphasis in athletic training; Jason McCain and Tonya Phifer in math; Veronica Serrano and Tonya Phifer in music; and Royce Carson in license vocational nursing.

And Tina Parsons and Kristi Carter in associate degree nursing; Monika Robinson and Cindy Kelly in office administration; Teresa Labbe and David Stewart in psychology; Lisa Currie and Wei Wilkins in sociology; Jill Tubbs in Spanish; Rachel Nash in speech; Chris Weaver in theater.

Student organizations awards were presented by Dr. Amy Burchett, dean of students. Students are selected by their involvement with club activities and their efforts to make the club successful.

Chris Craig and Matt Burrow received an award from Baptist Student Ministries; Angela Mallatt and Judd Cathey were honored by Phi Theta Kappa; Beth Stewart and Jackie Cantrell from the Student American Dental Hygiene Association; David Bryan Cook of Thistle's (Writer's Club); and Tina Parsons, Connie Zant and Kristi Carter from Texas Nursing Students Association.

Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges is an organization that recognizes student leaders across the nation. Selection is based on academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential.

These students were selected by college employees and will receive a certificate from the association and recognition in a book with other community college students.

This year's recipients are Joseph Best, Michael Brooks, Ryan Byrd, Judd Cathey, Brandon Dobbs, Josh Duwe, Shana Earnest, Amanda Hale, Teresa Labbe, Michael Mansfield, Tabatha McIntosh, Ricka McKee, Kimberly Robertson, Melissa Snell, Walker Wallace, Bonnie Wilde and Daniel Woolley.

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with the resignation of Suzanne Madero, which was approved last Thursday. Mr. Waggoner came to us some time ago and expressed an interest in the kindergarten campus.

"We believe he is the best person for the job in Big Spring. Of course, he's coming from Kentwood, which is an exemplary school, and he loves Kentwood, but he sees this as a bigger challenge, it's a bigger campus with more responsibilities," McQueary said.

Therefore, the district will be seeking two new people to fill administrative positions left available through this reassigning, he said.

A principal for Kentwood will be sought through an application process, he said.

Principals at the other elementary campuses are not expected to apply, because of a salary differential, he said.

"Our principals are set up on a different salary schedule according to the responsibility involved, and Kentwood is our smallest campus, therefore with the lowest salary," he said.

Principals must have specialized administrative certification, and McQueary said it is doubtful a teacher will apply for the position.

"They must have the credentials in place when they apply," he said.

Goliad Middle School will become Goliad Elementary this fall, with the inclusion of College Heights Elementary students and all sixth grade classes, district wide.

This move is expected to increase the student population to more than 600 students, thereby creating a need for an assistant principal, McQueary said.

"This will make Goliad Elementary twice the size of any other elementary campus we have," he said.

The Alternative Education Program, AEP, will move from the Personalized Achievement Center to College Heights this fall, he said.

Adams will then become principal for the program on that campus, as well as textbook

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

coordinator for the district, he said.

Adams brings 33 years of experience to the position as Alternative Education Program principal. He created the district's AEP program in 1997 and said he is looking forward to the new location and position.

"I'm excited about my move, and this has been my decision," Adams said.

A football coach for many years, Adams was a classroom teacher for 20 years before becoming assistant principal at Big Spring High School.

He moved to Goliad in that capacity five years ago, he said.

"I'm looking forward to the challenge, and the opportunity to turn these kids around," he said.

Waggoner, who has been principal at Kentwood eight years, has been an educator 25 years, all of which has been with BSISD.

He was band director at the junior and senior high school levels for 17 years before becoming principal at Kentwood.

"I love Kentwood, and I have a good staff here, and I have a good staff over there, at the kindergarten center. This has been a really hard choice," Waggoner said.

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use a "File of Life" are given a sticker for the front door or window, and a card for the wallet that says where this vital medical information can be found.

That way, paramedics can find out if a person has a chronic condition like diabetes, or what medications he or she takes regularly. It could even list church affiliation, or who the senior citizen wanted contacted in case of an emergency.

"This provides us information that is sometimes unattainable any other way," said Joe Brewer, a firefighter-paramedic who is part of the SALT. "Sometimes you have an unconscious victim, or family members who are too stressed to remember or give information."

With information about medications the person is taking, paramedics can determine how better to treat the patient, Brewer said.

"Having a health history helps us immediately get start treating the patient, instead of spending time trying to get the information," Brewer said. "The quicker we can get started treating the patient, the better the outcome."

Senior citizens who want a "File of Life" but can't make it to the health fair can pick up the kit at most local pharmacies.

ENERGY

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the nation — over 300 feet tall. Kent Sharp, executive director of Moore Development for Big Spring, Inc., met with Altman and spoke before legislators about the wind farm's impact on Big Spring's economy.

"I detailed how the effects have been very positive," Sharp said. "West Texas communities and counties need to start plan-

TEXAS LOTTERY

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

PICK 3: 6,8,1
CASH 5: 6,8,19,35,39

HEALTH

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Register in advance by calling the park, 263-4931 or Laurie Phillips at 268-4581; or register at the event that day at 8 a.m.

"Walk Across Texas" is an event encouraging lifetime fitness sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service - Howard County. Teams of eight will compete to see who can log the most miles walking, jogging or biking during the eight-week program. It kicks off during the health fair, and teams are forming now. Call TAES at 264-2236 for more information.

The community's second bicycle rodeo will be part of the health fair events, taking place on the parking lot of the coliseum. To participate, kids 6-12 should bring a bicycle, helmet and parent or guardian from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. They will navigate an obstacle course and sign up to win prizes. There is no charge, and the rodeo will be run by Big Spring Police Department officers, Retired Senior Volunteer Program participants and the Citizens Police Academy.

For more information about the health fair or any related event, call the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, 263-7641.

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for us," Herm said. "He got us the first \$25 million and he got the ball rolling on the \$50 million ... without him, there wouldn't have been any reason to have this yet."

Duncan was the catalyst behind a \$25 million emergency appropriations bill that zipped through both the House and Senate before being signed by the governor. He has also been the driving force behind efforts to obtain an additional \$50 million in the next budget cycle to fund a cost share program in new eradication zones.

"With the potential for state funding, we knew we had a small window of opportunity," Herm said. "We pretty much knew this money from the state would be a one-time opportunity and that if we didn't take advantage of it now, we'd never be able to."

Herm said plans are for a diapause program to begin this fall before the full eradication program kicks in next year.

The Permian Basin Zone includes 779,813 acres in Howard, Dawson, Martin and Ector counties and the major portions of Borden and Midland counties.

POLICE

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

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1100 block of North Lamesa. Reported stolen was \$380 in

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SAT. & SUN.: 1:50 & 4:20
ED TV (PG-13)
DAILY: 7:00 & 9:30
SAT. & SUN.: 1:40 & 4:20
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• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 800 block of Lancaster.

• ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1600 block of Settles.

• RICHARD HUCKABEE, 38 was arrested for local warrants.

• ASSAULT was reported at the intersection of 18th and Nolan and in the 1600 block of Settles.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 200 block of Northwest Third, 2000 block of Main, 4200 block of Hamilton and 1000 block of North Main.

• THEFT was reported in the 800 block of West Fifth.

• CHAD CAMP, 32, was arrested for public intoxication.

• DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 700 block of East 11th.

• ALBERT SMITH, 26, was arrested for local warrants.

• OSCAR RODRIGUEZ, 41, was arrested for local warrants.

• GILBERT SANCHEZ, 25, was arrested for local warrants.

• CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING was issued in the 200 block of West Marcy and 1100 block of Douglas.

• DRIVING WHILE LICENSE INVALID was reported at the intersection of Second and Benton.

• POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA was reported in the 2000 block of Marcy.

• JESSE TARIN, 38, was arrested for county warrants for burglary of building.

• JUVENILE PROBLEM was reported at the police station.

• JOSHUA MILAM, 17, was arrested for possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

• THEFT OF A FIREARM was reported at the police station.

• THEFT LESS THAN \$50 was reported in the 1200 block of East 11th and 2500 block of Wasson.

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

• DANIEL SALAS, 41, was arrested for driving while license invalid.

• JESUS RAMOS, 18, was arrested for hindering a police officer.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1400 block of Dixie.

RECORDS

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Average low 49
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SAT. & SUN.: 1:50
FRI. & SAT.: 9:40
BABY GENIUSES (PG)
DAILY: 4:40 & 7:20
SAT. & SUN.: 1:40
FRI. & SAT.: 9:35
MOD SQUAD (R)
DAILY: 4:20 & 7:30
SAT. & SUN.: 2:00
FRI. & SAT.: 9:45

MYERS & SMITH
FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL
24th & Johnson 267-8288
Marie P. Wallace, 77, died Thursday. Services are 1:30 PM Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be Monday T Trinity Memorial Park. Viewing will be until 10:00 PM Friday & Saturday at Myers & Smith. Following the service Sunday the family will receive friends at the funeral home.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH
Funeral Home
Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St.
(915) 267-6331
Vernie Wallender, 86, died Wednesday. Graveside services were at 2:00 PM Friday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.
Margaret Miller 87, died Wednesday. Services were at 4:00 PM Friday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment followed at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.
Michael Deax, 51, died Friday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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Judge fines American Airlines' union \$45 million over sickout

DALLAS (AP) — A federal judge on Thursday fined the American Airlines' pilots union more than \$45 million — an amount that exceeds the union's assets — for an illegal sickout that led to the cancellation of more than 6,700 flights.

The 10-day sickout this February stranded hundreds of thousands of passengers.

U.S. District Court Judge Joe Kendall had previously held the union in contempt after it initially refused his back-to-work order.

A total of about 2,500 pilots called in sick during the job action.

Pilots were angered over the way American was integrating its purchase of Reno Air, a small western carrier, which resulted in disparities in pay.

Hearings were held this week to determine compensatory damages for the sickout, during which American Airlines claimed it lost \$50 million.

The union had disputed the claim, saying the job action cost the air carrier less than \$5 million.

Kendall sided with American, however, fining the union \$45.51 million. The fine will be paid directly to AMR Corp., the parent of American Airlines.

Kendall's ruling could devastate the Allied Pilots Association, which has about \$38 million in the bank.

APA president Rich LaVoy told pilots that the union would appeal.

"We believe the judge's decisions presents substantial questions in labor law that we will seek to have reviewed on appeal."

American said it took no "particular pleasure" in the verdict.

"They're victims of this as we are," said airline spokeswoman Andrea Rader. "We went to court to get the sickout to stop. We want to close this chapter and get on with labor peace."

Kendall said both the union and its top two officials — LaVoy and vice president Brian Mayhew — were liable for the fine.

He scheduled a hearing Monday to discuss what percentage of the fine the two officials would have to pay.

The union had previously placed \$10 million, or one-quarter of its assets, with the court in preparation for paying a fine.

LaVoy placed \$10,000 with the court and vice president Brian Mayhew remitted \$5,000 for their roles in the job action.

Kendall expressed sympathy for the three-quarters of the American pilots who didn't call in sick, saying that imposing the fine makes "me sick to my stomach, because I know what's going to happen is some very fine men and women pilots are going to be hurt badly."

He criticized the Allied Pilots Association, however, for its tactics.

"The flying public in this instance had zero notice and that's why it wreaked such havoc."

American Airlines, which originally claimed it had lost \$58.7 million due to the sickout, reduced the estimate to \$50 million on Thursday.

AG obtains \$172,500 nursing home settlement

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Attorney General John Cornyn on Thursday reported a \$172,500 settlement in a case against a Duncannonville nursing home accused of violating patient health regulations.

A 1994 Texas Department of Human Services investigation of Kenwood Nursing Home near Dallas revealed serious and numerous violations of the Health and Safety Code, Cornyn said.

It is the largest nursing home settlement in Texas history, he said.

"The nursing homes that abuse our most vulnerable Texans will not be tolerated," he said.

The investigation concluded that the facility committed 13 violations relating to infection control, nutrition and nurse aide training — all of which threatened the health and safety of the residents.

"We believe that our residents have received appropriate care at Kenwood and their care is our top priority," said Kim Daugherty, a spokeswoman for the nursing home.

"We recently received a deficiency-free survey in February conducted by the TDHS. We encourage and invite the public to come visit the facility — our doors are always open," she added.

According to Cornyn, one of the most severe violations involved a quadriplegic resident who lost 13 percent of her weight in one month at the facility. Investigators said she was often found gnawing on her hand.

"That particular resident... was a hospice resident and in terminal condition," said Carla Cox, the nursing home's attorney. "It's not unusual for people in a terminal condition to lose weight."

Ms. Cox said many of the 13 violations listed in the settlement involved the same patient but were listed separately under different categories of regulations.

The Kenwood Nursing Home had been cited and sued for violations of minimum health and safety standards in 1997 and 1998, according to Cornyn.

The latter lawsuit was based on a complaint alleging that such violations may have contributed to the deaths of two of the home's residents.

Man indicted in deaths of four Brock High School cheerleaders

WEATHERFORD (AP) — A Fort Worth man was indicted Thursday on four counts of intoxication manslaughter in a December crash that killed four high school girls.

Rickey Carter, 41, is free on \$200,000 bond.

The only witness the grand jury heard was a state trooper who led the investigation into the Dec. 19 crash, said assistant district attorney Jeff Swain.

The four Brock High School students — 16-year-old Whitney Welch, 15-year-old Mandi McWhorter, 16-year-old

Austin girl accused in toddler's death may get third trial

AUSTIN (AP) — A girl accused of beating a toddler to death when she was 11 may face a third trial after an appellate court reversed her conviction Thursday, ruling police may have obtained her confession illegally.

Lacresha Murray, now 14, originally was charged with capital murder, making her the youngest person in Texas to face such a charge. After two trials, she was eventually convicted of injury to a child and sentenced to 25 years for the beating death of 2-year-old Jayla Belton.

The 3rd District Court of Appeals remanded the case to juvenile court, saying the statement she gave police should not have been used at her trial because it resulted from an illegal interrogation when she was "isolated and alone."

"At a minimum, we cannot say that appellant's statements were not the product of fright and despair," the court said.

Keith Hampton, the teen's attorney, said the next move is up to the prosecutor, who may seek a rehearing before the appellate court, take it to the Supreme Court or retry the case.

Lacresha will remain at a Texas Youth Commission facility unless prosecutors drop the charges, Hampton said.

"It is not likely we will drop this matter," said Rosemary Lehmburg, first assistant district attorney. "That's because our job is to make sure justice is done. That means we need to continue to seek justice for Jayla Belton as long as we can."

The district attorney's office will make a decision about whether to appeal soon, Ms. Lehmburg said.

Ms. Lehmburg noted that the appeals court didn't rule on Lacresha's guilt or innocence.

Jayla died May 24, 1996, of massive internal injuries, including a severed liver, after spending the day in the home

UP employees receive minor injuries in derailment Thursday

MOUNT PLEASANT (AP) — Three Union Pacific employees were slightly hurt Thursday in a collision between two freight trains that caused 16 cars to derail, officials said.

Department of Public Safety spokesman Mike Cox said one train apparently stopped about five miles east of Mount Pleasant because of mechanical problems, and was hit by the other. No hazardous materials spilled, he said.

The injured men were identified as conductor J.P. Nelson, 52, from Little Rock, Ark., engineer T.T. Wells, 39, of Greenbriar, Ark., and Jason Branstarr, 27, a trainee from Conway, Ark.

None of the injuries were described as serious.

A Union Pacific spokesman said the damage was estimated at \$1.3 million. Crews late Thursday were working to clear the wreckage and replace 500 feet of track, railroad spokesman Mark Davis said.

The cause is still under investigation, Davis said.

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OUR VIEWS

Weevil eradication vote will ensure more stable future

In what can only be considered a giant step toward a more sound economy, cotton producers in a six-county area — including Howard — have decided to get serious about going to war against the boll weevil.

Producers this week voted overwhelmingly to establish a boll weevil eradication program in the Permian Basin Zone. According to the Texas Department of Agriculture, of the 2,074 ballots counted, some 73 percent, or 1,507, were in favor of the eradication measure.

Passage of the referendum is significant. Gone will be the days of each cotton farmer battling the pest individually, taking out-of-pocket money to purchase pesticides which at best only keep the war with the insect at a standstill. Now, there will now be a unified effort to rid area cotton fields of the weevil, which destroys millions of dollars in crops annually.

The vote was a hard-sell for some producers, who balked at the thought of paying \$6 per dryland acre under the program. However, the majority of those who actually till the land realized some important facts. The first was that many of them already spend that much or more per acre on pesticides, lost crops or both. The second is that their fight against the weevil was an annual one — worse some years than others — but a constant problem. Approval of the eradication effort means their once greatest enemy will in time be one less plague on their crops.

But this was not simply a victory for the producers who plant cotton on 779,183 acres in Howard, Mitchell, Dawson, Ector, Martin, Borden and Midland counties. This was an economic victory for all residents of those counties as well. It ensures that growing one of our area's most consumable products — cotton — will be a more stable, profitable venture in the future.

And that benefits us all.

We salute:

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

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

- PARENTS who attended Family Math Night at Washington Elementary.
- VOLUNTEERS WITH THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY HOWARD/GLASSCOCK UNIT and especially volunteer of the year LaWanda Hamm, who were honored at their annual meeting this past week.
- FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS SUPPORTERS who took the time to meet with Gayle Smith of Little Rock, Ark. on how the local display could be improved.
- DON'T MESS WITH TEXAS TRASH OFF PARTICIPANTS who gave their time to help make Big Spring a little brighter last Saturday.
- SENIOR CITIZENS who volunteer to help new mothers remember their childrens' immunizations through the RSVP program.
- PEACE OFFICERS, THE HARLEY OWNER'S GROUP, and others who participated in some good-natured volleyball games to raise \$1,400 toward the purchase of a thermal imaging camera for the fire department.

- BIG SPRING POST OFFICE, which stayed open until midnight Thursday to help late tax filers get their returns in on time.
- AND, THOSE CROSSROADS AREA TAXPAYERS, who, under great duress, got their returns in by midnight Thursday.

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

The couple is, or the couple are?

Let us suppose that you are writing about newlyweds John and Mary. Do you say that the couple HAS bought a ranch in Montana, or the couple HAVE bought a ranch in Montana?



JAMES J. KILPATRICK

The ranch actually is in Wyoming, but to the point: The choice of "has" or "have" depends upon whether you are thinking of John and Mary as separate individuals or as a single unit. The singular and plural forms are equally acceptable. Like many other choices in prose composition, it's a judgment call.

Some writers think in single file. In a review of "The Antelope Wife" in *The Kansas City Star*, the critic said, "Another couple MAKES love in a public park." More frequently we find the plural form. In an item from *The Associated Press* about a pigeon problem, "A couple WERE put on a year's probation on charges of creating a public nuisance." In *The Seattle Times*, a feature writer said that "After a shaky start, the couple HAVE stayed married for 80 years."

Every commentator on usage

makes the same point about "couple." The important thing is to be consistent. A plural verb demands a plural pronoun. A weekly newspaper in Washington state got it right: "The couple ARE making THEIR first home in Seattle." In a book review, *The Hartford (Conn.) Courant* scrambled its eggs: "A young couple ENDURES an uncomfortable summer weekend but gains the grace to save THEIR relationship." *The Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch* tripped on the same inconsistency. An Amishman and his wife had been injured in a buggy accident: "The couple WAS a mile or so from THEIR home on Route 47."

You see the problem. It would have sounded vaguely disembodied to say that the Amish couple WAS a mile from ITS home, but once you start with a singular construction you're stuck with it. Most of the time the plural works better with "couple."

Other collective nouns take the singular: "The 4th Circuit PANEL was divided." "The COMMITTEE has twice voted a reduction." "The BOARD is effectively self-perpetuating." As a general proposition, "press" is singular (but for Cicero's sake, "media" is plural).

Some collectives, such as "faculty" and "majority," can go either way. Under the doc-

trine of notional agreement, the verb changes with a following "of" phrase. Thus, "A majority is convinced..." but "A majority of voters are convinced."

I believe "handful" and its cousins always take the singular form: "A handful of mushrooms adds a nice touch."

Now, getting back to "couple," what about the sawed-off version of the adjective that has emerged in recent years? In a wire service dispatch, Rep. Jerry Weller speculated that "resident Clinton" might pick a couple popular issues and rally support.

In California a sheriff said he had heard that a husband and wife had been quarreling "for the past couple weeks." In *Sylvan Beach, N.Y.*, the AP interviewed a restaurant owner and his wife who "had cored a couple hundred heads of lettuce."

The boggled alternative scratches on my ears. Something is lost from euphony when the "of" is eliminated, just as something is lost from a porkchop when too much fat is trimmed away.

We need a little sizzle. I would vote for "a couple OF popular issues" and "the past couple OF weeks."

My guess is that this battle (if it amounts to a battle) is just about lost. At one time a wooing suitor ordered a dozen OF roses, and we read a

favorite book a hundred OF times. If we're in a hurry, a couple of reasons may justify the truncated usage, but do we always have to be in a hurry?

A related question of usage goes to the plurals of certain well-known quantities and titles. "Tempting plattersful of food become the centerpiece for summer meals."

Plattersful? Sounds as if the platters had been dropped. A better plural, I believe, is platterful. Or better still, just plain "platters."

There is some authority, but not much, for teaspoonful. Merriam-Webster acknowledges that spelling, but other lexicographers (and *The Associated Press*) require teaspoonfuls and tablespoonfuls. Those little one-bite pastries are petits-four, not petit-fours.

A few others: runners-up, attorneys general and sergeants-major.

At flag rank we have major generals, not majors general. It's lieutenant commanders, not lieutenants commander. The plurals of athletic teams are based upon the theory of what sounds right. The Jazz roll over the Hornets. The Heat don't have Mourning. If you search for the plural of hole-in-one you will be led mysteriously to "ace."

Following the example of "holes-in-the-wall," I guess it's holes-in-one, but even the AP won't tell us.

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Chemical companies get in the seed biz

On Feb. 18, environmental activists from Greenpeace dumped four tons of soybeans on the front steps of British Prime Minister Tony Blair's official residence at No. 10 Downing St.



JACK ANDERSON

But these weren't just any soybeans. They were a genetically engineered variety produced by chemical giant Monsanto, and they have caused a stir among a British populace already spooked by the outbreak of mad cow disease some years back.

Three days later, a Monsanto spokesman despondently complained to the *London Observer* that "everybody over here hates us." But this little stunt — typical of the kind that have made Greenpeace famous (or notorious) — may in fact be indicative of things to come, not just in Britain but here in the United States.

Monsanto is in the forefront of a group of several chemical makers now transforming themselves into "life-science" companies. Their goal is to transform the way farmers farm — and by extension, what the world eats. Not to mention turning a tidy profit in the

process. But while these efforts are allowing some farmers to grow more food in less time than before, it also raises troubling questions about the role that governments and consumers will play in this new marketplace.

So far, the food-safety debate that's divided Britain has had little spillover in the United States. While Blair is overrun by soybeans, most Americans are blissfully unaware that the food they're eating may have originated in the lab of a chemical giant.

Genetic engineering is a process by which a gene from one species is implanted in another, giving new traits to the recipient. For example, a cold-resistance gene from a flounder can be implanted in food crops to help farmers beat early frosts.

One reason the U.S. media has done little more than poke and prod at the story is that there are no bodies. Most of the concerns about genetically engineered food — or "frankenfood," as the Europeans have taken to calling it — are about what might or could happen.

"My biggest concern is that if there are health effects, we have absolutely no way of getting to the source of the problem," said Britt Bailey of the Center for Ethics in Toxics in Gualala, Calif. "There is no way of tracing the effects that may or may not have flowed from a genetically modified food."

Experts estimate that

between 40 million and 50 million acres of U.S. farmland are planted with genetically engineered crops, including 45 percent of all cotton, 32 percent of soybeans, 25 percent of corn and 3-1/2 percent of potatoes.

But the unique, cutting-edge nature of these new products has left Washington regulators slow to catch up. Nobody is really sure, for example, about who gets to monitor these new industries. Right now jurisdiction is divided between three federal agencies — the Department of Agriculture, the Food and Drug Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency — and none of them have found much to complain about.

Yet a heated debate over the safety of these foods ignited last August when world-renowned scientist Arpad Pusztai went public with research indicating that laboratory rats fed a specific kind of genetically engineered potato had suffered significant damage to their immune systems.

The government-funded research institute fired Pusztai on the grounds that he violated protocol by publicizing his findings. But press reports alleged that Pusztai's quick exit was the result of White House pressure. So instead of making an example of Pusztai, the government created a martyr.

Monsanto's problems don't stop there. Together with a handful of other firms, the company is aggressively buy-

ing up seed companies — spending \$8 billion over the last four years on such ventures. What's good for Monsanto might be mixed news for farmers, however.

The company aggressively enforces its seed patents, sending company representatives into contract farmer's fields to make sure they aren't replanting the seed. According to *Progressive Farmer*, a trade publication, Monsanto has already brought legal action against hundreds of farmers.

Monsanto is also in the process of patenting a powerful new biotechnology called the Terminator. Seeds produced by the Terminator plant will be sterile, meaning farmers would have to purchase an entire new seed stock each planting season.

Yet while the British complain — leading at least one supermarket chain to remove all genetically engineered foods from its shelves — Monsanto officials say it's all just a big misunderstanding arising from anxiety over mad cow disease.

"Because of genetic engineering's enormous potential, it is going to generate anxiety," Philip Angell, director of communications for Monsanto told our associate Ashley Baker. "It is our responsibility to understand people's concerns."

Is it then your responsibility to act on them, we asked? "Absolutely. (But) the market, broadly defined, will ultimately determine the success of this technology."



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Budget fights ahead as Congress OKs \$1.74 trillion spending plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Months of budget combat between President Clinton and lawmakers lie ahead now that Congress has completed a \$1.74 trillion spending plan for fiscal 2000.

Divided along party lines, the Senate gave final approval to the measure on Thursday by a 54-44 vote, a day after the House passed it with just three Democratic votes. Only Sens. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., and Tim Hutchinson, R-Ark., did not vote.

Clinton's signature is not needed for the measure, which is an outline that clamps overall limits on the detailed tax and spending bills lawmakers will write in coming months. It is

those bills, which the president must sign, in which Republicans will try to impose their priorities on the White House, or at least spell out their agenda to the voters.

The blueprint maps GOP plans for a new budgetary era in which annual federal surpluses seem to stretch to the horizon and beyond.

Over the next decade, Republicans would set aside all \$1.8 trillion in expected Social Security surpluses to reduce the national debt. They would use most of the rest of the surplus — at least \$778 billion — for tax cuts. Clinton and Democrats want smaller tax reductions and more spending for Medicare and other social programs.

"One party thinks government ought to get bigger and bigger," said Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., in a swipe at Democrats.

Passage marked only the second time Congress has completed the budget on time since the April 15 deadline was set in 1987, a win for Republicans eager to show they are efficiently doing the public's business. It also gave them the symbolic victory of approving a budget touting big tax cuts on the day many taxpayers were rushing to mail their returns to the Internal Revenue Service.

Democrats warned of veto fights and other problems ahead.

"I predict here and now we'll be playing Russian roulette along the way to see who pulls the trigger on a government shutdown" because of a veto fight over spending, said Sen. Frank Lautenberg of New Jersey, ranking Democrat on the Senate Budget Committee.

Lautenberg called the GOP budget "shameful" and "a sham," saying it would not shore up Social Security or Medicare for when the nation's 76 million baby boomers begin retiring next decade.

Republicans argue that by setting aside the entire Social Security surplus they are doing more for senior citizens because Clinton proposed to spend some of those surpluses on other

domestic programs. GOP lawmakers hope this will let them neutralize Democrats' historic ability to cast themselves as the protectors of Social Security.

Neither Clinton nor Republicans have proposed reducing benefits or boosting taxes for Social Security or Medicare, fearing angry voters. Many experts say such changes will be needed to truly prepare those programs for the baby boomers.

Economists say using surpluses to reduce the national debt should fuel economic growth by reducing interest rates. A stronger economy should help the government raise revenue in the future to pay retirement benefits.

Under a timetable established by the budget, Congress will consider must-pass spending bills at the same time tax-cutting legislation is ready. That could create a scenario for a possible trade-off late this summer with Republicans getting some tax cuts while Clinton and Democrats win some spending increases.

The GOP budget promises that as they write the 13 annual spending bills for fiscal 2000, which begins Oct. 1, Republicans will honor spending limits enacted in the 1997 budget-balancing law.

Democrats and some Republicans, however, say those caps are so tight that there will never be enough votes in the House and Senate.

Impeachment cost at least \$1.2 million; some investigators paid \$20,000 a month

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House paid its top two impeachment investigators up to \$20,000 a month during the investigation of President Clinton, far exceeding the pay scale of lawmakers and lawyers for Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr, expense records show.

The pay of chief Republican investigator David Schippers and his Democratic counterpart, Abbe Lowell, were part of an impeachment price tag that exceeded \$1.2 million in the five-month congressional proceeding that ended with Clinton's acquittal in February.

The two investigators also were given special consultant status that allowed them to bypass congressional restrictions on outside income and

avoid a ban on private legal work.

According to Judiciary Committee records, the panel paid for a portion of its investigation with \$1.2 million from a special fund, which covered compensation for investigators, equipment, travel, communications, printing and other expenses solely related to impeachment.

The actual cost to taxpayers was much higher, but can't be readily calculated because much of the staff work — in the House, Senate and White House — was performed by permanent, salaried employees who would be paid regardless of their assignments.

Schippers, whose private practice is in Chicago, was paid

at the rate of \$20,000 a month during the height of the investigation, according to House Judiciary Committee records. Lowell, a Washington lawyer, was paid at a monthly rate of \$18,000, according to expense records reviewed by The Associated Press.

Adjusted to annual salary, both men were being paid at a rate of more than \$200,000 per year.

In contrast, staff lawyers for Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr earn between \$66,563 and \$118,400 annually. The independent counsel's deputies must also sever ties with their private law firms — a prohibition that does not apply to Starr.

House members and senators earn \$136,700 a year.

Administration raising prospect of KLA comeback victory over Serbs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Conceding that bombs alone may not bring President Slobodan Milosevic to his knees, the Clinton administration says NATO's round-the-clock air campaign may give a resurgent Kosovo Liberation Army the upper hand in its civil war.

Army Gen. Henry Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, described that scenario Thursday as one course of events that would constitute victory for NATO in its 3-week-old attack on Yugoslavia.

Up to this point the KLA, which first emerged in 1996, has been on the run against a much larger and better armed and trained Yugoslav army. Shelton said there were fresh signs of a KLA comeback, and he spoke of NATO's sustained bombing campaign eventually creating a

"shift in the balance of power" in the KLA's favor.

But that is a prospect not entirely in line with the administration's aims for Kosovo, which do not include independence from Serbia. The KLA has no intention of settling for autonomy. It wants a separate Kosovo.

The United States and its allies have said from the start that Kosovo should have a measure of self-governance but remain a province within Serbia. President Clinton said Thursday in a speech in San Francisco that despite its ambitions, Kosovo "lacks the resources and infrastructure to be viable on its own."

"In the long run, our goal for Kosovo should not be independence, but interdependence," Clinton said.

Meanwhile, The New York

Times reported today that the Pentagon plans to ask Clinton for the authority to call up as many as 33,000 reservists and National Guard members to bolster U.S. efforts in the conflict.

Most of those called would be pilots or aircraft crew members, according to the Times.

Clinton said NATO had no alternative but to prevail. Ceding Kosovo to Milosevic, the president said, would mean "turning Kosovo into a lifeless wasteland" and would mark a historic setback for democracy in Europe.

Clinton also said the mistaken NATO attack Wednesday on a refugee convoy in Kosovo that killed dozens of civilians was a regrettable error that shows that modern warfare "is not a business of perfection."

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When trouble comes, just PUSH back

I really appreciate everyone who was involved in the community rain rallies that were held a few weeks back. Thank you to each person who helped organize, advertise, and present these times of prayer, as well as those who attended and prayed. I think we have seen the beginnings of a miraculous intervention by God in our time of need. Each time a rally has occurred, we have received a significant rainfall within days. I believe the Lord is saying, "Yes, I love you and I enjoy hearing from you." Praise God!



CRAIG FELTY

At this point, I am firmly persuaded that it is time to continue to express our gratitude for what God has done and to keep praying that our need for water be satisfied. The Bible tells us to keep asking for His help, keep seeking Him, and keep knocking on His door.

(7) Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. (8) For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. Matthew 7:7-8 NIV

The Bible also tells us that when we forget to acknowledge God as our provider and Lord, He will withhold needed blessings to get our attention.

(13) If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; (14) If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. II Chronicles 7:13,14

Now that He has our attention, let us continue to honor Him by continuing to seek Him and expressing our gratitude both publicly and privately.

The principle should, in fact become a part of our daily lives. I read an article recently in which the author quoted a slogan that has been an inspiration to me: Pray Until Something Happens (P.U.S.H.)

When troubles come, when a need arises, pray until God brings the answer and continue to pray until the trouble is gone or the need is completely met. I don't think God is incapable of answering on the first try, but I think we need to constantly remind ourselves by our prayers and actions that God is in control and He can and will bless us as we seek Him.

God desires to lead us, love us and bless us through our daily relationship with Him. Remember that prayer is not merely asking God for the things that we want, but listening for His directions, and responding to His leadership in our lives. Prayer has at its very heart the expectancy of a vital relationship with the living God. PUSH in to that relationship. PUSH when you have a need. PUSH when someone you know is experiencing time of trouble. PUSH when our community has a need. Pray Until Something Happens!

Craig Felty is pastor at Cornerstone Church.

CHURCH NEWS

East Side Baptist Church

Everyone is invited to come and hear "Forever His" Sunday night at 7 at the East Side Baptist Church.

"Forever His" is a fulltime gospel music evangelistic team composed of Forever His Ministries, founders Phillip and Diann Crow. They are currently joined by Steve Lodder.

"Forever His" was founded in 1985 and currently do 200 to 250 concerts a year in over 30 different states.

Doug Shelley, pastor of East Side Baptist Church, notes that a "Forever His" concert is a time of praise, worship and preaching.

The East Side Baptist Church is located at East Sixth and Settles.

Abundant Grace Family Church

Abundant Grace Family Church is having their first ladies meeting at 1005 E. 11th Place on Saturday. Registration is free and will begin at 9:30 a.m.

We have a variety of speakers from different backgrounds. Our speakers are women called to minister.

Jerri Stocks from Big Spring, Rose Zepeda is a preacher from Austin, Sylvia Baker is from Phoenix, Ariz., and Rosie Rivera who pastors Abundant Grace Family Church with her husband, will be ministering.

A luncheon will be provided and there will be no child care available for these services.

Special music will be with Gloria Henson from Tyler.

For more information call 263-4190 or 268-9957.

Trinity Baptist Church

Kirk Talley will be in concert Sunday at 6 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church, 810 11th Place.

Kirk Talley has been blessing audiences with his innovative style of singing for more than 20 years. His musical roots run deep in his family. Kirk started singing gospel music professionally after graduating high school. His first experience was with The Hopper Brothers & Connie. Kirk then went on to join the Cathedral Quartet for the next four years.

While with the Cathedrals, Kirk penned his first number one song, "Step Into The Water." This song was number one for nine months. Several years later, the Cathedrals went again to number one for three months with another of Kirk Talley's songs, "Wedding Music."

In 1982, Kirk and his brother Roger formed the group The Talleys along with Roger's wife Debra. The Talleys quickly became one of gospel music's most popular groups to date. They traveled internationally spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ through Southern Gospel music. Their style, professionalism and unique ability to minister, won the hearts of fans all around the world.

While traveling with the critically acclaimed Talleys, Kirk wrote some of gospel music's most memorable songs. A few of these songs include, "There

Is A Refuge," "We Are Still The Church," "For Every Generation," "Triumphantly The Church Will Rise," and "No Other Word For Grace, But Amazing."

Christian Ministries

Christian Ministries is planned to be a Christian rehabilitation program for men 18 and older. They will come and live in the program for approximately six months.

It will be teaching principles on which to base their lives and place them back into society as responsible and productive members of their community.

Christian Ministries endeavors to help people become mentally sound, emotionally balanced, socially adjusted, physically well and spiritually alive.

We at Christian Ministries would like the community to help with any kind of donations, desk, computers, file cabinets, etc. Any type of donations would be appreciated.

They can reach us at 268-1204 or P.O. Box 1201, Big Spring.

First United Methodist Church

"The Joy of Knowing Whose You Are" (James 1:12-17) is Dr. Ed Williamson's message this Sunday at the First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry. The message is about our identity as Christians. Worship is at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. Our home page is <http://www.xroadstx.com/dove>.

Do you have teenagers who need guidance in morality and a friendly group of other teenagers to have as healthy friends? We have a youth group called "Common Ground" led by our full-time youth minister, Vern Feinsod. On Sunday evenings, mid-high age young people meet in the Pardee building at 5 p.m. and senior high young people meet at 7 p.m. to learn about Jesus and His way. Senior high Bible study meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday night. To learn more, call Mr. Feinsod at 267-6394.

There is also the children's vocal and handbell choirs led by John and Denise Ross and a single adults class on Sunday mornings.

The First United Methodist Church has several Sunday School classes for adults, youth and children. There is a Wednesday noon Bible study class and meal each week in Garrett Hall and everyone is invited to attend.

Be sure to attend the noon Bible study luncheon each Wednesday starting at 11:55 a.m. The FUMC Youth and the UMM will participate in the "Christmas in April" project on April 24. Everyone's help is needed. Please call 267-6394 for more information.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

The Contemplative Prayer meeting is today at 5:30 p.m. in the church library.

The Computer User's Group will meet in the Parish Hall at 1 p.m. Sunday.

St. Mary's School will have an open house on Thursday, April 22, at 6:30 p.m., 118 Cedar.

St. Thomas Catholic Church

St. Thomas Catholic Church youth group will sell menu

and burritos at the church hall Saturday from 5 p.m.-8 p.m. and Sunday from 7 a.m.-1:30 p.m. They will have menu, breakfast plates and enchilada plates available at the church hall, 605 N. Main.

First Christian Church

This Sunday morning, Rev. Jim Pingleton of Abilene will be bringing the message during the morning worship service at First Christian Church. Immediately after morning worship the elementary youth will eat lunch together. Each child is asked to bring \$2.50 to help with the cost. This get-together will take the place of the regular afternoon meeting.

The Official Church Board will meet Sunday at 5 p.m. for the regular monthly board meeting.

On Tuesday, April 20, the "All Stars for Jesus" Bible Club will meet at 3:30 p.m.

The Homemakers Sunday School Class will be having their noon luncheon and program in the fellowship hall Wednesday, April 21, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Bible study led by Paul Smith.

Ladies! Mark your calendars now! The Christian Women's Fellowship will have their final meeting and luncheon for the 98-99 year on Saturday, May 1, at the Big Spring Country Club. Installation of the new officers will begin at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch. More details will be in the church newsletter.

Baptist Temple Church

Baptist Temple Church will have a revival starting April 29, and continuing through May 2. Thursday night will be Family and Neighbor night with a potluck dinner at 6 p.m. Friday night there will be a meal for the children at 6 p.m. and Saturday will be youth night with a Pizza Blast at 6 p.m.

Worship will begin at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend each of the services. Jon Moore will be our speaker. Jon is a Revivalist who traveled for sometime with the late Manley Beasley.

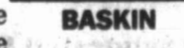
Also, Baptist Temple Church has a Parent's Day Out! It is on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is \$8 a day. We have openings in the Toddler's Class on both days, the nursery on Wednesdays and in the 2 and 3 year old class on Wednesday. We have two openings in the 4 and up class.

If you are interested in bringing your child or would like more information, you can call the church office at 267-8287.

Warriors for Jesus Men's Conference

Paul Baskin of Big Spring will be leading the music at the Warriors for Jesus Men's Conference in Snyder April 23-24 beginning at 7 p.m. each day. The speakers are David Fees of Plano and Keith Miller of Amarillo. Come expecting to have your life touched by the anointing of the Holy Spirit. You will not leave the same way you came!

For more information or to pre-register, please call 1-800-658-6216.



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CLUB NEWS

Green Thumb Garden Club

Green Thumb Garden Club met Tuesday, April 6, in the home of Cynthia Scott. Pat Rutledge was cohostess. Kim Howell was a guest.

New officers for coming year were elected as follows: president - Carol/Cynthia Scott; vice president - Margarita Durand-Hollis; treasurer - Joan LaFond; secretary - Jacque Thomas.

New officers will assume office in May.

Sandra Huston was elected as a new member to the club. Susan Lewis presented a beautiful film of the Balloon Fest held in October in Albuquerque, N.M. She did the photography of the film and did an excellent job. She related "her most harrowing experience" when the balloon had trouble landing and took five attempts to finally touch ground. Other members shared a variety of interesting scary events in their lives.

Next meeting will be a spring salad luncheon on May 4.

Order of the Eastern Star

Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star, will hold election of officers at a stated meeting to be held Tuesday, April 20, at 7:30 p.m., at the Masonic Temple.

Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association

Members of the Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association will meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College on Monday, April 19. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

The group will hear reports of the State TRTA Convention in Dallas, which was attended by Harold Bentley and Betty and Valcee Cox.

Angie Way, curator of the Heritage Museum, will present the program.

All retired school personnel are invited to attend the meeting.

Tall Talkers Toastmasters

Tall Talkers Toastmasters' Club of Big Spring had its meeting on April 14, at 6:30 a.m. at 606 Johnson Street.

The word of the day was countermand which means to revoke. The sentence used was "The general may countermand the order." Toastmaster was Bonnie Saenz, and topic master was Joelle Ford.

Individuals interested in joining Tall Talkers should contact

Alabama court nixes plan to form town based on Bible's laws

DECATUR, Ala. (AP) — Residents seeking to form a town whose only law would be the Ten Commandments and the teachings of Jesus were thwarted by conventional legal channels.

Probate Judge Bobby Day ruled Tuesday that those who supported forming the new community of Brooksville had failed to lay the groundwork required by state law for an incorporation vote.

"It does not even begin to meet the minimum standards,"

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

Coahoma Lions Club

The Coahoma Lions Club met for their regular second Monday meeting on April 12, at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center. After a review of the nominating committee's proposals for the 1999-2000 year, the club approved the list unanimously.

Lion Irene LeMarr reported on the upcoming Community Wide Garage Sale that has been set for Saturday, May 8. For a fee of \$15, the club will advertise the event in the local media and in newspapers from the surrounding area. The event brings people from area towns into Coahoma. Anyone who would like to hold a garage sale on that date is urged to register at Little Sooper. The Lions Club will also be holding a garage sale of donated items.

A final report on the annual Pancake Supper by Lion Randy Overton showed that the event was even more successful than last year's supper. There was discussion regarding the Coahoma Lions Club Scholarship. A deserving Coahoma High School graduating senior is awarded a scholarship each year applicable to Howard College. The club also voted to contribute to the senior's pot luck part following the Coahoma Junior-Senior Prom.

City FCE Club

The City Family and Community Education Club met in the home of Jowilli Etchison on Friday, April 9.

A program, Short Cuts for Practical People, was given by Irene Friebe. Short cuts given were: 1/2 cup of rubbing alcohol added to 1 quart of water makes a good window washing solution to be used either from a bucket or a spray bottle.

Another hint: Next time a plastic bread wrapper melts against a toaster or coffee maker, rub petroleum jelly on the spot. Reheat the appliance and use a paper towel to rub off plastic.

When you are stung by a bee, apply a slice of onion to the spot and hold it a minute or two. It does work.

You can dry clean your dog's fur or hair by rubbing soda into the hair. Remove with an old hair brush.

The business meeting was conducted by Jowilli Etchison. The next meeting will be in the home of Lois Johnston on April 23, at 2 p.m.

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COMMUNITY NEWS
Two Big Spring State Hospital volunteers were recently honored with statewide awards.
HAZEL DUGGAN received a 1998 Star of TXMHMR Award. In more than 20 years, Duggan has accumulated more than 8,500 hours of volunteer service.
MURLENE WILLIAMS was honored as a Regional Volunteer of the Year by the Volunteer Services State Council.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION
AREA GRADUATING SENIORS WHO plan to attend Texas Tech University beginning in the fall can apply for the Tech Ex-students Association Scholarship.
LOCAL FIREFIGHTERS ARE COLLECTING non-perishable items and toiletries for the victim's of Wednesday's tornado in Midland.

THE LAST WORD
Mystery is not profoundness. Charles Caleb Colton
You've no idea what a poor opinion I have of myself — and how little I deserve it. W.S. Gilbert
The eyes indicate the antiquity of the soul. Ralph Waldo Emerson

TOWN

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sists of little more than a few dozen houses and mobile homes situated around a two-lane blacktop.

Evangelist James R. Henderson and others wanted to form a new town that would use the Ten Commandments and Jesus' teachings as laws, with citizens providing their own protection through a community watch.

The only officeholder would be a volunteer mayor, and each of the town's 600 residents would serve on the City Council. The plan called for the King James Bible to become the town's charter and the Ten Commandments its ordinances.

While 160 people signed a petition in favor of forming the town, 380 signed petitions against it. The judge ruled the proposal invalid because the petition included too few signatures and lacked maps showing exactly where the community would be located.

None of the four men who were at the heart of the incorporation effort attended Tuesday's hearing and could not be located for comment at their homes or businesses.

"The Bible rules are great, but you can't live by them alone," said Dot Brinkley, one of about 20 opponents who attended the hearing. "They're just telling us to get a gun and protect ourselves. We've got to have other things and sewer mains."

The judge ruled that Henderson's group could try again to hold a vote on forming a new town, but there was no indication on whether such an attempt would be made.

Genetic disorder brings out unique brotherly love

JASPER, (AP) — Family members were often annoyed when 2-year-old Mark Jenkins stood stubbornly in front of the TV set, his small body only inches from the screen.

He blocked their view, they complained, ordering the toddler to move.

But Mark's older brother, Logan, never said anything.

Instead, he fell into the habit of quietly moving over whenever Mark tottered toward the television.

"It's like Logan knew before anyone else did that something was wrong, that Mark couldn't see," says Debbie Jenkins, the boys' mother.

As Mark determinedly continued to plant himself in front of the set, his mother began to wonder herself if something was wrong. Finally, she took the little boy to an ophthalmologist, assuming the poor eyesight that ran in her family was to blame for Mark's apparent vision problems.

"I can't get him to focus on anything," the puzzled doctor said. So Jenkins made an appointment with a second ophthalmologist on a Friday afternoon.

"His lenses are dislocated," the next physician said. "This never happens." He then listed several ominous-sounding syndromes and diseases that can cause the lenses of both eyes to become displaced.

The doctor then urged Jenkins to take her son to several specialists as soon as possible. In the meantime, however, the stunned mother was left with an entire weekend to worry about what was wrong with Mark.

She called her own mother, who worked at a bookstore, asking her to look up each of the confusing names rattled off by the doctor. "None of them," Jenkins recalls, "sounded good."

A trip to a Temple hospital confirmed her fears.

Mark was immediately tagged as a likely victim of Marfan syndrome, a genetic disorder that affects nearly all of the body's organ systems — including the skeleton, lungs, eyes, heart and blood vessels.

Over the next few years, doctors would closely watch Mark's body develop before giving a definite diagnosis just last July.

Even before confirmation was given, however, physicians warned the Jenkins that their lifestyle would have to change, telling Debbie that the most serious concern would be Mark's heart.

No more sports, no caffeine and no rough-housing.

Marfan syndrome often causes the heart's valves to leak or regurgitate blood. It also weakens the aorta, which is the main artery carrying blood away from the heart. As years pass, the aorta typically becomes enlarged, with thinner walls, making it likely that the artery will eventually tear or rupture.

The second reason given for avoiding sports is that any blow to Mark's head could further damage his eyes.

Logan, who accompanied his

brother during the battery of tests, was confused. "How come he can't play football or wrestle with me?" he asked his mother.

"His heart could tear," Jenkins said, offering the simplest of explanations she could come up with. "And if that happens, he could die."

Since that preliminary diagnosis three years ago, Logan, now 7, has become Mark's staunchest protector.

"Hey, don't do that. My brother has a heart problem," he is quick to inform any child who tries to entice Mark into doing something he shouldn't.

He hovers over Mark after school and closely monitors what he eats. "He can't have chocolate, that has caffeine," Logan has told more than one

well-meaning offender.

He also serves as "eyes" for his little brother, who, even after surgery last fall, is still considered legally blind. Logan has steered Mark away from playground swings in motion, pulled him from the flight paths of numerous balls and told him not to cross streets until Logan gives the all-clear, Jenkins says.

Mark, 5, now attends Parnell Elementary with Logan. Though the two don't see each other much during the day, it still became quickly obvious to teachers that the boys share an unusual bond.

The usual sibling rivalry is noticeably absent. There is no sparring, no quarreling — unless, of course, Mark is in need of defending.

"It's just a special relationship, something you don't see very often," says P.E. Coach David Bryant. "He really loves his brother and would do anything for him."

Most recently, Logan set an unprecedented record at Parnell by bringing in more than \$500 in contributions for the American Heart Association.

Each year, the school participates in a jump-rope contest that garners money for heart research.

Logan, who moved to Jasper with his mom and Mark only a year ago, was intrigued, Bryant recalls. And ambitious.

"We do give them the little speech every year — how this will help other people — but I've never seen anyone with such a

personal interest," the coach says. "It was all very specific for Logan."

But there was a heartbreaking aspect to the little boy's determination, his mother says.

"My brother has a heart problem and I'm going to raise the most money so that they can fix him," he told potential contributors.

Debbie quickly realized that Logan was too optimistic about finding a cure-all, that he was headed for a bitter disappointment when the fund-raising was done.

"It was so hard," she recalls. "I had to explain that's not going to fix him, but that the money he raised would go toward research."

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ODDS-N-ENDS

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) — A husband and wife have been charged with drunkenly driving their cars the wrong way down a busy street, confusing other motorists who mistakenly followed them.

Officer Eric Davis spotted four cars heading in the wrong direction early Wednesday and, using his car's loudspeakers and sirens, pulled them over.

Stephen Toulotte, 44, allegedly told the officer he wasn't familiar with the area and made a wrong turn. His wife, Robyn Toulotte, 42, was following him in another car.

The two were arrested after breath tests showed each had a 0.08 percent blood alcohol level, just above the legal limit, police said.

"The husband said he had never gone that way before and when he made the turn, he wasn't paying attention," Davis said.

The drivers of the other two cars were not charged.

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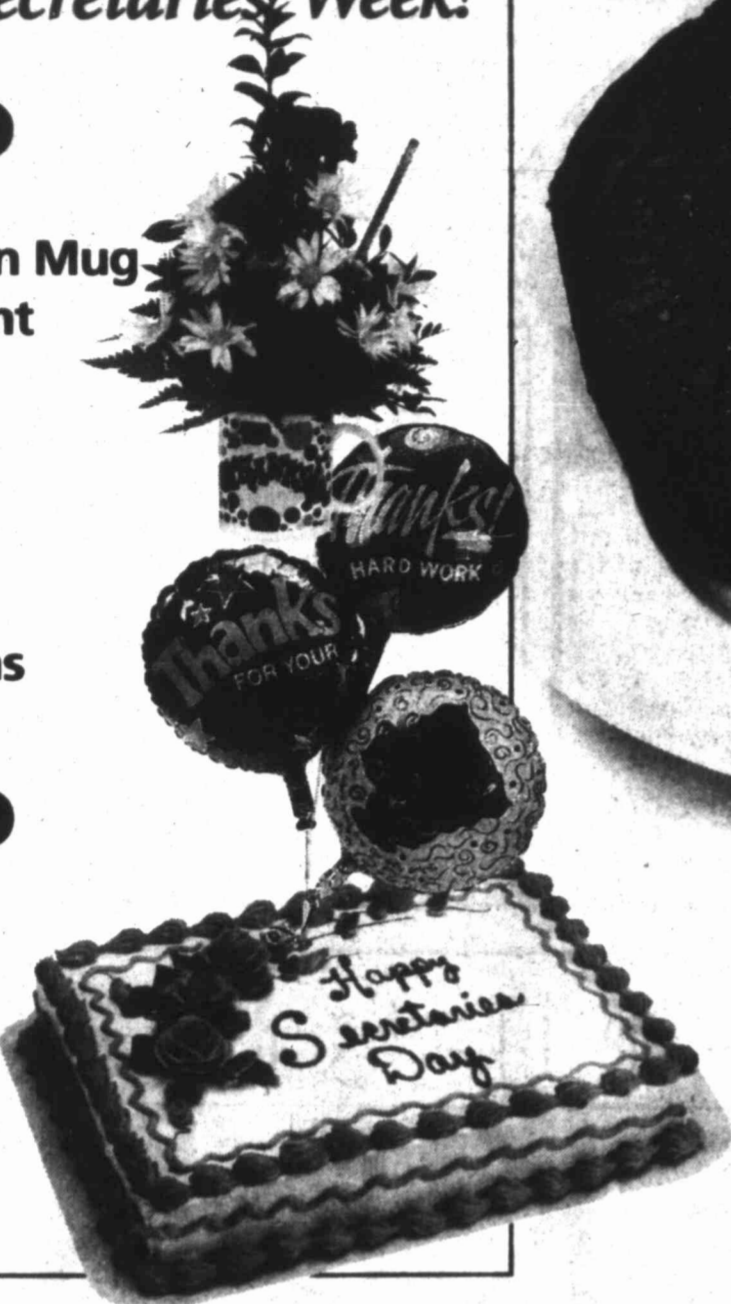
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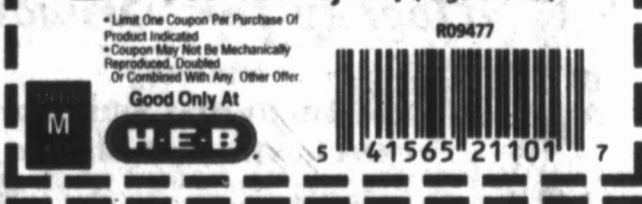
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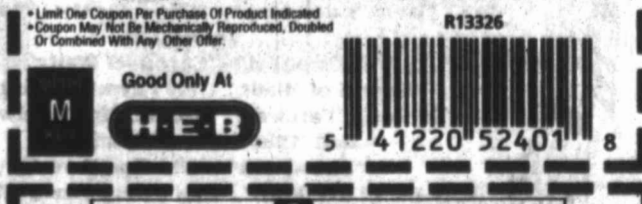
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IN BRIEF

Forsan netters lay claim to 2-2A boys' team crown

Forsan's boys' dominated singles play and, in the process, claimed a team championship at the District 2-2A Tennis Tournament.

Cade Park and Jarrod Fishback both defeated opponents from Ozona and Sonora to reach the boys' singles championship game.

Park won the all Forsan final, but both Buffs players qualified to play at the Region I, Class 2A tennis tournament set for April 28-29 in Abilene.

The Buffs' won the boys' team championship, not only due to their singles dominance, but also thanks to a first-round doubles win by the team of Javier Becerra and Brandon Marino.

Forsan's other boys' doubles tandem of Daniel Whetsel and Blaine Roman was defeated in the opening round.

In girls' singles action, Forsan's Leslie Patterson was forced to settle for fourth place after losing a third set tie-breaker to Eldorado's Jennifer Reynolds.

The Queens' other girls' singles entrant, Ashley Alexander, opened the tournament with a first-round win before being eliminated.

Both Forsan girls' doubles teams — Amy Braddock and Samantha Stapp, and Callie Burt and Amanda Breyman — both fell in the first-round.

Teenage League signups come to a close tonight

The Howard County Youth Baseball Association is currently registering youngsters interested in playing on Teenage League teams this summer beginning.

Registration will conclude following tonight's session set for 5:30 to 8:30 at the American Little League park.

To register, prospective players ages 13-16 must bring their \$50 registration fee and their birth certificate.

Anyone interested in coaching a team, being a league director or being involved in another aspect of the program can contact officials by calling 263-2552.

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.

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. Mailed entries must be received by April 25.

For more information, call Jim Crenshaw at 267-6129.

LOCAL GAMES

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

5 p.m.
• Andrews Mustangs at Big Spring Steers

DISTRICT 5-4A TRACK MEET

6 p.m.
• Boys' and girls running event finals at Blankenship Field.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

7 p.m. — Atlanta Braves at Colorado Rockies, TBS, Ch. 11.

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9 p.m. — Dallas Mavericks at Phoenix Suns, FXS, Ch. 29.

9:30 p.m. — New Jersey Nets at Seattle SuperSonics, TNT, Ch. 28.

Ovalle, White hurl Coahoma to big 4-1 win over Post

HERALD Staff Report

POST — While the official statistics won't show that Coahoma's Aaron Ovalle was the winning pitcher in the Bulldogs' 4-1 win over Post's Antelopes in District 3-2A baseball action Thursday, there's no question he set the tone for the victory.

Ovalle started on the mound and went three full innings, as Bulldogs' coach Scott Lewis followed the recipe for success he's used in recent weeks — using Ovalle and/or Jeremy Green in the early innings and then call on junior left-hander Delvin White to close things out.

That worked almost to perfection Thursday, as the Bulldogs scored all four of their runs in the top of the first inning

and then used dominating pitching from Ovalle and White to close the door.

As a result, the Bulldogs improved to 12-7 on the season and 7-1 in district play, leaving them tied with Tahoka atop the 3-2A standings.

Post dropped to 7-7 overall with the loss and is 4-4 in district play.

Ovalle didn't allow a Post hit in his three innings of work — one inning short of the distance necessary to officially be credited with the win — striking out seven and walking just one batter.

White then took over in the fourth and struck out 10 batters, while giving up one run on three hits down the stretch. In the process, he chalked up his fifth win of the season.

"We figured that Post probably worked all week preparing to go up against a hard-throwing left-hander, so we started Aaron to mess up their timing a little bit," Lewis noted. "Once he'd gone through the lineup, we brought in Delvin to throw it off again."

Antelopes pitcher Braden Conner did not fare as well as his Coahoma counterparts.

After starting off the game by walking Coahoma's Vincent Garcia, he hit Brandon Hancock with a pitch, setting the stage for White to hit a run-scoring grounder to second that turned into an error when Post first baseman Scott Gaydos couldn't handle the throw.

Ovalle then stepped to the plate and bunted the ball right back to Conner on

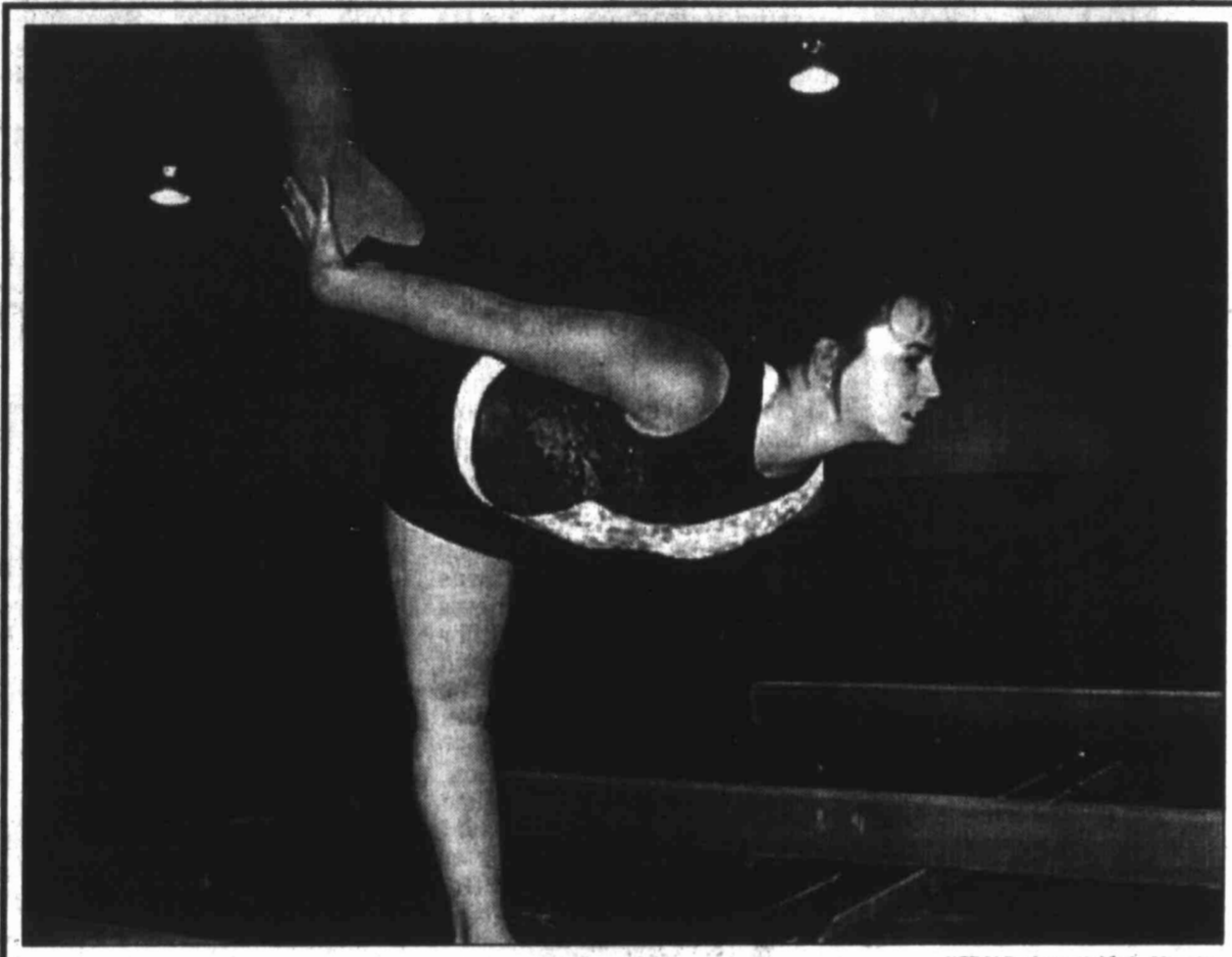
a squeeze play. The Antelopes' pitcher threw home in time to get Hancock, but the ball eluded catcher Bill Doser.

Then, with two on and two out, Mario Garcia produced the Bulldogs' only hit of the inning, an opposite-field triple that made it 4-0.

That was all Ovalle and White needed. Post's only real threat of the game came in fourth inning when Rick Halford greeted White with a triple that landed just inside the right-field line and scored on a single to left by Rocky Gomez.

From there, though, White retired 12 of the final 13 batters he faced, 10 on strikeouts.

The Bulldogs return to action Saturday when they play host to Olton at 1 p.m.



Stephanie Stewart works on one of her moves on the balance beam in the YMCA Sidewinders practice facility prior to leaving for today's USA Gymnastics Region III Championships in Oklahoma City.

Stewart voices confidence going into today's regional

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Sports Editor

When Big Spring's Stephanie Stewart marches onto the floor of Oklahoma City's Dynamo Gymnastics Gym for the start of USA Gymnastics Region III competition today, she'll be more confident than she's ever been.

Never mind that the sport's rules have changed, allowing just the top seven athletes from today's regional meet getting a chance to advance to the AAU Junior Olympics. Stewart is convinced she'll qualify for national competition set for May 13-14 in Austin.

Stewart, who began the 1999 season trying to overcome the effects of ankle surgery, has had a spectacular run in Level 10 Seniors competition this spring, representing the Big Spring YMCA Sidewinders gymnastics team.

"I'm ready ... don't think I've ever been this prepared," Stewart said during her final warm-up for today's competition. "It's really all come together this year. I've added a new release to my bars routine, I'm doing a new vault, my beam routine is clean and I'm doing my floor routine cleanly, too."

Much of the 16-year-old Big Spring High School sophomore's confidence can be traced to a spectacular comeback she mounted to finish sixth overall at the USA Gymnastics state meet in Coppell last month.

Despite getting off to a sluggish start with subpar scores on the balance beam and floor exercise, Stewart regrouped in her final two events — the uneven parallel bars and vault — nailing both routines to advance.

Stewart won the meet's bars competition with a 9.725 score, the highest ever turned in by a Sidewinders gymnast in state meet competition. She added a fourth-place finish in the vault competition with a 9.15 score.

"It was really strange the way it started," Stewart said recalling her experience at the state championships. "My ankle had bothered me some, and I think it had some effect. I just had to sit back and tell myself, 'O.K., those two are behind me ... I'm not going to go out like

this.' I just went out there, put the floor and the beam out of my mind and concentrated on what I had to do," she added. "That showed me that all I had to do was forget everything else and focus on the routine."

Stewart is no newcomer to regional competition, having finished 14th overall and qualifying for the AAU Junior Olympics in Seattle, Wash., a year ago.

This time, however, she will be in the unusual position of being the Sidewinders' only participant at the Region III competition.

"I've never done this before ... going by myself," Stewart admitted, noting that teammate Mikelle Farris failed to advance from the state meet.

"I still think this is going to be my best regional ever, but I do wish Mikelle was going," she added. "Mikelle's always provided moral support. I always say she's my little sister, because she'll see when I've lost my focus, come up and say something to me that gets my mind back on business."

Even more troubling for Stewart is knowing her teammate's frustration at not being able to compete today.

"She (Farris) is frustrated by having had a bad state meet," Stewart explained. "It was just a bad day for her ... there's no question that she's performed well enough all year long to have advanced, it just didn't come together when she needed it to."

"But the good thing about it, though," she continued, "is that now Mikelle has plenty of time to get ready for the YMCA nationals. She's going to be fine and will have everything complete for that meet."

While she's missing her teammate, Stewart makes it clear that she knows she can afford to let that distract her from turning in the best performance possible.

"This is what I've been working toward for a long time," she said, noting that she's toiled 10 years to reach the Level 10 seniors division.

"Now that I'm in the senior division, I'm at the point where the college gymnastics programs start looking at you ... tracking your progress."

Lady Steers aiming to keep district title despite LV challenge

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

When the final points are tabulated tonight following the final event at the District 5-4A track and field meet, Big Spring Lady Steers coach Jay Kennedy hopes his team will congregate around the winners' standing celebrating their fifth straight championship.

To do that, however, the Lady Steers will have to fend off the most serious challenge a Big Spring girls' track team has faced at a district meet since 1995.

It was that year when the Lady Steers went into the district meet hoping to dethrone San Angelo Lake View's Maidens as the loop's champion.

The Lady Steers, who hadn't been much of a force in girls' track when Kennedy took over the program 10 years ago, had won a couple of championships in the bid to become the dominant Class 4A team in West Texas.

After Big Spring took the title from Lake View during that 1995 meet, the Lady Steers have literally owned this district, winning four straight championships.

But when tonight's running event finals get under way at 6, the Lady Steers will find themselves in the unusual position of being a slight underdog to the Maidens.

Lake View coach Julie Shaffer and her Maidens have won the last two meets they've attended, edging the Lady Steers at the Sandhills Relays in Monahans two weeks ago and taking the team title at the Big Spring AMBUCS Relays last weekend.

And there's no question the Maidens are favored to win the championship tonight.

But it won't be easy and there's little question that Kennedy and his Lady Steers have their sights set on maintaining their hold on the district crown.

The Maidens were aided in last week's win by Levelland's strength in the field events and distance races. But the Lady Lobos won't be involved today, making those events pivotal Friday.

At least that's the plan Kennedy sees things.

The primary factor, he says, will be his team's showing in the distance races and the field events.

"We've got to cut points in the distances, jumps and throws," Kennedy noted. "We don't necessarily have to win those events. If we can get inside of their people in every event ... pick up those seconds and

thirds or the fourth and fifth places, we'll have a chance. We've won several district championships doing the same thing.

"The 400 is going to be important, too," he added. "I think Chanta (Farr) got an opportunity to come up really big there ... she's capable of winning it. We'll just have to see."

The Lady Steers coach has made a number of changes — beefing up the Lady Steers' entries in some events and sacrificing strength in others — in a bid to maximize point production.

Among those moves will be Amanda Rubio's insertion in the 800-meter relay and the 200 meters, taking her out of the 800 meters; the inclusion of Angela McGee in the Lady Steers' 400- and 800-meter relay teams; and the decision to put April McGee and Angelica Hinojos into the 100 meters, taking them out of the 800-meter relay.

While the meet's girls' division figures to be a dogfight between the Lady Steers and Maidens, there's virtually no chance that anyone will keep Lake View's Chiefs from repeating as the boys' champions.

The Chiefs are simply too deep and talented for any other 5-4A boys' team to really entertain thoughts of upsetting them.

But the meet's real headline, at least in the boys' division, will be Big Spring sprint phenom Tory Mitchell.

Mitchell, the defending district, region, state and national champion in the 100 and 200 meters, upstaged both San Angelo teams during last week's Big Spring AMBUCS Relays, even though his winning times — 10.15 seconds in the 100 and 20.63 in the 200 — were not his best of the year.

While Steers coach Randy Britton says not to expect Mitchell to erase district records he already owns in both events — the Blankenship Field track's surface is too soft to produce record times — he's convinced his sprinting star will again turn heads.

"Tory's a tremendous competitor, so he'll be ready," Britton said, admitting that the Steers' lack of depth and a collection of injuries leave him unsure of just how strong a showing his team will make in the team standings.

"We ought to do better in the sprint relay than we did last week," Britton said, recalling the Steers' loss to Lake View in that event during the Big Spring AMBUCS Relays. "But we still haven't decided whether we're going to have a mile relay ... whether we'll put Tory and Doug (White) in the long jump ... we'll just have to wait and see."

Coahoma, Stanton linksters earn regional berths behind Post squads

HERALD Staff Report

SEMINOLE — Coahoma's Bulldogettes qualified for their third straight trip to the Region I, Class 2A golf tournament

and Bulldogs senior Blake Nichols qualified for his fourth trip to region, but the District 3-2A golf championships belonged to Post's Antelopes and Lady Antelopes here Thursday.

Stanton's Buffaloes will also be making the trip to the Region I, Class 2A tournament in the boys' division, after finishing as the runner-up to Post.

Both teams from Post entered the final 18 holes of district tournament play with

almost insurmountable leads, and even the almost gate-force winds that whipped the Gaines County Golf Course wouldn't change that.

Although the Antelopes soared to a 332 score Thursday, leaving them with a 943 total, they finished 84 strokes ahead of the Buffs, whose 361 round gave them a 1,027 total.

Coahoma's Bulldogs, who hoped a strong closing round would give them a shot to knock Stanton out of the runner-up's regional tourney berth, saw themselves fall from third to fifth in the final team standings when they posted a 406 Thursday and finished with a 1,102 total.

Plains' Cowboys and Tahoka's Bulldogs managed rounds of 364 and 374, respectively, to pull ahead of Coahoma.

The biggest swing of the day, however, came in the boys' medalist chase where Post's Marcus Lopez posted one of the few rounds below 80, knocking teammates Jay Gorman and Justin Norman out of the running.

Lopez's 74-71-75, 220 left him with an 11-stroke win over Gorman and Norman, both of whom finished at 231. Gorman took the runner-up medalist's honor with a playoff win over his teammate.

Coahoma's Nichols, who'd entered the final round just three strokes off the

medalist pace set by Lopez and Gorman, carded an 89 Thursday to finish with a 237 total, tied with Tahoka's Britt Sharrock for fourth place.

By finishing in the top six individuals, however, both Nichols and Sharrock advanced to the regional tournament.

Stanton's Will Harris, Kenneth Hull and Austin Kelly finished in the top 10 individually. Harris was sixth with a 240 total, while Hull was seventh at 244 and Kelly was eighth with a three-round total of 250.

Rounding out the Stanton A

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TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX—Placed C Scott Hatteberg on the 15-day disabled list.

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

Table with columns: American League, East Division, West Division, National League, East Division, West Division. Columns include W, L, Pct., GB.

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Cowboys' Lett reported in trouble again

IRVING (AP) — Star defensive tackle Leon Lett faces the prospect of lifetime suspension from the NFL after failing a drug test for the third time, according to published reports today that also raised the possibility of a Michael Irvin trade.

Let on the test. Lett, who was suspended for parts of the 1996-1997 seasons because of failed drug tests, might be challenging validity of the test collection and processing arrangements, which he also did before imposition of his second ban, according to The Times.

If Lett's appeal is denied, the Cowboys would be forced to look for a defensive tackle. The draft starts Saturday. League sources also told the Star-Telegram that the Cowboys would entertain trade offers for all-time leading receiver Michael Irvin.

GOLF

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scoring were Keith Cook's 112 that left him with a three-round total of 302 and Jon Cotton's 103 that allowed him to finish the tournament at 303.

Stanton's Lady Buffs were unable to finish team competition when Stephanie Washington and Jonna Moore couldn't take part in Thursday's final round.

Kenzie Williams finished the tournament with Stanton's best girls' score at 376, while Rainnie Hull was one stroke back at 377.

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COLLEGE
NCAA—Placed St. Joseph's, Ind., on two years probation and took away five men's basketball scholarships for the 1999-2000 season for violating NCAA rules.

Today's Games
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St. Louis at Pittsburgh, p.p.d., rain
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Lakers release Rodman

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Dennis Rodman's seven-week career with the Los Angeles Lakers has come to an abrupt end — no big surprise considering his recent behavior.

Rodman reacted to being released Thursday night by calling himself a scapegoat for the team's problems, and said the Lakers were "cowards not to take the fall for some of the things that have happened this year."

The Lakers issued a statement saying they were finished with Rodman in the wake of another in a long list of incidents involving the eccentric forward earlier in the day.

Desperate to win their first NBA title since 1988, the Lakers figured Rodman, a member of five championship teams, including the last three with the Chicago Bulls, was just what they needed to put them over the top.

In his final game, they botched out, losing 113-86 at Portland on Tuesday night.

But that wasn't the last straw. That apparently occurred when Rodman, according to coach Kurt Rambis, showed up late for the team's practice at Los Angeles Southwest College on Thursday morning, and was slow getting ready because he couldn't find his socks and shoes.

Rambis later told reporters he told Rodman to go home, and said the team was through with its special treatment of the NBA's leading rebounder in each of the last seven seasons.

"At this time we feel it's in the best interests of the Lakers to end the relationship," Lakers vice president Jerry West said in the statement issued Thursday night. "This obviously didn't work out like we had hoped, but we would like to thank Dennis for the contributions he did make to the team and wish him the best of luck in the future."

Rodman, who turns 38 next month, signed with the Lakers on Feb. 23 and played his first game three days later. He averaged 2.1 points, 11.2 rebounds and 28.6 minutes.

The Lakers won their first 11 games with Rodman in uniform, but were 6-6 since that time with him playing. They are 8-9 without him.

Rodman told Fox Sports News late Thursday night that the Lakers "have to have a fall guy, and I'm basically the fall guy."

"A lot of people will criticize my attitude and my dedication to the game of basketball, but you know, it doesn't surprise me," he said. "I didn't really miss practices. Today, I didn't miss practice. Today, he (Rambis) asked me, 'Do you need treatment?' I was there 10 minutes early before practice, and he told me to take the day off and all of a sudden I'm like, great, you know?"

"... I wanted to come here and win and play here. It didn't turn out that way. I don't know what I'm going to do right now. It's one of those deals. If they want to make me the fall guy, I will be the fall guy. I don't expect anything else."

Rodman did say he wanted to apologize to fans in Los Angeles, adding, "I hope that they don't look at me as a bad individual. I hope I'm still loved by people here in the state of California."

Rodman also said he would consider playing for another team this season.

"It depends on if somebody wants to take a chance on having a guy like me on a team that can win a championship. I will go and play with them," he said.

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In the Bible, Jesus asked Peter three times if he loved Him. Peter proclaimed to Jesus all three times that he did, and mentioned the third time, "Lord, you know everything: you know that I love you!" (John 21:15-17). This scripture is sometimes explained by tying it into the scripture in Luke, where Peter denies Jesus three times. Even though he denied Him, I am sure that Peter's love for Jesus was strengthened after proclaiming that he loved Him three times. Perhaps when we are praying, we should reinforce in our hearts how much we love Jesus by telling Him several times that we love Him, because we probably have also denied Him in one way or another.

The Lord knows everything, and He knows who loves Him even when we fail Him. However, when you profess your love to God, you are strengthening your faith and trust in Him. God returns our love on a continuing basis and His love for us is everlasting. A simple triad prayer of, "I love you, Jesus, I love you, Jesus, I love you, Jesus," strengthens our love and devotion for our Savior and may be just what we need whenever we fall short of His glory.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

No. P-12537 ESTATE OF JAMES W. WEAVER, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS. Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of James W. Weaver, Deceased, were issued on the 12th day of April, 1999, under Docket No. P-12537, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to Pauline Weaver. Claims may be presented in care of Pauline Weaver to the Estate addressed as follows: Estate of James W. Weaver c/o Pauline Weaver 706 Cup Coahoma, Texas 79511

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present the within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED the 12th day of April 1999. PAULINE WEAVER, Independent Executrix of the Estate of James W. Weaver. Deceased. 2282 April 16, 1999

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ADVERTISMENT FOR PROPOSALS The Big Spring Independent School District shall receive sealed bids proposals until 2:00 pm, April 29, 1999, for the following athletic areas:

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NOTICE TO DEFENDANT "You have been sued. You may attempt an answer. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation and petition a default judgment may be taken against you." TO Robert Dee Bodin Defendant, Grantee. You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday 10th day of May, 1999, before the Honorable 118th District Court of Howard County, Texas at the Court House of said County in Big Spring, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed with said court on the 10th day of March, A.D., 1999. In this case, numbered 98-03-

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39854 on the docket of said court, and styled, IN THE MATTER OF THE MARRIAGE OF PEGGY LOUISE DEDRICK BODIN AND ROBERT DEE BODIN A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: PETITION FOR DIVORCE as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit. The officer executing this writ has promptly served the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs. Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Big Spring, Texas this the 24th day of March A.D. 1999. GLENDA BRASEL, District Clerk 118th District Court, Howard County, Texas By Colleen Barton, Deputy 79720, with award to be made at a regularly scheduled meeting of the & April 2, 9, 16, 1999

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, sealed bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., April 27, 1999, for the purchase of AC-3 Asphalt for Seal Coat. Bids are to be opened and read aloud in the Big Spring City Council Chambers, City Hall, 307 East 4th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, with award to be made at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees on May 13, 1999, at 5:15 p.m. at their regularly scheduled board meeting. The Big Spring Independent School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. 2280 April 16 & 23, 1999

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HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 17: You are prone to changing your direction out of the blue this year. Let others know where you are coming from in discussions. Always remember financial implications, however. If you are single, Cupid's arrow hits the bull's-eye. This could be a very special relationship for quite a few years. If attached, the two of you might have different interests, but the intimacy between you will grow if you work on communication. Allow your relationship to reach new heights. Taurus can be a stick-in-the-mud.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***Unexpected ideas could affect your resources. Be sure this is the path you want to be on. You don't want to wake up in a few days, stunned by your own actions. Make calls; reach out. Tonight: Let popularity soar!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***You manage to bring out the best in people, for the most part. Still, you may trigger an authority figure. Surprise developments could have a domino effect. Tonight: Do whatever makes you happy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***Everyone needs a break, and you are no exception. Take some time off to think through what you want to do. A friend has a lot of opinions and information. You might be overwhelmed by everything. Isolate yourself, then formulate a game plan. Tonight: Be in control.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***Others are determined to have it their way. You might not be comfortable with your present choices. A respected or important person in your life has a lot of insight. Tonight: Join up with a special friend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***You could be jolted by a partner's actions. Don't take them too seriously. You like another's quirkiness, yet he unnerves you for the same reason. Make plans for a get-together or to catch an art show, browse a craft show or go to a flea market. Tonight: Still out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***You are working on nervous

energy. Pace yourself carefully, recognizing your limits. Another might not agree with you or your decisions. Learn to discuss both sides and to walk in another's shoes. Information that another reveals is important. Discuss the pros and cons. Tonight: Try a new setting.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***Understand where others are coming from. What jolts or surprises you clues you in about where you have misread another. Another is more than willing to chat up a storm. Sort through what is important. Tonight: Dinner for two.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***Others seem destined to change your plans and to take you in another direction. Ultimately, it is your choice. Don't let another discourage you. Run errands, get some personal "musts" handled. Tonight: Don't buck the trends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***You finally say "enough" and go off. You have been dutiful, centered and direct. Sit down with a new friend or a child. Do what he wants, explore his hobbies. Tonight: The fun begins.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***You have every right to enjoy. Still, you might make an error in spending. An element of the unpredictable continues to mark your finances. Self-expression comes forth. You might want a more concrete relationship. Tonight: Heartfelt discussions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***You rebel against present demands. A family member makes requests that you simply don't want to honor. How can you decline gracefully and make it easier for everyone? Start up discussions, eyeing what you want. Don't try to hide your feelings. Tonight: Invite others over.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***Talks allow others to open up to you. Gain information through inquiries. Revamp your budget; try another way of managing finances. Do some price comparison before making a big expenditure. A little indulgence picks up your spirit. Tonight: Visit with friends.

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Tall travelers find reason to rage against airlines

DEAR ABBY: When I saw the letter from "PDX Traveler, Tigard, Ore.," I had to write. The seating problem he described has been created by the airlines. They moved the seats closer together to increase revenue, and they profit at the expense of their customers. Passengers should be able to use the seats they have paid for, the way they were designed to be used, without having to ask permission from the person seated behind them. And if they cannot, they should be compensated! — 6 FOOT 4 TED FROM NEW JERSEY

DEAR TED: When I printed the letter from "PDX Traveler" I had no idea it would hit such a sore spot with frequent airline travelers. When I recommended asking for bulkhead seating, I was unaware that even though people may request it months ahead, there's no guarantee they will get it. From the tone of my mail — and I received a bushel — I'm surprised there aren't more incidents of "airplane rage" than we read about, because the situation is combustible.

DEAR ABBY: You and your readers might like to know that

airplane seats are uncomfortable because they were designed when fewer people traveled and air travel was more of a luxury. The basic airframe hasn't changed since the 707. Engineers say that the airlines are unwilling to pay for design changes necessary to produce the comfort customers want. If Boeing doesn't do it — maybe Airbus will — which will be to their gain! — STEPHEN L. RENNACKER, BERKELEY, CALIF.

DEAR STEPHEN: Clearly, this is a problem that will not be resolved without cooperation from the airline industry. If anyone from the airlines would like to reassure the millions of people who fly every year and who read this column — I'm sure it would clear the air.

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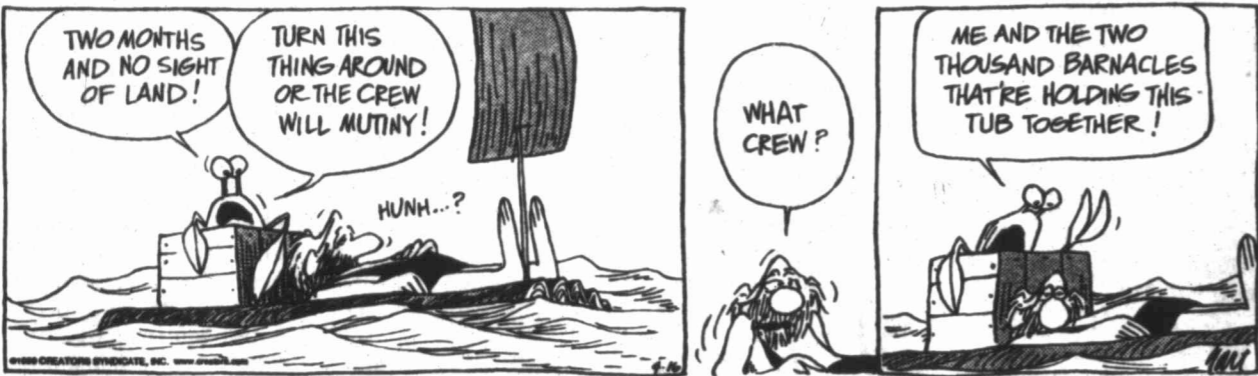
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Our sitter is retirin' from high school and goin' to college.

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Friday, April 16, the 106th day of 1999. There are 259

days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On April 16, 1947, America's worst harbor explosion occurred in Texas City, Texas, when the French ship "Grandcamp" blew up; another ship, the "Highflyer," exploded

the following day. The blasts and resulting fires killed 576 people.

On this date: In 1789, President-elect Washington left Mount Vernon, Va., for his inauguration in New York.

In 1862, a bill ending slavery in the District of Columbia became law.

In 1912, Harriet Quimby became the first woman to fly across the English Channel.

In 1917, Vladimir Ilyich Lenin returned to Russia after years of exile.

In 1945, in his first speech to Congress, President Truman pledged to carry out the war and peace policies of his late predecessor, President Roosevelt.

In 1945, U.S. troops reached Nuremberg, Germany, during the World War II.

In 1947, financier and presidential confidant Bernard M. Baruch said in a speech at the South Carolina statehouse: "Let us not be deceived. We are today in the midst of a cold war."

In 1962, Walter Cronkite succeeded Douglas Edwards as anchorman of "The CBS Evening News."

In 1972, Apollo 16 blasted off on a voyage to the moon.

Ten years ago: Spain's ambassador to Lebanon (Pedro Manuel de Aristegui) was killed by shellfire that broke out between Christian militiamen and an alliance of Syrian and Muslim gunners.

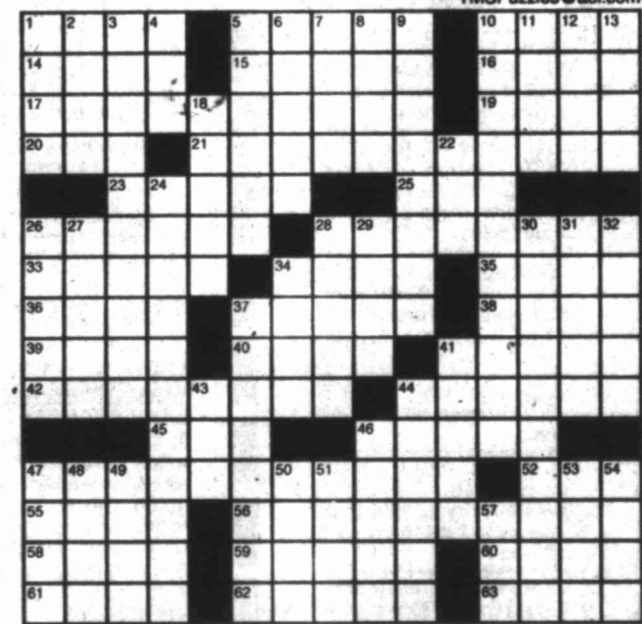
Five years ago: Bosnian Serbs downed a British Sea Harrier jet near Gorazde; the pilot ejected and was rescued by Bosnian government troops. Ralph Ellison, author of "Invisible Man," died in New York at age 80.

One year ago: Paula Jones announced she would ask an appeals court to reinstate her sexual harassment lawsuit against President Clinton after it was thrown out by a federal judge. Tornados claimed 11 lives in Arkansas, Tennessee and Kentucky.

Today's Birthdays: Actor-comedian Spike Milligan is 81. Actor Barry Nelson is 79. Actor-director-author Peter Ustinov is 78. Actor Peter Mark Richman is 72. Jazz singer Edie Adams is 70. Jazz musician Herbie Mann is 69. Singer Bobby Vinton is 64. Queen Margrethe II of Denmark is 59. Basketball Hall-of-Famer Kareem Abdul-Jabbar is 52. Singer Gerry Rafferty is 52. Actor David Graf is 49. Actor Jay O. Sanders is 46. Actress Ellen Barkin is 45. Singer Jimmy Osmond is 36. Rock singer David Pirner (Soul Asylum) is 35. Actor-comedian Martin Lawrence is 34.

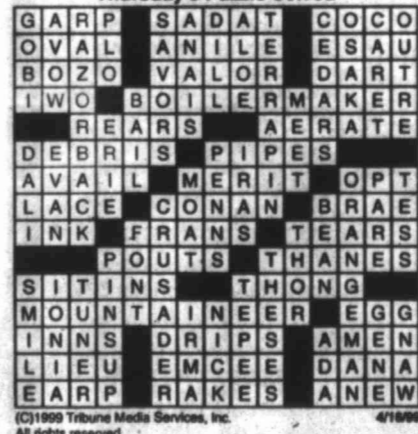
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