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School prayer rally set for Wednesday at Big Spring High

Ministers, students, teachers and other members of the local community will gather Wednesday morning to pray at the flagpole in front of Big Spring High School. The service will begin at 7:15 a.m., and organizers say it will last less than half an hour.

This service comes in the wake of shootings that occurred last Tuesday at Columbine High School. Two students went on a rampage at the school, killing 12 of their fellow students and a teacher, and injuring many others.

"A church member asked me, 'Couldn't we do something?' explained Eddie Tubbs, pastor at First Baptist Church. "This is something we can do."

He said the non-denominational event was organized with permission of school district officials, and in cooperation with several other ministers.

WHAT'S UP...

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room
- Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Terry Hansen at 264-5175.
- Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park.

THURSDAY

- Gideons International Big Spring Camp No. 4206, 7 a.m., Hermans.
- Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older.
- Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

FRIDAY

- AMBUCS (American Business Club), noon, Brandin' Iron Restaurant.
- Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

SATURDAY

- Dance 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. Everyone welcome.
- The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tonight:



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County jobless rate on the decline, bucking the trend in West Texas

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

Bucking the West Texas trend, the jobless rate in Howard County declined for the second straight month, according to data supplied by the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC).

The March unemployment rate for Howard County was 5.7 percent, down from February's 6.1 percent and January's 6.5 percent,



BELEW
6.5 percent,

and the lowest of all of the larger counties in West Texas.

"We were certainly pleasantly surprised," admitted TWC Area Manager Virginia Belew.

Belew said a set of numbers as important as the declining unemployment rate is a growing work force.

"That's really important for Howard County," Belew said. "This time last year, we had 13,955 in the civilian labor force compared to 14,617 in the work force this year."

Belew said TWC officials kept waiting for a downturn in the economy, especially as other areas of West Texas suffered, but that one never came.

"We didn't see any significant number of layoffs in Howard County. We kept expecting it," she said, "but it never came."

According to Belew, this is the first time ever that the Howard County unemployment rate has been lower than that in Midland County. Midland County's rate for March was 6.3 percent.

And the prospects are good for continued growth, she said, especially with the upcoming groundbreaking for the VA Home and the passage of the boll weevil eradication vote in the Permian Basin Zone.

Belew said the Big Spring Workforce Center will be working with Howard

HOWARD COUNTY UNEMPLOYMENT

March 1999	5.7%
February 1999	6.1%
January 1999	6.5%

College to train staff for a number of service-related jobs at the Veterans Home.

Also, the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation is expected to locate up to 45 jobs in one of the six counties in the Permian Basin Zone, which includes Howard, Dawson, Martin

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Howard College honors retired professors

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Howard College trustees Monday named retired professors David King Professor Emeritus 1999, and Dr. Paul Ausmus Professor Emeritus 2000.

"We have received three letters for each of these men, and while this is a little unusual, we recommend doing this," said Dr. Cheryl Sparks, president of the college.



SPARKS

Trustees also approved a \$121,331 purchase of a CISCO Networking laboratory for the San Angelo campus, and plans are in the making to dedicate a computer laboratory for a CISCO Academy on the Big Spring campus.

"CISCO has developed the technology for Internet servers, and this is a sole source item through the design vendors. We did check and discovered these prices are legitimate," said Terry Hansen, executive vice president.

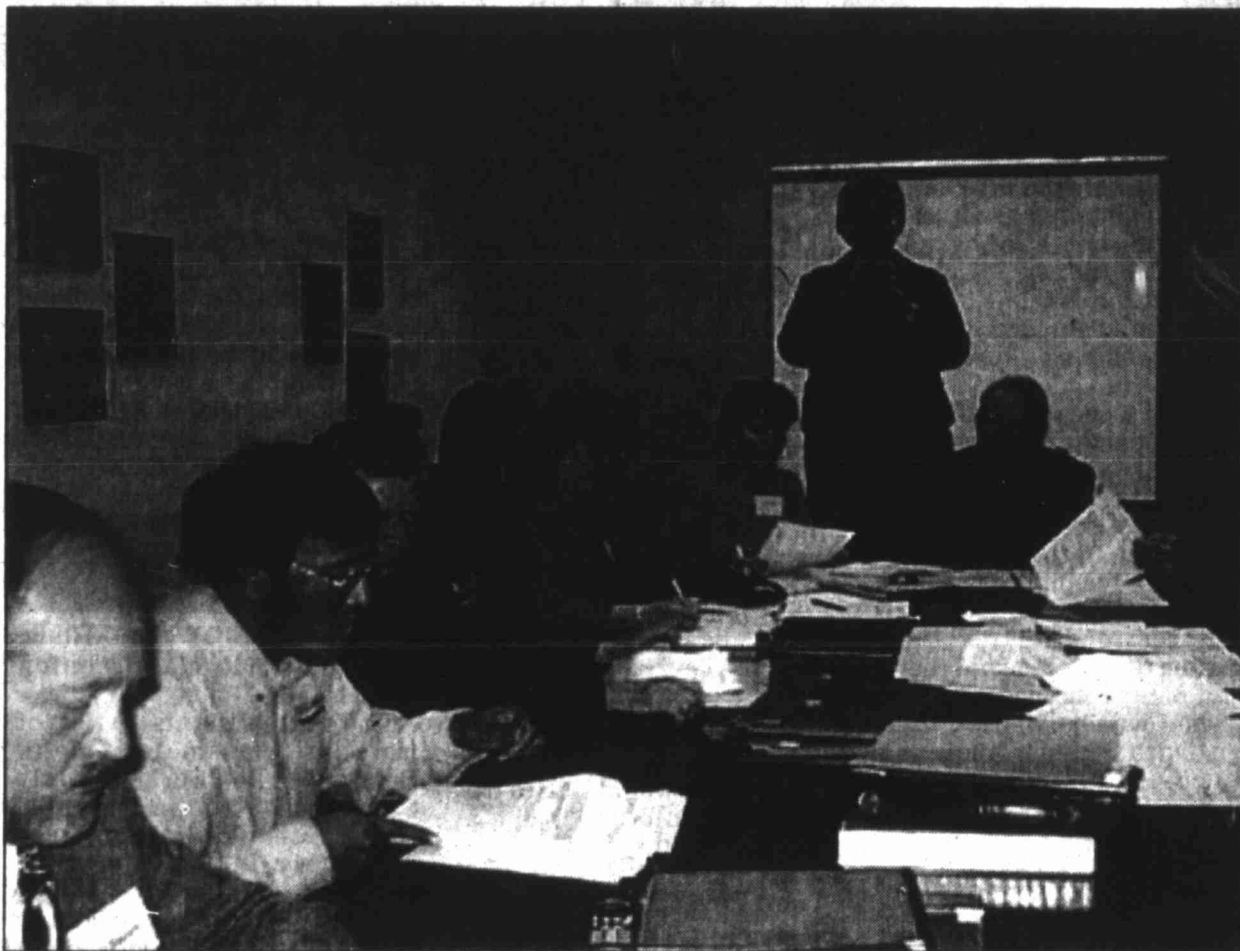
The new CISCO laboratories will allow the college to offer short term certification programs in fast growing fields of computer Internet technology, he said.

Big Spring High School has a two-year program, and high school graduates with this type of certification may earn top wages, he said.

Ken Tunstall, vice president for instruction, said the college researched using the high school program and computers, but because of modular-building projects that use a hard drive, sharing computers is not feasible.

"But we are looking at including this in the fall on this campus," Tunstall said.

Keeping abreast of changing



Howard College trustees met Monday at the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf for their regular April meeting. American Sign Language interpreters Tabitha Haynes, standing, and Shannon Creswell alternated signing the meeting for those students and SWCID advisory board members who attended.

technology is important for the community college, said Harold Davis.

"That's what we're here for," Davis said.

In other business, trustees accepted a settlement in the Texas Political Entities Asbestos Class Action Lawsuit of \$490,609.93.

"Due to the nature of the settlement, that is the only thing we can make public," said Sparks.

Davis asked if the funds would be used to abate asbestos and Sparks answered affirmatively.

A theater design consultant will visit with Howard College administrators May 12, and

plans to renovate the auditorium continue, Sparks said.

This regular meeting was in the board room at the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf, and trustees and administrators welcomed the SWCID advisory board.

"This advisory board meets once a year, and we try to schedule their meeting around this one. These board members come from different parts of the state and provide guidance in the area of deafness for SWCID," Sparks said.

A new certification program, Graphic Arts Technology, was approved for the SWCID campus.

"We are excited about the

future in this area and excited about the possibilities for our students. We hope to offer this in the fall, once we have identified an instructor," said Ron Brasel, provost for SWCID.

Sparks and trustees Don McKinney, board president, and trustee Michael Flores, gave a report concerning Big Spring Day in Austin.

"This was a tremendous stage for the Hammer program, and we need to give credit to Ken Tunstall for bringing this idea to the college, which provides a strong message to young people. We are very proud to be the first community college in the nation to have this program," Sparks said.

Fire investigation changes over time, class hears

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Members of the first-ever Citizens Fire Academy learned at their first class that a fire scene investigation has changed through the years, as burned possessions today leave an oily residue.

"This is different than what we used to see, because of synthetics in a fire. Before, white smoke meant a grass fire, brown smoke was a house fire and black smoke was tires. Now the fire scene is slimy and oily from petroleum by-products," said Lt. Carl Condray, an investigator with the department.

And all arson leaves a trace of an accelerant, a flammable material used to start a fire, he said.

"Some things they just can't hide. People think everything burns up in a fire, but that's simply not the case," Condray said.

A fire scene is well-documented during the investigation, Condray explained to the six people who attended.

Photographs and video tape when available, as well as detailed drawings of the fire scene, aid investigators in determining the cause and the path of a fire, he said.

And all fires have a path, which trained fire investigators

"As a general rule, we stay in the house (station). I look at it as if I was grounded for 24 hours."

-Firefighter Dusty Shelhamer

search for to determine where a fire started, he said.

"There is much documentation of a fire scene in an arson investigation," Condray said.

The most efficient method of extinguishing fires is with steam, Condray said. Hoses used in firefighting today convert one gallon of water into 17 gallons of steam.

"Steam puts out fires better," he said.

Fire academy members also learned that a firefighter devotes much of his life to his profession.

"I spend one-third of my life away from my family. A lot of things we miss, like that first step, those first words, that first ball game," Condray said.

Firefighters in Big Spring are on duty for 24 hours, then off for 48 hours. During their on-duty hours, they are required to remain at the fire station, ready to respond to an emergency, Deputy Chief Alex Calvio said.



Citizens fire academy member Lucy Clinton and Lt. Carl Condray with the Big Spring Fire Department examine a piece of evidence taken from a fire scene.

"Every station has a grocery fund paid for by the firefighters, and the firefighters are required to cook for themselves. They may take turns, or one cook and one clean," Calvio said.

Calvio said the crews are allowed to tone down their activities after 6 p.m., but until that time every hour is spent in training, preparing and check-

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County Commissioners to accept letters of interest for vacated posts

Howard County commissioners agreed to accept letters of interest, along with resumes, until noon Wednesday, for the justice of the peace and county treasurer positions.

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

"We've had three people for each position indicate they wish to be considered. We have to run checks, such as residency requirements, after we stop accepting applications," said County Judge Ben Lockhart.



LOCKHART

China Long, Precinct 1 justice of the peace, and Bonnie Franklin, county treasurer, submitted letters of resignation declaring their intent to retire earlier this month.

Those letters were accepted Monday, and the positions will be vacant May 1. Interviews with commissioners and Lockhart will begin Thursday about 1 p.m.

"And continue Friday at 1 p.m. if need be," Lockhart said. In other business, commissioners heard a report from certified public accountant Tracy Tarter concerning the county's annual financial report.

"You have a good, really good accounting system. My job is not to judge the financial decisions, but to judge the system, the control and the reporting. You have a clean audit report," Tarter said.

A 98.56 percent tax collection, along with a balanced budget added to Tarter's approval.

"The budget wasn't exceed, the budget was met and there are no problems there. The county has very little debt, and that is a good rate for tax collection. I check the bidding processes, to make sure you are bidding all that you're supposed to, and that's all in order," Tarter said.

Commissioner Gary Simer said the first meeting of the executive board for the volunteer fire department has been set, and Tim Drinkard has been appointed to the board.

Drinkard, a Veterans Administration Medical Center employee in plant operations, will meet with Simer and Robert Ragan Wednesday.

Also, the county employee grievance committee is in place, county clerk Donna Wright said. Lydia Perez, Randy Gee and Ernest Wilson have all agreed to be members of that committee.

And commissioners agreed to change the water vendor from former Third Coast Water to the Water Shoppe.

Jackie Olson, county auditor, said the Water Shoppe had contacted her about supplying the courthouse with water, and she sought competitive pricing between the two companies.

"I'd prefer we go with a local company," Simer said.

Olson said she has been told Third Coast became Rainbow, a

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OBITUARIES

Minnie Birmingham

Funeral service for Minnie Birmingham, 90, was today at 2 p.m. in the Kiker-Seale Chapel with Rev. Ted Spear officiating. Burial will follow in the Westbrook Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

She died Sunday, April 25, 1999, in an area hospital.

Mrs. Birmingham was born Sept. 11, 1908 in Hot Springs, Ark. She married John Birmingham in Corsicana, Nov. 24, 1923. The couple moved to West Texas in 1926 and lived in Westbrook, Sweetwater and Big Spring most of their lives. Mrs. Birmingham was a member of the Social Order of Beauceant in Big Spring and First Baptist Church of Colorado City.

Survivors include: one son, James Birmingham of Colorado City; one daughter, Lillie Griffin of Okla. Minn.; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home, Colorado City.

Felipe Huerta

Funeral service for Felipe Huerta, 38, St. Lawrence, will be 7 p.m. today at St. Lawrence Catholic Church with Rev. Christopher Coleman, pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, officiating. Interment will be at Ciudad Valle, San Luis Potosi, Mexico.

He died Sunday, April 25, 1999, at his residence.

Mr. Huerta was born April 11, 1961, in Narajo, Tamaulipas, Mexico, and married Sara Paulin Dominguez. Mr. Huerta had lived in St. Lawrence for 10 years and worked for Jerome Hoelscher. He was a Catholic.

Survivors include: his wife, Sara Huerta of St. Lawrence; four sons, Rufino Huerta, Lorenzo Antonio Huerta, Danny Huerta and Alvin Huerta, all of St. Lawrence; one daughter, Jessica Huerta of St. Lawrence; his parents, Aucencio and Facunda Huerta of Mexico; three sisters, Antonia Huerta, Josefina Huerta and Maria Huerta, all of Mexico; and four brothers, Jose Huerta, Aucencio Huerta, and Crincenciano Huerta all of Mexico, and Miguel Angel Huerta of North Carolina.

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

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and Ector as well as parts of Borden and Midland counties.

Overall, the 18-county Permian Basin region shows an unemployment rate of 8.6 percent — more than double the same time a year ago.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288
Billie Maxine Roper, 70, died Saturday. Services were 2:00 PM Tuesday at Living Water Church. Burial was at Coahoma Cemetery.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home

Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331
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Area unemployment rates by county include:
Andrews, 12.2; Borden, 1.8; Crane, 9.8; Dawson, 8.1; Ector, 10.9; Gaines, 6.4; Glasscock, 2.1; Loving, 14.6; Martin, 6.3 and Midland, 6.3.
Also, Pecos, 8.3; Reagan, 10.8; Reeves, 12.3; Terrell, 6.4; Upton, 8.4; Ward, 12.3 and Winkler, 16.4 percent.

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company out of Midland.

Commissioners also approved three purchase requests. A copy for the tax assessors office was approved for \$3,295.

"We had a good trade-in," Olson said.

The sheriff's department will purchase a \$1,000 digital camera for use in evidence documentation.

And a restraint chair for \$1,095 will be purchased for use in the county jail.

Sheriff Bill Jennings said his jailers recently borrowed a restraint chair from the city police department, due to an inmate who was making numerous suicide attempts.

"We need this very badly, it will cut down on our jail liability. Three ambulance calls pays for the chair," Jennings said.

Also, Phil Furqueron, architect, and Loraine Redman, Howard County librarian, said the problem with a mysterious odor at the library has been eliminated, for the time being.

"We've cured the symptom, if not the problem," Furqueron said.

Energas inspectors visited the library, tested the quality of air, and detected no leaks, Redman said. Thus far, no further complaints have been made, and one bathroom in the downstairs area is open for public use, she said.

"The air quality is fine, according to Energas, and there are no dangerous gases in the air. They will be writing us a letter with these findings," Furqueron said.

Survivors include: his wife, Sara Huerta of St. Lawrence; four sons, Rufino Huerta, Lorenzo Antonio Huerta, Danny Huerta and Alvin Huerta, all of St. Lawrence; one daughter, Jessica Huerta of St. Lawrence; his parents, Aucencio and Facunda Huerta of Mexico; three sisters, Antonia Huerta, Josefina Huerta and Maria Huerta, all of Mexico; and four brothers, Jose Huerta, Aucencio Huerta, and Crincenciano Huerta all of Mexico, and Miguel Angel Huerta of North Carolina.

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ACADEMY

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ing equipment, and other station duties.

"As a general rule, we stay in the house (station). I look at it as if I was grounded for 24 hours," said firefighter Dusty Shelhamer, who is assigned to station one.

Firefighters sleep at the station, and are required to wear shorts and a t-shirt to bed, to be ready in case a call comes through, he said.

Fire Marshal Burr Lea Settles, Jr. said training for firefighters is continuous. He has attended such specific training classes as body language and hand writing analysis, to help aid in fire investigations.

"We learn how to tell if someone is being truthful or not. After the body language course, the men wouldn't talk to us too much," Settles joked.

He also gave fire academy members a history of Howard County fire fighting.

In 1907, Robert Fields was the first paid firefighter in the county. The office was located where the courthouse is today, in the northwest corner near the downtown water well, he said.

"The first fire station was built in the 1930s where city hall is today. The volunteer firemen slept upstairs, where the city jail was also located. Fire fighters were responsible for cooking the meals for the prisoners, he said.

"We are very proud of the fact that we were the first county in the state of Texas to have a motorized fire truck," Settles said.

Today, there are five fire stations and 65 employees. In 1947, firefighters were paid \$165 per month. Entry level, starting salary today is \$1,753 a month, Settles said.

"Salary has gone up a little bit, and so have the requirements," Settles said.

Today, firefighters must pass examinations, and retain specific certifications. Many firefighter

are also trained emergency medical service technicians, he said.

Condray said that at one time, employees with the Big Spring fire department had more college degrees than any other department within the city.

"We are very proud of our professional fire department and our EMS," said city manager Gary Fuqua, who welcomed the members to the first class.

The second fire academy class is scheduled for tonight, when firefighting apparatus will be the topic. Those who attended the first class were Lucy Clinton, Garner Thixton, Robert Ragan, Brad Smith, Chris Baserra and Marsha Sturdivant Jones.

BRIEFS

55 ALIVE MATURE DRIVING class will be May 10-11 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Howard County Library Community Room. Cost is \$8 and you must attend both sessions. Call 267-1729 to pre-register or ask questions. Please call before 8 p.m.

COAHOMA ISD WILL HAVE Kindergarten and prekindergarten registration by appointment on May 6, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Call 394-4323 to set up an appointment. Children must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 1999 for kindergarten, or 4 years old for prekindergarten. Prekindergarten must qualify as economically disadvantaged. Students need to attend with their parents, and parents should bring the child's birth certificate, Social Security card and shot records.

COAHOMA IS PLANNING ITS Third annual Citywide Garage Sale, sponsored by the Coahoma Lions Club, for May 8. Those who would like to participate should call Irene at 394-4424 or call the Li'l Sooper Market.

The Lions Club will be having a sale this year as a fundraiser. To donate items to the club, call Irene and she will arrange pickup. Deadline to register is May 4.

The fee to be part of the giant garage sale is \$15.

GARDEN CITY HEAD START registration will be May 3-7. Bring proof of income, birth certificate, immunization records and Social Security for all members of the household. Applications will be taken in the Garden City Head Start classroom from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Call Delia Pierson, 354-2413 for more information.

SUPPORT GROUPS

TUESDAY
•Support for MS and Related Diseases, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Canterbury South. Public invited. Call Leslie, 267-1069.

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.

•Compassionate Friends support group for parents who have experienced death of a child, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday in February, April, June, August, October and December in the Family Life Center Building, First Baptist Church, 705 West Marcy. Enter by southeast door. Call 267-2769.

•Cancer support group, first Tuesday of each month, 7-8

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p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Sue Jones, 263-7361 ext. 7179 or 264-7518.

"Most Excellent Way," an addiction support group, 3610 Dixon, call 264-9900.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed meeting.

•Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have Dr. Ronald Meyer, D.Min., LCDC, LMFT, specializing in individual and marriage counseling, Attention Deficit Disorder and chemical dependency, available for clients in Midland. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

WEDNESDAY

•Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

•Narcotic Anonymous, 8 p.m. St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager no.) Step study.

•Diabetes Support Group, 7 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center first floor classroom, last Wednesday of every month. For more information call 268-4581.

IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

REUNIONS

THE CLASS OF 1949 will be having its 50th class reunion on Oct. 14-16.

The following is a list of missing classmates: John Brinkaeter, Roy Burke, Beverly Campbell, Winona Fincher, Helen Eubanks Harris, Irvin Hurt, Myrl Lou McGuire, Rodman Roberts, Vonia "Scottie" Scott, Jean Seiler, Jo Ann Tanner, and Jean Waldrop Womack.

If you have any information of these classmates, please contact Katie Jones Cathey at 263-4611 or Jane Stripling Jones at 263-3078.

THE CLASS OF 1954 is having their 45th class reunion, Oct. 15-16. We have been unable to locate the following class members:

Martha Buford, Norma Burns, Rebecca Chadwick, Viola Chandler, James Day, Glenda Drennan, Angel Franco, Wayne Lankford, Donald Malone, David McNeely, Kim Milling, Arlene Mitchell, Lewis Newll, Wanda Rouse, Shirley Spero, Joy Towery, Jack Wactendorf, Don Washburn, and Mike Williamson.

If you can help us with an address or phone number for one of these class members, please call 267-6400.

THE CLASS OF 1969 will be having a class reunion on Oct. 15-16. We are searching for the following graduates:

Steven Aubrey Austin, Ruth Bailey (Collins), Shirley Baldock, Douglas Ball, Rhonda Barger, Warren Bell, Jessie Ladd Bennett, Linda Gail Benson, Brenda Bradbury, Dwight Brown, James Brown, Kenny Brown, Mike Brumley, Sherry Buford, Allen Bunn, Mary Beth Burcham, Phillip Burchett, Bobbie Beatrice Byrd, Allen Carlile, Candace Carothers, Jimmy Ray Carter,

TEXAS LOTTERY

PICK 3: 9,2,9
CASH 5:9,13,35,37,38

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

Cifra	19% to 20
Coca Cola	68 + 1
Compaq Computer	24% + 1/2
Cornell Correc.	20% - 1/2
Dell	44% - 1/2
DuPont	68% + 1/2
Exxon	78% + 1/2
Halliburton	40% + 1/2
IBM	211% + 1 1/2
Intel Corp	63% - 1
Mid Amer Energy	31% + 1/2
Mobil	96% + 1/2
NUV	9%
Palex Inc.	6% + 3/16
Pepsi Cola	37% + 1/2
Petrofina	56% + 1
Phillips Petroleum	48% + 1 1/2
SBC Com.	55% + 1/2
Sears	43% + 1/2
Texaco	60% + 1/2
Texas Instruments	113% + 1 1/2
Texas Utils. Co	40% + 1/2
Unocal Corp	38% + 1 1/2
Wal-Mart	50% - 1/2
Amcap	18.65-19.79
Europacific	31.41-33.33
Prime Rate	7.75%
Gold	281.50-282.50
Silver	5.09-5.14

POLICE

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

• KEITH ALDRIDGE, 28, was arrested for public intoxication.

• JUVENILE PROBLEM was reported near Fourth and Birdwell and in the 500 block of Aylesford.

• RUNAWAY was reported at the police station.

• BURGLARY was reported in the 600 block of East Third.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported near 17th and Virginia and in the 1000 block of East 16th.

• TERRORIST THREATS was reported in the 2000 block of Goliad.

• ROBERTO CANSIANO, 22, was arrested for local warrants.

• CLASS C ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 2900 block of West 13th.

• TELEPHONE HARASSMENT was reported in the 3200 block of Fenn.

• MARK MOLINA, 34, was arrested for driving while license invalid.

• MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of Third and Gregg.

• ASSAULT was reported in the 1300 block of Harding.

• THEFT was reported in the 1100 block of Lamesa, 400 block of Johnson and 2300 block of Wasson.

• WEEKEND SUMMARY indicates two assault, two family violence, four burglary of a habitation, two burglary of a building and two burglary of a vehicle reports.

And four criminal mischief, one forgery, one failure to identify, three information, three overdose and two runaway reports.

Also, 15 theft, 16 convenience store thefts, 18 arrests, one major accident and four minor accident reports.

SHERIFF

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

• JAMES EARL MAGERS, 37, was arrested for delivery of a controlled substance.

MARKETS

May cotton 58.10 cents, up 25 points; June crude 17.60, down 6 points; cash hogs steady at 32; cash steers steady at 65 even; June lean hog futures 57.95, down 22 points; June live cattle futures 63.65, up 32 points. courtesy: Delta Corporation.
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OUR VIEWS

Hope to see you at state hospital fundraiser Friday

Big Spring State Hospital volunteers will step out Friday night in "Denim and Diamonds." The group's annual gala fundraiser includes a dance at the Stampede, with music by Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys.

This event is the volunteer council's way of showing appreciation to its donors, who are honored with a special reception before the dance. This year, that part of the evening will take place at the home of Stan and Sue Partee, special friends of the volunteers.

There is still time to get tickets for the dance, which will begin at 9 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door for \$15 singles, \$25 a couple, or call volunteer services at 268-7535 to reserve your place at the Stampede.

In its 13th year, this gala is a much-needed fundraiser disguised as a night of fun. The event follows a western theme, and so does the attire of most in attendance. Although, as the name suggests, many people wear denim, and a few wear diamonds as well.

Proceeds will benefit patients of Big Spring State Hospital. Throughout the year, volunteers provide many "extras" for patients, including comfort items, special activities and parties. They also contribute to projects of the hospital, including new treatment programs.

Without volunteers, the hospital could not offer its patients many of the services they now have. And the hospital would not function as efficiently as it does. They are vital to the hospital's mission, and deserving of our support.

Show your appreciation the volunteer services program and what it does. Consider attending "Denim and Diamonds," if for nothing more than just to see both denim and diamonds in the same place. And in the meantime, you'll be doing good work for some members of our community who might otherwise be forgotten.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:
First of all, Thank You for keeping Big Spring informed.

On Saturday, April 10, 1999, the Law lost to the HOGs (who probably practiced for many hours).

The volleyball tournament was a success and we all had fun. Actually, no one lost! All the teams that participated helped out in a good cause, which makes those who participated winners.

The Special Olympic Law Enforcement Torch Run Volleyball Tournament was made possible by the following people, businesses, etc.:

Special Thanks to Wal-Mart for permitting the use of the east parking lot, and to the Big Spring Herald, Big Spring Printing, KBEST, KBT's & KWES for the advertising.

Thank you Coca-Cola Bottling Co. for providing the drinks, and thank you Butcher Block for providing the hot dogs, including Flo-Lite Signs for the T-shirts. The Harley Davidson Shop for cooking the hot dogs, and the T-shirts donated to the Special Olympians.

Thank the Wal-Mart managers, Becky Fomby, Kelly Sykes & Cathrine Clanton for agreeing, being excited and assisting in putting together the tournament. Wal-Mart also had their Relay for Life fundraiser, and we, side-by-side, enjoyed each others company.

Without the HOGs, Lezlie Kurklin & Barry Barnett's scheduled meeting and ideas, the tournament would

not have taken place. I met these fine, community related, organization individuals through their Chili Cook-off events, which I have had the pleasure of judging.

Coming together will bring forth ideas for the future.

Thank you goes to the Sand People. Without the city, Todd Darden, Kenny Davis, Jessie Baker, and the loaders and drivers this would have never been started. McMahon Concrete Co., Kevin McMahon, Marcus Carr, including the loader and driver finished bringing the sand to Wal-Mart. Matt Massengil, with M&M General Contractors Inc. assisted by leveling the sand McMahon delivered.

The following businesses sponsored a team: The Karat Patch, AMBUCS, Kiwanis Club, First Bank of West Texas, Hy-Tech Hair Salon, Coahoma's Lions Club, Rocky's, Slick Electric, Hull's Fina Mart, Comet Cleaners and Security Development. One is blessed by being involved and giving.

Thank you to South West Tools, Spencer Coating, Phillips Fabrication, All Star Sports (for trophies) and the YMCA for the nets and balls, including Raymond Hogg for the volleyball poles & Pat Hogg for the fine tasting treats during our meetings.

Special Thanks for BSFD, and Mitch Gill for being the announcer and entertainer during the event.

My next letter will be thanking the team members who made it possible.
JAVIER V. BECERRA

We created Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold

I suspect church pews were a little more crowded on Sunday than usual, as many Americans sought comfort from the horror of last week's killings in Littleton, Colo. I know Columbine High School was on my mind as I drove to Mass.



LINDA CHAVEZ

Churches are still the place where most Americans seek refuge and solace in times of pain and loss. But for Catholics this week, there were words of warning as well as comfort in Sunday's liturgy. Taken from the Acts of the Apostles, the words could not have been more pertinent had they been selected specifically as a lesson on the Colorado killings: "Save yourselves from this perverse generation."

We have indeed created a perverse generation. Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold were not natural born killers. It is easier to think they were deranged than to admit that

our culture has been carefully preparing them throughout their childhood and adolescence to wreak death and destruction on their peers, with little or no interference from parents, teachers or neighbors.

The entertainment industry today saturates young people with violent images unlike anything most of us ever saw growing up. While film violence is nothing new — and indeed violence has been depicted in the theater since the Greeks — both the quantity and quality has changed drastically in the last 20 years. From the current fantasy flick "Matrix" to last year's critical acclaim "Saving Private Ryan," violent images of severed limbs, gaping chest wounds and flowing blood are the staple of virtually every action film, whether its theme is frivolous or serious.

I used to think it mattered whether the violence in a movie served some higher, dramatic purpose. Mel Gibson's "Braveheart" was fine, his recent "Payback" wasn't. I don't believe that anymore. It's becoming clear that the images themselves help desensitize youth to violence. They literally fill young minds with violent pictures that can be

replayed over and over again, creating a pornographic, violent fantasy that would be beyond the imaginative capacity of normal people had Hollywood not created the images in the first place.

Even worse than the violent films are the brutal videogames that turn players from passive viewer into active participant. Harris and Klebold were reportedly fans of "Doom," one of many popular videogames that require players to mow down as many characters as possible in the shortest amount of time, using a variety of simulated assault weapons. Lt. Col. Dave Grossman, a retired Army psychologist, says these videogames are similar to methods used by the military to train soldiers to overcome their natural inhibitions against killing other human beings.

In a recent speech that was adapted into an article for "Christianity Today," Grossman explains that most people have a natural aversion to killing and must be trained to ignore their instincts, which even in the heat of battle will prevent most men from firing their weapon to kill another person. In World War II, one study determined that only

about 15 percent to 20 percent of riflemen could bring themselves to shoot at an exposed enemy soldier. In order to solve this problem, the Army changed its training to include specific exercises in brutalization, classical conditioning, operant conditioning and role modeling. By the Vietnam era, the Army had achieved a 90 percent shooting rate. The constant barrage of violent films and videogames that are the daily fare of many teen-age boys today serve the same purpose — with the same effect.

In the last few years, we have witnessed one after another murderous rampage within our schools, each incident more shocking than the last. We created Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold by allowing our popular culture to turn into a non-stop training film on how to kill. And then we left them without proper supervision from parents or schools, with too much money and too much time on their hands to seek diversions in violent films and videogames, and too much access to unfiltered information on the Internet.

If we cannot reduce the violence in our popular culture, there will be more scenes like those out of Columbine High School in our future.



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Self-government requires citizens' self-discipline

Gannett News Service recently reported some statistics that show the true nature of our two-tier economy.

According to the story, one-third of Americans have no savings, no investments and are in debt. A fifth have zero assets. Ten million households don't even have a bank account — an indication they are literally going from one check to the next.



CHARLEY REESE

It's important to understand the difference between wealth and money. Wealth consists of assets — houses, businesses, land, tools, vehicles and so forth. Money is a medium of exchange. The difference can be shown by example.

Let's say a person owns a home, owns a car and is debt-free. That person can live on a modest income of money. Now

the next person owns nothing but has a good-paying job. He rents or pays on a mortgage, he pays for club memberships, he leases a fancy car he borrows for vacations and other stuff. Outwardly, he appears to be living the good life, but in reality, he is extremely vulnerable and on the edge of disaster.

Let him get laid off and what happens? He loses everything. He was living on the basis of monthly payments, and now his cash flow has gone 100 percent negative — all out, no in. Unless he can find a new job quickly, he will lose his house, his car and everything else.

If indeed a third of Americans have no savings, no investments and are in debt, then they are living on the edge of economic disaster and certainly not really sharing in the prosperity touted by the politicians and academics. There is a big difference between statistical prosperity and real, flesh-and-blood prosperity. A person may be counted as employed, but if a person is employed in a low-pay, no-future job, then that person is not participating in prosperity.

One reason we have a low unemployment rate is that many people are in part-time positions, where generally they have no benefits like vacation time or medical insurance. Another reason is that people who have given up looking for work are not even counted as unemployed. Never trust government statistics.

One good argument for a frugal government is that extravagant governments will dump most of the tax burden on the poorest people. Why? Because the very wealthy people can and will use their wealth to purchase political influence and protect their assets. My own state has such a regressive tax system that it even manages to nail the homeless. (If a homeless man buys \$5 and buys a hamburger, he has to pay sales tax.)

We certainly need a fairer tax system, not only at the federal level but at the state and local level. Tax increases by local and state governments have been tremendous in recent years.

The problem is, though, that government spending is what drives taxes, and until

Americans wean themselves from the idea that governments can solve all human, social and personal problems, it is pointless to talk about tax reform. The politicians may play games, like lowering a rate while eliminating deductions, but they won't — they can't — really reduce the tax load until they end many, many government programs.

They won't do that until people demand it. Put plainly, a politician earns no Brownie points by ending a spending program, while starting a spending program always pleases at least the people who benefit from it. In all my years of sitting through government meetings at one level or another, I never heard any citizen come forward and say, "Cut spending." Everyone always wanted government to spend money on some project they favored.

Self-government requires self-discipline on the part of citizens, and we aren't quite there yet, though some are working on it.

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Pentagon poised to order reservists to active duty for Kosovo conflict

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon is set to begin ordering National Guard and Reserve members to active duty for the first time in the Kosovo conflict. The call-up of as many as 33,000 reservists will enable NATO to expand its air armada and quicken the pace of its attacks, officials said.

Defense Secretary William Cohen was expecting a final go-ahead from President Clinton and planned to announce the call-up as early as today, administration officials said Monday, speaking on condition of anonymity.

"A reserve call-up will come

very quickly," Kenneth Bacon, Cohen's spokesman, said Monday as he announced that 30 more Air Force refueling aircraft — including some to be flown by Air National Guard units — have been ordered to Europe in support of the airstrikes against Yugoslavia. He said they would leave this weekend from bases in Arizona, California, Michigan and a fourth, unspecified state.

White House officials said Clinton knows that the roughly 1,000 reservists who already are participating in the NATO air campaign as volunteers will not be enough as the pace of attacks

increases. Only the president can order National Guard and Reserve forces to active duty.

"The president has made clear that he is prepared to look favorably on requests to support the air campaign, and while no final decisions have been made, I expect the president to review this decision expeditiously," David Leavy, chief spokesman for the National Security Council, said Monday.

U.S. officials awaited word, meanwhile, on an expected second visit today by representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross with three American POWs

held in Belgrade. White House officials welcomed indications from an initial Red Cross visit Monday that the soldiers — captured March 31 along the Macedonia-Kosovo border — appeared to be in relatively good condition. But they complained that the POWs had been denied their full visitation rights under international law.

Although Cohen was expected to set a ceiling of 33,000 reservists for the call-up, the initial requirement may be for a smaller number. In any case, about three-quarters of the total are expected to be Air Force reserves. Some Army National

Guard and Reserve members are likely to be called up to support the Apache helicopter operations in Albania. A smaller number of Navy and Marine Corps reservists also are likely to get the call to help with port management, officials said.

Air Force Maj. Gen. Charles Wald, briefing reporters at the Pentagon on Monday regarding the air campaign's progress, said 23 Apache attack helicopters had arrived in Albania and were ready to begin attack missions against the Yugoslav army in Kosovo as soon as NATO commanders gave the signal.

Later, one of the Apaches crashed near Tirana while on a training mission. Officials at U.S. European Command in Germany said the two crew members were evacuated to an Army field hospital at Tirana and initial reports indicated they were in good condition. The cause of the crash was under investigation.

Wald said bad weather again limited NATO operations Monday, but some planes managed to strike military targets, including Yugoslav armored vehicles in Kosovo and communications links elsewhere in Serbia.

Klebold girlfriend may have bought two or three guns

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) — The 18-year-old girlfriend of Columbine High School gunman Dylan Klebold apparently bought at least two of the weapons used in the attack at a Denver-area gun show, authorities said.

Investigators also were checking a report from a Colorado Springs gun dealer that the other gunman, Eric Harris, was among five teens who tried to buy a machine gun and another weapon last month.

The Denver Rocky Mountain News and The Denver Post reported today that investigators believe the girlfriend, Robyn K. Anderson, bought three weapons not long after her 18th birthday in November. The Denver Rocky Mountain News said she was believed to have bought two guns.

Harris, 18, and Klebold, 17, committed suicide after burst-

"She's not going to use those for pheasant hunting."

—Jefferson Co. Sheriff John Stone

ing into Columbine High School with guns and bombs a week ago today, killing 12 fellow students and one teacher. Four guns were found in the school.

Ms. Anderson was questioned Monday and authorities describe her as a witness, not a suspect. District Attorney Dave Thomas said she was cooperating with investigators.

Prosecutors said the weapons may have been purchased legally.

"We think three of them were provided by the girlfriend of Klebold," Mark Paulter, a Jefferson County chief district

attorney, told the Post. "She bought them because she was older. She was 18 at the time. She bought them in November or December.

"We're not sure she committed a crime under Colorado statute. If you provide a handgun to a person under 18, that's a violation of the statute. If you provide a shotgun or a rifle, that's not a violation."

The operator of the Tanner Gun Show, which holds shows in the Denver area several times a year, said the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms asked on Monday for a list of all of the show's exhibitors.

Prosecutors think Ms. Anderson bought two shotguns and a rifle. District Attorney Dave Thomas said prosecutors are not sure what knowledge she had about how the guns would be used. Jefferson

County Sheriff John Stone acknowledged it was possible that she did know how Klebold and Harris planned to use the guns.

"She's not going to use those for pheasant hunting," Stone told the News.

A man who was at Ms. Anderson home declined to comment, saying the family was terrorized by reporters, the Post said.

Mel Bernstein, owner of Dragon Arms, told investigators that four teen-age boys dressed in trench coats and a young woman came to his store in early March. They tried to buy an M-60 machine gun and a pistol equipped with a silencer. He said he declined to sell the guns to Harris because he was too young. When the young woman in the group tried to buy the guns, saying she was 18, he escorted them from the store.

Detroit and its county go after gun makers, sellers

DETROIT (AP) — Gun makers and merchants who knowingly put firearms in the hands of felons and juveniles should pay a price for turning streets violent, city and county leaders said in suing more than 30 companies.

"The industry profits from the assaults, maimings and killings on the streets of our city and county," Mayor Dennis Archer said Monday. "Detroit and Wayne County have had enough."

In their separate lawsuits, the city named 31 companies and

the county listed those 31 and four others as defendants. Archer said he expects the two Wayne County Circuit Court cases to be consolidated.

The suits, similar to several others filed by local governments across the country, did not specify damages, but lawyers said they could exceed \$800 million.

Jeff Reh, general counsel for Beretta USA in Accokeek, Md., one of the companies named, said he was disappointed at "a ridiculous trend in this country of blaming an object for human

behavior."

"What these lawsuits fail to do is take into account the hundreds of thousands of lives that are saved each year by defensive gun use" by private firearms owners, Reh said.

The lawsuits claim that firearms makers and retailers know that the person filling out gun-purchase papers often is not the person who will eventually own the weapon, said Deputy County Executive Mike Duggan.

These are known as "straw purchases," and manufacturers

have adopted a policy of "willful blindness" toward them, the county said in a news release.

In a recent sheriff's department sting operation involving 10 gun dealers picked at random, nine dealers allowed "straw purchases" by undercover agents who said they were felons or juveniles. No criminal charges have been filed against the dealers, but three cases may lead to charges, Sheriff Robert Ficano said.

The lawsuits are similar to those filed by local government leaders elsewhere.

Clinton offers new gun-control measures, restrictions on buying explosive materials

WASHINGTON (AP) — Buyers of explosives would be subject to the same Brady law background checks as gun purchasers under new gun-control legislation President Clinton will unveil today. Negligent parents would also be held liable when their children commit crimes with guns.

As part of his omnibus crime package, the president is renewing measures that died in the last Congress and is counting on outrage over the Colorado school shooting to push them through this year.

"The prospects are good," White House press secretary Joe Lockhart said Monday. "Unfortunately, oftentimes it takes tragic events to catalyze work here in Washington."

Congressional sources said White House officials were working late Monday on the explosive provision, which would aim to treat the sale of explosives the same way gun sales are treated under the Brady law.

In the proposal, "explosives" would refer to dynamite, blasting caps and the like, not materials that can be blended into a volatile mixture. In Littleton, Colo., the student killers used homemade hand grenades and pipe bombs in their rampage through Columbine High School. In Oklahoma City, two tons of explosive made from commonplace fertilizer were used to blow up the federal building in 1995.

Sen. Richard Durbin, D-Ill.,

praised Clinton's initiative cracking down on explosives but wondered if it was a problem too loosely defined to tackle.

"If you're talking about propane gas tanks and agricultural chemicals, I'm anxious to see how they define the component parts of this," Durbin said.

Clinton, aides said, also is proposing:

—Mandatory child-safety locks on all guns sold.

—Extension of an existing ban on juvenile possession of handguns to include semiautomatic assault rifles; also a ban on importation of all ammunition magazines that hold more than 10 rounds, an extension of current law banning imports of those made since 1994.

—Background checks on buyers for all gun-show sales.

—A lifetime ban on gun ownership for people who commit violent crimes as juveniles.

—A three-day waiting period for all handgun purchases, with an additional two days if law officers need them to complete their investigation. Until last year, the Brady Act provided five days for police to conduct background checks on buyers if they needed that much time. Now, it limits them to three

days, but most checks are instantaneous. Never before has there been a minimum, mandatory waiting period.

—Mandatory prison sentences of three to 10 years and \$10,000 fines for adults, including parents, who allow children access to guns.

The adult could be held liable whenever a juvenile crime is committed and the adult "knowingly or recklessly allowed it to occur," said White House spokesman Barry Toiv. He added that the legislation's standard of reckless conduct would be "a difficult standard to meet."

Clinton raised this provision long before the Littleton shootings and it is not meant to suggest that those killers' parents should be blamed, Toiv said.

Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle, who represents South Dakota, where guns are popular among ranchers and sportsmen, was skeptical about passing any new restrictions.

"I'm not sure that gun legislation is what we need," Daschle told reporters Monday. He suggested the school shootings were a societal problem stemming from parental and teacher neglect and violence in the media and on the Internet.

Supreme Court will decide if FDA can regulate tobacco

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court stepped into a major dispute over smoking Monday, agreeing to decide whether the Food and Drug Administration can regulate tobacco and crack down on cigarette sales to minors.

The Clinton administration and the tobacco industry will square off in oral arguments this fall over the FDA's 1996 decision to start regulating tobacco.

The government says the policy switch was justified by new evidence that the tobacco industry intended its products to feed consumers' nicotine habits.

A lower court threw out the rules, saying it is up to Congress — not the FDA — to

make the "major policy decision" of how to regulate cigarettes and chewing tobacco.

President Clinton released a statement saying he was pleased the court would take up the case. "I remain firmly committed to the FDA rule, which will help stop young people from smoking before they start."

"It will be the most important public health case the Supreme Court hears in decades," said David Kessler, FDA commissioner in 1996 and now dean of Yale University Medical School. "The goal is certainly to reduce the number of people who smoke and the best way to do that is to reduce the number of young people who start."

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IN BRIEF

Coahoma sports banquet scheduled for May 3

The Coahoma Athletic Booster Club has scheduled its annual banquet for 6:30 p.m. Monday in the Coahoma Elementary School cafeteria. The public is invited to attend and help salute the Bulldogs and Bulldogettes teams. Tickets, priced at \$7 each, will be available at the door.

Little League Cardinals post win over Lions

The National Little League Cardinals got solid hitting from Jay Richard Sparks and Jeremy Furniss in taking a wild 13-8 win over the Lions. Sparks went 4-for-4 at the plate and Furniss went 3-for-5, while Daniel Castiel was 2-for-4 in the winning effort. Castiel and Furniss provided the pitching for the Cardinals. The Lions' big inning proved to be the third when Gabriel Hernandez and Ryan Slate both had triples and Chance Cain ripped a double. Jonathan McGregor added a triple in the fourth, but the Cardinals proved too much to turn back.

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. In addition, a grand prize of \$20,000 is available for anyone landing a new lake record largemouth bass. The current record is 13.71 pounds. Entry fees are \$40, and entries mailed to the club must be postmarked no later than April 25. For more information, call Jim Crenshaw at 267-6129.

Texas Tech Ex-Students slate tourney for May 1

The Big Spring Chapter of the Texas Tech Ex-Students Association has set its annual scholarship golf tournament for May 1. For more information, call Roxie McDaniel at 267-3388, Hardy Wilkerson at 264-2220 or Pat Porter at 267-7828.

Steers Basketball Camp scheduled for June 1-4

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

LOCAL GAMES

TODAY
HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL
5 p.m.
Fort Stockton Panthers at Big Spring Steers.

ON THE AIR

Radio
HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL
5 p.m. — Fort Stockton Panthers at Big Spring Steers, KBST-AM 1490.

Television
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
7 p.m. — Pittsburgh Pirates at Atlanta Braves, TBS, Ch. 11.
PRO BASKETBALL
7 p.m. — Orlando Magic at Indiana Pacers, TNT, Ch. 28.
7:30 p.m. — Vancouver Grizzlies at Dallas Mavericks, FXS, Ch. 29.
9:30 p.m. — Utah Jazz at Seattle SuperSonics, TNT, Ch. 28.
HOCKEY
6:30 p.m. — NHL conference quarterfinals, Game 4; Phoenix Coyotes at St. Louis Blues, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Clemens aims for AL win streak record tonight facing Rangers

ARLINGTON (AP) — With a victory tonight, Roger Clemens would set an AL record with his 18th straight win. The Texas Rangers can only wish the milestone was being attempted for them instead of against them. Clemens nearly was traded to Texas from Toronto in February. The Rangers were so close to landing him that they were arranging with management of the Dallas Stars, the NHL team owned by Rangers owner Tom Hicks, for Clemens to be introduced on the ice during their next game. But before Clemens could lace up any skates, the New York Yankees trumped Texas' offer and brought him to the Bronx.

Seeing the two-time defending Cy Young Award winner join the defending world champions was tough enough for AL teams to swallow. It was even tougher for Texas considering Clemens, a Houston-area native, had said he wanted to return to his home state. So far this season, Clemens hasn't done much toward winning the sixth Cy Young of his career. Although he's 2-0, his ERA is 4.07. Yet Clemens has pitched well enough to extend his string of consecutive victories to 17, tying the AL record set by Cleveland's Johnny Allen in 1936-37 and matched by Baltimore's Dave McNally in 1968-69. Carl Hubbell of the New York Giants set the major league record of 24

in 1936-37. Clemens, who hasn't lost since last May 29 to Seattle, tied the mark last Thursday against Texas at Yankee Stadium. He gave up four hits and three walks over 7 1-3 innings of a 4-2 victory. That win was New York's 13th in its last 16 games against Texas. The Yankees, who eliminated the Rangers from the postseason in 1996 and 1998, have won five of their last six games at The Ballpark heading into the three-game series that begins tonight. "It's not a do-or-die situation, but I think it's important that we beat the Yankees," Texas manager Johnny Oates said. "I think it's important to our ball club because, No. 1, we need to let the

Yankees know we can beat them, and, No. 2, we need to let our club know we can beat them." Facing Clemens for the Rangers will be their most consistent starter thus far, Aaron Sele (3-1, 3.22). Sele lost his only regular-season start to New York in 1998 and also lost the third and final playoff game. The rest of the pitching matchups are Orlando Hernandez vs. Mark Clark on Wednesday night and Ramiro Mendoza against Mike Morgan on Thursday. Andy Pettitte was to have started for the Yankees on Thursday but didn't bounce back well after throwing 108 pitches Saturday in New York's win over Toronto.



Melissa Sheedy (left) and Billy Beckworth display their trophies after having been named the outstanding girl and boy swimmers for 1998-99 during Monday's Big Spring High School Swim Team Awards Banquet at the Brandin Iron Restaurant. Sheedy, a junior, was the district champion in the 200 individual medley and owns four school records. Beckworth, a senior, was the district champion in the 200 medley relay, 100 butterfly, 100 breaststroke and the 400 freestyle relay. He has three school records to his credit.

NBA playoff race tightens at top as Spurs, Blazers win, Utah loses

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The race to be No. 1 is tight, too. In a playoff race marked by several teams trying to squeeze into the bottom few spots, things became cluttered among the elite Monday night as Utah lost and Portland and San Antonio won. With just nine days left in the regular season, only 10 games separate the Jazz (34-11), Trail Blazers (33-11) and Spurs (32-12). "It's great to be Pacific Division champions," Portland coach Mike Dunleavy said after the Blazers defeated the Denver Nuggets 93-77. "But that's just the first step. We want to win the Western Conference, too. We want the home court throughout the playoffs." Portland moved within a half-game of the Jazz after Utah was surprised 99-85 at home by the Phoenix Suns. San Antonio, meanwhile, moved within a game of Utah in the loss column by outlasting the Los Angeles Clippers 94-88. "Everybody's excited because Utah lost," Spurs guard Avery Johnson said. "Hopefully by this weekend we'll be vying for the best record in the NBA."

Elsewhere, Miami clobbered Cleveland 90-65, Golden State topped Sacramento 114-89, New York defeated Charlotte 91-84, Houston crushed the Los Angeles Lakers 102-80, Milwaukee beat Washington 99-91 and Dallas defeated Chicago 101-93. Walt Williams, who didn't play the night before against Minnesota, scored a season-high 28 points for Portland. Williams shot 11-of-19, including 4-of-6 from 3-point range, and had six rebounds, four assists and three blocked shots. The Blazers' biggest lead was 25 points and they used Williams' 14 first-half point to lead 54-32 at halftime. Danny Fortson led a Denver rally that cut Portland's lead to 15 points, scoring nine points in the third quarter. But the Nuggets never got closer than 14 in the fourth.

Suns 99, Jazz 85
The Jazz lost at home for just the third time this season. Jason Kidd had 19 points, 12 assists and seven rebounds for the Suns, who were revved up by a series of physical confrontations with Karl Malone. With 1:03 left in the first quarter, the Mailman drove to the hoop for a shot, and Joe Kleine intervened. In their collision, Malone hit Kleine square in the mouth with his elbow. After Malone and Luc Longley nearly came to blows, Malone elbowed Joe Kleine square in the nose on a drive to the basket. Kleine went to the

hospital for 30 stitches to his lower lip and minor plastic surgery. After trailing 58-55 midway through the third quarter, Phoenix had a 19-4 run and went into the fourth up 74-62. Utah never got closer than 11 points in the last 10 minutes.

Spurs 94, Clippers 88
San Antonio nearly blew a 33-point lead as it won its seventh in a row. Tim Duncan scored four of his 22 points in the final 2:29 after all but one-point of the big lead disappeared. Jaren Jackson added 21 points — including a team season-high six 3-pointers. The Clippers fell behind by 33 points in the third quarter. They then outscored the Spurs 41-9 from midway through the third until there was 2:29 left in the game.

Heat 90, Cavaliers 65
Pat Riley moved into a second-place tie with Bill Fitch for career NBA coaching victories (944) as Miami cruised past the injured and over-matched Cavaliers at Cleveland. "Let's face the facts," Riley said. "We played an incredibly depleted team. They didn't have Shawn Kemp. They didn't have Brevin Knight. They are banged up. We should have won this game and not thump ourselves on the chest because that team is simply undermanned." Cleveland's already slim hopes of making the playoffs got slimmer with the news that Kemp will not travel with the team to Philadelphia and Washington this week.

Warriors 114, Kings 89
John Starkis had a season-high 25 points and Antawn Jamison matched his season-high with 23.

Chris Webber sat out with lower back spasms, and the Kings abandoned their inside game and focused on 3-pointers. The strategy worked for just one quarter. Sacramento fell into a tie for seventh place in the Western Conference with Minnesota. Seattle is a half-game behind the Kings and Timberwolves.

Knicks 91, Hornets 84
Latrell Sprewell scored 21 points and Marcus Camby added seven blocks for New York, which moved 11/2 games ahead of the Hornets for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference. The Hornets forced six turnovers in the last five minutes to cut a 16-point deficit to 84-81 with 1:06 remaining. But New York scored the next five points to secure the victory.

Li, Lewis fall in semifinals of I-4A tourney

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SAN ANGELO — Big Spring's YuChing Li and Stephanie Lewis lived up to their No. 3 seed Monday during the opening rounds of the Region I, Class 4A tennis championships advancing to the girls' doubles semifinals at San Angelo's Bentwood Country Club.

Unfortunately, Wichita Falls' sisters tandem of Danielle and Sara Bolin also lived up to their No. 2 seeding this morning, taking a 6-2, 6-0 win over Li and Lewis, ending the District 5-4A doubles champions' hopes for a trip to the state tournament.

Li and Lewis opened the tournament with a 6-3, 6-1 win over Weatherford's Kendal Dean and Bethany Williams, but found a tougher test in the quarterfinals before taking a 7-5, 6-4 win over Brownwood's Erin Hester and Tara Lowery.

In girls' singles action Monday, Big Spring's Kim Dominguez opened the tournament getting a shock.

After losing the opening set 4-6 to Boswell's Peggy Kott, Dominguez rebounded to take a 7-6 win in the second set and force a third.

Kott proved to be no match in the rubber set, as Dominguez took a 6-0 win and advanced to the quarterfinals where she ran into No. 4 seed Mandy-Wells of Pampa.

Wells eliminated Dominguez with a 7-6, 6-1 win.

Rodriguez, Simmons off 1-4A medalist pace

SAN ANGELO — Big Spring's Ashlie Simmons and Sammy Rodriguez Jr. found themselves going into today's final rounds of the Region I, Class 4A golf championships needing solid comebacks if they are to qualify for state tournament play.

Simmons, a junior and two-time defending district champion, posted a round of 84 during Monday's first round on the par 72 Riverside Golf Course in San Angelo, leaving her seven strokes off the pace set by Pampa's Mandy Piersall.

Piersall's 77 allowed the Lady Harvesters to stay in contention for a team berth at the state tournament, their 338 leaving them in second place behind Snyder's Lady Tigers.

Snyder, which got a round of 79 from Keisha Gafford, posted a 323 to take a 15 stroke going into today's final round. Andrews' Lady Mustangs were third after the first round at 342.

Rodriguez, a senior, is eight strokes off the medalist pace set by Wichita Falls Rider's Shane Mahaffey following a round of 78 on the Bentwood Country Club's par 72 layout.

He'll need a big round similar to those he posted earlier this season at the Tall City Invitational in Midland to catch Mahaffey.

Mahaffey led Rider to a 296 total and a three-stroke lead in the team standings, posting a 2-under round of 70. Granbury's Brandon Miller was one stroke back at 71.

Rider is hoping to dominated the region's representation at the state tournament in May, since it's "B" team currently stands second with a 299 total going into today's final round. Andrews' Mustangs were third

Coahoma's Nichols still in 1-2A medalist chase

BAIRD — Coahoma's Blake Nichols posted an 8-over-par 78 Monday to tie eight other players for ninth place in the boys' medalist standings at the Region I, Class 2A golf championships.

Nichols, who finished third in the District 3-2A tournament, saw district rival Marcus Lopez take the individual lead with a 2-over-par 72 on the Shady Oaks Golf Course layout on Monday.

Lopez and his Post teammates grabbed the team lead with a 310, while Sonora's Broncos were three strokes back at 313.

Stanton's Buffaloes, the runner-up to post in the 3-2A team standings, finished the opening round in 13th place with a 341 total.

Austin Kelly paced the Buffs with a 79, while Will Harris and Kenneth Hull added rounds of 84 and 85, respectively. Jon Cotton's 93 and Colton Pardue's 94 rounded out the scoring.

In the tournament's girls' division, District 3-2A champion Kasey Hardin posted her best round of the season with a 2-under-par 68, helping her Post Lady Antelopes into second place in the team competition behind Quannah.

While the Lady Antelopes carded a team total of 364, Quannah was jumping out to an 18-stroke lead at 346.

Coahoma's Bulldogettes, the runners-up to Post in 3-2A team play, went into today's final round in 12th place with a 455.

Kelli Buchanan led the Coahoma girls' scoring with a 99 Monday, while Kynzi Roberts carded a 105 and Lauren Nichols finished at 130. Mikana Herring rounded out the Bulldogettes' round with a 131.

Garden City's Langford loses in opening round

LEVELLAND — Garden City's Kina Langford saw her stay in the Region I, Class A girls' tennis tournament last only two sets Monday morning at South Plains College.

Langford was eliminated in the tournament's first round, dropping a 6-4, 7-5 decision to Sudan's Tiffany Flowers.

Sands, Borden County golfers falling off pace

ABILENE — Borden County's Tom Griffin and Sands' Brandi Taylor fell well off the pace during Monday's opening round of the Region II, Class A golf championships at the Maxwell Municipal Golf Course.

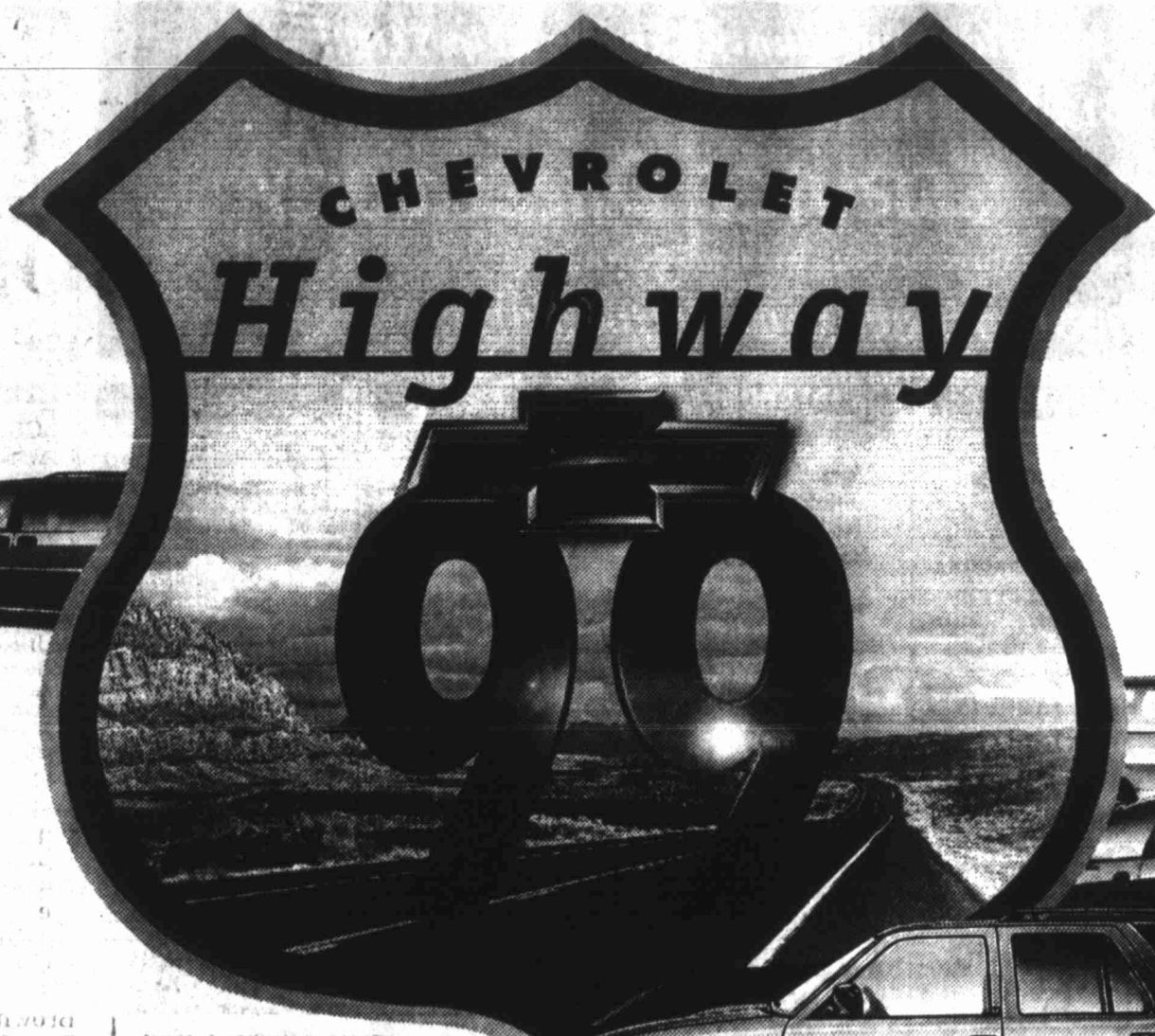
Griffin opened the tournament with a 94 to fall 17 strokes off the pace set by Loop's Brandon Hicks, who posted a 6-over-par 77 on the Maxwell layout.

Hicks owns a one-stroke lead over Throckmorton's Kasey Hibbits whose 78 was just one stroke better than the 79 posted by teammate Caleb Hodges.

In girls' division play, Baird's Kyla Neal carded a 5-over-par 76 to lead Baird to a 345 total and a 24-stroke lead over Throckmorton's girls.

Sands' Taylor finished the opening round with a 101, leaving her 25 strokes off the pace.

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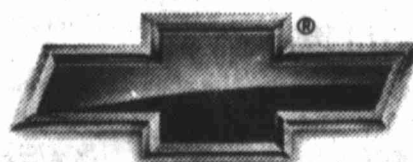
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you are so demanding that you
really make your life more dif-
ficult than it needs to be. The
unexpected runs riot profes-
sionally this year; opt for more
independence or for a major
change. Your instincts are
right on. Follow through on
what is important to you. If
you are single, you have much
more to offer than in past
years. Admirers are drawn to
you. You don't need to spend to
impress another. If attached,
work together to make a project
happen. With Libra, you're a

winning team.

The Stars Show the Kind of
Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-
Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-
Difficult
ARIES (March 21-April 19)
****Unexpected developments
have you thinking and evaluat-
ing. You can transform a prob-
lem into a solution. Lady Luck
follows you, and others know
it. They want some of what you
have! Express yourself to a
partner; your words will be
received well. Tonight: Enjoy
friends during a midweek
break.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
***Inspired by a vision of
what could be, you focus on
work. Your intuition is unusu-

ally on as you make the right

move at the right time. Use
your high energy to clear
errands as well as paperwork.
Take time to buy a loved one a
card or to send a letter.
Tonight: Off to the gym.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
****You clear obstacles, in
spite of a misunderstanding.
Your willingness to do more
than your share is noticed.
Open up new horizons because
of more creative and dynamic
thinking. Understand how you
limit yourself. A friend has
good news. Is this relationship
changing? Tonight: Living life
to the utmost.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
****You are unusually
grounded as you navigate
through one difficult situation
after another. The unexpected
occurs financially. You gain a
new vision of what works
through discussions. The boss
smiles on you. Make your
desires happen. Tonight: Head
home.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
****Options appear left and
right. Though initially you
could encounter some resis-
tance to a great idea, you find
that what you want is possible.
Your abilities to see pitfalls and
to find new solutions mark
interactions. Make time for an
important meeting. Network to
your heart's delight! Tonight:
Errands.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
****Money matters could send
you into a tizzy. Decide to clear
up a problem. You feel renewed
and ready for a new beginning.
Unforeseen developments at
work initially maximize chaos,
but at the same time reveal an
opportunity. Tonight: Your
treat.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
****You beam in what you
want. Don't get discouraged by
feedback or by another's nega-
tivity. You might not always
understand what is most effec-
tive; take clues from those
around you. Show caring, gain
a perspective, be willing to cre-
ate more acceptance between
you. Tonight: Your call.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
***Be willing to take a risk
and let others see where you
are coming from. Your sense of
humor comes out. Opt not to
control but to observe. Work
flows and can be quite demand-
ing. Listen to feedback from a

key partner, who offers you

something special. Tonight:
Curl up with a book or watch a
favorite movie.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.
21)
****By being helpful to a
partner who is ever so witty,
you find wonderful solutions.
Good will and understanding
flow between you. Your aware-
ness of what you want helps
you lasso in the right elements
to make it happen. Make time
for socializing with co-workers.
Tonight: Where your friends
are.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.
19)
****Be more forthright about
what is on your mind.
Scheduling could go haywire,
though you quickly recover
your losses. Understand that a
co-worker might have more
than a normal interest in you.
Recognize limits. Remain
upbeat with those in your day-
to-day life. Tonight: Willingly
work late.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
****Your ability to take an
overview saves this day of con-
fusion and demands. Be posi-
tive. You have unusual assets
and a way of looking at prob-
lems differently than others do.
As usual, you shake others up.
Screen calls, if you want to get
everything done. Tonight: Do
something ultimately relaxing.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
****Relating yields financial
as well as personal informa-
tion. Sometimes you don't
understand exactly what you
need to do with a partner. You
easily could go on overload. Be
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member push you too hard.
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY
248 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History: On April 27, 1521, Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan was killed by natives in the Philippines.
On this date: In 1509, Pope Julius II excommunicated the Italian state of Venice.
In 1805, a force led by U.S. Marines captured the city of Derna, on the shores of Tripoli.
In 1822, the 18th president of the United States, Ulysses S. Grant, was born in Point Pleasant, Ohio.
In 1865, the steamer Sultana exploded on the Mississippi River near Memphis, Tenn., killing more than 1,400 Union prisoners of war.
In 1932, American poet Hart Crane drowned after jumping from a steamer while en route to New York; he was 32.
In 1937, the nation's first Social Security checks were distributed.
In 1967, Expo '67 was officially opened in Montreal by Canadian Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson.
In 1973, during the Watergate scandal, Acting FBI Director L. Patrick Gray resigned.
In 1978, convicted Watergate defendant John D. Ehrlichman was released from an Arizona prison after serving 18 months.
In 1978, 51 construction workers plunged to their deaths when a scaffold inside a cooling tower at the Pleasants Power Station site in West Virginia fell 168 feet to the ground.
Ten years ago: More than 150,000 students and workers calling for democracy marched, cheered and sang through central Beijing.
Five years ago: Former President Richard M. Nixon was remembered at an outdoor funeral service attended by all five of his successors at the Nixon presidential library in Yorba Linda, Calif.
One year ago: A Pentagon panel said remains of the Vietnam veteran in the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery should be exhumed to determine whether they belonged to Air Force First Lt. Michael J. Blassie, as his family believed. (The remains were later positively identified as those of Blassie.)
Today's Birthdays: Actor Jack Klugman is 77. Civil rights activist Coretta Scott King is 72. Actress Anouk Aimee is 67. Announcer Casey Kasem is 67. Broadcast journalist Phil Jones is 62. Actress Judy Carne is 60. Opera singer Judith Blegen is 58. Rhythm-and-blues singer Cuba Gooding is 55. Singer Ann Peebles is 52. Rock singer Kate Pierson (The B-52's) is 51. Rhythm-and-blues singer Herbie Murrell (The Stylistics) is 50. Actor Douglas Sheehar ("Knots Landing") is 50. Rock musician Ace Frehley (KISS) is 48. Pop singer Sheena Easton is 40. Singer Mica Paris is 30. Rock singer-musician Travis Meeks (Days of the New) is 20.

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