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VITA volunteers ready to assist individuals Feb. 7

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers have been trained and are ready to begin preparing 1999 tax returns for individuals beginning Monday, Feb. 7.

Hours are 9 a.m.-noon at the Spring City Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Drive.

All citizens are eligible to receive this free assistance, not just senior citizens.

Interested persons should bring their tax booklet, all W-2 and 1099 forms, as well as anything else received showing 1999 income. They should also bring a copy of their 1998 tax return for reference.

Others who need assistance with taxes but cannot come during those hours can call Dorothy Kennemur, 398-5522, to arrange another time or place.

For more information, call Kennemur or the center, 267-1628.

WEEKEND TICKET

TODAY

□ 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. Members and guests welcome.

□ Heritage Museum's "Around the World in 80 Bites" food festival, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tickets for the festival are \$7.50 for adults and \$5 for children

□ Big Spring Symphony presents DanzaHispana at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and \$8 for senior citizens at Blum's Jewelers, Dunlaps, First Bank of West Texas and the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

Combination tickets for "80 Bites" and the symphony are \$13 and are available at the museum front desk, 510 Scurry, through Saturday.

SUNDAY

□ A prayer and praise service for rain is planned at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 810 Scurry, Sunday beginning at 5 p.m. Everyone is invited.

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'Bites,' symphony on tap for Saturday

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

More than 25 volunteer chefs have signed up to cook treats from all over the globe at the Heritage Museum Saturday.

"Around the World in 80 Bites," the museum's annual food festival, takes place from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.



WAY

It precedes the performance by San Antonio group DanzaHispana, presented by the Big Spring Symphony.

The dance group performs at the Municipal Auditorium at 8 p.m. Combination tickets for both events are \$13, available at the museum front desk, or they can be purchased separately.

For the museum event, "chefs" have made plans to cook such specialties as Danish date-nut squares, choke cherry syrup and Chinese spaghetti. They will serve small "bites" of each dish to the estimated 300

visitors.

There will be cheese and desserts of France, baklava, seafood newberg and summer sausage. The Harley Owners Group will prepare their famous chili, while visitors with a sweet tooth can try strawberry cake, banana pudding and several varieties of cookies.

Local businesses and restaurants, including Hunans, Carriage Inn, Sonic, HEB, and Wal-Mart will participate, as

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Soup Cook-Off promises fun for contestants, participants

HERALD Staff Report

STANTON The weather's right for it.

For the 11th year, folks are invited to warm up to a bowl of soup and enjoy some friendly competition at the same time. The event is the Soup Cook-Off to benefit the Carmelite Monastery, and it gets underway at 5 p.m. Saturday at the Martin County Community

Center.

"The event is a lot of fun," said Nelda Turner, public relations director for the event.

Admission is \$5 and participants get to sample all of the soups entered in the contest. They also get five votes to cast for their favorite soup. More votes can be purchased for \$1, and plaques will be awarded to the top three winners.

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Harrier jet arrives at Hangar 25 Air Museum

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

The much-awaited arrival of the AV-8C "Harrier" Jet is a reality.

Hangar 25 Air Museum will be the final resting place for the plane after its arrival Thursday from Goodfellow AFB in San Angelo.

According to Ret. Col. Jim Little, a team effort made it possible for Big Spring to bring it all together.

"It was a tremendous effort on everyone's part, from the volunteer drivers to the off-duty police officers who escorted the plane back to Big Spring, they all played an important role and are to be commended," said Little.

"This all began last summer when I first heard that the aircraft was available," Little said. "It was a lucky stroke for us because in the normal process, active-duty military bases get first priority but for some reason no one else showed an interest in it so we put our letter of intent in to obtain it and the rest is history."

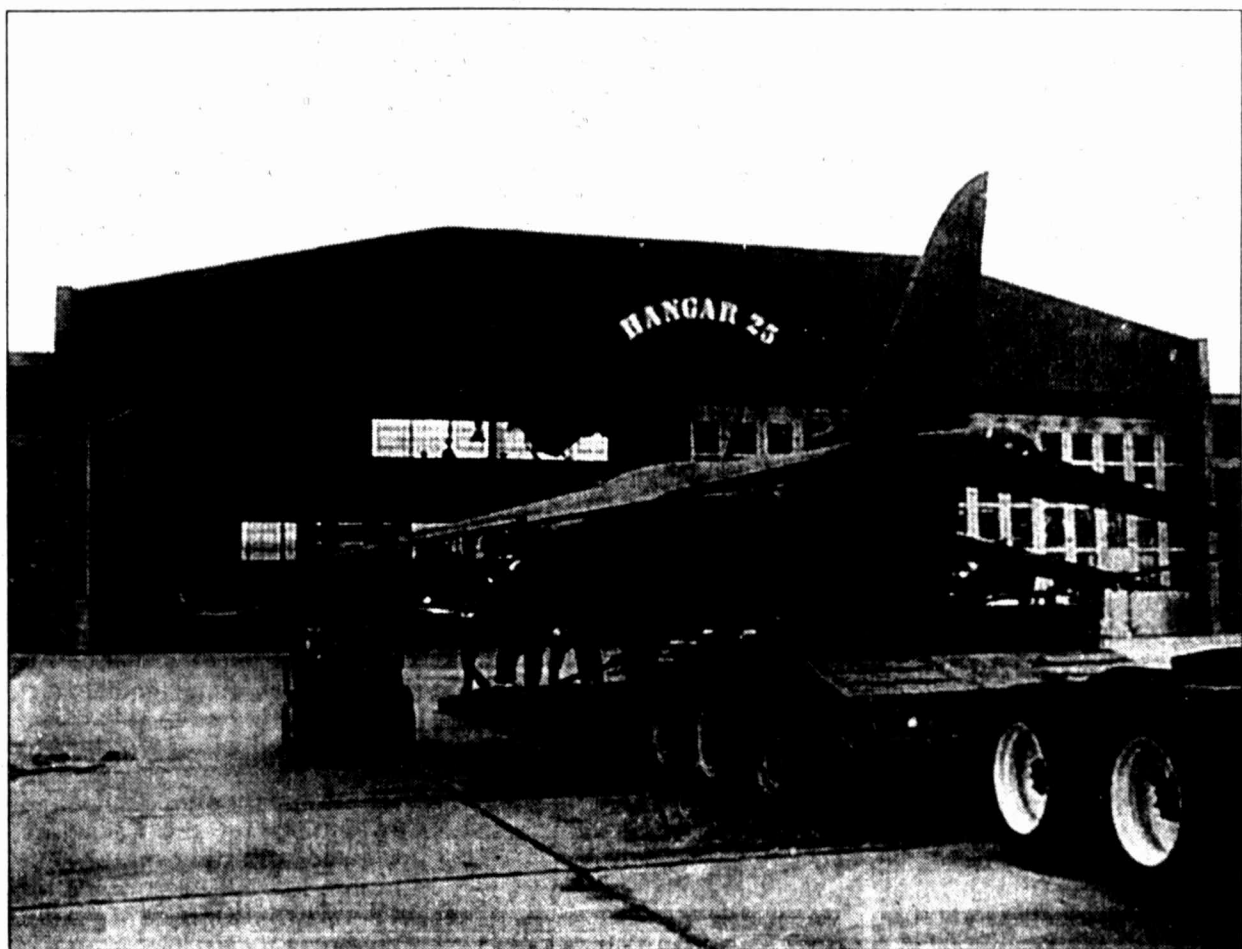
The aircraft, which has the ability to take off and land vertically, stop in midair, hover, then turn around and proceed in the opposite direction, was being primarily used as a training device at Goodfellow by firemen practicing extracting pilots from a crashed burning plane.

Another person who was instrumental in bringing the aircraft to Big Spring is Jerry Worthy, president of Hangar 25 Air Museum.

"A lot of people have been working hard to bring it all



LITTLE



HERALD photo/Carl Graham

The AV-8C Harrier Jet sets outside of Hangar 25 in preparation of being moved to its final resting place. The aircraft arrived Thursday from Goodfellow AFB in San Angelo and is available for public viewing at the airpark museum beginning today.

together and this has been a real pleasure for me to see this happen," Worthy said. "Being an Air Force veteran and an ex-pilot makes it even more gratifying."

The funds used for the purchase of the aircraft were raised through various fundraisers and the plane will become the property of the city of Big Spring.

"One of the neat things about this project was the fact that no city money was used," emphasized Col. Little. "We are very grateful though for all the city resources that were donated

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Museum to receive \$115,200

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Hangar 25 Air Museum will be receiving additional funds

to help complete projects needed in upgrading its facility.

It was announced Thursday that the project has been approved and

will receive \$115,200 in federal funds that will allow that work to begin.

"We feel honored to have been selected out of all the eligible applicants," said McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark Manager Nelda Reagan. "We really appreciate the help and support of State Rep. David Counts. He was very supportive and instrumental in helping us get the funds."

According to Reagan, the



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Moore Development contributes funds to corridor group

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Directors for Moore Development For Big Spring agreed to contribute \$6,600 to the regional Texas, Mexico and Asian Corridor, after a presentation by commis-



CROOKER

sioner Bill Crooker.

"I've attended the October, November, December and January meetings, and I'm a lot more comfortable now with the organization. This has become a viable group and we've developed a couple of leads. We've got good leadership now," Crooker said.

The idea behind the six-county organization, which is comprised of Howard, Scurry, Mitchell, Fisher, Nolan and Jones counties, is to attract business and industry into this

region, thereby creating jobs and economic development, he said.

The funds, which represents \$1 per capita contribution based on 20 percent of the county population, will be used for written communications and travel expenses, Crooker said.

"The other counties have already contributed and with this amount we will have raised about \$18,000," Crooker said.

All these counties with the exception of Mitchell have implemented a sales tax similar

to the one that funds Moore Development in Big Spring, he said. By banding together, the regional organization now has the ability to create and sell bonds for industry and business promotion, he said.

"This has been done all over the state. Essentially you're looking at a regional concept for industrial development," said Moore executive director Kent Sharp.

Director Lee George

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Howard College receives grant for work in training StarTek employees

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

State and local dignitaries Thursday attended a special presentation of a Skills Development Grant oversized \$125,975 check to Howard College for their work in training StarTek employees.

"The Skills Development Fund is one way the Texas Workforce Commission ensures that workers can perform the skills most in demand. A well-trained workforce is what helps keep Texas businesses strong," said T.P. O'Mahoney, labor

commissioner for the Texas Workforce Commission from Austin.

A cooperative effort between state legislatures, Howard College, Moore Development and StarTek brought the Fortune 500 company to Big Spring in December 1998.

Howard College facilitated the training of the first 350 employees of the computer outsourcing company, and a Skills Development Grant funded that training, said Howard College president Dr. Cheryl Sparks.

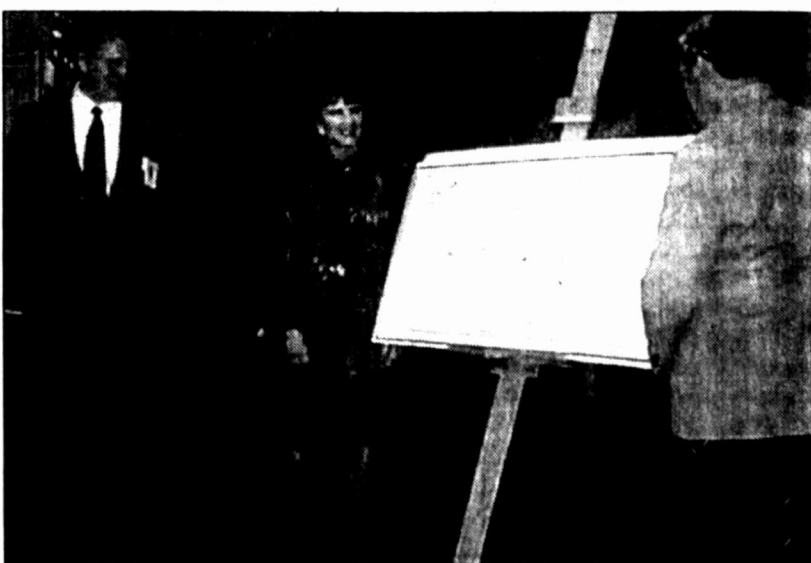
"About six years ago, our legislators had the vision and the wisdom to see we needed to recruit business and industry to Texas. They knew business and industry would need a trained work force, and Texans needed jobs. Our roll as a community college is to provide

that work force training, and we saw the roll we could make. The problem was money, and with the Skills Development Grant money, we are able to provide that training," Sparks said.

State Rep. David Counts (D-Knox City) was on-hand at the special check presentation by O'Mahoney, and he congratulated all the different people and entities for their successful efforts.

"This is a prime example of why we did what we did and how it played out. This is a cooperative partnership with industry, the Big Spring community, Howard College and the state. We help ourselves when we help them and they in

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HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant

From left, Preston Sumner, chief operating officer for StarTek USA, Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks and Texas Workforce Commission labor commissioner T.P. O'Mahoney present an oversized check for \$125,975 to Howard College.

Pleas

Three adults get two-year terms for vandalism at Memorial site

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

The three adults charged with vandalism at the Vietnam Memorial in December of 1998 received two-year state jail sentences in 118th District Court earlier this week.

"When they realized the magnitude of what they had done, I believe they possessed remorse and regret. Their actions were not political and they did not realize the implications of what they were doing when they vandalized the Vietnam Memorial. We gave them the maximum penalty allowable," said Howard County district attorney Hardy Wilkerson.



WILKERSON

Sentenced to two years state jail were Ismael Rivra, 18, Norma Godina, 20, and Miguel Losoya, 19, all charged with graffiti causing more than \$1,500 in damages.

Wilkerson said the three individual cases may be reviewed by 118th District Judge Bob Moore in 75 days.

These three people, along with two juveniles who are siblings of the adults, defaced the Vietnam Memorial by spray painting graffiti on and around the M-60 tank in December 1998.

The youths received probated sentences until they are 18 years old in February 1999. At the time of the crime, the boy was 16 and the girl 15.

Each received 300 hours community service, which must be done under the supervision of the Vietnam Memorial Committee and at the VA Medical Center, and were ordered to write a letter of apology to the community.

Wilkerson said with the adult three defendants, the justice system moves slower than with one defendant. He said the time element between indictment and conviction for the adults is about average.

"For a state jail felony and

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OBITUARIES

Clifton Grady Teague

Clifton Grady Teague, 69, Cedar Creek, formerly of Big Spring, died on Jan. 25, 2000.

He served in the U.S. Air Force for 22 years, was a member of Cedar Creek Methodist Church, loved gardening, his grandchildren and the Lord.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Donald Teague, Burl Teague and Denver Teague.

He is survived by: his wife, Marinette Teague of Cedar Creek; daughter, Nadine Jackson and husband, Gary of Cedar Creek; brothers, Benny and Clint Teague of Arkansas; sister Geneva Conner of Arkansas; and three grandchildren, David, Sarah and Anna.

Visitation will be held Saturday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at All Faiths Funeral Service South Chapel in Austin. Service will be at Cedar Creek Methodist Church, Sunday, Jan. 30, at 3 p.m. with the Rev. David Skinner officiating. Entombment will follow at Assumption Cemetery in Austin.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to the American Cancer Society; P.O. Box 149100; Austin; 78714-9100.

Arrangements by All Faiths Funeral Service-South, Austin.

Paid obituary

Brandi Rodriguez

Service for Brandi Rodriguez, 26, Big Spring, will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, 2000, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Roger Huff, pastor of the First Church of the Nazarene, officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.



Mrs. Rodriguez died Wednesday, Jan. 26, in a Lubbock hospital.

She was born on June 11, 1973, in Big Spring. She married Armando Rodriguez on July 14, 1997, in Big Spring. She grew up here and attended Big Spring schools, graduating from Big Spring High School in 1991. She had worked as a nurse's aid for Wood Living Center. She was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene.

Survivors include: her husband, Armando Rodriguez of Big Spring, a son, Tristin Armando Rodriguez of the home; her mother, JoAnn Kennedy of Big Spring; her father, Steven Westbrook of Big Spring; a sister, Toni Hernandez, Big Spring; a brother, Patrick Westbrook of Big Spring; her grandmothers, Fern Lewis and Clara Mae Westbrook, both of Big Spring; and one niece and three nephews.

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NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH
Funeral Home
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906 Gregg St.
(915) 267-6331

Brandi Rodriguez, 28, died Wednesday. Services will be 10:00 AM Saturday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Virginia Keefer, 82, died Thursday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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The family suggests memorials to the American Diabetes Association, Texas Affiliate, Inc., Western Regional Office, 8008 Slide Road; Lubbock; 79424.

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

Virginia Keefer

Service for Virginia Keefer, 82, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She died Thursday, Jan. 27, 2000, in a local hospital.

Dollie Jarman

Ms. Dollie Jarman, 93, Big Spring, died Thursday, Jan. 27, 2000, at her daughter's residence in Sand Springs. Service will be 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, 2000, at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Sammy Elliott, the Rev. Ken McMeans and Dr. Ted Spear officiating. Burial will follow in the Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Ms. Jarman was born to Jessie and Lula Elliott on Nov. 11, 1906, in Bell County. She was a resident of Colorado City from 1910 until she moved to Big Spring in 1987. She married Ward P. Jarman on Jan. 2, 1926. She was a long time member of the First Baptist Church of Colorado City and a member of College Baptist Church in Big Spring. She was a 50 year member of the Mitchell County Home Demonstration Club.

She is survived by: two daughters, Kay and Joe Wallis of Sand Springs, and Sue and Eldon (Dink) Love of Odessa; seven grandchildren, Bobby Montgomery of Wichita, Kan., Mary Ann Cannon of Colleyville, Steve Wallis of Victoria, Kathi Wilson of Plano, Brooks Wallis of Colorado City, Lisa Kuhns of Quitman, and Todd Love of Fort Worth; one brother, Wesley and Deanie Elliott of Colorado City; two sisters, Lillian Justice of Colorado City, and Modenia and Leslie Bassinger of El Dorado; 13 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one daughter Dollie Montgomery, one son-in-law Owen Lee Montgomery, one brother Darrell Elliott and one sister Elnora Phillips.

Paid obituary

Anita Cox

Service for Anita Cox, Stanton, is pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home, Stanton.

She died Thursday, Jan. 27, 2000, in Midland hospital.

Grand jury indicts 3 on charges of sex assault

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Howard County's first grand jury of 2000 handed down 15 indictments against 13 individuals this week, including three on charges of sexual assault.

"This was their first meeting session, and they will meet again next Wednesday and probably the Wednesday after that. I want people to know that those cases they have been looking for will be coming up within the next two weeks," said Howard County District

Attorney Hardy Wilkerson. Wilkerson said the grand jury for 2000 was selected earlier this month, and he is quickly putting them to work.

"They meet Wednesday mornings, and we try to get them out of here by noon. That is why they will meet so many times within the next few months," Wilkerson said.

One case the grand jury indicted involved three patients at the Big Spring State Hospital. In the matter of the sexual assault indictments of Mark Heath, 21 and Christopher Hollis, 17, both of 1901 N. Hwy 87, Wilkerson said the victim was a male patient at the hospital at the time of the alleged assault that might have included a bullying element to the crime.

"I'll say, without trivializing the case, that it is interesting," Wilkerson said.

Others indicted are:
• Jennings Matthews, 26, of 603 Harris in Killeen was indicted on a charge of sexual assault of a child.

• Domingo Castillo, 19, of 2705 Williams Road was indicted on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

• Indicted on charges of one count each of forgery and theft was Reba Furlong, 68, of 800 W. Marcy #23.

• Jennifer Gamble, 24, of 602 E. 17th was indicted on charges of two counts of forgery.

• Michael Larsen, 42, of P.O. Box 1121 in Wolfforth, was indicted on a charge of theft.

• Jeremy Mize, 24, of 17702 Gail Road, was indicted of a charge of robbery.

Five individuals were indicted on charges of third-offense driving while intoxicated. They were:

• Jerry McCain, 37, of 9380 W. Dunn, Odessa;

• Herman Orsoco, 34, of 1011 N. Bell;

• Irene R. Perez, 50, of 1400 Mesa;

• Raul R. Perez, 34, of 408 Circle Drive;

• Jose J. Rizo, 29, of 1401 Wood.

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three defendants, there has not been a particularly long time elapsed. We try to get the proceedings done quickly, but with three lawyers that was tough. We were prepared to go to court Feb. 22, but we ultimately resolved this," Wilkerson said.

The three adults were charged with graffiti, which has a multi-phase element of criminal activity charges, he said.

Wilkerson had the option of charging the adults with defacing a monument or for damage more than \$1,500. Ultimately he chose to accept a plea from them for damage more than \$1,500, he said.

"We indicted them on both, and they pled guilty to graffiti more than \$1,500 damage," he said.

Repairs to the memorial included repainting the M-60 tank and sand blasting the sidewalks and other cement to remove the graffiti. Estimates of the damage placed the repair costs in excess of \$10,000.

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will Gale's Sweet Shoppe and Domino's Pizza. They promise buffalo wings, deli sandwiches and more.

"This is a much larger response than we have had in the past," said Angie Way, museum curator. "This is just showing us how excited everyone is for the event."

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Tickets to "80 Bites," are available at the museum. Tickets are \$7.50 for adults and \$5 for children.

Way said she is pleased by the variety of dishes that will be offered as well as the number of chefs who will participate.

"It's so wonderful of all our good friends to come out and support us and put in all this work," she said. "Without them, we wouldn't be able to have it every year."

Way said the museum also appreciates the local businesses that support the event each year.

"They are doing something special, bringing out their best, some unique products or something they want to test out and impress everyone with. We appreciate that, and we think our visitors do, too."

For symphony tickets — \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and \$8 for senior citizens — stop by Blum's Jewelers, Dunlaps, First Bank of West Texas or the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

SOUP

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No entry fee is required for contestants, and they will be provided a table, cups, spoons and crackers. Contestants are asked to bring two and half gallons or more of hot soup.

Contestants are suggested to bring a crock pot and an extension cord to keep their soup warm and table decorations to attract attention to their both. Contact Turner at 756-3301 for more information about entering.

A dessert auction will be featured this year.

The annual event is held to raise funds for the Carmelite Monastery built in 1884 in Stanton and all proceeds go to the restoration of the monastery.

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money will help complete projects such as landscaping, outside sidewalks and rebuilding showcases inside the museum.

Enhancement projects such as this one are eligible for federal reimbursement of up to 80 percent of allowable costs, and work must be authorized in advance by the Federal Highway Administration for eligible cost reimbursements. Projects are evaluated for quality, transportation value and benefits.

Work on the project is not expected to begin until sometime in March.

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expressed concern that Howard County is funding one-third of the money for the newly formed group, while having just one-sixth of the vote on the 18-member TM&A board.

"I brought that up and was

TEXAS LOTTERY

Pick 3: 7,9,2
Cash 5: 5,16,27,32,36

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

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and the help of all those who volunteered their off-duty time. Without them, this could not have been possible."

Hangar 25 Air Museum is open Monday thru Friday from 9 a.m. till 4:30 p.m. and 10 a.m. till 2 p.m. on Saturday. The Air Museum is closed on Sunday.

MARKETS

March cotton 57.20, down 33 points; Feb. crude 27.28, down 4 points; cash steady at 39 even; cash steers steady at \$1 lower at 68.50 even; Feb. lean hog futures 56.40, up 30 points; Feb. live cattle futures 69.42, down 10 points. courtesy: Delta Corporation. Other markets were unavailable by press time.

POLICE

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

• **ESTEBAN CONTRERAS**, 24, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **JOHNNY PAYNE**, 20, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.

• **EDWARD HURRINGTON**, 45, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.

• **TERRY DIAZ**, 18, was arrested on a charge of unauthorized use of motor vehicle.

• **ROBERT DIAZ**, 18, was arrested on charge of minor in possession and unauthorized use of motor vehicle.

• **LOUIS OLIVAREZ**, 20, was arrested on a charge of forgery.

• **DELIA CASTILLO**, 17, was arrested on a charge of criminal mischief.

• **RENE MEDINA**, 33, was arrested on local warrants.

• **INTOXICATED SUBJECT** was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson.

• **LOUD PARTY/NOISE** was reported in the 1000 block of Nolan, 600 block of San Antonio and in the 1600 block of Owens.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 1200 block of East 14th.

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Clinton proposes \$350 billion tax cut in final State of the Union address

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton proposed a \$350 billion tax cut, big spending increases for schools and health care and photo ID licenses for handgun purchases Thursday night as he offered the final agenda of his presidency. "The state of our union is the strongest it has ever been," he boasted.

At the start of an election-year, Clinton rebuked Congress in his last State of the Union address and called for action. "For too long this Congress has been standing still on some of our most pressing national priorities," he chided.

The president noted that next month the United States will achieve the longest period of economic growth in the nation's history, and called on Americans to "set great goals."

The president offered a litany of initiatives, many of them

sure to be rewritten or ignored by Congress. His tax cut proposals were intended primarily to promote educational opportunities and expand health insurance and child care for lower- and middle-income Americans. The initiatives included relief from the "marriage penalty" — an idea first championed by Republicans — and a new program of retirement savings accounts.

Most of the proposals were released in advance but the White House withheld Clinton's gun licensing measure until the last minute to build suspense. Similar to a plan offered by Vice President Al Gore, it would require handgun purchasers to first obtain a state license showing they have passed a background check and a gun safety requirement, such as a training course or an exam.

States could choose not to participate in the program. The National Rifle Association dismissed the plan as pointless and unworkable.

"Every state in this country already requires hunters and automobile drivers to have a license. I think they ought to do the same thing for handgun purchases," Clinton said. "I hope you'll help me pass that in this Congress."

Clinton called for passage of a patients' bill of rights to strengthen consumer protection, gun-safety legislation, campaign finance reform, an increase in the minimum wage and votes on long-stalled judicial nominations.

Republicans ridiculed Clinton's proposals but did not rule out working with him on such issues as education and health care. "If we enacted all the new programs the president has talked about, we'd spend

just about the entire surplus on bigger and more expensive government," said House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill.

Clinton was greeted by applause and handshakes by Republicans and Democrats alike as he made his way into the House chamber to address a joint session of Congress. His wife, Hillary, and their daughter, Chelsea, home from college, were in the audience. His speech turned out to be his longest State of the Union address: 89 minutes, besting his 1995 record of 81 minutes.

More than an hour into his speech, Clinton flubbed a line meant to credit Gore with helping make communities more "livable." Instead, Clinton said "liberal" — not once but twice. The audience — Gore included — guffawed.

Five days before the New Hampshire primary, Clinton

seized the chance to boost Gore in his race for the Democratic presidential nomination. Six times, Clinton made references to the vice president. Clinton also recognized another candidate: the first lady, running for the U.S. Senate seat in New York.

Many of Clinton's proposals were repackaged from earlier years and, in some cases re-submitted with spending figures double or triple the original amount.

Clinton boasted that the nation has been lifted from economic distress, social decline and political gridlock.

"We begin the new century with over 20 million new jobs. The fastest economic growth in more than 30 years. The lowest unemployment rates in 30 years. The lowest poverty rates in 20 years. The lowest African-American and Hispanic unem-

ployment rates on record. The first back-to-back surpluses in 42 years."

In offering his gun licensing plan, Clinton said, "We've all seen what happens when guns fall into the wrong hands." His words recalled the tragedy of the massacre at Columbine High School. Tom Mauser, the father of slain student Daniel Mauser, was among those invited to listen to Clinton's speech in a VIP box with the first lady.

The president boasted of the nation's upbeat times.

"Never before has our nation enjoyed, at once, so much prosperity and social progress with so little internal crisis or so few external threats," the president said. "Never before have we had such a blessed opportunity — and therefore such a profound obligation — to build the more perfect union of our founders' dreams."

Crackdown on people owing child support continues

WASHINGTON (AP) — Using new powers granted by Congress, the federal government found \$1 billion in the accounts of parents who owe overdue child support payments. States are seizing the accounts and getting parents to pay up.

Washington state officials have seized hundreds of accounts and collected \$2 million from deadbeat parents. Florida has seized 232 accounts and collected \$191,706.

In Ohio, one county child support office froze the accounts of 40 people who owed \$90,000. So far, more than \$40,000 owed to children has been collected and paid back. An additional 17 people have been notified their accounts could be seized.

"It's a very important tool for us," said Maricarol Torsok, director of a county child support office near Toledo, Ohio.

Torsok received the names of parents with bank accounts from the Department of Health and Human Services, which has been working with 2,300 banks across the country since August to find the accounts of 3 million parents who owe child support.

The department sends a computer tape with the names and Social Security numbers of delinquent parents to large multi-state banks and brokerages, which in turn search their records to find a match.

So far 662,000 accounts were matched with names. States get the information within 48 hours of the match and move quickly to freeze the account and collect what's owed.

The bank account match system is part of a tough law passed by Congress in 1996 to track down parents who owe child sup-

port payments and tap their wages, tax refunds and bank accounts.

The law was revised in 1998 to give HHS the authority to do matches with large banks with branches in many states. States have until October to work out agreements with local banks to conduct their own matches.

"We are working harder than ever to ensure children get the support from both parents they deserve and need," HHS Secretary Donna Shalala said.

Some 30 million children are owed \$50 billion in child support and funds are being collected in only 23 percent of all cases, according to The Association for Children for Enforcement of Support Inc., an advocacy group.

One-third of all child support cases

Support declining for giving Elian United States citizenship

WASHINGTON (AP) — The grandmothers of Elian Gonzalez may have been frustrated in their attempt at bringing the 6-year-old home to Cuba any time soon, but they're apparently gaining ground in their effort to persuade Congress to reject legislation granting the boy citizenship.

Having won at least a delay in congressional action on the proposed legislation, the grandmothers were to return Saturday to Cuba without the child, after more planned congressional visits today.

They were also seeking a meeting with President Clinton, but White House aides suggested that seemed unlikely — despite Clinton's support for their cause.

Raquel Rodriguez, the maternal grandmother, and Mariela Quintana, the paternal grandmother, predicted they would eventually prevail — even if not on this trip.

"We will keep fighting," said Rodriguez. "We're going to bring him back. Right now, we can't do it."

Elian has been the center of controversy since he was found clinging to an inner tube Nov. 25 off the Florida coast. His mother and others traveling

with him in an effort to flee Cuba had drowned.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service has ruled that the youngster should be returned to his father in Cuba, but relatives of the boy in this country are fighting to keep him here.

Congressional support for the citizenship bill seemed to be dwindling, however.

On some issues, "politicians just have to step aside," said House Speaker Dennis Hastert.

After a meeting of GOP House members, Hastert, R-Ill., would only say "there's a difference of opinion" among Republicans about how to proceed.

Hastert has supported the legislation but declined to predict its fate.

Hastert said that the bill would not be rushed to the floor, as its sponsors had hoped.

Instead, he said, it would be referred to the House Judiciary Committee's immigration subcommittee.

Samuel Stratman, a spokesman for Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde, R-Ill., said it was doubtful the panel would act until it received a report from the Justice Department on the boy's immigration case.

Ranchers, environmentalists fight military flights

WASHINGTON (AP) — A coalition of Western ranchers and environmentalists have sued the Air Force, asking a federal judge to suspend low-level training flights the lawsuit said hurt people, livestock and wildlife.

The lawsuit, filed Thursday in federal court here, seeks to compel the Air Force to prepare a broad assessment of the environmental impacts of all its flight training programs. The coalition asks for a court order either banning all training flights lower than 3,000 feet or

halting any expansions or changes in low-level flight routes until the study is complete.

"The complete cessation would be hardest for us to get," admitted Simeon Herskovits, the Taos, N.M. lawyer who filed the lawsuit. "We'd like to get it all, but we've also given a set of options. We want to make sure the (environmental study) is prepared."

A spokesman said Thursday the Air Force works with state, federal and tribal agencies to balance its training require-

ments "with responsible environmental stewardship."

"The Air Force analyzes the potential impacts of low-level flights when needed for training and does not believe that stopping training flights is warranted," Capt. Joe Della Vedova said.

The lawsuit said Air Force fighters and bombers fly as low as 100 feet from the ground and as fast as 650 mph. Those low-level flights can traumatize or kill birds and wildlife, stampede cattle, spook horses into bucking off their riders and damage

rural homes, the lawsuit said.

Low-level flight training routes cover about 1 million square miles, mostly over public land in the West, the lawsuit said. The dozen groups joining the lawsuit include organizations of ranchers and rural residents in Colorado, Nevada, Utah and Texas.

The lawsuit said the Air Force violated the National Environmental Policy Act by studying the environmental impacts of flight routes individually, rather than as a whole across the country.

Perry says people should pull together rather than use flag issue as dividing line

AUSTIN (AP) — The Confederate battle flag is part of Texas' heritage and efforts to remove references to it from state buildings could be better applied elsewhere, Lt. Gov. Rick Perry said Thursday.

"What I would rather us do is talk about how to bring people together rather than how to continue to divide us," Perry said in talking with reporters. "Like it or not, the Confederacy is part of our history."

The NAACP earlier this month called on Gov. George W. Bush and other state officials to help its efforts to remove the battle flag from a plaque inside the building that houses the Texas Supreme Court and Court of Criminal Appeals.

The building has two 11-inch by 20-inch bronze plaques that refer to the Confederacy. One has the seal of the Confederacy and the other includes an image of the battle flag and quotes

Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee. The building was constructed with money donated from a Confederate widows fund and was commissioned in 1955.

The floor of the Capitol rotunda also contains the seal of the Confederacy and statues on the grounds memorialize Lee and Confederate soldiers.

"I think you've got a slippery slope when you start saying we're going to start taking down every plaque or monument on the grounds or in the footprint of the Capitol," Perry said. "You're going to lose a lot of heritage in the state of Texas relative to all those statues out there."

The civil rights group said the flag is a harsh reminder of slavery in the old South and is offensive to minorities.

"What little historical significance it has is tainted by its link to slavery and oppression," said Gary Bledsoe, president of

the Texas chapter of the NAACP, said earlier this week.

Asked what he thought of the flag, Perry said, "The flag represents the heritage. I can see those individuals' concerns about the battle flag being used as a sign of hatred, particularly by the groups — neo-Nazi, KKK groups — that we all abhor. But you can't take away the connection to Texas heritage."

The Legislature last year approved a Juneteenth monument, commemorating when slaves in Texas first learned they were free, to be placed on the Capitol grounds.

The sponsor of that effort was Rep. Al Edwards, D-Houston.

"We're going to have this debate and that's fine," Perry said. "I'm not going to get my efforts and my energies pulled into that. I'm going to continue to work with Al Edwards and the folks who want to be constructive and positive."

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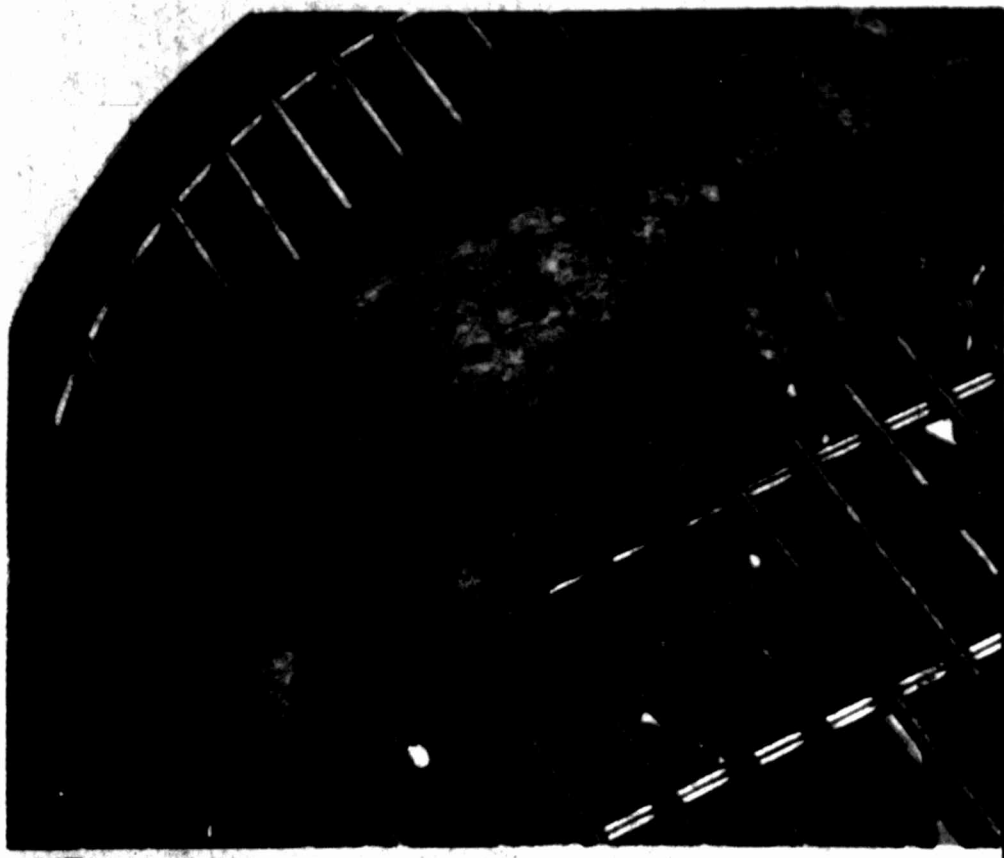
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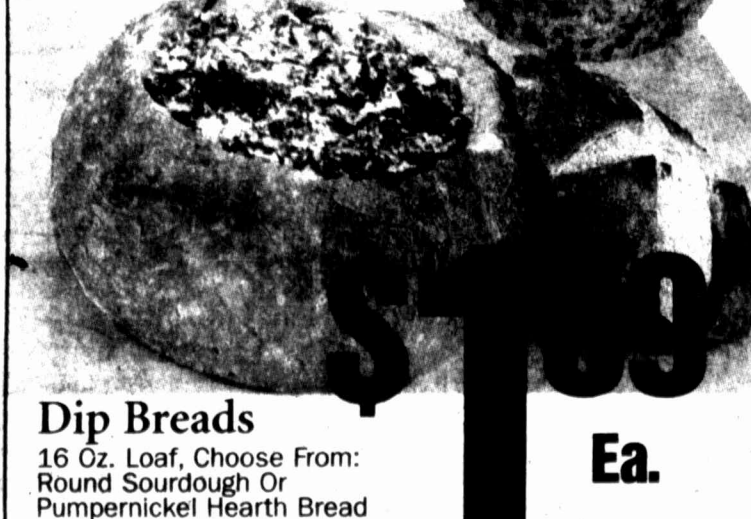


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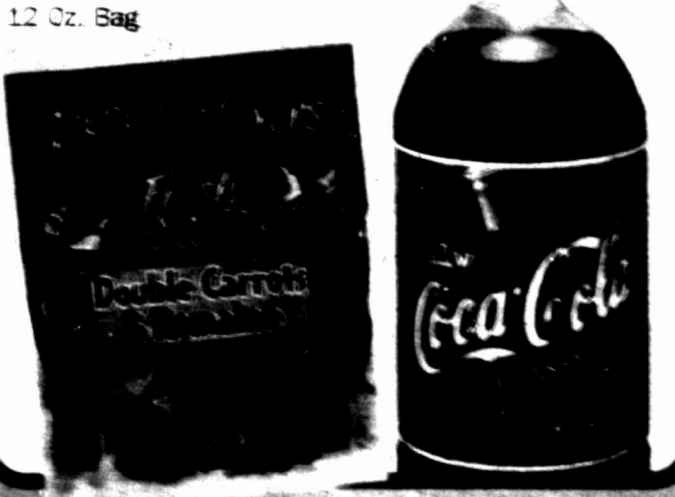
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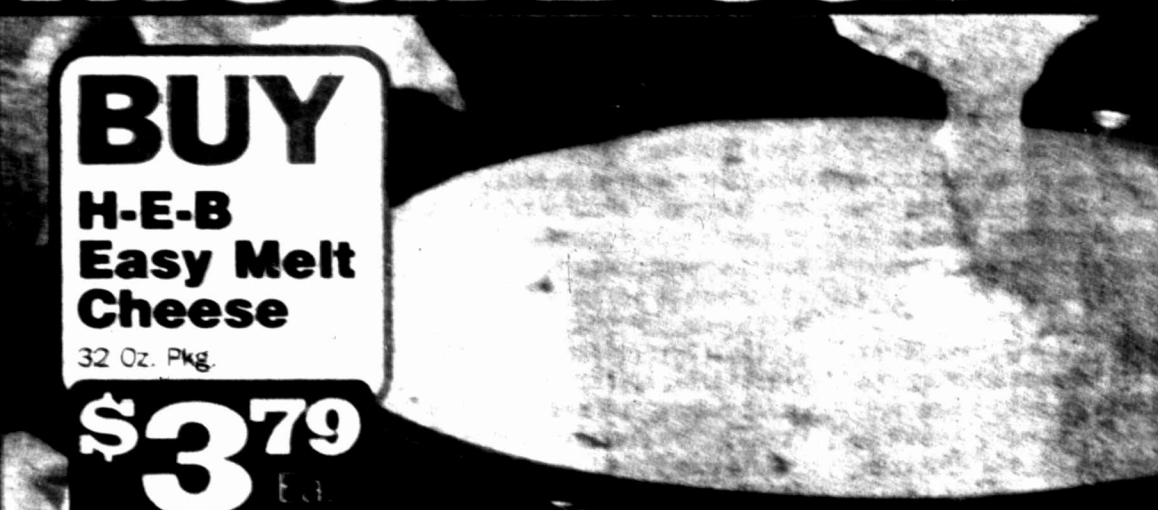
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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each week, 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:

- **HOWARD COLLEGE**, which will be the site of the state's first Risk Management Academy.
- **ENERGAS**, which, at its own expense, replaced natural gas lines at Park Village Apartments, restoring heat to those residents as quickly as possible.
- **ANN FARLEY, MARTHA SIMMERING and PATRICIA BARR** — CASA or Court-Appointed Special Advocates for children of Howard County.
- **SHANE FORREST**, new director of the distance learning program at Howard College.

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.

YOUR VIEWS

To The Editor:

We are writing to request a review and repeal of a policy which we feel is grossly unfair, demeaning and discriminatory to a handful of students at BSHS. The policy only allows a student's grade classification to be upgraded at the beginning of each year regardless of any change made at mid-term. This policy disallows those students who may change classification at mid-term from participating in certain school activities. Activities that we feel they should be allowed to be a part of.

The main activity we are referring to is the Junior/Senior Prom. But it has come to our attention that students are prevented from participating in other activities such as the Senior Pep Rally and other "Class" related events. We were told that the prom was "just another school sponsored dance." So why all the fuss? If you are a Junior or Senior at the time of the prom, why can't you be allowed to attend?

We have discussed this at length with school administrators and the only answer we are given is that "this is the rule and we will make no exceptions." This answer is completely unacceptable and the policy in place is discriminatory to those students who change classification at mid-term and meet the other criteria required for participation.

Obviously we have a student at BSHS that is affected by this policy and we are outraged that this is even an issue. Our son is classified as a Sophomore and as it stands, he will never be allowed to attend his "Junior" prom. He lacked one credit at the beginning of the school year from being classified as a Junior. We realize, as does our son, that it is entirely his fault that he failed several classes. He recognizes this and accepts full responsibility. In fact, he has had to:

1. retake the classes he failed,
 2. pay for the classes out of his own pocket, and
 3. because of "no pass, no play" rule, he was not able to participate in any athletic events even though he practiced with the rest of the team.
- How many times must he be reminded that he failed and just how many times must he be punished for the same crime?

reclassifications are recognized for those students that graduate in December. School records must be updated at the end of each semester so we do not feel that the extra work would be too burdensome on the staff.

So why is this even a policy in the handbook? What does a rule like this accomplish? Doesn't the student have a better attitude when allowed to join activities with the classmates that he has been attending school with for the last three years? Have you considered that students drop out because they get so discouraged they feel that they can't win? No matter how hard they try, there will always be another rule, another hurdle that knocks them down.

Our son is not going to drop out because of this, but it sure makes it difficult to encourage him to keep trying. He is embarrassed and humiliated. Frankly, we don't think this should even be an issue; much less one that has to be brought before the school board and the public.

He is classified as a Junior for U.L.L. purposes. He will be a Senior at the beginning of the school year next year so it's not as if he could attend three proms or play football or baseball another two years. In essence, he is suppose to sit out of all Junior activities.

We cannot speak for other parents whose children face the same situation, but we are deeply concerned that our child cannot participate, "because that is the rule and we will make no exceptions." We are not asking to be an exception, we are asking for the rule to be revoked.

We will be attending the February 10th school board meeting to make this request formal! We hope that you will find our request reasonable and our argument valid. The school board has the power to change the policy and allow these student to attend those events that make memories which last forever. We are not asking to be an "exception." We are asking that those students which qualify to be allowed to attend the events the rest of their class is attending.

We appreciated your attention to this matter and your consideration will be greatly appreciated.

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Covering the Courts: Money indeed talks

Justice John Paul Stevens set out to make what he termed "one simple point." Money is proper, he said. "It is not speech." Hokum! Stevens was concurring this week in the Supreme Court's misguided opinion on the financing of political campaigns. The high court upheld a Missouri law imposing chintzy limits on the amount that an individual may contribute to a candidate for office. The opinion breathed new life into the court's 1976 ruling in Buckley v. Valeo. The Buckley decision should have been moored to an iceberg and floated out to sea.



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In most contexts money is indeed property. In the context of campaign contributions, money is a form of speech as tangible and as subject to constitutional protection — as an armband or a flag. For most Americans, the campaign contribution is the only effective way of political expression. Not everyone can stuff envelopes or man a telephone bank. We may not be in a position to hand out circulars or drive voters to the polls. But we can always

write out a check. In the Buckley case 14 years ago, the Supreme Court pronounced an unrealistic distinction between campaign expenditures and campaign contributions. Federal law then imposed a ceiling of \$1,000 on independent expenditures in a candidate's behalf. The court said this violated the First Amendment's guarantee of free speech. The law also imposed a \$1,000 limit on contributions. For reasons that many observers never have found plausible, the court held that this ceiling on contributions was permissible.

The reasoning appeared to be that the right of free speech is personal and individual. If a supporter of a candidate merely sends a check, he is not speaking. He is hiring a mercenary to speak for him. It is beyond me how this could make a constitutional difference.

Three members of the high court dissented from Monday's ruling in the Missouri case. Justice Anthony Kennedy accused the majority of suppressing "one of our most essential and prevalent forms of political speech." He lectured his erring colleagues: "It is our duty to face up to adverse, unintended consequences flowing from our own prior decisions." Instead of accepting that obligation by overruling the Buckley opinion, the majority "perpetuates and compounds a serious dis-

ortion of the First Amendment."

Justice Clarence Thomas, joined by Justice Antonin Scalia, filed a powerful dissenting opinion. He found Missouri's limit on contributions "patently unconstitutional." Political speech in his view lies at the very heart of the First Amendment. Campaign contributions generate essential political speech. Any effort to limit contributions "should be met with the utmost skepticism and should receive the strictest scrutiny."

Thomas vigorously denounced the specious theory that contributions are no more than "speech by proxy" — that contributions support only speech "by someone other than the contributor." When contributions are limited, a candidate's ability to publicize his views is limited also. Such limits impair freedom of expression, they suppress or effectively silence those candidates who lack name recognition or the personal resources to finance their own campaigns.

Behind the limit on contributions is the feeling that the appearance of corruption must be sweepingly combated. The six justices who formed the Missouri majority commented sensibly that large gifts smack of large influence, even of quid pro quo favors or outright bribery. Without a limit on donations, politicians are likely to be "too compliant with the wishes of large contributors."

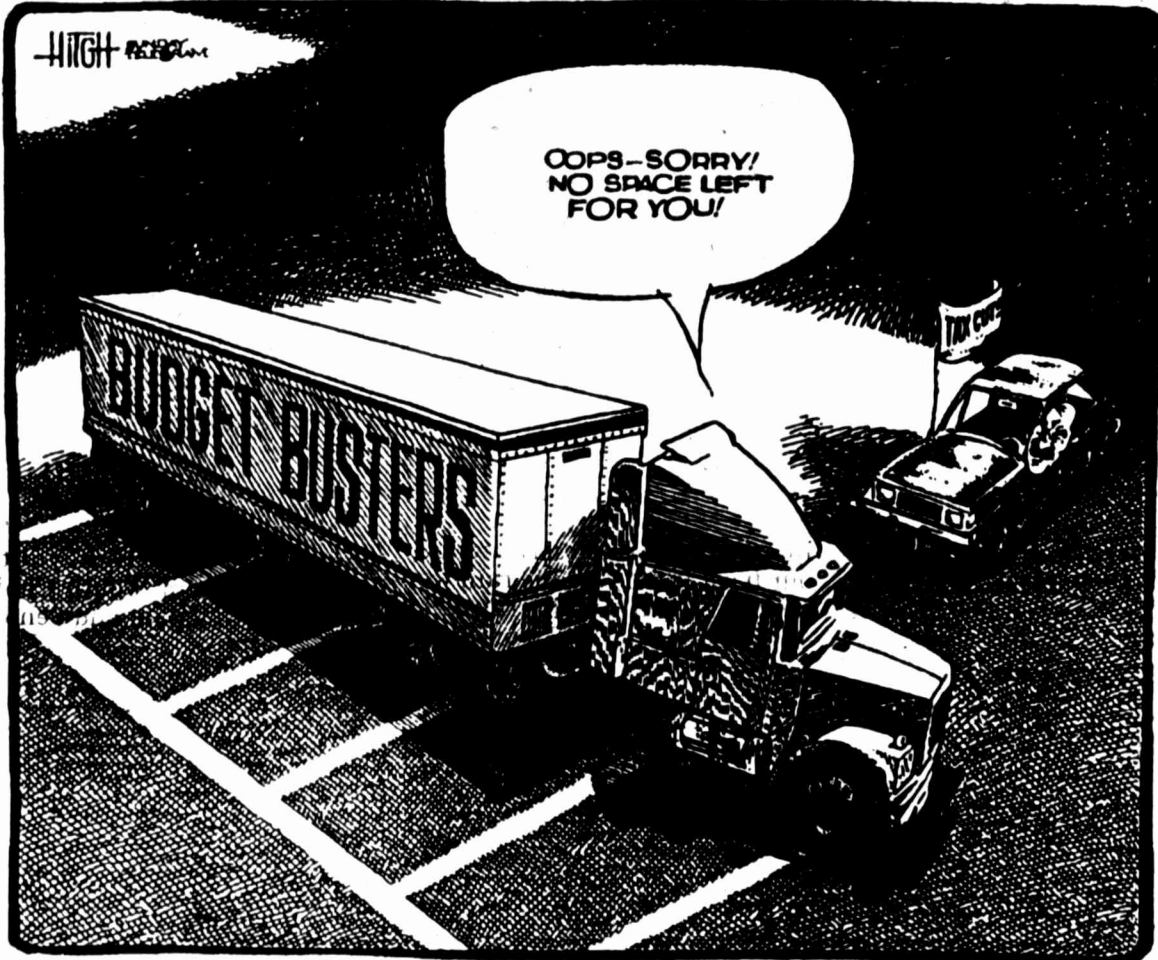
But how compliant is "too" compliant? If I believe passionately in a right to keep and bear arms, is it bribery for me financially to support candidates who feel the same way? How can it be constitutional to give \$250 and unconstitutional to give \$251? I don't get it.

Before Missouri imposed its ceilings, a state treasurer channeled most of the state's banking business to a bank that contributed \$20,000 to the treasurer's campaign. Justice Souter said that voters tend to identify a big donation with a corrupt purpose. True enough. But the answer to such suspicions is immediate public disclosure of all campaign contributions above a certain amount. Let the sunshine in! If the voters trust the integrity of a state treasurer, they will not abandon his candidacy because of a bank's donation. If the treasurer is truly on the take, abundant laws may be invoked toward his indictment and removal from office.

Freedom is precious. Its abuse can properly be restrained, but only by laws that leave fundamental principles intact.

The Constitution guarantees us freedom of speech and association.

In the political realm, the right of a man to put his money where his mouth is — to express his tangible support of a candidate or an idea — is a right not meant to be confined.



Libya keeps its pirate heritage

Two thousand years ago, when the Europeans' known world was small and the Greek city-states were in their prime,



JACK ANDERSON

pirates laid claim to the island of Crete. This was not unlike the more recent pirates of the 17th and 18th centuries who marauded the New World from island bases in the Caribbean.

The analogy runs quite true because the pirates of both ages combined seamanship, fear and a sense of commerce to create a type of hegemony over the areas they roamed. But as pirates are apt to do, they went too far, and so the pirates of the ancient world finally were cleaned out of Crete, much as the pirates of the New World were evicted from the Caribbean. There the analogy ends.

Whereas New World piracy waned rapidly after the loss of its bases — though the Barataria pirates of Louisiana

did thrive into the 19th century — the pirates of the Eastern Mediterranean simply moved westward, establishing themselves on what came to be known as the Barbary Coast of North Africa.

There, they became entrenched, surviving invasions and assimilating invaders. Their corsairs were the scourge of the seas, and their sense of commerce was raised to new heights. The pirate chiefs of North Africa profited from the spread of fear, for rather than warring with the powers of Europe, they simply demanded and received tribute — protection money.

So established was this practice, that by the 19th century, powers such as Napoleon's France as well as the great naval power of the day, Great Britain, paid tribute to the pirates — this at the very time that Lord Nelson was converting the Mediterranean into a British lake.

It seems inconceivable, but at the time the great fleets of France and Britain were fighting for naval supremacy in the 1805 Battle of Trafalgar, the Barbary pirates had only one implacable enemy to contend

with; the United States of America.

Only a few years earlier, in 1797, American peace commissioner Charles Pinckney had turned down French demands for a bribe as a means of ending the undeclared Franco-American naval war, saying, "Millions for defense, but not one cent for tribute." In fact, this righteous statement was proclaimed at a time when the United States was paying tribute to the Barbary pirates.

Then the pirates increased their demands. America refused, and in 1801 the pasha of Tripoli declared war on the United States.

An on-again off-again sort of conflict ensued, and although U.S. Marines went to "the shores of Tripoli," the Barbary pirates remained unconquered.

Today, several nations make up what was called the Barbary Coast, and one nation, Libya, appears to be holding fast to its roots. More than 2,000 years of pirate history and pirate culture are instilled in that nation's psyche, providing a heritage that transcends the ravings of any one man and providing the United States with a historical dilemma.

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Do you have a story idea for the *life!* section? Call 263-7331, Ext. 236.

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Big Spring Herald

Friday, January 28, 2000

Church ready with 'football theology' for Super Bowl Sunday

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Many ministers may dread Super Bowl Sunday, sure that distracted congregation members will be checking their watches, or worse, skipping services altogether.

At First Church of God, it's all part of the plan. This Sunday, "Coach" Darrell Hendrickson will lead his "team" in a special service with a theme that mirrors the excitement and challenge of the big game.

Worship begins at 10:45 a.m. after Sunday school which starts at 9:30 a.m.

"The Super Bowl is probably the biggest event in the U.S. this weekend," said Hendrickson, who is pastor of the church. "There is no use trying to ignore it, so we work

with it."

The church bulletin this week will include phrases like half time (offering), pregame talk (invocation), and a "spiritual huddle," (prayer). Hendrickson's sermon title is, "What makes a Super Church?"

"The analogy of the church as a team has been around a long time," he explained. "Some people are not interested in football at all, but they will understand this."

This is not the first time the church has celebrated this event in spiritual fashion. One year, they gave out plastic foot-



HENDRICKSON

First Church of God has some new terminology ready for Sunday's service, keeping with a Super Bowl theme:

Cheerleaders: Ladies complimenting the preacher on his sermon.

Cornerbacks: Those who occupy the back pews.

Draft choice: The decision to sit close to an air-conditioning vent.

balls to the congregation and then gathered at the church to watch the game.

This year, the evening service has been canceled so members of the church could have Super Bowl parties in their homes. Hendrickson said this, too, is part of the plan.

"This is a good time to invite someone who is unchurched, for a time of fellowship," he

said.

Should there be any doubt, Hendrickson said he is a big football fan. "If the Cowboys were in the Super Bowl, I would be really excited," he said.

To prepare them, Hendrickson had an announcement printed in last Sunday's bulletin. It included this verse from I Corinthians 9:22-23,

whose writer the Apostle Paul, Hendrickson said, understood athletics well.

"I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. I do this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings."

And Hendrickson also included some of these examples of what he calls "football theology."

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End around: Diaper changing time in the nursery.

End run: A child who successfully escapes both parents and ushers on the way out of

church.

Forward motion: The invitation at an evangelistic service.

Fumble: A lousy sermon. Interference: Whispering, talking and moving about during the sermon.

Nose guard: A nursery worker during the flu season.

Quarterback: What church members who believe religion is free want after putting 50 cents in the offering plate.

Staying in the pocket: What happens to a lot of money that should be given for God's work.

Sudden death: What happens to the attention span of the congregation if the preacher goes "overtime."

Tackle: What an alert usher does when a child is sneaking out of the service.

Three-point stance: Being present, on time, with your Bible in hand.

Start now, pray for God to send rain

The last few weeks I have been noticing the dryness of my lawn and other areas of town. I have also talked to several farmers and ranchers. Everyone seems to agree. We need rain.

The time has again come for the Christian community in Big Spring to pray for rain and to acknowledge our dependence on God for the water we need for crops and life in general.

Last year we had a wonderful rain rally and prayed for rain. The big news is we got rain.

I believe that there were two main components that moved the heart of God to supply rain when we prayed; repentance and publicity.

PUBLICITY? Why would God be moved by publicity. In a nutshell, God wants everyone to know that he is our loving heavenly father. If everyone prays for rain, but nobody talks about God's involvement, the unbelievers around us will think that it is merely a coincidence. "Rain always comes eventually," they might say.

But if God's people announce His involvement and their dependence on Him, it sets the stage for God to "get the credit," or in Bible terms, "receive the glory."

The Bible commands us to glorify God with our words, our lives and our resources. To glorify means to elevate or raise or to make shine. We cannot make God any higher than He

already is. We cannot expand up His radiance, but we can call attention to what He has done, and by our public trust in Him call attention to the gifts that are totally in His control.

Then He will be elevated in the minds of those who witness His work and raised in their estimation. The prophet Elijah called king Ahab to repentance by calling attention to God's control over the rain.

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Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word."

Three and one-half years later, the Lord sent Elijah to publicize the return of rain.

IK. 18:1
After a long time, in the third year, the word of the LORD came to Elijah: "God and I will send rain on the land."

Now, before you start thinking that this is only a special case, read James 5:17 from the New Testament.

thanks and everyone enjoyed a good lunch and fellowship.

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Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years.

God used rain to get people to recognize His love in the Old Testament story of Elijah. He used rain to demonstrate His love last year after the rain rally. I know He wants to do the same thing now, but there are many people who are still unaware of the coming miracle.

In John 12:28, Jesus said, "Father, glorify your name!" Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again."

This passage shows us that the Father wants to be glorified. He is worthy to be glorified.

The more God is glorified, the more people will come to Him and receive the gift of eternal life. Let us shamelessly declare our trust in God for the rain we need. We will get the rain we need, and — who knows? — maybe even a few new brothers and sisters in the family of God to boot.

Ro. 15:6 that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ro. 15:9 so that the Gentiles may glorify God for His mercy, as it is written: Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles; I will sing hymns to your name.

Craig Felty is pastor at Cornerstone Church.



CRAIG FELTY

CHURCH NEWS

St. Paul Lutheran

A prayer and praise service for rain is planned at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 810 Scurry, Sunday beginning at 5 p.m.

Both senior pastor Steve Stutz and associate Carroll Kohl will participate in this special service, as will lay people from the congregation. There will be music of various types as well as prayer, all aimed at asking God to lift the drought.

First Methodist Church

"A Revelation Of Worship" (Revelation 4:6-11) is the sermon title for our guest preacher, the Rev. Ted Wilson this Sunday at the First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry.

Youth meet on Sunday afternoon with Mid-High youth meeting at 5 p.m. Youth Choir is meeting at 6 p.m. and Senior Highs meeting at 7 p.m. There is also a Bible study for senior highs on Wednesday night at 101 Washington. Single Adults have a class all their own, taught by Jackie Henry, on Sunday mornings at 9:40, and if you are a single adult you are invited to come and visit us!

There is a Wednesday noon Bible study class and meal each week in Garrett Hall and everyone is invited to attend.

For more information call the church office at 267-6394.

Coahoma Methodist

Coahoma United Methodist Church, 401 N. Main, invites you to come visit us Sunday at the morning worship at 11 a.m. to hear Claudette Green. Be prepared for an inspirational time!

Deaf Worship

Deaf Worship services will be held at the SWCID Campus on Saturday at 3 p.m. in the Maddux Student Union Building. Paramount Baptist Deaf Church from Amarillo will be here to lead in praise and worship. Pastor Darrell Bonjour will bring the message and minister of music Kelvin Jackson (a former SWCID student) along with the Praise Team, will lead in praise and prepare us for worship.

This is a signed service, and there will be interpreting for the hearing. This service is sponsored by the SWCID Baptist Student Ministry in association with Central Baptist Church of the Elbow community and College Baptist

Church.

We invite the community to join with us in support of our deaf and hard of hearing friends. Nursery will not be provided.

Pastor Bonjour has been the minister of the deaf at Paramount Baptist Church since 1980. For more information contact Kelli Ballard, BSM Coordinator, at 398-5551 or at swcidbsm@erc.com.net.

First Baptist Church

Coming Feb. 7-10, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. (with the exception of Sunday when the evening service will begin at 6 p.m.) is the winter Bible study sponsored by the Big Spring Association. The Bible study will be held at First Baptist Church, 705 W FM 700. Leading the study will be Dr. Claude Cone who is presently the executive director of the Southern Baptist Convention in New Mexico. We will be studying I and II Thessalonians.

LLL (Live Longer and Like it) meets this Tuesday at noon for a time of food, fun and fellowship. All senior adults are invited to come. LLL meets in the southeast corner of our building. Bring yourself a covered dish.

"Do We Really Matter?" is the sermon topic of pastor Eddie Tubbs this Sunday morning. Services begin at 10:45 a.m. Our Senior Adult Choir will be singing in the 6 p.m. service.

First Assembly of God

The First Assembly of God, Fourth and Lancaster, invite you to join them for two great services this Sunday.

In the morning service at 10:40, pastor Havener will continue a sermon series on the "Fruit of the Spirit." The message this Sunday will be on "Peace," taken from Gal. 5:22-23. In an hour when our world seems to be unable to find "Peace" it is good to know that the Holy Spirit can give peace. God's Peace provides a "Gift, Guard, Guide, and a Goal" for our lives.

This Sunday, First Assembly will be celebrating in the evening service at 6 with a "Musical Celebration." Jana Jobe of Midland, will be among the guest that will be singing. The public is invited to these services. For more information please call 267-7971 or 267-7214.

Baptist Temple

We are having a Fifth Sunday Singing on Jan. 30, at 2 p.m. Come and hear the Baptist Temple Praise Band and Choir and other soloist. The public is

invited and a nursery will be provided. We are on the corner of 11th Place and Goliad.

St. Mary's Episcopal

St. Mary's will hold their annual meeting this Sunday. It will begin after the 10:30 a.m. service and everyone will meet in the Parish Hall.

Because of the annual meeting, there will be no 8 a.m. service on Sunday.

St. Mary's Planning Group has their meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 2, at 5:30 p.m. in the church office.

First Church of God

Rev. Ernest Lopez of San Antonio will be the guest speaker at First Church of God, 2009 Main, Wednesday, Feb. 2, at 7 p.m. All are invited to come and hear about the Home Missions work among the Hispanic people in America, Canada and Puerto Rico. Pastor Lopez is the Historian of the Spanish Council of the Spanish ministries.

First Christian Church

This Sunday, Dr. Jimmy Watson, pastor of First Christian Church, will preach the sermon, "A Philosophy of Faith." Dr. Watson will use the lectionary texts to describe the ways people of faith should exercise wisdom. Specifically, he will address the questions: What should we do with the knowledge we have?

Next Thursday, Feb. 3, the Christian Women's Fellowship will hold their business meeting, luncheon and program beginning at 11 a.m. Dr. Watson will present the program on "Christian ethics."

Living Water Ministries

Sam Soleyn will be speaking at Living Water Ministries, 1008 Birdwell Lane, Friday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at the 9:30 and 10:30 morning services. He will also be speaking at Miracle Revival Center on Saturday at 7 p.m.

Victory Baptist Church

Join us this Sunday morning at 10 for Bible study followed by the 11 a.m. worship service. Pastor Jeff Janca will be preaching part three of "Revival God's Way."

Victory Baptist Church has a mid-week prayer service every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. along with a Men's Bible Study that meets at 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month. A Women's Bible Study will begin in February.

If you have questions, call 264-0734.

CLUB NEWS

Mighty Oaks

The Mighty Oaks Senior Club met Tuesday, Jan. 18 in the fellowship hall of East Fourth Street Baptist Church.

Twenty two members and four guests attended; guests were Edward and Jean Slate and Roy and Sue Russell.

A short business meeting was held before Edward Slate and Roy Russell gave interesting and informative talks on their recent trip to Honduras.

The meeting was called to order by our new co-presidents Drew and Pat Wyrick.

President Pat Wyrick read a thank-you card from Ida Belle Bankston for her Christmas going-away present. Happy Birthday was sung with piano music by Helen Green to four January honorees.

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Woman's Club

"Membership Driver for the New Millennium" was the subject of the Big Spring Woman's Club meeting on Jan. 17.

Members were encouraged to bring guests with them to the meeting at Spanky's. Jimmy and Angela Dorland told members and guests about this HOT new trend. They told members about different kinds of coffee.

Everyone was invited to sample some of the wonderful specialty drinks.

The business meeting began with a chance for members to get acquainted with potential new members. Club President, Terri Peterson then gave members an update on what fundraisers are going to be

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NEWS FOR SENIORS

The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) 55 Alive/Mature Driving Course will be offered Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 8-9 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Spring City Senior Center. The course includes a one-hour lunch break.

There are no tests or exams in this special course for senior citizens, which deals with safe driving techniques. Attendees will receive a certificate entitling them to a 10 percent discount in auto insurance rates for three years. The course is designed to improve the driving skills of anyone 50 and older, whether they belong to AARP or not.

Both sessions must be attended to receive credit. Tuition is \$10 which includes the cost of a workbook students can keep.

Reserve a spot in the class by calling 267-1628, the senior center.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

THE PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION from Big Spring Junior High School will meet Tuesday in the cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Richard Hickham of MH/MR. All parents and teachers of junior high students are invited to attend, along with other interested persons.

Call John Richard Sparks, 263-8527, for more information.

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THE LAST WORD

Truth is the most valuable thing we have. Let us economize it.

Mark Twain

You never know what is enough unless you know what is more than enough.

William Blake

In order to succeed, you must know what you are doing, and believe in what you are doing.

Will Rogers

JAN 28 2000

Run business by the Bible? Consultants offer advice

FORT COLLINS, Colo. (AP) — Consultants help companies market products, boost the bottom line, decide whom to hire and how much to pay. Now a business consulting firm goes a step further — advising companies how to do those things by The Book.

Teaching businesspeople to make biblically-based decisions is the goal of Kingdom Companies, a division of Ultimate Support Systems of Fort Collins, a privately-held, 20-year-old company that makes speaker, lighting, keyboard and microphone stands for the music and entertainment industries.

The company's mission statement proclaims its first goal is to "make known the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ, and to minister His life and love to others."

It does this "through the profitable design, manufacture, and distribution of a broad range of high quality support systems."

Darrell Schoenig and James Dismore, founder and president respectively, said their program is the result of a concern that their Christian lives were being checked out on Sunday morning and checked back in Sunday night.

"We go out and work with other companies and ... give them ideas," said Dismore. "We try to help other companies come to understand what is their mission, and what is their purpose."

Ultimate Support generates five-year plans for business and ministry, then combines them to create a corporate plan.

Decisions based on biblical concepts can cost money. For example, a recent \$48,000 health insurance premium hike came out of company coffers; officials decided the corporation could sustain the additional expense better than employees, who would have had to pay an additional \$100 a month apiece.

Ultimate's corporate mission statement has stayed in company catalogs, even though some non-Christian customers have canceled thousands of dollars worth of purchase orders. Officials declined to give details.

Schoenig became a Christian while living in his van on the beaches of Hawaii in the 1970s. He returned to Colorado with a hand. At a concert he discovered the need for lightweight, strong speaker stands. Band members had to use chairs to support their speakers.

A hang glider pilot, he fabricated some stands from metal tubing used for hang gliders, then started making them in his parents' garage when oth-

ers wanted them. The band soon broke up, and he was left with a burgeoning demand for his products.

He had developed a philosophy, which he summarized this way: "God, if this is what you want me to do, I don't want this to just be a business. I want to impact lives for you."

Dismore, raised by Christian grandparents, started working with Sam Walton when the Wal-Mart chain had three stores and was a senior level manager when he left 12 years later.

On his arrival at Ultimate in the 1990s, he decided to pursue a marriage of business and ministry plans that Schoenig already had begun to formulate.

"Is the making of money for your own self-interest, or is it for others?" Dismore said. "There's nothing in Scriptures that says there's anything wrong with profit. Scripture does say it's the purpose, and how you go about making that profit, and what you do with the profit, that makes the difference."

Kingdom Companies is funded by Ultimate's profits and has provided advice to retailers, manufacturers, Internet companies and software operations.

Franklin DeRemer, CEO of the California-based MetaWare software company, credited Kingdom Companies with offering "godly counselors and advisors with years of business experience" to help him develop guidelines for his own operation.

And Mark Haynam, who runs Leaf Kitchens, Ltd., a high-end Colorado cabinetmaker, expressed gratitude that someone was there "when a hurting, lonely cabinetmaker needed help."

"We will not tell you that you must do A, B and C to meet our (or, more importantly, God's) standards. What we will do is share our experiences, our time and our suggestions. Our goal is to establish a mentoring relationship that will positively impact your business and its people," says an outline for Kingdom Companies.

Bonnie Griffin Kaake of Innovative Consulting Group Inc. in the Denver area said the concept is unique and it could be valuable if managers avoid problems with employees perceiving religious dictates in the workplace.

"I really strongly believe that there is a lot of room today for more ethics in business," said Ms. Kaake, a member of the International Guild of Professional Consultants. "I have been appalled at some of the things I have seen."

CLUB

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occurring the next few months. There will be Pet Therapy, a Child I.D. Program, and members will donate much-needed items to Rape Crisis. An update was then given on the Goliad Junior Classics. Members of the club, which is mentored by Woman's Club, adopted angels from the Salvation Army Angel Tree, and did a wonderful job on their fundraiser. Next month, the membership drive will continue at the home of Shara Goswick, and members are encouraged to bring anyone interested in joining Woman's Club.

Big Spring Evening Lions Club

The Big Spring Evening Lions Club will sponsor an H.E.B. Shopping Spree for groceries. The winner will have two minutes to load all they can into their shopping cart.

Tickets are \$1 and six for \$5. Drawing will be held March 29. For information and rules call Jan Noyes at 267-6095.

1948 Hyperion Club

Members of the 1948 Hyperion Club held their January meeting at the Dora Roberts Community Center with hostesses Mary Dudley and Kate Irons. In keeping with the year's program theme of The New Millennium, guest speaker Lanelle Witt told of "New Trends in Banking." Witt is vice president at First Bank of West Texas. President Joyce Choate presided at the business meeting at which time a report of club members participation at the Christmas parties at Big Spring State Hospital was discussed and a thank you read. Refreshments were served to 13 members and one guest.

Mary Jane Club

Billie Harding, author of the

Vincent history, was the guest speaker at the Mary Jane Club. The meeting, held in the home of Patricia Barr, was hosted by Bonnie Haje Cushing. Harding, a retired school teacher, came back to her roots and decided to take it upon herself to preserve the history of the Vincent community. Her efforts with computer, tape recorder and many miles resulted in a print-ready volume which has become a family treasure for many in the area.

Eleven members and one guest were welcomed by vice president Bobbie Nix; roll call was answered with memories of Vincent.

RELIGION BRIEFS

GENEVA (AP) — The number of Lutherans worldwide increased last year from 61.5 million to 63.1 million, the Lutheran World Federation reports.

The federation's own constituency of 128 denominations included 94 percent of the total.

Half the world's Lutherans live in Europe, but the biggest numerical increase occurred in Asia, where there were 6.5 million Lutherans in 1999 compared with 4.8 million the previous year. Most of that growth occurred in Indonesia's Protestant Christian Batak Church.

The previous year, the biggest increase occurred in Africa.

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IN BRIEF

Howard-Clarendon games
postponed until Feb. 26

Thursday night's scheduled Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJAC) men's and women's basketball games between Howard College and Clarendon College were postponed due to weather conditions.

Those games have been rescheduled for Saturday, Feb. 26, with game times to be announced later.

Weather also forced postponement of WJAC games involving South Plains College and Frank Phillips College teams. Those games have been rescheduled for tonight.

In WJAC men's games played Thursday night, Midland defeated New Mexico Military Institute 90-74 and Odessa took a 77-70 win over New Mexico Junior College.

Women's action saw Midland take an 82-56 win over Western Texas, while Odessa defeated NMJC 74-63.

Softball umpires training
set to begin on March 1

The Permian Basin Softball Umpires Association will begin training for all slow-pitch and fastpitch umpires at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 1, at the Bill Williams Complex Umpire Building in Midland's Hogan Park.

All prospective and returning umpires need to attend.

For more information, call Mack Gipson at (915) 520-5961.

Boys basketball boosters
set meeting for Tuesday

The Big Spring Boys Basketball Boosters Club has scheduled its next meeting for 5:15 p.m. Tuesday at Big Spring Junior High School.

Members will be making plans for the Boys Basketball Banquet honoring all boys' basketball players on junior high school and high school teams. That banquet is set for March.

Parents of all Big Spring boys' basketball players and others interested in the program are urged to attend.

For more information, call Ruth Shellman at 263-3065 or 264-6738.

National Little League
slated to meet Thursday

The National Little League of Big Spring will hold a meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Allan's Furniture.

Officers for the league will be elected during that meeting.

For more information, call Jim Wilson at 263-0062 or Jerry Baker at 263-3242.

Hunter education class
scheduled for Feb. 12-13

A hunter education course, required of all Texas hunters born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 12-13, in the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce conference room.

Boyce Hale and Steve Poitivent will be instructors for the class.

For more information, call Hale at 267-6957 or Dibrell's Gun Shop at 267-7891.

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7 p.m. — New York Knicks at Atlanta Hawks, TNT, Ch. 28.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

7:30 p.m. — St. Louis Blues at Dallas Stars, FXS, Ch. 29.

TENNIS

8:30 p.m. — Australian Open, women's championship match, ESPN, Ch. 30.

BSHS swimmers headed for District 3-4A meet this weekend

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Sports Editor

It's not hard to pick the favorites for today's and Saturday's District 3-4A swimming and diving meet in Fort Stockton.

Pecos' Eagles figure to be the class of the league's teams in the boys' division, while Monahans' Lady Lobos are the top seed for the girls' team championship as the meet gets under way with diving competition tonight and continues swimming events on Saturday.

"Pecos' boys and Monahans' girls have been strong all year long and there's no reason to think that anything's changed ... they're clearly the favorites," Big Spring coach Harlan Smith said as he prepared to take his Steers and Lady Steers to the meet—that for the first time will send its qualifiers to a Class 4A and

below regional meet.

"Our girls figure to finish either second or third, depending on how well we match up with Pecos," Smith added. "On the boys' side, though, we just don't have enough kids to really think about where we'll finish as a team. The point there will simply be to try and qualify as many kids as we can for regional."

Of course, Smith makes it clear he hopes to send several Lady Steers to the regional meet, set for Feb. 12-13 in Lubbock, as well.

"The top six finishers in the district go on to regional, so we've got a chance to get quite a few kids that far," the Big Spring coach acknowledged.

"And since this is the strongest district in the region, you have to think we've got a chance to get some kids out to the state meet, as well," Smith added, noting that the top finisher in each event from

each region, plus the swimmers turning in the eight best times across the state, will be going to the first ever Class 4A and below state meet in Austin on Feb. 26-27.

As a result, Smith has altered his training regimen during the past few weeks.

"We worked hard ... really hard ... during the Christmas break and early this month," he explained, "but we've lightened things up a little in the last three weeks, concentrating on sprint work."

Big Spring will have the top seed in three events going into Saturday's swimming prelims, as senior Melissa Sheedy owns the district's best times in the 200 individual medley and the 100 butterfly this season and classmate Tz Marsch is expected to top the field in the 200 freestyle.

Sheedy and Marsch will also swim legs

on the 200 and 400 freestyle relays, joining Michelle Stokes and Heidi Robinson. "Those two relays will play a big role in whether or not we finish second in the team standings with the girls," Smith noted.

Smith's lack of optimism concerning the Steers' chances to contend in the team standings is primarily due to the size of Big Spring's entry. The Steers will enter only six swimmers in the boys' division.

And with none of those six being seniors, the Steers are not only short on numbers, but experience as well.

"We've been improving and looking better ... the times have been coming down all season," Smith noted. "But when you start off with this many young kids, you're not going to be where we've gotten used to being in the past five or six years."

Lehman keeps hot start
in first round at Phoenix

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — For someone who doesn't win often, Tom Lehman knows where the money is.

Lehman, who won the unofficial-money Williams World Challenge on Jan. 2 and collected \$1 million, kept his edge Thursday with an 8-under-par 63 in the first round of the Phoenix Open, which increased its purse to \$3.2 million this year.

It was the Scottsdale resident's best round at the TPC of Scottsdale, and it held up for a share of the lead with 1996 Phoenix champion Phil Mickelson.

David Duval, Dennis Paulson, Charles Raulerson and Esteban Toledo were bunched at 66. The group of 15 at 67 included defending champion Rocco Mediate, while 1998 winner Jesper Parnevik was in a group of nine five shots off the pace.

Along with his three-shot victory over Duval in the Williams, Lehman tied for sixth in the Sony Open in his only official tour entry until now. He attributed his strong play to a feeling of peace about his life and his family.

Rather than instilling complacency, it has allowed him to focus on his game as never before.

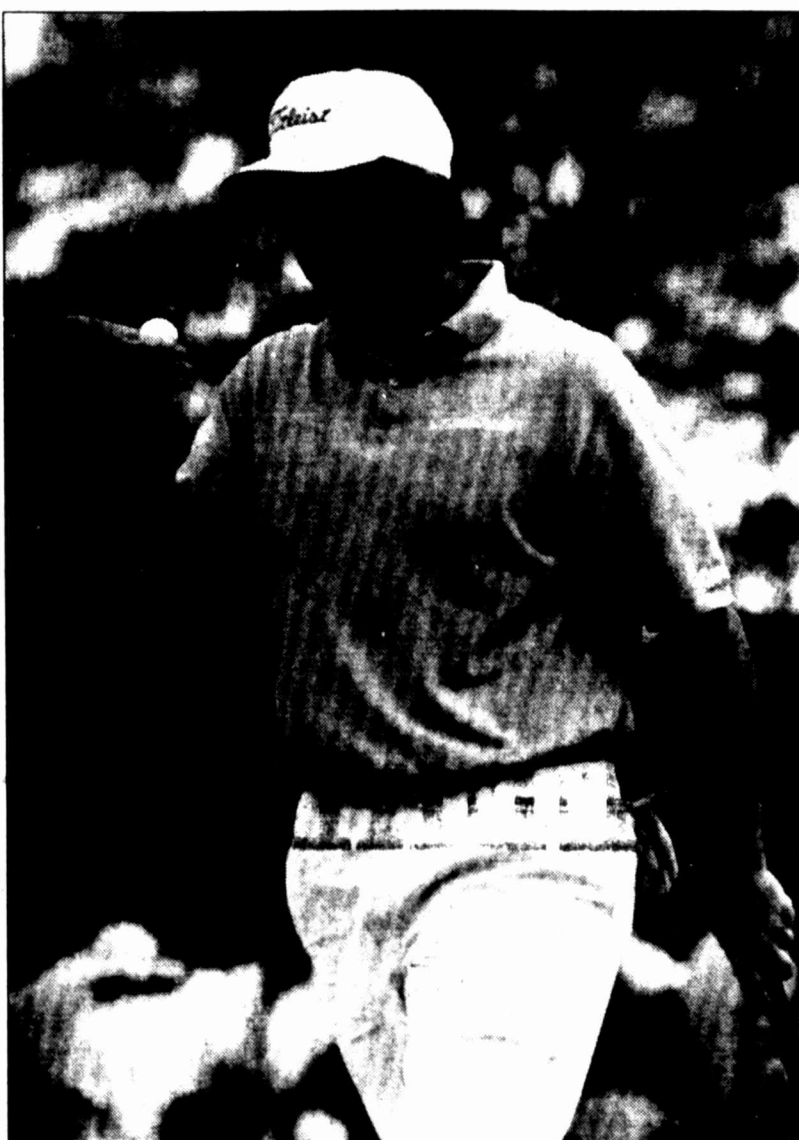
"I think they're very much complementary," Lehman said. "I think there's times when you're striving so hard that you get in your own way, and other times when you feel much more relaxed and feel much more at peace, and you kind of just allow your ability to come out."

Lehman had shoulder surgery in November 1998 and recovered to finish second four times last year. He has four titles to show for his 14 years on tour, but has been among the top 25 on the money list since 1993.

He won his last two tournaments — the British Open and the Tour Championship — in 1996, when he was the PGA's Player of the Year after earning a then-record \$1,780,159.

He won the Loch Lomond World Invitational, another unofficial event, in Scotland the next year, finishing ahead of players like Ernie Els, Colin Montgomerie and Greg Norman.

"They fulfill me," he said about winning international tournaments like the Casio



Tom Lehman, pictured here during the final round of the 1994 Masters, is off to a strong start this season. He grabbed the share of the first round lead at the Phoenix Open on Thursday, posting a 9-under-par round of 63 on the TPC Scottsdale layout. He shares the lead with Phil Mickelson.

World Open in 1993, Loch Lomond and the Williams. "You don't fulfill me in the media writing, 'Why haven't you won since 1996?' I don't look at it that way. Loch Lomond was a great field and I won by five."

Mickelson also went last season without a victory, but had two seconds and six top 10 finishes. The 1999 Phoenix Open was a disappointment for him — he finished 61st after shooting 9-over 80 in the last round.

"I think I had an early start, and I wanted to watch the Super Bowl," he said.

He took some time off last season, analyzed his problems and then went to work on his short game.

"The last couple of years my weakness has been from 150 yards in, which has always

been my strength," Mickelson said. "And I fixed that in the offseason, and I'm ready to go."

Mickelson parred the first three holes before birdieing the next three. He also birdied the ninth, 11th, 13th, 15th and 17th holes, and sank a 10-foot putt to save par on the last hole.

Lehman's approach shots were just as accurate as Mickelson's — leaving him no more than a 12-foot putt on six of his birdies.

Lehman birdied the first, fourth, seventh and eighth holes after a start on the back nine, then had three consecutive birdies after the turn.

He saved par with a 10-foot putt after wedging out of a bunker on the 14th hole, and finished with a flourish when he rolled in a 30-foot, uphill putt on the last hole.

Tar Heels finally
stop losing streak
at Terps' expense

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fans storming the court has become almost commonplace in college basketball this season with it happening for wins that just don't seem to deserve it.

Excuse the fans in Chapel Hill on Thursday night, because they had a very good reason — the losing streak was over.

North Carolina avoided its first five-game losing streak in 48 years with a 75-63 victory over No. 22 Maryland.

"We want to remember this feeling so we can taste it again," said North Carolina's Jason Capel, who had 11 points and 12 rebounds.

It had been a while since the Tar Heels (12-8, 3-3 Atlantic Coast Conference) had won. The four consecutive losses matched their longest losing streak since the 1991-92 season and the last time they dropped five straight was the end of the 1951-52 season.

"There was no way we were going to lose this game," Capel added. "We have worked too hard and we deserve this. We came out and played for (coach Bill Guthridge) and the fans and had a good time in the second half."

So did the fans after the game when they poured onto the court at the Smith Center. The game was pushed back 24 hours because of a storm that left 20 inches of snow in the area Monday night, and many of North Carolina's regular fans were absent.

That meant students, the majority of which sit in the upper deck of the Smith Center, were allowed on the lower level and the increased noise seemed to rattle the Terrapins early.

"Not in this atmosphere, we weren't going to put Carolina away tonight," Maryland coach Gary Williams said of his team's 11-point first-half lead that was still seven at halftime.

In other games involving ranked teams Thursday, it was: No. 1 Cincinnati 75, Louisville 65; No. 2 Stanford 92, Washington 62; No. 6 Connecticut 64, Providence 50; No. 9 Michigan State 59, Northwestern 29; No. 13 Tulsa 89, Texas-El Paso 71; Clemson 59, No. 21 North Carolina State 42; and Oregon 68, No. 23 Southern California 67.

Center Brendan Haywood led

North Carolina, which had lost six of its last nine, by matching his career high with 24 points.

Juan Dixon had 22 for the Terrapins (13-6, 2-4), who fell behind 59-50 after North Carolina went on a 14-0 run.

"We've played 19 games now and we should be more consistent than we were in the second half," Williams said of his team's 26 percent shooting over the final 20 minutes. "We just broke down."

No. 1 Cincinnati 75,
Louisville 65

Freshman DerMarr Johnson hit his first eight shots, including five 3-pointers, and scored all 21 of his points in the first half as the visiting Bearcats (19-1, 7-0 Conference USA) won their 11th straight and beat Louisville for the sixth straight time. Nate Johnson had 19 points for the Cardinals (11-7, 3-4), who never got closer than seven down the stretch.

No. 2 Stanford 92,
Washington 62

Mark Madsen had 18 points and Casey Jacobsen added 17, including four 3-pointers, as the Cardinal (16-1, 5-1 Pac-10) cruised at home, leading by as many as 45 points. Will Perkins had 20 for the Huskies (6-13, 1-6), who lost their sixth straight.

No. 6 Connecticut 64,
Providence 50

Albert Mouring scored eight of his 20 points in a 23-9 first-half run for the Huskies (14-4, 3-3), who got their first Big East home win of the season.

UConn played most of the second half without junior point guard Khalid El-Amin and senior forward Kevin Freeman, both sidelined with injuries in the second half. Both players said they hoped to be back for Sunday's game against Seton Hall.

Karim Shabazz had 17 points for the Friars.

No. 9 Michigan St. 59,
Northwestern 29

Morris Peterson had 19 points for the visiting Spartans (14-5, 5-1 Big Ten), who took control with a 25-0 first-half run and held the Wildcats (4-14, 0-6) to seven field goals in the entire game. It was Michigan State's second win over Northwestern in five days.

Being Cowboys' coach makes Campo anything but the boss

IRVING (AP) — Dave Campo has worked for the Dallas Cowboys long enough to know that just because he's now the coach, he's not the boss.

That job belongs to Jerry Jones. Campo has been an employee with the Cowboys for all 11 years that Jones has been the owner and general manager. Campo has been defensive coordinator the past five seasons.

His up-close view of what did and didn't work for the previous three coaches Jones brought in — and eventually kicked out — should give Campo a clear understanding of what he's gotten himself into.

"We've been together and we know how we each think," Campo said. "That makes it a little easier."

On Wednesday, Campo became only the fifth coach in the team's 41-year history and the first to come from within the organization.

But he also knows that he's the third coach Jones has employed in four seasons and the fourth in the past eight.

The perception he'll have to overcome is that he's merely a puppet for the owner. Fair or not, that label has been attached to the job since Jones broke up with coach Jimmy Johnson and said any of 500 people could replace him.

Jones tried shifting authority to his on-field leader by saying at the news conference: "He will be the overseer and ultimate decision-maker regarding what we're doing in all areas."

Campo is willing to take a 50-50 split. "It's not for me," he said. "It's me and us."

The first decision of the Jones-Campo Era will be hiring offensive and defensive coordinators.

Jack Reilly, who coached Dallas quarterbacks in 1997 and had the same job the past two years in New England, is

the front-runner for the offensive job.

Mike Zimmer, who replaced Campo as secondary coach, may replace him again as defensive coordinator.

Campo is a college professor than an NFL coach.

At 5-foot-8, 150 pounds, he's shorter than most head coaches, but he's not afraid to rip his players. He's not considered a hothead, though, because he only holds back until he feels it's necessary.

His style was forged through a vagabond career that took his family to 11 colleges over 18 years. He was an assistant to coaches such as Johnny Majors, Jackie Sherrill and Dick MacPherson before his final stop, the University of Miami, working for Johnson.

Two years later, Campo was among several assistants who followed Johnson

to Dallas.

Campo spent two years as a defensive assistant, then moved up to secondary coach. Barry Switzer promoted him to defensive coordinator in 1995.

The Cowboys won the Super Bowl that season, but have won only one postseason game since. They're 24-24 the past three years with two first-round playoff losses.

Campo often thought about what he would do if he were in charge. He laid out his ideas to Jones' soon after Chan Gailey was fired Jan. 11.

"I wanted to make sure he had a good idea what I was all about," Campo said. "We discussed a number of things, but the biggest thing was that I felt I had a working knowledge of this team."

Quarterback Troy Aikman never has taken orders from Campo, but he's been around long enough to know Campo is the right person for the job.

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CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Named Brian Dwyer manager of Winston Salem of the Carolina League.
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms with RHP Scott Sanders on a one-year contract.
TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Agreed to terms with RHP Rick White on a one-year contract and C Pat Borders on a minor league contract.
TEXAS RANGERS—Purchased the contract of 2B Steve Hane from Fargo Moorhead of the Northern League and assigned him to their minor league complex.
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NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with OF Jay Payton and C Vance Wilson on one-year contracts.
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National Basketball Association
NBA—Promoted Bud Roper to executive vice president basketball operations. Jodi Lurie to executive vice president legal and business affairs and Mike Barton to senior vice president player and executive development. Suspend Golden State 90, Mike Davis and Darrin G. Gask. There is a game without pay last night. Davis \$7,500 and Trent \$5,000. All other fines in separate incidents during the game.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
NFL—Promoted Greg Babin to general manager of Cleveland Browns. CAROLINA PANTHERS—Named Randy Mueller general manager and Almond D. Feltus general director of administration.
NEW YORK GIANTS—Extended contract to QB Eli Manning for two years.
NEW YORK JETS—Received Bill Belichick from his contract and gave New England the 2001 first-round pick. A seventh-round draft pick to New England's 2001 first-round pick and a fourth- and seventh-round pick to Jets.
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NBA STANDINGS

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FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — New England Patriots owner Bob Kraft has learned the value of a good coach.

Patriots hire Belichick as coach

hours for Kraft and his would-be coach to reach an agreement somewhere off the highway between Boston and New York. The deal came so quickly, Kraft claimed, that there wasn't time to discuss whether Belichick would also take over as general manager. Asked why he hasn't made Belichick the general manager, Kraft said, "We'll think about that. Thank you for suggesting it." Belichick said he wasn't concerned about having total control of the team. "This is not a one-man band here. I can't play all the instruments," he said. "I don't think it's important who's right. I think it's important what's right." Belichick was 37-45 as coach of the Cleveland Browns and an assistant with New England when the Patriots went to the 1997 Super Bowl when Parcells was head coach.

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Sloan Blazer now better than...

It was quite a Jerry Sloan. "We got beat team," Utah's Thursday night were defeated by Trail Blazers, 85-78. Maybe Sloan's better after being the fourth quarter was truly special believes. After all, Portland with a 4-2 victory round, and their this latest mat encompassing. The Jazz shot a percent, with a going just 1-for-4 four points. Karl season-low 12 Utah's 75 points against the Bl games over the p "Portland was on us all night ejected with 2:26 arguing with "Portland's de going to let us c out rebounded u after the ball mu Elsewhere, S defeated Minn Charlotte beat U Vancouver nippe 108-106, Hou Golden State 1 beat the Los An 99-90 and Cle Orlando 102-90. A layup by Mal Jazz to 69-65 with Bonzi Wells hit a and Greg Antho pointer to ma Anthony's next 3-in after several sealed the game 6:26 left. Portland, which straight includ over the Spurs finally got a s mance from Jer The 21-year-old played just 55 mi 11 games, but had eight rebounds in Brian Grant rebounds and def well. Late in the wrestled a rebou Malone, laid the scowled furiousl back. The players t the playoffs last Malone opened Grant's eye in G Semifinals series. "It was a ho game all the w coach Mike Du "The big differen the guys came in controlled the gl body who played the win."

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Sloan says Blazers are now better than Jazz

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It was quite an admission by Jerry Sloan.

"We got beat by a better team," Utah's coach said Thursday night after the Jazz were defeated by the Portland Trail Blazers, 85-75.

Maybe Sloan was still off-kilter after being ejected late in the fourth quarter, or maybe he was truly speaking what he believes.

After all, Portland ousted Utah from the playoffs last year with a 4-2 victory in the second round, and their domination in this latest matchup was all-encompassing.

The Jazz shot a season-low 32 percent, with Bryon Russell going just 1-for-16 and scoring four points. Karl Malone had a season-low 12 points, and Utah's 75 points were the fewest the franchise has scored against the Blazers in 110 games over the past 25 years.

"Portland was like a blanket on us all night," said Sloan, ejected with 2:26 remaining for arguing with the officials. "Portland's defense wasn't going to let us catch up. They outrebounded us; they went after the ball much better."

Elsewhere, San Antonio defeated Minnesota 92-80, Charlotte beat Detroit 117-102, Vancouver nipped New Jersey 108-106, Houston downed Golden State 115-110, Dallas beat the Los Angeles Clippers 99-90 and Cleveland topped Orlando 102-90.

A layup by Malone pulled the Jazz to 69-65 with 9:23 to go, but Bonzi Wells hit a short jumper and Greg Anthony nailed a 3-pointer to make it 74-65. Anthony's next 3-pointer rattled in after several bounces and sealed the game at 79-67 with 6:26 left.

Portland, which has won four straight including victories over the Spurs and Lakers, finally got a strong performance from Jermaine O'Neal. The 21-year-old forward had played just 55 minutes his last 11 games, but had 14 points and eight rebounds in 23 minutes.

Brian Grant added 12 rebounds and defended Malone well. Late in the game, Grant wrestled a rebound away from Malone, laid the ball in and scowled furiously at Malone's back.

The players tussled during the playoffs last season, when Malone opened a gash above Grant's eye in Game 5 of their semifinals series.

"It was a hotly contested game all the way," Portland coach Mike Dunleavy said. "The big difference tonight was the guys came in the game and controlled the glass and everybody who played contributed to the win."

Spurs 92, Timberwolves 80
Tim Duncan scored 20 points as the Spurs ended the Timberwolves' six-game road win streak.

San Antonio extended its win streak to three in the matchup of Midwest Division contenders. Minnesota lost for only the fourth time in its last 20 games in the finale of a five-game road trip.

Duncan, who did not score in the fourth quarter, led a balanced San Antonio attack that included 19 points from David Robinson and 18 from Avery Johnson. Duncan added had 14 rebounds and Robinson 12, and the pair combined to block nine shots. Duncan had five.

Hornets 117, Pistons 102
David Wesley took another step in his recovery from the death of close friend Bobby Phillips with a 24-point effort.

Wesley hit eight of 13 field-goal attempts and scored eight points in a 17-2 run that put the Hornets in control on the way to their fifth victory in six games.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, JAN. 29:

You'll hatch numerous money-making ideas this year. You spend money well and will work on making more. Your energy and creativity will combine to make this happen. Stay aware of your public image; it is a key to your success. Others need to know you are authentic. You are extremely goal-directed this year. It will take a lot to distract you. If you are single, romance will squeeze its way through your door this summer. If attached, work as a team. Develop a common ground in work matters. Understanding each other's ambitions will help you remain close. A new addition is possible this next year. SAGITTARIUS is a pal.

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) ****d feeling especially

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ****Another takes a strong stand, and you agree. Get together with friends and loved ones. Browse through favorite places or eat at a favorite restaurant. Share news, jokes and happy moments. Don't worry about getting anything done. Tonight: Go along with another's plans.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ****Everyone needs time off from life's demands. Make today your official lazy day. Do what you want; lounge and visit. Plunge into whatever you do, even if it has no purpose. Take care of yourself first. You can worry about everything else tomorrow. Tonight: Mellow does it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) together. Make plans with a friend or sweetheart. Release banal concerns. Simply enjoy life and what it offers you. Visiting and lolling around enhance togetherness. Tonight: Just enjoy.

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**** Strip away your defenses. Reach out for others at a distance. Be playful. Live a fantasy. Take a special day trip, and share news with a loved one. Another might be chatty or full of complaints. Help him relax and get into the moment. Tonight: Be a kid again.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) **Build on established ground. Listen to another carefully — he actually needs your help, but he might not express it in a way you can hear. You don't have to go far; mellow out close to home. Tonight: A little R & R for you. Tonight: Nap, then ride.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **Pace yourself. Know what you need to do. Be efficient. Deal with a money matter head-on. Recognize that working harder might not be the way to straighten out a money problem. Instead, take a hard look at cutting your spending. Tonight: Let another co ax you!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **** You know what you want and will get there by hook or by crook. Allow your creativity to play a larger role in your life. A child could be overly rambunctious, but don't try to rein him in. Let him express his high energy. Tonight: Beam in whatever you want.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***Handle personal matters on the homefront. You have high energy, and you accomplish a lot very quickly if you opt to do it on your own. Take

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, JAN. 29:

time to do something special for you. Indulge, indulge, indulge! Tonight: Recharge your batteries.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) **** Reach out for others. Make an effort to bridge an emotional gap. Another might be touchy and might express strong feelings. Once you clear the air, you both feel better. Surround yourself with friends. The more, the merrier! Tonight: Where the gang is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ****Handle money matters first thing today. Pay bills, then get a head start on next week's work. Some of you might need to visit with an older relative, as well. Don't worry, your time to enjoy yourself will happen soon enough. Tonight: Let it all hang out.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ****Don't sit on your duff or waste time thinking about plans. Go off and make them happen! You break tradition and show a willingness to open up. Activity and a change of scenery recycle you. Talks open up a relationship. Tonight: Don't call home!

BORN TODAY
Talk show host Oprah Winfrey (1954), actress Bobbie Phillips (1968), actor Tom Selleck (1945)

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- 1995 Buick LeSabre Custom 4-DR. - Red w/cloth, fully equipped one owner w/65,000 miles. Was \$10995. Sale Price \$9995
- 1995 Ford Contour GL - Red w/cloth, equipped not stripped, one owner w/69,000 miles. Was \$7995. Sale Price \$6995
- 1995 Ford Escort LX 4-DR. - Silver, automatic, air, one owner w/72,000 miles. Was \$5995. Sale Price \$4995
- 1995 Mercury Cougar XR7 - Green/green top, V-8, fully equipped one owner w/23,000 miles. Was \$11995. Sale Price \$10995
- 1995 Ford Taurus GL - White w/cloth, fully equipped one owner w/69,000 miles. Was \$8995. Sale Price \$6995
- 1996 Dodge Stratus - Green w/cloth, local one owner w/80,000 miles. Was \$7995. Sale Price \$6995
- 1996 Ford Mustang - Black w/cloth, automatic, fully equipped one owner w/57,000 miles. Was \$10995. Sale Price \$9995
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- 1996 Mercury Mystique GS - Iris w/cloth, equipped not stripped, one owner 39,000 miles. Was \$8995. Sale Price \$8995
- 1996 Ford Taurus GL - Red w/cloth, fully equipped one owner w/67,000 miles. Was \$8995. Sale Price \$7995
- 1997 Buick LeSabre Custom - White w/cloth, fully equipped one owner w/41,000 miles. Was \$12995. Sale Price \$11995
- 1997 Buick Century Custom 4-DR. - Silver w/cloth, fully equipped, one owner w/27,000 miles. Was \$12995. Sale Price \$11995
- 1997 Ford Mustang - White w/cloth, automatic, fully equipped, one owner w/49,000 miles. Was \$12995. Sale Price \$11995
- 1997 Mercury Grand Marquis L.S. - Red w/leather, fully equipped, one owner w/41,000 miles. Was \$16995. Sale Price \$15995
- 1997 Buick LeSabre Custom - Red w/cloth, fully equipped, one owner w/47,000 miles. Was \$11995. Sale Price \$10995
- 1998 Honda Accord LX 4-DR. - Silver w/cloth, fully equipped, one owner w/38,000 miles. Was \$15995. Sale Price \$14995
- 1998 Ford Escort ZX2 2-DR. - Gold w/cloth, 5 speed, air, one owner w/35,000 miles. Was \$9995. Sale Price \$8995
- 1998 Mercury Sable GS - Red w/cloth, all power, program car w/30,000 miles. Was \$12995. Sale Price \$11995
- 1999 Mercury Cougar - Silver, V-6, all power, one owner w/7,000 miles. Was \$16995. Sale Price \$15995
- 1999 Chevrolet Cavalier Z-24 Convertible - White w/black top, fully equipped, one owner w/9,000 miles. NADA Retail \$17200. Sale Price \$14995
- 1999 Ford Taurus SE - White w/cloth, fully equipped, one owner w/22,000 miles. Was \$14995. Sale Price \$13995
- 1999 Ford Crown Victoria LX - White w/cloth, fully equipped program car w/15,000 miles. Was \$19995. Sale Price \$18995
- 1999 Lincoln Town Car Signature Series - Charcoal green, beige leather, fully equipped program car w/23,000 miles. Was \$28995. Sale Price \$26995

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Leash isn't enough to keep dog safe in back of pickup

DEAR ABBY: I just finished reading the letter about the husky dog who jumped from the back of a pickup truck into traffic. Here is our story.

We were camping Memorial Day weekend

three years ago. Our dogs were tied up on short leashes in the back of our pickup truck. One of them climbed onto our cooler next to the side of the truck and fell out. The collar slipped over her head and she went under the wheel of the truck. When we got to her, she was still alive, but barely.

We drove 20 miles to the police station in Payson, Ariz. They called a vet at his home and gave us directions to his office. That wonderful man tried valiantly to save her, but couldn't. Her death still haunts us.

Needless to say, none of our dogs ride in the back of our truck anymore. I am now a volunteer for the Arizona Humane Society. Please, Abby, tell your readers to treat their pets as they would want to be treated. Pets are our friends. — KAREN IN TEMPE, ARIZ.

DEAR KAREN: I'm printing your letter in the hope that the tragedy which befell your dog will discourage other dog owners from transporting their pets in the back of pickup trucks. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I'm responding to the letter regarding people who allow their dogs to ride unprotected in the back of their pickups. I believe in divine justice. When these people go before their maker on Judgment Day, they will be sentenced to ride aimlessly in the back of a flatbed truck over bumpy back roads, wondering when the devil at the wheel will make his next sharp turn.

Remember, each of us will be judged by how we treated the least of God's creatures. — ALLEN IN EMORY, TEXAS

DEAR ALLEN: If common sense doesn't rule, then perhaps your letter will scare careless or thoughtless pet owners into doing the right thing: keeping their dogs safely inside the cab of their trucks and out of harm's way. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I have another story to add to the one about the dog that nearly didn't survive a ride in the back of a pickup. We have two sons, one of

whom owns a pickup truck. One Saturday night a few months ago, they were headed downtown. Our oldest son jumped in the back of the truck while his brother and their buddy sat in the cab. His brother had to swerve to avoid an accident, and our son in the back flew out of the pickup at 65 mph on the highway!

Every time I think of that night and what could have happened, I am grateful to God. My son survived with only minor fractures and lots of road burn. He is now back to work and is one lucky young man.

Our sons learned a hard lesson, but animals do not have a choice whether or not to ride in the back of the truck.

Abby, please stress to your readers to THINK before they allow riders — human or animals — in the back of their trucks. They may not be as fortunate as we were. — GRATEFUL MOM IN TEXAS

DEAR ABBY: I want to thank you for thinking of us while we are deployed here in Kosovo. The men of our unit were pleased to have received many letters of support from home. The letters have helped us remain close to home during the holiday season.

Through Operation Dear Abby you have provided a service to the U.S. military for many years. The men and women serving in the military do give up many of the joys of being home during the holidays. But we understand the blood and tears our forefathers have given to our great country — and we are not making the same sacrifice. I am proud to be here. It is rewarding to be able to give Kosovo a little of the freedom we enjoy every day.

You have provided much of the same service that Bob Hope did, keeping us in touch with everyday Americans. Thank you for being there for us. — SGT. ROBERT E. JONES, U.S. ARMY

DEAR SGT. JONES: Thank you for a wonderful letter, but the credit for the success of Operation Dear Abby belongs to the thousands of generous and patriotic Americans who work hard each year to be sure our troops are remembered. All of us are very proud of you, indeed!

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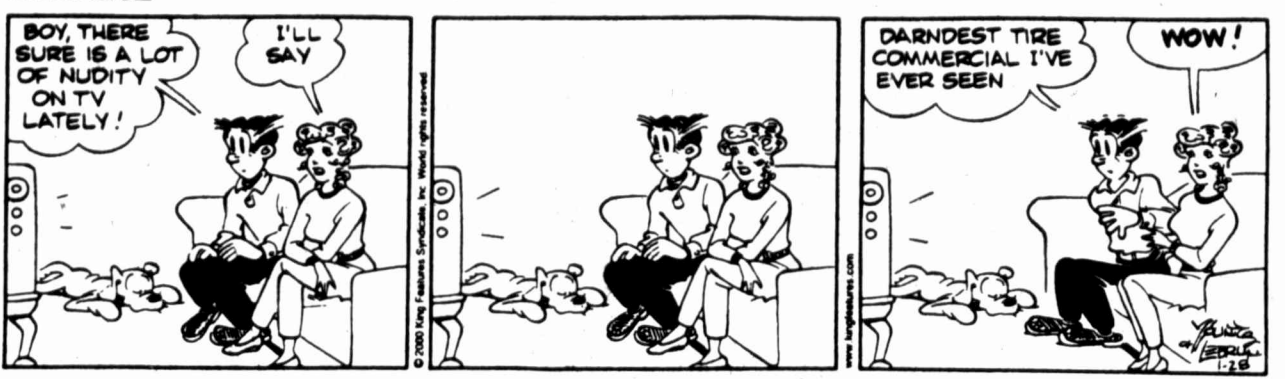
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FRIDAY JAN. 28. Table listing TV programs for various channels including KMYD, KPEJ, KERA, FAM, KOSA, WFAA, KWES, WTBS, UNI, DISN, NASH, TMC, SHOW, HBO, KMLM, A&E, DISC, TNT, USA, SCIFI, LIFE, and TLC.

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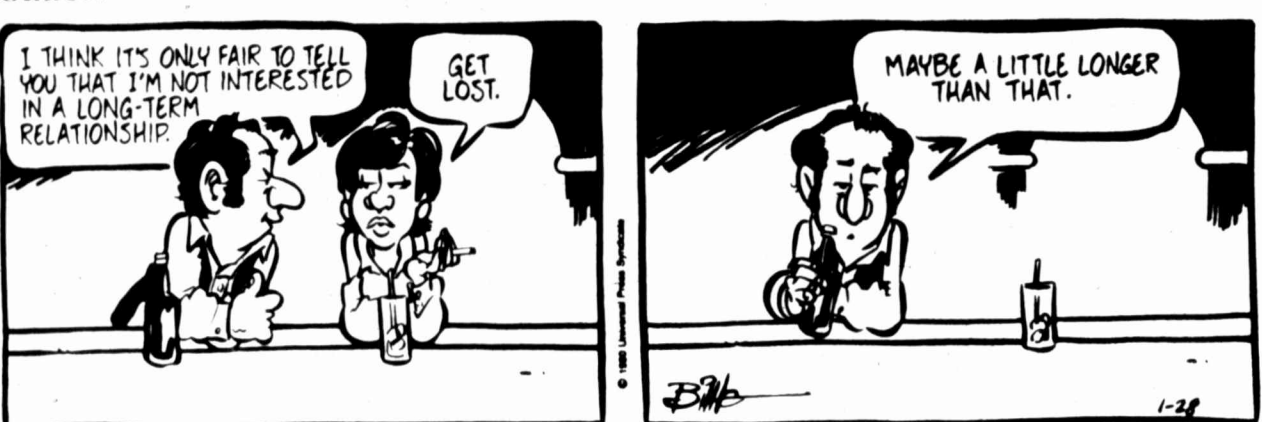
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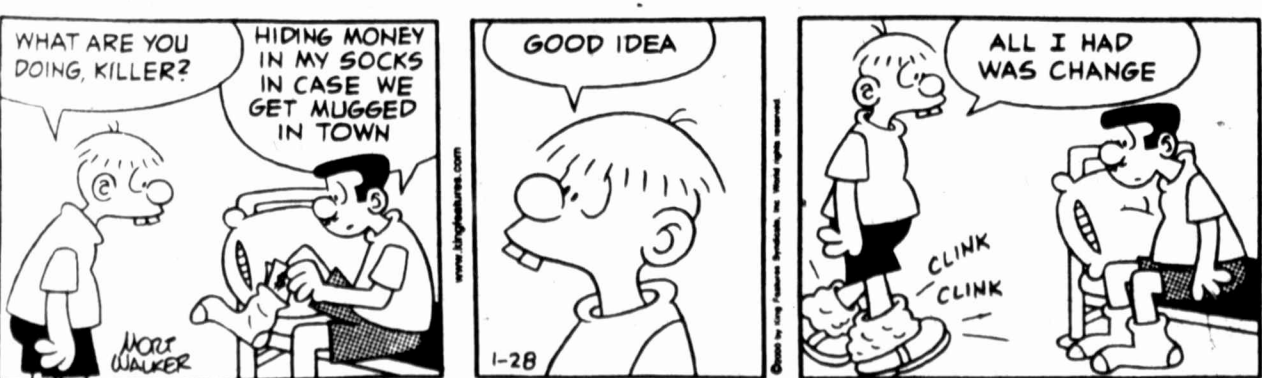
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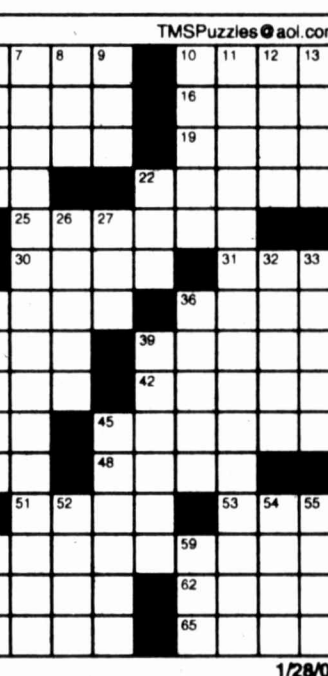
The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Friday, Jan. 28, the 28th day of 2000. There are 338 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 28, 1986, the space shuttle Challenger exploded 73 seconds after liftoff from Cape Canaveral, killing all seven crew members aboard. On this date: In 1547, England's King Henry VIII died; he was suc-

ceeded by his 9-year-old son, Edward VI. In 1596, English navigator Sir Francis Drake died off the coast of Panama and was buried at sea. In 1853, Cuban revolutionary Jose Marti was born in Havana. In 1902, the Carnegie Institute was established in Washington, D.C. In 1909, the United States ended direct control over Cuba. In 1915, the Coast Guard was created by an act of Congress. In 1916, Louis D. Brandeis was appointed by President Wilson to the Supreme Court, becoming its first Jewish member. In 1945, during World War II, Allied supplies began reaching China over the newly reopened Burma Road. In 1980, six U.S. diplomats who had avoided being taken hostage at their embassy in Tehran flew out of Iran with the help of Canadian diplomats. In 1982, Italian anti-terrorism forces rescued Army Brig. Gen. James L. Dozier, 42 days after he had been kidnapped by the Red Brigades.

THE Daily Crossword

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Ten years ago: The San Francisco 49ers routed the Denver Broncos, 55-10, in the 24th Super Bowl. Five years ago: President Clinton was host to a 5-hour "work session" of governors, legislators and local officials, both Democrats and Republicans, to discuss welfare reform. One year ago: Ford Motor Co. announced it was buying the Volvo car division in a \$6.45 billion deal. Missouri Gov. Mel Carnahan honored a personal request for mercy from Pope John Paul II, sparing triple murderer Darrell Mease from execution. Today's Birthdays: Musician-composer Acker Bilk is 71. Author Susan Sontag is 67. Actor Nicholas Pryor is 65. Actor Alan Alda is 64. Actress Marthe Keller is 55. Actress-singer Barbi Benton is 50. Rock musician Dave Sharp is 41. Rock singer Sam Phillips is 38. Country musician Greg Cook (Ricochet) is 35. Singer Sarah McLachlan is 32. Rapper Rakim is 32. DJ Muggs (Cypress Hill) is 32. Thought for Today: "The best teacher, until one comes to adult pupils, is not the one who knows most, but the one who is most capable of reducing knowledge to that simple compound of the obvious and the wonderful which slips into the infantile comprehension... The best teacher of children, in brief, is one who is essentially childlike." - H.L. Menckep, American author-journalist (1880-1956).