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WEATHER

Tonight:



TONIGHT 32°-35° SATURDAY 67°-72°

Rain rally planned Monday night at First Baptist here

The second annual "West Texas Rain Rally" is being planned for Valentine's Day.

The rally, which the public is encouraged to attend, will be held at 6:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church.

Last year's rally, held on March 1, drew more than 800 persons.

"Like last year, this is not a Baptist issue and it's not a Methodist issue or an issue specific to any denomination," First Baptist Church Pastor Eddie Tubbs said. "This is about turning to God and asking him to help us... this is an issue of repentance."

Last year's rally drew international attention and was highlighted on ABC Radio, the Associated Press and Paul Harvey's syndicated radio program. It has since been documented in a book — "WEST TEXAS: A Portrait of Its People and Their Raw and Wondrous Land."

Slightly more than a month after the rally was held, portions of Howard County received as much as an inch of rain.

The rally will follow the format from a year ago, when

WHAT'S UP...

the session opened with old-time gospel music, followed by a period of testimony and then, finally, prayer.

1999 went into the record book as the 11th driest year in Howard County history, according to records maintained for the past 100 years by the USDA's Agriculture Research Station and the Big Spring Herald.

Persons wanting more information, or pastors who want to participate in the program, are asked to call Tubbs at 267-8223.

WEEKEND TICKET

TODAY

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

SATURDAY

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

□ Dance, 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. Members and guests welcome.

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Classes to begin a week later next year for public school students

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

A school calendar for the 2000-01 school year that answers to 53 percent of the wishes of parents and teachers was approved Thursday by Big Spring ISD trustees.

"We sent surveys to all the parents of our 4,000 students, 1,700-plus were returned, which is way above average for the percentage of surveys normally returned,"



MURPHY

said Murray Murphy, deputy superintendent for BSISD.

"We wanted to find out what the community felt about our school calendar, and we found out what they like and want and some of the things they don't like," he added.

Trustees approved a calendar that calls for school to begin Aug. 16, a full seven days later than the Aug. 9 start date for the current school year.

Students will receive two full weeks Christmas vacation, and the semester will end before the holi lay.

Spring break remains one full week of holiday, March 12-16, and Thanksgiving is another full week, Nov. 20-24.

Keeping with the desires of parents

and teachers, students will receive a four-day weekend at Easter, with both Friday and Monday holidays. The last day of school is May 25.

Teachers begin inservice Aug. 9, and finish with a teacher work day May 26. Labor Day is a holiday for students and teachers and Oct. 9, Columbus Day is another holiday for students and is teacher inservice.

Feb. 9, 2001, is also a student holiday, and Easter weekend provides for April 13 and 16 as student holidays.

Murphy said the surveys reflected that 53 percent of parents wanted a later start date for students.

"And a mid-June end date was not very popular. Basically, what we have is that

people want more time off with shorter calendars, but that is impossible to maintain with the 187 days required by TEA (Texas Education Agency)," he said.

At least 70 percent of the those who returned surveys wanted the semester to end before Christmas, and 85 percent wanted that two week vacation at Christmas, he said.

At least 91 percent want the week-long spring break, and the smallest margin came with the Thanksgiving holiday, where 45 percent asked for the full week.

"11 percent wanted four days, and 34 percent wanted a three-day holiday. And

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Precipitator to come on line next week, reducing pollutants at Big Spring Refinery

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

An electrostatic precipitator — a unit designed to reduce pollutants by more than 90 percent — is expected to be on line at Big Spring Refinery next week.

The \$6.5 million project was outlined during a tour Thursday by the Fina/Howard County Community Advisory Panel (CAP), a volunteer panel of citizens who help serve as a liaison between the public and the plant.

"February 17 is the date we plan to have it up and running," Steve Stanley, facilities development manager, told the group. "It's that large box-like structure you see right out here off the road that is something of the appearance of the Titanic."

Most Big Spring area residents have seen the tall, brightly-lit "tower" at the refinery and some are aware that it is a fluid catalytic cracking unit, or FCCU. The new electrostatic precipitator sits west of that, and will soon become an integral part of the plant.

"The cracking unit (FCCU) is one of the most important units



Big Spring Refinery facilities development manager Steve Stanley, right, explains the workings of an electrostatic precipitator to Community Advisory Panel members Brian Jensen and Virginia Belew.

because it takes a heavy, waxy fraction of crude oil called gas oil — which has a very low value — and upgrades it into gasoline and diesel elements," said Stanley.

A catalyst is used to promote

a reaction that chops up long chain molecules into short ones. Cracking takes place when the catalyst — a clay-like, zeolite material — carrying the

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Refinery sale negotiations are continuing

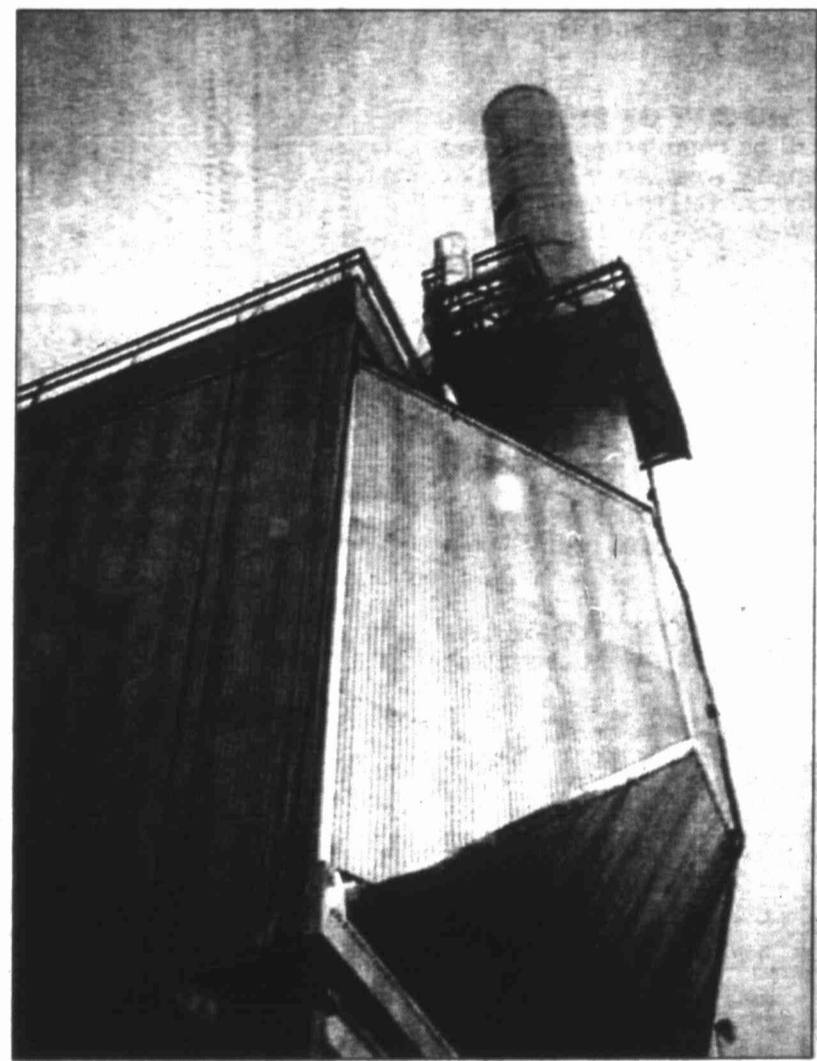
HERALD Staff Report

Sale of the Big Spring Refinery continues, with no announcement expected for the next couple of weeks.

"The process continues to move along. The earliest we are expecting an announcement now is later this month or into early March," Steve Weber, refinery manager, said Thursday. "A sale of this magnitude takes time."

It was announced in early January that French-owned Total Fina was in negotiations with a preferred bidder. At that time, officials thought the sale might be announced by the end of the month. However, the process continues.

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The electrostatic precipitator, a \$6.5 million project, is expected to go on line next week at the Big Spring Refinery.

Grand jury indicts 13, including two on child pornography charges

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

The Howard County grand jury met on Wednesday and returned 15 indictments against 13 individuals with offenses ranging from burglary of a habi-



WILKERSON

tation to possession of child pornography.

Margaret Clanton, 25, of 2603 Barksdale, and Christine Kohanek, 37, of #1 Park Lane, Lampasas, and formerly of Big Spring, were indicted on a charge of possession of child pornography.

"Apparently an HEB photo department clerk notified the Big Spring Police Department that some film of low content had been brought in for development. After the police investi-

gated the incident it was determined that they were indeed of pornographic nature," said district attorney Hardy Wilkerson.

Also indicted was Jason Jordy, 26, of 1405 Nolan, on a charge of theft over \$1,500 but less than \$2,000.

According to Wilkerson, a lot more money was deposited to the individual's account than was supposed to have been. The individual then allegedly emptied his account and has refused to pay the money back.

Also indicted were: Tony Fuentes, 32, of 403 N. Moss Lake Rd., for two counts of delivery of a controlled substance.

George Gonzales, 34, of 2211 Johnson, on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Bonnie J. Klaasen, 30, of 3001 Old Gail Hwy., on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Nicholas Jimenez, 31, of 803 E. 13th, on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Jimmy Juarez, 30, of 1700 E. 15th, on two counts of charges of forgery.

Jeremy Minter, 20, of 3310 Ave. X, on a charge of burglary of a habitation.

Crusita Munoz, 32, of 603 McEwen, on a charge of injury to a child.

Justin Speer, 24, no address given, on a charge of burglary of a habitation.

Kim Stambaugh, 40, of 300

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BSISD policy

Committee will be formed to mull handbook changes in wake of parents' concerns

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Trustees with Big Spring Independent School District agreed to form a committee to consider the high school student handbook, but took no action Thursday to a parental request that the policy concerning no-pass no-play be changed.

"I sympathize with your situation, and I understand your position, but I am not in favor of changing policies in mid-stream," said trustee Steve Fraser.

Other board members echoed Fraser's opinion, and Mike Dawson asked Don and Sandy Long, who had requested an audience with the board, to serve on a committee that will evaluate the policy.

"How would you feel if we formed a committee and made the junior/senior prom a function that does not come under the permission of the school board?" Dawson asked the Smith couple.

"We need to evaluate this policy and alleviate this concern, and we need input from parents," he said.



MCQUEARY

In question was the standard policy that a student is classified at the beginning of the school year, and regardless of strides made or credits amassed, remains within that classification throughout the year.

"There are a handful of students at the high school this affects. We do not believe it is fair that our son be penalized for something that happened when he was a freshman, and we in no way wish to undermine the board's authority. But because this is a social function, we felt the policy might be changed. If this were an academic event, we would not be here," Sandy Smith said.

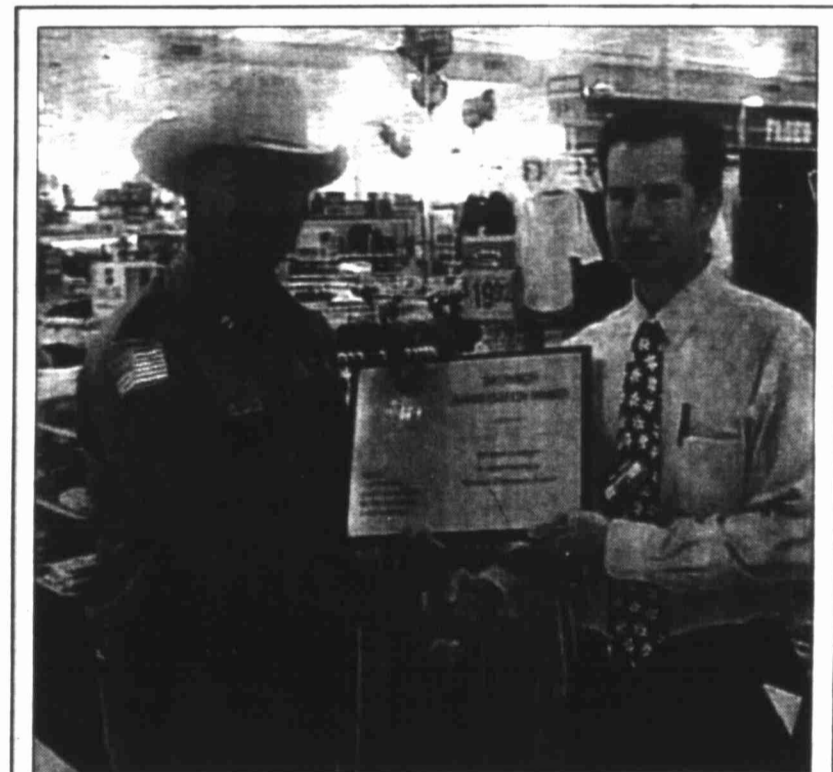
The Smith's son lacked one unit to be classified a junior at the beginning of this school year. He paid for and passed summer school, and by mid-term he had earned the units required to be a junior.

However, a student handbook policy states "your classification is determined at the beginning of each school year. It does not change until the following school year."

And under the Prom entry in the handbook, it reads, "only students that are classified as juniors and seniors at the beginning of the current school year are eligible to attend."

BSISD superintendent

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Capt. Jim Petty, unit administrator for the Big Spring Wilderness Workforce Camp, presents a plaque to Daryl Holley, store manager for Wal-Mart, in appreciation of the company's support in raising more than \$1,300 at their burrito sale recently. Wal-Mart matched that amount and all money raised went to the Special Olympics fund.

OBITUARIES

Lois Brumley

Service for Lois Brumley, 61, Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home. She died Thursday, Feb. 10, 2000, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Rex Kelly

Graveside service for Rex Kelly, 94, Knox City, formerly of Stanton, will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, 2000, in the Evergreen Cemetery.

Mr. Kelly died Wednesday, Feb. 9, in a Knox City hospital.

He was born on Aug. 24, 1904, in Big Spring. He married Lena Kelly. She preceded him in death. Mr. Kelly moved to Martin County as a small boy and grew up in the Courtney community and in Stanton. He had farmed near Stanton for many years. He was a Methodist and a member of the American Legion and a member of Masonic Lodge No. 951, AF&AM, having received his 70-year pin in 1999. He was an Army veteran of World War II and a recipient of the Purple Heart. He served in Company A, 32nd Armored Regiment, 3rd Armored Division under General George Patton.

Survivors include: two brothers, Pat Kelly of Whittier, Calif., and Billy Kelly of Downey, Calif.; two nieces and one nephew.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home, Stanton.

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

Curtis D. Neill

Graveside service for Curtis D. Neill, 73, Big Spring, will be 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, 2000, at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Elwin Collom, pastor of First Baptist Church of Coahoma, officiating.

Mr. Neill died Thursday, Feb. 10, in a Midland hospital.

He was born on Nov. 24, 1926, in Howard County. He married Helen Hopper on Nov. 14, 1953, in Lovington, N.M. Mr. Neill had worked as a serviceman on vending machines for over 18 years. He later drove a treater truck in the oilfield. He was a Baptist and had served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Survivors include: his wife, Helen Neill of Big Spring; one sister, Ethel McKeehan of Cross Plains; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-4243
Clifton (C. Mac) McMurtrey, 73, died Wednesday. Funeral services will be 10:30 AM, Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel, with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Helen Threats, 71, died Thursday. Services are pending.

Lois Brumley, 61, died Thursday. Services are pending.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home

Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331
Ruby Shanks, 88, died Friday. Services will be 4:00 PM Saturday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Curtis D. Neill, 73, died Thursday. Graveside services will be 3:00 PM Saturday at Trinity Memorial Park.

R. L. Heith, 72, died Friday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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Ruby Shanks

Ruby Shanks, 88, Big Spring, died on Friday, Feb. 11, 2000, in a local nursing home. Funeral service will be 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, 2000, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Royce Clay, Church of Christ minister, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born on Feb. 25, 1911, in Melvin, and married Clim Shanks on July 23, 1960, in Hobbs, N.M.

She lived in Big Spring most of her life. She was a homemaker and an accomplished artist.

She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include: her husband, Clim Shanks of Big Spring; one sister, Ninnie Boatwright of Coleman; five nephews; and one niece.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Dollie Sanders, and one brother, Otis Hale.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society Memorial Program; c/o Lucy Bonner; P.O. Box 2121; Big Spring; 79721-2121, or the Alzheimer's Association of the Permian Basin; P.O. Box 3389; Midland; 79702.

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

Paid obituary

R.L. Heith

Service for R.L. Heith, 72, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. He died Friday, Feb. 11, 2000, in a Midland hospital.

PRECIPITATOR

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gas oil is raised to about 1,000 degrees and 25 pounds per square inch, according to Stanley.

During the process, some of the gas oil is converted to a carbon-like material called coke. Eventually, the catalyst is coated with the coke and has to be put through a regenerator. The coke is burned off in the regenerator, reactivating the catalyst.

The catalyst is maintained in a fluid state and carried in a continuous loop from the reactor to the regenerator and back to the reactor by a combination of a high velocity gas stream and gravity.

The constant movement of the catalyst causes it to gradually be eroded, which produces small dust particles called fines, Stanley said. Some of the fines are removed in separators in the regenerator. Those that are too small, however, are carried into the atmosphere — about 2,200 pounds per day, currently.

That's where the electrostatic precipitator will come into play.

"It operates on the same principle as an electronic air filter you might find in your home," said Stanley. "It charges the fine dust particles with a negative charge, so they are attracted to collecting surfaces, which have a positive charge."

With the electrostatic precipitator, the refinery will be able to greatly reduce pollutants into the atmosphere.

"What we have pledged to the TNRCC (Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission) and the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) is that we will remove 90 percent of those particles," said Stanley. "But we've actually designed for a little bit better than that. We've designed to remove 96.3 percent of the particles."

The EPA is mandating strict emission criteria, but the Big Spring Refinery is pleased that it is ahead of the game.

"We are well in advance of compliance," said Jannetta Bowden, plant health, safety and environmental manager, who noted that the deadline for reducing pollutants to the mandated level is two years away.

The dust particles that collect on the metal surfaces eventual-

ly build up and are removed by striking the plates — there are several hundred of them — with "rappers" which are hammer-like devices. The particles, which are non-hazardous, fall into hoppers and from there are loaded into reusable containers where they will be transported to the BFI landfill in Abilene.

Total cost of the project is \$6.5 million.

"Not only does this project remove pollutants, but there is some economic benefit to our community," said Stanley.

Much of the materials can't be purchased locally — there are only two companies in the United States which sell precipitators of this size, for instance — but refinery officials estimate \$1.2 million is being spent in Howard County. Another \$1.5 million is being spent regionally, and the other \$3.8 is being spent elsewhere in the state and nation.

The Fina/Howard County Community Advisory Panel is a group of citizens selected for their representation of a cross section of the county and is chaired by Frances Wheat. The group meets monthly at the refinery.

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"A sale of this magnitude takes time," said Weber. "Values of inventories have to be determined, there are environmental issues, a lot of different things and it takes a while to sort them out. Progress is being made."

Fina put the 70-year-old plant on the market last year. Officials say the facility currently has about 225 employees.

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the employee survey that we gave to all staff mirrored the parent survey. There are a lot of things that we can do with a calendar, but we also have certain requirements. This calendar reflects what the community wants," Murphy said.

HANDBOOK

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William McQueary said the policy is in place to challenge and encourage students.

"We don't see these standards to penalize students. These are standards of behavior that we set to encourage and challenge students," McQueary said.

Big Spring High School principal Kent Bowerman said the handbook is changed every year, but that several years might have elapsed since this particular component was considered.

"This is the guidelines that are given us by TASB (Texas Association of School Board) as the ideal, model student handbook," Bowerman said.

McQueary said the standard is in place throughout the district, that no mid-year promotions are done, and complied with University Interscholastic League rules.

"Elementary students are not promoted in the middle of the year," he said.

Irene Bustamante, acting as board president, listened while trustees Al Valdes, Frank Long and Larry Hollar echoed Fraser's comments about changing policy in the middle of the school year.

"We thank you for coming before the board, and we are recommending that parents become involved with a committee to see what every one is in favor of doing," Bustamante said.

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Settles, on a charge of possession of marijuana.

John Watkins, 48, no address given, on a charge of

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

forger. No date has been set for the next grand jury meeting.

BRIEFS

SKYWARN 2000 SPOTTER TRAINING Classes by the National Weather Service that teach residents how to spot inclimate and hazardous weather are scheduled in the area in February and March. All classes are free, begin at 7 p.m. and will last about two hours, with a short break. This year's classes will include video of the Midland tornado in 1999 and the Oklahoma City tornadoes of May 3, 1999.

Big Spring's class of is set for Feb. 15 in Howard College's East Room of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

On Feb. 29, Stanton's class will be in the community center. Gail has a class scheduled March 6 for the community room, and Garden City will have a class March 14 in the school cafeteria.

For more information contact George Mathews, warning coordination meteorologist at 915-563-5006, ext. 223.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS is offering disaster training courses to take place in the library at Balmorhea High School.

Thursday, Feb. 24, is introduction to disaster and damage assessment from 6 to 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, is mass care and shelter operations from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, is emergency assistance to families from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Introduction to disaster is a prerequisite for all other courses. To register contact Susie at 1-800-219-2154.

THE BIG SPRING EVENING Lions Club will have free eyeglasses for all adults Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club bingo building, 1607 East Third.

All adults needing eyeglasses who don't have the income to purchase the exam or glasses are welcome. The recycled eyeglasses are donated by the community as a service project of the Lions.

The Lions group offers the eyeglasses the second Saturday of each month. For more information call Donna Groenke at 393-5298.

THE CITY OF BIG SPRING will be completing water line repairs Wednesday in the 1200 block of E. 11th Place. The following areas of the city will have no or low water pressure:

- 11th Place from State to Virginia.
- Washington Place from 11th to Virginia.
- Lincoln from 11th to Washington.
- Jefferson from Lincoln to Virginia.

Repair work is scheduled from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. or until completed.

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE volunteers have

TEXAS LOTTERY Pick 3: 1,0,8
Cash 5: 6,14,32,34,36

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

been trained and are ready to begin preparing 1999 tax returns for individuals from Monday, Feb. 7-Monday, March 27. Hours are 9 a.m.-noon at the Spring City Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Drive.

Electronic filing will be available on Feb. 21.

All citizens are eligible to receive this free assistance. Interested persons should bring their tax booklet, all W-2 and 1099 forms, as well as anything else received showing 1999 income and their 1998 tax return. Please call Dorothy Kennemur, 398-5522, or the center, 267-1628, for more information.

FRIDAY

Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

SUPPORT GROUPS

FRIDAY

Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

MARKETS

March cotton 57.15, down 39 points; Feb. crude 29.40, down 3 points; cash hogs at \$1 lower at 39 even; cash steers steady at 70 even; Feb. lean hog futures 55.45, up 15 points; Feb. live cattle futures 70.25, down 2 points. courtesy: Delta Corporation.

Noon quotes provided by Edward Jones & Co.

ATT 48 1/2 - 1/2

Atlantic Richfield 66 3/4 - 3/4

Atmos Energy 17 1/2 - 1/2

BP Amoco 46 1/2 - 1/2

Chevron 75 1/2 - 1/2

Cifra 23 1/2 to 24 1/2

Compaq Computer 25 1/2 + 1/2

Cornell Correc. 10 nc

Dell 38 1/2 - 1/2

DuPont 53 1/2 - 1/2

Exxon 75 1/2 + 1/2

Halliburton 35 1/2 - 1/2

IMB 12 1/2 - 1/2

Intel Corp 105 1/2 - 1 1/2

Mid Amer Energy 34 1/2 - 1/2

NUV 8 1/2 nc

Palex Inc. 8 1/2 + 1/2

Patterson Ener 17 1/2 + 1/2

Pepsi Cola 34 1/2 + 1/2

Phillips Petroleum 37 1/2 - 1/2

SBC Com. 40 1/2 - 1 1/2

Sears 29 1/2 nc

Texaco 49 1/2 - 1 1/2

Texas Instruments 139 - 6

Texas Utils. Co 35 nc

Total Fina SA 66 1/2 - 3 1/2

Unocal Corp 27 1/2 + 1/2

Wal-Mart 56 1/2 - 1/2

Amcap 19.33-20.51

Euro Pacific 44.57-47.29

Prime Rate 8.75%

Gold 311.00-313.50

Silver 5.32-5.39

POLICE

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

•DAVID HOOSER, 17, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.

•JOHNNY ACUFF, 21, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.

•JOE VILLARREAL, 20, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

•LAFAWN JOHNSON, 27, was arrested on a charge of revocation of probation.

•JOHNNY PARRISH, 38, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana (more than 4 oz.).

•RODRICK MORRISON, 42, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1000 block of Birdwell.

•THEFT was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson, in the 200 block of W. Marcy, in the 1100 block of N. Lamesa, in the 400 block of Lancaster, in the 600 block of Dallas, and in the 300 block of Owens.

FIRE/EMS

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

THURSDAY

4:28 a.m. — 3200 block Parkway, trauma call, patient transported to VA Medical Center.

2:39 p.m. — 1300 block Boykin, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

3:45 p.m. — 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

3:43 p.m. — 3300 block Highway 80, structure fire report, smoke scare.

RECORDS

Thursday's high 83

Thursday's low 38

Average high 59

Average low 29

Record high 85 in 1996

Record low 9 in 1981

Precip. Thursday 0.00

Month to date 0.07

Month's normal 0.17

Year to date 0.49

Normal for the year 0.75

Sunrise Saturday 7:32 a.m.

Sunset Saturday 6:29 p.m.

Sunrise Sunday 7:31 a.m.

Sunset Saturday 6:30 p.m.

BELL'S PHARMACY
Pretty brick building 60's
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Any Given Sunday (R)
Mon. - Fri. 7:00 Sat. & Sun. 2:30-2:10 & 4:30
Man On The Moon (R)
Daily: 6:50 & 9:19 Sat. & Sun. 1:50 & 4:10

STAR
College Park Shopping Ctr.
*SCREAM 3 (R)
Daily: 4:30-7:00 & 9:30 Sat. & Sun. 2:00
*THE BEACH (R)
Daily: 4:45-7:15-9:45 Sat. & Sun. 2:15
CINEMA 4
DEUCE BIGALOW: MALE GIGOLO (R)
Daily: 7:30 Fri. & Sat. 9:40
STUART LITTLE (PG)
Daily: 4:50 Sat. & Sun. 2:00
THE HURRICANE (R)
Daily: 4:30 & 7:30 Fri. & Sat. 10:30 Sat. & Sun. 1:40
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Four Prairie View A&M students killed in van crash

KARNACK (AP) — Gashes in a rural East Texas highway and a boot stuck in a roadside puddle are among the clues left after a van crash Thursday night that left four Prairie View A&M track students dead.

Six other students were seriously injured in the one-vehicle accident, which happened on Texas Highway 43, just south of the Marion County line, according to officials with the state Department of Public Safety.

The dead were Houston DeWayne Watson, of Greenville; Jerome Deshaun Jackson, of Dallas; Samuel Jason Sturns, of Jasper and Vernon Maurice James II, of Vallejo, Calif.

Dallas television station WFAA-TV reported the injured as coach Hoover Wright, Lamar Adams, David Aterbery, Lewis Edmunds, and Trenton Harris. They were reported in serious

to critical condition. The driver of the Ford 350 15-passenger van was pinned inside after it rolled over. He died at the scene along with two other students.

A fourth student died while being taken to Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in Shreveport, La.

The group was en route to Pine Bluff, Ark. for a track meet when the wreck occurred, said university spokesman Bryan Barrows. Ten students were in the van when it flipped near Karnack, about 20 miles north of Marshall.

Hours after the crash, the overturned van had been removed, but pieces of shredded rubber and broken glass lay nearby. There was also a set of headphones and a broken cassette tape laying along the straight, two-lane stretch of

Highway 43, which runs through piney woods near Caddo Lake State Park.

An accident reconstruction team was scheduled to do a more detailed investigation at the site today.

Meanwhile, in Prairie View, University President Charles Hines met with about 100 students on the 6,000-student campus early today.

"He sought to comfort them and give them what little information we know," Barrows told The Associated Press. He also said the president prayed with students at a campus memorial erected years ago honoring another deceased student.

Of the cause of the accident, DPS spokesman Mike Cox said "At this point it looks like something caused the vehicle to go out of control. It eventually rolled and ended up on its top in

a dirt driveway."

Five survivors were rushed to Marshall Regional Hospital, said hospital spokeswoman Paula Jaco. Lamar Adams and David Aterbery were listed in stable condition and were being monitored in the Marshall ICU. Hoover Wright was in serious condition in the ICU, and a fourth student, Trenton Harris, was in stable to serious condition, Jaco said.

Louis Edmond, who was in serious condition, was transferred to Good Shepard Medical Center in Longview, Jaco said.

A second man, whose identity was unavailable, was taken by helicopter to the LSU hospital and remained in critical condition, hospital spokeswoman Elaine King said.

The van accident was the fifth involving a college team in the past two months.

Records in tobacco case requested by grand jury

HOUSTON (AP) — Federal investigators have stepped up their efforts to gather information about a former Texas attorney general's hiring of five private lawyers who helped the state win a \$17.3 billion settlement from the tobacco industry.

Dan Morales' successor, Attorney General John Cornyn, has been subpoenaed to provide a federal grand jury in Houston with records of his own internal investigation of the lawyers' work and how they were hired.

Cornyn's office declined to comment on the subpoena or its own investigation. But Cornyn has questioned Morales' contingency agreement with the private lawyers, who were awarded \$3.3 billion in legal fees to be paid by the tobacco companies.

Among the matters Cornyn and the federal grand jury are believed to be looking into are allegations raised almost two years ago by Houston trial attorney Joe Jamail that Morales demanded \$1 million from each of several lawyers he considered hiring for the tobacco lawsuit.

The subpoena, dated Jan. 28, directs Cornyn to appear before the grand jury on Feb. 23 or, in the alternative, to provide certain documents to the FBI on or before that date.

A spokesman for the five lawyers declined comment late Thursday and Morales was unavailable. In the past, they have strongly denied any wrongdoing.

The federal investigators stated they want Cornyn to hand over all documents and other evidence relating to the investigation of Morales, former first assistant Jorge Vega and the five outside lawyers "with regard to the Texas tobacco litigation."

That includes items "which have any relation to the hiring or attempted hiring of outside counsel by the Texas attorney general's office for the Texas tobacco litigation, and their ensuing relationship both before and during litigation and after settlement," the subpoena said.

The tobacco lawsuit was filed in 1996.

To the surprise of many, the industry settled the case two years later.

Teachers renew battle for state paid health insurance

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas teachers, whose most recent effort to win state-paid health insurance died in last year's Legislature, are renewing their battle for better benefits.

Earlier this week, a Texas State Teachers Association survey of 973 school districts found that insurance rates rose in 718 districts this school year, the same year teachers got a \$3,000 raise from lawmakers.

"Our worst fears were correct," Annette Cootes of the

TSTA said Thursday. "We're hearing just from everyone that this \$3,000 raise is being offset by tremendous raises in health insurance."

The survey also found that 746 districts raised family insurance premiums, some more than \$100 per month.

"That's bad for teachers, but you think about that cafeteria worker. That's going to take up half of their salary," Cootes said.

Both teacher associations say

they again will pressure the Legislature to adopt a bill to require the state to pay school district employees' health insurance costs.

"We were disappointed last session that lawmakers did not pass ... House Bill 1294 into law. That would have given school employees state-paid health insurance comparable in cost and coverage to that given to state employees," said John Cole, president of the Texas Federation of Teachers.

her stepfather's abuse does not mean Franklin didn't rape her. "We stand behind the verdict and we believe that Brian Franklin is guilty of raping her," said Assistant District Attorney Christy Jack.

Prosecutors say the girl, who is now 18, said she was afraid of her stepfather and maintains that Franklin raped her. During the investigation, the girl's stepfather was present when police interviewed her.

Ex-policeman may go free over girl's lie in rape trial

FORT WORTH (AP) — A former Fort Worth police officer serving a life sentence for a 1994 rape of a 13-year-old girl may be set free because the girl lied when she said the assault was her first sexual encounter, according court officials.

The teen's testimony became an issue after she told police in 1998 that she had been sexually abused by her stepfather since the age of six.

A judge ruled last week that

the tainted testimony entitles former officer Brian Franklin, 40, to a new trial.

Prosecutors based their case against Franklin on the premise that the girl had not had sex before the assault.

A ruling from State District Judge Wayne Salvant said that had prosecutors known she was being molested by her stepfather, they would have presented most of the evidence differently.

The stepfather has been

charged with aggravated sexual assault of a child, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported.

The judge's ruling must be approved by the Criminal Court of Appeals in Austin. That could take up to a year.

Defense attorneys at a hearing next week plan to ask for Franklin's release pending the appeal court's decision.

During a weeklong hearing in January, prosecutors argued that the girl's failure to report

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OUR VIEWS

Valentine's Day
chance to show
appreciation, too

In case you forgot, Monday is Valentine's Day. That makes today a good day to place an order for flowers, candy, balloons or some other token of your affection for a loved one.

But, if like most us, you tend to procrastinate, many local businesses have announced their plans to stay open Sunday for last-minute orders. The Big Spring State Hospital volunteers will also be working Sunday afternoon to take orders for their deliveries of candy, flowers and other special items.

Your sweetheart is likely to be expecting something at this holiday. But have you considered others who might not necessarily be expecting a gift? How about the babysitter who always accepts your last-minute request? What about the family friend now living in a nursing home?

This year, why not make Valentine's Day more than just a time of expressing love for your husband, wife, girlfriend or boyfriend. Use it as a time to spread "random acts of kindness."

Parents might use Valentine's Day to show their children how much they love them. It is also a great time to show your affection for a special friend.

It doesn't take a lot of money to share the spirit of Valentine's Day. The state hospital volunteers, for example, are offering a variety of gifts that can be delivered for \$8. Local merchants also have a number of specials; shop around.

There are plenty of chances throughout the year to honor the special people in your life; Valentine's Day just tops the list.

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:

• **COAHOMA AND FORSAN ELEMENTARY STUDENTS**, who are collecting coins to benefit the fight against leukemia in support of their friends Isidro Gonzalez and Blake Brorman.

• **MARIAH**, the Big Spring High School color guard, which earned a second place trophy at a recent North Texas competition.

• **FIESTA DODGE**, which donated more than a thousands dollars worth of funds and food to the Big Spring Humane Society.

• **ALAN BOOTH AND MIKE MORRIS**, FCI Big Spring employees who have been promoted to assistant warden in El Paso and Forrest City, Ark., respectively.

• **BUFFALO TRAIL COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS**, who collected more than 4,100 cans to benefit the Salvation Army.

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.

Little can be said about a single primary

A primary election is like a football game. There is very little that is sensible that can be said before the game is played and very little that is sensible that can be said after it is over.

The only thing the New Hampshire primary tells you is how the people there voted. The press, which has adopted Sen. John McCain as its poster boy (reason enough for any conservative to vote for somebody else), is trying to make more of his win than it deserves. The press is certainly making more of McCain's win than it did of Pat Buchanan's New Hampshire primary victory in 1996.

In Buchanan's case, it was his last primary win. He was quickly drowned in the big-state primaries where only people with big bucks can com-

pete. I suspect the same will be true of McCain. After all, 51 percent of the people in New Hampshire who voted Republican did not choose to vote for McCain. I would not call a win by a man who received a minority of his party's votes a "landslide."

I personally don't care for McCain. He is, despite his campaign rhetoric, too much like Bill Clinton. He almost flunked out of the Naval Academy. He was widely known as a rounder and a womanizer. Some of the staff members on the Hill who have had the misfortune to work with him describe him in language not suitable for a family newspaper. As for being a war hero, I don't think being shot down and collaborating with the enemy constitutes heroism. POWs who endured the torture and didn't collaborate are the heroes. Some of them died rather than do what McCain did. I don't judge him for that. Every man has his breaking point. I just object to his being called a war hero.

Many of the families of men still missing in action despise McCain for his belligerence toward them during the hearings on the POW-MIA issue.

Furthermore, he has been far more conciliatory toward the North Vietnamese than he has been to families who still demand an accounting of their missing loved ones. The North Vietnamese seem to have leverage over him, and that could very well be their knowledge of his behavior while he was their guest in Hanoi.

McCain was also Clinton's chief Republican cheerleader during the illegal NATO attack on Yugoslavia. As one of my colleagues described him, he's a "Serb-hating poster boy for The New York Times." As for his so-called campaign finance reform, it is, pure and simple, an assault on the First Amendment and an incumbent protection act.

You want him? You can have him. But I'll bet anybody a case of beer that after he's been in the White House a year, you'll wish he were back in Arizona with his Keating Five buddies. His campaign against special interests is being financed by special interests. I don't think it's an accident that 35 Republican senators who presumably know him best are supporting George W. Bush.

And on the subject of cam-

aign finance reform, that is the most misreported subject in American politics. The problem is the cost of campaigning, and that cost is primarily the high prices television, radio and newspapers charge candidates for their advertising. With our population, it is impossible to campaign without buying ads, and it is the price of those ads that forces the candidates to raise large sums of money.

Funny, but in all the moaning and braying about campaign finance reform from media types, nobody ever brings this up. It strikes me as hypocritical for organizations that gobble up campaign dollars by the millions to complain that candidates spend too much money. Maybe the government ought to force television and radio stations, which profit from use of the public airwaves, to give candidates a break on prices.

As for the rest of this long, long road to the White House, my advice is to read the results of the various elections and skip the pre- and post-election commentaries. It's bad enough to have to listen to the candidates without having to listen to journalistic banalities, too.



CHARLEY REESE

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McCain's pathways to the presidency

When the New Hampshire returns rolled in, the politician most dis-

appointed to not be on the ballot had to be Pat Buchanan. John McCain's success as a populist reformer destroys the rationale for Buchanan's Reform Party bid. If McCain succeeds in upending the political system, why vote for Buchanan, a flawed candidate at best, when you have a genuine war hero to carry the banner?

Reform Party spokesman Russ Varney has already floated the idea of adopting McCain as the standard bearer even if he wins the Republican nomination. Running as the nominee of both parties would pack a double wallop and make Al Gore wish he really had invented the Internet instead of run for president.

The momentum generated by McCain since New Hampshire is altering the political landscape in ways we have only begun to grasp. McCain is redefining what it means to be a conservative both substantively and stylistically, and his unconventional campaign could pursue alternative pathways to the presidency. Given the surprises so far, the following scenarios are not impossible.

WINNER TAKE ALL

McCain beats Bush in the next round of primaries — South Carolina, Michigan and McCain's home state of Arizona. The Republican establishment abandons Bush, and McCain becomes the anointed one. Senate Republicans on Capitol Hill grit their teeth and embrace their maverick colleague despite qualms about his not being a team player. Politicians eager to curry favor with their party's newest star close ranks. McCain's victory will be so sweeping, and so improbable, that the Reform Party will declare him its candidate by acclamation, vying with the GOP for airtime in celebrating the McCain phenomenon.

DON'T GET MAD, GET EVEN

McCain continues to win in states where Democrats and Independents can vote in the Republican primary (like South Carolina and Michigan). But he flounders in states where the rules allow only Republicans to participate. The party faithful don't like the way McCain has strayed from GOP orthodoxy on tax cuts and social issues. In California, McCain wins the so-called "beauty contest," getting more votes than George Bush, Al Gore and Bill Bradley. But he wins zero delegates because Bush comes in first among registered GOP voters, and under GOP winner-take-all rules, Bush gets all the delegates. McCain is mathematically eliminated from the GOP nomination even though he

runs ahead of Bush in national polls.

REFORM PARTY TO THE RESCUE

McCain has said in the past that he would not desert his party for the Reform Party. But his campaign experience has altered the way he looks at politics. If polls show that McCain continues to command broad support from a cross section of Republicans, Democrats and Independents, he can proclaim that he is doing his patriotic duty by accepting the Reform nomination and giving the people a genuine choice. Washington insiders believe that McCain, who chairs the powerful Senate Commerce Committee, will not leave the Republican Party if it means giving up his chairmanship. But McCain may be close enough to victory to take whatever additional risks might be necessary.

Other candidates have rocketed out of New Hampshire only to fizzle later. Gary Hart, the "new ideas" candidate in 1984, defeated party favorite Walter Mondale only to founder when he couldn't raise the money to sustain his insurgent candidacy or credibly answer Mondale's charge, "Where's the beef?" But thanks to an outpouring of spontaneous contributions over the Internet and a host of Washington lobbyists eager to get aboard "The Straight Talk Express," McCain has the resources to compete. We'll know soon whether he has the beef to go all the way.



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FDA investigates gene experiment for possible AIDS contamination

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration is investigating a gene therapy experiment that may have accidentally exposed more than two dozen young cancer patients to the virus that causes AIDS, The Washington Post reports.

The FDA is conducting follow-up testing after preliminary independent tests found that the gene-based medicine may have been contaminated with HIV-1, the virus that causes AIDS, and HCV, which causes hepatitis C, the Post said in today's editions.

The FDA's more thorough testing is needed because these types of tests often give false results and two other tests found no signs of contamination,

the Post said. Researchers discovered the accidental exposure in December, but did not inform federal regulators until last week. The researchers from St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis and Baylor College of Medicine in Houston began contacting patients and their parents about the possible infections Thursday.

The FDA is looking into possible laboratory problems and the timing of the reporting of the discovery.

The Post said the study had been terminated, but Claire Bassett, spokeswoman for Baylor, said Thursday night the

study conducted in Houston had only been suspended as a precaution.

Bassett said that the contamination evidence had come from St. Jude, and that there had been no contamination found in the therapy given to the six children treated at Baylor. Two of the children treated at Baylor have since died of cancer, she said.

"Everything that took place that the FDA has a concern about did take place at Memphis," Bassett said.

Deidre Malone, St. Jude's public relations director, would not comment on the Post report other than to say the hospital would have a statement today.

Laura Bowman, the study's principal investigator at St. Jude, was quoted by the Post as saying that all of the volunteer cancer patients were near death and only a handful of the 20 patients she treated are alive today, the rest having died from their cancer.

The National Institutes of Health was already investigating St. Jude for its handling of patient deaths in a different study, the Post said.

The cancer patients suffered from neuroblastoma, a brain cancer that is the second most common childhood malignancy. The experimental therapy involved removing a patient's own tumor cells and inserting

an immune system gene with a gene-altered virus. The modified cells were put back in the patient to galvanize the immune system to fight the cancer.

Bowman said she discovered last fall that the two most recent volunteers — a child and a teenager treated a year ago — received viruses that had been processed incorrectly and could have been contaminated.

She said she could find no evidence that the original batch of cells from 1995 used to grow the viruses had been properly screened for contamination. In November, she sent cells from the original batch for testing at an outside lab, which sent back results that twice showed the

presence of DNA from HIV and HCV.

She said she decided to contact the FDA last week when further test results were slow to arrive.

Malcolm Brenner, who initiated the study while at St. Jude and continued the work at Baylor, told the Post he doubted the initial test results, but if the contamination was real it could have been caused by HIV-infected blood in the laboratory being accidentally splashed on the viruses.

The surviving volunteers would probably only need AIDS testing if further tests confirm the contamination, Bowman said.

New techniques work to stop strokes

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Doctors are developing entirely new approaches to stop strokes, the nation's No. 3 killer, including lasers, sound waves and gadgets to attack blood clots deep inside the brain.

The first report on one of these devices — a laser beam on the tip of skinny, flexible tube — was made Thursday at a conference of the American Stroke Association.

Only heart attacks and cancer kill more Americans than strokes. Most occur when a blood clot gets stuck in one of the brain's arteries, choking off the blood supply. Unless it can be dislodged within six hours or so, a section of brain dies, causing paralysis and other problems.

Clot-dissolving drugs can stop strokes if given quickly enough, but the therapy can also trigger bleeding in the brain so doctors are often reluctant to offer it. Other recent attempts at developing stroke medicines have been disappointing.

Now experts say at least a dozen companies are developing devices intended to physically remove or destroy clots. The first results were reported by Dr. Wayne M. Clark of the Oregon Stroke Center in Portland.

Clark tested a laser developed by TALIS Inc. of Coon Rapids, Minn. The results demonstrate both the difficulties and the promise of this approach.

The arteries inside the head are very narrow and kinked

with hairpin turns. Just reaching them without causing damage is a technological feat.

Clark's team so far has used the laser on five patients with strokes in the middle cerebral arteries or their branches. In two cases, the laser never reached the clot. In one case, it partially obliterated the clot, while in another it destroyed the clot.

However, in the most recent case, one of the steps in the treatment poked a hole in the clogged artery, triggering bleeding in the 79-year-old woman's brain. The patient died, although it is unclear whether the laser or the stroke itself was to blame.

The program has been suspended while doctors investigate the death. Eventually, they hope to do 12 procedures, then assess whether the technology is worth pursuing.

"An adverse event would not necessarily mean they should abandon the effort. But it means they have to figure out what went wrong," said Dr. Lynn

Smaha, president of the American Heart Association.

In the one success, Clark said, a 78-year-old woman came to the hospital unable to talk and paralyzed on her left side. She "went from a huge stroke to, three months later, living alone and taking care of herself. But it's just one case, and maybe the clot would have dissolved by itself."

TALIS's president, Charles Hadley, said the laser was developed more than a decade ago at Massachusetts General Hospital to remove red birthmarks. Because the laser is absorbed only by red material, doctors looked into the possibility of using it to blast the blood clots that trigger heart attacks, but the work was abandoned.

The laser is threaded into the brain through a liquid-filled catheter that is one millimeter thick. Doctors use X-rays to follow its progress.

To work, the laser must get within a centimeter of the clot. It takes a minute or two of laser blasting to destroy it.

FAA orders hundreds of inspections in wake of Alaska Flight 261 disaster

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The nation's airlines are under a federal order to inspect hundreds of jetliners after two Alaska Airlines planes were found to have equipment damage similar to that on Alaska Flight 261.

The Federal Aviation Administration order announced Thursday covers all MD-80, MD-90, DC-9 and 717 series jetliners — about 1,100 planes or one-fifth of the nation's passenger airline fleet. Airlines have three days to comply.

Flight disruptions were expected, but federal officials said they believed the traveling public will understand.

"It's far more important that we get these airplanes inspected," said Tom McSweeney, FAA associate administrator for aircraft certification. "We want it done right, and we want it done thorough."

Alaska Airlines grounded

two of its 34 MD-80 series planes after metal shavings were found around the jackscrews, long rods in the tail that drive the planes' horizontal stabilizers and help control the up-and-down direction of a plane. The two planes were in Seattle and Portland, Ore.

The damage was similar to that found on the damaged jackscrew of Flight 261, an MD-80 series jet which crashed Jan. 31 off the California coast, killing all 88 people aboard.

The Navy has recovered parts of Flight 261, including the 2-foot section of the jackscrew and a nut from the stabilizer. The stringy metal shavings found wrapped around the jackscrew definitely came from the nut, said Jim Hall of the National Transportation Safety Board.

"A safety board investigator examining the nut reports that the threads are heavily damaged," Hall said. "We do not

know if the damage occurred before the aircraft's impact with the water or was the result of that impact."

Even before the FAA order, Alaska and other airlines had begun inspecting their stabilizers upon the recommendation of Boeing Co. Boeing bought McDonnell Douglas, maker of the MD-80 series planes, in 1997.

Alaska has 34 MD-80 planes and 31 have been inspected, spokeswoman Heather Hiestand said. Of those, 26 were cleared and returned to service. The rest includes the two that were grounded and three that are temporarily out of service while undergoing routine maintenance.

Some airlines were not immediately disclosing the results of their inspections, but Continental, Delta and Northwest — with 377 jets to be inspected — said they had found no problems so far.

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Teach your children well: Consider the alternative

There are very few parents in America today who are not concerned about the tone of our culture. The recent violent incidents in schools all across the country have people asking, "What's going on here?"

It has become popular to blame anything from the availability of guns to violence in the movies and television to video games to the absence of prayer in the schools. Surely we all realize that the problem runs much deeper than any of these factors.

The Bible puts the basic problem this way: "Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour." (1 Peter 5:8)

There is an evil spirit that permeates the world that can trap people who are not watchful and diligent. It deceives people into thinking that everything is subservient to self. Sexual immorality, violence, and substance abuse are just symptoms of this deeper problem. And we realize that the young are especially vulnerable to Satan's deception.

We also realize that we cannot shield our children from every single influence that can ruin their lives or expose them exclusively to things that are good and right. However, there are some things we can do.

1. Do not fall for the evil one's lie that we should not make our children go to church because

they might be turned off to religion when they get older.

Survey after survey shows that teenagers who regularly and frequently attend religious services are far less likely to smoke or drink or engage in sexual immorality. When we start or children

out going to church from the start and show them that the cross and the church are mean-

ingful to us, we give our children one of the greatest gifts we could give them.

2. Learn to say, "No." Children do not always know what is best because they do not have the experience and wisdom of parents. Let us just be their parents before we try to be their friends.

3. Teach them that they are responsible for their own actions.

One of the most gratifying moments in my wife's teaching career was the time a mother of one of her students related something the student had said. The mother had asked her daughter about what she had learned in third grade. The girl thought a moment and said, "I

learned that I am responsible for me."

We do children no favors by not teaching them that they are responsible for their own actions. And they will never learn that important lesson if we never let them face the consequences of their actions or we continually bail them out of problems they have created for themselves.

I know it is a tough thing for parents to do — to let their children "face the music." Or discipline them with a simple "No." Or go with them to church when it is easier to stay in bed. However, consider the alternative.

Russ Mullins is the minister of the Coahoma Church of Christ.



RUSS MULLINS

CLUB NEWS

Big Spring Art Association

BSAA met Jan. 18, at the home of Kay Smith. Introduction to life drawing was done for new members while Ruby Mize modeled for the 12 artists and photographers. Next assignment is to complete a work using sketches of the live model.



MIZE

Show chairman Sue Bagwell announced the Spring area wide juried exhibition will be in March and April at the Big Spring Mall. Noted watercolorist Warren Taylor of Midland College will serve as juror.

Members voted on paintings and photos of local doorways project with Kay Smith's watercolor "Antique Shop at 100 Main" winning first place. This work is on display at Citizens Credit Union.

February meeting will be held on the 15th at the Howard County Library basement. The program will be a watercolor demonstration by Mackay Jackson of Odessa. The public is invited to attend.

Eastern Star

Big Spring Chapter No. 67. Order of the Eastern Star will have a stated meeting Tuesday, Feb. 15, at 7:30 p.m., at the Masonic Lodge.

Sand Springs Lions Club

The Sand Springs Lions Club met Monday in regular meeting with Ben Boadle, first vice-president presiding.

After the minutes and treasurer's report were given by Dolores Hurlburt, a thank you letter from the Lions Camp at Kerrville was read acknowledging the gift given in memory of Burt Mathies.

The Lions Club Valentine party will be Monday, at 6:30 p.m. at the Lions Club Community Center on Scout Hut Road, Sand Springs. This is to be a fellowship time. Refreshments will be served.

Jarrell Barbee and Fred Franklin will haul trash for the senior citizens Feb. 26.

The next regular meeting will be Feb. 21, at the Lions Community Center at 6:30 p.m. A meal will be furnished by Mike and Dolores Hurlburt. All interested persons are invited to attend.

RELIGION BRIEFS

Disputed U.S. bishop says he's no longer an Episcopalian

AMBRIDGE, Pa. (AP) — A conservative U.S. priest who was consecrated a bishop in Singapore without authorization from America's Episcopal Church maintains that he followed proper procedures because he is no longer part of that denomination.

John H. Rodgers Jr., former dean and adjunct professor at a seminary in Ambridge, explained in a telephone interview that his Episcopal bishop in Pittsburgh transferred his clergy credentials to the Anglican province of Southeast Asia in which he became a bishop Jan. 29. The Episcopal Church is the recognized U.S. branch of the worldwide Anglican faith.

He said South Carolina's bishop transferred credentials of a second new U.S. bishop consecrated in the same rite. Charles H. Murphy III, to his new archdiocese in Rwanda.

Rodgers said he and Murphy are now "in effect missionary bishops providing emergency pastoral care," assigned by the Asian and African Anglicans to serve Americans who want to remain Anglican but believe the Episcopal Church has become too liberal in doctrine. Acceptance of homosexual couples and clergy is the most pressing of several issues.

"We are Anglicans, but not Episcopalians," said Rodgers.

Rodgers said the timing of the ceremony was set to precede a March 23-28 meeting of leaders of the Anglicans' 38 independent branches, which will include the Singapore and Rwanda archbishops who consecrated Rodgers and Murphy and the leader of the Episcopal Church, who has criticized the actions.

"A number felt it would be helpful to underline the seriousness of the problem that needs to be faced," Rodgers said.

Meanwhile, three prelates this week issued statements expressing dismay at the consecration. Richard Harry Goodhew, archbishop of Sydney; David Leo Mtemela, archbishop of Tanzania; and Maurice W. Sinclair, presiding bishop of six South American dioceses, wrote: "We regret that pressures upon traditionalists within the Episcopal Church in the United States should have accumulated to the point at which two primates, whom we hold in esteem, felt compelled to take this present action. We are disappointed that our friends acted against our clear advice."

CHURCH NEWS

First Presbyterian

Mike Robinson will be the guest speaker at First Presbyterian Church this Sunday. Worship begins at 11 a.m., following Sunday School classes for all ages which begin at 9:45 a.m. and "Take Ten" refreshment time at 10:30 in the church parlor.

Each Wednesday, the church offers "Stew Pot Classics," a series of classes on a variety of subjects that follow a family dinner in the fellowship hall. Topics for the next two weeks are: Bible Study, the book of James, by Diane Brown; Child passenger safety by Brian Jensen; Interior decorating, by Kay Bancroft. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. with programs following at approximately 6 p.m. Activities for junior and senior high youth, as well as a nursery, are provided.

First United Methodist Church

"At One With My Creator" (Leviticus 17:11) is Dr. Ed Williamson's message this Sunday at the First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry. Worship is at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. Our home page is <http://www.xroadstx.com/dove>.

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. Children also have a great time in our Sunday School at 9:40 a.m. every Sunday morning. Single Adults have a class all their

own, taught by Jackie Henry, on Sunday mornings at 9:40.

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

There will be an informal prayer time in the Sanctuary on the first Sunday evening of each month from 5 to 6. The Singles Department will host this special time of prayer. Everyone is invited to come for the entire hour or just a few minutes; whatever your schedule will allow. This event is for the entire community as the time has been set to allow those from other churches to attend their regular Sunday night services.

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

First Assembly of God

"How to Make it in Marriage 50 years and longer," is Pastor R.T. Havener's message this Sunday morning at First Assembly of God, Fourth and Lancaster. This will be part of the celebration of Valentine's Day this weekend at First Assembly. This message at 10:40 a.m. will be taken from the Ecclesiastes 9:9, and will share some of the great truths contained in the Word of God on a successful marriage.

In the evening service at 6, Pastor Havener will continue a series on the "Fruit of the Spirit." The subject for this message will be "Gentleness" the fifth segment of Fruit, taken from Galatians 5:22-23. The "Fruit of the Spirit," should be an outward expression in the life of all Christians.

The public is invited to these services this Sunday.

First Christian Church

This Sunday, First Christian Church Disciples of Christ, invites everyone to come and

celebrate Valentine's Day with a fellowship dinner immediately following the morning worship service.

At the 10:50 a.m. worship service, Dr. Jimmy Watson will present the sermon, "Who Wants to be Included?" This question is asked in contrast to the popular television series, "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?"

"Whereas society often excludes people for various reasons, including their financial status, Dr. Watson will argue that inclusiveness should be practiced without exception in a faith setting. Dr. Watson's text will be Mark 1:40-45, the story of the leper who is made "clean" by Jesus.

St. Mary's Episcopal

On Sunday, St. Mary's will be honoring all the Acolytes that serve in the church. You will want to be sure to come and say thank you for all their hard work and faithfulness.

There will be a Cursillo/Walk to Emmaus gathering on Monday at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Baptist Temple

Saturday night at 6 p.m., Baptist Temple fellowship is the place to be for entertainment. Come join us for an evening filled with great barbecue (catered by Al's Barbecue), and the hilarious dinner theater "The gold Mine at Jeremiah Flats." Tickets are available for \$6 in the church office or at the door. Bring your family, friends or your favorite gal or guy. Dress is casual, although you are invited to dress in the western theme.

Baptist Temple's Parent's Day Out has changed. We are open only on Mondays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. We offer a progressive preschool curriculum designed

to stimulate cognitive development and social interaction. Fees are \$8 per child each day attended and there is a one time registration and supply fee of \$10. Please call for drop-in availability. WE want to invite every parent and child in the area to participate in the fun!

Women's Ministry

Come join us for the February meeting of the Women's Ministry on Thursday, Feb. 17, at 7 p.m. at Baptist Temple fellowship hall. The speaker will be Kathy Highley and the study this month will be on the Spiritual gifts, learning to understand ourselves and our loved ones.

The women's ministry is gathering one a month of all Baptist women in the area. All churches are urged to attend and other denominations are invited as well. This is intended to be a time of spiritual renewal and introspection.

RSVP at 267-8287. We would like to have a head count for materials and nursery.

First Baptist Church

This is Disciple Now weekend for our youth. This year's theme is "True Love Waits." The youth will be spending the weekend in host's homes. The community is invited to join them on Saturday evening at 7 in the sanctuary for a concert by the Doug Pierce Band. Sunday morning's worship service concludes the youth weekend with a ring ceremony.

Monday the second Rain Rally will be held for our community at First Baptist Church beginning at 6:30 p.m. Please join us for this time of prayer.

Join us on our web sight at www.fcbigspring.org for additional information concerning our church.

House chaplain controversy raises questions about role of position

WASHINGTON (AP)— To former House Speaker Tip O'Neill he was the Irish monsignor. And some Jews in Congress call him rabbi.

"I guess it's because I'm the closest guy around," says Lutheran Rev. James David Ford, the retiring chaplain of the House of Representatives, looking particularly sagelike in a new gray beard as he walks the Capitol halls.

A passing congressman asks him to consider keeping his job of 21 years — if only to end the controversy surrounding the selection of Ford's successor.

Overriding a bipartisan committee's choice of a Catholic priest as chaplain, the House leadership appointed the Rev. Charles Wright, a Presbyterian minister, continuing an unbroken tradition of Protestant chaplains since the House was established.

The decision has prompted questions about Congress' attitude toward pluralism and whether one religious figure can meet the spiritual needs of 435 members. Old questions have resurfaced about whether the chaplaincy should exist at all.

For 21 years, Ford, 68, rarely talked about his job. He's in the business of keeping secrets, and he jokes that if he wrote a book about those secrets he could afford not just to retire to Bermuda, but to buy Bermuda. Retirement affords him more freedom to reflect on his life in "the temple of compromise."

Ford and Senate Chaplain Lloyd Ogilvie are most visible when they open daily sessions with prayer. But Ford says he does his real work one-on-one on the House floor. He whispers in cor-

ners with Republicans and Democrats. "And if the talk gets serious they come to my office."

Its out-of-the-way location — security guards had trouble directing a reporter to it amid the maze of hallways in the Capitol basement — is comforting to members who don't want to be seen seeking clergy counsel.

Inside, a picture of the First Continental Congress reciting its first prayer hangs near a television tuned to CNN. Boat models line Ford's mantelpiece, including a replica of the 31-foot craft he sailed from Plymouth, England, to West Point, N.Y., in 1976.

No crosses adorn the walls, but a clerical collar adorns the man who began his career in a rural church in Ivanhoe, Minn. (pop. 719), where he had to unplug the organ to turn on the

Christmas lights. In 1965, he became chaplain of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, where he stayed for 18 years, sometimes burying young men at whose marriages he had officiated.

Today, he hears the frustrations of new members of Congress who miss the influence they had back home, and old members who worry about their marriages. When gunmen opened fire in the Capitol in 1998, Ford comforted the family of a police officer as he lay mortally wounded.

Most of his visitors, he says, aren't thinking about religion.

"People aren't asking about the 'theological suspension of the ethical,'" he says smiling, a reference to the philosophical proposition that an ethic may, in rare circumstances, be violated for a higher purpose.

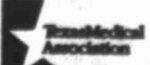
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The winner of the county spelling bee will go to the regional bee in Lubbock. That winner will represent the state of Texas at the national bee in Washington, D.C. For more information about the upcoming bee, contact Pat Williams through the Herald office, 263-7331.

THE LAST WORD

Man is the only animal that blushes. Or needs to.
Mark Twain

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

Love consists in this, that two solitudes protect each other and border and salute each other.
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Miracle approved for Blessed Katharine Drexel, socialite

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Constance Wall wept as she described how her daughter's deafness was cured after her family prayed to Katharine Drexel, but laughed when someone asked how clear the child's hearing really is.

"She can hear somebody say 'cookie' from a mile away," she said.

Her daughter was born deaf, but regained her hearing at age 4 — an incident recognized by the Vatican on Thursday as a second miracle attributed to Drexel's intervention.

The recognition of the miracle means Drexel, a Philadelphia socialite who gave up her riches to establish an order of nuns dedicated to the poor, has completed the final step toward sainthood and may be canonized this year.

"This means that our holy and selfless Philadelphia native will soon be officially declared saint of the Roman Catholic Church," Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua said Thursday.

Already beatified, Drexel — who founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament in 1891 — is now eligible to become the second saint born in the United States.

All that remains is for Pope John Paul II to announce a date for her canonization in Rome. Bevilacqua said it may take place sometime in October.

The second miracle attributed to Drexel was that of Amanda "Amy" Wall, now 7.

"When Amy was 2 years old her mother, family and friends started praying to Katharine Drexel," Bevilacqua said. "They obtained a relic from the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament and touched it to Amy's ears. Shortly thereafter, Amy gained what she never had before — the ability to

hear."

The Rev. Paolo Molinari, a Jesuit in Rome who promoted the cause for sainthood, said the girl had been born with neuro-sensory hearing loss. No scientific explanation has been found for the child suddenly being able to hear, he said.

"We are so thrilled," Mrs. Wall said as she fought back tears and hugged her daughter. "We thank Blessed Katharine for her intercession for our daughter and we thank God for the blessing of this wonderful miracle. What a wonderful day."

Vatican Radio, in announcing the official recognition of a miracle, praised Drexel as an "authentic pioneer" of human rights.

The woman who lived a storybook life of mansions, world travel and private tutors shocked high society by taking a vow of poverty, entering a convent when she was 30 and using all of her \$20 million inheritance to start the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. The nuns worked with poor black and Indian people.

Her father was Francis Drexel, a banking magnate and business partner of J.P. Morgan. Her uncle, Anthony Drexel, founded Drexel University.

Drexel, who died in 1955 when she was 96, is entombed in her order's Bensalem motherhouse and shrine, which is visited by about 20,000 people each year.

Upon Drexel's canonization, the Philadelphia Archdiocese will be the only one in the United States to have two saints, Bevilacqua said. John Neumann — the Bohemian-born bishop of Philadelphia who died in 1860 — was canonized in 1977.

The first U.S.-born saint, Elizabeth Ann Seton, also founded an order of nuns.

Bishop plans for move to Corpus

TYLER (AP) — Bishop Edmond Carmody of Tyler says he's leaving East Texas with a "heavy heart" after eight years of helping grow a mission diocese of the Catholic Church.

"Too many partings make you sad, and I hate to see people sad. That's tough. I love the people here in East Texas," Carmody said recently announcing his transfer to Corpus Christi.

The appointment by Pope John Paul II was announced Feb. 3 in Washington by Archbishop Gabriel Montalvo, apostolic nuncio to the United States.

Carmody succeeds Bishop Roberto Octavio Gonzalez, who was promoted in March to archbishop of San Juan, Puerto Rico. Carmody will be installed as bishop in Corpus Christi on St. Patrick's Day, March 17.

Known for his easy humor and accessibility, the Irish-born Carmody said he called his mother when he learned of his reassignment. "I told her, Mom, the pope has transferred me to Corpus Christi. And she responded, Oh, why don't they leave you alone?" he said with a smile.

"But we don't control that. We take an oath of obedience to the Holy Father. The Lord's in charge," Carmody said.

When he arrived in East Texas in 1992, Carmody knew only one person, but quickly developed a rapport with Catholics by visiting a different parish every week.

"Getting your first diocese is very exciting. I wanted to know everybody's names and all about their families," he said. "Now I know thousands of you. We are a family here. I know all about you. You've been marvelously good to me."

Despite the heavy Bible Belt influence in East Texas, Carmody said he found people in all denominations who have been supportive of a Catholic presence in the area. One of the first people to visit his office was a rabbi, he said. And soon after he arrived in Tyler, Carmody was asked to preach from the pulpit of a Methodist church.

"I knew Catholics had a low profile here, and that it would be a challenge. But I've been pleasantly surprised how well we have been received. Even though we're just 4 percent of the population, the Catholic Church has been appreciated and accepted," Carmody said.

Under Carmody's leadership, the Tyler Diocese has grown from 41 parishes and missions to 68, with the number of priests increasing from 46 to 88. Catholics served in the diocese jumped from 35,581 in 1992 to 53,576 this year.

Carmody said he used an "open door" approach. "I always felt your business was more important than mine. I could always catch up later on what I was doing," he said.

Early on, Carmody learned that East Texas Catholics valued their spiritual leaders.

Students of 'sports ministry' spread faith through athletics

CAMPBELLSVILLE, Ky. (AP) — At a small college in the heart of the Bible Belt, in a state where basketball is king, aspiring ministers are learning a new way to reach the masses: Get out of the pulpit and into the gym.

Or onto the gridiron. Or the baseball field. Or the tennis court.

At Campbellsville University, a Baptist-affiliated liberal arts school of 1,660 students, tucked away amid the farmland of central Kentucky, students can now get a degree in sports ministry.

With churches looking for new ways to draw an ever-changing society through their doors, athletics has become a common ground.

"It's a sports-saturated society," explains Ted Taylor, a former college athlete and former chaplain for Mississippi State University's football team, who heads the sports ministry degree program.

The morphing of sports with religion is not new — organizations like Athletes in Action and Fellowship of Christian Athletes have been around for years. The degree program was a natural extension, Taylor said.

The degree program, which started in the fall of 1998, is one of a handful like it in the country.

Students take classes in coaching theory, psychology and sociology of sport, and principles of Christian coaching, in addition to theology and more traditional college courses.

In the classroom, students learn to apply biblical principles to coaching and discuss issues like conflict resolution and counseling.

The program gives students hands-on training. A non-denominational sports-centered ministry called Sports Reach is based on the campus, and students do internships playing one of a variety of team sports. The teams compete against professionals and amateurs and travel to prisons, children's homes and other colleges.

Senior Tina Propes, 21, who played tennis or scholarship for three years, is a sports ministry major who plans to start a sports camp for children after she graduates.

"You can use sports to open doors," she said. "There are people you can't just go up to and talk about God. But you can play baseball and talk about the World Series."

There's no doubt, Taylor said, that athletes are in a special position should they choose to spread their faith.

Taylor points to Cameron Mills, who played on the University of Kentucky's 1996 and 1998 NCAA championship basketball teams and became an evangelist after he graduated. Mills regularly speaks to packed houses.

Athletes have a platform,

Mills said. "Very few people have the opportunity to talk about Christ," he said. "A lot of people don't want to hear it."

While the sports ministry degree program focuses on evangelism, Taylor said ideally the program would target students who have a desire to coach.

"Today's high school athletes often don't have time to spend in religious activities after games, practices, classes and homework, he explained. The most influential person in their lives may become their coach."

"I know the importance of a coach in a player's life," said Taylor, who played baseball in college. "It can make or break a person's faith. It's a very pivotal thing."

Some schools, especially public institutions, might shy away from a coach with a religious background, said Marion Flomenhaft, assistant director of the Center for Career Education and Life Planning at New York University.

Richard Lapchick, director of the Center for Sport in Society in Boston, said having a coach with a sports ministry background could be helpful.

"Anyone with a religious background, at least in theory, is going to be more caring and have more highly developed concern for other people than those who don't."

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Ex-congressman faces tough job as church council head

WASHINGTON (AP) — As Cuban exiles and their former countrymen loudly demonstrated over the fate of 6-year-old Elian Gonzalez, one of those in the middle, standing with the boy, was the Rev. Robert Edgar.

This was the same Robert Edgar who, as a congressman and seminary president, built a reputation for overcoming odds and turning troubles around.

Those skills will be helpful as he starts perhaps his toughest challenge, as general secretary of the National Council of Churches of Christ. The organization has received much attention for its efforts to get Elian returned to Cuba, but its financial troubles have also made news.

"It is ready to rethink itself and its mission," Edgar said of the council, the nation's largest ecumenical Protestant organization. The 50-year-old, New York-based group has seen a decline in membership and political clout and ended last year with a \$3.2 million deficit.

Its power has declined along with that of its members, 35 "Mainline Protestant" and Orthodox denominations. The rise of more conservative evangelical and Pentecostal churches, who are at odds with the council's theological and politi-

cal views, has made the council's job harder.

Edgar, a 56-year-old Methodist minister, said he has had many experiences of "baptism by fire" and has no illusions about the task ahead.

For the past 10 years, he has been president of the Claremont Graduate School Of Theology in California. During that tenure, which started at a time when the school had trouble meeting its payroll, the endowment grew from \$3.8 million to \$21 million.

When he was elected to Congress in 1974 from suburban Philadelphia, he won in district that had not elected a Democrat in more than 100 years.

He held the seat for 12 years before making an unsuccessful run for the Senate against incumbent Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa.

In Congress, Edgar developed a reputation for defying the wishes of the political establishment, especially on issues like the environment and veterans benefits.

The Almanac Of American Politics, a Washington reference book, noted that Edgar had "ruffled his elders in every conceivable way" and that there is a "marvelous touch of naivete to his career."

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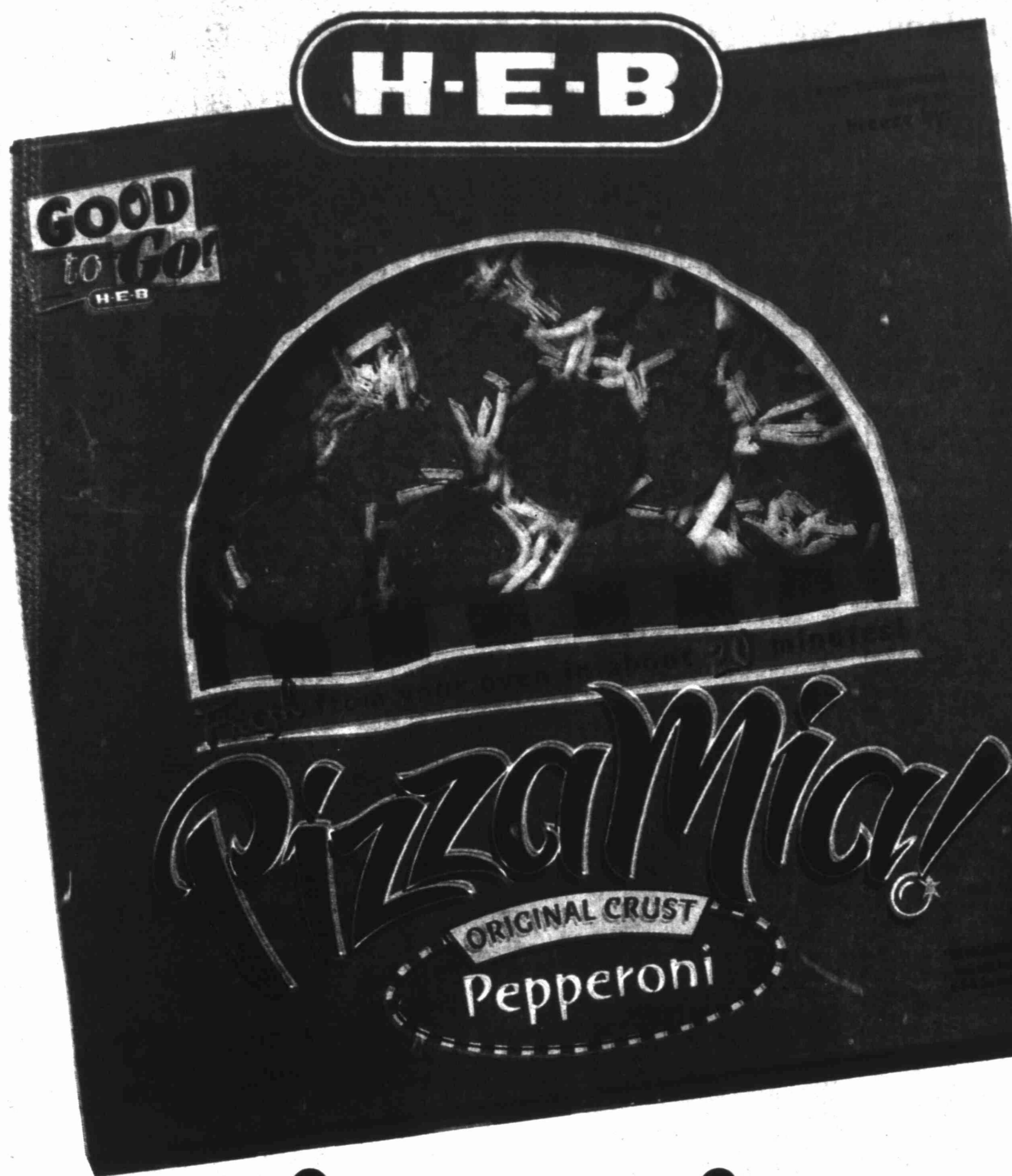
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Lady Steers kick off playoffs at 'The Dorothy'

Big Spring's Lady Steers will face San Angelo Lake View's Maidens in the first game of the District 5-4A mini-tournament for playoff berths at 7 tonight in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

That game is the first of seven high school basketball playoff games that have already been scheduled for the oliseum during the next two weeks.

The winner of tonight's game advances to face Snyder's Lady Tigers at 4 p.m. Saturday.

On Monday, Borden County's No. 4-ranked Lady Coyotes will take on Dawson's Lady Dragons in a Class 1A bi-district playoff at 7:30 p.m.

The next night, Ira's Bulldogs will face Reagan County's Owls in a boys' practice game at 6, followed at 8 by a bi-district girls' playoff between Grady's Lady Wildcats and Klondike's Lady Cougars.

A boys' bi-district double-header is also set for Tuesday, Feb. 22. Grady's Wildcats will take on Wellman at 6 p.m. and Ira will take on Klondike.

American Little League to hold meeting Tuesday

The American Little League of Big Spring will hold an open meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at LaContesa Beauty Salon.

Those serving on the league's board for the 2000 season will be Robby Wegner, Craig Caudill, Stan Parker, Irma Paredes, Sheri Nichols, Darrell Nichols, Kathy Caudill, Kenda Jones, Twila Wegner, Sandy Elder, James Gross and Bobby Cordova.

For more information, call Robby Wegner at 267-1440.

National Little League sets meeting for Feb. 17

An organizational meeting for the National Little League in Big Spring has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, at Allan's Furniture.

All persons interested in coaching or helping out in any other aspect is asked to attend the meeting.

For more information, call Allan Johnson at 267-7416 or 263-1163.

Hunter education class scheduled for weekend

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 in the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce conference room.

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

The class is also offered as a home study course, allowing students to attend a one-day, hands-on skills course and take a written exam.

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TODAY HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

- 7 p.m.
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 - Wall at Garden City, girls practice game.
- 7:30 p.m.
 - Big Spring at Sweetwater (B)
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- 8 p.m.
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7:15 p.m. — Big Spring Steers at Sweetwater Mustangs, KBST-AM 1490.

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6 p.m. — Boston Bruins at N.Y. Rangers, ESPN, Ch. 30.
8:30 p.m. — Dallas Stars at Los Angeles Kings, FXS, Ch. 29.
FIGURE SKATING
9 p.m. — United States Championships, ladies' short program (same-day tape), ESPN, Ch. 30.

Steers, Lady Steers host impressively strong field for Invitational

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

Always one of the bigger early-season golf tournaments, this year's Big Spring Invitational had one of its most impressive fields when play got under way this morning at the Comanche Trail Golf Course and the Big Spring Country Club.

Big Spring's Steers began teeing off on the Comanche Trail layout at 8 a.m., paired with players from Andrews, Odessa Permian and Midland Lee.

Those four teams were joined by 23 other boys' teams, all but two of them from Class 5A or Class 4A schools.

The Lady Steers host a field of 24 teams in the girls' division. They opened play at 8 a.m. on the BSCC course, also paired with teams from Andrews, Permian and

Midland Lee.

The tournament's field also includes boys' and girls' teams from Monahans, Sweetwater, Frenship, Pampa, Amarillo Palo Duro, Hereford, Lamesa, Snyder, Odessa High, Pecos, San Angelo Lake View, Canyon Randall, Dumas and Plainview.

Other boys' teams include a second Big Spring team, San Angelo Central, Canyon, Lubbock Coronado, Midland Trinity, Levelland and Lubbock High, while the girls' field includes teams from Abilene High, Amarillo High, Abilene Cooper, Fort Stockton, Amarillo Ta'cosa and Amarillo Caprock.

Saturday's final round of the 36-hole tournament will see the boys' field playing the country club's layout, while the girls close at Comanche Trail.

For first-year Big Spring golf coach Steve Ward, the size of the schools involved in the tournament and the Invitational coming in only the second week of the season makes it difficult to pick a favorite in either field.

"We already know from last week's tournaments in Snyder and San Angelo that Andrews' boys are awfully strong and so are Snyder's girls," Ward said as he and assistant coach Tony Truelove waited for their players to finish their final practice round on the Comanche Trail layout Thursday afternoon.

"You have to think that both of them will be among the favorites," he added, "but with as many Class 5A teams as we're going to have here, you can bet it's going to be very competitive."

Odessa Permian enters the tournament

with momentum it built at last week's Snyder Invitational where they posted a 321-314, 635 to take a 15-stroke victory over Seminole.

The Steers carded a two-day 670 total at the Snyder tournament, but Ward expects a stronger performance from his team this week.

"I think our guys are ready," he said. "We'd better be. We want to take advantage of playing on our home courses. Nobody's going to know these holes any better than we do."

The Lady Steers figure to be well back in the girls' team standings, but senior Ashlie Simmons should contend for the individual title, having rebounded from a slow start last week to finish tied for third in the medalist standings at the San Angelo Invitational.

Hawks roll past Frank Phillips

By MICHAEL WRIGHT
Herald Correspondent

BORGER — The Howard Hawks looked a little rusty in the first half, but came back strong in the second here Thursday night for a big 93-68 road win over the Frank Phillips College Plainsmen.

Helping power the Hawks to victory was a 21-point effort by freshman Vasilis Tsimpliaridis. Also helping out with double-digit scoring were Donald "Yogi" Caesar and Darryl Martin with 15 each, Derrick Franklin with 14 and Steve Bonner with 10.

The Hawks had some trouble controlling the tempo in the first half. Though they took an 18-point lead late in the half, they allowed the Plainsmen to fight back and pull within two at the intermission.

With just over five minutes remaining in the first half the Hawks sat on a 36-18 lead. Then, the Plainsmen came alive and scored the final 16 points of the half.

Frank Phillips, led by Jovani Allen, who scored the final nine points of the string, appeared to have momentum at the break.

Whatever head coach Tommy Collins said to his team in the locker room was what they needed to take their game to the next level and put the Plainsmen away, however.

Howard came out in the second half and lit up the scoreboard with 57 points. The Hawks were virtually impossible to stop. They drove the lane, dished out powerful dunks, hit their field goals and even knocked down threes.

The Hawks also dominated defensively, holding the Plainsmen to another 34 points in the second half by forcing Frank Phillips to take less than desirable shots and commit turnovers.

In fact, Howard literally shut down the Plainsmen offense at times.

Howard's second-half surge was sparked by three-point shots by Tsimpliaridis and Terrance Radford, as well as a series of dunks by Winston Brooks and Franklin.

Frank Phillips was able to make a run at the lead late in the game, but never got any



Howard College freshman guard Vasilis Tsimpliaridis, shown here in action against Lee College early in the 1999-2000 season, paced the Hawks to a 93-68 win Thursday night over Frank Phillips' Plainsmen in Borger.

Lady Hawks stumble against Lady Plainsmen

By MICHAEL WRIGHT
Herald Correspondent

BORGER — Howard College's Lady Hawks put up a great fight here Thursday night, but lost a heartbreaker to Frank Phillips College's Lady Plainsmen, 79-73.

Early on, Howard played great defense, pressuring the Lady Plainsmen into taking back shots and creating a number of turnovers.

However, Frank Phillips was able to make adjustments and began to click offensively.

The Lady Hawks also had their bright spots offensively, however. Howard had two players finish the night in double figures, as freshman guards Tashae Thomas and Koretha Johnson scored 14 points apiece.

Taneisha Harris, Ashanti Nix, Grace Gantt and Yolanda Grant finished the night with eight points each, while Caryn Ross added five.

That simply wasn't enough. Howard was in trouble from the start, as Frank Phillips jumped on top for an early 10-5 lead, erasing the Lady Hawks initial 5-2 lead with three straight shots from downtown by the Lady Plainsmen's Kristin Warren, making it a 13-8 for Frank Phillips.

The Lady Hawks did fight back and reclaimed the lead with 12:21 remaining in the first half after Thomas came up with a loose ball and scored from the paint.

The two teams kept it close throughout the remainder of the half, but the Lady Plainsmen hit 4-of-4 from the free throw line in the final minute to take a 40-33 lead at halftime.

Howard erased that seven-point lead when the second half began, as the Lady Hawks, paced by Johnson, went on an 8-1 run to even the score at 41-all with 16:33 showing on the clock.

The Lady Hawks even took the lead at 43-41, but they didn't have it long. Frank

Phillips came firing right back with a three-pointer from Dana Martinez for a 44-43 edge.

That exchange ignited what would prove to be a see-saw battle for the lead throughout much of the second half.

As had been the case late in the first period, Frank Phillips' biggest asset proved to be their free throw shooting. The Lady Plainsmen hit 5-of-6 from the line down the stretch, sealing the victory that improved their record in Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJAC) play to 3-7 and 9-14 overall.

Tonya Robertson and Martinez both had 18 points for the Lady Plainsmen.

The Lady Hawks' loss dropped them to 18-7 on the season and 6-3 in conference play, one-half game behind Odessa College's Lady Wranglers in the WJAC women's standings.

In other WJAC women's action

See LADY HAWKS, page 2B

Tiger doesn't have full tank for Buick Invitational's first round

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Even on the opening day of the Buick Invitational, Tigermania was at full throttle. Too bad Tiger Woods wasn't.

Tiger was tired. Drained from his dramatic comeback win at Pebble Beach on Monday that gave him golf's longest winning streak in 52 years, and with no time off in between, Woods appeared mortal on Thursday.

While fans in the huge gallery — six deep in places — strained to catch a glimpse of Woods, his shots were erratic and his putting left him anything but pleased. He shot a 1-under-par 71 on the Torrey Pines North Course, leaving him six strokes behind Davis Love III.

Woods didn't even feel like going to the driving range to try to figure out what was wrong.

"I've been grinding pretty hard lately,"

Woods said. "Maybe I'm just a little tired, and need a little rest."

The AT&T National Pro-Am at Pebble Beach was pushed back a day because of rain, ending Monday with Woods' thrilling rally from seven strokes down with seven holes to go.

With his sixth straight tour victory in hand, he headed to San Diego and as on Torrey Pines North by 6:15 a.m. Tuesday for a practice round. Wednesday was another early start, for a pro-am.

"You would think that the way I've been playing, I'd feel a little more comfortable," Woods said. "That's just the way golf is sometimes."

Maybe Woods gave others an opening. Love took the lead with a 7-under 65 on the tougher South Course, and Phil Mickelson excited his hometown fans with a 66 on the North.

"Tiger is forcing everybody to play at a whole other level," Mickelson said. "Nobody has really done it yet. I think guys like Fred Couples (68), Davis Love and myself are really trying to play at a different level, and hopefully have a different winner on tour."

Then again, after making the cut by just two strokes at last year's Buick, Woods roared back by playing 17-under the last two rounds to win the tournament by two strokes.

Or, as he proved Monday, he can even wait until the last nine.

"There are a lot of holes to play," Woods said. "I proved that last year. You can go out there and make it up on the weekend, or even tomorrow."

Woods' streak is the longest since Ben Hogan also won six tour starts in 1948. Should Woods rally here, he'd be within four of tying Byron Nelson's record of 11

in a row in 1945.

"He's the guy to beat as long as he doesn't hurt himself," Love said. "He's been on a roll since high school."

Woods hurt himself early, ripping his first drive into the right rough. He saved par, but bogeyed his second and third holes to go 2-over.

When he made a 30-foot eagle putt on the 14th to get back to par, Woods gave a tired-looking smile, raised his putter in the air and licked his finger to chalk one up.

"I just didn't have it," he said. Love, meanwhile, had an adventure-some round. He didn't record a par until his 10th hole.

He sandwiched a 6-foot birdie around two bogeys, ran off three more birdies before missing another green for bogey, and ended the front nine with two more birdies.

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The weekly high school basketball poll as compiled by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches.

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TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL American League ANAHEIM ANGELS—Agreed to terms with RHP Mark Petkovsek on a one-year contract.

Syracuse loses second straight after opening with a 19-0 run

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Syracuse's impressive winning streak already ended this week. The Orangemen are on a new run they hope to end soon.

Williams added eight rebounds and four assists and Reece Gaines had 10 points, six assists and five rebounds for the Cardinals, who shot 58 percent from the field and had 22 assists.

HAWKS

Continued from page 1B closer than eight points, as the threat prompted another Hawks run that left the final margin at 25.

LADY HAWKS

Continued from page 1B Thursday, Midland College's Lady Chapparrals chalked up their second big win in a row with an 85-53 drubbing of Odessa, all but wrapping up their second straight conference title.

In other games involving ranked teams, it was No. 2 Stanford 76, No. 24 Oregon 61, No. 7 Arizona 65, Washington 56, No. 19 Temple 75, Fordham 61, and No. 21 Utah 83, San Diego State 65.

No. 2 Stanford 76, No. 24 Oregon 61 Case Jacobsen and Mark Madsen each had 19 points, and Ryan Mendez added 14 as Stanford never trailed in a home win over Oregon.

No. 7 Arizona 65, Washington 56 Loren Woods had a career-high 29 points, 13 rebounds and six blocked shots as Arizona won at Washington.

20 points in the first half as the Huskies (3-7, 8-14) missed their first 10 shots and had nine turnovers in the first nine minutes.

No. 19 Temple 75, Fordham 61 Pepe Sanchez doubled his previous season high with 20 points to lead Temple (17-4, 10-1 Atlantic 10) over visiting Fordham (11-11, 4-6).

No. 21 Utah 83, San Diego St. 65 Nate Althoff scored a career-high 22 points, filling the void left by injured Hanno Mottola, and Utah cruised past San Diego State.

Despite playing without Mottola, out indefinitely with sprains to his left elbow and right thumb, the Utes (18-4, 7-1 Mountain West) easily extended the nation's longest home winning streak to 49.

David Abramowitz scored 21 points to lead the Aztecs (5-16, 0-8).

Monday to face New Mexico Junior College's Thunderbirds. Frank Phillips, which dropped to 4-6 in conference play and 7-16 overall, travels to Odessa.

Elsewhere in WJCAC men's action Thursday, Midland College's Chapparrals maintained their half-game lead over Howard in the standings with 66-60 win over Odessa College's Wranglers.

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Make the most of this year. Many opportunities pop up out of what seem like emotional tremors. Go with the flow and be trusting. You have a strong sense of intuition. Know how to present yourself and maximize the moment. If you are single, you draw someone quite unusual. However, check him out carefully. Make sure he is who he says he is. If attached, allow your mate to hear your thoughts and fears. You bond closely. TAURUS can be an albatross.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
** Tension proves to be unusually high. Talk about feeling limited rather than letting it affect your mood. Allow a partner to participate in an important decision. Relax by listening to a favorite piece of music or going to a movie. Tonight: Feeling better?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
****Take your time when you're not feeling sure of yourself. What could at first seem to be a difficult situation really isn't. Sort through what is going on. Make calls to friends. Another's gesture means a lot. Tonight: Let your imagination lead.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
**Take some time off from the world to think. Touch base with a parent or boss who needs to hear from you. One-on-one relating proves unusually rewarding with a special friend. Don't try to extend past this level of socializing. Tonight: Play it low-key.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
****Your determination makes what you want happen. A partner might question your decisions or actively disagree. By putting yourself in another's shoes, you are able to communicate well. Tonight: Invite friends over.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***Others have their quirks. Accepting them might be best, because you aren't going to change them. Discussions with partners allow greater understanding, if not agreement. Indulge another. Make an occasion everything he wants it to be. Tonight: In the limelight.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Take the high road: Show a willingness to learn about new technologies and different styles. You can change your day-to-day life by breaking some patterns. Expand your horizons. Walk in another's shoes. A child or loved one does all he can to please you. Tonight: Try a new restaurant.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
**** Listening to others leads you in another direction. Be careful how much risk you take on. A discussion with a partner proves to be helpful in organizing day-to-day matters. You might opt for a major indulgence, even if you can't afford it. Tonight: How about some cheap fun?

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
**** Others might seem testy as you watch your plans go up in smoke. Recognize that there lies an opening or opportunity. What have you really wanted to do? Do it now! Creativity adds some sizzle to a relationship. Tonight: Charm a partner.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
***Easy does it. Even you can get too busy for your own good. Willingly change plans if necessary. Another might be more unpredictable than usual. Enjoy yourself. Don't worry about another as much. Tonight: Take it easy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
****Expressing your softer side elicits the results you would like. Talks bring positive decisions. Allow another to flow with you. You don't always have to be in control. Loosen up about what is. Shake your head at a money risk. Tonight: A night on the town.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
**Stay close to home. Don't push yourself. Sometimes you need to indulge yourself. Do the unexpected. Follow through on what is important to you. Do your research before you make a major purchase — you might find a better price than you think. Tonight: Relax with company.

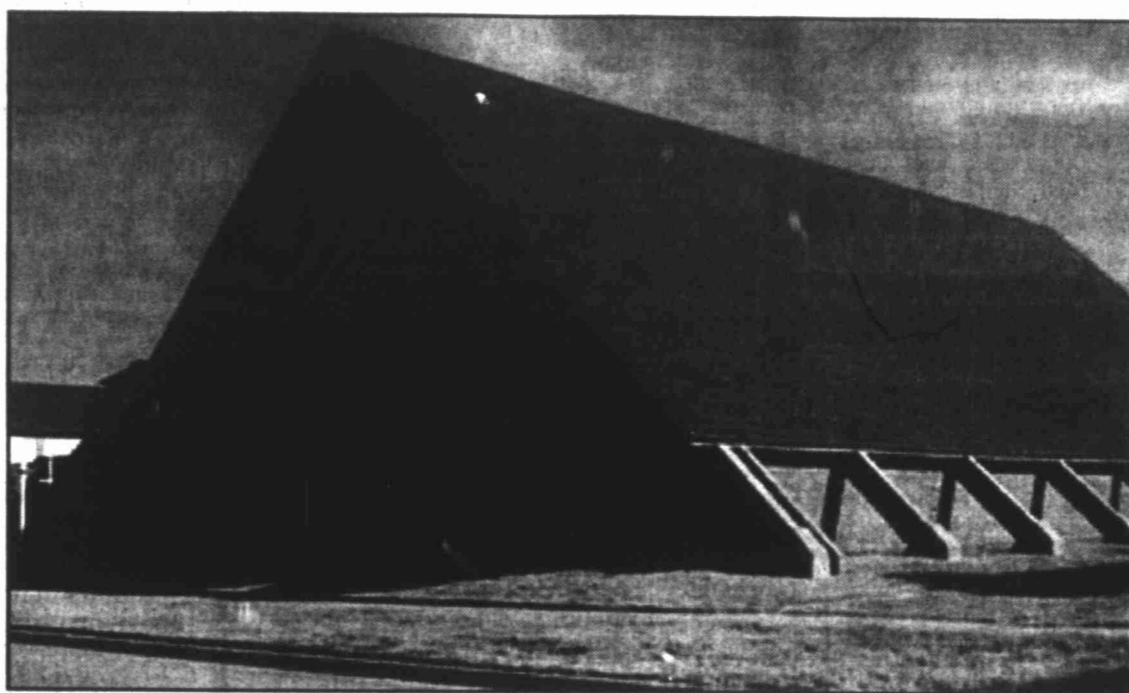
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
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Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 11, 1929, the Lateran Treaty was signed, with Italy recognizing the independence and sovereignty of Vatican City.

On this date:

In 1812, Massachusetts Gov. Elbridge Gerry signed a redistricting law favoring his party, giving rise to the term "gerrymandering."

In 1847, American inventor Thomas Alva Edison was born in Milan, Ohio.

In 1858, a French girl, Bernadette Soubirous, claimed for the first time to have seen a vision of the Virgin Mary near Lourdes.

In 1861, President-elect Lincoln departed Springfield, Ill., for Washington.

In 1937, a sit-down strike against General Motors ended, with the company agreeing to recognize the United Automobile Workers Union.

In 1945, President Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin signed the Yalta Agreement during World War II.

In 1972, McGraw-Hill Publishing Co. and Life magazine canceled plans to publish an autobiography of reclusive billionaire Howard Hughes that turned out to be fake.

In 1979, followers of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini seized power in Iran.

In 1989, Reverend Barbara C. Harris became the first woman consecrated as a bishop in the Episcopal Church, in a ceremony held in Boston.

In 1993, President Clinton announced his choice of Miami prosecutor Janet Reno as the nation's first female attorney general.

Ten years ago: South African black activist Nelson Mandela was freed after 27 years in captivity. In a stunning upset, heavyweight champion Mike Tyson was knocked out in the 10th round of his fight with Buster Douglas in Tokyo.

Five years ago: The space shuttle Discovery landed at Cape Canaveral, Fla., ending a historic rendezvous mission with Russia's Mir space station. President Clinton, in his weekly radio address, threatened to veto any attempt by Republicans to scrap plans to put 100,000 additional police officers on the streets.

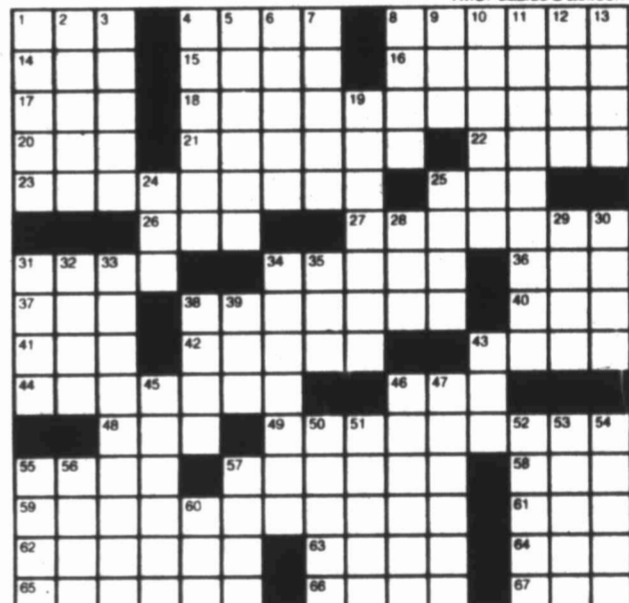
One year ago: A federal jury in New York found several gun makers responsible in three area shootings for letting guns fall into the hands of criminals, other manufacturers were cleared.

Today's Birthdays: Author Sidney Sheldon is 83. Former Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen is 79. Actress Kim Stanley is 75. Actor Leslie Nielsen is 74. Actor Conrad Janis is 72. Actress Tina Louise is 66. Missouri Gov. Mel Carnahan is 66. Actor Burt Reynolds is 64. Songwriter Gerry Goffin is 61.

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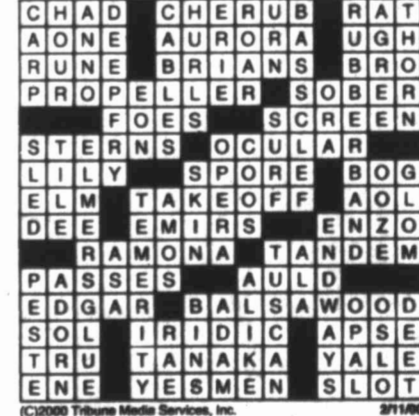
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By Alan P. Oischwang Huntington Beach, CA

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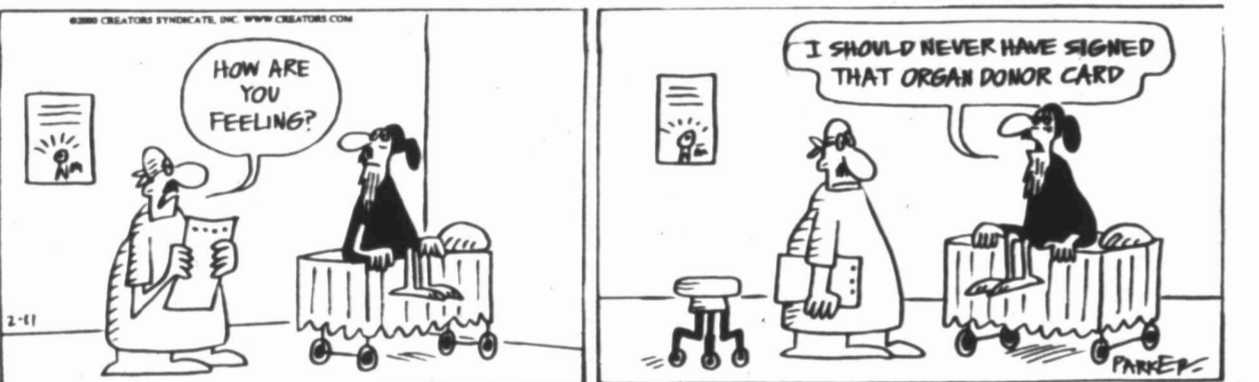


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