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Volunteer income tax assistance is available each Monday through March 27, 9 a.m.-noon at the Spring City Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Drive.

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Please call Dorothy Kennemur, 398-5522, or the center, 267-1628, for more information.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association, 5:30 p.m., RSVP offices, 501 Runnels.

□ American Legion Post 506, 6 p.m.

□ Rackley-Swords Chp. 379, Vietnam Veterans of America, 7 p.m., 124 Jonesboro Road.

FRIDAY

□ The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

□ AMBUCS, noon, BRAND'N Restaurant.

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

SATURDAY

□ Odessa Brand New Opree, 7 p.m., Municipal Auditorium. Proceeds will benefit Big Spring ISD choir programs. Tickets are \$5 at the door or can be purchased in advance from choir boosters. For more information, call 264-3641, Ext. 171.

□ Eagles Lodge Pot Luck supper, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

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

MONDAY

□ Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association, 10:30 a.m. coffee and social hour and 11:30 a.m. lunch, Howard County Cactus Room.

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'Opree' Saturday night to benefit local school choir programs

By **DEBBIE L. JENSEN**
Features Editor

Big Spring residents can see their friends and neighbors on stage Saturday night when the Odessa Brand New Opree comes to town.

Musicians from the local community as well as Midland and Odessa will



THIBEAULT

perform a variety of pop, gospel, country and 1950s style rock-n-roll in the show, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 each, available in advance or at the door.

Lawrence Thibeault, who is producing the show, lives and works in the Big Spring community, but has a long history of performing with the Odessa Opree. He organized a similar event in Odessa Nov. 20, which also featured several local musicians and singers.

"We packed the house," he

BRAND NEW OPREE

When: 7 p.m. Saturday

Where: Municipal Auditorium

Tickets: \$5 each at the door

Benefits: BSISD choirs

said, adding that about half that audience was from Big Spring. "If it could work there, we think it can work even better here."

Saturday night's show is planned to benefit the Big Spring Independent School District choir programs, including high school and junior high. Choir boosters are selling advance tickets; for more information, call the choir room at 264-3641, Ext. 171.

Local performers will include Thibeault, who works at Harris Lumber and Hardware; Joan Harmon, a guard at the Big Spring Federal Correctional Institute; Meagan Matthews, a Big Spring Junior High School student; and Johnny Moore, ser-

vice manager at Shroyer Motors.

Also performing are David Hendrickson, minister at First Church of God and Robert Dunagan, music minister at Midway Baptist Church.

Linda Lindell, choir director at Big Spring High School, is singing in the show, while Craig Felty, junior high choir director, is helping backstage.

Master of ceremonies for the event will be J. Gordon Lamb with KOSA Channel 7.

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Kiwanis set for flapjack feed again

By **CARL GRAHAM**
Staff Writer

There will be three major changes in store for this year's annual Kiwanis pancake supper that is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 25.

According to Billy Smith, a veteran of 32 pancake flipping functions, tickets will not be needed, but donations or contributions will be accepted at the exit door.

A couple of other changes are being made this year from the way things were done in the past, according to Smith.

"This year we will be holding the event at the new junior high cafeteria, which is a change from the past when we held it at the Howard College cafeteria," said Smith. "Another change is this year we are having the supper earlier than usual. We usually have the event in the springtime."

Smith is hoping the changes will help make the event even more profitable than it has in the past.

"This cafeteria is capable of seating over 500 people at one time and this will eliminate folks having to wait for someone to leave to be seated," Smith said. "This year we will



Big Spring Kiwanis Club members Ernest Welch, left, and Don Priddy prepare a batch of pancakes for the club's annual fundraiser in 1992. The men are still active in the club.

be serving ham and pancakes and it still will be an all-you-can-eat event."

According to Smith, this format has been used at Cheyenne, Wyo., and Denver, Colo., and was highly successful there.

"This has always been our biggest fundraiser and we hope it will continue to be," said Smith. "We would like to feed at least 1,500 people that night but we are looking for at least 500. All profits above our cost will be used for all ages of youth, primarily in our local area."

Those attending are asked to use the Eighth Street and Owens parking lot when arriving and to enter the building on the Owens Street side at the double doors.

"We will be distributing flyers all over Big Spring as well as running it on cable television, so help us get out the word and come on out and eat with us on Feb. 25," he said.

As in the past, the event will be from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m.

For further information or questions on this year's fundraiser contact Smith at 267-6479 or project chairman Katie Lara at 264-1813.



Billy Smith, Ann Duncan, Fern Alexander and Don Green look over the Kiwanis Club pancake supper assignment sheet. The club hopes to feed up to 1,500 people at this year's function, to be held on Feb. 25. All proceeds above cost will be used to benefit youth.

Theater group schedules second meeting Monday

By **DEBBIE L. JENSEN**
Features Editor

A second organizational meeting of the community theater group in Big Spring is planned Monday.

Interested people are invited to gather between 7:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the First Baptist Church dining hall, for a meeting that may last about an hour.

Organizers are hoping to reestablish the community theater group that was active several years ago, using the same charter if possible.

"We plan to talk about the state of the charter," explained Andi Andrews-York, a member of the group. She said Carroll Jennings has been researching the charter's history.

"We will find out where we need to go from here, what we

need to do to get things up and running," Andrews-York said.

Finding board members is another focus of the group.

"I think we definitely have the support of the community for getting the theater group going again," Andrews-York said. "It is just a matter of the ironing out the wrinkles."

Anyone with an interest in the group is welcome at the meeting, she said, especially those who might seek a place on the board of directors. For the board, People with law or accounting backgrounds would be helpful, as would people with theater or management backgrounds.

Others, who might want to help the group in other ways, should attend the meeting as well, Andrews-York said.

"Even if they are not interested in acting, we are always looking for production help," she said.

The idea of reestablishing a

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Rebates fall

February's sales tax rebates down for 14 of 18 West Texas cities, state report indicates

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**

News Editor

Sales tax rebates for most West Texas cities — including Big Spring — were up as the new year began, but took a sharp downturn this month.

Of 18 area cities and communities, only four showed increases compared to a year ago and they included San Angelo, which approved a half-cent sales tax hike last year.

February's payments included sales tax collected by monthly filers in December and reported in January, plus quarterly returns for sales in October, November and December, and returns from annual filers for the entire year of 1999. Statewide, sales tax payments to 1,105 cities and 119 counties were down 0.4 percent compared to February of 1999.

Howard County dropped more than 18.5 percent this month compared to February of 1999, according to the State Comptroller's Office.

Howard County received \$369,958.30 this month, compared to \$454,229.42 a year ago. For the year, rebates are down 7.8 percent, comparing the \$631,863.81 received for the first two months of 2000 to the \$685,358.82 taken in during the same time period in 1999.

Coahoma sales tax rebates were down 32.62 percent, comparing the \$4,454.07 received this month to the \$6,610.81 received in February of 1999. For the year, tax rebates for Coahoma stand at \$7,203.73, down 20.03 percent compared to a year ago.

In contrast, sales tax rebates were up 37.15 percent for Forsan, which received \$2,061.98 this month compared to \$1,503.39 in February 1999. Tax rebates of \$3,625.44 are up 44.52 percent for the year.

Andrews received \$66,095.95 in February, down 19.33 percent from the \$81,942.01 taken in a

year ago. For the year to date, Andrews has received \$112,422.08, down 2.81 percent when compared to 1999.

Lamesa received \$99,748.87 for the month, an amount 23.18 percent less than the \$129,407.79 taken in during February 1999. For the year to date, Lamesa has received \$168,788.66, off 1.77 percent from the amount received over the same period in 1999.

February's sales tax rebates were down 13.73 percent for Odessa, which received \$1,381,923.65 this month, compared to \$1,601,872.06 in February 1999. For the year, Odessa has received \$2,269,350.14, down 4.56 percent compared to last year.

Lubbock received \$1,331,930.19 in February, an increase of 1.39 percent over the \$3,286,093.69 taken in during February of last year. For the year to date, Lubbock has received \$5,315,035.98, an increase of 6.7 percent compared to 1999.

Rebates for Midland were down 10.42 percent, comparing the \$1,460,053.67 take in this month to the \$1,630,023.99 received in February 1999. For the year to date, Midland has received \$2,352,092.35, down 3.1 percent.

Colorado City took in \$47,594.25 percent this month, down 26.77 percent compared to the \$64,878.29 received in February 1999. For the year to date, Colorado City has received \$80,029.99, down 6.4 percent.

Sales tax rebates for Sweetwater were down 8.89 percent, comparing this month's receipts of \$217,698.91 to \$238,961.96 received in February of 1999. The year-to-date total of \$353,908.61 is up 1.11 percent.

Fort Stockton received \$90,048.86, down 18.66 percent from the \$110,709.57 received in February 1999. For the year, receipts were at \$172,112.18, up 7.7 percent.

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The board of directors of Moore Development for Big Spring Inc. met in a joint meeting Thursday with the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark Board to open communications between both boards and discuss ways to attract potential industries to the airpark.

HERALD photo/Carl Graham

OBITUARIES

Jose Anguiano

Funeral services are pending in Fort Smith, Ark., for Jose Reynaldo Anguiano, 63. He died Thursday, Feb. 17, 2000, in a Big Spring hospital.

He was born March 26, 1936, in Coahoma. He worked as a truck driver for Parks Oil Corp., and retired as a supervisor for the Big Spring State Hospital after 19 years of service.

Mr. Anguiano served in the U.S. Air Force.

Survivors include: his wife, Frances Anguiano, of Fort Smith, Ark.; one son, Miles Ray Anguiano of Fort Smith, Ark.; his mother, Enidina Flores Gonzales of Big Spring; two sisters, Enidina of Temple and Mary Lou of Big Spring; four brothers, Juan, Phillip and Joe Louis, all of Big Spring, and Thomas of Snyder.

Arrangements are with Edwards Funeral Home in Fort Smith, Ark.

Florene Crowell

Services for Florene Pfluger Crowell, 85, Big Spring, will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, 2000, in the Memorial Chapel of Cook-Walden Capital Parks Funeral Home in Pflugerville. Burial will follow in Immanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery.

She died Wednesday, Feb. 16, in Houston.

Arrangements are with Cook-Walden Capital Parks Funeral Home.

Willie Word

Service for Willie John Word, 73, Big Spring, are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home. He died at his residence on Friday, Feb. 18, 2000.

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Pecos took in \$77,391.32 this month, a 16.89 percent drop from the \$93,128.41 received in February 1999. For the year, receipts were \$1,378,254.40, down 2.47 percent.

February's sales tax rebates to Snyder were \$157,226.59, down 0.11 percent from the \$157,399.95 received during the same month in 1999. For the year, Snyder has received \$253,236.83, down 4.56 percent compared to a year ago.

Sterling City received \$6,853.12 in February, down 39.74 percent from the \$11,374.43 received a year ago. Thus far for 2000, Sterling City has received \$14,117.26, down 15.18 percent compared to the same period in 1999.

Abilene's sales tax rebates for the month amounted to \$3,171,932.73, up 0.94 percent compared to \$3,142,123.98 received in February 1999. For the year, Abilene has received \$4,928,227.49, up 6.43 percent to the same period last year.

San Angelo's rebates were up 26.45 percent, reflecting a half-cent tax increase approved by voters last July. The city received \$1,464,429.62 this

month, compared to \$1,158,021.27 last February. Year-to-date, San Angelo has received \$2,421,893.73, up 43.77 percent.

Monahans received \$74,838.48, down 24.78 percent compared to the \$99,496.09 received in February 1999. For the year, Monahans has received \$133,600.33, down 10.92 percent compared to a year ago.

Seminole received \$40,958.87 in February, down 26.78 percent from the \$46,078.24 received the same month last year. For the year, Seminole has received \$75,095.18, down 12.41 percent.

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community theater group grew out of the success of a holiday production of A Christmas Carol, which brought large audiences to the Municipal Auditorium late last year.

Those who are interested in helping the group but cannot attend the meeting should call Andrews-York at the chamber, 263-7641, or Mary Thompson at the Texas Workforce Commission, 267-7437.

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Disabled American Veterans Chapter No. 47, 6:30 p.m. VAMC room 212.

Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third.

TUESDAY

Intermediate line dance classes, 9 a.m. Senior Citizens Center.

Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

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Odessa. Other performers from area communities include Jennifer Mahan, Bill Provanice, Tami Jo Whitmire, Zack Casey, Philip Lewis, Les Goddard, Larry Blue, Normand Goulet and Lemmer Beach. The show will last about two hours, including solos and small ensemble performances. Such popular hits as "Help Me Make it Through the Night," "Walking After Midnight," "From This Moment," and "Your Cheating Heart" are all on the program. A 1950s rock-n-roll medley is also planned, as is a piano solo called "Last Date," and the classic song, "Sentimental Journey."

During intermission, refreshments will be available, provided by the choir boosters. Thibeault said there will be a style of music for everyone's tastes.

"Everybody will be entertained by this show," he said. "I want to encourage people to come out and enjoy the music. We will enjoy doing it."

LA may use tobacco money to cover police corruption suits

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Mayor Richard Riordan recommended Thursday that Los Angeles set aside its entire \$300

million share of the national tobacco settlement to cover lawsuits brought by victims of the city's police corruption scandal.

"This is the best use of these dollars," Riordan said at a news conference. "Though we have no way of knowing the dollar amount, we must expect and prepare for tens of millions of dollars of liability."

The mayor said the move would safeguard against possible cuts in-city services or new taxes.

City officials have estimated that lawsuits associated with the scandal in the police department's Rampart Division will cost at least \$125 million. Lawsuits already have been filed on behalf of some men wrongly imprisoned police.

Investigators say rogue cops planted evidence, made up testimony, staged crime scenes and in some cases shot unarmed suspects.

Under the national \$206 billion tobacco settlement, Los Angeles is to get up to \$300 million over 25 years.

Also Thursday, a judge agreed to throw out the convictions of nine more people whose cases prosecutors say were tainted by police misconduct. The dismissals bring to 40 the number of convictions overturned.

"We have dozens of more cases under review," District Attorney Gil Garcetti said.

More than 20 officers have been relieved of duty, fired, suspended or have quit since the investigation started last fall. Police have refused to say how many officers are still under suspicion.

Garcetti said he is doubling the number of prosecutors assigned to the investigation, with a staff of 19 expected to be on board within the next two weeks.

Former undercover officer Rafael Perez, convicted of stealing cocaine from an evidence locker, has detailed the corruption in his former unit and suggested it went beyond Rampart.

No charges have been filed against any officers implicated in the corruption, though police have recommended prosecuting three officers and Garcetti has said he expects his investigation to result in charges.

Report says Texas third in nation for toxic water

HOUSTON (AP) — An environmental group's latest report ranks Texas waterways the nation's third most polluted water bodies fouled by toxic discharges from businesses and other groups.

Released Thursday, the U.S. Public Interest Research Group analysis also called for stricter government enforcement to fix what the group called "a continuing water pollution crisis in this country."

The organization used data from a key part of the federal Toxics Release Inventory, also known as the "right to know" program, to support its assertions.

Statistics from the 1997 inventory, the latest available, indicated that industries, municipal waste treatment plants and federal facilities in Texas released 27.8 million pounds of

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toxic substances to rivers, reservoirs and bays.

That figure was the third-largest total among the states, eclipsed by Louisiana's total of almost 47 million pounds and Pennsylvania's 40.7 million pounds, according to the Houston Chronicle.

Jeremiah Baumann, an author of the U.S. PIRG report, said it shows that federal and state enforcement efforts to protect water bodies against pollution are not effective enough.

Recycling and reducing the amount of toxic materials being discharged "is best for human health, best for the environment and usually best for the bottom line," he said.

Officials at the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission had no comment on the report.

BRIEFS

A TRAINING SESSION IS planned Saturday, Feb. 26 for tutors through the Howard County Literacy Council.

Volunteers who are interested in teaching adults to read are asked to attend the three-hour session, 9 a.m. - noon at the Howard County Library's Community Room. Tutors who attend the session will learn how to use the Laubach Method, a curriculum that is designed for one-on-one teaching of adults.

Those interested in joining the tutor program should call the library, 264-2260, to register for the training session. Anyone with a referral for a student in the reading program should contact Redman at the same number.

SKYWARN 2000 SPOTTER TRAINING Classes by the National Weather Service that teach residents how to spot inclement 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. A special method of delivery, PC-based training with a laptop and video projector, will change the format of the class.

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.

BAPTIST TEMPLE CHURCH WILL be having a divorce workshop starting Monday, March 6, at 7 p.m. and will continue for eight consecutive Mondays.

This workshop is for any divorced, separated or widowed person and the cost is \$35 (which includes materials, workshop and refreshments). The deadline to register is Monday. Call the church at 267-8287 for more information. Child care is available upon request.

TEXAS LOTTERY

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

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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.

MARKETS

March cotton 55.90, up 43 points; March crude 29.23, down 23 points; cash hogs steady at 40 even; cash steers steady at 69 even; April lean hog futures 57.10, up 5 points; April live cattle futures 70.87, down 25 points. courtes: Delta Corporation. Other markets unavailable by press time.

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.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study.

Al-Anon support group, noon, 615 Settles.

SATURDAY Alzheimer's Association Support Group, second Saturday of the month, Carriage Inn Retirement Center, 501 W. 17th, 10 a.m.

Family support group for current and former patients and their families, 1 p.m. weekly, Reflections Unit of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Call Beverly Grant, 263-0074.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon, 8 p.m., 10 p.m. open meetings, 615 Settles.

"So I Forget," Attention Deficit Disorder support group for individuals and couples, first Saturday of the month from 9 to 10:30 a.m., Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas, Inc., Midland. Call the center at (915) 563-4144 or 1-800-329-4144. Cost is \$15.

West Texans Living with Chronic Fatigue & Immune Dysfunction Syndrome/Fibromyalgia, 1-3 p.m., on different Saturdays of the month, HealthSouth facility at Hwy. 191 and Loop 250, Midland. Call Joann Carney, (915) 686-7977, or Marsha Brunet, (915) 337-4829 to get the correct meeting date.

NA 10 p.m. candlelight meeting, St. Mary's Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.).

Open birthday night meets the last Saturday of the month with a covered dish at 7 p.m. and birthday meeting at 8 p.m., 615 Settles. This is to celebrate AA sobriety yearly birthdays.

West Texans Living with Chronic Fatigue/Fibromyalgia Syndromes support group meets the second Saturday of each month at 1 p.m. at HealthSouth, Loop 250 and Hwy 191.

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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL 24th & Johnson 267-8288 Willie J. Word, 73, died Friday. Services are pending.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory 906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331 Florence Rhoton, 96, died Wednesday. Services were 2:00 PM today at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment followed at Trinity Memorial Park.

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U.S. immigration official charged with spying for Cuban government

MIAMI (AP) — A U.S. immigration official responsible for supervising decisions that affected immigrants and people seeking political asylum is charged with spying for the Cuban government.

Early today, authorities were searching the home of Mariano Faget, 54, in the Miami suburb of Kendall.

Faget, who had "secret" security clearance within the federal Immigration and Naturalization Service, is suspected of divulging classified information about defectors to

Cuban intelligence officials, the FBI said in a statement Thursday.

A native of Havana, Faget (pronounced fah-HAY) was being held at the Federal Detention Center in Miami, pending a court hearing today. Messages left at Faget's home were not returned Thursday.

As a supervisory district adjudication officer for the INS, Faget could supervise decisions that affected the residency status of immigrants, the FBI said. "Faget had access to classified and sensitive INS files relating

to confidential law enforcement sources and Cuban defectors," the agency said.

The FBI also said Faget made unauthorized contacts with Cuban intelligence officers in Miami and in other U.S. cities.

The arrest comes amid already-strained relations with the Communist island over Elian Gonzalez, the 6-year-old Cuban boy who has been the focus of an international custody battle since he was found clinging to an inner tube off the Florida coast Nov. 25. His mother and 10 others died when their

boat sank. The boy's Miami relatives are fighting to keep him in the United States, despite an order by the INS to reunite Elian with his father in Cuba.

A spokesman for the Washington-based Cuban Interests Section, which represents Cuba in the United States, declined comment. The White House also had no immediate comment, spokesman Mike Hammer said.

Russ Bergeron, director of media relations at INS headquarters in Washington, said he could not comment on Faget's

arrest. He added, however, that it is INS policy to cooperate with such investigations.

Perry Rivkind, the Miami director for the INS from 1983 to 1989, describes Faget as a quiet man.

"Cold. That's the word," Rivkind told The Miami Herald for today's editions. "He was like a blank. The six years he was with me, I never got to know him, which was unusual. But I found him to be a gentleman. Very polite but very distant."

Jose Basulto, president of the

Cuban exile group Brothers to the Rescue, said he believes there are many Cuban spies working in the United States. Basulto's group flies over the water between Florida and Cuba, searching for rafts carrying migrants leaving the communist island.

"The U.S. should be very embarrassed by this finding," Basulto said. "Who knows how many people (Cuban President Fidel) Castro had a grudge against that were sent back? This man was, for us, in a very tragic position."

Steel cable to bind bonfire logs was never installed

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — A steel cable meant to bind logs together during the late stages of Texas A&M University's bonfire construction was lying unused in a nearby storage area when the stack collapsed, sources close to the investigation say.

John Weese, A&M's facilitator to the special commission investigating the accident confirmed the cable had not been installed, according to the Bryan-College Station Eagle.

Twelve Aggies died and 27 more were injured when an estimated 1 million pounds of logs resembling a giant wooden wedding cake came crashing down on them Nov. 18.

In some — but not all — previous years, the half-inch cable was wrapped around the lower two tiers of the stack, according to Larry Grosse, an unofficial adviser who aided the student-run project for 13 years until late 1995.

Shortly after the accident, Grosse told the Eagle that a missing cable would not necessarily have caused the collapse, but could have contributed to its severity. He cited a previous accident that occurred five years earlier.

"The 1994 Bonfire was completely rain-saturated during massive flooding, began to lean and was pulled to the ground with great effort," Grosse said.

"The reason it fell intact is because it had those steel cables holding it together. The 1999 Bonfire just fell apart when it collapsed," Grosse said. "The logs went every which way. The cable would not have permitted the logs to separate so much."

The eight junior and eight senior leaders who oversee the construction of the Bonfire stack, either could not be reached or declined to comment pending the outcome of a special commission inquiry into the tragedy. Rusty Thompson, the official A&M staff adviser to Bonfire, also declined to comment until the special commission completes

its report due out this spring.

Grosse, who is not part of the investigation, acknowledged that the Bonfire worked "perfectly fine" for decades without having the cable. He said the technique was used inconsistently in the 1980s, and that he urged that it be required for stability beginning in 1993.

"We also wanted to see if it would help the structure stay up once the fire started," Grosse said. "We were looking at all types of things to make the stack not fall so quickly. But it is, after all, a steel cable, and with that kind of heat intensity — thousands of degrees — it's not going to last long anyway."

Twice as many taxpayers e-filing their own tax returns

WASHINGTON (AP) — The early returns are coming in and they show that taxpayers are growing more comfortable with filing their income taxes electronically.

Through Feb. 11, 1.2 million taxpayers had done their own tax returns — usually with tax preparation computer software or an Internet-based service — and zapped them via the World Wide Web to the Internal Revenue Service. That's already half the 1999 total and a 98 percent increase over the same period last year, the IRS says.

"We're pleased with the continuing rise in electronic returns," IRS Commissioner Charles Rossotti said. "These taxpayers reap the benefits of having more accurate returns and faster refunds."

Counting professional tax preparers and simple returns filed by telephone, the IRS received 14.7 million tax returns electronically through Feb. 11, up 10.2 percent from 13.3 million during the same span a year ago.

Trying to meet a congressional mandate of 80 percent e-filing by 2007, the IRS this year sent 33 million taxpayers special customer codes allowing them to electronically "sign" their returns, making the process truly paperless. Without such a code, self-preparing taxpayers who e-file must sign Form 8453-OL — usually provided by tax computer software — and send it to the IRS via regular mail.

In addition, it usually costs about \$10 to file a tax return electronically, although some

companies offer free filing for lower-income taxpayers. One company, H.D. Vest, is shipping them free via the Internet for anyone. President Clinton asked Congress this year to approve a \$10 tax credit for people who file electronically.

Intuit Inc., maker of the leading TurboTax software, reported this week that 1.4 million federal returns have been filed using its products and 875,000 more have been started on the company's Internet site. That is far above last year, when a total of 240,000 federal returns were filed using Intuit's Web site.

Also on the rise is taxpayer use of direct deposit. Through Feb. 11, the IRS sent \$26 billion directly to taxpayers' bank accounts, a 19 percent increase in number

of refunds compared with early 1999. Last year's total amount at this point was \$21 billion.

The IRS released these other statistics for the first part of the tax filing season:

— Total income tax returns received totaled 23.4 million, down 1.2 percent from last year.

— Average refunds so far are \$1,963, up 7.6 percent, and the total amount refunded amounts to \$32.5 billion, a 19 percent increase.

— The number of refunds is up 10.5 percent, from 14.9 million a year ago to 16.5 million this year.

Tax returns must be post-marked or sent electronically to the IRS by midnight on April 17.

The traditional date, April 15, falls on a Saturday.

EPA panel suggests tighter regulations of biotech crops

WASHINGTON (AP) — Government officials say they are considering recommendations by a panel of scientists for more testing and monitoring of genetically engineered crops to ensure they aren't killing butterflies and other harmless insects.

The panel, which advises the Environmental Protection Agency, says the crops should be tested on a wider variety of insects than the four species currently done and that EPA should require more data from seed companies on the impact of crops in the field.

About 30 percent of the corn grown in the United States last year was genetically altered to produce its own toxin, known as Bt, that kills the European corn borer, a major pest.

Concerns were raised about the corn last spring when a Cornell University study said its pollen could be harmful to the monarch butterfly.

The recommendations "are very consistent with the enhancements we have already begun to implement," Steven Johnson, an official in the EPA division that regulates biotech crops, said Thursday. The recommendations were posted on the Internet this week.

Registrations for the Bt corn and a similar variety of cotton will expire next year. The scientists will be asked to make specific recommendations on the crops before they are renewed, Johnson said.

EPA must approve any crop that is engineered to kill pests

and also controls how it can be grown.

Last month, the agency issued planting restrictions on Bt corn to prevent the borers, which are moth larvae, from developing resistance to it and is requiring more field monitoring by the seed companies.

Seed companies insist that the crops are safe for the environment. EPA scientists and outside researchers have questioned the findings of the Cornell study, saying it's doubtful that many butterflies would actually be exposed to toxic corn pollen. The butterflies feed on milkweed that sometimes grows near corn fields.

"We've expected the regulatory process for agricultural biotechnology to be a flexible and transparent one and will respond to and conduct additional relevant and reasonable research," said Dan Verakis, a spokesman for Monsanto Co.

Monsanto already is doing what the panel recommended, he said.

But Jane Rissler, a senior staff scientist with the Union of Concerned Scientists, said the panel's report shows that EPA's approval process for biotech crop is inadequate.

"They have yet to do a good ecological assessment of (Bt corn and cotton), even through they've been approved for five years," she said.


Farmers say that the pesticides they use when they plant conventional crops are a greater risk to beneficial insects than the biotech varieties.

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

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

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

This week we salute:

• **MEMBERS OF THE HOWARD COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION**, who generated 14,135 hours of volunteer service to the community last year, including 1,741 hours specifically for the benefit of young people.

• **THE MANY COMMUNITY MEMBERS** who joined the VA Medical Center in its week-long Salute to Hospitalized Veterans.

• **ORGANIZERS AND PARTICIPANTS IN THE RAIN RALLY**, which brought together hundreds of local citizens of many Christian denominations to pray for an end to the crippling drought.

• **BIG SPRING STATE HOSPITAL VOLUNTEERS**, who delivered many Valentine gifts and singing telegrams throughout the community on Monday, raising more than \$3,500 to benefit patients at the facility.

• **SOUTHWEST COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE FOR THE DEAF**, which plans to create the only deaf diagnostic center in the state as part of a multitude of construction and improvement projects at the campus.

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

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

Thanks for reminding me of something I should do on my own.

I was going into town. My car stopped just short of the first stop sign on FM 669.

The dust had hardly settled when a man pulled up in a van and asked if he could help. It was cold, the wind was blowing and neither of us was dressed for cold.

I said I didn't know what was wrong. It just stopped like it ran out of gas. "Let me try," he said. He put jumper cables on and they didn't help. I had some and they didn't help either.

I asked him to take me to my daughter's home and I would get her to love my car off the road. Sure enough, she was not at home and he wouldn't let me stay there outside in the cold and carried me back to my car.

I asked his name. Conway, he said. He drives a van, light colored one and I won't forget his thoughtfulness.

Thanks!
JOHN L. APPLETON
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Until May 3, 1999, I was employed as the coordinator of the Meals on Wheels program. I held this position for 16 years.

I suffered a stroke May 3,

and was unable to return to my job. During the years of my employment and association with the Dora Roberts Foundation, I never once was denied funding from them.

The Foundation was a major and strong supporter of Meals on Wheels. We were never denied the generous donations requested from them. There was a procedure to follow requesting the funding, paperwork and deadlines to meet. I feel that the procedures and deadlines were not followed regarding funding for year 2000 and have caused the problems between the Meals on Wheels program funding and the Dora Roberts Foundation.

An apology is to be extended to Sue Partee, her family, and the Dora Roberts Foundation.

Without their help and generosity, the Meals on Wheels program would have been nonexistent all these years. Perhaps amends can be made and the people responsible for applying for donations will review the past practices and procedures.

Thank you, Dora Roberts, for your support and donations during my years of employment.

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Covering the Courts: Join in or get out

Three lawyers in California are seriously vexing their brothers and sisters of the State Bar. They have gone to the Supreme Court with a suit that raises a close question under the First Amendment.

If they win, their victory could cost the bar a bundle in lost dues, but win or lose, they are giving us the rare pleasure of seeing lawyers suing lawyers.

The three bear-baiters are Bill Morrow, a Republican state senator; Barry Keene, a Democrat and former majority leader of the state Senate; and J. Bruce Henderson, a former city councilman in San Diego. They disagree on many political issues, but on one principle they stand as one.

They are compelled by law to become dues-paying members of the State Bar, and they don't like it. They contend that:

"No person can, as a condition of being allowed to practice a profession, constitutionally be required to belong to an

organization that expresses political positions on issues not germane to the regulation of that profession and counter to that person's conscientious beliefs."

We have heard similar arguments before at the high court. Indeed, we heard them as recently as Nov. 9, when the court listened to argument in a case from the University of Wisconsin involving compulsory student fees.

In times past, the court has heard from disaffected union members who object to the extracurricular use of their dues.

Here the three dissidents object specifically to the bar's support of four bills in the 1997-98 session of the state Legislature. One of the bills had to do with non-economic damages in medical negligence cases. Another would prohibit civil compromises in cases of domestic violence. A third dealt with damages for sexual harassment. The fourth would allow damages for discrimination based on actual or perceived homosexuality.

At its annual convention in San Diego in 1997, the bar adopted resolutions in favor of legalizing same-sex marriages and prohibiting discrimination against transvestites. Other resolutions called for reducing penalties for drug dealers and child molesters.

None of these proposals, in the plaintiffs' view, had anything to do with regulating the practice of law. The bills were not concerned with ethical conduct or judicial salaries, or with advertising by lawyers, or with questions on a bar examination. On the contrary, the proposed legislation went to substantive political and ideological issues. And here was the rub: The dissenters' dues were being used to pay a lobbyist to represent the bar before the Legislature.

The constitutional argument is to this effect: The First Amendment prohibits government from abridging freedom of speech and expression. The State Bar is an agency of government. By compelling members to be identified with speech in which they do not believe, California has abridged their right of free speech.

This is the same line of reasoning advanced by the National Right-to-Work Legal Foundation in a series of cases involving union shops. Under the law, no one can be compelled to become a member of a union, but dissenting workers can be compelled to pay union dues to support collective bargaining. Nonunion employees are entitled to a per capita share of funds expended for unrelated political activities.

The pending case in

California is significantly different in this regard. The three objectors have no choice about membership. They must become members of the State Bar in order to practice law. The rule is, join up or stay out.

The arrangement strikes me as an indefensible abridgement by the state of the First Amendment rights of the dissenters. Morrow, Keene and Henderson cannot disassociate themselves from the bar's lobbying for causes they oppose. They are not asking for a pro rata return of a few pennies from their dues. They are asking the organized bar to stop taking political and ideological positions not germane to regulation of the legal profession.

This doesn't strike me as too much to ask. Indeed, the position put forward by the three dissenters is a position that ought to be agreeable to liberals and conservatives alike. The right of free association is a cherished right, but there isn't much to be said for a right of compelled association.

I'm not sure the California case is the kind of case the high court will take.

The three plaintiffs haven't suffered much in the way of personal injury.

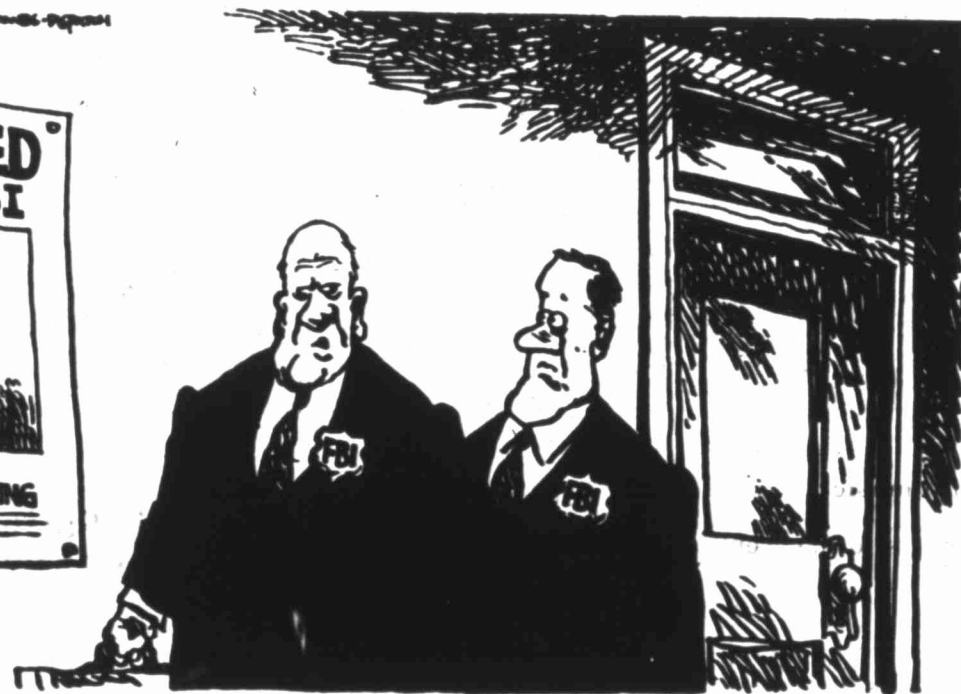
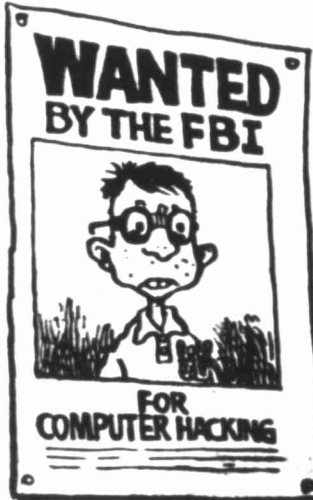
At \$15 a year in dues, the diversion is picaresque. But as they say, it isn't the money that counts.

It's the principle of the thing.



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Brookings



"FRANKLY, I MISS THE OLD DAYS OF JOHN DILLINGER AND AL CAPONE."

Fuhrman of the Corps of Engineers

The Army Corps of Engineers and its deputy commander, Maj. Gen. Russell Fuhrman, are under fire when they should be receiving accolades. Fuhrman, a distinguished and decorated officer whom we have known for decades, actually epitomizes the modern concept of balanced concern for growth and environment.

These concerns evolved for the Corps as they did for the nation. When the country was young, and land and resources were apparently boundless, growth was the watchword. In the pre-Civil War days, a young engineer officer was sent out to tame the Mississippi at St. Louis, and he succeeded beyond expectations. That was Capt. Robert E. Lee. No one raised environmental concerns. Flora and fauna were plentiful. That pattern did not begin to change until Theodore Roosevelt entered the White House three quarters of a cen-

tury later. Even then, in 1901, Roosevelt's environmental involvement was generally focused on the creation of our national park system. It would take the greater part of another century before ecology would become a national interest, primarily launched in 1962 by Rachael Carson's best-selling book, "Silent Spring."

Since that time, environmental activists have played an important role in American and world politics. "Green" parties and watchdog groups emerged. Many wrongs were exposed and corrected, but, as with all causes, some amount of zealotry appeared. And it appeared from both the pro-environment and the pro-growth factions.

Now this debate has embroiled the Corps of Engineers. An economist working for the Corps, Donald C. Sweeney II, has blown the whistle, claiming that his daunted cost-benefit formula has not been followed. The gist of the story is that his formula is supposed to provide information to his superiors that will tell them whether a given project will cost more than it is worth. Specifically, the current focus is on locks through which barge traffic passes. If a lock is built or expanded will it harm the environment? Will it provide an incentive for increased barge traffic? Will its costs outrun its commercial benefits? What are the alternatives? And the questions go on and on.

Meanwhile, reports are portraying the internal Corps battle as being fought between pro-environment civilian employees and pro-industry military leaders. The facts are otherwise. There is no such line. Fuhrman, for example, is dedicated to accomplishing his mission, which is to simultaneously support the river traffic system and the environment.

But he knows that one formula cannot replace good judgment. And he cannot assign his responsibility to a subordinate economist, nor to that economist's formula. He is compelled to weigh a variety of factors: environmental impact, economic benefit, costs, potential cost overruns, history of comparable projects, fallibility of previous formulas and decisions, and so forth. The point is that computers and formulas have not replaced human thought, and they certainly have not replaced the sound and balanced judgment of so distinguished an officer as Gen. Fuhrman.



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Friday, February 18, 2000

Where will God's plan take your life?

Roland is a Nigerian national whose life has been radically changed by his encounter with Christ.

He made his commitment to Christ as a young teen. At that point in his life, he basically had no education and could not read. However, he badly wanted to be able to read his Bible. This became his motivation to go back to school with younger children in order to learn how to read.

As the years have passed, his desire to learn has grown. I met him when we were in seminary where he was working on his master's degree in Christian education. He returned to Nigeria and taught in Christian schools there. Now, almost 20 years later, he is once again at the seminary. This time he is working on his doctorate in Christian education.

In both the Old and New Testaments there is the expectation that God's people will

take seriously the responsibility to prepare themselves for opportunities which God will open during a lifetime.

This is always pictured as a blend of training and of gaining experience.

This responsibility for early training is laid on the shoulders of parents (Deuteronomy 6:4-9). Much of the book of Proverbs also stresses the importance of preparation.

In the gospels, Jesus spent the first 30 years of His life in preparation for what was to take place in the final three years of His life.

One of the best illustrations

If we truly want to be used by God, we need to take full advantage of the opportunities for preparation and experience that He opens to us.



DWAYNE WHEAT

of this preparation is in Paul's letter to the young Christian leader and preacher, Timothy. Paul first urges him to work hard in all of those areas that will make him more effective. Timothy is also challenged to study or prepare himself so that he knows the difference between what is really important and what is not.

He wrote, *Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth.* (2

Timothy 2:15, NASV). Later in chapter 3 of the letter, Paul also reminded Timothy of the preparation which his mother and grandmother had invested in his life.

If we truly want to be used by God, we need to take full advantage of the opportunities for preparation and experience that He opens to us. These come in many forms ranging from short-term study courses to formal degrees, from daily Bible study to leading group Bible study, and include many learning experiences as we serve in our local church.

One mark of a serious disciple is a willingness to do all that he/she can to be ready to be used in a variety of ways. Like my friend Roland, you may discover that God's plans for your life are far more extensive than your own personal dream has gone.

Dwayne Wheat is pastor at Berea Baptist Church.

CHURCH NEWS

First United Methodist Church

"The Secret of Great Leadership" (Judges 2:16) 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.

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 seniors on Wednesday night at 101 Washington. Children also have a great time in our Sunday School at 9:40 a.m. every Sunday morning.

We also have children's vocal and handbell choirs led by John and Denise Ross. Single Adults have a class all their own, taught by Jackie Henry, on Sunday mornings at 9:40, and if you are a single adult you are invited to come and visit us!

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

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

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will have their monthly meeting and breakfast on Saturday, starting at 8 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

Sunday will be Cursillo/Emmaus Sunday. We will have special music, talks during the Adult Class, and other information about this renewal movement within the church.

St. Mary's Vestry will hold its meeting on Monday, Feb. 21, at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

First Presbyterian

Diane Brown, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, will speak on the topic, "Trading Places," this Sunday during worship.

Sunday School for all ages begin at 9:45 a.m. Take 5 refreshment time is 10:30 a.m., and the church service begins at 11 a.m.

The Stew Pot Classics continue on Wednesday night. The following programs are available: a study of the book of James given by Diane Brown; Child Safety given by Brian Jensen; and Home Decorating presented by Kay Bancroft. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

There is a dinner held before the programs, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The programs begin at 6, and a nursery is available.

Living Water Ministries

Sam Soleyn will be speaking Tuesday, Feb. 22, at 7 p.m. Sam Soleyn received his doctorate in law at the University of New Mexico Law School in 1982. He has a BA in English and graduated from seminary at Oklahoma Christian College in 1970-71.

Sam draws on his experience as a past Director of Christian Legal Aide from 1983-88 as well as the Apostolic work he has been involved in from 1986-96. At this time, he provides Apostolic oversight to many groups in the West Texas area as well as speaking on Prime Time Christian T.V. Network since 1995.

First Christian Church

John Pennington, a Disciple of Christ elder from Sweetwater, will be the guest speaker this Sunday at First Christian Church Pennington served as the interim minister from February through September.

First Christian is also in the need of an organist/pianist. If you are interested in the position, please contact the church office at 267-7851.

Youth With a Mission

There will be a city wide youth gathering sponsored by Youth With a Mission, of Tyler, and several local churches, Wednesday, Feb. 23, 7 p.m., at the City Auditorium.

For more information call Corner Stone Church at 263-3072.



R.T. AND JOYCE HAVENER

First Assembly of God

Pastors R.T. and Joyce Havener, of First Assembly of God, Fourth and Lancaster, will be on a missionary trip Feb. 19-26, in Chiapas, Mexico. Chiapas is in the southernmost tip of Mexico very close to the country of Guatemala. The Haveners are excited about this opportunity to minister in this area of Mexico.

Associate Pastor Eddie Johnston will be filling the pulpit on Sunday Feb. 20, and the Rev. Ishmael Bihl will preach Wednesday night. You are invited to join them.

Talent contest will showcase local youth

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

A Christian talent show planned Saturday will showcase the special abilities of local youth.

"Youth 2000 Talent Showcase" begins at 7 p.m. in the Howard College Auditorium. Admission is free to see about 15 different acts, including music, dance, mime and drama.

"This is a way for our local youth to express the talent God has given them," said Jim Koerber, who with JoVena Albin, is coordinating the event. "Our local youth don't get too many opportunities to do that."

Koerber said all of the acts signed up to perform are Christian in nature or theme. Organizers have chosen the scripture I Timothy 4:14,

"Neglect not the gift that is in thee..." as the theme of the contest.

Performers come from several local churches in various denominations, and from the Big Spring and Midland-Odessa areas.

"This talent crosses denominational lines," Koerber said. "We are pleased so many people have come out to be part of it."

Youth will compete for trophies. Winners will be chosen by a panel of three judges, all church leaders, with points added for audience response.

Christian band 3000+, from Odessa, will provide praise and worship music after the contest.

Koerber said the event is the first of its kind, but could be repeated if it is a success.

"We have so much talent in Big Spring, we want it to be recognized," he said.

CLUB NEWS

1941 Study Club

The 1941 Study Club met in the home of Mildred Buchanan on Feb. 7 and Mildred gave the program.

She talked about the trip to Europe that she took with some of her family in 1999. They journeyed to the Slovak Republic, which was once part of Czechoslovakia.

Some of their time was spent in the city of Bratislava. They also traveled to Vienna, Austria. Their mode of transportation while on the trip was by minivan and also by train. They saw the site where the movie "The Sound of Music" was filmed.

She shared the pictures and the next meeting will be March 6, in the home of Barbara Justiss.

Retired Teachers Association

Members of the Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, Feb. 21, in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

Russell Leach will give a talk on the Big Spring Wind Power Project.

All retired school personnel are invited to attend the meeting.

Sand Springs Lions Club

The Sand Springs Lions Club held their Valentine fellowship

party Monday, Feb. 14, at the Sand Springs Lions Community Center.

The Valentine motif was carried throughout the room with refreshments being served from tables covered in red cloths with gold hearts.

After refreshments were served, Jarrell Barbee entertained by asking intriguing questions and reading smile-provoking quotes from E-mail.

Guests were Guy Teague, Clea Teague, Frances Mason and Lorene Barbee.

The Sand Springs Lions Club will meet in regular meeting Feb. 21, at the Lions Club Community Center on Scout Hut Road in Sand Springs at 6:30 p.m. All interested persons are invited to attend.

The meal will be furnished by Mike and Dolores Hurlburt.

Big Spring Art Association

The Big Spring Art Association met Feb. 15, at the library.

Co-chairpersons Sue Bagwell and Judy Gibbs announced that the 44th annual Big Spring area wide juried show will be at the Big Spring Mall from 2 to 8 p.m. on March 24. The show will be open to the public March 27-April 1, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Twenty three were present as Odessa artist Mackay Jackson presented a watercolor demonstration.

Those present voted on the completed drawings of model Ruby Mize. Kay Smith won first place.

Bonita Lyght won the Tipping of the Brush contest. Judy Gibbs was hostess.

Actual location of Mount Sinai in doubt

NEW YORK (AP) — During his historic pilgrimage to Egypt, Pope John Paul II will realize a long-held dream when he worships at the foot of Mount Sinai, where Scripture says God descended with fire and smoke to give Moses the Ten Commandments.

Then again, perhaps the pope is headed for the wrong place for his Feb. 26 visit.

A leading Old Testament expert, Frank Moore Cross, contended in an interview this week that the biblical Mount Sinai is most likely located in present-day Saudi Arabia.

It wouldn't be all that odd if the Israelites' holy mountain were found in such zealously Muslim terrain. Islam's holy book, the Koran, agrees with the Bible that God gave the moral law to Moses on a mountaintop.

Muslim tradition says the peak was Jabal Musa ("Mount of Moses") on Egypt's Sinai Peninsula, the site of the pope's visit. From ancient times, it has been a destination for Christian pilgrims and the site of the Orthodox Monastery of St. Catherine.

So why is there any question that this is Mount Sinai, especially since it is located on the Sinai Peninsula?

First, the peninsula took its name from the tradition about the mount's location, which cannot be dated any earlier than the 4th century.

Second, there's the Saudi Sinai theory, which originated with 19th century German scholars.

"A great many scholars are now coming around to the notion that Sinai is in fact in northern Arabia," says Cross, a courtly 78-year-old and emeritus professor at Harvard University.

Cross once agreed with the Egyptian tradition, still favored by most American and Israeli scholars. But by the 1980s he was telling students that Sinai was in the mountains of north-west Arabia near the border with Jordan. He went public in a 1992 interview with Bible Review magazine of Washington, D.C., but didn't offer a scholarly explanation until last year, in "From Epic to Canon" (Johns Hopkins University Press).

Army chapel has everything but the chaplain

NATICK, Mass. (AP) — The Army's new "containerized chapel" has almost everything troops need for religious ceremonies in faraway locales: a large tent, folding chairs for pews, generator-powered heat, air conditioning and lights. Not to mention Bibles, Muslim prayer mats and Jewish prayer shawls.

The only thing missing is the chaplain.

Prototypes of the chapel, developed here at the Army's Soldier Systems Center, have been used in Kosovo since September. They're a marked improvement for overseas

troops accustomed to catch-as-catch-can religion.

Soldiers stationed away from home have traditionally worshipped wherever they could find space. The only "equipment" was what the chaplain had in his purse-sized chaplain's bag, just large enough to hold a Bible, a prayer book, rosary beads.

The chaplain's kits are fine for short-term missions. Soldiers stationed in remote places for months at a time needed something more substantial.

"You wouldn't ask someone to go to Mass in a drafty old

place in America. Why would we ask our soldiers to do that in Kosovo if we can do different?" said Army Maj. Ben Richardson, a Baptist and chaplain at the Natick research labs.

The chapels, accommodating up to 100 worshippers, fit into 8-by-20-foot containers that weigh 16,000 pounds each. They are shipped or airlifted to soldiers who may be stationed "in the middle of nowhere," Richardson said.

The chapels, which cost about \$125,000 to build and outfit, can be set up in a day.

Footlockers inside the con-

tainer hold religious items for the military's three dominant religions: Christianity, Islam and Judaism. There are no immediate plans to include materials for other religions because their numbers in the Army are much smaller: Hindus and Buddhists make up 0.03 percent and 0.17 percent of soldiers, respectively.

Fifteen Muslim soldiers stationed in Kosovo were "absolutely just tickled" to find prayer mats, copies of the Koran, compasses (to point toward Mecca), Egyptian oil and dates for breaking the fast of Ramadan, Richardson said.

SLICE of life!

CLUB NEWS

Members of the Big Spring Evening Lions Club provide needy people with free eyeglasses the second Saturday of each month. This month, 27 people were fitted for a pair of recycled glasses, including some from Hobbs, N.M., Snyder and the Big Spring State Hospital.

Members of Girl Scout Troop 463 have been supporting the program by washing the frames and lenses and putting the glasses in the machine that reads the lenses. Carol Reyes and Larie Long are leaders of the troop. The members are: Morgan Long, Megan Reyes, Aimee Ham, Ava Dominguez and Blythe Long.



Girl Scouts from Troop 463 assist in the Lions Club eyeglass recycling program.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A TRAINING SESSION IS PLANNED Feb. 26 for tutors through the Howard County Literacy Council.

Volunteers who are interested in teaching adults to read are asked to attend the three-hour session, 9 a.m. to noon at the Howard County Library's Community Room.

Tutors who attend the session will learn how to use the Laubach Method, a curriculum that is designed for one-on-one teaching of adults.

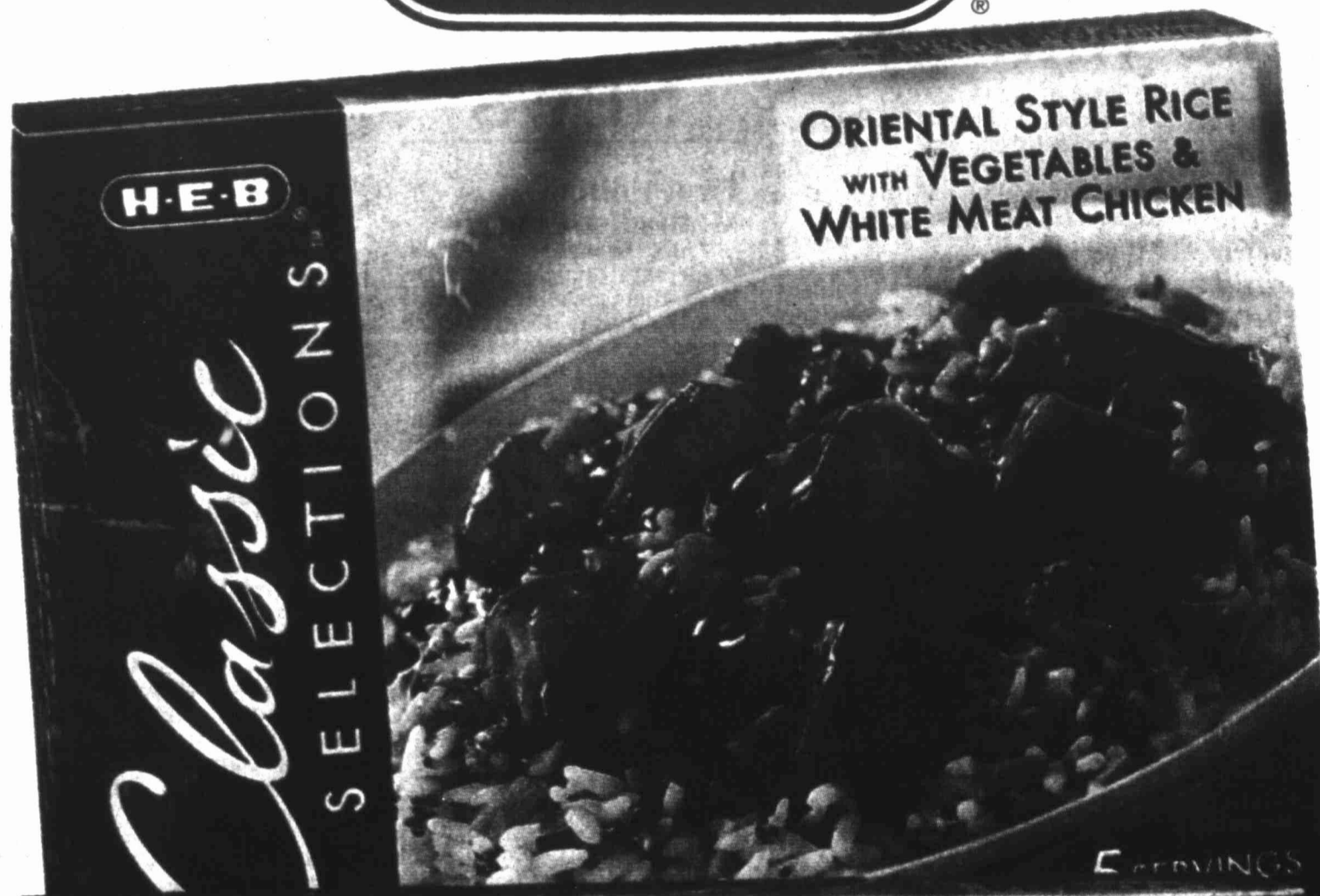
Those interested in joining the tutor program should call the library, 264-2260, to register for the training session. Anyone with a referral for a student in the reading program should contact Loraine Redmar at the same number.

THE LAST WORD

Fashion is architecture: it is a matter of proportions.
Coco Chanel

Love is, above all, the gift of oneself.
Jean Anouilh

In order for a team to be invincible, there's got to be collective skills rather than individual brilliance.
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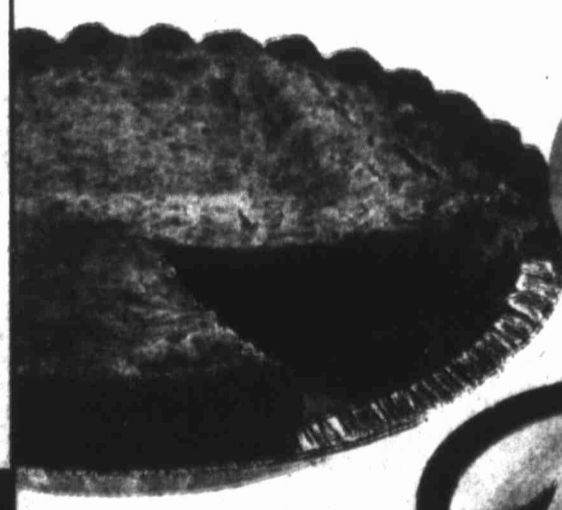
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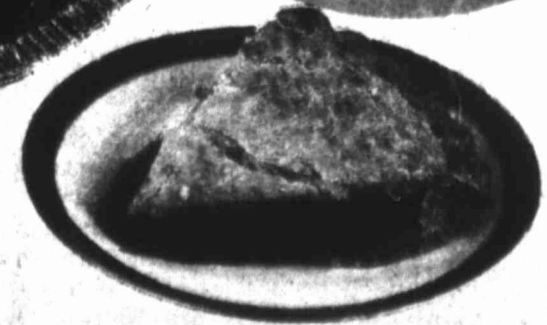
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IN BRIEF

High school tripleheader set tonight at coliseum

Three high school games will be played tonight at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Ozona's Lions will take on Wellman's Wildcats in a boys' practice game at 4 p.m., followed by a Class 2A girls' area playoff pitting Ozona's Lady Lions and Seagraves' Lady Eagles at 6 p.m.

The nightcap will start at 8 p.m. with Post's Lady Antelopes taking on Wall's Lady Hawks in another Class 2A girls' area game.

Several other games are scheduled for "The Dorothy" during the next few days.

A Class 1A boys' bi-district doubleheader is set for Tuesday. Grady's Wildcats will take on Wellman's Wildcats at 6 p.m., followed by Ira's Bulldogs taking on Klondike's Cougars at 8 p.m.

And on Friday, Feb. 25, Eldorado's Eagles will face the winner of a bi-district playoff between Stanton and Sundown at 8 p.m.

Howard reschedules games with Clarendon

Howard College's Hawks and Lady Hawks have rescheduled their home games with Clarendon's Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs for Saturday, Feb. 26, at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The women's game will begin at 2 p.m., while the men's game is slated for a 4 p.m. tip.

Those games were originally scheduled for Jan. 27, but had to be postponed due to icy road conditions in the Panhandle.

International LL slates board meeting Tuesday

Board members of the International Little League will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Country Corner Cafe.

The board will discuss the upcoming season and all coaches and all interested persons are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Denise Yandrich at 263-1945, Raymond Ontiveros at 263-3811 or Delbert Green at 263-3811.

UGSA schedules sign-ups for Saturdays in March

Big Spring's United Girls Softball Association has scheduled registration for each Saturday in March at the Big Spring Mall.

Registration will be conducted from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. beginning Saturday, March 4, and March 25 will be the final day for girls to sign up.

The fee will be \$30 per player and applicants must have a copy of their birth certificate. For more information, call 267-7466, 267-2208 or 267-4947.

Three-on-three tourney scheduled for March 11

A 3-on-3 basketball tournament benefitting the American Cancer Society has been set for Saturday, March 11, at Forsan High School.

Entry fees are \$50 per four-person team and the deadline for registering is 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 8.

For more information, call Ernie Strickland at 263-4659.

AREA GAMES

TODAY HIGH SCHOOL PLAYOFFS

6:30 p.m.
* Grady vs. Trent, Class 1A girls' area playoff, in Colorado City.

7 p.m.
• Garden City vs. Wink, Class 1A girls' area playoff, in Andrews.
• Borden County vs. Robert Lee, Class 1A girls' area playoff, in Sweetwater.

ON THE AIR

Television

NBA
9:30 p.m. — Seattle SuperSonics at Sacramento Kings, TNT, Ch. 28.
NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
7 p.m. — Phoenix Coyotes at Dallas Stars, FXS, Ch. 29.

Love, respect for Landry flows during memorial services

DALLAS (AP) — All five former Dallas Cowboys players in the Pro Football Hall of Fame were there. So were most of the 10 members of the team's Ring of Honor. Even the NFL commissioner showed up.

They all came to memorial services Thursday because of the respect and love they shared for the same man: Tom Landry.

"Life isn't about winning and losing, it's about being the best you can be. I think I learned that first-hand through practical experiences with Tom Landry," said Don Perkins, one of the first Cowboys stars and a member of the Ring of Honor.

"We love you. It's a word that we male

athletes throw around like manhole covers. It's real hard for us to express those kinds of things, but we do love you and we do miss you."

Drew Pearson said he was glad he told Landry he loved him. Dan Reeves said he's sorry he didn't.

"About two months ago, I was fortunate enough to speak with coach Landry on the telephone," Reeves said. "I certainly didn't know that would be the last time I'd ever get a chance to talk to him."

"I wish I had thought — probably like a lot of other people sitting out here the last time they saw you — that we've have used the three words that's the most beautiful in the English language, and

told you I loved you."

Landry died Saturday at age 75 after fighting leukemia for nine months. He was buried Wednesday in a private ceremony that featured his son, Tom Landry Jr., placing one of his father's trademark fedora hats into the casket.

About 1,000 people attended a private memorial service Thursday at Highland Park United Methodist Church.

Two ministers, Landry Jr. and former star quarterback Roger Staubach were the only speakers at the hour-long event that was typical of the class and simplicity that marked Landry's life.

Hours later, former players and the city of Dallas hosted a public service

that drew about 1,200 guests and thousands of television viewers. The two-hour ceremony was capped by players walking across the stage, one at a time, each taking a yellow rose and placing it into a vase near a large photo of Landry, all while a choir sang "Amazing Grace."

A third service was held in Mission, the South Texas town where Landry was born and raised. Statewide, Texas flags were flown at half-staff on state buildings per order of Lt. Gov. Rick Perry.

Landry's fame comes from the record he amassed over 29 years as coach of the Cowboys: 270 victories, five Super Bowl

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Ice-cold Hawks survive with late comeback

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

It's called winning like a champion. Howard College's Hawks did just that Thursday night, overcoming a dreadfully cold shooting night to bootstrap themselves to a 52-48 win over Odessa College's Wranglers in the final two minutes of play.

By so doing, the Hawks improved their record to 10-1 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) play, remaining tied atop the loss column of the league's standings with Midland.

Simply put, it was an impossible win. Not only did the Hawks manage to hit just 13 shots from the field, only four of them came in the first half.

Worse still, Howard went a full 13 minutes — the final 10:02 of the first half and the first 2:58 of the second — without a field goal.

But when it really counted, in the final five minutes, the Hawks outscored the upset-minded Wranglers 21-6 — erasing a 42-31 Odessa lead and claiming the four-point win.

Nobody was more aware of how improbable the Hawks' chances were at crunch time than Howard head coach Tommy Collins.

"We played with the heart of a champion tonight," Collins said following the game. "I just got through telling the guys that they willed themselves to win this one."

"What's really good about this, though, is that we needed a tough one," he added. "We pulled this one out and that's a tremendous confidence builder for us going into the regional tournament. These guys know they're never out of it now... no matter what's happened."

Indeed. After a nightmarish first half, one that saw Howard survive on spectacular defensive play, the Hawks trailed by nine, 25-16.

And when the Wranglers opened the second half with a couple of quick baskets, the Hawks found themselves on the short end of a 29-16 score.

They responded with a seven-point flurry, pulling to within six, but just as quickly, Odessa expanded its lead back to 11.

Howard would twice again trim the lead to six, but a three-point bomb by Odessa's Keron Wilkerson and a driving layup by Jimmy Bryant made it 42-31 with just over six minutes to play.

That's when the Hawks began to warm up, as sophomore point guard Darryl Martin ripped mesh for a couple of three-point shots and then hit a layup for an 8-3 run that trimmed the Odessa margin to 45-39 with 3:35 left.

The Hawks intensified their defensive pressure and a sizable Dorothy Garrett Coliseum crowd was suddenly on its feet and creating a din.

As a result, Odessa managed just three points in the final 5 1/2 minutes of play, while sophomore swingman Derrick Franklin and Martin provided the scoring lead.

Franklin flashed into the lane for a short jumper and Martin hit his third and final three-pointer of the night to make it a 46-44 Odessa lead with 2:42 left.

Just 35 seconds later the Hawks tied it at 46-all on a powerful move to the bas-



Howard College point guard Darryl Martin brings the ball up the court late in the second half of the Hawks' 52-48 comeback win over Odessa College's Wranglers. Martin paced the Hawks with a 11 points, hitting three crucial three-point shots in the closing minutes.

ket by Franklin. Odessa responded with its final points, a drive by Taron Barker that gave the Wranglers a 48-46 edge at the 1:48 mark.

But Franklin answered with another score from close range and freshman Steve Bonner followed that with a steal and dunk that put the Hawks ahead for good.

Freshman Vasilis Tsimpliaridis added a pair of free throws to ice the win.

"Defensively we made a couple of mistakes there late in the first half, but over all, this was a spectacular defensive game for us," Collins noted. "We had to play that way. A nine-point lead when you're shooting the ball like we were can seem like 30. Basically, it was."

The Hawks head coach had praise for both Martin and Franklin, as well as freshman guard Winston Brooks.

"Darryl and Derrick really came through like you need sophomores to in

a situation like this," Collins said. "And this was probably Winston's best game since we played Barton County (Kan.) before the Christmas break."

"As a matter of fact, it think it was Winston's and Darryl's defensive play that finally wore down their guards and allowed us to get back in the game," he added.

Martin and Brooks also led the Hawks in scoring with 11 and 10 points, respectively. Franklin added nine and sophomore post Donald "Yogi" Caesar chipped in seven more. Bonner also scored seven.

Odessa, on the other hand, got a game-high 14 points from Barker, but he was the only Wrangler to finish the night in double figures.

Brooks, a 5-foot-11 guard from Richmond, Va., admitted that he and his

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Lady Hawks now alone in 2nd place following win

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

Howard College's Lady Hawks grabbed sole possession of second place in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) women's basketball standings Thursday with a 69-57 win over Odessa College's Lady Wranglers.

In avenging a conference loss suffered last month when they traveled to Odessa, the Lady Hawks were nothing short of workmanlike in their dismantling of the Lady Wranglers.

Howard jumped out to a quick 4-0 lead on a couple of putbacks by freshman post Grace Gantt and never looked back in the wire-to-wire win.

In fact, the Lady Hawks clearly followed the pattern head coach Ron Mayberry established last week following their loss to Frank Phillips College in Berger.

"We've restructured things a little trying to find that 'go to player' that we can absolutely count on to lead us," Mayberry said prior to putting his team on the court. "That's something we haven't really had all season."

"Instead, we've basically played every game kind of wondering who was going to step up and lead the way," he added. "Usually somebody's stepped their game up a notch, but we've really needed to be in a position where we had somebody that was dependable."

That go-to player has become Koretha Johnson — a 5-foot-11 freshman from Myrtle Beach, S.C., who's been moved from a guard's spot to post and paced the Lady Hawks with 23 points in Monday's win over New Mexico Junior College.

Johnson's move became even more important after sophomore post Caryn Ross suffered a broken nose in Monday's win over the Lady Thunderbirds.

Odessa, however, seemed bent on denying Johnson an opportunity to have an impact, keeping her off the scoreboard until the 7:55 mark of the first half.

In so doing, however, the Lady Wrangler left an opening for Gantt and she responded with a game-high 22 points.

Gantt, a San Marcos product, scored 12 first-half points, all of them in the first 11 minutes of play, as the Lady Hawks jumped out to a 22-10 lead.

And when Odessa tried to rally behind sophomore Breanna Evans, Johnson hit a short jumper and added three free throws.

Sophomore swingman Yolanda Grant added a three-pointer that gave the Lady

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Winter's over! Spring training begins for major league teams

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Baseball fans waited all winter for this: the day when names like Vero Beach, Mesa, and Sarasota start popping up again.

Just 15 weeks and 1 day after the World Series ended, spring training began Thursday in Florida and Arizona as pitchers and catchers reported for the 2000 season.

"We should be optimistic," Seattle Mariners manager Lou Piniella said in Peoria, Ariz., echoing the thoughts of his 29 colleagues.

Opening day is six weeks away, and all teams are 0-0 — even the New York Yankees, coming off their third World Series title in four years.

"This is as good as I've felt to be honest with you," manager Joe Torre, who had prostate cancer surgery during camp last year, said in Tampa, Fla. "I never felt bad going into spring training

last year, but I feel better this year."

The New York Mets and Chicago Cubs were given permission to open their camps five days early because they start the season five days ahead of everyone else — opening on March 29 with a two-game series in the Tokyo Dome.

For the hapless Cubs, without a World Series trip since 1945, there was an extra reason to be optimistic Thursday: Kerry Wood, more relaxed than his first time out this spring, threw 32 pitches during a six-minute workout from the mound in his comeback from reconstructive elbow surgery.

Wood, the 1998 NL Rookie of the Year, won't throw breaking pitches until next month. On Thursday, he estimated the velocity of his best fastballs in the low 90s.

"The biggest thing was that I was pain free and I let a few go and I had more velocity on it than I had Monday. I felt great," Wood said in Mesa, Ariz. "I haven't had a radar reading since the

1998 season, so it's been too long for me to be able to tell how hard I'm throwing. But you know, if I had to guess, I'd say 92 or 91 somewhere."

Even teams coming off bad stretches were feeling good.

While the Detroit Tigers finished 27 games behind the Cleveland Indians in 1999, new manager Phil Garner doesn't care about last year.

"We're going to beat Cleveland," Garner said Thursday in Lakeland, Fla. "They're vulnerable. I used to look at them and say, 'How does anybody beat them?' But we're better and they're vulnerable."

Last year, the eight postseason teams all were among baseball's eight biggest spenders, but Cincinnati and Oakland showed the little guys have a chance by staying in races until late September.

The Reds are in the spotlight this spring following their acquisition of Ken Griffey Jr. from Seattle last week.

"Now that we have Junior, I think

expectations are going to skyrocket," pitcher Steve Parris said in Sarasota, Fla. "I think as long as we keep the same level head everybody had last year and do our jobs, I don't see any reason why we can't do the same thing again."

The Los Angeles Dodgers will be in the spotlight, too, after finishing 77-85, third in the NL West.

A year ago at this time, the Dodgers were talking big. They had signed right-handed ace Kevin Brown to a record \$105 million, seven-year contract and expected to finish first.

"The team's just real eager, I can tell that," Dodgers reliever Dan Naulty, who appeared in 33 games for the Yankees last season, said in Vero Beach, Fla.

In Jupiter, Fla., the St. Louis Cardinals were awaiting Monday's arrival of Mark McGwire, who had 65 home runs last season after hitting a record 70 in 1998.

"I predict we stink," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said, "because everything I say, the opposite happens."

SPORTS EXTRA

TOP 25 - MEN

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses and records through Feb. 13.

Rank	Team	Record
1	Cincinnati (66)	23-1
2	Stanford (5)	21-1
3	Duke	19-3
4	Arizona	21-4
5	Tennessee	21-3
6	Michigan St.	18-6
7	Ohio St.	17-4
8	Oklahoma St.	20-2
9	Syracuse	20-2
10	Indiana	18-4
11	Florida	18-5
12	Auburn	19-4
13	Tulsa	22-2
14	Iowa St.	21-3
15	Temple	18-4
16	LSU	19-4
17	Texas	17-6
18	Connecticut	17-7
19	Oklahoma	19-4
20	Utah	19-4
21	Marshall	17-7
22	Seton Hall	18-4
23	Kansas	18-6
24	Purdue	17-7

TOP 25 - WOMEN

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses and records through Feb. 13.

Rank	Team	Record
1	Connecticut (31)	22-1
2	Tennessee (4)	21-3
3	Georgia (9)	24-2
4	Louisiana Tech	19-2
5	Notre Dame	21-2
6	Penn St.	20-3
7	N.C. State	20-4
8	Rutgers	19-5
9	LSU	19-4
10	Iowa St.	18-4
11	UC Santa Barbara	21-3
12	Texas Tech	19-3
13	Auburn	18-5
14	Duke	19-4

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New York	30	19	.612	1
Philadelphia 76	23	26	.41/2	7
Orlando	25	26	.490	7
Boston	22	28	.440	9 1/2
New Jersey	19	31	.380	12 1/2
Washington 15	36	29	.551	—
Central Division				
Indiana	34	16	.680	—
Charlotte	28	21	.571	5 1/2
Toronto	27	22	.551	6 1/2
Chicago	27	25	.519	8
Milwaukee	27	25	.519	8
Detroit	25	25	.500	9
Atlanta	20	28	.417	13
Cleveland	21	30	.412	13 1/2
Chicago	11	38	.224	22 1/2
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
San Antonio 32	18	.640	—	—
Utah	30	19	.612	11 1/2
Minnesota	27	22	.551	14 1/2
Denver	22	28	.440	19
Dallas	21	29	.420	11 1/2
Houston	21	30	.412	11 1/2
Vancouver	15	34	.306	16 1/2
Pacific Division				
Portland	40	11	.784	—
L.A. Lakers	39	11	.780	1/2
Seattle	32	18	.643	8 1/2
Phoenix	30	19	.612	9
Sacramento	30	20	.600	9 1/2
Golden State 12	37	24	.607	—
L.A. Clippers	11	40	.216	29

JUCO - MEN

The top 20 teams in The National Junior College Athletic Association Division I men's basketball poll with first-place votes in parentheses and records through Feb. 15.

Rank	Team	Record
1	Barton County, Kan. (11)	26-1
2	SW Missouri St. (4)	25-2
3	Allegheny, Md. (1)	25-1
4	Southeastern, Iowa	25-4
5	San Jacinto, Texas	23-3
6	Indian Hills, Iowa	25-3
7	Shelby St., Tenn.	25-2
8	Tallahassee, Fla.	24-3
9	Shenandoah, Wyo.	26-1
10	Pasco-Hemlock, Fla.	25-2
11	Snow, Utah	23-4
12	Vincennes, Ind.	20-4
13	Three Rivers, Mo.	23-2
14	Monroe, N.Y.	25-2
15	Midland, Texas	23-4
16	NE Mississippi	21-4
17	John C. Calhoun St., Ala.	23-4
18	Conners St., Okla.	21-6
19	Okealoosa-Watton, Fla.	21-4
20	Olney Central, Ill.	20-6

NHL

Thursday's Games

Vancouver 2, Buffalo 1
Ottawa 6, Tampa Bay 2
Montreal 3, Carolina 0
Colorado 5, New Jersey 5, tie
N.Y. Islanders 2, Philadelphia 2, tie

Today's Games

Colorado at N.Y. Rangers, 6:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Calgary, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Dallas, 7 p.m.
Washington at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Calgary, 7:30 p.m.
San Jose at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.

JUCO - WOMEN

The top 25 teams in The National Junior College Athletic Association women's basketball poll and records through Feb. 15.

Rank	Team	Record
1	Seward County, Kan.	26-0
2	Grayson County, Texas	26-0
3	NE Oklahoma A&M	26-0
4	Central Arizona	26-0
5	Tyler, Texas	25-1
6	State Fair, Mo.	24-0
7	Daytona Beach, Fla.	27-2

HAWKS

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teammates were forced to struggle most of the night. "You've got to give Odessa a lot of credit," he explained. "They came in here with a lot of intensity and we had to find a way to respond to that. "We know everybody's going to be shooting at us whether we're at home or on the road," Brooks added. "But it basically came down to the fact that we decided that nobody was going to come into 'The Dorothy' and beat us in our on house. We did what it took to keep that from happening." The Hawks, now 18-8 on the season, travel to Clarendon Monday night for an 8 p.m. tip.

Odessa, which dropped to 6-6 in WJCAC play and 10-17 on the season, will play at New Mexico Junior College on Monday. In other league games Thursday, Midland defeated South Plains 79-56, New Mexico Military topped New Mexico Junior College 84-78 and Frank Phillips beat Clarendon, 82-58.

HAWKS 52, ODESSA 48
ODessa — Cornelius Wright 10 2 2 4, Jimmy Bryant 10 0 0 2, Taron Barker 3 1 5 8 14, Felix Rivera 1 2 0 0 8, Ellis Sherod 2 0 0 0 4, Keron Wilkerson 0 2 0 0 5, Willie Puckett 2 0 4 4 8, Maurice Turner 1 0 0 0 2. Totals 115 11 14 40.
HOWARD — Derrick Franklin 4 0 1 4 9, Justin Rhodes 0 0 0 0 0, Terrence Radford 0 0 3 4 3, Vasilis Tsimpliaridis 0 1 2 2 5, Steve Bonner 1 0 5 7, Darryl Martin 1 3 0 0 11, Winston Brooks 4 0 2 2 10, Doug Whittler 0 0 0 0 0, Donald Cesar 3 0 1 2 7. Totals 13 4 14 23 52.
Halftime score: Odessa 25, Howard 18
Three-point goals: Odessa 5 (Barker, Rivera, Wilkerson 2), Howard 4 (Tsimpliaridis, Martin 3). Total fouls: Odessa 18, Howard 13. Fouled out: None. Technical fouls: None.

MEMORIALS

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appearances, two championships. But Landry made a deeper impact on people because of his strong character and high moral principles. "He had a decency about him unsurpassed by anyone that I've ever known," Staubach said. "He achieved great fame while never seeking that fame. Everyone knew that he was true. He didn't put on airs. He did things for the right reasons." Landry was a deeply religious man who treated everyone fairly. He never considered himself very important even though he was the most popular man in town. During the peak of his career, the late 1970s, Landry even went door-to-door seeking donations for his church. Why? Because that's what members were asked to do and he consid-

ered himself equal to all other members, minister Mark Craig said. Craig was hired by the Highland Park church five years ago. He was so in awe of Landry that it took him several months before he worked up the nerve to introduce himself. The first time he tried, he froze. Another minister told him to call Landry "Tom," but Craig couldn't bring himself to do it. He never could. But the two became friends and this past Christmas he visited Landry in the hospital. Landry was heavily medicated and could not speak. Craig stood in silence at the foot of the bed and began to cry. "I wondered why I was crying and I realized it was because I was in the presence of greatness," he said. "I don't think we often have the opportunity to stand in the presence of greatness. When we do, if we do, it is very emotional."

LADY HAWKS

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Hawks their biggest lead of the first half, 30-17, and point guard Ashanti Nix added a jumper from the wing to cap Howard's scoring for the break. With a 32-20 lead at intermission, the Lady Hawks seemed solidly in control. They proved it early in the second half as Howard improved its margin to as much as 19 points behind the lead of Gantt and Johnson. In fact, the Lady Hawks would lead by 19 on three different occasions in the second half before Odessa tried to mount a late rally when freshman guards Summer Sparson and Kim Cole hit back-to-back three-pointers and freshman post Tiffany Jones added a jumper from the lane. That run sparked a comeback that allowed the Lady Wranglers to pull within nine in the closing seconds, before the Lady Hawks' Shaketha Ashley and Johnson hit three free throws to account for the final margin. While Gantt finished as the Lady Hawks' leading scorer, Johnson quietly added 15, due in no small part to 9-of-11 shooting from the free throw line. Sparson finished the night with 19 points to pace the Lady Wranglers, while Evans chipped in another 12 for Odessa. The Lady Hawks now head for Clarendon for a 6 p.m. Monday tip with a 20-7 overall record. The Lady Wranglers, who dropped to 8-4 in WJCAC play and 18-10 on the season, travel to New Mexico Junior College on Monday. Elsewhere in the WJCAC on Thursday, Midland's defending champion Lady Chaparrals guaranteed themselves at least a share of the conference championship with an 80-60 win over South Plains; NMJC defeated Western Texas, 62-58; and Frank Phillips defeated Clarendon 84-61.

LADY HAWKS 69, ODESSA 57
ODESSA — Summer Sparson 2 2 9 9 19, Tiffany Sample 1 0 3 4 5, LaTasha Taylor 0 3 6 3, Kim Cole 3 1 0 0 9, Breanna Evans 3 1 3 5 12, Shanetta Hodge 1 0 0 0 2, Tiffany Jones 1 0 3 4 5, Shaletta Hodge 1 0 0 0 2. Totals 12 4 21 28 57.
HOWARD — Taneisha Harris 3 0 0 0 6, Shaketha Ashley 0 2 2 2 2, Ashanti Nix 3 0 0 0 6, Tashawn Thomas 3 0 1 5 7, Caryn Ross 0 0 0 0 0, Vanessa Lehmann 2 0 0 0 4, Grace Gantt 10 0 2 4 22, Yolanda Grant 2 1 0 0 7, Koretha Johnson 3 0 8 11 15, Latonya Jackson 0 0 0 0 0. Totals 26 1 14 22 69.
Halftime score: Howard 32, Odessa 20.
Three-point goals: Odessa 4 (Sparson 2, Cole, Evans), Howard 1 (Grant). Total fouls: Odessa 18, Howard 23. Fouled out: Grant. Technical fouls: Odessa coach.

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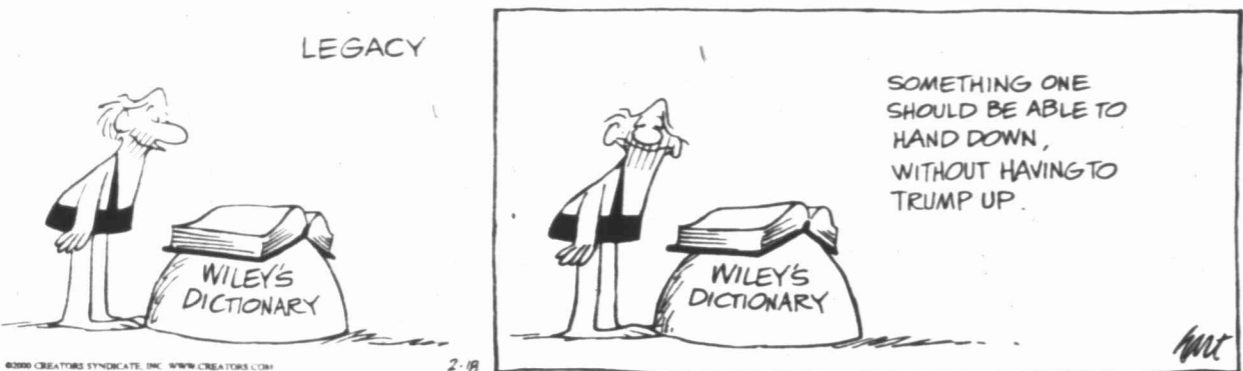
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His feet never touch the ground, except to leave footprints in our house.

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

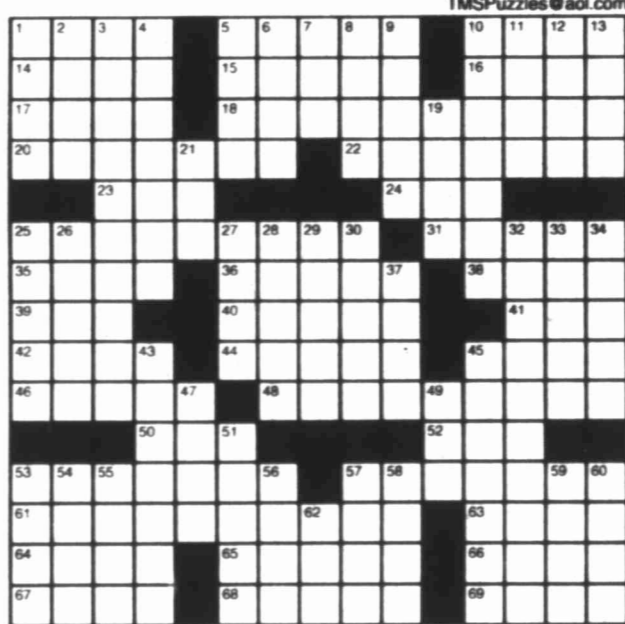
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In 1546, Martin Luther, leader of the Protestant Reformation in Germany, died. In 1564, the artist Michelangelo died in Rome. In 1885, Mark Twain's "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" was published in the United States.

THE Daily Crossword

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In 1930, the ninth planet of our solar system, Pluto, was discovered.

In 1960, the Eighth Winter Olympic Games were formally opened in Squaw Valley, Calif. by Vice President Nixon.

In 1970, the defendants known as the Chicago Seven were found innocent of conspiring to incite riots at the 1968 Democratic National Convention.

In 1972, the California Supreme Court struck down the state's death penalty.

In 1977, the space shuttle Enterprise, sitting atop a Boeing 747, went on its maiden "flight" above the Mojave Desert.

In 1988, Anthony M. Kennedy was sworn in as the 104th justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Ten years ago: In general elections, Japan's conservative governing party held onto its 34-year-old majority in the Parliament's lower house.

Five years ago: The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People replaced veteran chairman William Gibson with Myrlie Evers-Williams, the widow of slain civil rights leader Medgar Evers, after the rank-and-file declared no confidence in Gibson's leadership.

One year ago: The Clinton administration warned Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic to choose peace with ethnic Albanians in Kosovo, or face a devastating military strike.

Today's Birthdays: Songwriter-musician Pee Wee King is 86. Actor Jack Palance is 79. Former Cosmopolitan editor Helen Gurley Brown is 78. Actor George Kennedy is 75. Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman John Warner (R-Va.) is 73. Author Toni Morrison is 69. Movie director Milos Forman ("Man on the Moon") is 68. Singer Irma Thomas is 59. Singer Herman Santiago (Frankie Lyman and the Teenagers) is 59. Singer Dennis DeYoung (Styx) is 53. Actress Sinead Cusack is 52. Producer-director-writer John Hughes is 50. Actress Cybill Shepherd is 50.

Thought for Today: "Opinion is that exercise of the human will which helps us to make a decision without information." -- John Erskine, American author and educator (1879-1951).