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WEATHER

Tonight:



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TONIGHT 34°-37° SATURDAY 65°-68°

BSHS gridders to ferry voters

Big Spring football players will embark on their first community service project Saturday when they offer free transportation for local citizens wanting to vote in the mayoral election.

Anyone needing a ride to the polls should call coaching staff representatives at 270-8284 on Saturday, and players will be dispatched to provide transportation to city hall.

A pool of 10 football players will be ready throughout the day Saturday to provide rides. They will be dispatched two at a time when voters needing a ride call the athletic department.

Republican Party to host candidate

The Howard County Republican Party will meet with U.S. 17th Congressional District GOP candidate Shane Hunt at noon Monday at the Brandin Iron.

The public may attend. Lunch is dutch treat.

Call (817) 573-2531 or the Howard County Republican Party Headquarters for more information.

NJHS induction ceremony Tuesday

The National Junior Honor Society induction ceremony is planned Tuesday at Big Spring Junior High School. It will begin at 8 p.m. in the west gymnasium and parents are invited to attend.

The school plans to induct 109 students into the NJHS.

Those students, screened by a faculty committee, must meet standards that include leadership, service, citizenship and character. The society's members, who must have a grade point average of at least 90, come from both the seventh and eighth grade classes.

WEEKEND TICKET

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

SATURDAY

Big Spring mayoral election. Polls open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at city council chambers.

Dance, 8:30 p.m., Eagles

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Polls open Saturday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. for mayoral election

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Sometime Saturday night, Big Spring will have a new mayor.

In what could be one of the largest voter turnouts in some time, local citizens will go the polls between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. to decide between three candidates who are seeking the office.

Current councilman Greg Biddison, current councilman and mayor pro tem Oscar



FERGUSON

Garcia and former councilman Russ McEwen are on the ballot.

Early voting numbers were impressive. Some 1,044 ballots were cast during the early balloting period.

"That's a tremendous amount for early voting," said Tom Ferguson, city secretary. "As far as I can remember that's the most we've had in a number of years."

That doesn't ensure a good turnout Saturday, however, he cautioned.

"That's not a good indicator. Times before when we've had a good early turnout, it has been light on election day," said Ferguson. "So I would encourage everyone to come out and vote

Saturday. The more people we have voting, the better it will be."

A few months ago, there was no thought of electing a new mayor. Attention was focused on filling three city council seats up for election in May. That all changed, however, when Mayor Tim Blackshear filed as a candidate for State Representative. Unbeknownst to him, the act of filing for that office forced his immediate forfeiture of the mayor's post.

When the Secretary of State's Office refused to allow Big Spring to combine a mayoral election with the May city coun-

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MAYORAL ELECTION



BIDDISON GARCIA MCEWEN

When: Saturday

Where: Council chambers, 307 E. Fourth St.

Time: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Local school students celebrate Dr. Seuss Day

By GINA GARZA
Staff Writer

Do you like Green Eggs and Ham? You would if you were celebrating Dr. Seuss Day.

Some local schools celebrated the birthday on Thursday of Theodore Seuss Geisel, better known as children's book author Dr. Seuss. If he had not died in 1991, he would have been 96 years old.

The National Education Association recognized the event with Read Across America, a day to encourage children to take up reading. The goal of this year's celebration was that all children, everywhere, have a book read to them this day.

Bauer Elementary celebrated by having a read-a-thon. Fourth graders set up pup tents and sleeping bags in the patio and read books for a part of the afternoon.

"Parents were invited to come and read to their children anytime during the day," said Barbara Miller, school secretary.

Fifth graders also read to first graders and second graders gathered to hear Dr. Seuss stories.

At Kentwood Elementary, a birthday cake for all students was presented in the library.

"Each child got a piece of cake during their library time," said Dee Owen, principal of Kentwood.

The Howard County Library also got into the action by hav-



HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen

Belle Feaster, from left, Joshua Castlaw and Berkle Pierce look over a large birthday cake for Dr. Seuss at Kentwood Elementary. The school honored the birthday of the children's book writer by giving each child a piece of the decorated cake that was made by Kelley Fuqua, a teacher.

ing a puppet show, storytelling and storytime, as well as games and songs. All children of the

community and their parents were invited to join the event.

"It went very well. We had 56 children and 22 adults," said

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Gem and Mineral Show all set for two-day run

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

The 31st annual Gem and Mineral Show is scheduled to kick off on Saturday.

This year's event will be held at the Howard County Fair Barn and is expected to draw vendors in from five states — Colorado, Wisconsin, Nevada, New Mexico and Texas.

According to show chairman Jerald Wilson there will be dealers, demonstrators, displays, spinning wheels, prizes, and a snack bar for the hungry.

Hours for this year will be 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Sunday.

"I'd like to invite everyone out to the show this weekend," said Wilson. "I don't think anyone will go away disappointed and besides, it doesn't cost you one cent to get in."

A door prize will be given every hour as well as a grand prize that is being kept a secret.

"We are still in the process of working on the grand prize but let me say, whoever gets it won't be

disappointed," said Wilson.

On the schedule to give demonstrations on silversmithing will be "Big Eagle," an American Indian from Colorado.

"If there is enough interest he will teach a class in silversmithing at a set fee," said Wilson. "I don't know how many he needs to hold the class but it will have to be enough to be worthwhile to him."

The show is sponsored annually by the Big Spring Prospector's Club.

For more information call Wilson at 263-4662.



HERALD photo/Carl Graham

Annie Mae Johnson of the Big Spring Prospector's Club makes beads that will be available at the 31st annual Gem and Mineral show this weekend.

Goliad Cavaliers raise funds to help others in the community

By GINA GARZA
Staff Writer

For the Goliad Cavaliers, going to school is not just reading, writing and arithmetic, it's also about helping others in the Big Spring community.

"This group has to raise money and bring in ideas of how to use it within our community," said Patsy Sanchez, sponsor and sixth grade social studies teacher.

The Cavaliers, a group of sixth grade boys sponsored by the Big Spring Sr. Optimist Club, presented Maj. Ronald Alexander of the Salvation Army with a \$75 check to go towards the agency's food pantry.

The pantry is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday for anyone who wishes to donate food.

"We are in constant need of food. I like to tell people who want to donate, to bring non-perishable goods," said Darrell Castillo, social services director

for the Salvation Army.

"These boys have worked so hard. They sold Valentine telegrams for 25 cents each, raising a total of \$322," she said.

In addition to the Salvation Army, the Cavaliers will give \$25 to Isidro Gonzales, a second grader now being home-schooled as he battles leukemia and Down syndrome.

"The boys wanted to give to Isidro because his family is in need of financial help for all of the treatment he is needing," she said.

Sanchez also said the boys gave \$50 to the back-to-school fund at Goliad.

"This fund is for any Goliad student who is in need of school supplies at the beginning of the school year," she said.

In order to become a Goliad Cavalier, each boy must go through an application process, and once accepted, he must keep his grades up and keep good behavior.

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HERALD photo/Shea Sims

Patsy Sanchez, sponsor of the Goliad Cavaliers, presented Maj. Ronald Alexander with a check this morning. The Cavaliers sold Valentine telegrams to raise money for the Salvation Army food pantry as well as for other community causes.

Moss Lake

Public invited Saturday for free hot dogs, soda, prizes

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Moss Creek Lake has reopened to the public and the city is planning a celebration Saturday to honor the event.

"The city is inviting the public out to see the new look at the lake," said Emma Bogard, assistant city manager. "We're going to have hot dogs and Cokes, and we're going to give away prizes through drawings. It's all free."

The special event will be held from noon until 3 p.m., though no one will be charged the normal entry fee from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., said Bogard.

"We're not going to restrict anyone who wants to take a little extra time or come a little early," she said.

The free food and prize giveaways will be set up on the south side of the lake, near the newly refurbished play area. The prizes to be awarded will be water-related.

"We have beach balls, a beach chair, charcoal, a rod and reel and there will be some other items as well," said Bogard.

"The kids can enjoy the new playground area. And we'll have paddle boats and canoes ready for operation, too."

The lake actually reopened to the public on Wednesday, but city officials decided to wait until the weekend to have the celebration.

The city-owned lake has been closed since October, when Big Spring City Council decided to pledge \$20,000 for renovations. For the past five months, inmates with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's Wilderness Camp have been building and recon-

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OBITUARIES

Irene Mixson

Befitting her life that spanned more than nine decades, Irene Mixson, 93, slipped with quiet serenity from her mortal frame to be with her Maker. This, her avowed desire, announced only hours before her passing.

In this life of almost 93 years, her parting is mourned by her family and friends. Their grief, somewhat tempered by the fact that Irene had lived a long life. She had finished the course, that was her style.

Her birth and early years in the Piney Woods of deep East Texas perhaps embued a green thumb. She spent the adult years of her life in more arid regions of the State. In any case, a good deal of her great stamina and seemingly boundless energy were used trying to extract from barren soils some semblance of the flowers and plants of her native woods.

However effective or disappointing her gardening efforts, she was successful in raising a family. One daughter, Jane Jones and one son, Hayes Stripling Jr., a daughter-in-law, Dorothy Stripling, all of Big Spring survive her.

Her extended family includes five grandchildren, Glynda Mouton of Big Spring, Hayes Stripling III of Southlake, Kyle Stripling of Marble Falls, Leigh Hahn of Dallas and Warren Jones of Pflugerville. The clan includes 13 great-grandchildren. For all of these and their formed families, her fond adoration had no bounds.

Economic and other reasons limited her formal education to high school in Kirbyville. This in no way curbed her study and quest for knowledge. A tireless reader, and endless researcher of the English language, she was able to plumb the writings and philosophies of the deepest thinking people from around the world. Her compassion, perhaps, thus found, led her to much community effort. She was one of the founders of the American Cancer Society work in West Texas, the women's clubs, PTAs, the gray ladies, all felt her presence.

Mention of her books must include the Holy Bible of which she was a considerable student. A life-long Methodist and holder of most of the lay person's jobs therein. Along with her membership in the Philathea Sunday School Class the fondest memories would perhaps be as a teacher in Sunday School of a young woman's class.



Thelma Guthrie

Graveside service for Thelma Guthrie, 82, Key, will be 2 p.m. Saturday, March 4, 2000, at Terrace Cemetery with the Rev. Buddy Payne officiating.

Mrs. Guthrie died Thursday, March 2, at her home in Key. She was born Aug. 11, 1917, in Coleman County, and married Charlie Guthrie on Oct. 30, 1954, in Post. He preceded her in death in 1979. She was a Baptist.

She is survived by: one daughter, Kay Hendricks of Big Spring; two sisters, Earlene Bartlett of Nocona, and Annette Woods of Odessa; and four grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home in Post.

VOTE

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oil elections, the city had no choice but to call for a special election to determine Blackshear's successor.

The filing period opened just a day after the city council called for the election, and immediately Garcia — an instructor for Howard College — made clear his intent to seek the office. McEwen, a local insurance business owner, followed suit. Then Biddison — a restaurant owner, who had also already announced his intent to file — formally tossed his hat into the ring.

Meanwhile, the filing period for the three city council seats up for election May 6 is under way, but getting little attention. Only District 4 incumbent Tommy Tune has filed. The lack of attention on the other two seats may be because they are held by two of the mayoral candidates — Garcia in District 2 and Biddison in District 6.

"I imagine everyone is waiting to see what happens Saturday," said Ferguson. "I expect we'll have some people file for city council after this election is determined."

Filing in the council elections continues through March 22. In the meantime, the focus is on choosing a new mayor.

Saturday's election has just one polling location — city council chambers at 307 E. Fourth.

REPORT: FBI didn't plan to fight Waco fire, records

DALLAS (AP) — Ten days before the deadly inferno at the Branch Davidian compound, the FBI told prosecutors it had no plans to battle any blazes. The Dallas Morning News reported Thursday.

A motion filed Wednesday by attorneys in a wrongful death lawsuit over the raid cited FBI records of two exchanges as plans were being finalized to assault the compound near Waco with tanks and tear gas.

In a two-page FBI summary of an April 9, 1993, briefing, Assistant U.S. Attorney LeRoy Jahn asked FBI leaders in Waco "if there was a fire truck available in case the Davidians attempted to torch the compound."

A second document, described as a telephone report filed at the FBI's Washington headquarters that evening, said "there would be no plan to fight a fire should one develop in the Davidian compound," according to the News.

Plaintiffs' attorneys filed the motion to convince U.S. District Judge Walter Smith that the FBI's on-scene commanders, Jeffrey Jamar and Richard Rogers, should be reinstated as defendants in the wrongful death suit. They were two of several defendants that Smith had previously dismissed from the case.

Jamar has told Congress that he held fire trucks back from

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TEXAS LOTTERY

Pick 3: 0,9,1
Cash 5: 7,10,23,33,36

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

72.42, down 10 points.
courtesy: Delta Corporation.
other markets not available by press time

POLICE

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

- FRANCIS AMAYA, 40, was arrested on a charge of driving with an expired drivers license.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1600 block of Main.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1100 block of E. 2nd.
- ASSAULT BY THREAT was reported in the 800 block of E. 16th.
- THEFT was reported in the 1200 block of E. 11th, in the 3300 block of W. Hwy 80, in the 200 block of W. Marcy, in the 1700 block of Marcy, in the 1800 block of Gregg, in the 2300 block of Wason, and in the 1100 block of Lamesa Drive.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activities from 8 a.m. Thursday through 8 a.m. today:

- DANIEL SALAS JR., 18, was arrested on a charge of evading arrest. (BSPD)
- BRYAN JERMAINE PORRAS, 20, was arrested on a charge of driving while license was suspended. (BSPD)
- JUAN CARLOS CORDOVA, 23, was arrested on a charge of failure to stop and render aid. (District Court)

RECORDS

Thursday's high 74
Thursday's low 38
Average high 66
Average low 36
Record high 86 in 1974
Record low 6 in 1922
Precip. Thursday 0.00
Month to date 0.11
Month's normal 0.61
Year to date 1.16
Normal for the year 1.19
Sunrise Saturday 7:09 a.m.
Sunrise Sunday 7:08 a.m.
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CAVALIERS

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"The boys have to go to each of their teachers with a grade sheet every six weeks and get them to record their grade and return it to me," said Sanchez.

The boys are also responsible for putting up and taking down the flag each day as well as producing a monthly news letter.

"This group of boys have been really great," said Sanchez.

TICKET

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Lodge, 704 W. Third. Members and guests welcome.

- Early voting in the Republic and Democratic Primary elections, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., clerk's office, Howard County Courthouse.
- Big Spring Prospector's Club Gem and Mineral Show, Howard County Fair Barn, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free admission.
- Moss Creek Lake reopening, noon to 3 p.m. Free hot dogs and Cokes. Prizes to be given away.
- Big Spring Squares call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

SUNDAY

□ Big Spring Prospector's Club Gem and Mineral Show, Howard County Fair Barn, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free admission.

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CINEMA 4
WHOLE NINE YARDS (R)
Daily: 6:40 Fri. & Sat. 9:40

HANGING UP (PG-13)
Daily: 7:10 Sat. & Sun. 2:30

NEXT BEST THING (PG-13)
Daily: 4:30 & 7:00 Fri. & Sat. 9:30 Sat. & Sun. 2:30

SNOW DAY (PG)
Daily: 5:00 & 7:30 Fri. & Sat. 9:30 Sat. & Sun. 2:30

WHAT PLANET ARE YOU FROM? (R)
Daily: 4:30 & 7:30 Fri. & Sat. 9:30 Sat. & Sun. 2:30

ADULTS: \$5.50
\$3.25 ALL MATINEES
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FOUNDAT

Court orders new trial for female death row inmate

HOUSTON (AP) — The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals late Thursday ruled one of eight women on Texas death row must be retried or set free.

The appeals court's decision upholds an earlier lower-court ruling ordering the state to give Pamela Lynn Perillo a new trial within 120 days of prosecutors exhausting their appeals. If not, Perillo must be released.

The state also has the option of appealing the 5th Circuit ruling to the U.S. Supreme Court, a spokeswoman with the Texas Attorney General's office said Thursday.

"We'll be making that determination with the Harris

County District Attorney's office in the near future," spokeswoman Andrea Horton said.

Perillo's attorney, Maryanne Lyons, could not be reached for comment late Thursday.

Perillo was a bartender when she and two friends were picked up by Bob Skeens, 26, and Robert Banks, 30, while hitchhiking near Houston's Astrodome on Feb. 24, 1980.

The three hitchhikers later robbed Skeens and Banks, and Perillo and James Michael Briddle eventually were sentenced to death for choking the two men to death with a rope. Briddle was executed in

December 1995, and the third person involved, Linda Fletcher, was sentenced to five years' probation.

Last June, U.S. District Judge Ewing Werlein overturned Perillo's conviction after finding one of her attorneys had a personal and professional relationship with the chief witness against her.

The judge also found that defense attorney Jim Skelton failed to discredit Fletcher's testimony at crucial points during Perillo's 1984 re-trial.

Skelton represented Fletcher when she, her then-husband Briddle and Perillo were charged with the crime.

Perillo later confessed, and all three were charged with capital murder. But the charge against Fletcher was reduced to aggravated robbery after Skelton convinced prosecutors she was not involved in the killings.

Months after Fletcher was sentenced to five years' probation, Skelton gave her away at her wedding.

Perillo is one of eight women on Texas' death row. Last week, Texas executed Betty Lou Beets, who was only the second woman put to death in the state since the Civil War. Convicted pickax killer Karla Faye Tucker became the first when she was executed on Feb. 3, 1998.

Pentagon forgiving \$103 million in debt for Texas base conversion

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Pentagon has forgiven \$103 million owed to the Air Force by a San Antonio-based group that is redeveloping the soon-to-be-closed Kelly Air Force Base, Defense Secretary William Cohen announced Thursday.

The Greater Kelly Development Authority had agreed to pay the Air Force \$108 million for the land and redevelop it as a business park. Using authority Congress granted last year, Cohen erased all but \$5 million of that debt, said Paul Roberson, executive director of the development board.

The remainder — which reflects the value of facilities like an officer's club and bowling alley — could not be excused under the law because they were funded with user fees rather than public money, Roberson said.

Kelly, which will see its military functions shuttered by next year, began its transition into the private sector in 1996, a year after an independent base-closure commission recommended shutting it down. Among the tenants GKDA has attracted are aerospace giants Boeing, Lockheed Martin, Pratt & Whitney and

StandardAero. More than half the properties conveyed to the GKDA have been leased. Kelly encompasses 4,600 acres and has more than 600 buildings.

A key Kelly defender, U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, welcomed the Pentagon's announcement.

Cohen's decision "is another vote of confidence in the people of San Antonio, who have worked so hard to redevelop Kelly Air Force Base," the Texas Republican said. "The cooperation between the Pentagon and San Antonio has set the highest possible standard for the rest of the country."

City leaders also hailed the debt forgiveness.

"It represents an opportunity for us to use our scarce resources for other things," San Antonio mayor Howard Peak said at a news conference with Cohen and other officials.

The \$103 million that had been set aside to buy the land likely will be used to finance revenue bonds to pay for renovations at the closing base, Roberson said. The city also plans to ask voters to approve a 1/8th-cent sales tax increase in May, part of which will help pay for Kelly renovations.

Routier pretrial record omits key info, attorneys say

DALLAS (AP) — Darlie Routier's pretrial record omits an important hearing on whether her lawyer had a conflict of interest, say defense attorneys who are seeking a new trial for the suburban housewife sent to death row for the stabbing death of her son.

Although court reporters have tried to reconstruct Routier's mistake-filled record, her attorneys said in court papers filed Thursday that the pretrial hearing was not found in either original or reconstructed versions of the transcript.

They contend that Routier of Rowlett, convicted of capital murder in 1997 for the stabbing death of 5-year-old Damon and accused of killing another son, should receive a new trial because a significant part of her record is missing.

The development is a potential setback for prosecutors. All defendants, under Texas law, are entitled to complete transcripts for their appeals.

Justices of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals in Austin must ultimately decide whether to use Tyler court reporter

Susan Simmons' reconstructed transcript. But defense attorneys Stephen Cooper and Steven Losch say the record prepared by the court-appointed expert is incomplete, unreliable and illegal.

State District Judge Robert Francis ruled last month that Routier's trial transcript, containing 33,000 errors, be delivered to the Texas appeals court along with trial court reporter Sandra Halsey's original records.

Routier has previously blamed the June 6, 1996, stab-

bing attack that also claimed the life of second son Devon, 6, on an intruder.

The housewife was tried only for the death of the younger child, since it qualified as a capital murder case.

Simmons had testified before Francis that although she believes 54 pages of transcripts are complete and accurate, she cannot certify them because an audiotape of some pretrial testimony is missing.

The missing pretrial hearing may have been covered by that tape, Routier's attorneys said.

Central Texas residents want to reduce aquifer pumping cutbacks

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — In advance of threats to this city's water supply, Central Texas residents are urging federal regulators not to restrict pumping beyond current limits.

The Edwards Aquifer, which feeds Texas' two largest springs, is projected to drop by summer to within feet of where the waterways begin to go dry. That would threaten several endangered species living in Comal and San Marcos Springs.

Drought "is now the biggest

threat to the species," said Susan Butler, water resources director for the San Antonio Water System.

She and others urged the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service not to cut back aquifer pumping any more than the Edwards Aquifer Authority already plans.

The nation's largest metropolitan area that relies solely on ground water for its municipal supply, San Antonio could face mandatory rationing for home and commercial users as early

as mid-March if dry conditions persist.

Butler cautioned that severe new restrictions on Edwards water might cause users to seek alternate water sources, which could have adverse environmental consequences elsewhere in the state.

"Establishing and seriously funding a captive breeding program (for those threatened and endangered species) should be rigorously pursued," she said.

Butler also urged the federal

wildlife agency, which must approve a conservation plan and permit, to consider all alternatives — not just pumping reductions.

"Water is more precious than gold to farmers and ranchers," Janice Schwausch, general manager of a family-owned ranch in northwestern Bexar County, said.

"Restricting water rights beyond those in effect would be a striking blow to the farm and ranch interests."

The comments came during meetings at San Antonio, Uvalde and San Marcos on the proposed Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan. Its goal is to maintain aquifer springflows and protect the habitat of seven federally protected species that live in Comal Springs at New Braunfels and San Marcos Springs.

The U.S. Endangered Species Act provides potential liability for criminal and civil penalties to aquifer pumpers who con-

tribute to low spring flows if a member of a protected species is killed or harmed.

But if a permit based on the habitat conservation plan is granted, the threat of penalties is removed as long as pumpers abide by the program's terms.

They could include recharge dams for the aquifer, increased water conservation, stringent reductions in pumping during drought and removal of the species to man-made habitats if the springs start to dry up.

Wal-Mart to close fresh meat department, eliminating union

JACKSONVILLE (AP) — The nation's biggest retailer has announced for employees who supported the country's first successful union vote in a Wal-Mart store: Quit what you're doing.

Executives want to eliminate their department — and their current jobs — while saying it's only a coincidence.

Lawyers for the Arkansas-based retail giant had planned to appeal the vote only two weeks ago by which meat workers at the Wal-Mart Supercenter voted to join the United Food and Commercial Workers Union.

Executives now say the Supercenter in Jacksonville will carry prepackaged beef beginning in June, doing away with the store's fresh meat department.

But Wal-Mart spokeswoman Jessica Moser said Thursday the decision had "absolutely nothing" to do with the 7-3 union vote because the retailer

had been planning the move for months.

"We are expanding our case-ready beef line of product to the leading technology in the meat industry," Moser told the Tyler Morning Telegraph.

"It's the way all retailers are moving."

Douglas Dority, UFCW president, had called the union election "the vote heard around the world."

The union said the Feb. 15 vote followed worker frustration from abusive treatment, low pay and lousy benefits.

Meat cutter Maurice Miller, who challenged Wal-Mart after the unfulfilled promise of a \$2 raise, said earlier the company had lied to him and not boosted his pay.

Miller has an unlisted telephone number and he could not be reached today by The Associated Press.

The 1.4-million-strong UFCW had seen the East Texas chapter

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Mother arrested on suspicion of shooting son

SHELBYVILLE (AP) — A woman was arrested on suspicion of fatally shooting her 3-year-old son Thursday afternoon in this East Texas community of about 200 people near the Texas-Louisiana border.

Shelby County Sheriff Carl Shofner told The Light and Champion in Center that Edith McCleskey allegedly shot her son with a 12-gauge shotgun in their home, then called authorities.

McCleskey, 40, was being held in the Shelby County Jail Thursday night. Murder charges were pending.

The woman's two other children, whose ages were unknown, were not home when the shooting took place.

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OUR VIEWS

Take the time to vote in mayor's election Saturday

More than a thousand early votes were cast in the Big Spring mayor's election — an indication that citizens in our community are taking this race seriously. And they should. The man who wins Saturday will represent Big Spring for the next three years. His influence and direction go a long way in determining our city's future.

The candidates are two current city councilmen — Greg Biddison and Oscar Garcia — and Russ McEwen, a former council member. All three are experienced with the workings of our city and we believe all three have the desire to see Big Spring prosper and grow.

What is important now, is that each of us, as citizens, play our key role in choosing the individual who we believe will do the best job. For those of you who have not voted, the polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday in city council chambers.

It only takes a minute to cast a ballot. But that minute can make the difference in who is elected. Don't be fooled by thinking that just because a thousand of your neighbors have already voted that your vote won't make a difference. Elections are frequently won or lost on a handful of votes.

A strong voter turnout serves another purpose as well. It tells our city government that its people are paying attention. It lets our council and our mayor know that we care about the future of our city, and that we will demand that their actions and their decisions be responsive to our needs.

So don't let your voice go unspoken.
Vote on Saturday.

We salute:

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

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

This week we salute:

• **HOWARD COLLEGE DENTAL HYGIENE STUDENTS**, who held a successful and educational Children's Dental Health Fair last weekend.

• **BLOOD DONORS** who participated in United Blood Services drive at Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the Veterans Administration Medical Center this week.

• **CROSSROADS AREA HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAMS** — the Big Spring Lady Steers, Garden City Lady Bearcats, Borden County Lady Coyotes, Grady's Wildcats and Lady Wildcats and Stanton's Buffaloes and Lady Buffaloes on taking part in the state playoffs.

• **ELBOW ELEMENTARY STUDENTS** who distinguished their school by winning first place out of 396 participating campuses across Texas. They raised \$6,700 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

• **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL SWIM TEAM MEMBERS** Melissa Sheedy, Doug Willberg, Wolfgang Robinson, Michael Carrasco and Josh Pike on qualifying for state competition.

• **ROMONA BLUNTE**, winner of the Miss Black Deaf Pageant at the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf and runnerup **RHONDA SIMMONS**.

• **HOWARD COLLEGE HAWKS** — Western Junior College Athletic Conference co-champions — and the **LADY HAWKS**, who qualified for the Region V tournaments in Lubbock.

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.

Covering the Courts? Is diversity a good thing?

Is "diversity" a good thing? Especially in public education, is diversity a good thing? As an abstract proposition, most Americans probably would say yes. As a matter of constitutional law, the question is not so easily answered.

The argument for diversity is to this effect: Today's toddlers will grow up in a global village. Unimaginable changes lie ahead in travel and communications. The technical marvels of 2000 will soon be classed with the Hupmobile and the Model T. Starting in preschool or in kindergarten, all children will benefit from the experience of diverse cultures.

Very well. But granted that diversity is a desirable interest, is it also a "compelling" interest?

The question is squarely presented in two cases now pending in the Supreme Court on petitions for review. One case comes from Montgomery County, Md., the other from

Arlington County, Va. In both cases the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit has laid down the same bright-line rule: A policy of "racial balancing" violates the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. Except to remedy past discrimination, racial considerations cannot be condoned.

In Arlington County, the parents of Grace Tuttle and Rachel Sechler, who are white, wanted their daughters to attend kindergarten at an Arlington Traditional School. The county maintains three such alternative schools. They are highly popular. In February 1998, the schools received 185 applications for the 46 slots that would be available in the fall. The school board announced that the winners would be chosen in a lottery, but this would be a "weighted" lottery in which some children were more equal than others.

In a word, the fix was on. The lottery was weighted in a self-conscious effort to achieve racial, ethnic and economic diversity. The school board's plan divided applicants into three subgroups. Children from low-income families would be given a lottery weight of two. Children from households in which English was the child's second language would get a relative lottery weight of three. Within a third subgroup,

Asian/Pacific Islanders would have a weight of four, white children a weight of five, Hispanic children a weight of nine and black children a weight of 11.

Under a formula only slightly less complicated than a recipe for ham in aspic, the weights were combined with averages. The averages were compared to the percentage of each subgroup in the county as a whole. The figures were then strained through a fine sieve, boiled down, refrigerated overnight, and served with scrambled eggs in the morning.

Not surprisingly, Grace and Rachel failed to make the cut. They sued for an injunction to make the school board cut it out. In a hearing before District Judge Albert V. Bryan Jr., the board contended vigorously (1) that diversity in kindergartens is a compelling governmental interest, and (2) that its formula was narrowly tailored to achieve that goal. The judge was not impressed. He junked the 1998 formula in toto, down to the last decimal point, and entered a permanent injunction against its use. He held that diversity is NOT a compelling interest. In the place of the school board's formula, he ordered a "double-blind random lottery without the use of any preferences." The case went up to the 4th

Circuit, which found the plate too hot to handle. A three-judge panel concluded that the three-part formula was not narrowly tailored. The odds of selection were skewed in favor of minorities. The board would have to impose a race-neutral process in its place. As for diversity, "We leave the question of whether diversity is a compelling interest unanswered."

The parallel case from Montgomery County lies in the same limbo with the case from Arlington County. The rock-bottom question presented to the Supreme Court has not been resolved in the federal circuits. The 5th Circuit ruled in 1996 that diversity is not a compelling interest. The 7th Circuit said in 1998 that the question "remains unsettled." The 1st Circuit in 1998 assumed, without deciding, that diversity "may be" a compelling interest.

The high court ought to resolve the issue, but my guess is that this one will be left to simmer.

The record lacks evidence on the value of diversity. Alternative forms of a lottery were not explored before Judge Bryan. In any event, sooner or later this last redoubt of racial preference will have to be confronted. If not in Maryland and Virginia, where?



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The Lone Ranger of Arizona

Senator John McCain's concession speech in South Carolina was widely criticized as over the line. A clearly angry McCain vowed to fight on, deriding his opponent, Texas Governor George W. Bush, as a man of "pretense" who relies on "empty slogans." In the Bush camp, aides watching the intemperate display concluded that the feisty McCain had shown his true colors. They were right, but not with the result they expected.



JACK ANDERSON

Politics is not a gentleman's sport. Voters like a candidate who is passionate and doesn't recite talking points prepared by handlers. This election season, the buzz word is authenticity. These glimpses into the real McCain, even when they're not pretty, have gained him a following that is rare in modern politics. The lessons of the early primaries:

— The voters want a fighter. McCain comes across as a man on a mission. His surprise win in Michigan guarantees an epic struggle within the Republican Party. A modern-day Teddy Roosevelt battling the special interests takes on the anointed son of the Establishment. Who

could ask for a better story line? A Republican watching Bush's concession speech after New Hampshire found "Dubya" so gracious, "You'd think he just lost a lacrosse match at Andover." Bush "retooled" his campaign, adopting McCain's reformer label, and summoned up everything he could to battle back in South Carolina. Lee Bandy, the veteran South Carolina political reporter, said it was the most all-out assault he'd seen in 38 years of covering political races. It worked so well that Bush cruised into Michigan, all smiles, radiating a sense of entitlement. Michigan voters rebelled and went with the fighter.

— Electability matters. Polls show McCain 24 points ahead of Vice President Al Gore, while Bush leads Gore by only five points in national matchups. Republicans badly want to win the White House, so these numbers are the best evidence McCain has to woo Republicans away from Bush in the upcoming primaries. "We are Al Gore's worst nightmare," should be music to the ears of registered Republicans. In Michigan, McCain won only a quarter of the GOP vote. He is to the right of Bush on most domestic issues, and favors a far more muscular foreign policy than Bush. To win Republican votes, McCain should pick a few issues to talk about that will signal to Republicans that he is a soul-mate. Everybody loves a sin-

ner, so building a bandwagon shouldn't be too hard with rank-and-file Republicans eager to end the Clinton-Gore era.

— Negative ads work if they're seen as fair and truthful. Voters are not dumb. They can tell the difference between attacks that point out legitimate differences, and attacks that are pure character assassinations. McCain's big blunder in South Carolina was an ad in which he said Bush "twists the truth like Clinton." Equating Bush's assertions about McCain's tax plan with President Clinton's lies about sex are in no way comparable, and the ad backfired. But Bush may have made the bigger blunder by aligning himself too closely with fundamentalist leader Pat Robertson, who has mounted a holy war against the McCain candidacy. It's not that McCain isn't a true enough Christian for Robertson's tastes; it's McCain's campaign finance reform that he finds objectionable.

The number of Democrats voting for McCain to create mischief and to weaken Bush is probably very small. Democrats are intrigued by the McCain persona. He's a cultural force. After eight years of Clinton "spin," voters of all ideological stripes appreciate McCain's straight talk. Nobody doubts he'll do what he says and that he says what he means. That's both the promise and the risk of the Lone Ranger from Arizona.

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As census forms arrive, problem is to get them back

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the first big run of census forms landing on doorsteps across America today, Census Bureau director Kenneth Prewitt is more worried about how he'll get those forms back.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Prewitt says the bureau has tried nearly everything to get people to fulfill their "civic duty" and return filled-out forms. That includes participating in a Mass for the census beamed to 8 million Catholics nationwide, speaking to undocumented workers in Texas to ensure their information would not be turned over to authorities, and even inserting "fill-out-your-form" messages inside fortune cookies in Florida.

The more forms turned in, the more accurate the results are, and the results will show that the American population is on its way to becoming a "microcosm of the entire world," he said.

"It drives big money, power, reapportionment, redistricting, and private investment. It has consequences," Prewitt said. "You have to make a proactive statement that you care enough about your country, yourself and your community to fill out the form and send it back in."

The challenge, he concedes, is to over-

come the public's increased apathy and concerns over confidentiality.

Mail response rates declined from 78 percent of households in 1970 to 70 percent in 1990 and 65 percent in 1990. Census officials estimate it will dip to 61 percent this year.

The first forms were being hand-delivered to rural households. The bureau is trying a number of new things this year, including a \$167 million advertising campaign, to get more of those forms back.

Other census novelties in 2000 include allowing people to answer surveys over the Internet, and getting 90,000 "community partners" like pastors, schoolteachers and community activists to help spread the message.

Even mayors like Dennis Archer in Detroit, Richard Riordan in Los Angeles and Rudolph Giuliani in New York are taking lead roles to attach a familiar, assuring face to relay the message, Prewitt notes.

"There are more people on the move, more people in irregular housing, a higher percentage of foreign born and more disinterested, more cynicism, more disengagement," Prewitt said. "So if we can actually turn it around, I think it will be a serious and big story."

He is so confident, in fact, that he wagered a pessimistic friend \$25 that the response rate will go up. "And the check goes to a charity," he joked.

The Census Bureau already has forecast that the number of foreign-born will more than double between now and 2050, from 26 million to 53.8 million.

To account for the diversity, this year's census allows people to indicate if they are of more than one race or ethnicity.

Opponents charge that may water down the power of minority groups because those who consider themselves multiracial will not be statistically counted as, for instance black and white, but be placed in a separate multiracial category.

"The country is turning a corner in terms of how it's going to deal with itself along racial categories, and the Census Bureau is simply a reflection of that," Prewitt said.

"The people who have that as their experience don't want to be ignored."

Prewitt said this year's census has become the most scrutinized and politicized ever. Census data is used for redrawing political boundaries as well as redistributing billions of dollars in federal funds.

FBI seizes computer linked to various Internet attacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — FBI agents investigating last month's attacks on prominent Internet sites seized a 17-year-old New England boy's computer, and prosecutors are considering charging him with cybercrimes unrelated to those disruptions, according to a federal law enforcement official.

On the Internet, the boy uses the screen name "coolio," one of hacker aliases the FBI suspects may have been involved in February's sensational attacks against popular Web sites, the official said Thursday.

But federal investigators believe the boy is only one of a number of people who have used "coolio" as a screen name. The charges that federal prosecutors are weighing do not stem from the so-called denial-of-service attacks that shut down Yahoo!, eBay, Amazon.com and other Internet sites for hours at a time, but rather from evidence of other, unrelated hacking found on the seized computer, according to the official, who spoke only on condition of anonymity.

The 17-year-old, who lives in New Hampshire, claimed to FBI agents that he had hacked into 100 Web sites, including one based in Los Angeles, Officer Joe Buscaino of the Los Angeles Police Department said Thursday.

Los Angeles police became involved while investigating an attack on Dare.com, an anti-drug abuse site they founded. The Los Angeles police computer crimes unit traced that attack to the youth, Buscaino said.

After the youth's residence was searched Wednesday, he told investigators he has been using computers since he was 3 years old, and spends about 16 hours a day on the Internet, Buscaino said.

The boy claimed he had attacked a Commerce Department site that outlines rules for exporting chemicals that could be used to produce weapons, Buscaino said.

The teen also acknowledged disrupting Rsa.com, operated by RSA Security Inc., one of the nation's most prominent Internet security companies, Buscaino said.

On Feb. 13, a hacker calling himself "coolio" redirected visitors to RSA's Web site — which proclaims itself "the most trusted name in e-security" — to another hacked computer at a university in South America.

Last month, Justice Department officials identified "coolio" as one of three hackers, known only by their monikers, sought for questioning in the string of attacks on popular Web sites.

Clinton to tap CIA official as head of nuclear agency

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional critics of Energy Secretary Bill Richardson's revamping of the government's nuclear weapons programs, nevertheless, are welcoming his selection of the man who will head the new weapons agency.

Richardson on Thursday announced that a four-star general, who currently is the No. 2 official at the Central Intelligence Agency, will be nominated by President Clinton as administrator of the new National Nuclear Security Administration.

Congress created the new, semi-independent agency within the Energy Department last year as part of its response to

allegations of lax security and possible Chinese theft of nuclear secrets at weapons research labs.

Air Force General John A. Gordon, deputy CIA director, is expected to get easy confirmation by the Senate after which he will take over the new agency, which officially became operational this week.

Gordon, who has a background as a physicist and once worked at the Sandia National Laboratory in New Mexico, will have to leave the military to take the post.

He was among four people recommended for the job by a search committee. A widely respected member of the intelli-

gence community, Gordon was a member of President Bush's national security team and has had a lengthy background in weapons development, nuclear arms stockpile management and arms control.

"With his extensive background and experience in national security matters and proven leadership skills, General Gordon is perfectly suited to serve as the first administrator," said Richardson.

The selection brought quick praise from some members of Congress, including some who have been critical about the way Richardson has implemented the law creating the new

agency.

Rep. Mac Thornberry, R-Texas, who has accused Richardson's skirting the law in the way he is organizing the agency, said the selection of Gordon, nevertheless, was "an excellent choice" and that his nomination was "very encouraging."

"He seems like the kind of person that will not bow to bureaucratic pressures," said Thornberry in an interview.

"He knows the nuclear weapons program inside out," said Rep. Heather Wilson, R-N.M., who worked for Gordon him when both were at the National Security Council in the Bush administration.

S.C. House votes to strip King's name from holiday

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — State House members stripped the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s name from a bill creating an official holiday for state workers and sent the legislation back to a committee to be reworked.

Legislators voted to name the holiday Civil Rights Day and sent the bill back to the House Judiciary Committee with an amendment that included protection for Confederate monuments and a statement that the Confederate flag is not a racist symbol.

House members split along racial and party lines in debate Thursday. As black Democrats left the chamber, they decried what happened.

"The prevailing sentiment

here was that there would be no holiday honoring a black person in this state," said Rep. Joe Neal, the House leader of the Legislative Black Caucus.

The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change in Atlanta said South Carolina is the only state that does not recognize a King holiday for all state employees. Under existing law, state employees can choose to take the King holiday off, or one of three Confederate-related holidays.

To "link the issue to the Confederate flag obviously is an attempt at racial politics of the lowest kind and that's exactly what happened," Neal said.

House Republicans saw

Thursday's tangle differently.

While they want to acknowledge the civil rights struggle, "there is also a need to acknowledge that the War Between the States is of ... significance to many South Carolinians as well," said Republican Rep. Al Robinson.

Neal countered that the House can't change people's minds on the Confederate flag. South Carolina is the only state that still flies the flag from its Statehouse dome.

The King holiday bill already had been approved in the Senate.

Lawmakers expect it to be changed by the Judiciary Committee yet again and sent back to the House floor for

another debate before year's end. The House and Senate would then have to agree on a compromise form of the bill.

Gov. Jim Hodges, a Democrat, said he was disappointed because most South Carolinians want the King holiday. "Some on the House floor instead choose to engage in petty bickering and inappropriate statements," he said.

Conference looks at herbal remedies

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — Physicians need more training in herbal medicine, and more research into the remedies themselves is needed, speakers at an international conference said.

Doctors in some European countries are trained in herbal remedies, while such training is rare in the United States, scientists said Thursday at the conference on safety and effectiveness of herbs.

"People seek a cure for something we haven't been able to provide ... so they take the action by themselves," said Dr. Felix Stickel of the University of Erlangen and Salen Medical Center in Heidelberg, Germany.

"The physicians have to become aware of the needs as well as the scientific background of these herbs."

Herbal medicines are a \$4 billion-a-year industry in the United States, where an estimated one-third of the adult population uses them. The remedies are sold as food rather than regulated as drugs.

Although herbal remedies generally are safe — one, however, can cause severe liver damage — more basic research is needed, scientists said.

"Is it a waste of money? Is it dangerous? We don't have enough data to know," said Lenore Arab, professor of epidemiology and nutrition at the

University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, which sponsored the conference.

One of the herbs discussed at the meeting was comfrey, a root-derived remedy that is widely available in the United States and is taken for its purported anti-inflammatory and antibacterial properties.

Stickel said the herb should be restricted as it is in Germany and Canada.

Not only are the effects of comfrey unproven in limited clinical studies, it appears to destroy small veins in the liver and can result in abdominal pain, liver enlargement and liver failure, he said.

Speakers at the conference

said many other herbal remedies appear no more dangerous than aspirin, but far less understood.

"We need to convince the producers to put some money into research on these products," said Varro Tyler, an herbal medicine expert at Purdue University.

Speakers covered the most popular remedies: St. John's wort for depression, garlic for cholesterol and anticancer uses, ginkgo biloba for treating dementia, ginseng as a tonic, saw palmetto for urological problems, echinacea for colds and to enhance the immune system and feverfew to treat migraine headaches.

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Life without limbs

College student defies Japan's notion of disability

TOKYO (AP) — Like many 23-year-olds, Hirotsada Ootake goes to college, likes basketball and looks forward to getting married someday.

But when he cruises down the street, he causes a sensation: girls call out his name and strangers try to talk to him.

Ootake, who was born without arms and legs, is one of Japan's most famous personalities: a best-selling author, a prime-time news anchor, a sought-after public speaker.

And he is making Japan think about an issue it has long avoided — society's responsibilities toward the disabled.

Despite its tremendous wealth and technology, Japan is a very difficult place to live for its estimated 3.2 million people with physical disabilities.

Obstacles to wheelchairs abound, from flights of stairs to cramped restaurants and stores. Most train and subway stations do not have elevators — although a law approved by the Cabinet this month aims to improve the situation.

By putting a human face on the issue, Ootake has made many Japanese consider the difficulties the disabled face in a new light.

"In Japan, everyone just assumes that the disabled are people you feel sorry for," he said in an interview. "But I'm not pitiful. I enjoy my life, and I want to tell people that."

Ootake gained nationwide fame in 1998 after publishing a hugely popular autobiography that challenged traditional Japanese notions about disability.

The book, "No One's Perfect," surprised many with its honest but upbeat portrayal of living

The Japanese have trouble accepting people who are different. This makes it a hard place to live.

Hirotsada Ootake

without limbs. With a photo of the smiling Ootake on the cover, it describes everything from the difficulties of navigating a wheelchair in the snow to the author's joy at receiving his first love letter.

The book has sold 4.4 million copies in Japan and has been translated into three languages. An English version will be released in the United States in September.

Ootake writes that he's come to think of disability as nothing more than being fat or thin, tall or short. He doesn't deny that some things are hard for him, but tries to keep busy instead of getting depressed.

And busy he is. Along with the writing and TV appearances, Ootake says he particularly enjoys speaking to grade school students because they aren't afraid to ask blunt questions.

He's about to graduate from one of Japan's most prestigious universities, although he admits his hectic schedule leaves him little time to study for final exams.

His high profile is in itself a challenge to tradition in this often conformist society, where many disabled people stay at home and out of sight, or are shunted off to special education, where activists say they learn little about how to function in the real world.

"The Japanese have trouble

accepting people who are different," Ootake said. "This makes it a hard place to live."

But little by little, that appears to be changing.

— The Winter Paralympics in Nagano brought the issue into the national spotlight in 1998.

— In Osaka, Japan's second-largest city, Taihen, a group of physically disabled dancers, is winning attention at home and international acclaim with their performances.

— The most popular prime-time drama on television this season, "Beautiful Life," tells the story of a love affair between a hairdresser and a young woman who uses a wheelchair.

Ootake, however, has been the most effective agent of change.

Thanks to an elementary school teacher who forced him to get out of his wheelchair, he learned to walk by scooting along the ground. He writes by holding a pen between his cheek and the stub of his left arm.

On his first day of middle school, Ootake stunned his parents by joining the basketball team.

"You alone decide if you're going to be happy," Ootake said. "Of course, I sometimes wish I looked as good as some Hollywood star, but who doesn't?"

Makoto Nakazawa, a physically disabled activist and employee at a large manufacturing company, says it's optimism like this that accounts for Ootake's appeal among the Japanese.

"In Japan, the disabled and the able-bodied live in separate worlds," he said. "This book has lowered the wall a little."

Florida program reduces teen smoking

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — The number of Florida middle school students who smoke dropped by nearly half since last year, according to a survey released Wednesday, and much of the decline is going to a hard-hitting ad campaign designed by students.

"Our interpretation of this data can be summed up in one word — 'Wow!'" said state Health Secretary Bob Brooks.

In 1999, 15 percent of middle schoolers questioned by the state Department of Health said they had smoked at least one cigarette in the past 30 days. In 2000, the number was 8.6 percent.

Florida high school students who said they smoked fell from 25.2 percent in 1999 to just under 21 percent in 2000, and those who said they used smokeless tobacco was down as well.

Officials are attributing the decrease in part to the state's 2-year-old tobacco control project, an education and ad campaign partly designed by students and paid for with money won in Florida's \$13 billion settlement with cigarette makers.

In the two years since the Florida Tobacco Pilot Program began airing its edgy public service announcements, the number of Florida teen-agers

who admit to smoking has fallen 54 percent in middle schools and 24 percent in high schools.

One recent TV spot shows tobacco executives thanking a young man on a ventilator for his business, and wondering where their next victim will come from — until they spot a child in the hospital hall. Another shows tobacco executives winning an award at an Academy Awards-like ceremony for killing more people than Hitler.

And Florida has another incentive for minors to avoid smoking: State law lets police take away the driver's licenses of teens under 18 caught smoking three times in 12 weeks. In the two years since the law went into effect, more than 5,000 underage smokers' licenses have been suspended.

"What does this translate into?" asked Brooks of the dramatic drop in teen smoking. "Almost 80,000 fewer teen smokers in Florida over the last two years with the potential to save up to 27,000 lives if those results are carried into the future."

The Department of Health survey was answered by more than 22,000 teen-agers across the state and based on a design by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The decrease was so steep, researchers initially thought something was wrong.

"When we saw this rather dramatic decline, the first question that comes to mind is, 'Where's the error?'" said Health Department epidemiologist Ursula Bauer. "We spent a lot of long days and long nights looking for that error, and we needed some objective outside review."

Researchers from the CDC double-checked the results and found no statistical errors.

Teen smoking is also dropping nationally, but not nearly as much as in Florida.

Florida's anti-smoking program has had detractors. Some lawmakers last year said they were reluctant to subsidize a program partly run by teens that had shown no direct evidence it was working. After the first year, its budget was cut from \$70 million to \$39 million last year.

Gov. Jeb Bush, who has called for the anti-tobacco campaign to get the same amount of money this year as last year, called the survey results "incredible."

"If they continue," Bush said, "we are moving toward a generation of kids not smoking tobacco."

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spirituality as a healing tool.

"The direction the patient takes is the one we go," said Frank, 44, a Roman Catholic convert who was raised Episcopalian. "If they relate that religion is part of how they cope, then one might pursue more questions about it."

In ancient times spiritual leaders also treated the sick, but the emergence of a medical profession created a gap between the fields. In the Cleveland programs, doctors and clergy meet with medical students to discuss the conflicts and the tenets of various faiths. Students sometimes accompany a chaplain on a bedside visit to get a feel for a patient's spirituality.

The clinic program for physicians preparing to become psychiatrists additionally explores the traditional attempt by psychiatrists to explain behavior without regard to faith.

"We need to help physicians, residents in particular, to appreciate religion as part and parcel of the cultural experience that person has lived," said Dr. David S. Rue, who directs the clinic program.

Spiritual issues can be particularly important for psychiatrists because they are "connected to that patient's inner emotional fear and shame," said Rue, a Presbyterian. "Psychiatrists need to be sensitized and appreciative of a patient's way of coping, which could include religion and spirituality."

Robin Baines, 24, a second-year Case medical student from Buffalo, N.Y., said the course material on spirituality will help her when she becomes a primary-care physician.

"I will be open with them," she said. "I can work within their framework of coping." And would she pray with her patients?

"It's something I'm open to if that's what they desire," said Baines, who is Baptist.

Kyle Henneberry, 25, a second-year medical student from Spokane, Wash., was raised Episcopalian and describes himself as a spiritual but not churchgoing.

"I came to the class with sort of an idea that faith and spirituality and religion are integral to people's lives, but I didn't realize how central and how profound the impact of faith and spirituality could be, as it relates to medicine," he said.

The clinic got \$15,000 in John Templeton Foundation funding, and Case received \$50,000 over three years.

The Philadelphia-based foundation promotes understanding of the role of spirituality; it finances more than 150 projects, studies and publications worldwide.

The Cleveland studies are not the first to examine the link between spirituality and health. A 1998 Duke University study of people over 65, for example, found those who participated in religious activities were 40 percent less likely to have high blood pressure. Other research has concluded that religious people are less depressed, have healthier immune systems and deal better with addictions.

Frank distinguishes between

CHURCH

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ning at 1 p.m.—Canterbury South. All Parishioners and Canterbury residents are invited to come join the fun.

St. Mary's Mardi Gras Party and Shrove Tuesday Supper is 6 p.m. Tuesday. Please join us in the Parish Hall for good food and fellowship.

Ash Wednesday Liturgy will be 7 a.m. in the Chapel, noon and 6 p.m. in the church.

Kids' Club will meet 5 p.m. Thursday in the Parish Hall.

First Presbyterian

"Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" will be pastor Diane Brown's message Sunday morning at First Presbyterian Church, Eighth and Rummels. Her sermon will be taken from the text of Mark chapter 2 in worship, which begins at 11 a.m.

On Wednesday evening, the church will gather at 5:30 p.m. for a "soul food" dinner followed at 6:15 by an Ash

Wednesday service.

Wesley UMC

Wesley UMC will be hosting Providence Sunday evening March 5 at 6 p.m. This group is a College Youth choir from the Wesley Foundation Center on the Texas Tech campus. Everyone is invited to come and be a part of this evening of drama and music.

Eastside Baptist Church

The southern gospel singing group, the Toney Brothers, from Allen, will be in concert at Eastside Baptist Church tonight.

The concert will begin at 7 p.m., but come early to get a good seat.

This group is nationally known in the gospel music world and always play to packed houses. There is no admission charge but a love offering will be taken during the service.

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held.

Barbara Matthews, Ph.D. presented an interesting program on Animal Assisted Therapy. The next meeting will be Saturday, March, 18, and all Masons, their families and guests are welcome to attend.

Order of the Eastern Star

The Big Spring Chapter No. 67 Order of the Eastern Star meets 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Masonic Lodge.

Church and club news are due Wednesday at noon.

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FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — A Jewish legislator thinks opening prayers in the Kentucky House that base salvation on faith in Jesus Christ belong in church, not a public forum.

Rep. Kathy Stein, a Democrat from Lexington, said a prayer by the Rev. Tim H. Mills, a Baptist from Pineville, was only the latest example of House prayers that cater exclusively to Christians.

Mills' invocation concluded by saying, "This I pray in the only name given among men, whereby we must be saved, in the name of Jesus, amen."

Stein drew applause when she told legislators her family takes its Jewish faith seriously. She said she listens carefully to the House invocations to decide whether she can join in saying "amen."

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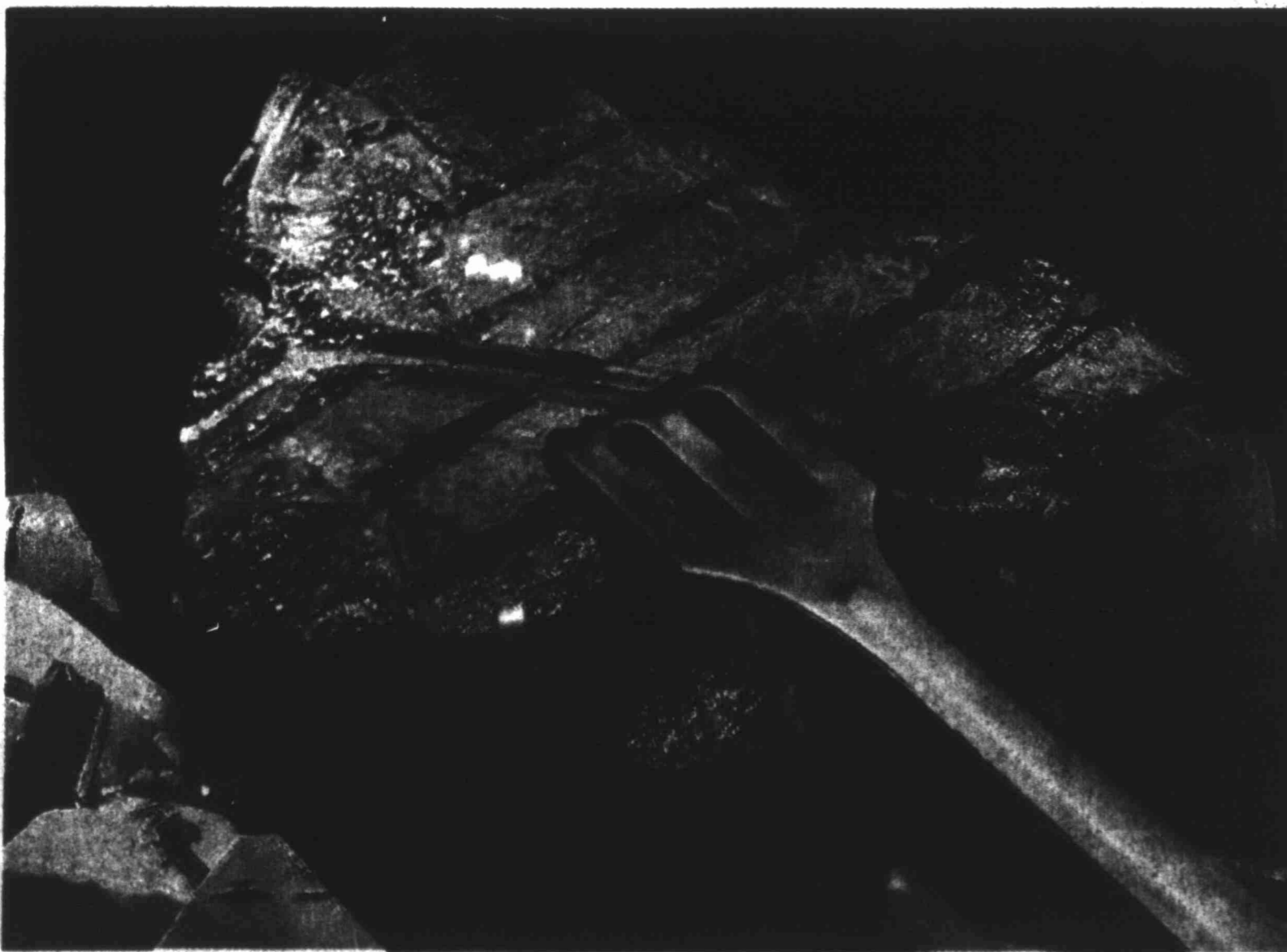
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IN BRIEF

Baseball boosters set meeting for Sunday

The Big Spring Baseball Boosters Club will meet at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Steer Park.

Members will hang two batting nets and conduct a short business meeting to answer any questions.

All parents of Big Spring High School baseball players and other interested persons are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Jim Clements at 267-1069.

Softball boosters will meet on Thursday

The Big Spring Softball Boosters Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.

Parents of all Big Spring softball players and other interested persons are encouraged to attend.

YMCA begins registration for roller hockey program

Youngsters between the ages of 8 and 17 interested in playing roller hockey this spring can now register at the Big Spring Family YMCA.

The deadline for early registration is Saturday, March 11.

Players must provide their own equipment and practices begin on March 20.

Registration will be \$25 for non-members and \$20 for basic program members.

For more information, call Pete Thiry at 267-8234.

UGSA schedules sign-ups for Saturdays this month

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. Saturday, March 25 will be the final day for girls to sign up.

The fee is \$30 per player.

For more information, call 267-7466, 267-2208 or 267-4947.

Lady Steers JV posts tourney win over Canyon

Big Spring's junior varsity Lady Steers opened the Prairie Dog Invitational softball tournament in Lubbock.

Nicole Chesworth chalked up the win, striking out 10 batters while allowing three hits and walking two.

Offensively the Lady Steers were led by Lindsay Shaffer's two triples, a pair of singles by Melissa Ray and Candace Cerda's 2 RBIs.

AREA GAMES

TODAY

JUCO PLAYOFFS

12:30 p.m. — Howard Lady Hawks vs. McLennan Highladies at United Spirit Arena in Lubbock.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

• Big Spring Steers at Frenship Invitational tournament in Wolfforth.

• Coahoma Bulldogs at Colorado City Invitational tournament.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

4:30 p.m. — Loraine Lady Bulldogs at Coahoma Bulldogettes.

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JUCO BASKETBALL

Men
12:20 p.m. — Howard College Lady Hawks vs. McLennan Community College Highladies, NCAA regional tournament game, KBYG-AM 1400.

Television

AUTO RACING

9 p.m. — World of Outlaws, Silver State Shootout in Las Vegas, TNN, Ch. 35.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men
7 p.m. — Rice at Texas Christian, FXS, Ch. 29

NBA

7 p.m. — Utah Jazz at Charlotte Hornets, TNT, Ch. 28.
9:30 p.m. — Indiana Pacers at Los Angeles Lakers, TNT, Ch. 28.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

7 p.m. — Florida Panthers at New York Rangers or Detroit Red Wings at Washington Capitals, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Class 4A girls' final features Waxahachie's speed, Canyon's power

AUSTIN (AP) — The Class 4A girls' state basketball final is already shaping up as a classic battle of speed against power.

The ultra-kinetic guard attack of Kashayla and Shakayla Hawkins leads Waxahachie into Saturday's final against Canyon's brute power lineup that features three players 6-foot tall or higher.

Canyon (34-2), which lost in the 1999 title game, dismantled overmatched Boerne 81-47 Thursday night behind 22 points from 6-1 senior Jolee Ayers, who has signed to play for Texas Tech. The Lady Eagles also got 14 points from 6-0 T'Nae Thiel and nine points and seven rebounds from 6-4 freshman Kalee

Carey. The powerful Canyon lineup squashed Boerne (31-5) on the boards 43-25.

Waxahachie (33-3) will try to match that brawn with finesse. Kashayla Hawkins had 29 points and Shakayla added 15 as Waxahachie outlasted University of Houston signee Chandi Jones and Bay City 66-54.

Jones put up 33 points but Kashayla Hawkins matched her every step and outscored Jones' 4-0 in the pivotal fourth quarter as Waxahachie ended Bay City's perfect season at 27-1.

In other semifinals Thursday:

— In Class 3A, Stacy Stephens scored 27 points, including 14 in the decisive third quarter, as defending state cham-

pion Winnsboro defeated Perryton 63-52. Stephens scored 11 points in the fourth quarter for Winnsboro (40-1). Erin Hale led Perryton (28-8) with 20 points.

Julie Brooks scored 16 points and Smithville held Wimberley scoreless in the fourth quarter in a 45-32 victory. Brooks hit eight free throws in the fourth as Smithville (34-4) held Wimberley (27-7) to 0-0-13 shooting over the final eight minutes.

— In Class 1A, Nazareth will play for its 14 state championship after a 63-43 victory over Moulton behind 22 points from Shawna Gerber.

Nazareth (32-5) is competing in its 18th state tournament. Moulton (32-3), which has 17 tournament appearances without

a championship, got 16 points from Nikki Weaks.

The Swiftettes will play Valley View (37-1), a 64-53 winner over Menard. Jordan Davis scored 19 points for Valley View, which averaged 89 points per game this season. Lysine Blau led Menard (31-5) with 13 points.

Today's Class 5A semifinals pit Alief Hastings (37-1) against defending champion Mansfield (34-2) and 1999 runner-up Corpus Christi Carroll (35-0) against Plano (33-3).

The Class 2A semifinals feature Farwell (28-6) against Goldthwaite (23-7) and Hughes Springs (30-2) taking on Brock (27-8).

All finals will be played on Saturday.

Hawks roll in Region V opener

JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor

LUBBOCK — Defense wins championships.

Doubting Thomases need only ask Southwestern Christian College's Rams following their experience at the hands of Howard College's Hawks in the opening round of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Region V basketball tournament at Texas Tech University's United Spirit Arena.

Howard College's Hawks looked like champions Thursday, as they put the clamps on Southwestern Christian, the nation's fourth-ranked offensive team, to take a 93-68 win and advance to Saturday's 2:30 p.m. regional semifinal game against Hill Junior College's Rebels.

It was the Hawks' defensive play in the second half that Howard head coach Tommy Collins attributed to the 25-point margin of victory.

"We played about as well as we could against those people defensively," Collins said after seeing his team shut down the Rams in the final 20 minutes. "The important thing was forcing them to put the ball on the floor. That's when they started trying to make masses they couldn't make and taking shots they couldn't make."

While Southwestern Christian was everything offensively, Collins expected the Rams to be — towards Mark Barnes and Matt Chapman — almost unstoppable — they were also incapable of stopping the Howard once the Hawks hit their stride.

In the first 20 minutes of play, however, Collins' biggest worry was whether or not the Hawks would get in gear offensively.

"It was the same situation we've seen all year," Collins said of the Hawks' see-saw battle that saw the first half end with Howard clinging to a 40-34 advantage.

"We struggled offensively for the first 25 minutes or so ... that's a real concern," Collins said. "We finally got things going when Darryl (Martin) started taking the ball into the lane. He's got to get penetration ... that makes our offense work."

When it did work, the Hawks were nothing short of unstoppable.

Southwestern Christian, which had claimed the lead five times in the first half, would never retake the lead after halftime, as the Hawks opened the second half by outscoring the Rams 15-9 in the first five minutes.

From there it was simply a matter of pulling away.

And every time Barnes or Chapman would come up with a big play that seemed capable of swinging momentum to the Rams, the Hawks immediately answered with a three-pointer or dunk.

As a result, the final 13 minutes was nothing short of a Howard highlight film.

Things got completely out of hand at the 18-minute mark when the Hawks went on a 25-7 run in the space of seven minutes, turning a tenuous nine-point margin into a laugher.

Howard's lead reached 27 points three times in the closing minutes, and even the circus-like moves of Barnes and Chapman weren't enough to really close the gap.

While Chapman managed to score 19 second-half points to finish with a game-high 29 points and Barnes chipped in 24 more,



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Howard College forward Steve Bonner (30) drives to the basket with Southwestern Christian's Markkus Barnes trying to keep pace during the second half of their NJCAA Region V tournament opener at Texas Tech University's United Spirit Arena on Thursday. Bonner led the Hawks to a 93-68 win with a 26-point performance.

the rest of the Rams' lineup was unable to provide more than five points in support.

Conversely, the Hawks finished with five players in double figures. Freshman post Steve Bonner led the way for Howard with 26 points, while Derrick Franklin added 19 points inside and Donald "Yogi" Ceasar chipped in another 17 from the paint.

Freshman guard Vasilis Tsimpliaridis added 11 points to the Hawks' total, while Martin came up with 10 more.

In addition to heaping praise on Martin for his play at the point guard's position, Collins had plenty of kudos for Bonner.

Going into the tournament, the Hawks coach had made it clear he expected his sophomores to provide leadership in the Region V opener.

"You really don't expect your freshmen to come up big like Steve did today," Collins noted. "But he was a real competitor today. He was tremendously aggressive.

He got the ball in his hands and went to the hole."

All told, the Hawks shot 58.8 percent from the field, making up for an uncharacteristic 22 turnovers.

Howard's defensive pressure in the second half left Southwestern Christian shooting just 37.5 percent from the field.

In other opening round men's games, the top seeds lived up to their reputations. Hill, the No. 2 seed from the Northern Texas Junior College Athletic Conference (NTJCAC), took a 71-64 win over Odessa College's Wranglers; Midland's Chaparrals, the No. 2 seed from the Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC), topped Temple's Jaguars, 78-55; and NTJCAC champion Weatherford took an 82-63 win over Frank Phillips' Plainsmen.

After having seen Hill's performance

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A humbled Rocker back with Braves

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — For more than two months, the Atlanta Braves looked forward to this moment. John Rocker was standing before his teammates and coaches. The clubhouse door was locked. There was no escape from the tough questions.

What prompted him to offend so many people? How did he truly feel about his Latin teammates? Was he willing to be accountable for his disparaging comments?

"He was kind of shaking, nervous," Braves catcher Javy Lopez said. "But he passed the tough part. He had to apologize and he did that."

On Thursday, Rocker donned a Braves uniform for the first time since the World Series after an independent arbitrator cut his suspension in half, reduced his fine and allowed him to report to spring training.

Now, the man who had 38 saves a year ago faces his toughest save of all.

It's one thing to be heckled by 55,000 fans in New York, it's quite another to face the harsh scrutiny of your own team. Especially when you've described a teammate as a "fat monkey" in a magazine interview, and disparaged gays, foreigners and minorities, too.

"We wanted him to own up to what he said," outfielder Reggie Sanders said. "You could tell he felt very regretful. I think he's learned something from the whole ordeal."

Commissioner Bud Selig originally suspended Rocker for all of spring training and the first 28 days of the regular season, fined him \$20,000 and ordered him to get sensitivity training after the divisive comments appeared in Sports Illustrated in December. The fine was cut to \$500.

Shortly after arriving at the ballpark, Rocker addressed manager Bobby Cox, the coaching staff and his teammates in a private meeting.

According to some players, Rocker started speaking in front of his locker, but slowly moved toward the middle of the room.

He spoke for about 10 minutes, expressing regret for his comments and trying to explain his motivation.

Then, he took questions from those in the room. Cox spoke first.

Pitchers Terry Mulholland, Tom Glavine and John Smoltz all took turns, along with third-base coach Ned Yost, first baseman Randall Simon, outfielder Brian Jordan and Sanders.

Oregon State upsets No. 3 Arizona, 70-69, on Wildcats' court

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For the second time in as many seasons, the lowly Oregon State Beavers knocked off Arizona on their home court.

This loss might hurt the third-ranked Wildcats longer, however. They could feel the pain right into the NCAA tournament.

Deandra Tanner got off a perfect 3-pointer just before the buzzer in overtime to stun Arizona 70-67 Thursday night, stopping the Wildcats' seven-game winning streak and possibly costing them a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament.

"They just kept battling, and eventually they hit the shot that beat us," Arizona coach Lute Olson said.

Beating the Wildcats lessened the sting of another dismal season for Oregon State (13-14, 5-11 Pac-10). The Beavers

lost 17 straight to Arizona until last season, when they scored the final four points to upset the 'Cats 60-59.

If Arizona (24-5, 13-2) loses a No. 1 seeding, it would follow the lead of Stanford, which lost at Oregon State to end the 1998-99 regular season. The Cardinal went on to lose in the second round of the NCAAs, but looks to be a lock for a No. 1 seeding this year.

In other games involving ranked teams, it was No. 1 Stanford 111, Southern California 68; No. 2 Cincinnati 64, DePaul 62; and No. 7 Michigan State 79, Minnesota 43.

Oregon State got its first win over a team ranked as high as No. 3 since Dec. 2, 1989, when the Beavers defeated No. 2 Arizona 84-61. That Oregon State team finished 22-7, the last winning season for a program that was a national power during the 1980s, but has fallen on hard times. Thursday's win might not even be enough to save the job of coach Eddie

Payne, who has one more year left on his contract.

Tanner's game-winner put that issue on hold, and it came after a frantic final seconds.

The teams traded turnovers in the final seconds before Arizona's Jason Gardner had his shot blocked by Jason Heide with 14 seconds left.

Tanner rebounded, but the ball came loose. His team trailing 69-67, Heide wound up with it and dished off to Tanner, who stepped behind the 3-point line and let the shot go from the corner.

"It felt real good, and I followed through. It was nothing but net," said Tanner, who had 20 points. "It was the biggest shot I've ever made, easily."

With the roar of the crowd, the horn seemed to have sounded before Tanner got the shot off, but replays showed there was 0.2 seconds left when the shot hit his hands. After it swished through, the fans poured onto the court. Arizona and

Olson did not protest.

Michael Wright had 20 points and 15 rebounds, and Gardner and Gilbert Arenas each had 16 points to lead the Wildcats, who now must face a tough Oregon team Saturday.

Oregon State and Arizona went to overtime tied at 60, and Gardner sank two straight 3-pointers to start the extra period.

"I don't know how many people were here, but I think all but the 14 guys on our team had given up on us," Payne said.

With a sparse crowd of 5,538 cheering them on, the Beavers climbed back with a layup by Clifton Jones and a 3-pointer by Josh Steintal that cut it to 66-65 with 2:11 left. Wright made three free throws in two trips to the line, but his last shot missed, leaving Arizona with a 69-67 lead and setting up the thrilling finish.

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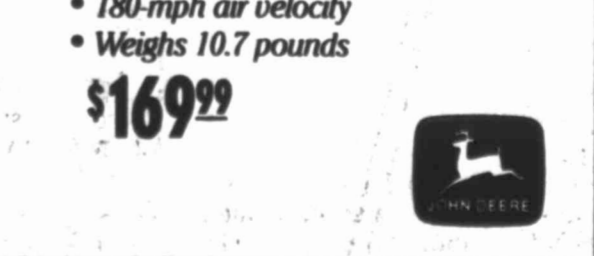
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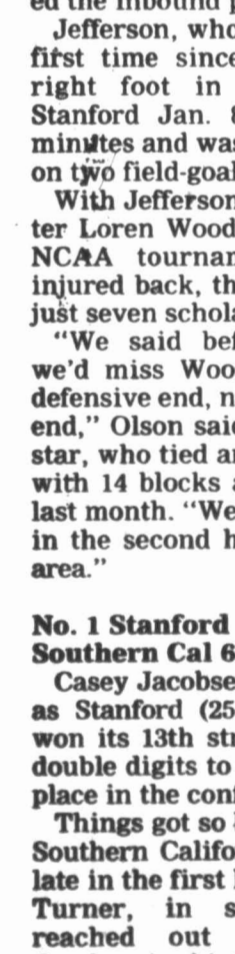
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against Odessa, Collins is convinced the Hawks will have their hands full during Saturday's 2:30 p.m. semifinal.

Of primary concern is the size the Runnin' Rebels possess inside with 6-foot-11 sophomore Melih Yavsaner and 6-foot-8 Nelson Williams.

"They (Rebels) are absolutely huge inside and they've got good quickness and shooting ability outside," Collins explained. "I'd say 90 percent of their game is wrapped up in their three guards, but their height is going to give us some problems."

"Derrick and Yogi are going to have to get ready ... they're going to get pounded on," he added. "Our people inside are going to have a tough time. That height is going to have an effect on us, simply because we'll have to change the trajectory on some of our shots."

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HOWARD — Derrick Franklin 9-11 1-3 19, Justin Rhodes 3-8 0-0 8, Terrance Radford 0-0 0-0, Chris McKehey 0-1 0-0 0, Vasilis Tsimpliaridis 4-10 0-0 11, Steve Bonner 10-15 6-7 26, Daryl Martin 5-10 0-0 10, Winston Brooks 0-1 0-0 0, Doug Whittler 0-0 0-1 0, Donald Cesar 8-11 1-1 17, Keesimir Tomorad 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 40-68 8-12 93.

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Halftime score: Howard 40, Southwestern Christian 34.
Three-point goals: Howard 5 (Rhodes 2, Tsimpliaridis 3); SW Christian 7 (McGowan, Barnes 2, Wren, Chapman 3). Total fouls: Howard 16, SW Christian 12. Fouled out: None. Technical fouls: None. Rebounds: Howard 42 (Franklin 10, Bonner 10); SW Christian 38 (Chapman 14). Turnovers: Howard 22, SW Christian 18. Assistants: Howard 21 (Rhodes 5), SW Christian 7 (Barnes 3).

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"We just didn't keep our composure," Wright said. "We let them crawl back in the game — just like overtime, we were up six and they came storming back."

The Beavers almost had it won in regulation, taking a 60-57 lead on Brian Jackson's two free throws with 15.9 seconds left.

Gardner tried a 3-pointer and fell to the floor in front of the Wildcats' sideline. A foul was called on Jimmie Haywood, but there appeared to be little contact.

Gardner made all three free throws with seven seconds left to tie it. The Beavers pushed the ball past halfcourt and called a timeout with 1.5 seconds left to set up a final play, but Richard Jefferson intercepted the inbound pass.

Jefferson, who played for the first time since breaking his right foot in a victory at Stanford Jan. 8, played nine minutes and was held scoreless on two field-goal attempts.

With Jefferson rusty and center Loren Woods out until the NCAA tournament with an injured back, the Wildcats had just seven scholarship players.

"We said before the place we'd miss Woods was on the defensive end, not the offensive end," Olson said of his 7-foot-1 star, who tied an NCAA record with 14 blocks against Oregon last month. "We got eaten alive in the second half in the post area."

No. 1 Stanford 111, Southern Cal 68

Casey Jacobsen had 23 points as Stanford (25-1, 14-1 Pac-10) won its 13th straight game by double digits to move into first place in the conference.

Things got so bad for visiting Southern California (14-13, 7-8) late in the first half that Jarvis Turner, in street clothes, reached out and grabbed Jacobsen's shirt as he dribbled toward the basket and was given a technical foul.

No. 2 Cincinnati 64, DePaul 62

Kenyon Martin scored 33 points and DerMarr Johnson completed a miraculous comeback for Cincinnati with a 17-foot jumper with two seconds left at DePaul.

The Bearcats (27-2, 15-0 Conference USA) rallied from 17 points behind in the second half, including a 10-point deficit in the final 3:46.

No. 7 Michigan State 79, Minnesota 43

Mike Chappell scored 18 points, including a pair of 3-point baskets to cap a 16-0 first-half run as host Michigan State beat Minnesota (12-14, 4-11 Big Ten).

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for

Saturday, March 4:

You are master of your own
ship, especially if you take time
to pull back and reflect before
acting. Your abilities to read
between the lines and to under-
stand others help in all realms
of your life. Don't settle; go for
what is important to you. Your
ch arisma speaks. You are able
to touch others. If you are
single, your social life remains
active. You will meet someone
quite naturally in your daily
life, and you'll quickly bond
with him. Check out a potential
paramour carefully, however. If
attached, r omanse blossoms
when the two of you hide away
together. Your mate defers to
you frequently. Good will
breeds naturally. PISCES is a
pal.

The Stars Show the Kind of
Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-
Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-
Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** Round up your friends;
visit with others and be your
ever-gregarious self. Catch up
on news. Specialize in fun and
relaxing. No decision making!
Schedule time with a loved one
in the later day, when you feel
more settled. Tonight: Quiet
time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** Take charge. Invite
friends and loved ones over for
a party in the near future, even
this evening. An older relative
appreciates your caring and
attention. Ask for more of what
you want. Don't minimize a
friendship. Tonight: You can do
whatever you fancy!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** Take off as soon as you
can. You could easily be over-
whelmed by all that is on your
mind. Taking some time off in
a different setting recharges
your mind and spirit. Do for
yourself and let others fend for
themselves right now. Tonight:
All eyes turn to you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** Relate on a one-on-one
level. Another appreciates your
attention. Be willing to discuss
a money matter and get down
to the root of an issue. You see
problems differently than a
partner or key contact does.
You have a lot to learn from
each other. Tonight: Join your
friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** Go along with another's
plans. You could be a bit over-
whelmed by all that surrounds

you. You don't always have to

be in control. Once you center
on that reality, you will find it
easier. Take time to talk to a
special friend or partner later
in the day. Tonight: Let another
indulge you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** Clear out important
errands. Make appointments.
Whittle away at your to-do list.
You accomplish a lot, but it
might be wise to not make any
formal decisions until evening.
Others seek you out. Make
plans with friends. Tonight:
The more, the merrier.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** Worry less about being
responsible. Enjoy being out
and about. Your sense of well-
being allows you to go in a new
direction. Laughter and fun
happen if you contact the child
in you. Be nurturing with a
child or loved one. Tonight: Put
up your feet.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** Stay close to home and
get extra rest. Another would
like to spend more time with
you. Make plans in the later
day to hook up with a loved
one or sweetheart. Romance
could sizzle if you just let go.
Tonight: Let flirtation build.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** Get a head start on
errands and calls. Your social
side emerges. You have a good
time just hanging out. Don't
make concrete plans if you
don't want to. Be a free spirit.
Concern over a domestic mat-
ter should be expressed.
Tonight: Make it easy — or der
in or go to a neighborhood
haunt.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** Reach out for others.
Make sure another's plans are
in sync with yours. Take time
to shop for a new outfit or a
special present. Indulge your-
self — you need it. Make calls
later in the day. Agree only to
plans that make you smile.
Tonight: Relish t he moment
and a friendship.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** You naturally beam in
what you want, with little
effort. Another cherishes your
time and company. Use care
with a loved one or a close
family member, who might need
extra attention but might not
know how to ask for it.
Tonight: Your treat.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** Plan on a low-key early

HOROSCOPE

day. You need some time off

before you get into the weekend
spirit. Return phone calls.
Reach out for others and make
plans for the evening. Others
missed you, and they are only
too happy to join you.
Popularity is on the upswing.
Tonight: Whatever you want —
just ask.

BORN TODAY

Activist Chastity Bono (1969),
actress Patsy Kensit (1968),
actress Kay Lenz (1953)
For a personal consultation

Date-rape victim warns

other women to be wary

DEAR ABBY: I am writing
this in the hope that it helps at
least one woman from falling
victim to the date-rape drug. I
went to a nice party at an
upscale hotel for the millenium
celebration. My friend and
I felt secure in those surround-
ings. I had a couple of drinks
with my dinner. In the course
of the evening, I met a couple

of men. They
bought me a
drink and I
drank it. Within a half-
hour, I felt
myself losing
control. The
room was
blurred and
my balance
was off. For
as few bever-
ages as I had
consumed, this was not
right.

The man who had bought me
the drink came to my table,
seemed concerned and walked
me to the restroom. Neither I
nor my friend was alarmed at
his kind offer, but I have no
memory after that. No one
knows where I went except
those men.

I was found a couple of hours
later in a taxicab. I did not
know who I was or where I had
been. The next eight hours, I
could feel myself fading in and
out of consciousness. When I
gained my bearings, I could tell
that I had been violated.

I had to go through a humili-
ating examination at the doc-
tor's office for STDs. As time
passes, I will have to undergo
more blood tests to check for
HIV and hepatitis. I am trying
not to feel ashamed — but the
shame is there.

I know no one deserves this,
but I am beating myself up
with self-doubt. With no mem-
ory, and days having passed, I
have no legal course of action.
Although I would recognize
these men if I saw them again,
I have no hard proof to accuse
them of anything. I never
thought this could happen to me.

Abby, please tell women out
there it really can happen to
them. NEVER accept a drink
from a stranger and never
allow a stranger to help you
"walk off" a bad feeling. It is
a hard lesson I wish I hadn't
had to learn the hard way. —
VIOLATED IN GRAND PRAIRIE,
TEXAS

DEAR VIOLATED: Your signa-
ture says it all. You have no
reason to feel shame. You were
naive and were victimized by a
predator. If you have not
already done so, call the
Houston Area Women's Center.
The toll-free number is (800)
256-0661. (They will refer sexual
assault victims nationwide to
local rape hotlines.) The opera-
tors there can help you deal
with the emotions you are
experiencing. They can also tell
you whether or not it would be
worthwhile to discuss what
happened to you with the
police. Having gotten away
with this crime, it is entirely
possible that the two men who
drugged you will assault another
victim. Having your report
on file could be very helpful.

P.S. This is the second letter I
have received in the last two
months from the victim of a
date-rape drug, and the implica-
tions are disturbing.

DEAR ABBY: A friend of
mine got married a year and a
half ago. She has a 9-year-old
daughter and a 12-year-old step-
daughter from the marriage.
Her stepdaughter does not live
in their home. I believe they
have visitation one day a week-
end or every other weekend.

When sending Christmas
gifts or birthday party invita-
tions to her biological daugh-
ter, should the same be done
for her stepdaughter — even if
some of her friends have not
met her stepdaughter yet
because of her infrequent visi-

tation? — INSULT-WARY IN
NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEAR INSULT-WARY:
Although the younger girl's
friends have not yet met the
new stepster, it would be a
kindness to include her. If she's
uncomfortable about attending,
she can always refuse.

DEAR ABBY: If you have
room for one more letter about
"Disillusioned in Dallas," the
gentleman whose manners
were unappreciated, feel free to
print mine. I am female, and I,
too, live in Dallas — and I'm
wondering if this is indigenous
to the women of our city.

I am happily married to a
mannerly gentleman (one of the
many traits that make him so
desirable), and we have recent-
ly begun teaching our young
son the social graces. He prac-
tices holding doors open for
women while we're out shop-
ping. He smiles as he props his
4-year-old body against the door
to hold it open, and incredible
as it sounds, not one woman
under the age of 50 has ever
thanked him.

FRIDAY

MAR. 3

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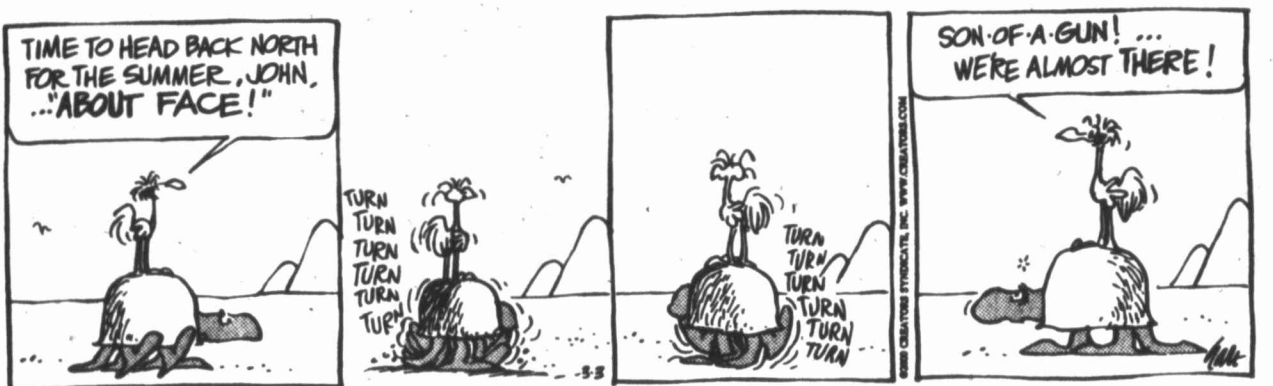
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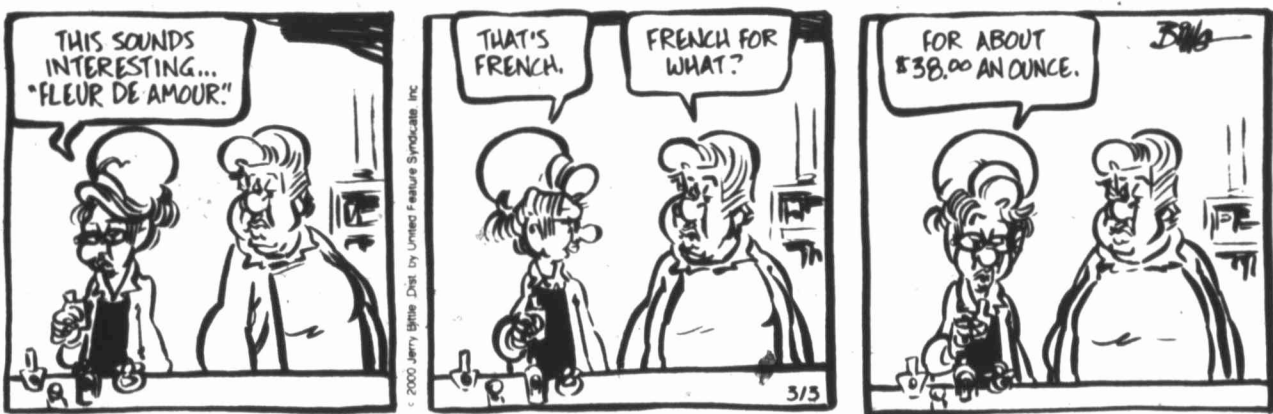
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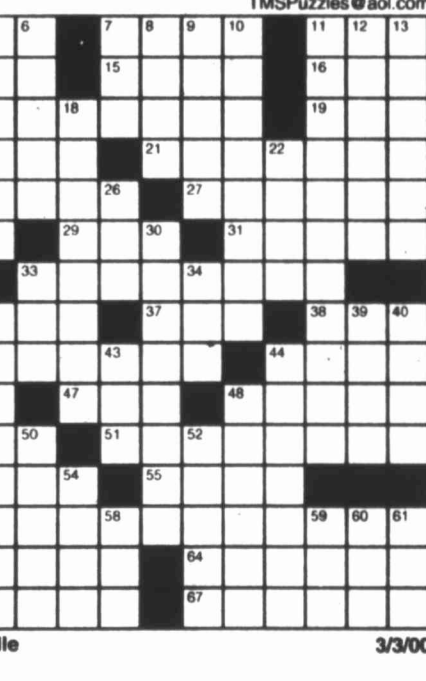
The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Friday, March 3, the 63rd day of 2000. There are 303 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On March 3, 1931, "The Star-Spangled Banner" officially became the national anthem of the United States.

27th state. In 1849, the U.S. Department of the Interior was established. In 1849, Congress created the Minnesota Territory. In 1875, the Georges Bizet opera "Carmen" premiered in Paris. In 1887, Anne Mansfield Sullivan arrived at the Alabama home of Capt. and Mrs. Arthur H. Keller to become the teacher of Helen, their blind and deaf 6-year-old daughter. In 1940, Artie Shaw and his orchestra recorded "Frenesi" for RCA Victor. In 1969, Apollo 9 blasted off from Cape Kennedy on a mission to test the lunar module. In 1974, nearly 350 people died when a Turkish Airlines DC-10 crashed shortly after takeoff from Orly Airport in Paris. In 1991, 25 people were killed when a United Airlines Boeing 737-200 crashed while approaching the Colorado Springs, Colo. airport. In 1991, in a case that sparked a national outcry, motorist Rodney King was severely beaten by Los Angeles police officers in a scene captured on amateur video. Ten years ago: President Bush sparked controversy by expressing opposition to the settlement of Soviet Jewish refugees in East Jerusalem. Five years ago: President Clinton held a news conference in which he asserted his administration had built a safer world and stronger economy while Republicans were trying to cut money for the needy to give tax breaks to the rich. The dollar plunged to a new low against the Japanese yen. One year ago: The Supreme Court ruled that public schools had to finance one-on-one nursing care for some disabled students throughout the school day. Monica Lewinsky, in an ABC interview timed to coincide with the publication of her book, recounted for Barbara Walters some of the fondest, as well as most painful, aspects of her relationship with President Clinton. Today's Birthdays: Actor James Doohan is 80. Lee Radziwill Ross is 67. Actress Hattie Winston is 55. Singer Jennifer Warnes is 53. Actor-director Tim Kazurinsky is 50. Singer-musician Robyn Hitchcock is 47. Actress Miranda Richardson is 42. Actress Mary Page Keller is 39. Olympic track and field gold medalist Jackie Joyner-Kersey is 38. Football player Herschel Walker is 38. Rapper-actor Tone-Loc is 34. Rock musician John Bigham (Fishbone) is 31. Actress Julie Bowen is 30. Country singer Brett Warren (The Warren Brothers) is 29.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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