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WEATHER

Tonight:



NJHS induction ceremony tonight

The National Junior Honor Society induction ceremony is planned tonight 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

Republican Party to host candidate

Howard County The **Republican Party will meet** with U.S. 17th Congressional District GOP candidate Shane Hunt at noon Wednesday at Cowboy's. Lunch is dutch treat.

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

New assistant DA making switch from defense attorney to prosecutor

By CARL GRAHAM Staff Writer

After the first week on the job, new Assistant District Attorney Robin Orr is quickly getting acclimated to his new environment. Orr comes to Big Spring from Bay City where he has been in pri-

vate practice. After 24 years there, Orr felt the timing was right to a change when the opportunity came.

'I believe this will be a welcome change for me and I am looking forward to the challenges the job will bring," said has been sold. Orr. "I have been in private practice doing the defense so now I will get the chance to be on the other side as the prosecuting attorney."

Orr doesn't think it will take long to get used to the change.

"I really think it will be easier to make the transition from defense to prosecuting than the other way around," said Orr.

The 47-year-old Orr is married and his wife Kaye is a counseling director at Bay City ISD and will be joining him after school is out and their home in Bay City

Orr said that Matagorda County, where he is coming from, is about the same size as Howard County but the makeup of the offenses would probably be a little different than they were at Bay City.

"Because Bay City was close to Houston we will probably see a little difference but not that much," said Orr. Orr's first week on the job was mostly dealing with plea bargains, something he was quite used to in Bay City.

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HERALD photo/Carl G New Assistant DA Robin Orr is excited about being in Big Spring.

After Hours

event set at

Carriage Inn

No relief in sight for high prices at the pump By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Relief from high gasoline prices may not be coming in the near future, and consumers may decide to

make some changes in the consumer patterns to compensate for the expense. **"The** gas inventory is at a 20-year low, said Steve Big Weber, Spring **Refinery** manager. "The whole system usually keeps about 210 million to 220 mil-

lion barrels a day on aver-It has dropped to 195 barmillion

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rels."

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utes the increase in gasoline prices to the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries cutting oil production last March to try to boost low oil prices, refinery production problems, and the cold spell in the East that caused many refiners to switch emphasis from making gasoline to heating oil.



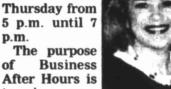
Jimmy Mills, a truck driver for Tigator, is worried about the impact high gasoline prices will be on his future and on the consumer market as a whole. Oil industry officials say no relief is in sight, at least for the next few months

forced out of business because oil to relieve the situation not done about the situation. they cannot compete with the although Weber does not think Rita Davis of El Paso is fed up larger companies due to the rising cost of gasoline.



new year will be hosted by the Carriage Inn **Thursday** from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m.

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to give exposure to the var-NEWTON ious businesses

that are members of the chamber and to the community. The last Business After Hours was hosted by the Dora Roberts ion Cer on De 15 and was attended by more

than 50 people. "We have had as many as 200 and as few as 30 since we first

WHAT'S UP ...

TODAY

UVFW Post No. 2013, 7 p.m., VFW Hall. Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Orders of the Eastern Star, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

WEDNESDAY

Optimist Club, 7 a.m., **Howard College Cactus** Room.

□ Senior Circle Big Spring Mall walkers meet 9:15 a.m. in front of movie theater box office.

Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard **College Cactus Room.** Line dancing, 1 p.m.,

Senior Citizens Center, **Industrial Park.**

Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

THURSDAY

Gideons International, **Big Spring Camp No.** U4206O, Hermans, 7 a.m. **Big Spring Senior Citizens Center Art Classes**, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older.

G Kiwanis Club, noon, **Howard College Cactus** Room.

Christmas in April Board of Directors, noon, Lions Bingo Bldg. 1607 East

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"There are stories in the press that OPEC will raise production to help relieve the situation," Weber said.

"I don't see any relief in the next few months even if OPEC raises production because will take time to ship the oil overseas.

Unleaded gasoline prices range from \$1.40 to \$1.49 a gallon at local gasoline stations. According to some truck drivers, the high price of gasoline threatens their livelihood. "The high prices are effecting

the company hard because the product I am carrying is cheaper than the fuel prices," said Jimmy Mills, truck driver for Tigator.

Mills worries that most small trucking companies will be

He also feels that will have a negative impact on the consumer market as a whole.

"Prices will rise to match fuel costs," he said. "The consumer might think it will only effects trucking companies, but raw products to finished products prices will go up. The consumer will end up paying more.

Mills believes that the government should become involved by releasing some excess fuel to help relieve the situation.

The government keeps in reserve close to 600 million barrels of oil aside in case of another oil crises, Weber said. According to Weber, people

are lobbying President Clinton to release some of the reserve

it will reduce prices to last summer's levels.

"The is the worst I have seen in my eight-and-a-half years as a truck driver," said Dale Wutzke, a Canadian truck driver for Unique Freight Systems.

Wutzke hauls chemical products or general freight from the Midwest to Canada. He averages about 2,200 miles when he is on a Texas run.

"The high prices are hurting us." Wutzke said. "If it doesn't go down shortly,

we probably will have to quit,' he added.

According to Wutzke, some truck drivers are handing back their trucks because they can not compete with the high gas prices.

Wutzke foresees truckers forced to strike if something is

with the step price of gasoline. She has two daughters in college, one in Waco and one in San Antonio, and feels she soon will not be able to afford to see them.

"Soon it will be cheaper to fly them home than to buy gas to see them ," Davis said.

Jody Mills, a Big Spring resident, travels two to three times a week to see her family in Odessa. She estimates she spends around a \$100 a week in gas.

Mark Gentry, Big Spring Housing director, does not see any relief from the high prices in the near future.

"The country let this happen to itself," Gentry said. "OPEC overproduced oil and flooded our market. Our producers had to close refineries and lay off employees.'

began having these events a couple of years ago," said Terri Newton, executive vice president of the chamber. "It's hard to tell how many to expect because it depends on what other events are going on and what the weather is like and other circumstances."

Host businesses are selected on a first-come, first-served basis and there is a waiting list for future hosts.

"With a waiting list that we have we are assured enough hosts for the next couple of years," said Newton. "We shouldn't have a problem with having a business to repeat as hosts for some time to come."

There are more than 400 business members of the Big Spring

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Howard College's 'Dance Real Slow' coming to Settles this week

By GINA GARZA

Staff Writer

Howard College Theater Department presents a critically acclaimed performance of "And They Dance Real Slow In Jackson

Thursday Friday and Saturday in the historic Settles Building. All performances begin

at 8 p.m. and admission is \$3. "We

returned from Texas Junior **College** Theater Festival in Weatherford, and three of our students received awards for their performances in this production," said Howard College theater instructor Clay Grizzle. Honored with an Award for **Excellence** in Acting at the junior college theater festival were Rau Stech, Heather Nichols and J'Layne Niehues, he said.

"This is a play where the actors are telling a story," Grizzle said.

"The play is about dreams and broken dreams and how bittersweet life becomes if we

lose our dreams or if they remain unfulfilled," Grizzle said.

The story centers on a girl, played by J'Layne Niehues, who suffers from a physical disability. The focus of the story is on her family, and where she lives.

"Elizabeth Willow suffers from polio, and in her small town she just doesn't fit in. This is a drama with a study of characters, with an emphasis on Elizabeth's family," Grizzle said.

While at the junior college festival, Grizzle said the critic remarked how he enjoyed the production presented by Howard College students.

"The critic said he had seen this play three times, and this was the first time he understood it. This show is very good, from beginning to end. My students offer an extraordinary performance," Grizzle said.

Grizzle and the cast of "And They Dance Real Slow In Jackson" built the set of the production in the lobby of the Settles Building for perfornances

We limited our use of the set, to place the attention of each scene on the characters



Cast members of the play "And They Dance Real Slow In Jackson" are, from left, back row, David Risner, J'Layne Niehues, Annette Wennerborn, and front row, Josh Hadley, Jonathan Hull, Farrah Schooler, Rau Stech and Heather Nichols.

and the dilemmas they are experiencing. This is a classically structured play, with a chorus of characters that sup- those attending the perforply relief from the drama as

well as continue the story line," Grizzle said. He offered two cautions for mances. The Settles Building does not have public restroom facilities, Grizzle noted. "And this play contains mild

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GRIZZLE just

OBITUARIES

Dewey Kerr

Funeral Service for Dewey Kerr, 81, Big Spring, will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 8, 2000, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Lance Baker, Pastor of **College Park Church of God**,

officiating. Military burial will be at 1:45 p.m. Thursday, March 9, at Sam Fort. Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio. Mr. Kerr

died Friday, March 3, at the Administration Veterans Medical Center following a long illness.

He was born June 12, 1918, in Abilene. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and a veteran of World War II serving in the Army. He was awarded two bronze stars for heroism. He was a member of the College Park Church of God and had been employed by the Big **Spring Independent School** District.

He is survived by: his wife, Eunice Kerr of Big Spring, one son, Kenneth Kerr of Big Spring; one step-daughter, Wanda Knowlton of Fort. Myers. Fla., two sisters, Mable Wilson of Big Spring, and Viola Smith of Malakoff; one brother, Lawerence Kerr of Big Spring; and six grandchildren.

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

R. L. "Bob" Parker

R. L. "Bob" Parker, 72, of Big Spring, passed away at his home on Monday, March 6, 2000

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, 2000.

Service is 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, 2000, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Flynn Long officiating. Military burial will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with Cary Karns officiating.

NALDENSELCENDO & WELCH **Funeral Home**

Mr. Parker was born on Aug. 29, 1927, in Arkansas City, Kan., and was the son of Lloyd and Lillian Parker.

Mr. Parker married Virginia Parrish on Sept. 12, 1948, in Arkansas City, Kan. He moved to Big Spring in 1963, from Fort. Worth. Mr. Parker was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving during World War II in the Pacific Underwater Demolition.

Mr. Parker played baseball in college and later semi pro baseball. He coached in the National Little League for a number of years.

Mr. Parker worked for **General Electric for 15 years** and later in Civil Service with Webb Air Force Base; and on Easter Sunday in 1964, he opened the Bradin Iron Inn.

He is survived by: his wife, Virginia Parker of Big Spring, one son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Brenda Parker of Big Spring; one daughter and sonin-law, Pam and Ricky White of Big Spring; and four grandchildren, Kyrstin Bryce Parker, **Robert Micheal Cameron** Parker, Payton Gunner Parker, and Daniel Parker White.

Pallbearers are Carl Condray, Michael Johnson, James Hughes, James Carson, Patrick Becker, and Cody Hughes.

The family suggest memorials to the National Little League; P.O. Box 1925; Big Spring, 79721-1925.

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

Paid obituary

Dortheil Garner Dortheil Garner, 75, of Big

Spring, died on Tuesday, March 7, 2000, at her residence. Graveside funeral service will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 8, 2000, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating.

She was born on Feb. 21, 1925, in Paris, Texas, and married Thomas M. Garner on Dec. 4, 1941, in Pecos. He preceded her in death on Dec. 1, 1987.

Mrs. Garner came to Big Spring in 1967. She was a homemaker, an artist, a fantastic cook, a seamstress and over now examined and the second

She was a member of T Baptist Church.

Survivors include: three daughters and one son-in-law.

on Dec. 24, 1979.

She came to Big Spring in 1958, from Amarillo and taught school for 26 years, retiring in 1984. She was a Home **Economics teacher at Runnels** Junior High for over 20 years. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend. She was a talented watercolor artist.

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adult language, and is suggested

for mature audiences," he said.

Stacy Bloodworth is the stage

manager for the production.

Josh Hadley, Farrah Schooler,

David Risner, Jonathan Hull

and Annette Wennerbom com-

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night are in for a real treat.

Mrs. Conley was a devoted member of the First Presbyterian Church, a member of the Retired Teachers Association, the Big Spring Art Association and Delta Kappa Gamma

said Butler. "I'm not going to Survivors included: two sons tell you what the door prize will and one daughter-in-law, Dr. be but I will say the person who Michael Conley of Bozeman, Mont., and Dick and Janie wins it will be pleasantly surprised." Conley of Big Spring; one daughter. Judy Conley of El **Director Phillis Palmer said she** Paso; one son-in-law, Stanley Wilson of Abilene; five grandchildren. JoAnna Conley of the chamber has given them. Abilene, Emily Conley of El the chamber has provided us Paso, Will Conley and Kyle with an opportunity to show Conley both of Big Spring and you the best of the best," Leif Foges of El Paso; one brother, Joe Willis of Carlsbad, Palmer said. "Our professional office staff will be available for N.M.; and two nieces, Jo Pat questions, networking, a tour of Wellman of Alamogordo, N.M., Carriage Inn and fabulous door and Jill Hadley of Keller.

She was also preceded in prizes will be given away." death by a daughter, Kathleen Conley Wilson on Feb. 27, 2000. The family suggests memorials be made to the First Presbyterian Church; 701 Runnels; Big Spring.

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

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Third. Given Friend of the Library,

noon, Howard County Library. American Legion Auxiliary, 7 p.m. □ Masonic Lodge. No. 598,

7:30 p.m., 219 Main. **Big Spring Newcomers**

Club, contact Pat Mireles for time and location 267-8741.

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□ Signal Mountain Quilting uild 9 am to 5 nm St S Episcopal Church.

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BIG SPRING Around the Town

TEXAS LOTTERY

Cash 5: 16,22,24,28,37

Pick 3: 5,2,1

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

Jeannette Butler, food service "I believe anyone who sees director for the Carriage Inn, this play will leave with a difsaid those who attend Thursday ferent perspective of life and dreams and being kind to those 'We are looking forward to who are different than we are.' being host to the first Business Grizzle said. After Hours of the new year,'

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activities from 8 a.m. Monday through 8 a.m. today: •FERNANDO ALVAREZ, 27,

was arrested on a charge of Class C assault.

·JUAN JUAREZ, 65, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

•THEFT was reported in the 1600 block of Owens, in the 3300 block of E. Marcy, in the 400 block of E. 4th, and in the 2000 block of Gregg. •ASSAULT was reported in

the 1000 block of N. Main.

•CLASS C THEFT was reported in the 800 block of E. 12th

 CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was ."I am anxious to get my feet reported in the 1700 block of wet and I am getting ready to Morrison. handle my first case," Orr said.

•BURGLARY OF A BUILD-"I think Big Spring will be a ING was reported in the 1100 good fit for Kaye and I and I am block of Gregg. looking forward to meeting

•GRAFITTI was reported in the 600 block of Gregg and in the 2400 block of Gunter. **•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF TO A MOTOR VEHICLE** was

reported in the 800 block of W. Marcy.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activities from 8 a.m. Monday

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through 8 a.m. today: **•BENNY ISLAS**, 36 was arrested on a charge of driving

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while license was suspended. SHIRLEY SMITH DAY, 45, was arrested on a charge of display of fictitious inspection

sticker. **•CHRISTOPHER** LEE MYRICK, 23, was arrested on a charge of evading arrest and unauthorized us of motor vehicle

•MELITON VIERA, 35, was arrested on two charges of driving while license was suspended.

 KENNETH KIRK **KIRKHAM**, 32, was arrested on a charges of driving while intoxicated (third or more) and driving while license was suspended.

 ANDREW AGUILAR, 31, was arrested on a charges of evading arrest theft, and public intoxication.

•MANUEL TORRES MAR-TINEZ, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

RECORDS

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CTERTIN.



Dortheil Garner, 75, died Tuesday. Graveside services will be 11:00 AM. Wednesday, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Betty Irene Conley, 75, died Monday. Services will be 2:00 PM Wednesday at the First Presbyterian Church. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

George M. Beard, 80, died Sunday. Graveside services were at 10:30 AM, Tuesday at Trinity Memorial Park. Directed by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Bob Parker, 72, died Monday. Funeral services will be at 1:00 PM, Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. The family will receive friends at Myers & Smith from 6:00 until 8:00 PM, Tuesday.

Dewey Kerr, 81, died Friday. Funeral services will be at 10:00 AM, Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio. The family will receive friends at Myers & Smith from 5:00 until 7:00 PM, Tuesday.

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Brenda Nell and Chuck Tate of Azle, Virginia Garner of Mingus, and Carol Sue Myers of Thorofare, N.J.; four grandchildren, Lanetta Varner and her husband, Roy, of Ranger, Tresa Pearce and her husband, Ken, of Fort Worth, Thomas Charles Tate of Denton, and Sharon Damon and her husband, Gil, of Thorofare, N.J.; and three great-grandchildren, Reagan and Riley Crooks and Steven Pearce, all of Fort

Worth. She was also preceded in death by one daughter, Mary Tom Zegers and by one greatgrandchild, Seth Simmons.

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

Betty Irene Conley

Betty Irene Conley, 75, of Big Spring, died on Monday, March, 6, 2000, in a local hospital. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, 2000, at the First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Daine Brown, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born on May 10, 1924, in Lockney, N.M., and married Jerley "J.D." Conley on Nov. 22, 1946, in Clovis, N.M. He preceded her in death

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SATURDAY

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

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

AFTER HOURS_

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Chamber of Commerce and the chamber sends out invitations to all their members.

"I would like to stress though that Business After Hours is open to the public and you do not need to be a member to attend the event," said Newton. "This program is specifically designed to encourage networking and to showcase sponsors and there is no charge to

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Despite promises of speed, Congress' budget work lags

WASHINGTON (AP) Disputes among Republicans have slowed Congress' budget work, despite promises by GOP leaders that lawmakers would complete the task early this election year so they could return home for re-election campaigns.

House and Senate leaders still want legislators to complete by April 15 a budget for fiscal 2001, which begins Oct. 1. But a full month after President Clinton introduced his own \$1.84 trillion proposal for next year, neither chamber's budget committee has produced a spending plan — increasing the chance for yet another October spending battle with Clinton, this one just weeks before Election Day. "It's time for them to ante up, Monday.

The slow pace on the budget tracks Congress' leisurely start this year, in which recesses have been frequent and lawmakers have seemed distracted by the two parties' presidential primaries.

The two budget committees might write initial spending plans as early as this week. The budget is a tax and spending blueprint for future, binding bills and does not require Clinton's signature.

But first, House and Senate leaders will have to resolve disputes between conservatives. who want to hold overall spending for many programs to this level, and other year's

cation and other areas.

The fight over spending has symbolic importance for conservatives eager to signal that the GOP remains fiscally austere in this era of budget surpluses. But it has other implications

as well. The more money Congress spends now the smaller projected federal surpluses will be, and smaller surpluses would leave less room for the tax cuts many **Republicans want** — including Texas Gov. George W. Bush, a leading GOP presidential hopeful.

When it is finally written, the House's budget is likely to propose a five-year tax cut of about \$200 billion, about double

kick in," Senate Majority Republicans, who say more is Clinton's proposal and half Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said needed to bolster defense, eduseek about what the president proposed for education, defense and biomedical research, say Republican aides speaking on condition of anonymity.

The Senate's budget will be similar but is likely to offer a slightly smaller tax cut than the House's.

The focus of the internal GOP fight is discretionary spending, the one-third of the budget that Congress and the president apportion every year. It covers all federal spending, from troops' uniforms to cancer research, with the exception of Social Security, interest on the national debt and other payments the government makes automatically.

Antihistamine may impair driving more than alcohol

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - A drug common to over-thecounter allergy medicines used by millions might affect drivers more than liquor, suggests a study published today. University of Iowa researchers who tested 40 allergy sufferers in a driving simulator found the standard dose of antihistamine contained in Benadryl and similar medicines had a greater effect than a few drinks on driving "coherence," or the ability to match the speed of the vehicle ahead.

The antihistamine, diphenhydramine, also had an effect similar to alcohol on steering stability and the likelihood of crossing into the oncoming lane, according to the study in today's Annals of Internal Medicine.

"We were quite surprised to find that diphenhydramine may have an even greater impact on the complex task of operating an automobile than does alcohol," said Dr. John Weiler, a University of Iowa medical professor. "That sends a chilling message. You would not want to be on the road when someone is driving at

you who is taking these." The study also looked at a newer antihistamine, fexofenadine, used in the prescription drug Allegra. The researchers said that when it came to dri-

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ving ability, fexofenadine was indistinguishable from a placebo

The maker of Benadryl, Warner-Lambert Co., attacked the new study as "seriously flawed" because it was partially funded by Aventis, the maker of Allegra.

"We are in no way recommending that these medications be taken off the market. Benadryl is an extremely effective antihistamine, it is the side-effect profile that is disturbing," Weiler said.

The researchers said more than 39 million Americans suffer from hay fever and allergies and 4.8 million take prescription drugs. Most go without treatment or take over-thecounter medications.

These medicines often come with warnings that they can cause drowsiness and should not be used while operating heavy machinery.

National Highway Traffic Safety resear-cher Richard Compton said that there had been little research on the effects and people often ignore warnings about mixing them with alcohol.

However, Compton said a study of blood tests on victims of fatal crashes in the early 1990s suggested that antihistamine impairment was far less prevalent than alcohol impairment.

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New gigahertz chip hits the speeded-up marketplace

whiz-bang computer age just got even faster. The first gigahertz processor

hits the market today, crunching information at 1,000 megahertz, or 1 billion bits of information per second — a speed many engineers thought impossible just a decade ago.

Advanced Micro Devices Inc. says its new Athlon chip will make computers 10 times faster than just six years ago, paving the way for speedier software and games.

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — The Chuck Yeager signaled the beginning of a new era in aviation, the one gigahertz processor ushers in a new era of information technology," AMD chief executive Jerry Sanders said Monday.

AMD's Athlon chip comes a day before the six-year anniversary of rival Intel Corp.'s breaking the 100 megahertz barrier with its Pentium chip, and ahead of that company's expected announcement that it, too, will ship its own gigahertz chip. Intel's processors provide the

"Just as the achievement of brainpower for nearly 90 per-

cent of the world's computers, but it has been locked in a race with Sunnyvale-based AMD to market a chip with more computing power than any other.

Analysts say consumers in coming years will feel the need for speed as the computer shifts from its current role as a device used mainly for word processing, surfing the Internet and playing games into a central hub that connects various devices in the home to each other.

But some analysts questioned whether speedy chips will catch

on quickly with consumers, particularly since the Athlon chip pushes a computer's pricetag up by \$1,300. The new chip will be sold initially in Compaq and Gateway computers.

Most consumers have computers that run at less than 500 megahertz, according to U.S. shipment data for 1998-1999 from research firm Dataquest, a unit of Gartner Group.

"We definitely believe that consumers will need (faster processing speeds), but the question is a matter of when," said analyst Charles Galvin.



Attorney General John Cornyn announced Monday he will present part of the oral argument before the U.S. Supreme Court in a case involving student-led prayers at a Texas school.

The court is scheduled to hear arguments in Sante Fe Independent School District vs. Doe on March 29. Justices will decide whether public school districts can allow student-led prayers at football games, a Texas tradition that a 1995 Santa Fe lawsuit challenged.

The case resulted in a federal binding Texas Religious ers.

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AUSTIN (AP) — Texas circuit court ruling banning the practice in three states and brought national attention to Santa Fe, a rural Galveston County town of about 10,000 people 50 miles south of Houston. "I believe allowing the State of

Texas to present arguments will strengthen and add to those presented by the Sante Fe ISD. Asking the government to supervise religious speech is clearly unconstitutional, and I will protect Texas' position in this case," Cornyn said. In response to the case, a non-

Freedom Referendum appears on the Republican ballot for the March 14 primary. The referendum asks, "Shall

student initiated prayer be allowed at school sporting events?

GOP presidential hopeful Gov. George W. Bush has joined Cornyn, also a Republican, and others in filing briefs with the U.S. Supreme Court supporting student-led prayer.

Democrats have criticized the referendum as an advertising ploy to rally right-wing support-

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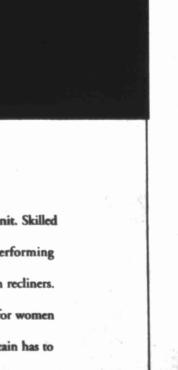
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OUR VIEWS Would be great for 'all aboard!' to be heard again

ig Spring was in large part founded by the railroad more than 100 years ago. The big locomotives chugged across the land, bringing goods and passengers to a growing community. Our town has always been a hub of rail activity, but eventually other modes of transportation replaced those passenger trains. In the 1960s, the last Texas Eagle quit making stops in Big Spring. We're intrigued that decades later, the shout of "all aboard!" might be heard again.

Last week's announcement that Amtrak will reroute its Sunset Limited through Big Spring is one that prompts cautious optimism. While few details have been forthcoming, it seems only a matter of time before we learn how this might impact Big Spring, and indeed this portion of West Texas.

In its only statement so far on the subject, Amtrak eluded that the possibility of the train stopping in Big Spring would largely be up to the city itself. That depends, of course, on cost and need factors, as well as whether the city could get state or federal help in the construction of a station.

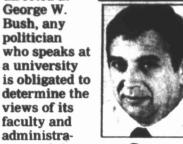
Clearly, community leaders are intrigued with the idea, and well they should be. Regular train service to our city would enhance mobility not only for local residents, but for potential visitors as well. As Kent Sharp, Moore Development for Big Spring executive director said, "We'd like for them to stop here because

OPINION

Bush, Bob Jones were victims of newspeak

et me make sure I understand the new **Bob Jones University** rule of politics.

As I understand the criticism directed at



administrators and then publicly disassociate himself from

those views with which he does not agree . Well, that's interesting. In Israel, religious Jews are

putting up posters calling Pope John Paul II "the evil one," so I assume that, henceforth, all American politicians who visit Israel or speak to the Israeli lobby in the United States will make it a point to disassociate themselves from this viewpoint. Otherwise, we might take a page from John

McCain's campaign book and call them all anti-Catholic. Let's get the syllogism right now: Some Israelis don't like the pope. Therefore, any

American who speaks in Israel or at a pro-Israel function must denounce the anti-Catholic sentiments of these Israeli Jews or be himself branded an anti-Catholic bigot.

Because the American university system is the last outpost of Marxism, I will be interested to see how many politicians, when speaking at universities, will publicly disassociate themselves from the Marxists on the faculties. As I hope you can see, this

flap over Bush's appearance at **Bob Jones University in South** Carolina is pure political agitprop. Had Bush gone to speak about religion, then it would have been proper for him to spell out his differences in religious beliefs. However, he went there to make a secular political speech, and it would have been rude for him to insult his hosts by condemning their religious beliefs. **Even though Bob Jones**

University is the favorite whip-

ping boy of the postmodern nihilists, its views are not that out of line with Bible-believing Protestants. After all, the Protestant religion was born in the rebellion against the Roman Catholic Church by a German priest, Martin Luther. Incidentally, Luther also called the pope the anti-Christ.

Bob Jones University is also criticized for its rule - applicable only to its own students who voluntarily attend this private university - against interracial dating. Whether we approve or disapprove is irrelevant. That's how it interprets the Scriptures, and in our free society, people are entitled to their own beliefs. After all, as one Orthodox writer wryly commented, the Protestant rebellion against the pope has had the effect of creating 22,000 popes. By the by, Bob Jones has accepted minority students for years.

This belief, too, is not so out of the park as the liberal establishment would have you believe. Some Jewish writers have referred to the intermarriage of American Jews and Gentiles as "a second

Holocaust." To affix such a horrific name to assimilation certainly reveals the intensity of feeling on the writers' part on the need to preserve group identity. Some American blacks strenuously opposed the

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adoption of black children by white parents. Postmodernists greatly desire that we all be one amorphous, b land colony of identical ants, but in fact humans cling to their separate identities, including their group identity.

Finally, theological differences do not equate to bigotry. **Protestants and Catholics nec**essarily disagree on certain theological issues. That does not mean either is bigoted toward the other. It is the nature of revealed religions that they have mutually exclusive core beliefs.

The beauty of America's religious-freedom tradition is that everyone can believe as they like. This wonderful tradition, however, is threatened by the totalitarian technique of condemning selected beliefs in the name of tolerance. Both the school and Bush were victims of this example of newspeak.

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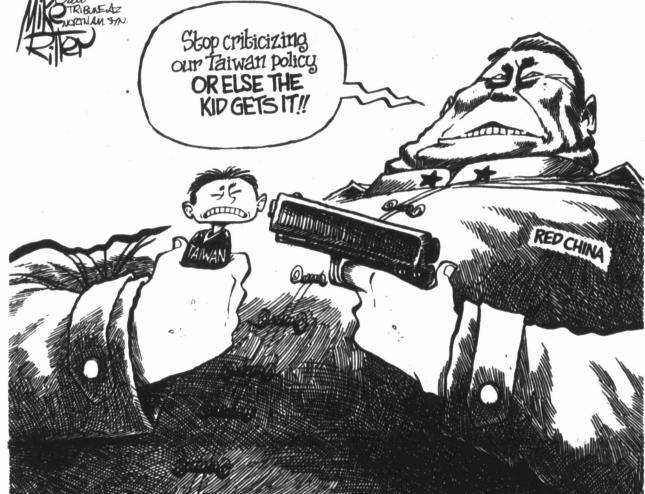
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it further enhances our transportation connectivity to the rest of the world."

That's no understatement, especially considering the route runs from Jacksonville, Fla., to Los Angeles or coast to coast.

We're looking forward to learning more in the coming months about when the rerouting of the Sunset Limited will take place, as well as how it will impact our community.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

Good neighbors and public officials are rated No. 1 in my estimation.

Sunday afternoon, Feb. 27, a CRP grass field caught fire and the west to southwest wind was bringing it toward my house.

Richard Yarbar, my neighbor, came to tell me it was on fire, asked for a garden hose and started watering down the grass next to my yard.

Mrs. Lupe Martinez and her grandson Chris saw the smoke and came to investigate. They also manned a garden hose. The volunteer fire department arrived soon after I called 911.

Sheriff's deputies were here also, arriving even before the firefighters.

danger from the time the fire department arrived, but it's frightening with 88 acres of grass on fire and a brisk wind blowing right toward your home and everything you have.

The fire department remained on the scene until the fire was completely out. Words are inadequate to express my thankfulness for all who helped.

MRS. HUBERT GILBERT BIG SPRING

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I suppose there was no real

The campus view of spring break

hose who say they'd rather be 40 and wise than 20 and foolish again are lying.

Or at least they haven't strolled a college campus lately. Not during Atlanta's spring

preview weather, with the tulip trees pink



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Emory on other business when it struck me. If I were a good person, I'd shake every kid I could catch and tell them: "Don't dare squander this! You'll only be young and on parental dole once!'

I decided to conduct a strictly scientific poll of students about their plans for spring break. Make sure they were allowing themselves a little fun. I rummaged through my

purse and found a pencil and reporter's pad, bopped over to the first convenient covey and miled like a cheerleader.

Une thing I sort of admire abe it today's youth: the studied nonchalance. You can't really tell if they're ecstatic or bored silly, full of mirth or hate. The look is the same. Enigmatic. Cool. Detached as spare parts.

In my youth, coeds especially all had what writer Florence King has aptly dubbed "the pert plague." We were so chipper and perpetually excited it was sickening. Even the models in our Seventeen magazine dídn't pout.

It's different now. There's a code or something. Sullen is in; same as thin.

But I smiled at the serious group anyhow, since my generation simply can't help it. We tap dance, then curtsy. So I kept smiling and asked my question of three impassive faces

"Miami," Will Shelpler said. He was going there with his roommate, to hang out, hit the beach and the clubs, maybe catch some of the Red Sox spring training games.

"Skiing in Colorado," Laine Ballard said in a deadpan.

I thought about that destination a minute. In my day, if you didn't have a job or a ride to the Florida Panhandle, spring break was a faded beach towel spread out in the back yard at your folks' house. We filled old Windex bottles with water and periodic ally sprayed ourselves to stay cool.

If a college friend had mentioned she was going skiing in Colorado, I imagine dormitory mayhem would have ensued. "Skiing in Colorado! No!!!" we would have squealed. We

squealed at all news, good or bad.

But that was then. The last of my random subjects was a striking girl with crimped, dark hair. I pointed my pad at her. She raised her sleepy eyes.

"Where is it I'm going?" Dana Rose asked her friend Laine.

"The Bahamas," Laine said. "Yeah," Dana said, "the Bahamas.'

I left them, satisfied that the potential for spring break fun was there, even if the idea was n't registering. My next victims were somewhat livelier.

"Chicago," Erin Goss said. Then she shrugged. "I'm meeting friends.'

Erin's friend Lara Madani suggested I was barking up the wrong tree interviewing dedicated graduate students like the two of them.

"You should talk to undergraduates if you want to get some good spring break plans. I'm just going home, to Gulfport (Miss.); I'll probably take my laptop to the beach and work on my paper."

I asked a few others about their plans, but I soon quit worrying about my obligation to counsel the young to be young.

They will figure that out on their own and accomplish it in a generationally unique fashion.

I quit taking noteş. Is indifference infectious? I sat on a warm bench and stared at a Windex-blue sky, smiling.

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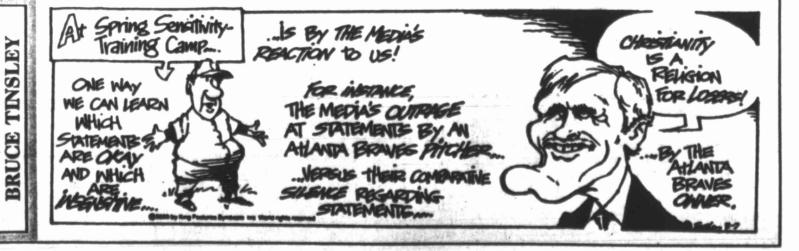
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Other Steers scores were Zac Hall, 165; Richard Gaitan 172; Clayton Weaver, 172; and Isaac Willborn, 179.

Coahoma thins compete at Roscoe track meet

Several members of Bulldog Coahoma's and Bulldogette track teams turned in placing finishes Saturday at the Roscoe Invitational meet.

The Bulldogs were led by Brandon Wyatt who finished third in the 400 meters and was sixth in the long jump and 200 meters. Danny Barbee added fourth place in both the 100 and 200.

The Bulldogettes only placing finish came from Lauren Nichols, who was sixth in the

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IN BRIEF

Western Junior College

Athletic Conference officials

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Franklin, a Sweetwater

product, helped lead the

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Big Spring's Steers and Lady

Steers golf teams took part in

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Senior Ashlie Simmons had another strong showing in

Midland, finishing second in

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Other Lady Steers scores

were Sarah Anthony, 219;

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Howard's Franklin left

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This could turn out to be quite a week for Oregon women's basketball.

It started Monday with the Ducks returning to The Associated Press poll at No. 24. It could end with Oregon winning its second straight Pac-10 championship.

Oregon and No. 23 George Washington both were voted back into the poll after being ranked earlier in the season, though a few hours later, George Washington lost to Xavier in the final of the Atlantic 10 tournament.

Connecticut remained an overwhelming choice for No. 1 and is just one week from a season-long run at the top. The final poll of the season will be released next Monday, the day after the NCAA tournament pairings are announced.

Oregon, George Washington return to women's Top Oregon (22-7) was ranked the first 10 Tennessee, now alone at No. 2 after weeks of the season, reaching as high as 10th, before falling out after a 78-62 loss at Stanford on Jan. 15.

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But the Ducks have won eight of their last nine and would clinch at least a tie for the Pac-10 title if they beat Oregon State at home in their regular-season finale on Friday night. Oregon shared the championship - its first - with UCLA last season.

George Washington was in the poll twice before this season for one week -No. 24 on Jan. 17 and 25th on Feb. 14. The Colonials rode a five-game winning streak back in, then had it broken in Monday night's 80-66 loss to Xavier.

Connecticut received 40 of a possible 43 first-place votes from a media panel and had 1,072 points. That was 44 more than

being tied with Georgia last week.

Georgia lost to Mississippi State in the semifinals of the Southeastern Conference tournament and dropped to fourth. Louisiana Tech, which has won 15 straight since a 90-63 loss to Connecticut, climbed one spot to third. **Connecticut routed Providence in the** season finale and began the Big East tournament with a 44-point win over St. John's before knocking off No. 17 Boston College in Monday night's semifinals. Tennessee won the SEC tournament for the fourth time in five years, beating Mississippi State 70-67 in the finals.

Notre Dame moved up one spot to fifth and was followed by Texas Tech, Penn State, Rutgers, UC Santa Barbara and Iowa State.

Texas Tech and Iowa State, which shared the Big 12 regular-season title with Oklahoma, each moved up one spot. Penn State fell two places after losing to Purdue in the Big Ten finals.

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Do you have an interesting item of story idea for sports? Call John Aoseley, 263-7331, Ext. 233.

Duke went from 12th to 11th and Mississippi State's strong showing in the SEC tourney sent the Lady Bulldogs from 17th to 12th. Then it was Purdue, Old Dominion and LSU, followed by Auburn, Boston College, Oklahoma, Virginia and North Carolina State.

Tulane, Arizona, George Washington, Oregon and Michigan completed the Top

Stanford (19-7), which has been in and out of the poll all season, fell out again from No. 25 after splitting on a trip to Los Angeles, losing to UCLA and beating Southern Cal.

Marino in Vike purple? Dolphins fans feel blue

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - The thought of Dan Marino in purple is making Miami Dolphins fans blue and must have Jeff George seeing red.

The league's career passing leader is contemplating an offer to join the Vikings next season after spending his entire 17-year career in Miami. Marino is expected to decide this week whether to accept the one-year offer, according to two sources close to the quarterback who spoke on condition of anonymity Monday.

Marino would supplant George, who hasn't been offered a contract despite going 9-3 in place of Randall Cunningham last season. Marino would serve as a oneyear mentor to Daunte Culpepper, the Vikings' firstround draft pick last year.

Coach Dennis Green said the Vikings' quarterback-friendly system would give Marino an opportunity "to take one more crack at winning a world championship." Green also said the Vikings staff would travel to Florida.



Fizer leads parade of unanimous picks on All-Big 12 squad

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) -For 24 voters picking The Associated Press All-Big 12 basketball squad, the first four selections were a snap.

Marcus Fizer, whose forceful presence led Iowa State to its first conference championship in 55 years, heads a parade of unanimous selections for The Associated Press All-Big 12 basketball team.

In an unprecedented show of unanimity, a panel of sportswriters and sportscasters who cover the Big 12 on a regular basis also named Oklahoma State's Desmond Mason, Oklahoma's Eduardo Najera and Texas 7-footer Chris Mihm to every first-team ballot.

For the fifth first-team spot, Iowa State point guard Jamaal Tinsley, who ranked in the top three in the Big 12 in both steals and assists, outpolled Colorado guard Jaquay Walls.

Mason, 6-foot-6, and Najera, 6-8," are the only seniors on the transfer, are juniors. Fizer — leaner, quicker and smarter than he was as a pudgy sophomore who averaged 18 points - topped the Big 12 with a 22.8-point scoring average.

second team were Texas forward Gabe Muoneke and Walls, whose 42 points in an overtime victory against Iowa State set a Big 12 record.

They are joined by Missouri point guard Keyon Dooling, Nebraska center Kimani **Ffriend and Texas Tech guard Rayford Young**.

Tinsley, who didn't play high school basketball, had 199 assists and made 75 steals.

"Tinsley's the best with the ball in his hands maybe in our league," said Oklahoma coach Kelvin Sampson. "In terms of creating, Tinsley might be the best.'

"He's the best newcomer in the league for sure and has done more things at point guard than anybody else I can think of," said Kansas coach Roy Williams:

Najera, who came to Oklahoma four years ago from his native Mexico hardly able to speak English, will leave as one first team. Fizer, 6-8, Mihm and of the most popular Sooners Tinsley, a 6-3 junior college ever. He was second to Fizer with an 18.5 scoring average and second to Mihm with 9.5 rebounds a game. He probably leads the conference in bumps and bruises and headlong dives to the floor in pursuit of loose balls. "There's a significant difference between being a star and being a teammate," said Sampson. "Eduardo is a humble kid, a mild, humble, modest soul. I'm a better person for having had the opportunity to coach him." For his career, Najera ranks 10th in school history in scoring, sixth in rebounding, seventh in steals and sixth in blocked shots Mihm led the Big 12 with 19 double-doubles last season and is again at the top with 17 this season. His 10.4 rebound average is the best in the league and his 17.8 points are sixth. "He's just a monster," said Eustachy. "He scores so easy. He's just so big and has such a nice touch around the basket." Mason was third in the conference with 18.1 points per game and the most important contributor to Oklahoma State's 23-5 record. For Baylor coach Dave Bliss, there is little difference in the quality of Najera, Mason and Mihm.

In junior varsity boys' action, Chris Villa was third in the discus and fifth in the shot put; J.C. Watts was sixth in the 400 meters; Kasey Huckabee was fourth in the 100 meters; and the 1,600meter relay team of Adam Aguirre, Ricky Richters. **Eddie Gonzales and Watts was** sixth.

Volunteer firefighters set golf tourney for March 18

The Howard County **Volunteer Fire Department** will hold its first ever benefit golf tournament for Saturday, March 18, at the Big Spring Country Club.

Entry fees will be \$200 per team for the four-man scramble which will be limited to 36 teams. Registration ends on Tuesday, March 14.

For more information, call Tommy Sullivan at 393-5853 or Richard Willadsen at 267-7857

AREA GAMES

TODAY HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

4:30 p.m. Coahoma Bulldogs at Lubbock Christian.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL 4 p.m.

 Big Spring Lady Steers at Sweetwater Lady Mustangs.

5 p.m. · Coahoma Buildogettes at

Midland Christian. JUCO BASEBALL

3 p.m.

· Howard Hawks at Hardin Simmons JV (doubleheader). JUCO SOFTBALL

2 p.m. · Howard Lady Hawks at Sul

Ross University (doubleheader)

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

6 p.m. — Midwestern **Collegiate Conference** Tournament championship, ESPN, Ch. 30. 8 p.m. - Sun Belt Conference Tournament championship, ESPN, Ch. 30.

7 p.m. - Phoenix Suns at Houston Rockets, TNT, Ch. 28.

where Cris Carter and Randy Moss live, to help prepare Marino for their offensive system.

Carter said Marino, who turns 39 this year, called him to say he's considering the Vikings' offer. But Marino also is contem-

plating retirement.

Marino became a free agent last month after voiding his contract with Miami. The Dolphins then signed freeagent quarterback Jay Fiedler to a three-year, \$3.8 million deal.

But Dolphins president Eddie Jones said for the first time Monday that if Marino plays next season, the Dolphins want him.

"Danny has been told he can come back," Jones said.

George's agent, Leigh Steinberg, said he assumed all along the Vikings would make a push for his client's return once they freed up enough cap room. Steinberg said he was flabbergasted by the Vikings' pursuit of Marino.

"Do I understand what's going on in Minnesota? No," Steinberg said. "Usually, when a guy goes 9-3 and takes his team to the playoffs, the team tries to extend his contract very quickly. It seemed like a

Dan Marino, pictured here in a 1993 Miami Dolphins game, could be headed to the Minnesota Vikings. He is expected to decide this week on a one-year contract the Vikings have offered him.

marriage made in heaven."

But it's one on the rocks, at best. And Marino could make it a nasty divorce.

Cunningham, meanwhile, has refused a big pay cut and probably will be jettisoned.

Marino, who has not attracted much interest from other teams, threw 12 touchdown passes and 17 interceptions in 1999, by far the worst ratio of his career. He also missed five games and most of a sixth because of a neck injury.

In the playoffs, Marino led the Dolphins to a 20-17 victory over Seattle in the first round. But the team was embarrassed 62-7 the next week against Jacksonville, when the Dolphins trailed 38-0 before Marino even completed a pass in the most lopsided loss in Dolphins history and the most miserable afternoon of his stellar career.

"I believe Dan Marino deserves one more chance" to go out on top, Green said.

But Minnesota isn't the quality destination it was just a short time ago. Pro Bowl offensive linemen Jeff Christy and Randall McDaniel recently joined rival Tampa Bay, and Green purged half his coaching staff following a season of failed expectations and spoiled team chemistry. Marino is the most prolific

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passer in NFL history, having completed 4,967 passes for 61,361 yards and 420 touchdowns, all NFL records. But injuries have taken a toll, and Marino's quarterback rating of 67.4 ranked 30th in the league last year.

"There's no way we would want Dan Marino unless we thought he could really do a great job for us." Green said. The Vikings haven't had the

money to do much in the free agent market. But Marino's agent, Marvin Demoff, had discussions with the team on a contract that would fit within their tight salary cap.

"He is a man among boys, said Colorado coach Ricardo Patton.

Fizer is barreling into the postseason as one of the hottest players in the nation, averaging 32.6 points over the last five games by shooting 61-of-106 (.575) from the field. In four of his last five games, he has gone over 30 points.

"He's a different guy. He's more mature," said Iowa State coach Larry Eustachy. "He lets the game come to him. He dictates the game. The game dictated him last year.'

Fizer and Tinsley were the key players in one of the biggest stories in basketball this season. With Tinsley providing what Oklahoma coach Kelvin Sampson termed the finest point guard play in the conference, the Cyclones went from 15-15 a year ago to a schoolrecord 26-4. In preseason polls, they were not picked higher than sixth.

In league games, the Cyclones went 14-2 in capturing their first conference title since winning the Big Six in 1945. The top vote-getters on the

"A coin flip," he said.

Coahoma, Stanton players grab spots on 3-2A all-district teams

JOHN A. MOSELEY

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While Tahoka's Bulldogs and Post's Lady Antelopes grabbed a large number of the selections, Stanton and Coahoma were well represented when District 3-2A basketball coaches met to select their girls' and boys' all-district teams.

Tahoka, the league's champion in boys' play, and Post, the girls' champion. dominated the balloting for individual honors, as well as first-team accolades, but Stanton' Buffs and Lady Buffs earned a total of four first-team honors, while Coahoma's Bulldogs and **Bulldogettes claimed three more.**

In addition, each of the district's Crossroads area teams had players that claimed individual honors.

Tahoka's Brad Pebsworth and Post's Meagan Mills were selected as the league's most valuable player honorees, but Stanton's Stephanie Washington was selected as the girls' team's defensive player of the year and Coahoma's Chase Ward joined Plains' Jared Bell in shar-

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ing newcomer of the year honors on the boys' squad

Tahoka senior Sedrick Williams was picked as the boys' top defensive player. while Plains' Annaliesa O'Quinn and Post's Kelly Moore were selected as the loop's top newcomer girls.

Post girls' coach Ron Taylor was tabbed by his peers for coach of the year honors. There was no boys' coach of the vear honoree.

Stanton's first-team boys' honorees were senior Brady Cook and Blaine Smith, while Coahoma's Brett Bennett made the squad.

Both Coahoma and Stanton placed two players on the first-team girls' team junior Kortney Kemper and senior Wood claiming the Suzanna Bulldogettes' honors, while the Lady Buffs were represented by seniors **Rachel Madison and Jessica DeLeon.**

Three Bulldogettes players - Kenni Kay Buchanan, Jayci Roberts and Crystal Atkinson - earned second-team honors on the girls' team, joining Stanton's Brandy Allred.

The numbers were reversed on the boys' second unit — Stanton placing Will Harris, Jeremy Hull and David Butler on the squad, while Coahoma was represented by Mario Garcia.

The boys' honorable mention team included four players from both area schools. Coahoma's honorable mention picks were Kris Harding, Tyler Marshall, Jamey Howard and Cody Teeler, while Stanton placed Ace Keele, Keith Cook, Clay White and Jon Cotton on the list.

The girls' honorable mention honorees included Coahoma's Kirstin Marshall, Karen Sterling and Brandi Hart.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***** Unexpected develop-

ments keep you busy. You might have way too much energy for your own good. Schedule a hardy game of racquetball or a brisk walk. Not only will exercise make you feel good, it will also chill you out. Tonight: Enjoy your friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *** You want another's attention, and you know how to command it. Bring others together. Reveal what is on your mind. Be aware of any undercurrents at work. Validate any reservations you might have. Stay on top of work. Tonight: Make it an early night.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) do; otherwise, events could come back to haunt you. There is nothing wrong with a strong stand if you are willing to some flowers on it he way accept the ramifications. Empathy can go a long way, especially with another at a dis- 21)

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CANCER (June 21-July 22) *** Accept another's good will and efforts, but recognize the need to take necessary action. Others cannot do your work for you. Popularity mounts, Attend meetings. You could find those close to you rather unpredictable. (They are!) Tonight: A must appearance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Taking a broad perspective separates you from others. You see events in a different context than others do. Your advice is sought after. An associate goes way beyond the call of duty - he might be soft on you! Be sensitive to others' feelings and treat them with care.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **** Others seek you out. Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4- Maintain an even pace, and your energy will go farther than you think. Initiate talks about a new idea at work while it will be well received. Be willing to debate pros and cons. Encourage others to speak with candor. Tonight: D o something relaxing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **** Activity surrounds you.

Another goes out of his way to make contact. You might not like what is said, but your diplomatic abilities come into play. Use gentle persuasion rather than confrontation. Others are highly responsive. Tonight: Let a partner have the

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**** You might not be on top of a money matter, and, at this point, you might not care unusual as that may be. You are ready to take action, and you don't want to be held back. Indulge a family member; not only will it be appreciated, but it will also warm up the familial climate. Tonight: Order in. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** Beam in what you want. Your gregarious side emerges while dealing with your day-today life. Others care about you and let you know, despite your high level of unpredictability. Take action; make calls; reach out for others. Tonight: Just PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

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If she is my daughter. I want to be part of her life. At the same time, she seems to be happy with her family and l don't want to disrupt her life. Should I demand a paternity test to see if she's mine? -FATHER OF TWO? **DEAR FATHER:** Do not start out by "demanding" anything. Tell your ex-wife that you saw the child's picture and were struck by the child's resemblance to you, and you feel you may owe her an apology. Explain that you would like to be part of the little girl's life, but you do not want to disrupt the new family. Then listen to what your ex-wife has to say. It is important that after all these years, the subject be dealt with in a friendly manner. If she refuses, there is plenty of time to pursue the matter legally if you must. However, I urge you to try diplomacy first. DEAR ABBY: I have a sensitive problem I don't know how to handle. I have a sister-in-law I would do anything for. I love her as I would a sister. She is my best friend, but her husband is a total jerk. He has been making advances toward me and saying things like, "I wish you were mine," and, "A lot of women think I'm great and would be happy to have me.' My sister-in-law invites me to their house frequently, and I am constantly turning her down because of the jerk she's married to. Instead, I suggest that we meet somewhere and have dinner or coffee because I don't want to hurt her in any way. I want to tell her what a cheat her husband is, but I'm afraid of hurting her and our relationship. There's no telling how many women he has made advances to, or how many may have taken him up on it. What can I do? I love her and don't want to cause her pain, but she needs to know what her husband is up to. - FRUS-TRATED IN TEXAS

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I had intended to send the letter to my local newspaper, but then I thought that if this gesture of thanks meant so much to me, it might be of comfort to veterans nationwide. The same day that the letter appeared in your column, I received two telephone calls from the East Coast!

Several letters and calls of thanks have been received since. The thought that many other persons may have read the letter and then taken the time to thank a veteran has been most rewarding.

I intend to respond to everyone who has contacted me. Abby, I believe that you and I have touched the heart and conscience of this nation. On behalf of those veterans whose services have been recognized. I thank you again. - OSCAR **ORTIZ, SAN FRANCISCO**

DEAR OSCAR: I, too, believe your letter touched the heart and conscience of this nation. Since your letter appeared in my column, I have received many dozens of letters from veterans who have been thanked for their service to our

DEAR FRUSTRATED: The next time your sister-in-law's husband makes advances, tell him in no uncertain terms that you are not interested in anything he has to offer, and if it happens again you will tell his wife. If that doesn't stop him, tell her everything and don't mince words.

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In 1911, the United States sent 20,000 troops to the Mexican border as a precaution in the wake 01 tne Mexican **Revolution**. In 1926, the first successful trans-Atlantic radio-telephone conversation took place, between New York and London. In 1936, Adolf Hitler ordered his troops to march into the Rhineland, thereby breaking the Treaty of Versailles and the Locarno Pact. In 1945, during World War II, U.S. forces crossed the Rhine River at Remagen, Germany, using the damaged but still usable Ludendorff Bridge. In 1965, a march by civil rights demonstrators was broken up in Selma, Ala., by state troopers and a sheriff's posse. In 1975, the Senate revised its filibuster rule, allowing 60 senators to limit debate in most cases, instead of the previously required two-thirds of senators present. In 1994, the Supreme Court ruled that parodies that poke fun at an original work can be considered "fair use" that doesn't require permission from the copyright holder. Ten years ago: Health and Human Services Secretary Louis Sullivan announced the government would propose a more informative food-labeling system that would require the disclosure of the fat, fiber and cholesterol content of nearly all packaged foods. Five years ago: New York Gov. George Pataki signed a death penalty bill into law. In a near-party-line vote, the House passed, 232-193, a businessbacked measure designed to pressure combatants in lawsuits to settle their differences short of costly trials. One year ago: Movie director Stanley Kubrick, whose films included "Dr. Strangelove," "A Clockwork Orange" and "2001: A Space Odyssey," died in Hertfordshire, England, at age 70. Today's **Birthdays**: Photographer Lord Snowdon is 70. TV weatherman Willard Scott is 66. Auto racer Janet Guthrie is 62. Actor Daniel J. Travanti is 60. Walt Disney Co. chairman Michael Eisner is 58. **Rock musician Chris White** (The Zombies) is 57. Actor John Heard is 54. Rock singer Peter Wolf is 54. Rock musician Matthew Fisher (Procol Harum) is 54. Singer Peggy March is 52.

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