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Search continues for missing youth

The search continues today at Mustang Draw for 6-year-old Dalton Harbour, who has been missing since Thursday.

Meanwhile, local groups continue to offer support. On Wednesday, Big Spring Junior High students and faculty donated \$150 to help with the search effort. The funds were delivered to volunteers by assistant principal Wayland Pirece.

Also Wednesday, volunteers and family members held a memorial at the site, some 14-16 miles southwest of Big Spring.

The young boy, his sister Peyton and mother Cindy were swept from FM 818 Thursday morning by high water. Cindy Harbour managed to get to safety. Searchers found Peyton's body Thursday night.

Blues concert set at HC tonight

A special performance of original blues compositions by Howard College music students is scheduled tonight in the Fireplace Room of the Student Union Building.

The free concert begins at 8 p.m. and the public is invited to attend.

Five students will present their original blues and jazz pieces to the public using small-group combinations of musicians.

Students who will be presenting their original works are Stacey Bloodworth, Thomas Haislip, Daryl Richardson, Farrah Scholer and Jimmy Shanks.

Other students may also submit compositions, and several students will participate in the performances.

Arts & crafts show here on weekend

The 11th annual Spring City Arts and Crafts Show will be Saturday and Sunday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Hours for the show are Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m.

There is no admission charge.

There will be artists and crafters from throughout the Southwest with original art and handcrafted items.

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Air Force selects Lancer MOA; group plans to counter with lawsuit

By GINA GARZA
Staff Writer

The United States Air Force has selected an eight-county area north of Big Spring for its Realistic Bomber Training Initiative (RBTI) and, as expected, an environmental group has plans to fight the decision.

"We've been expecting it and the decision was certainly no surprise," said John Oudt, chairman of the legal committee for the Heritage Environmental Preservation Association (HEPA), a group

formed to combat the Air Force's plan. "Our plans are to begin the process of filing a lawsuit against the Air Force as soon as our paperwork is done."

The Air Force announced Wednesday that it has decided on the Lancer Military Operations Area (MOA), based on analysis presented in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) released in February.

The Lancer MOA overlies portions of Kent, Scurry, Fisher, Stonewall, Borden, Dawson, Lynn and Garza counties, and

will provide training at 3,000 feet above the ground and higher.

A Military Training Route (MTR) would be used to train at lower altitudes — down to 300 feet. A portion of the MTR runs north up the Howard-Mitchell County line.

The Air Force has said the initiative will improve training for bomber aircrews closer to Dyess and Barksdale bases than what has been previously used. Currently, B-1s and B-52s must fly as far as South Dakota or Wyoming to receive this train-

ing, according to the Air Force. The new proposed airspace will allow B-1 and B-52 aircrews to work as a team, facing complete, realistic training scenarios in one location.

"We feel the RBTI will be an important part of our training in the future," said Maj. John Boyle, Chief of Public Affairs at Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene. "It will bring in jobs, combat crew training and save tax dollars."

The Air Force first made public the RBTI in December of 1997, and noted it has held 32

public meetings on the subject. The first environmental impact statement was released last year, and projected that the flights would cause no significant harm to livestock, land, quality of life or other environmental factors.

But environmentalists, farmers and ranchers in the selected area say the impact statement is a sham.

"We knew this selection process was a farce from the very beginning," said Buster

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Betty Koenig looks at a watercolor painting at the Big Spring Art Association's Art Show. The painting by Christi Ray, Elephant Walk, won Best of Show. The show continues at the Big Spring Mall through Saturday.

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Grand jury

Indictments handed down for multiple sex offenses; five individuals charged

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

A Howard County Grand Jury handed down seven indictments on five individuals in cases presented by the district attorney's office on Wednesday. Four of the five cases heard were crimes of a sexual nature.

According to District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson, it was a good time for Assistant District Attorney



WILKERSON

Robin Orr to get his feet wet.

"We had an opportunity for the new assistant district attorney to present some cases," said Wilkerson. "After I presented the first case Robin (Orr) presented the next four cases, all but one being sexual offenses."

Santiago Flores, 32, of 1506 Oriole, was indicted on two counts of indecency with a child.

Verlin Harrington, 26, of 5700 Cedar Road, Apartment 120, was indicted on a charge of one count of sexual assault of a child.

Rudy Holguin, 44, of 207 West Seventh Street, Forsan, was indicted on one count of inde-

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Howard College, SWCID to celebrate Community College Month

By GINA GARZA
Staff Writer

Howard College celebrates Community College Month in April, beginning with a boot scramble for youngsters at the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA) Rodeo Friday at the Howard County Fairgrounds.



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"We've invited H.E. Buddy with HEB Stores to help us judge the boot scramble, which will begin our festivities for the month," said Marsha Jones, director of communication at Howard College.

The boot scramble will allow those youngsters 12 and younger to enter the rodeo bowl, take off their boots and race to see who can be the first to replace them and cross the finish line.

"This is sure to be a fun event for the entire family. We hope our community will visit the rodeo and give their support to our students and to the cowboys

and to the boot scramblers," Jones said.

On Saturday at the NIRA Rodeo, Mayor Pro-Tem Oscar Garcia will issue a proclamation at 7 p.m. declaring April Community College Month.

Each work day of April, KBST Radio will announce the Spotlight Employee at Howard College and at the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf. This employee will receive a gift.

Other events for the month include SWCIDfest April 13-16, a homecoming celebration for students of SWCID.

In addition, Boy Scouts and

Girl Scouts will visit the campus on different evenings to fly kites with students.

"We thought kite flying was a marvelous way to harness this West Texas wind, and we should have plenty of daylight since the time changes April 2. After decorating their own kite, the children will receive a short tour of the campus while they're here," said Jones.

A blood drive is set for April 5, and a scholarship to Howard College will be given to the first baby born in April, Jones said.

A special treat is planned for secretaries during the last week of April.

"April 26 is Secretaries Day, and we will honor all the men and women without whom the work day at Howard College would be filled with ringing telephones and mounds of paperwork," she said.

A dorm decorating contest is planned for the Howard College and SWCID campuses, and employees may attend the Howard College Lady Hawk softball game April 4 or the Hawk baseball game April 14.

"Of course, we'll have to return to work after the softball game, but we thought this

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Big Spring High School students bound for awards program

By GINA GARZA
Staff Writer

Ten Big Spring High School students left this morning for Angelo State University to attend an awards program for outstanding academic achievements.

Hosted by the State Board of Education and Texas Colleges and Universities, the event honors national merit scholars, prospective valedictorians, Academic Decathlon winners, those who have made perfect scores on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) exam, plus many other ninth through 12th grade students who have achieved academic recognition. The event has been going on for the last four or five years.

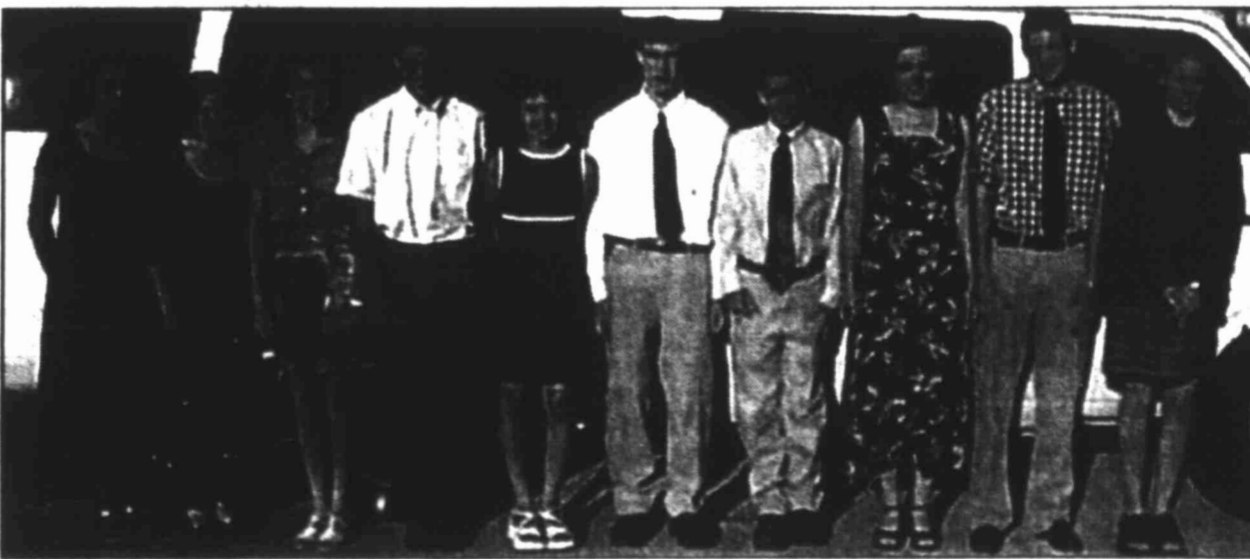
"This came down from the Texas Educational Association. They wanted more students to be recognized for their academic ability," said Kent Bowerman, principal.

"They are a part of the cream of the crop."

Local honorees are Christine Medellin, senior; Heidrun Robinson, junior; sophomores April Ward, Nathaniel Smith, Jamie Pineda and Stephen Broussard; and freshmen Ryan Vela, Laura Schnake, William Warrington and Amanda Lasater.

"The counselors and I sit down and try to make a list of all outstanding academic students (usually 50 to 60) and then we go from there," he said.

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Big Spring High School students attending the awards program at Angelo State University today are, from left, Christine Medellin, Heidrun Robinson, April Ward, Nathaniel Smith, Jamie Pineda, Stephen Broussard, Christopher Ryan Vela, Laura Schnake, William Mark Warrington and Amanda Lasater.

City council approves sales tax holiday, tables employee policy

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

Big Spring residents will get a another "tax-free holiday" in August, city council members promptly decided Tuesday.

"In my opinion, we would be the grinch that stole Christmas if we voted to repeal this," said Mayor Russ McEwen.

The State Comptroller's Office will be holding the same tax-free week on clothing and footwear as it did a year ago — a move designed to help parents afford more school clothes for their children — although any

council let the resolution die for lack of a motion.

While the council was quick to give the citizens a tax break during the first week of August, it wasn't so decisive on a resolution tightening a worker's compensation issue for city employees. In fact, council members seemed to think that the more strict policy might not be strict enough.

City officials had come to the council with a change in the policy Tuesday night.

"Right now, there is no defined limit to how long an employee can get full salary

(while out with an injury)," noted Emma Board, assistant city manager. "This new policy would give them up to 90 days, and then they would go on worker's comp. Also, if they are still on worker's comp after six months, they will be terminated."

"Under the current policy, there is no incentive to come back to work, is there?" said Mayor Russ McEwen.

"Absolutely none," said Bogard. "And we're going through that right now. That's why we feel the need for a more strict policy."

"It still looks liberal to me," said Councilman Joann Smoot. Bogard noted that some cities don't pay full salary for any period of time when an employee is injured; rather, the employee immediately draws worker's compensation.

The council briefly discussed approving the policy on first reading and reviewing it at a later date, but McEwen urged them not to do that.

"I would almost rather put it off for two weeks if that's the consensus of the council. We

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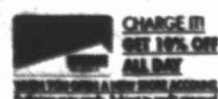
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OUR VIEWS

HC-sponsored rodeo always entertaining

It has been a couple of years since Howard College's rodeo team has had an opportunity to compete in front of a hometown crowd, but all that will change at 7 tonight with the first of three performances at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl. Rodeo performances are set for 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, as well — the final round being the so-called "short go-round" where first-round leaders return to compete for the championship in nine events.

A field of approximately 500 athletes from colleges throughout Texas and New Mexico are scheduled to compete in the 2000 Howard College Rodeo. That field will represent the Southwest Region of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA), the nation's strongest. In addition, perhaps half of the rodeo's participants currently compete professionally.

In fact, first-year Howard College rodeo coach Greg Kernick maintains the only real difference between the cowboys and cowgirls who'll be competing this weekend and those who travel the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) circuit on a full-time basis is their decision to attend college classes at the same time they practice their sport. Tickets for each performance are priced at \$5 each and are available at the gate, and children 12 and younger will be admitted free when accompanied by an adult.

We here at the *Herald* wish Howard College's team members, as well as the rest of the rodeo's field, the best of luck this weekend. In addition, we encourage members of the community to take the time to attend at least one of the rodeo's performances. We'll see you there.

OTHER VIEWS

After almost four years of investigation under two independent counsels, the Clinton administration embarrassment known as "Filegate" can be filed away.

Although some 900 confidential FBI reports improperly fell into the hands of midlevel White House employees, "there was no substantial and credible evidence that any senior White House official, or First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, was involved in seeking confidential background reports ... of former White House staff from the administrations of President Bush and President Reagan."

Thus Robert W. Ray, the independent counsel who

replaced Kenneth Starr to wrap up that office's extensive investigations of the Clintons and their associates, has closed the least complicated of the three major areas of concern. Resolution of the remaining two — the firing of White House travel office employees and the Whitewater machinations — is expected this summer.

Although criminal conduct now has been ruled out, the fact remains that extremely sensitive data about private lives, made all the more sensitive because their validity had not been determined, came before unauthorized eyes.

THE (CLEVELAND) PLAIN DEALER

Of old dogs and tulip trees and Day-Glo sheep

Rufus the red retriever is home, howling at the moon or a trespassing possum or nothing in particular.

Since I wrote about him last month, nearly 200 of you have asked how his surgery went. It went fine. Didn't cure his deafness, his arthritis or make him a puppy again, but Rufus seems, once again, a happy old dog.

I enjoyed the stories poor Rufus' plight provoked. I heard about a cat named Charlie B. that looks like Charles Bronson, an old dog the size of a teacup that eats only boiled chicken, about young Arloe and old Prince, faithful pets that greet their owner every night and make him feel "a lot less weary."

Bill Garrett, head of the Atlanta Humane Society,

writes that he's requested the play "Amazing Grace" and "Old Dogs and Children and Watermelon Wine" at his funeral.

Speaking of funerals, I read about the death of Kaleb, a 24-year-old cat, and the passing of Simon Peter, a hound. Letters from pet owners in mourning describe "a terrier-sized hole in my heart" and "that awful quiet that means a friend is missing."

Reader Liz Horsey says not to worry, "their spirits go to Sirius, the dog star, the brightest star in the sky. Then they come to visit you every winter."

People find satisfaction in "the sound of doggie toenails on the vinyl floor," or a cat that "wraps himself around my shoulders like a boa," or "a castaway dog that seems forever beholden to her rescuers."

One woman says her dear mutt outlasted three sorry husbands.

I misidentified a tree by trying to sound fancy. All my life I've called a tulip tree a slip, a *Heliolanthus* misidentified as a *Hunnemania*.

But in an effort to sound

poetic, I recently described the pink, plump blooms of a "tulip poplar." No tulip, no cigar, not even close, caught in flowery prose and ignorance.

"The tree you called a tulip poplar ... is in reality a saucer magnolia, *Magnolia soulangeana*, sometimes called a tulip tree along with several other species," Bob Simon wrote. As grounds supervisor at the beautiful Emory campus, he certainly can rest on his laurels and laurel.

"The tulip poplar, *Liriodendron tulipifera*, on the other hand, is a very large deciduous single-trunked tree, characterized by its tulip-shaped leaf."

Simon says. I stand corrected.

A dozen or so other knowledgeable gardeners caught the same error. Many were not as polite and well-meaning as Simon. Avid gardeners are a little like grammarians in that regard. I picture some of them standing with spade in one hand, red pen in the other, eager to catch a slip, a *Heliolanthus* misidentified as a *Hunnemania*.

I vow to steer clear of trees with two names. Goofs are made by fools like me; only saints can name a tree.

I hit another foul all the way across the Atlantic, in my column about Ireland and Wales, and the sheep with Day-Glo stripes on their backs. I assumed the markings had to do with shearing schedules.

Several said the colors were about breeding, not shearing. One amused fellow spared me details but suggested I read Thomas Hardy's "The Return of the Native."

Another wasn't so delicate: "Those bright blue stripes on sheep backs will become mixed with the bright red that is put on the front of a ram," one man wrote. "This tells the farmer WHAT???? Blue and red make more sheep!"

Not exactly. I called an expert at Auburn University. He described an ad for "sheep marking crayons" that come in red, blue or green. The dye fits into a "ewe-marking harness" that's placed on the ram's withers. That way sheep farmers know when sheep have mated and when to expect a birth. I'm appropriately sheepish.

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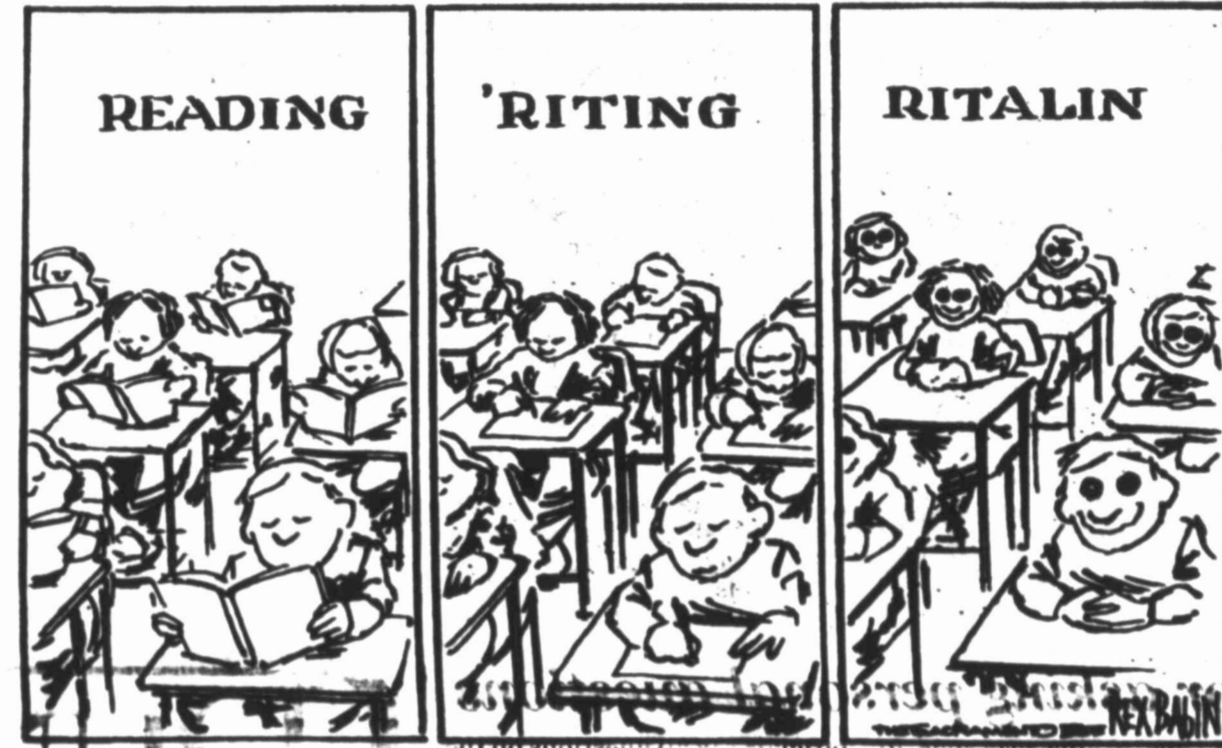
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But Energy Se Richardson, in a Wednesday, said vined the new pr els will offer grad est reductions in

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Government is off the track

Martin L. Gross' new book, "The Government Racket 2000," is now out in paperback, and I recommend it. The publisher is Avon Books. Those familiar with government waste won't be surprised, but it is a fine reminder of how bad government is.

And by "bad" I mean inefficient, wasteful and basically dishonest. We have some military families on food stamps, but a third 18-hole golf course is built at Andrews Air Force Base because that's where Washington politicians and bureaucrats like to play.

There are more than 160 separate job-training programs. Between 1965 and the present, more than \$7 trillion in current dollars has been spent on a myriad of welfare programs. Yet there are as many poor people today as there were in 1965.

It's worthwhile to remind ourselves how far off the track of sensible government we've gone. And, of course, Gross explains why all this talk about a surplus is pure baloney. The federal government is still running a deficit, and the public debt is still increasing. In this

case, politicians in both parties are just plain misleading folks with accounting tricks.

In keeping with the Clinton era, it depends on what you mean by surplus. In this case, it means taking \$857 billion from Social Security by fiscal 1999. Sen. Fritz Hollings, D-S.C., has exposed this budget-surplus fraud but has gotten virtually no attention from a news media that is, frankly, become a government lap dog for the most part.

All Americans — Democrats, Republicans, independents, liberals or conservatives — agree that whatever government does it should do as efficiently as possible. Taxpayers should not be subsidizing the congressional barbershop to the tune of \$360,000 a year. Let the damned politicians get their haircuts at their own expense in a regular barbershop like everybody else.

Some people think I exaggerate when I refer to the federal government as the imperial government, but I don't. There is a very bad atmosphere in Washington that causes ordinary people, when they go there, to lose perspective and in some cases to lose touch with reality. It's as if the power and the perks and being surrounded by lackeys and flatterers poison their minds. They begin to see themselves as a sort of chosen people, better than everybody else. That reeks of imperial, not republican government.

The change in the past 50 years has been enormous. If

you ever get the chance, visit Warm Springs, Ga., and look at the little cottage where Franklin Roosevelt went for rest and therapy. Compare that most modest place with the palatial places where contemporary presidents unwind.

Can you imagine any contemporary president, after his term is over, catching a cab down to the train station to go home at his own expense? Harry Truman did that, and other than Dwight Eisenhower, there hasn't been a president since Truman who was one-tenth the man he was.

Mental and moral midgets who have delusions of grandeur are governing us. But what does that say about us? There isn't one politician in Washington who wasn't elected.

We are simply making bad choices, and I think in part it's because neither the people nor the politicians have any clear idea anymore about what government ought to do and not do.

Both voters and politicians seem to approach the idea of government from a purely selfish point of view — what can I get out of it, and what is it going to give me?

Well, if you're a politician or rich guy with a good lobbyist, the answer is a lot.

If you're in the middle to the bottom rung of the ladder, the answer is nothing much. People have the power to change.

Do they have the will?

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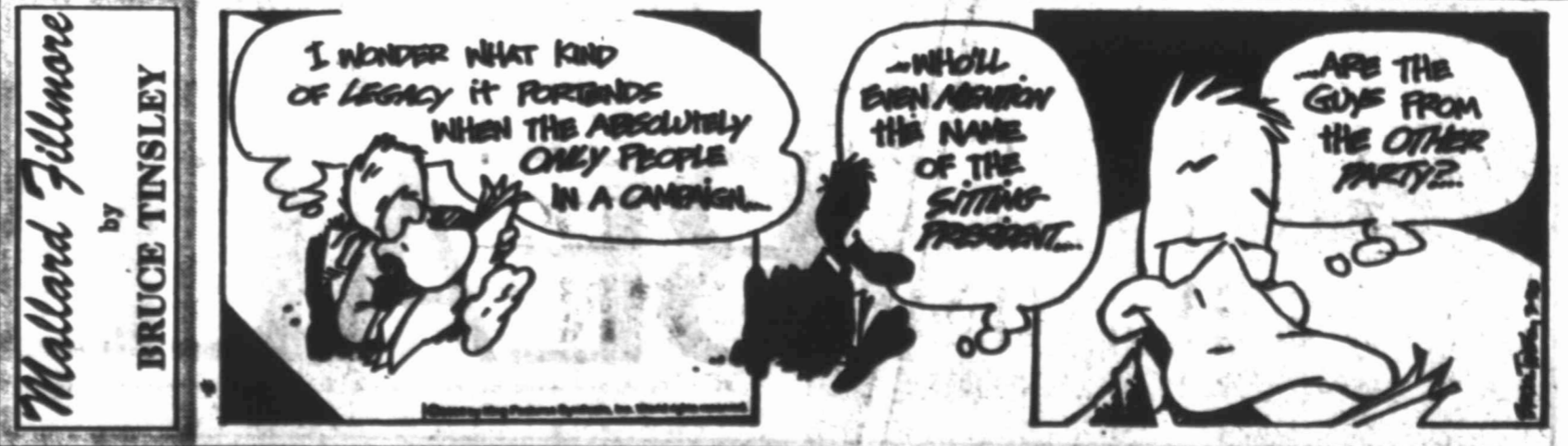
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President Clinton plans to appeal judge's ruling over Willey letters

WASHINGTON (AP) — A judge's ruling against President Clinton could spawn a lawsuit by presidential accuser Kathleen Willey and give a boost to the Privacy Act lawsuit of another Clinton nemesis, Linda Tripp.

At a minimum, Wednesday's decision that Clinton committed a criminal violation by releasing Mrs. Willey's personal letters from White House files promises to prolong a nasty court battle that the president is determined to win.

"The opinion of our counsel's office and ... and other judges who've ruled on this is that that act does not apply to this kind

of correspondence in the White House," Clinton told a news conference following the ruling by U.S. District Judge Royce Lamberth.

Attempting to undercut her credibility, Clinton authorized the release of Mrs. Willey's letters to him the morning after her 1998 TV appearance in which she claimed the president made an unwanted sexual advance just outside the Oval Office in 1993. Mrs. Willey's letters showed she remained friendly with Clinton after the alleged incident.

David Sobel, general counsel for the Electronic Privacy Information Center, said, "A

judicial finding of criminal liability creates a very strong basis for a civil suit" for Mrs. Willey. She could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

The White House could face another problem as well.

There is a move afoot to consolidate Mrs. Tripp's Privacy Act lawsuit with the suit in which Lamberth made his ruling Wednesday against Clinton. If Lamberth consolidates the cases, Mrs. Tripp would continue to be represented by Washington lawyer Stephen Kohn, an expert in whistleblower and privacy act law.

The plaintiffs in the other

case, former Reagan- and Bush-era political appointees whose FBI background files were collected by the Clinton White House, would be represented by the conservative group Judicial Watch, which has filed a series of lawsuits against the administration. Lamberth, a Republican appointee, is handling the lawsuits.

"The evidence of violations against Willey help prove a general campaign to discredit opponents of which Tripp was at the high end of the list," Tripp lawyer Stephen Kohn said.

Lamberth's ruling "substantiates our belief that Mrs. Tripp was a victim of similar actions

involving both the Department of Defense and the Office of the Presidency," said Joe Murtha, another Tripp lawyer.

The Pentagon released information from Mrs. Tripp's personnel file in which she incorrectly told her prospective government employer she'd never been arrested. In fact, she was arrested for grand larceny when she was a teen-ager, a charge later reduced to loitering.

In planning an appeal of the decision, the Clinton administration says it will be able to cite precedents contradicting Lamberth's opinion that "the White House and president were aware that they were sub-

ject to the Privacy Act, and yet chose to violate its provisions."

In 1975, then-Assistant Attorney General and now Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia recognized that the law does not cover the entire Executive Office of the President, White House counsel Beth Nolan said.

"In every administration since, Republican and Democrats alike, the Justice Department has consistently adhered to the view that the White House Office is not subject to the Privacy Act," Nolan said.

"Judge Lamberth's opinion is inconsistent with that precedent."

American flag desecration amendment goes down in Senate once again

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Senate attempt to give the American flag constitutional protections again fell short, with supporters failing to move dug-in opponents who said the measure would undercut basic free speech rights.

The 63-37 vote Wednesday was four short of the two-thirds majority needed to amend the Constitution and almost identical to the 63-36 vote when the Senate defeated the amendment

in 1995. The author of the amendment, Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, vowed that he would try again: "We are not going to quit until we win."

He said a large majority of Americans want Congress to be able to punish those who desecrate the flag and that "this place is filled with elitism among those who are voting against the amendment."

But those in opposition, including four Republicans, argued that attacks on the flag are rare and don't justify what they said would be the first time in history that the Constitution is changed to qualify First Amendment free speech rights.

"A desecrated flag is replaceable. Desecrated rights are lost forever to those who experience the loss," said Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass. He noted that among the nations that ban flag desecration are Iraq, Iran, Libya and North Korea.

The amendment consisted of one sentence, that "Congress shall have the power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States."

Hatch and others argued that the amendment was needed because the Supreme Court in 1989 struck down a Texas state flag desecration law and the next year a law passed by Congress, both times on the

grounds that they infringed on First Amendment rights. Both votes were 5-4.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said the high court had made a mistake. "In my opinion flag-burning is not speech, it is conduct of the most offensive kind."

But in a setback for supporters, Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., one of 14 Democrats to vote for

the amendment in 1995 and a leading constitutional scholar on Tuesday announced to the American Legion, primary backers of the amendment, that he was changing his vote.

"I shrink from the possibility of providing a tiny minority of rabble-rousers with the ammunition to fire upon the most important and beloved document in the country," he said.

FEMA to determine whether Fort Worth area needs aid

FORT WORTH (AP) — A large chunk of downtown was off limits again here today following deadly tornadoes, with city officials warning that shards of glass falling from damaged skyscrapers made the area too dangerous.

Twelve square blocks were closed off to all but building representatives and construction contractors, said Pat Svacina, a city spokesman. Much of the area was also closed Wednesday, although the perimeter that law officers cordoned off had shrunk somewhat.

"We'll make some more progress on that today," said Mayor Kenneth Barr.

The city of 480,000 was struck Tuesday by two tornadoes, one

of them ripping through downtown just after the evening rush hour. Four people died and a fifth person was presumed dead.

The Fort Worth twister destroyed eight buildings and damaged 52 businesses and high-rises, with the cost expected to top \$300 million. Fire crews went floor by floor Wednesday to make sure no one had been trapped or injured, sending 200-pound panes of glass falling hundreds of feet to the ground.

FBI agents fought the wind as they tried to retrieve documents blown out of the Cash America building; computers with confidential files were intact.

Gov. George W. Bush declared Tarrant County a disaster area.

Federal Emergency Management Agency workers were expected to arrive by tonight to determine whether the area should receive federal aid.

Svacina said that city crews today would concentrate on removing felled trees and other debris from residences in the damaged Monticello and Linwood areas.

The other tornado destroyed more than 100 homes in neighboring Arlington and Grand Prairie and damaged more than 1,000 others.

In Arlington, 15-year-old Michael Ortega and his friends grabbed shovels and rakes Wednesday to clear rubble from area yards.

"There is this older lady who

lives by herself next to my friend and she couldn't really do anything herself," Ortega told the Arlington Morning News. "We really felt sorry for her."

Many residents spent the night in their cars in their driveways rather than leave their damaged homes.

Representatives from CiCi's Pizza distributed pizzas and The Salvation Army dispensed bottled water, sandwiches, fruit and cookies. The Tarrant County chapter of Texas Baptist Men prepared and served hot lunches and dinners to more than 300 people.

"It's total devastation everywhere you look," Mike Anderson, a Salvation Army spokesman.

Census takes hit for asking personal questions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott and other Republicans in Congress are attacking what they call the intrusiveness of the Census Bureau's 53-question long form, saying people shouldn't answer the questions that invade their privacy.

Lott, R-Miss., has received a number of complaints from constituents about the long form, which was sent to one in six of the country's 115 million households, spokesman John Czwartacki said.

"If there's a question that invades their privacy they should leave it blank," Czwartacki said, while at the

same time urging everyone to fill out and return their forms.

Earlier this week, Rep. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., urged people to answer just the first six questions on the long form before sending it back to the Census Bureau with a letter of protest.

"I'm appalled and outraged by the intrusiveness of this questionnaire," he said. "It is ridiculous for the Census Bureau to ask personal questions that have nothing to do with their constitutional mandate to count the citizens of the United States."

The Census Bureau said it has added just one question to the long form since 1990. Census

officials say all questions on the form are approved by Congress ahead of time, and most are essential for the distribution of federal funding.

Questions on the long form cover topics such as income, employment status and home value, while the short form contains only 8 questions about basic identifying information.

Rep. Carolyn B. Maloney, D-N.Y., ranking Democrat on the House census subcommittee, said in a letter addressed to colleagues in Congress that the only new question on this year's long form asks for information on grandparents as care givers.

Impact of OPEC action may take a while to reach pump

WASHINGTON (AP) — Motorists coping with high gasoline prices might not see lower pump prices for months as a result of OPEC's increased oil production. Even then, cheaper gasoline might not come in time for the busy summer driving season.

But Energy Secretary Bill Richardson, in an interview Wednesday, said he is convinced the new production levels will offer gradual and modest reductions in prices during

the summer. He also dismissed as "flat wrong" assertions by some congressional Republicans that OPEC's decision Tuesday was too modest to seriously influence prices.

The department's own statistical agency estimates that gasoline, now averaging \$1.55 a gallon nationwide, likely will cost about \$1.42 per gallon by summer's end. Richardson believes those projections are conservative and he cited prices on the

futures market that suggested wholesale gas prices would decline as much as 15 cents by July.

President Clinton said OPEC's increase was "good news for our economy." At a news conference, he urged oil companies "to do everything they can to bring the savings to consumers as quickly as possible."

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries agreed to increase production by 1.7 million barrels a day.

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Singer says time has come for acceptance of Christian rock

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Mark Stuart, lead singer of Christian rock band Audio Adrenaline, says it's not just the music that fans cheer during their concerts.

"A big part of the concert is us sharing our faith," he said. "I think a lot of our fans are very blown away by the depth of what we share."

Audio Adrenaline comes to Big Spring Monday, April 10, at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, and tickets are available at The Master's Touch. The concert is sponsored by the First Baptist Church youth ministry.

While their current tour, for the album "Underdog," has brought thousands of church youth group members and college Christians, Stuart said the band also wants to reach out to those who don't go to church.

"We encourage our fans to bring people who are 'unchurched' to the show," he said. "If you let people hear it, they can tell it's just a regular rock band."

The difference, Stuart said, is that Audio Adrenaline's lyrics, most of them written by the band members, "instead of tearing people away from God, pull them toward Him."

Stuart is 31, and said band members range in age from the 20s to the 30s. Their target audience is the high school and college crowd.

"But our demographic goes all the way up," Stuart said. "We have 50 and 60-year-old fans who grew up listening to the Rolling Stones. Our music



At left, Christian rock band Audio Adrenaline, with musicians from left, Tyler Burkum, Mark Stuart, Ben Cissell, Bob Herdman and Will McGinniss, will perform here April 10. Above, the music concert will also feature Fono, with musicians Ian Crawford, Del Currie and Andy Ridley; and Raze.

Tickets going fast for April 10 show

Ticket sales are brisk for the April 10 Christian rock concert featuring Audio Adrenaline "The Underdog Tour." The concert, sponsored by the youth ministry at First Baptist Church, will take place at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum and thousands are expected to attend.

Tickets are available at The Master's Touch in Big Spring, and phone requests for tickets have already come from as far away as the Dallas area. Cost is \$13 Mezzanine advance, \$16 Mezzanine at the door, and \$16 for floor tickets. Group ticket rates are \$12 each.

Also performing are bands Raze and Fono, and the tour introduces musician Riley Armstrong.

is a throwback to that kind of rock."

Three of the five group members met while attending

Kentucky Christian College. Stuart said after playing in several secular bands in high school, he was glad to find he

could play the rock music he loved with a message that he believed was important.

And despite some resistance from Christians who don't see a place for the loud guitars, bass and drums in worship, Stuart said the time has come for Christian rock.

"I've seen a big change in Christian music over the last 10 years," he said. "The people who are running the churches now are seeing the fruits of these labors. They are seeing that this does reach kids."

In press materials about the "Underdog" album title, Stuart is quoted as saying the band wants to share the message with their fans that sometimes

everyone, even the members of a wildly popular and successful band feel like failures.

"It might not sound like a positive message at first," he writes, "but it becomes one when you realize how strong and huge God is, and how He is lifted up and glorified more through our weaknesses than our strengths. That message brings hope to a lot of people who sometimes feel like the underdog."

And his band members, along with those of guest bands Raze and Fono, appeal to fans for another reason: They look like them. They wear trendy clothing, have facial hair and body piercings.

That means they don't have what some people would consider a traditional "Christian appearance."

"I think people are starting to realize that outward appearance doesn't determine where your heart is," Stuart said. "If you really look at it, Christ was actually one of the biggest rebels of his time."

And the musician said he is pleased to see young people taking a larger role in the church.

"A lot of kids out there are leading their church in worship," he said. "All of us have something to learn from the 12-year-old who is seeing Jesus for the first time."

Great kids can come from worst circumstances

QUESTION: Tell me why some kids with every advantage and opportunity seem to turn out bad, while others raised in terrible homes become pillars in the community? I know one young man who grew up in squalid circumstances, yet he is such a fine person today. How did his parents manage to raise such a responsible son when they didn't even seem to care?

DR. DOBSON: That illustrates an important point I want to make. Neither heredity nor environment will account for all human behavior. There is something else there -- something from within -- that also operates to make us who we are. Some behavior is caused and some plainly isn't.

Several years ago, for example, I had dinner with two parents who have unofficially "adopted" a 13-year-old boy. This youngster followed their

son home one afternoon and asked if he could spend the night. As it turned out, he stayed with them for almost a week without so much as a phone call coming from his mother. It was later learned that the mother worked 16 hours a day and had no interest in her son. Her alcoholic husband divorced her several years ago and left town without a trace. The boy had been abused, unloved and ignored through much of his life.

Given this background, what kind of kid do you think he is today? A druggie? A foul-

mouthered delinquent? A lazy, insolent bum? No. He is polite to adults; he is a hard worker; he makes good grades in school and enjoys helping around the house. This boy is like a lost puppy who desperately wants a good home. He begged the family to adopt him officially so he could have a real father and a loving mother. His own mom couldn't care less.

How could this teen-ager be so well-disciplined and polished despite his lack of training? I don't know. It is simply within him. He reminds me of my wonderful friend David Hernandez. David and his parents came to America illegally from Mexico more than 50 years ago and nearly starved to death before they found work. They eventually survived by helping to harvest the potato crop throughout the state of California. During this era, David lived under trees or in

the open fields. His father made a stove out of an oil drum half-filled with dirt. The open campfire was the centerpiece of their home.

David never had a roof over his head until his parents finally moved into an abandoned chicken coop. His mother covered the boarded walls with cheap wallpaper, and David thought they were living in luxury. Then one day, the city of San Jose condemned the area and David's "house" was torn down. He couldn't understand why the community would destroy so fine a place.

We'll talk more about David's story next week.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. James C. Dobson's "Focus on the Family" appears each Thursday as a cooperative effort of Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the Big Spring Herald. Letters may be sent to P.O. Box 444; Colorado Springs, Colo.; 80903.



DR. JAMES DOBSON

Depression pills may also work for hot flashes

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Medicines commonly used to combat depression may also help ease the misery of hot flashes.

A small study reported Tuesday suggests that Paxil relieves the effects of estrogen withdrawal in women being treated for breast cancer.

Estrogen pills are the standard medicine for the hot flashes, mood swings and night sweats of menopause, but they are often not recommended for women at high risk of breast cancer.

Women who are already on estrogen are typically told to stop taking the hormone after a

diagnosis of breast cancer.

Cancer treatment can itself trigger menopause in younger women. Doctors say about half of breast cancer patients complain of hot flashes, the sudden spike of temperature that makes them break into a sweat and want to pull off their clothing.

At Georgetown University Medical Center in Washington, doctors noticed that the problem sometimes seems to ease when women go on antidepressants called selective serotonin-reuptake inhibitors. In a pilot study, they gave Paxil, one brand of these prescription drugs, to 30 women.

They started out at 10 milligrams daily for one week, then upped the dose to 20 milligrams a day for four weeks. On the pills, the frequency of hot flashes fell by two-thirds and their intensity eased by three-quarters. Afterward, 25 of the women chose to continue taking Paxil.

"Women can tell fairly quickly whether this drug will work for them," Dr. Vered Stearns said at an American Cancer Society meeting in Tampa. "The women called and thanked me."

She said a larger study will start soon to see how Paxil compares to dummy pills. This

study will also enroll women who are going through menopause but don't have cancer.

In other studies, about one-third of women report improvement when taking placebos. Typically hot flashes and other symptoms ease after six months or so and go away completely after two to six years, though some women may suffer them much longer.

Besides estrogen, "this is the first thing that appears to be dramatically helpful for hot flashes," said Dr. William Wood of Emory University in Atlanta. "This is very exciting stuff for a lot of women."

Sharing what we know

Genealogists need to help each other as they struggle with research, sources

Looking back into our past is sometimes a hard thing to do, we can't seem to find the basic information we are looking for much less the vitals.

Each resource we find must be used as much as possible, so we can glean all of the information we need from it. Keeping in mind that aspect of our research can help us complete as much as possible the information we need.

Since I began my articles, I have tried to help each and everyone who has asked me to. In doing so I feel I have contributed to their family history. To continue writing these articles, I must know that I am helping my readers get the most out of their research. Without feedback from my readers, I just don't know if I am helping or not.

Please let me know if I am helping you or not, and if not, what I can do to help you.

Our family history is important to not just us, but our descendants as well. Preserving our family history now can go a long way in giving our children and grandchildren a better understanding of where we came from, our hardships, our triumphs, our way of life compared to theirs.

Maybe if our children can

I will share my shortcuts with you, and you please do the same with me.



BOBBY RAWLS

understand our lives growing up, they can better understand us. With so many families losing their ties, we must do something to help bind our families together. Genealogy is one resource that can accomplish this.

Next week I will concentrate on Missouri records for a reader whose family came from there. I know of several good sources for her to use.

Even though I lost all of my e-mail contacts, I still have hard copies to go through -- thousands of pages in my files, plus what I did save in my own family's files. I, too, have family from Missouri.

I work seven days a week, so it is hard for me to go places to research. Knowing that gives me perspective into the everyday life of my readers.

I know that most of you are in the same boat -- we just don't have the time to do research like we want to. I will share my shortcuts with you, and you please do the same with me.

Many thanks.
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DID YOU KNOW...

Before 1900, pregnancy was not considered a subject for medical intervention, and women were cared for by the relatives and neighbors around them, most of whom had experienced it themselves. Most women at the end of the 19th century lived in rural areas with no access to doctors, but such care was becoming more common. Here are some facts about obstetrical care in 1899 in Texas:

- Doctor's rates were \$20-30 for four hours.
- Doctors charged for delivery only. There was no recognized "prenatal care."
- If needed, Cesarean sections were performed. The going rate was \$250-500.

Advice for the care of a pregnant woman of that era, however, was remarkably similar to that given today. It included:

- Monthly checkups, with a great deal of emphasis on the state of the kidneys.
- Participating in moderate exercise.
- Avoiding alcohol and extreme emotional upset.

— from the Texas Department of Health

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A SPRING DANCE SPONSORED by Hispanic Women for Progress is planned Friday at Big Spring High School cafeteria. The dance, for ninth through 12th graders at the high school, begins at 8 p.m. and lasts until midnight. The cost is \$5 per person and music will be provided by a disc jockey.

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PLANS ARE IN THE works for the annual dog show sponsored by the Big Spring Kennel Club. The event is set for April 29-30 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Judging will begin Saturday morning, and spectators are always welcome to attend. There is no admission fee.

THE LAST WORD

Libraries are not made; they grow.
Augustine Birrell

It took me 15 years to discover that I had no talent for writing, but I couldn't give it up because by then I was too famous.
Robert Benchley

God is really only another artist. He invented the giraffe, the elephant and the cat. He has no real style. He just keeps on trying other things.
Pablo Picasso

NEW YORK
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'Wonderland' is a wondrous new drama of the mind

NEW YORK (AP) — The worst thing that could happen is for viewers to dismiss "Wonderland," sight unseen, as just another medical drama. That is, who needs more docs on the Box — especially going up against the undisputed champ of the genre, "ER"?

"Wonderland," which premieres Thursday at 9 p.m. CST on ABC, is a startlingly different series. Different from "ER" and all its gurneys-and-bandages brethren. A drama of the mind, "Wonderland" is as different from what we've seen before as a panic attack from a stubbed toe.

Granted, there are moments early on when we may think we're tuned to something safe and familiar.

Compulsive womanizer Dr. Abe Matthews heads to work, leaving a bedmate who, after finding evidence of other girlfriends, trashes his apartment (hey, didn't that happen last week on UPN's cop drama "The Beat"?)

And when five-months-pregnant Dr. Lyla Garrity laments

her bygone svelteness, hubby Dr. Neil Harrison has just the right sensitive-guy comeback: "This is add-on beauty."

Judging from its first two episodes, "Wonderland" represents a seismic shift for TV. It has upped the ante on commercial-network drama no less unmistakably than "Hill Street Blues" almost 20 years ago. "Wonderland" is risky, honest and hauntingly fresh.

Filmed on location in New York City, it focuses on the doctors of fictional Rivervue Hospital's psychiatric and emergency services.

Ted Levine ("Silence of the Lambs") stars as Dr. Robert Banger, a psychiatrist who specializes in criminal behavior. Banger works with Harrison, played by Martin Donovan ("The Opposite of Sex"). Harrison's expectant wife, played by Michelle Forbes ("Homicide"), treats psychiatric emergencies.

The splendid cast also includes Michael Jai White (HBO's biopic "Tyson") as a fellow physician in the emergency

suite, Billy Burke as lady-killer Matthews and Joelle Carter as Dr. Heather Miles, an intern.

Creator and executive producer of "Wonderland" is Peter Berg, until now best known for his on-screen role as Dr. Billy Kronk on "Chicago Hope." He also wrote and directed the 1998 black comedy "Very Bad Things."

What a worthy new vision he brings to TV. Not to mention the guts to penetrate a world no drama series has confronted since — what, "The Eleventh Hour" in 1962?

Penetrate it Berg does. But the most striking quality of "Wonderland" isn't its rough-and-tumble documentary style or its shattering scenes. What truly sets "Wonderland" apart from other medical dramas, and most other TV, is its all-inclusive spirit.

Like it or not, this is a show about everyone. The message: Staying balanced is a day-to-day challenge from which no one is exempt.

Here is Dr. Banger, in the midst of a divorce, as he pleads

his case for child custody. During this evaluation, a court-appointed psychologist asks him to explain his job.

"When the pressures of modern society become too great for a person, they come to us," says Banger, that very pressure building inside him. "These are the people (who) remind us just how tenuous mental health is. Our worst fears: They remind us how easy it can be to slip."

At almost the same time, a man who sees himself as Atlas with the world on his shoulders is gunning down pedestrians in Times Square.

Thus does "Wonderland" cross-cut between "well" and "sick" people going through their day, their paths intersecting without notice. Let's face it: There is no reliable boundary between us and them.

We meet the Morgan Stanley broker who, since his divorce, has turned suicidal. In a wrenching performance, guest star Jay O. Sanders mourns a terrible loss.

"Without her, I am unknown," the man says of his

ex-wife. "I need me; my food, my water, my oxygen! She's my heart. Do you understand that?"

This wretch is telling it to lover-boy Matthews, who understands that he can't fathom such devotion. It's a problem for which he is seeing his own shrink.

During much of "Wonderland," a dozen things are happening at once. And with multiple realities in force, anything seems possible.

We see a patient's druggy smile as a tiny rhinoceros scampers across the floor. Another patient, brought in from the Lincoln Tunnel, rages at having been dropped by Lloyd's of London from its "list of preferred customers." Anyway, HE believes it.

Grimly funny. Heartbreaking. An eye-opener. And, against all odds, civilized.

This is a series that respects its characters as well as its audience.

"Wonderland" knows that the rules exist to be broken.

SCHOOL NEWS

The Spring 2000 University Interscholastic League contest activities were kicked off with the District 2A East Zone one-act play competition at O.T. Jones Auditorium in Sterling City. James D. Kemmerling of West Texas A&M University served as the critique judge.

Garden City and Water Valley High Schools presented the advancing plays. Garden City performed "A Game" and Water Valley performed "Meet Me in St. Louis." Sterling City High School's "Anne of Green Gables" was the alternate play.

Members of the all-star cast included M'Lynn Niehues and Brady Kujawski, both of Garden City.

Honorable mention all-star cast members included: Lora Lee Braden and Aaron Bednar, both of Garden City.

Technical crew awards was presented to Kristina Scott of Garden City.

Garden City and Water Valley will compete at the district contest at Wink High School on March 28.

Texas glassblower creates fragile works of art

POTTSBORO (AP) — Like many love affairs, Art Allison's true passion can burn as hot as molten lava or quickly cool into a fragile shell that, without a gentle touch, can shatter into jagged shards.

Beauty comes with pain for the glassblower. Allison has scars on his calloused hands, nicks in his hazel eyes and glass dust in his lungs. A constant flush hues his cheeks, whether he is standing before a 2,500-degree furnace or describing his latest creation.

"It's a scary thing," the 39-year-old artist said. "You are working with something that can really hurt you."

"But it's a voluptuous material, a seductive material. It never ceases to excite me."

Allison, an Ohio-native, creates handcrafted glass in a studio on Lake Texoma, near the Oklahoma border. As one of only several thousand glass artisans in the country, Allison's work is sold in galleries across the United States.

Each piece is different and a labor of physical strength, precision and the sheer courage that comes from years of

experience. Allison starts most pieces standing before a roaring furnace, a heat that is nearly unbearable during hot summer months.

He collects molten glass at the end of a 4-foot-long blowpipe, adding chunks and bits of color through rapid steps of reheating and shaping with specialized tools.

The glass glows red hot. Without constant movement, it will splash to the concrete floor like raindrops on fire.

Each piece is blown, pushed and prodded into a frozen record of the artist's actions.

"I really have to focus," Allison said. "My world is at the end of that blowpipe."

On some days, a piece may explode into razor-sharp hail. But on most, the work becomes a magical dance between artist and material.

"Some days you go in and everything clicks," Allison said. "Something unusual and beautiful happens. The most important thing as an artist is to recognize this and simply not mess it

up. Here is Dr. Banger, in the midst of a divorce, as he pleads

Allison's infatuation with glassworking started in an unlikely way. At age six, Allison and his family were critically wounded in a head-on car accident. The driver at fault, a man from another country, was a glassblower.

Allison said that left him with a simmering interest in glassworking. In the years it took for his facial scars to heal, he retreated from the cruel taunts of classmates into a world of drawing, and eventually, glassblowing.

"I went through the windshield face first and have been picking glass out of various parts of my body ever since," Allison quipped.

He attended the Art Institute of Atlanta and Kent State University before joining a studio in Jackson Hole, Wyo. Ten years ago, he moved to the scenic solitude of Lake Texoma.

He creates a medley of pieces, from iridescent vases to funky "face goblets" to intricately detailed fish.

Lately, he's been refining a process he calls defenestration, which literally means "throwing out a window." The layered pieces are made by rolling hot

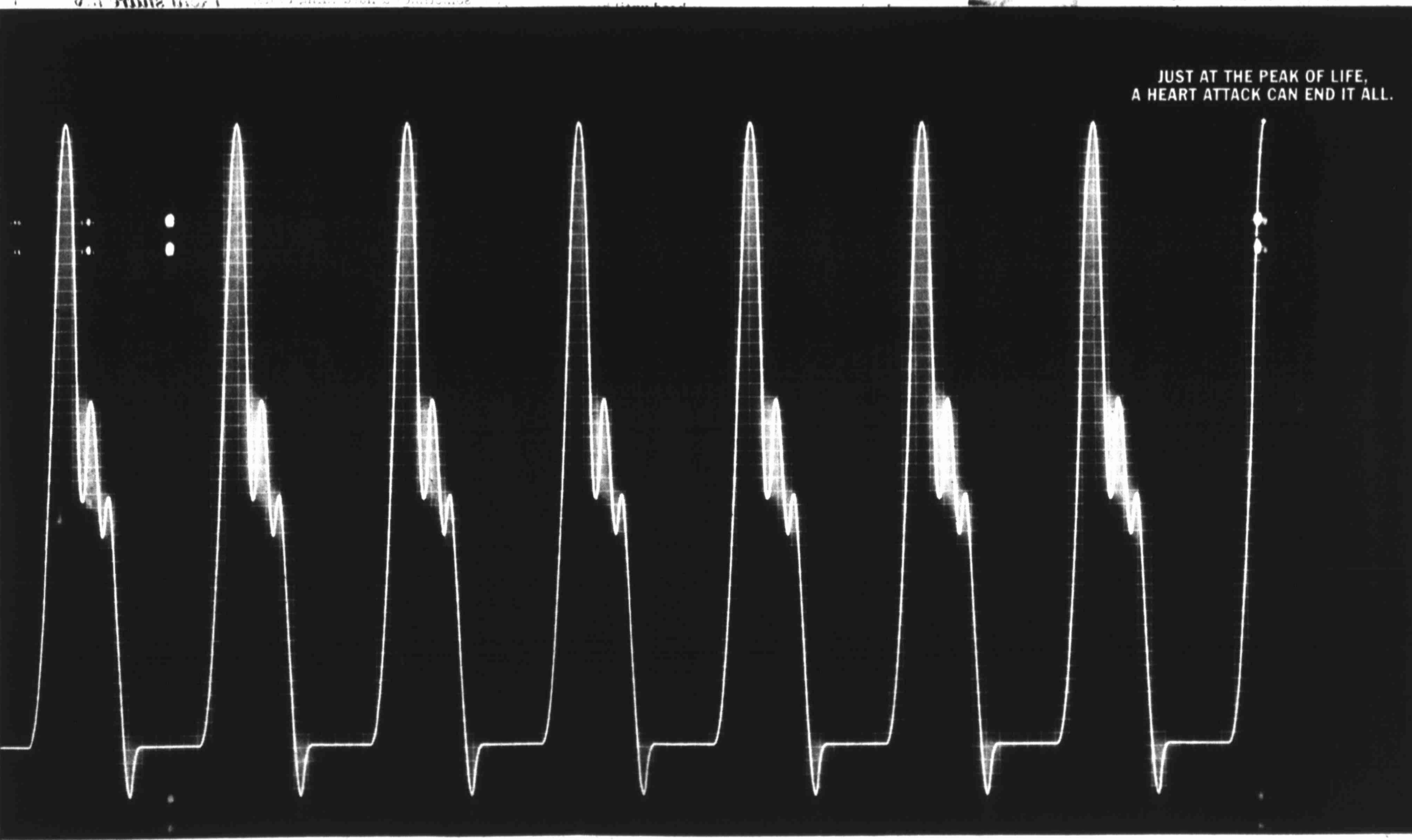
glass in bits of broken shards and decorative materials.

Allison figures he has another decade in the business before he's crippled from the back pain, unable to breathe properly from the glass dust and loses more vision from the searing heat.

But with the pain, he says, has come beauty.

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Musical about Tejano singer heading to cities across Texas

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The musical "Selena Forever" about the meteoric career of the late Tejano star Selena has finished its opening run in San Antonio and moved to Dallas.

Fans of all ages comprised the audiences in San Antonio, where eight shows were presented last Tuesday through Sunday at the Municipal Auditorium.

"It was just unbelievable, with a lot of kids coming," said Eileen Bustamante-Kret, a principal with Promotional Management Group, which is marketing the musical with corporate sponsors. She estimated children and teen-agers made up about 40 percent of the show's audiences overall.

Loretta Lopez, 35, brought her 11-year-old niece Ashley Rocha to see the musical Thursday night.

"I've been watching Selena since, oh, forever," Lopez said. "We've been big fans."

Jesse Lara, 53, called the show "excellent." "It was absolutely wonderful, and they all sing so beautifully," he said.

Lara noticed lots of children and teen-agers in the audience. "Apparently she reached out to them some way, because as the numbers were being performed, and the various stages of her life were being acted out, so many of the young people were just screaming and screaming. She reached out to a lot of us because we're still watching her life and hearing her songs," he said.

Selena Quintanilla Perez rose to stardom and won a Grammy award during the boom of Tejano music in the early 1990s. She was on the verge of crossing over into the English-language pop market when she was killed five years ago this week at age 23.

Yolanda Saldivar, the ex-president of her fan club, shot Selena to death at a Corpus Christi motel on March 31, 1995. Saldivar was convicted of murder and is serving a life prison sentence.

Even after her death, Selena's popularity endured. Sales of her albums helped propel the Tejano music industry for the next two years.

Produced by Luna Productions, the play traces Selena's early career as a

youngster performing at fairs up to her stardom and a huge concert at the Astrodome in Houston.

It includes some of her well-known hits, including the upbeat "Bidi Bidi Bom Bom," plus original songs written for the musical.

Veronica Vazquez, 24, of New York City and Rebecca Valadez, 20, of San Antonio portray the adult Selena in the show, which also focuses on her family life and love life.

No attendance totals were available Monday for the musical's six-day run in San Antonio. However, Bustamante-Kret said, the Municipal Auditorium was never completely full.

The auditorium has a capacity of 4,900 with some obstructed seats that were not filled. It is more than twice as large as most theaters where the production will be seen, said Bustamante-Kret.

The show's producers and

director are continuing to "iron out all the kinks and do everything right," she said.

Among the audience members in San Antonio were Selena's parents, Abraham and Marcella Quintanilla, and record industry officials who knew her. The crowd's reaction was an emotional one, said Bustamante-Kret.

"They laughed, they cried," she said. "I would say there were a lot of virgins to musicals. There were a lot of people

who had never been to a musical."

This week the show is in Dallas for performances Tuesday through Sunday. Then it travels to Corpus Christi, El Paso, Houston, Chicago, Phoenix, Los Angeles, Denver, San Diego and San Jose.

The producers are aiming for an eventual run on Broadway.

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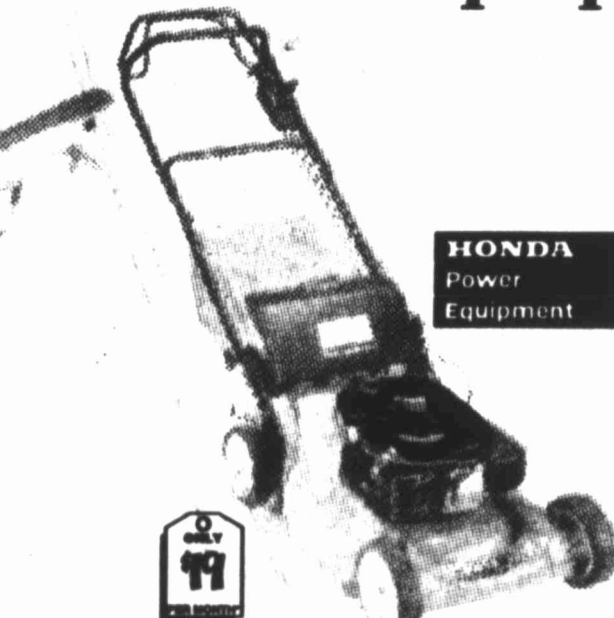
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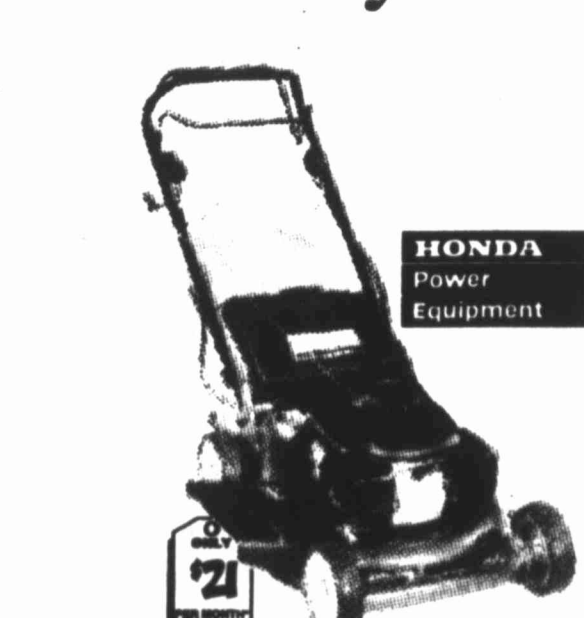
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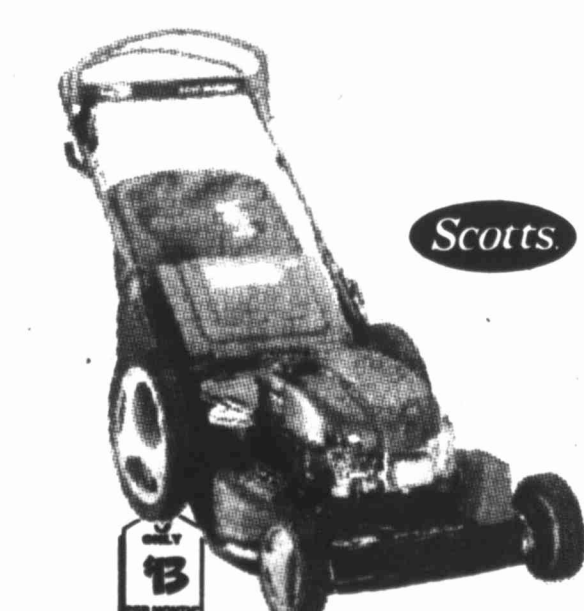
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ODDS-N-ENDS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Flounder, the foul-mouthed parrot, has found a permanent home at a place best known for adoptions.

"The bird makes us laugh, and we don't get many laughs, so we're keeping him," Patti Lewis, founder and president of the Humane Society of Charlotte, said Monday.

Flounder has been taught so much profanity by his former owner that the society doesn't want anyone else to adopt it. Lewis worried that if someone asked where a bird like that came from, the new owner would say "the humane society."

"It would not be the best PR," she said.

The bird blurts out profanities at will. Flounder, named after a character in the movie "Animal House," also makes a noise that sounds exactly like someone passing gas and then says "excuse me."

Brent Matzek, his former owner, dropped the parrot off in November, saying he didn't have time to take care of it. The humane society soon discovered that the parrot was reared by Matzek and four friends while they were in college.

"My college roommates thought it would be kind of cute if he learned that," Matzek said. "At the time I thought it was kind of funny. But it starts to get a little old."

PHILLIPS, Wis. (AP) — His name is Elvis Aron Presley — and he wants to be mayor.

Presley, an Elvis impersonator who has legally changed his name to that of the late musician, moved to this Price County community two years ago from West Dundee, Ill.

Now he wants to get into politics like Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura.

"If the people of that state can put a wrestler in office, I don't see what's wrong with the people in Wisconsin electing an Elvis impersonator," said Presley, proprietor of Bloom's Tavern, a 108-year-old bar.

Voters in this community of 1,600 people will choose between Presley and Keith Corcilius on April 4.

"If he wants to get involved in running the city, that's great," said Corcilius, a member of the City Council and owner of a bowling alley and tavern. "All I can say is that he's definitely a different sort of guy. I doubt he stands a chance of winning — but stranger things have happened."

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Baseball boos to honor Harle

The Steers Baseball Club will recognize Spring Harle during Saturday's game against San Angelo at Steer Park.

All Harle owners admitted free to the community.

Whetsel wins tournament for

Marty Whetsel, one of 29 competitors in Big Spring Bass monthly tournament at Henry Lake.

David Henson, one behind Whet, Gary Gillman and Phil Evans were also in the top five.

The club's next tournament is set for April 23 at O.H. Ivie, which is the site for the tournament set for

Lady Steers JV in thriller with

Big Spring's Lady Steers JV junior varsity softball team won an exciting 4-3 win over Andrews in the final out.

Nicole Chesworth pitched a 2-2 deadlock in the top of the 9th inning, then hit a home run to lead the Steers to the bottom of the 9th.

The Steers advanced a run before Big Spring's final out.

Big Spring's softball team is spearheaded by J. Lindsey Shaffer, Jumper and Sheen.

The Lady Steers will play its next game on Saturday, talking to Lee's Lady Rebels in Midland.

Softball tournament for April 7-9 at

The "Let's Do It" softball tournament is scheduled for April 7-9 at Cotton Mize.

Comanche Trail Park. Entry fees are \$11.

For more information, contact Amador Rios at 263-0358.

Little League uniforms needed for new

Officials of the Little League Association say new uniforms are needed for the season.

Prior experience is not necessary, because new players will be trained.

For more information, contact Kevin Pirkle at 267-0241.

Registration coming for Coahoma UG

The United Girls Association of Big Spring is holding registration from 8 p.m. today through the Coahoma Center.

Registration fees for players and youngest umpires bring their birth certificates.

For more information, contact Candy Parrish at 267-0241.

UGSA recruiting for upcoming season

The United Girls Association of Big Spring is recruiting umpires for the upcoming season.

A training session is scheduled for 2 p.m. on Saturday.

For more information, contact UGSA officials at 267-2208.

ON THE A

Television
AUTO RACING
9 p.m. — World of Outlaw

Fort Worth Challenge, 7:35.
COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Mon
6 p.m. — NIT championship

Notre Dame vs. Wake Forest, 7:30.
EXHIBITION BASEBALL
7 p.m. — New York Yankees vs. Houston Astros, 7:30.

IN BRIEF

Baseball boosters set to honor Harley owners

The Steers Baseball Booster Club will recognize the Big Spring Harley Owners Group during Saturday's 2 p.m. game against San Angelo Lake View at Steer Park.

All Harley owners will be admitted free to the game and recognized for their service to the community.

Whetsel wins bass club's tournament for March

Marty Whetsel topped a field of 29 competitors during the Big Spring Bass Club's third monthly tournament at Alan Henry Lake.

David Henson finished second behind Whetsel, while Gary Gillihan was third and Phil Evans was fourth.

The club's next tournament is set for April 29-30 on Lake O.H. Ivie, which will also be the site for the club's open tournament set for May 6.

Lady Steers JV survives in thriller with Andrews

Big Spring's Lady Steers junior varsity survived a seventh-inning rally to chalk up a 4-3 win over Andrews.

Nicole Chesworth went the distance in chalking up the win, pitching her way out of trouble on several occasions.

The Lady Steers broke open a 2-2 deadlock with a pair of runs in the top of the fifth inning, then held on as Andrews scored one run in the bottom of the seventh and advanced a runner to third before Big Spring could record the final out.

Big Spring's offense was spearheaded by Jamie Long, Lindsey Shaffer, Kimberly Jumper and Sheena Howell.

The Lady Steers JV will play its next game at 2 p.m. Saturday, taking on Midland Lee's Lady Rebel junior varsity in Midland.

Softball tournament set for April 7-9 at Mize Field

The "Let's Do It for Fun" softball tournament has been scheduled for April 7-9 at Cotton Mize Field in Comanche Trail Park.

Entry fees are \$110 per team. For more information, call Amador Rios at 263-5955 or 263-0358.

Little League umpires needed for new season

Officials of the Big Spring Little League Umpires Association say new umpires are needed for the upcoming season.

Prior experience is not necessary, because new umpires will be trained.

For more information, call Kevin Pirkle at 267-5053 or 264-0241.

Registration continues for Coahoma UGSA

The United Girls Softball Association of Coahoma will hold registration from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today through Friday at the Coahoma Community Center.

Registration fees are \$20 per player and youngsters should bring their birth certificate.

For more information, call Candy Parrish at 270-2034.

UGSA recruiting umpires for upcoming season

The United Girls Softball Association of Big Spring is recruiting umpires for the upcoming season.

A training session has been scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call UGSA officials at 263-1526 or 267-2208.

ON THE AIR

Television

9 p.m. — World of Outlaws, Fort Worth Challenge, TNN, Ch. 35.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men
6 p.m. — NIT championship, Notre Dame vs. Wake Forest, ESPN, Ch. 30.

EXHIBITION BASEBALL

7 p.m. — New York Yankees at Houston Astros, FXS, Ch. 29.

Hawks primed for tonight's start of Howard College Rodeo

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor

Following a two-year hiatus, Big Spring will again host a field of the strongest collegiate rodeo teams in the country tonight with the opening performance of the Howard College Rodeo.

The National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association-sanctioned rodeo begins at 7 p.m. in the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl. Performances are also set for 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

"We have some great talent that will appear at our rodeo and they are set to put on a production that is second to none," Kernick said in looking ahead to the Hawks team hosting the event.

"Many of these contestants compete on a professional level while attending col-

lege, and we have national winners from Howard College who'll be competing, too," he added. "In fact, for a lot of these athletes, the only difference between them and the people following the professional circuit on a full-time basis is that these kids are going to school at the same time."

Kernick, noted that every school in the NIRA's Southwest Region, recognized as the nation's strongest, will have athletes competing this weekend.

Among the teams competing are Western Texas College, which currently is the region's leader in the men's standings, and Tarleton State University, which sits atop the women's standings.

Other teams entered include Odessa College, Weatherford College, Cisco Junior College, Eastern New Mexico

University, New Mexico Junior College, West Texas A&M University, Sul Ross State University and Texas Tech.

The field of 500 will compete in nine events — bareback riding, calf roping, breakaway roping, steer wrestling, saddle bronc riding, team roping, goat tying, barrel racing and bull riding — will be featured in each of the rodeo's three performances.

"Everyone gets to compete," Kernick explained, "and the top 10 in each event get to come back for the short round on Saturday."

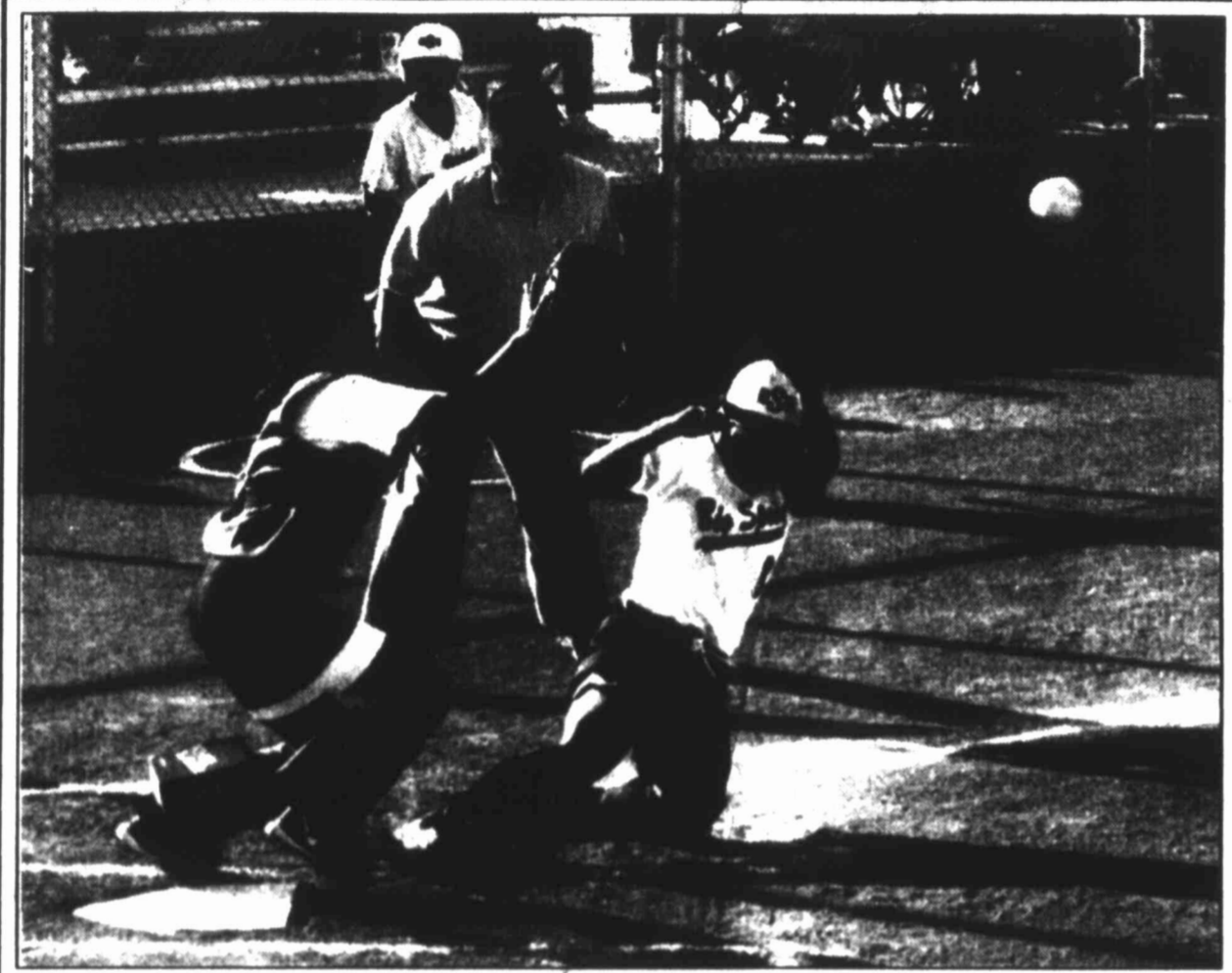
Slack competition, set aside for those athletes unable to compete during the rodeo's regular performances, is set for Thursday night following the opening performance. It will resume at 9 a.m. Friday and again at 9 a.m. Saturday.

Kernick, in his first year at the Hawks helm after having spent seven years coaching at Cochise Community College in Arizona, said he believes several of his athletes are due to have a strong performance this weekend.

"I think our best bets are probably going to be Matt Burrow in the bareback riding, Seth McFadden in the steer wrestling, Todd Loesch and Coy Leal in the calf roping and both Chad Castillo and Jeremy Hughes in the bull riding," Kernick said.

"But we've got 20 to 25 kids that are going to be competing this weekend and all of them are looking forward to getting an opportunity to compete in front of a hometown crowd," he added.

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Big Spring's Vanessa Rodriguez slides into the plate, scoring a run as Fort Stockton's Mindy Duran waits on the throw from right field during their March 10 game. The Lady Steers, now 4-1 in District 5-4A play and tied with Snyder for the league's lead, will play host to Sweetwater's Lady Mustangs at 4 p.m. Friday at the Big Spring ISD Softball Complex.

Instant replay retained following latest vote at NFL owners meeting

PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Either the latest instant replay system was working, or NFL owners are getting tired of arguing over it.

That seemed to be the message of Wednesday's 28-3 vote to retain the system installed last year after a seven-season absence. Not only were proponents of replay thrilled with the overwhelming passage — it needed 24 votes — but they were talking about something more long-lasting.

"We were happy with the system that was in place last year," said Minnesota Vikings coach Dennis Green, a member of the competition committee, which recommended 6-1 to the owners to retain replay. "The feeling is, give it another year, and if it works well again, then vote next year to have this system for the future. I don't think we should vote on this one year at a time. If it's good, let's keep it in the books."

Replay will be exactly the same: Coaches will get two challenges per game, and a replay official can stop play on his own for a challenge in the last two minutes of each half and in overtime. Will it last?

"I'm very happy where we are," Packers general manager

Ron Wolf said, "but I think we can improve on it. I'm sure we can with the technology available to us."

That's why a permanent acceptance isn't likely. While it takes a three-fourths majority to make a rules change, it takes the same margin to repeal something permanent. Considering the controversy surrounding replay, even when it works well, it seems improbable the owners would go to it long term.

Cincinnati and Arizona voted against it for the second straight year. Kansas City replaced the New York Jets as the third dissenter.

"Human nature doesn't change, and it's humans who run these machines," said Cincinnati's Mike Brown, who has voted against replay every time it has been proposed. "I voted for it last year to give a chance," said Kansas City's Lamar Hunt, another consistent anti-replay owner. "I didn't think it worked any better than it had before."

On-field celebrations by more than one player have been banned by a 30-0 vote. The Super Bowl champion Rams, who's celebratory "Bob and Weave" involved several play-

ers at once, abstained.

"The coaches said across the board that players on their teams regarded it as provocative," commissioner Paul Tagliabue said. "The coaches felt it was very negative to spend time before a game trying to cool players down. They felt there was no need for it to be an issue in the locker room."

Those coaches also were party to a policy change. The league eliminated the supervisory coaching tag that allowed teams to hire away assistant coaches from other teams. An assistant coach now can only be hired away to become a head coach, unless permission is given by his current team to the team pursuing him.

Much of the discussions this week have centered on the Internet, a topic that keenly interests Tagliabue.

The owners voted to consolidate the Internet presence into NFL.com, with revenue equally divided among the 31 teams, just as television revenues are. That decision is for the next two years, then the issue will be reviewed.

"Many felt it was as important as in 1961, selling the TV rights as a national package," Tagliabue said.

Upsets normal in this year's NCAA tourney

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Does Wisconsin have at least one more surprise left?

If so, Saturday's the time to bring it out. The Badgers are one game away from a chance for the NCAA basketball championship, but to get there they'll have to beat top-seeded Michigan State, a Big Ten rival that already has beaten them three times this season.

"I'd rather be playing someone else. Without any reservation I can say that," Wisconsin coach Dick Bennett said Wednesday.

"I don't know if it's an advantage or disadvantage. People have tried to make a case that we've lost three times, so that should make us better," he said. "On the other hand, I don't know if we can beat them."

Anything seems possible, however, in this topsy-turvy tournament.

Michigan State is the only No. 1 seed to reach the Final Four, and Wisconsin already has ousted another No. 1 in its second-round victory over Arizona. A semifinal appearance against the Spartans on Saturday will be Wisconsin's first in the Final Four since 1941, when the Badgers won the championship.

"We're somewhat surprised. I would be lying if I said this was a goal that was really prominent in our thinking," Bennett said of the eighth-seeded Badgers, who lost 13 games in the regular season. "But we got our backs against the wall and developed a sense of urgency every time out. Maybe that was the blessing because we learned to concentrate and forget everything else. I don't know if that's possible at this stage of the game, but we're going to find out in a little while."

Wisconsin was a bubble team that got into the tournament as an at-large selection. So was North Carolina, which also lost 13 games and received a No. 8 seed. The Tar Heels will play fifth-seeded Florida in the other semifinal at the RCA Dome.

"For us, being young, the more emotional experiences you go through, there's a tendency to bring you closer," Florida coach Billy Donovan said. "We had some games go down to the wire, probably none more emotional than the Butler game. ... To go into the locker room and see guys cry-

ing, hugging, that brought us closer together. That game, that experience made us better."

The Final Four teams have a combined 40 losses, the most since the NCAA tournament expanded to 64 teams in 1985. The last champion with more than 10 losses was Kansas, with 11, in 1988.

"I think this will bother the NCAA a little bit, but you can throw the seedings right out the window," Michigan State coach Tom Izzo said.

"I said all along I was never concerned about having the No. 1 seed because I knew the road there would be very difficult. I just think this is going to become the norm, not the exception, because there are so many good teams. It's so difficult to play."

North Carolina and Wisconsin are the lowest seeds to reach the Final Four since No. 11 LSU in 1986.

"There's a lot of parity in college basketball, a lot of very good coaches and players, and consequently a lot of very good teams," North Carolina's Bill Guthridge said. "On a given day, when it's one-game-and-you're-out, a lot of top seeds are going to lose, and that's happened this year."

"I think it's good for college basketball. It's good for the game and good for interest in the tournament." North Carolina, which lost to Wake Forest in the Atlantic Coast Conference, took out Missouri, Stanford, Tennessee and Tulsa to reach the Final Four. Florida barely got past Butler in overtime in its NCAA opener. The Gators then beat Illinois, stunned Duke and outlasted Oklahoma State.

"I don't think them being a No. 8 seed is any indication what they've done this year," Donovan said of the Tar Heels. "What's so impressive to me about Carolina is that their team has gotten better and better and he (Guthridge) has gotten them to play their best basketball now."

"We realize we're going against one of most storied and tradition-rich programs in college basketball, and in looking at Carolina, one thing you realize is they're a great team regardless of seeding," said Donovan, who played on the Providence team that lost to Syracuse in the 1987 semifinals.

Union Station welcomes return of outdoor baseball in Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — In its turn-of-the-century glory, Union Station greeted and said goodbye to Houston travelers at its bustling gates. Tonight, the restored old train depot will open its ornate archways to another exciting event: outdoor major league baseball at Enron Field.

"It's almost surreal when you see it for the first time, it's like, 'Is this really happening?'" Astros general manager Gerry Hunsicker said. "It's step by step, admiring all the new things in the stadium. It's going to take awhile to appreciate all the facets of the stadium."

The New York Yankees, who last appeared in Houston 35 years ago to help the Astros introduce indoor baseball at the Astrodome, will return to be a part of outdoor baseball played on real grass for the first time since the Astrodome came into existence.

The 42,000-seat stadium attached to

Union Station has a touch of the past with a vintage steam locomotive traveling along an elevated track on a left field wall and a three-part retractable roof that can close in 12-20 minutes.

Adding to the history of the moment, former Yankees pitcher Dwight Gooden, who made his first major league start in the Astrodome, will start the first game at Enron for the Astros. He'll oppose Yankees starter Roger Clemens, a Houstonian.

Hall of Famer and former Astros pitcher Nolan Ryan will throw out the first pitch and Lyle Lovett will sing the national anthem.

The Astros returned a day early from spring training Wednesday to get a look at their new home before their first game and the first feature pitcher Jose Lima wanted to see was Enron's 315-foot left field line. It is the shortest in base-

ball.

"It's really nice but left field is so short, it's scary," said Lima, who allowed 30 home runs last season. "It's not going to matter that much if I pitch the way I can pitch and keep the ball down. If I give up 30 homers and win one more game than last year, I'm happy."

Lima will oppose David Cone in Friday night's second game against the Yankees. Octavio Dotel will start for Houston in Saturday's exhibition game finale against the Texas Rangers.

While Lima was examining the short left field, center fielder Roger Cedeno measured the wide spaces of center field that includes a 30-degree incline up to the fence and a flagpole in the playing field. The center field wall is 435 feet from home plate.

"I don't think it's going to be a disadvantage, I don't see too many guys hit-

ting the ball out there," Cedeno said. "It's a beautiful stadium, but you've got that hill over there to contend with. But I don't expect to go there often."

It will be a good day for Gooden, who will be the Astros No. 5 starter going into the season, at least until Scott Elarton is ready to pitch after undergoing off season shoulder surgery.

"I pitched my first game in the Dome so I guess I'm just in the right place at the right time," Gooden said. "I'm fortunate to come back to a team like this that has chance to play in October. That's what it's all about at this stage of my career."

"I feel like I've come full circle. When I saw Ken (Caminiti) at spring training, he said, 'Welcome home,' because I started out in the National League. For me, it's a plus. I'm looking forward to this year."

SPORTS EXTRA

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National Invitation Tournament Schedule
At Madison Square Garden
New York
Tuesday, March 28
Wake Forest 62, N.C. State 59, OT
Notre Dame 73, Penn State 52

NCAA - MEN

THE FINAL FOUR
At the RCA Dome
Indiana
National Semifinals
Saturday, April 1
Wisconsin (22-13) vs. Michigan State (30-7), 4-42 p.m.

NCAA - WOMEN

THE FINAL FOUR
At First Union Center
Philadelphia
National Semifinals
Friday, March 31
Tennessee (32-3) vs. Rutgers (26-7), 6 or 8 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
ANHEIM ANGELS—Placed C/DH Todd Greene on waivers for the purpose of giving him his unconditional release.

NBA STANDINGS

Table with columns: Conference, Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Eastern Conference Atlantic Division: Miami 44, New York 44, Philadelphia 42, Orlando 36, New Jersey 30, Boston 30, Washington 25.

NBA STANDINGS

Table with columns: Conference, Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Western Conference Midwest Division: Utah 48, San Antonio 46, Minnesota 45, Denver 29, Houston 27, Portland 19.

NBA STANDINGS

Table with columns: Conference, Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Eastern Conference Southeast Division: Golden State 55, Dallas 49, Charlotte 48, Cleveland 46, Utah 46, L.A. Lakers 45, New York 44, Phoenix 41, Sacramento 41, Seattle 40, Chicago 34, L.A. Clippers 14.

NBA STANDINGS

Simon and RHP Rafael Medina on waivers for the purpose of their unconditional release. Signed RHP John Burkett.

PHIL PLAYOFFS

Friday's Games
Carolina at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
Atlanta at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Ottawa at Florida, 6:30 p.m.

PHIL PLAYOFFS

Atlanta vs. Florida at Viera, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 12:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Wednesday's Game
Chicago Cubs 5, New York Mets 3
Today's Games
New York Mets (lead 11-5) vs. Chicago Cubs (Farmsworth 5-9) at Tokyo, 5:05 a.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

DALLAS COWBOYS—Signed QB Paul Justin to a one-year contract. DENVER BRONCOS—Waived QB Bobby Brister and WR Donald Sellers.

SCHOOLBOY POLL

Here are the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association state rankings through March 24:

SCHOOLBOY POLL

Class 6A
1. Houston Bellare 12-1 (1)
2. C. Moody 17-1 (7)
3. Round Rock 14-1 (2)

SCHOOLBOY POLL

Class 4A
1. C. Calallen 17-1 (2)
2. Coppell 15-2 (1)
3. Boone 13-2-1 (nr)

SCHOOLBOY POLL

Class 3A
1. Lake Dallas 13-0 (nr)
2. Lufkin Hudson 14-1 (7)
3. Linderoth 16-2 (nr)

SCHOOLBOY POLL

Class 2A
1. Gantner 12-0 (4)
2. Weimar 13-1 (2)
3. Cooper 8-2 (3)

SCHOOLBOY POLL

Class 1A
1. Blue Ridge 7-1 (2)
2. Evadale 8-1 (nr)
3. Cross Plains 6-2 (3)

SCHOOLBOY POLL

Class 5A
1. Blue Ridge 7-1 (2)
2. Evadale 8-1 (nr)
3. Cross Plains 6-2 (3)

Sloan, Malone have words during victory over 76ers

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Karl Malone had plenty to say — with his game and his mouth.

After Utah's 98-84 victory over the visiting Philadelphia 76ers on Wednesday night, it was a different story.

Coach Jerry Sloan and Malone had a sharp on-court exchange when he was replaced briefly in the first half by Scott Padgett.

"I don't have nothing to say about it," said Malone, who spent 45 minutes in the dressing room before facing the media.

Sloan skipped the postgame news conference, saying he was ill, and instead sent assistant coach Phil Johnson to speak with reporters.

"You'll have to speak to the people involved," Johnson said of the brief on-court confrontation between the coach and his star.

With 1:09 to go in the second period, Malone was untouched on a layup, but appeared to twist his right ankle.

When Padgett went into the game to replace him, Malone and Sloan had words as Malone left the court.

Asked whether his relationship with Sloan would recover, Malone said: "I don't know. You'll have to talk to everybody involved. I'm just going to play basketball."

Malone had no problems expressing himself in the game, scoring 30 points as the Jazz ended Philadelphia's seven-game winning streak.

John Stockton added 20 points and eight assists.

"Karl geared it up a bit in the second half and was very tough," Stockton said. "He made some tough shots and great passes and was active defensively. So, another great game."

Allen Iverson and Toni Kukoc each had 18 points for the 76ers.

In other NBA games, the Los Angeles Lakers beat Vancouver 108-99, New York stopped Seattle 110-95, Cleveland edged Chicago 86-81, Charlotte downed Detroit 98-91 and Denver beat Washington 101-93.

Lakers 108, Grizzlies 99
Kobe Bryant scored 28 points at Vancouver to help Los Angeles reach the 60-win plateau for the second time in three seasons.

The Lakers have a magic number of five to clinch home-court advantage throughout the playoffs.

Michael Dickerson had 32 for the Grizzlies, who lost for the 14th time in 15 games.

Knicks 110, SuperSonics 95
Allan Houston led a balanced attack with 19 points, and Marcus Camby added 18 points and a career-high 19 rebounds for New York, which dealt Seattle its fifth straight loss at home.

Who is still missing and the subject of continued search efforts.

The Hawks rode coach, his wife and several of the team members have taken part in the search effort.

"We'll have people giving out the little white ribbons in memory of the Harbour children and we want the family to know our hearts go out to them," Kernick said.

Tickets for the rodeo will be \$5 each at the gate with children 12 and younger admitted free with an adult.

Stock for the rodeo will be provided the Henry Bold Rodeo Co. of Avondale, Colo.

Kernick, who earlier in the week noted that he has been amazed by the support the community has offered his team, said the Hawks athletes have decided to dedicate this week-end's performances to Peyton Harbour, the 18-month-old child drowned in flash flooding along Mustang Draw last week, and her 6-year-old brother, Dalton,

FISHING

Here is the week compiled by the Wildlife Department (Report also at www.fishing.com)

CENTRAL

BROWNWOOD: 74 degrees; Black pumpkin and brown around the boat points in 2 to 5 feet on jigs and minnows.

around the night under the moon and white bass and Pop-R's fished.

BUCHANAN: Water 100.75; Black bass, chrome/chair pumpkins worms and spinnerbaits worked secondary points.

Morgan and Beave slow on minnows. White bass only jugging 1/8oz. H and casting 1/8oz. Traps through the mouths of the bass are good drift.

midlake channel, Maxwell Slough, Channel and blue live minnows and are fair on trotlines.

PROCTOR: Water degrees; Black bass and chautreus around the bank good (lots of limits range) on jigs around the front of the dam. Hybrid str.

SOUTH
AMISTAD: Water 30' low; Black bass, spinnerbaits, pumpkinseed worms, Crappie are fair on the Devil's River. Channel and on cheseebait and to 20 feet. Yellow trotlines baited with fish.

WEST
ALLEN HENRY: Water degrees; Black bass good on black and trailers fished in B Creeks. Large black worms work well in coves in 6 to 15 feet.

Alabama Spotted Bass fair on crawfish. Crappie are picking and jigs fished off Channel and blue nightcrawlers, per baits.

ARROWHEAD: No BRADY: No report. COLORADO CITY: degrees; No report.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: degrees; 16.5' low. Black bass are jigs fished in 10 feet. White bass are also catfish to 39 pound perch.

HUBBARD CREEK: Black bass are good on Carolina-rigs and 10 feet. Crappie are and jigs fished in 4 bass are fair on Channel catfish and worms fished from the KEMP: Water 10' low; Black bass baits, shad pattern L-Traps fished at Crappie are fair on the rocks. White bass are good on cut baits.

NASWORTHY: Water degrees; 1.5' low; pounds are good on jig-n-plugs fished in 8 pounds are fair to and Rat-L-Traps fish.

NOCONA: No report. OAK CREEK: Water degrees; 17.5' low. 10.77 pounds are fished in 6 to 8 feet on white jigs and minnows and 15 feet. White bass news and slabs (sc for the birds). Channel are slow. Yellow cat are slow on trotline fish.

OH. IVE: Water ch Black bass are good lizards or worms are in 4 to 10 feet. Sn fair on Carolina-rigs. Rouges fished on the main lake. Crappie on minnows and lights. White bass are and slabs fished in Catfish are fair on the cut shad and live pe.

POSSUM KINGDOO: degrees; 7.77' low good on Stuggos, pu french fries and live to 24 feet. Crappie are and jigs fished in 5 bass are fair on fished in 5 to 15 feet. 14 pounds are good in 20 to 40 feet. 4 pounds are good on 20 to 40 feet. Yellow on perch fished in 2.

SPENCE: Water degrees; Black bass spinnerbaits and flzars creeks. Crappie are to 28 pounds are fished on cheseebait and c.

TWIN BUTTES: No to extreme low lake.

WHITE RIVER: Water degrees; 12.9' low; to fair on spinner Crappie are fair on fished by the dam. pounds are slow. Channel and blue Channel and blue good on cut baits and

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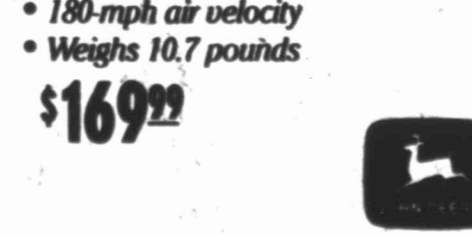
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FISHING REPORT

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for March 29. (Report also available on Web at www.tfwfishing.com.)

CENTRAL
BROWNWOOD: Water cloudy; 69 to 74 degrees; Black bass are good on pumpkin and brown 3/8oz. jigs fished around the boathouses and off the points in 2 to 5 feet. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows fished in 2 to 5 feet around the boathouses and at night under the lights. Hybrid stripers and white bass are good on Rat-L-Traps and Pop-R's fished early in the morning.
BUCHANAN: Water clear; 64 degrees; 1007.75'; Black bass are good on 1/4 oz. chrome/chartreuse Rat-L-Traps, pumpkin worms and 1/4 oz. blue shad spinnerbaits worked in 2 to 8 feet along secondary points and bluffs along Morgan and Beaver Creeks. Crappie are slow on minnows fished over brushpiles. White bass are very good vertically jigging 1/8oz. Horizon Plink Minnows and casting 1/8oz. chrome/blue Spin Traps through the schools at the mouths of the major creeks. Striped bass are good drifting live bait along the midlake channel, Shaw Island and Maxwell Slough in 24 to 28' feet. Channel and blue catfish are good on live minnows and perch. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines.

PROCTOR: Water stained; 65 to 69 degrees; Black bass are good on black and chartreuse Power Craws fished around the bank edges. Crappie are good (lots of limits in the 12 to 14 inch range) on jigs and minnows fished around the front edge and the base of the dam. Hybrid stripers are slow.

SOUTH
AMISTAD: Water clear; 68 degrees; 30' low; Black bass are good on jerkbaits, spinnerbaits and watermelon or pumpkinseed worms fished in 5 to 20 feet. Crappie are fair on minnows fished up the Devil's River. White and striped bass are good on live shad and slabs fished up the Devil's and Rio Grande Rivers. Channel and blue catfish are fair on cheesebait and shrimp fished in 10 to 20 feet. Yellow catfish are slow on trotlines baited with live perch or goldfish.

WEST
ALAN HENRY: Water clear; 58 to 60 degrees; Black bass to 8 pounds are good on black and blue jigs with black trailers fished in Big and Little Grape Creeks. Large black and pumpkinseed worms work well near exterior points of coves in 6 to 15 feet. Smallmouth and Alabama Spotted Bass to 3 pounds are fair on crawfish pattern crankbaits. Crappie are picking up on live minnows and jigs fished off the crapple dock. Channel and blue catfish are fair on nightcrawlers, perch and prepared baits.

ARROWHEAD: No report available.
BRADY: No report available.
COLORADO CITY: Water muddy; 64 degrees; No report available.
FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water murky; 62 degrees; 18.5' low; Black bass are good on cut baits and nightcrawlers. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished in 1/2 foot over brushpiles. White bass are slow. Blue and yellow catfish to 39 pounds are fair on live perch.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water murky; 59 degrees; 10' low; Black bass are good on Carolina-rigs and jigs fished in 5 to 10 feet. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs fished in 4 to 10 feet. White bass are fair on slabs and minnows. Channel catfish are fair on cut baits and worms fished from the bank.

KEMP: Water murky; 58-62 degrees; 10' low; Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits, shad pattern crankbaits and Rat-L-Traps fished around the rocks. Crappie are fair on minnows fished over the rocks. White bass are slow. Catfish are good on cut baits and nightcrawlers.
NASWORTHY: Water stained; 65 degrees; 1.5' low; Black bass to 12 pounds are good on Power Worms and jig-n-plugs fished in the reeds. Redfish to 8 pounds are fair to good on cut baits and Rat-L-Traps fished up the river.

NOCONA: No report available.
OAK CREEK: Water murky; 58-60 degrees; 17.5' low; Black bass to 10.77 pounds are fair on crankbaits fished in 6 to 8 feet. Crappie are good on white jigs and minnows fished in 5 to 15 feet. White bass are good on minnows and slabs (some schooling look for the birds). Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish to 13 pounds are slow on trotlines baited with goldfish.

OH. IVE: Water clear; 60-62 degrees; Black bass are good on Carolina-rigged lizards or worms and waterdogs fished in 4 to 10 feet. Smallmouth bass are fair on Carolina-rigs and Suspending Rouges fished on steep rocky banks on the main lake. Crappie are fair at night on minnows and jigs fished under lights. White bass are poor on minnows and slabs fished in 40 feet of water. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with cut shad and live perch.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 58 degrees; 7.77' low; Black bass are good on Stuggos, pumpkinseed worms, french fries and live shad fished in 10 to 24 feet. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 10 feet. White bass are fair on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 15 feet. Striped bass to 14 pounds are good on live shad fished in 20 to 40 feet. Blue catfish to 55 pounds are good on cut shad fished in 20 to 40 feet. Yellow catfish are slow on perch fished in 20 to 30 feet.

SPENCE: Water off color; 58-62 degrees; Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits and lizards fished in the creeks. Crappie are slow. Striped bass to 28 pounds are fair to good on live shad and slabs. Channel and blue catfish are fair on cut shad.

STAMFORD: No report available.
SWEETWATER: Water off color; 56 degrees; 10' low; Black bass to 7 pounds are good on white spinnerbaits and Texas-rigged worms fished in the shallows. Crappie are good on minnows. White bass are fair on live minnows. Channel and blue catfish are fair on cheesebait and chicken livers.

TWIN BUTTES: No fishing report due to extreme low lake level.

WHITE RIVER: Water fairly clear; 60 degrees; 12.9' low; Black bass are slow to fair on spinnerbaits and lizards. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished by the dam. Walleye to 5.25 pounds are slow on live minnows. Channel and blue catfish are fair to good on cut baits and nightcrawlers.

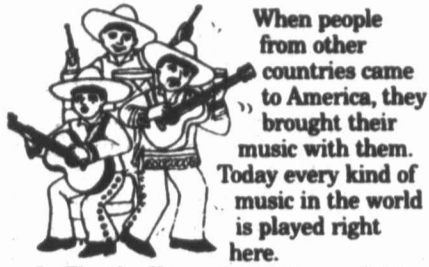
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By BETTY DEBNAM

A World of Choices

The Sounds of Music



When people from other countries came to America, they brought their music with them. Today every kind of music in the world is played right here.

In Florida, Hispanic, Haitian and Afro-Cuban music might be playing nearby. In Wisconsin, you might hear music from Germany or Laos. And wherever you live, you can probably hear all kinds of music just by turning on your radio.



Classical music can also mean any of the many types of music that have stood the test of time. The National Symphony Orchestra trumpet section is pictured here.

Tips for listening to music

- Do not just say, "I like this song." Do say what you like about it.
- Do not stay with a type of music just because your friends like it.
- Do listen to a wide variety of music. You owe it to yourself.
- Do open your ears and listen with your brain engaged.

"Make Music America! 2000" is this year's theme for Music in Our Schools Month. It is sponsored by MENC: The National Association for Music Education, a group of about 80,000 music educators.

When he was about 30, Beethoven lost his hearing. But he was such an amazing musician, he continued to compose. He wrote his last symphony, the Ninth, when he was completely deaf.



Opera

An opera is a play performed by characters who sing rather than speak their roles.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart is famous for his operas. He also wrote dance music, symphonies, special church music and instrumental works.

Although Mozart wrote more than 600 beautiful works that were very popular, he died in poverty when he was only 35 years old. Kids might enjoy his opera "The Magic Flute." This fairy tale tells the adventures of a prince and princess.



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MIGHTY FUNNY'S FUNNY PHONICS

It's fun to learn phonics, or the sounds that letters make. This week's target sound is the one made by the letter I. The letter I is a vowel with two sounds, short and long. This week is the short I sound, as in the word "insect."

Q: Where do you take a boat that is ill?
A: To the dock.

Q: What happened when the Indian rain dancers formed a chorus?
A: They sang up a storm!

Q: What is long, green, and you blow on it?
A: A pickle-o!

Go on a short I word hunt. What other words can you find with the short I? What sound do you hear?

Rookie Cookies Recipe

Coolcumber Salad

You'll need:

- 2 cucumbers, thinly sliced
- 1 cup plain yogurt
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon lemon juice

What to do:

1. Combine all ingredients in a medium bowl. Mix well.
2. Chill until ready to serve. Serves 4.

I LIKE TO LISTEN TO MUSIC WHEN I COOK.

MUSIC TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of music are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: SOUNDS, MUSICIAN, SONG, VARIETY, EARS, CLASSICAL, BALLET, SYMPHONY, ORCHESTRA, VOICES, FORMS, MUSIC, OPERA, SING, JAZZ, BLUES.

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and her friends are learning to play recorders. See if you can find:

- cheese slice
- number 3
- word MINI
- football
- heart
- ladder
- kite
- peanut
- letter C
- pencil
- tooth
- bird
- number 8
- ruler

More Sounds of Music

Jazz

Jazz is America's "classical" music. First played around 1900, it developed from many different types of music, including:

- African music
- spirituals
- African-American work songs
- blues (African-American music with strong rhythms, usually played or sung by one main performer)
- ragtime (a dance music with strong rhythms usually played on the piano)
- European band and dance music.

One of the main features about jazz is that the musicians make up much of the music as they play. This is called "improvisation" (im-prahv-uh-ZA-shun).

Duke Ellington was one of the greatest jazz musicians and composers. He wrote almost 2,000 pieces of music, ranging from jazz to movie scores to religious music.

Some of his most famous works include "Mood Indigo," "Sophisticated Lady" and "Black, Brown and Beige."

When Edward Kennedy ("Duke") Ellington was growing up in Washington, D.C., he loved painting, playing the piano, football, baseball and track.

Duke Ellington (1899-1974)

The Mini Page thanks MENC: The National Association for Music Education, and The Kennedy Center National Symphony Orchestra Education Department, for help with this issue.



Rock

Today rock is one of the most popular types of music in the world. About one-fourth of all music bought in the U.S. is rock.

It grew from:

- the blues
- jazz
- gospel music.

Rock is usually played with electronic instruments and has a strong beat.

In the 1950s, Elvis Presley sparked the rage for rock 'n' roll. His first big hit, "Heartbreak Hotel," came in 1956. Some of his many other hits include "Love Me Tender," "Hound Dog" and "Kentucky Rain."

Today rock has grown so big that there are many different types.

Look through your newspaper for an interesting picture. Write a song about it and teach it to the class.

Next week The Mini Page is all about elections.

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Country

Country music is a blend of folk and rock music. Folk is music that has been sung by many generations living in a certain area.

The folk music that most influenced country music came from England and Scotland, and later from America's Appalachian Mountain region.

Usually country is played on stringed instruments such as guitars or banjos. Singers often write about personal themes such as their love life or work.

Dolly Parton is one of the most popular country singers and composers. Some of her hits include "Coat of Many Colors," "Nine to Five" and "I Will Always Love You."

Dolly Parton (1946-)

Dolly Parton made her first record when she was 11. She has also acted in many movies, and has a theme park in Tennessee, "Dollywood." Many of its profits go to educational causes.

Musicals

In musicals people act and speak their lines, but they often break into song or begin dancing. The music is often used to set the mood of the drama.

Many musicals are performed live on stage as well as in movies. Often the songs become popular hits. Some examples of famous musicals include: "My Fair Lady," "The Sound of Music," "The Music Man" and "Oklahoma."

"The Lion King" started as a movie and was made into a popular Broadway musical.

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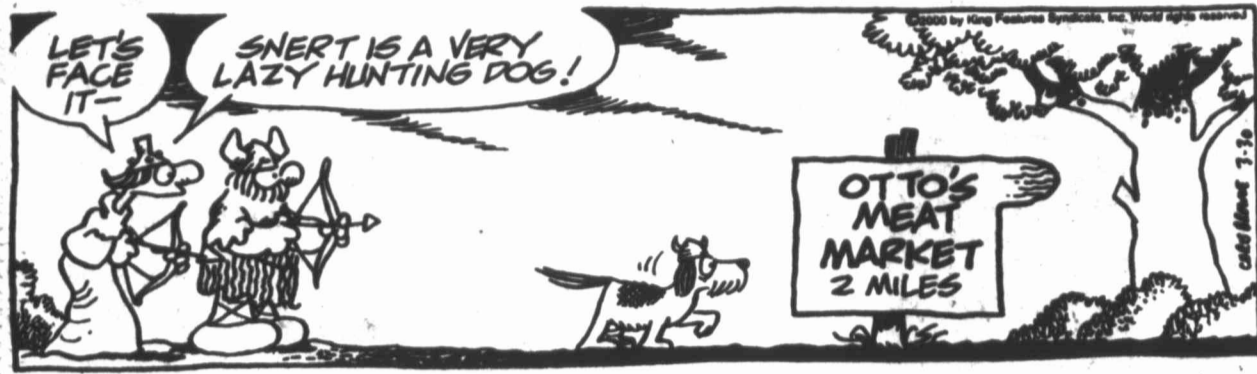
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Thursday, March 30, the 90th day of 2000. There are 276 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On March 30, 1867, U.S. Secretary of State William H. Seward reached agreement with Russia to purchase the territory of Alaska for \$7.2 million, a deal roundly ridiculed as "Seward's Folly." On this date:

In 1822, Florida became a United States territory. In 1842, Dr. Crawford W. Long of Jefferson, Ga., first used ether as an anesthetic during a minor operation. In 1870, the 15th amendment to the Constitution, giving black men the right to vote, was declared in effect. In 1870, Texas was readmitted to the Union. In 1945, the Soviet Union invaded Austria during World War II. In 1964, John Glenn withdrew from the Ohio race for U.S. Senate because of injuries suffered in a fall. In 1970, the musical "Applause" opened on Broadway. In 1973, Ellsworth Bunker resigned as U.S. ambassador to South Vietnam, and was succeeded by Graham A. Martin. In 1981, President Reagan was shot and seriously injured outside a Washington D.C. hotel by John W. Hinckley Jr. Also wounded were White House press secretary James Brady, a Secret Service agent and a District of Columbia police officer.

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THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

ACROSS

- Palm blows
- Check alternative
- Combustible material
- Fit of terror
- Soot-covered
- Tolstoy novel, "Karenina"
- acids
- King's address
- Blue flag
- BROW
- Structure with a single-pitch roof
- Jug handle
- Keg quaff
- Perform on stage
- Inventory
- Felt poorly
- End of a fox?
- Leafy climber
- Simpson trial judge
- EYE
- Keats verse
- Rock from side to side
- chloride (refrigerant)
- Filmflam
- Fury
- Teachers' org.
- Psyche division
- Property orients
- MOUTH
- Toward open waters
- Perched on
- Hotel employees
- Part of YMCA
- Do farrier's work
- Attention getter
- Present!
- Utah lilies

DOWN

- Vichy or Ems, for example
- On the (fleeing)
- Disney employee
- Assign blame to
- Reconnoters
- Play's players
- Gobi's continent
- Squeal
- Serengeti predator
- So-so
- Weird
- Isolated
- Endured
- Observe
- Packing container
- Plaster support
- Stocking shade
- Latin eggs
- Skeptical one
- Charged particles
- Helen's city
- The Cometh
- Lazybones
- Tanguy of vaudeville
- Catching on, in London
- Work for
- Bourbon whiskeys
- Pitch tents
- Pokas fun at
- Refuges
- Apply balm
- Covers with goo
- Grind, as one's teeth
- Silly
- Sunrise direction
- Inferior
- Fencing tool
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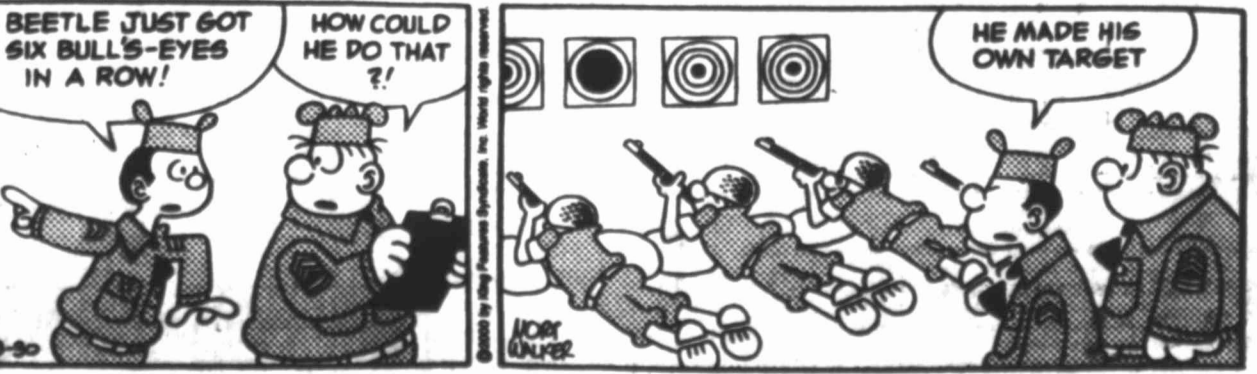
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In 1998, Rolls-Royce was purchased by German automaker BMW in a \$570 million deal. Ten years ago: Idaho Gov. Cecil Andrus vetoed a highly restrictive state abortion measure, saying the bill gave a woman and her family no flexibility in cases of rape and incest. Five years ago: Tens of thousands of Rwandan refugees, fleeing violence in Burundi, began a two-day trek to sanctuary in Tanzania. Pope John Paul II issued the 11th encyclical of his papacy in which he condemned abortion and euthanasia as crimes that no human laws could legitimize. One year ago: Yugoslav leader Slobodan Milosevic insisted that NATO attacks stop before he moved toward peace, declaring his forces ready to fight "to the very end." NATO answered with new resolve to wreck his military with a relentless air assault. A jury in Portland, Ore., ordered Philip Morris to pay \$81 million to the family of a man who died of lung cancer after smoking Marlboros for four decades. Today's Birthdays: Singer Frankie Laine is 87. Former CIA Director Richard Helms is 87. Actor Richard Dysart is 71. Actor John Astin is 70. Game show host Peter Marshall is 70. Actor-director Warren Beatty is 63. Rock musician Graeme Edge (The Moody Blues) is 59. Rock musician Eric Clapton is 55. Actor Robbie Coltrane is 50. Actor Paul Reiser is 43. Rap artist MC Hammer is 37.