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Community Easter service planned at Comanche Trail Park

GOOD FRIDAY

April 21, 2000

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A&M alumni set for Muster today

Former students of Texas A&M University will assemble in Big Spring today for the Annual Texas Aggie Muster.

The muster activities consisting of dinner and a candlelight ceremony will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Country Club. Muster is open to all former students and their families, parents of students and friends of Texas A&M.

The muster tradition is more than 100 years old and more than 400 musters will be held around the world this year.

Every muster ceremony is the same. Texas Aggies pay their respects to all those who are absent because of death since the last muster. When the names of the honored dead are called from the muster roll, a friend of the deceased answers, "Here.'

Easter egg hunt slated Saturday

College Park Church of God is sponsoring a community-wide free Easter egg hunt on Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Old Settlers **Pavilion in Comanche Trail** Park. Egg hunters will be divided into two age groups, 3 to 5year-olds and 6 to 12-yearolds. The event will also include games, clowns, mimes, free drawings and activities for the whole family. Everyone is invited to attend.

Trail Park Amphitheatre. Craig Felty, pastor of Cornerstone Church, is once

again helping to organize the event with several other ministers

"Traditionally, the early morning is when the disciples found the empty tomb," signifying that Jesus had risen, Felty said. That is why Christians often celebrate Easter morning with a sunrise service.

Several churches are working together to plan and organize this service. The Feltys will be leading the music for the ser-

vice, which will include a performance by the Big Spring Junior High School 'Treble Choir. They will sing, "The Easter Song," which was recorded in the 1970s by the group Second Chapter of Acts.

A dramatic interpretation of the theme will be provided by the College Park Church of God youth drama team.

A special message in three parts will be delivered by Greg Taylor, pastor of Miracle **Revival Center, Jim Campbell** of Cornerstone Church and Mike Willard, pastor of Mount

Bethel Baptist Church. Fitting in with the overall service theme, "the Price of Freedom," the ministers will address, "the problem, the provision and our participation.

Taylor said the sunrise service is unique.

"To me, it's being out in the early morning itself, that rings a note of remembrance about that morning (when disciples found the empty tomb)," he said. "And we don't usually have services at this early hour. That rings a note of remembrance in regards to the scrip- See SERVICE, Page 2A

Kescue

The service traditionally attracts people from various denominations, and some who don't regularly attend church. Dress is casual, but servicegoers are urged to pay attention to the early morning weather.

"In the past it has been somewhat cool in the mornings, although this year, as late as it is, we expect it to be warmer." said Cherise Felty, Craig's wife. Youth from Miracle Revival Center will offer hot chocolate



Mark Odle, from left, looks at his winning "ticket" while chamber secretary Debbye ValVerde, door prize winner Joann Smoot and chamber receptionist Lindsay Hull select an item during Thursday's Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Community Luncheon. Some 125 people attended the event at Dora Roberts Community Center.

local effort to organize trained response team **By CARL GRAHAM**

Children's deaths spark

Staff Writer

As unfortunate as it may be, sometimes it takes tragic circumstances and events to receive posi-

tive results. Such is the case, organizers say, with the Thunderstorm Canine Search and **Rescue** Team currently

being formed HARBOUR in Big Spring

in memory of Dalton and Peyton Harbour.

Dalton Lee Harbour and his 19-month-old sister, Peyton, drowned at Mustang Draw on March 23 when the car they were in became trapped in high water.

The Thunderstorm Canine Search and Rescue Team will

TO HELP

Send donations to: Thunderstorm Canine SAR. **Big Spring Division, Debbie** Pool, treasurer, P.O. Box 321, Big Spring, Texas 79721.

team up to certification, but in the long run it will be worth the price.

"It will take a minimum of six months and possibly up to a year for the dogs to get trained and all the personnel on the team trained," said Harbour. 'Once established, there will be a five-member team on call at all times. We already have around 20 men and women that will begin to be trained and certified

Also, the first dog has been purchased and will soon begin its training for search and res

Senior Circle slates seminar

The Scenic Mountain Medical Center chapter of Senior Circle will sponsor a seminar Wednesday on preventing and dealing with falls.

Topics will include home safety and falling prevention, with information from Companion Service, a personal emergency response system.

A fee of \$5 will be charged non-members. Call Pam Stephens, 268-4721, for more information.

WEEKEND TICKET

TODAY

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

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Big Spring High School French students awarded top honors in national contest **By GINA GARZA**

Staff Writer

Several Big Spring High School French students participated in the "Concours National De Francais'

(National French Contest) recently. "For the third time in a row, the students were awarded the 'Certificat D'Honneur

Proffeseur Du FORD Laureat' from

the 'Association Americaine Des Professeurs de Francais,' said Joelle Ford, Big Spring High School French teacher.

French III and IV classes and takes about an hour.

"It consists of listening comprehension, grammar and reading comprehension," she said. "This test is similar, if not harder, than the teachers' French exit exam."

Among those taking the test were Elsa Perez, Heidrun Robinson, Justin Richter, Melissa Sheedy, Cassandra McCullough, TZ Marsch, Misty Trevino, Michael Hadley, Dawn Whittenburg, Ashley Finley and Stormi Martinez.

Perez and Robinson, both French IV students, placed fourth nationally. They are eligible for a one-year, all-inclusive scholarship to the American University of Paris See STUDENTS, Page 2A

The test is given to her for the 2000-01 school year. They also received a "Certificate D' Honneur.

> Sheedy Richter. and McCullough placed in the top 20 in French IV; Marsch and Trevino placed in the top 20 in French III; Hadley, Whittenburg, Finley and Martinez placed in the top 30 in French III.

> Ford said all students received a "Certificat De Merite" for their accomplishment.

In addition to the students' awards, Ford is also eligible for a chance at free trip to Paris, France. Costs of taking the test is

sponsored by the French Club.

be a satellite volunteer team of the nationally recognized Thunderstorm Canine in Abilene.

The team will be formally certified in all areas of search and rescue and will be able to respond quickly to any future disasters as needed, organizers say

Sheryl Harbour, an aunt of the two children, said forming the team will not be inexpensive, but the cost of something worth having never comes cheap, and the team is needed.

"There is always a huge cost associated with the formation of a team and we are asking for your help in defraying those expenses," said Harbour. "Monetary and equipment donations in any amounts to help offset the cost of canine searchers, equipment, and team training would be most grateful.

According to Harbour, it will be a long process to bring the

cue operations.' The first five members of the team to be trained are Casey Clark, Jerry Farmer, T.J.

Sandridge, Jerry Harbour, and

Bryan Harbour. The Thunderstorm Canine, **Big Spring Chapter will consist** of from 15 to 30 trained and certified men and women in CPR/First Aid, underwater diving, search and rescue operations, K-9 handling and communications.

Equipment that will be necessary to perform in an adequate manner includes a four-wheel drive truck and trailer, flat-bottom boats, water craft, an allterrain vehicle, dog/support equipment, first aid supplies, radios and CBs and personal gear (\$300-\$400 per person).

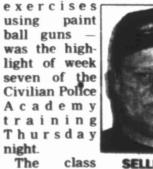
Anyone who would like to donate may do so to: Thunderstorm Canine SAR, Big Spring Division, Debbie Pool, treasurer, P.O. Box 321, Big Spring, Texas 79721.

PD academy group receives training on building searches

Editor's Note: This is the sixth in an 11-week series of articles on the Citizen's Police Academy. Next week: 'Shoot, Don't Shoot' scenarios.

By CARL GRAHAM Staff Writer

The correct procedures to conduct building checks and searches - to include mock



class SELLERS was divided.

with half going through building search training at the Big Spring Airpark and the other half going through the "shoot, don't" shoot scenarios at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

SWAT team member Cpl David Sellers and Sgt. Lee Everett were the instructors during the building search por tion.

"The two main points to remember during a building search is cover and containment," said Sellers. "It's imperative that if you are working in pairs, you have to be conscious of your surroundings and look out for each other.

Sellers said officers should familiarize themselves with the buildings they may have to make a search of sometime know where all the doors and windows are, how to get to the roof, where the alarm systems are, where the safes are located and any other information that could be useful in the case a search is warranted at night.

There are three main entry techniques used when entering a building to do a search, he said. They are the follow through, criss cross, and the button hook.

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y students Betty Kelley and Ann Farley conduct a mock methods taught by Col. David Sellers of the Big Spring Police De the CPA alumni group played the bad guys.

DBITUARIES

Ruth Contreras

Service for Ruth Contreras. 54, Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

She died on Friday, April 21, 2000, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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"The club raises funds to help pay for the cost of the exam, said Ford. "They have candy sales, work at Sonic and do other things to raise money." "They've done very well," she

added. "I thank them for their excellent representation of Big 'Spring High School.'

Some French students will receive another honor by being inducted into the Societe de Francais Honoraire (National French Honor Society) in May.

include Those students Hadley, Marsch, McCullough, Trevino and Whittenburg.

In order to be eligible for this honor society, the students must have met the qualifications of an A average in French and a B average overall. The National French Honor Society of Big Spring High is for all students who have completed at least three years of French.

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and coffee to all those who attend.

Craig Felty said the combination of a meaningful service and the outdoor setting is something not to be missed.

"It can be absolutely beautiful out there in the early morning," he said. "It is awesome when the sun is coming up. The amphitheater is a great place to have this service."

ACADEMY

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an officer should push the door

5. Avoid using the flashlight when moving from one area to another

6. Use hand signals when at all possible.

7. Don't change cover for the sake of moving. 8. If behind good cover — stay

there 9. Use the best concealment

possible, stay in shadows, blend in with the background, and if not behind good cover, move to good cover when you are able.

Kansas town recalls terror of moment tornado hit

PARSONS, Kan. (AP) Gripping a deflated doll between her fingers, Gerry Brown sat on the ground and watched her grandchildren pick through a pile of rubble and broken toys at the tornadothrashed grounds of a carnival. The 71-year-old estimated Wednesday's storm, which destroyed her game booth and trailer, cost her close to \$40,000 in damage. But she couldn't help but smile.

"Sitting here watching my grandchildren clean up this mess, I can't help but think how lucky I am to be alive." she said Thursday.

Toby Nemmers, owner of Toby's Carnival, said he had never seen anything like it in his 50 years in the business. One minute, patrons were being whipped around by his amusement rides. The next, his rides were being whipped around by the tornado that leveled his carnival along with several homes and businesses in this small, southeast Kansas town

"It was completely unbelievable," said Nemmers, who estimated his damage at \$2 million. "This place looks like it was hit by a bomb.'

Nemmers said he cleared customers off the rides just moments before the storm hit. Some people sought refuge across the street at the police station, where part of the roof was torn off.

"We were all huddled in the men's room with our heads When entering the building, down and we heard the roof peel back," Brown said. "We back as hard as he can, all the kept waiting for it to fall in on us, but it never did.

was left of her house, one of about five on her street in Parsons that had the roof

LOCAL

blown off. Town stunned by random murder of 8-year-old boy

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) -Flowers, a stuffed Easter bunny and a plastic duck now mark the site where an 8-year-old boy was stabbed to death in an apparent random attack that has police and residents baffled.

Officers fanned through the neighborhood Thursday, questioning residents, reviewing surveillance tapes from businesses and passing out fliers, hoping to find information that may lead them to whomever killed Kevin Shifflett.

The boy was slain Wednesday as he played with other children in front of his great-grandmother's home. Police said the attacker casually walked up behind the boy and began stabbing him.

"This can unsettle a community for a long time, and we have to make something happen quickly," Deputy Police Chief David Baker told The Washington Post. "We're really concerned about the community and we know they're scared. We, too, are stricken by the senselessness of it."

It was the first homicide of the year in the city of 120,000 near Washington, D.C.

The boy's 80-year-old greatgrandmother and a 51-year-old woman passer-by who came to the boy's aid were also wounded. The passer-by was hospitalized today in fair condition. The great-grandmother had cuts to her hand and arms.

The man fled after the attack, and police said there was no apparent motive. No weapon was recovered

"Their co-workers are taking this pretty hard. It has cast a pall over City Hall," the mayor said.

Police say man stole bracelet and

BIG SPRING HERALD Friday, April 21, 2000

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SUPPORT GROUPS

FRIDAY

p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal

Church, 10th and Goliad. Open

Settles, noon open meeting and

•Al-Anon support group,

SATURDAY

Support Group, second

Saturday of the month,

Carriage Inn Retirement

current and former patients

and their families, 1 p.m. week-

ly, Reflections Unit of Scenic

Mountain Medical Center. Call

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615

•"So I Forget," Attention

Settles, noon, 8 p.m., 10 p.m.

Deficit Disorder support group

for individuals and couples.

•Family support group for

Center, 501 W. 17th, 10 a.m.

Beverly Grant, 263-0074

open meetings, 615 Settles.

Alzheimer's Association

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615

to all substance abusers.

8 p.m. Big Book Study.

noon, 615 Settles.

•Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30

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ister for the class.

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

Pick 3: 7,2,7

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IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.



The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Thursday through 8 a.m. today: ·JEREMY MYERS, 19. of 2409 E. 25th, was arrested on

The cost is \$10 per person. It will be held at the Senior local warrants. Citizen Center, Industrial Park. ·LORENZO ONTIVEROS, 19, May 8 and 9 from 8 a.m. until of 805 Ontiveros, was-arrested 12 p.m. Call 267-1628 to prereg-

on local warrant. •HARIL HODNETT, 40, of 5511 Midway Road, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

•AGGRAVATED ASSAULT /FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1500 block of Kentucky Way.

•FOUND PROPERTY was reported in the 3000 block of W. Highway 80.

•CLASS A ASSAULT /FAM-**ILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 500 block of State.

•THEFT was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth, in the 1800 block of Gregg, and in the 300 block of Gregg.



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information.

A ROUND THE TOWN

throat. "At first he denied he had the bracelet," detective Kevin Rickenbacher said. "But once we told him we had the X-ray, he chuckled and joked.

He was taken to the police

station, where he was ques-

tioned by detectives, who came

up with the theory that Nyari

had swallowed the bracelet.

BIG SPRING

"He drank several glasses of water and smoked cigarettes to build up enough phlegm to cough it up. It took about an hour.

The now-sanitized bracelet is back on display.

BRIEFS

THE BORDEN COUNTY ISD five-year reunion is being planned for Aug. 4-5.

Letters have been sent to classmates, teachers and employees that live out of this area. If you did not receive a letter are know of someone who did not, send the name. address and graduation year to Judy Kingston; Rt. 1, Box 118;

O'Donnell; 79351 Also please send any updated information about any student,

teacher or employee. The information needs to be received for the last reunion meeting 7 p.m. May 2 at the Community Center at Gail. **Everyone** is invited to help make the final plans.

THE COAHOMA LIONS CLUB is planning its Annual City-Wide Garage Sale. If you would like to participate and have a garage sale on Saturday, May 6, in Coahoma, register by calling Irene at 394-4424 or stop by the Little Sooper Market. Deadline to register is Wednesday, May 3. The fee will be the same as always, \$15.

way to the wall. He then takes a quick peek to get an idea of where everything is located. Always be careful in the use of the flashlight in not lighting yourself up and making yourself an easy target for the intruder, Sellers said. Make good use of mirrors to check around corners and only move one officer at a time once inside the room.

Once an intruder has been found in the building, an officer should not let his guard down because burglars usually work in pairs, Sellers said. Continue to search the complete building. Points to remember are:

1. Do not try to use a slide Switch to control a flashlight. 2. Using the flashlight will estroy your night vision. 3. If an officer needs the light, when moving, angle it toward the ground and try to cover part

of the beam. 4. Never hold flashlight in or near the center of your body mass

& CHAPEL

The tornado blew into the town of 13,000 shortly before 9 p.m. Wednesday. Red Cross workers estimated about a dozen businesses and several dozen homes were damaged beyond repair. The downtown area was

blocked off by the National Guard on Thursday as workers cleared streets littered with sheet metal, roofing, tree limbs and glass.

Twenty-seven people were treated at a hospital for mostly minor injuries.

Gov. Bill Graves declared a state of emergency for Labette, Neosho, Montgomery and Crawford counties Thursday. Tornados also caused damage in the cities of Walnut. Erie and Cherryvale.

Kathy Knight stood with the aid of crutches in front of what

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swallowed it

DUBLIN, Ohio (AP) - A Texas man stole a \$17,000 bracelet and swallowed the 9-1/2-carat piece of jewelry in an attempt to hide the evidence. police said.

Rudolf Nyari, 64, of Hurst, was in the Franklin County Jail on Friday charged with one count of theft, a fourthdegree felony, police said.

Nyari was traveling through central Ohio on Tuesday when he stopped at Leo Alfred Jewelers in this Columbus suburb, police said.

Employees discovered the most expensive tennis bracelet in the store missing soon after Nyari left.

Nyari's car was stopped on a Columbus-area highway. Police didn't find the bracelet in Nyari's vehicle or on him.

For Sale

BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL Class Reunion of 1950 is looking for the following graduates: Norman Brown, Gray Nichols, Wayne Brown, **Bill Cook**, Larry Dillon, Joe Miller, Vernon Smith, Mary Jane Couch, Delores Franklin, Margaret Hurt, Lou Ann Miller, Doris Ann Stevens, Mozelle Day, Betty Jo Ledlow, Pat Miller, Maudean Pinkerton, **Betty Hamrick and Janice** Montgomery.

If you know about these people, please call, Joyce Kilpatrick Choate, 393-5722.

THE SCENIC MOUNTAIN **MEDICAL** Center chapter of Senior Circle will sponsor a seminar Wednesday at noon on preventing and dealing with falls

Topics will include home safety and falling prevention, information from with

267-6411

first Saturday of the month from 9 to 10:30 a.m., Samaritan **Counseling Center of West** Texas, Inc., Midland, Call the center at (915) 563-4144 or 1-800-329-4144. Cost is \$15.

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

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

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

Sunrise Saturday 7:08 a.m. Sunrise Sunday 6:07 a.m. Sunset Saturday 8:21 p.m. Sunset Sunday 8:21 p.m.



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State drops four medical insurance carriers

AUSTIN (AP) — The state has an upheaval. In previous years, dropped four health maintenance organizations from its health insurance program and has increased prescription drug co-payments.

The Employee Retirement System Board on Wednesday approved the changes, saying the state needed help keeping up with rising health-care costs. If the changes weren't made, the plan would be \$13 million in the red by January, officials

said. "We had to do something," said chairman Bill Barton.

"What is happening in our plan is happening all over the country," said Sheila Beckett, executive director of the board. "The health-care market is in

sections.

providers wanted to work with us, but this year their bids were too high - in some cases unreasonably high.

The state dropped Aetna and its subsidiary Prudential Humana, AmCare Health Plans of Texas and Firstcare. The four account for about 30 percent of the state's HMO market, according to the Department of Insurance.

The changes, which take effect Sept. 1, will affect about 115,000 health plan members statewide.

Two new HMOs joined the state plan: Community First in San Antonio and UTMB in Houston. "It's such a pain, especially if

you get settled with a doctor. You're out there thrashing around trying to find a new doctor," said Jack Marshall, a state employee since 1987 who will have to switch.

About 520,000 residents -1 in every 40 Texans — is covered under the state's health plan. Most, about 337,500, are enrolled in HealthSelect plans, which are like more traditional insurance plans.

Under either plan, the state pays 100 percent of the premiums for employees and retirees and 50 percent for dependents.

Also on Wednesday, the board voted to raise the amount of employee and retiree co-payments for prescription drugs. Generic drugs will continue to carry a \$5 co-payment, but copayments for preferred namebrand drugs, classified based on effectiveness and cost, will rise to \$20.

Nonpreferred drug co-payments will increase to \$35. These drugs are medications that treat chronic conditions such asthma and are more expensive than preferred drugs. Mail-order prescriptions will also increase from to \$30 for

preferred and to \$70 for nonpreferred. Mail-order supplies often last 90 days. There is a silver lining, how

ever. The new plan will cover drugs not previously included on HMO plans and that required a full out-of-pocket payment from patients.

Houston area police officials examine new investigative tool

HOUSTON (AP) - Area police officials will meet today to examine a new investigative tool authorities hope can be used to help catch serial killers and other habitual criminals.

It's called geographic profiling, and the computer software program processes the details of crimes and pinpoints the most likely residence or workplace of offenders, according to a report in the Houston Chronicle.

A steering committee composed of representatives of municipal and county law enforcement agencies, as well as the Texas Department of **Public Safety and the Texas** Commission on Law **Enforcement Officers Stand**ards and Education, will meet today at the University of Houston to learn more about it. UH hopes to make geographic profiling a part of its master's degree program in criminal justice as well as build a

first-of-its-kind database for area law-enforcement agencies. "It's so very promising," said

Bob Glazier, assistant professor of criminal justice at UH-Downtown.

"I think it would be a great partnership in so many ways," he added.

Geographic profiling is similar to psychological profiling, in which details of crime scenes are used by experts to make predictions about the emotional and intellectual characteristics of a criminal, Glazier said.

Although geographic profiling software produces a map, Glazier said it should not be confused with crime-mapping, which simply shows the location and frequency of certain crimes.

A geographic profile map "actually predicts where a serial criminal lives or works because there are certain things we know about human nature," Glazier said.

Detective Inspector Kim Rossmo of the Vancouver, British Columbia, Police Department developed the software the Criminal Geographic Targeting program as part of his doctoral thesis

Although UH's plans for geographic profiling are tentative, Glazier said law-enforcement agencies would enter information about serial crimes into a mainframe computer maintained by the university. Cases would be compared and similarities pointed out.

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education," Nelson said in a took the Texas Assessment of news release. "Our sophomore Academic Skills in February passed two of the exam's three students, their parents and teachers, and others associated Jim Nelson, commissioner of with them should definitely the Texas Education Agency, take a bow for this record-set-

said it was the highest passing ting performance." rate in the standardized test's Nelson said four student categories – black, Hispanic, white 10-year history. Overall, 80 percent of sophomores passed all and economically disadvan-

taged – improved in the read-

In the reading section, 85 per-83 percent last year. Eightypassed, while 96 percent of whites and 82 percent of economically disadvantaged students passed.

Rates in the writing section were unchanged from last year, with 86 percent of blacks and 84

percent of Hispanics passing. Ninety-six percent of whites passed the writing section, up from 95 percent in 1999.

Seventy-four percent of black students passed the third part of the test, mathematics. That compared to 80 percent for Hispanics and 93 percent for whites.

The 90-percent rate was based on tests taken by 235,320 sophomores Feb. 22-24.

Department of Health proposes split of \$100 million in tobacco settlement

Department of Health has decided how it will split \$100 million from state tobacco settlement money among 288 public hospitals.

Meanwhile, officials from hospitals – many of which expected larger payments to help cover the expense of treating indigent patients - say the proposal highlights the growing burden on public hospitals funded by taxpayers.

"From a big picture sense, it's a symptom of a much bigger problem," said Marsha Jones, executive vice president of government relations at the Texas Hospital Association.

The 288 public hospitals shar-

AUSTIN (AP) - The Texas ing in the \$100 million payment are required by law to accept all patients, regardless of their residency or ability to pay. Last year, the hospitals spent \$1.12 billion on indigent care.

> "Because we have 25 percent of our population uninsured, the demand on our health care infrastructure is huge and the return that the hospitals are getting from the tobacco settlement is not nearly enough," Jones said Thursday.

Increased demand for indigent care as well as shrinking reimbursements from managed care companies and state and federal Medicaid and Medicare

Subprime loans are designed

for borrowers who have little or

nationwide, she said.

Under the health department's proposal released this week, Harris County Hospital District would get the largest disbursement at \$18.3 million, a small piece of the \$205.2 million it cost the district in 1999 to provide indigent care.

The district had hoped for \$20 million.

"But it's an important piece," said district spokesman Bryan McLeod. "Without that money now we'd probably have to look at eliminating some services or cutting staff.'

Dallas County Hospital District would receive the sec-

expected

"It's hard to depend on these kinds of revenue sources," Ron Anderson, chief executive officer of Parkland Health and Hospital System told the Dallas Morning News. His financiallystrapped hospital is part of the Dallas district.

"They usually don't bring in what you think they will over time. You need harder dollars, and right now we don't have those harder dollars," Anderson

said. The proposed disbursement, which must be approved by the state comptroller's office, is expected to happen later this programs are hurting all health care providers in Texas and million, \$6 million less than ed based of the amount spent care providers in Texas and million, \$6 million less than ed based of the amount spent hor of based of the amount spent

during the previous year on unreimbursed indigent health care.

The payments are part of a \$2.28 billion settlement reached in 1998 between tobacco companies and hospital districts, counties and other indigent health care providers. That deal is separate from a \$15.3 billion settlement between the companies and the state.

Under terms with health-care providers, \$450 million was placed in lump sum fund, with \$300 million of that distributed last year, \$100 million this year and \$50 million next year. The remaining \$1.8 billion was put

indigent health-care providers annually, beginning next year, Jones said.

Rep. Garnet Coleman, vice chairman of the House Public Health Committee, said the tobacco money was crucial to offset public health care costs'in a state where one in four residents lacks health insurance.

"This helps defray some of the costs that go directly to the taxpayers. Because the more dollars you have flowing in from the tobacco settlement, the less pressure there is to raise taxes on local governments. That's significant," said Coleman, D-Houston, who drafted legislation to help counties pay for indigent care.

Study determines minorities, low-income borrowers are getting fewer loans

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AUSTIN (AP) - Low-income and minority borrowers in Texas are denied home purchase and refinancing loans at a higher rate than whites, according to a statewide study released Thursday by a consumer advocacy group.

The Consumers Union and Austin Tenants' Council study examined Home Mortgage Disclosure Act data on Texas home mortgage loans from 1996-98, the most recent available.

According to the report, 7.8 percent of black borrowers in Texas received subprime home loans, compared to 2.3 percent of white borrowers.

In addition, 27 percent of black borrowers refinanced their homes in 1998 through a subprime lender, compared to 15.3 percent of Hispanic borrowers and 6.3 percent of white bor-

"There are no excuses," said John Henneberger of the Texas Reinvestment Coalition. "We've been down this road before and it's a shame that so many lenders still refuse to learn that there is money to be made in these communities. Because of this, high and having a field day.

damaged credit, and lenders often charge higher interest rates and fees. because it offered solutions to a The study points out that some conventional prime lenders are doing better in

minority markets since the Community Reinvestment Act, a 1977 federal law that requires banks and other financial institutions to make loans in lowincome and minority areas in which they operate.

"Our banks are taking every effort to work with low-income borrowers," said Ann Graham, senior vice president of the Texas Bankers Association. The group represents commercial bank charters in the state.

"Our consumer banks have

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been very proactive in the Community Reinvestment Act," said Graham, who added she thought the report was positive

complicated problem. The Consumers Union report was released a day after a U.S. Treasury report that said CRA gains in Texas outpaced the national average.

The Treasury report said **CRA-covered lenders increased** their loans to low- and moderate-income borrowers by 109 percent in El Paso over the fiveyear period; 99 percent in Houston; 98 percent in Fort Worth and Arlington; and 84 percent in Dallas.

San Antonio's 31 percent increase was slightly lower than the national average, according

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does give credit to the efforts of some lenders to serve more lowincome and minorities, but concludes that "most lenders continue to have a poor lending record in low income and minority areas in their own communities, and many continue to deny black and Hispanic

applicants at a much higher rate than white applicants." According to the report, 14.5 percent of completed subprime applications by white appli-

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cants were denied in 1998, compared to 29.5 percent of Hispanic applicants and 31.3 percent of black applicants.

Furthermore, black and Hispanic applicants remained a much smaller proportion of the total applicant pool relative to their proportion in the population, the report said

The report also contained suggestions to state regulators, lawmakers and lenders, including: -Investing state funds to buy

low income Texas home loans to encourage banks to do more affordable lending. -Marketing and selling existing government programs to the presidents of small banks.

-Increasing outreach and marketing efforts to low income and minority communities.

Texas bankers are eager to improve their efforts to reach low-income and minority customers through CRA and other equal-lending programs, Graham said.

"We encourage those things and encourage our banks to do even more," she said.

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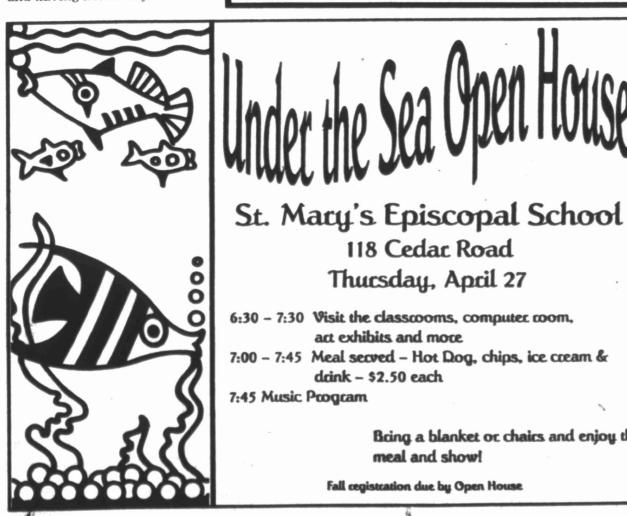
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OUR VIEWS We salute:

Each week, the *Herald* salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recog-

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

play. This week we salute:

 COAHOMA POSTMASTER GLORIA JIMENEZ, who has arranged for a commemorative postmark depicting our local rodeo clown Quail Dobbs and the Coahoma Kindergarten Rodeo.

• MARANATHA BAPTIST ACADEMY STU DENTS, who recently earned several top spots in competitions in various subjects.

 LOCAL MASTER GARDENERS, who are helping schoolchildren learn about plants in a new Junior Master Gardener Program.

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 SPONSORS, PARTICIPANTS AND EXHIBITORS AT HEALTH FAIR 2000, who helped make the event a huge success. 11 11 11 +1(1,1

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recog-

OPINION

In praise of Ernie Pyle, war correspondent

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1945." So read the hand-lettered, white, wooden sign on the tiny irrel-

evant island of le Shima, off the coast of Okinawa. The big battle for Okinawa was about over, and our troops were mopping up the few

EFFREY Japanese on HART Ie Shima. A sniper killed the famous

and beloved columnist. He had almost made it through the war, after covering the invasion of North Africa. Italy, the strategic bombing campaign, D-Day and the tough fighting in France. Now he was covering the Pacific war — for him one island too far.

Pyle was universally revered by the men in action and also on the home front, as it was then called.

He paid attention to individual soldiers, often naming them and also their hometowns in a way that made them stand for the thousands of others he could not mention. And while his descriptions of the war appeared realistic, they were considerably softened. Men died in Pyle's columns, but they did not get

blown to bits before the read-

er's eyes, or horribly burned,

or ground into the mud by a heavy tank.

One reason Pyle's columns were softened is that he considered himself and his reporting part of the war effort. His reporting was not at all saccharine, but his columns almost always had an upbeat, encouraging feel about them. Even when the fighting got rough, the grit, determination and humanity of our men was what you remembered from reading Pyle's columns. He knew that civilians were unprepared for much that actually goes on in combat. Indeed, the men who fight have had to undergo * extensive mental and physical training before they can stand

When Pyle left the European battlefields and took the long trip out to the Pacific, he was a tired man but felt it his duty to cover what remained of the war on the other side of the world.

Throughout his coverage of the Pacific war there is a sense of dislocation, strangeness, even weightlessness, which conveys what our men themselves must have experienced:

"An American soldier in Europe, even though the towns may be 'off limits' to him or destroyed completely, still had a sense of being near a civilization like his own. But out in the Pacific there was nothing like that. You were on an island, the natives were strange people, there was no city and no place to go. If you had a three-day pass, you'd probably spend it lying on your cot. Eventually boredom and the 'island complex' started to take hold.'

The Japanese enemy on the ground was elusive, unpredictable and, above all, strange.

"Soldiers and marines told me stories by the dozen about how tough the Japs were, yet how dumb too; how illogical, yet how uncannily smart at times; how easy to rout when disorganized, yet how brave. I became more confused with each story. At the end of one evening, I said, 'I can't make head or tail out of what you've told me. I'm trying to learn about the Jap soldiers, but everything you say about them seems to be inconsistent.'

* "That's the answer,' my friends said. 'They are inconsistent. They do the damnedest things. But they're dangerous fighters just the same."

"On Saipan, they told of a Jap plane that appeared over head one bright noonday, all alone. He obviously wasn't a photographic plane, and they couldn't figure out what he was doing. Then something came out of the plane and fluttered down. It was a little paper wreath, with a long streamer to it. He had flown it all the way from Japan and dropped it 'In Honor of Japan's Glorious Dead' on Saipan. The gesture was touching — but so what?

"As I talked with marines, I began to get over that creepy feeling that fighting Japs was like fighting snakes or ghosts. They were indeed queer, but they were people with certain tactics, and now by much experience our men had learned how to fight them. As far as I could see, our men were no more afraid of the Japs than they were of the Germans."

Yes, but on Pyle's own evidence, they felt they understood the German soldier and that what he did made sense to them. This was not true of the Japanese opponent.

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Strange, too, was the air war because of the immense distances — and by the time Pyle arrived in the Pacific we were bombing the main Japanese islands relentlessly:

"I sat on a box between the pilots, both on the take-off and for the landing, and much as I'd flown before, that was a real thrill. The islands are all relatively small, and you're no sooner off the ground than 8 F you're out over water, which feels funny. If the air is a little rough, sitting way up there in the nose is a very odd sensation, for the B-29 is so big that, instead of bumping or dropping, the nose goes into a willowy motion. It's rather like sitting out on the end of a green limb when it's swaying around.'

And a young Navy fighter pilot becomes an ace: "The pilot who first shot down a Jap plane on our trip was Ensign Frank Troup, of Decatur, Alabama. It was a reconnaissance plane, and he got it the day before we reached Tokyo waters. It was his fifth, and it made him an ace. Troup said the only reason he got it was that he happened to be closer to it than his wing mates when they all spotted it. The boys who flew the patrols said that when they spotted a single Jap plane, everybody in the patrol opened wide and it was just like a horse race to see who got within shooting distance first. That time it was Troup.'

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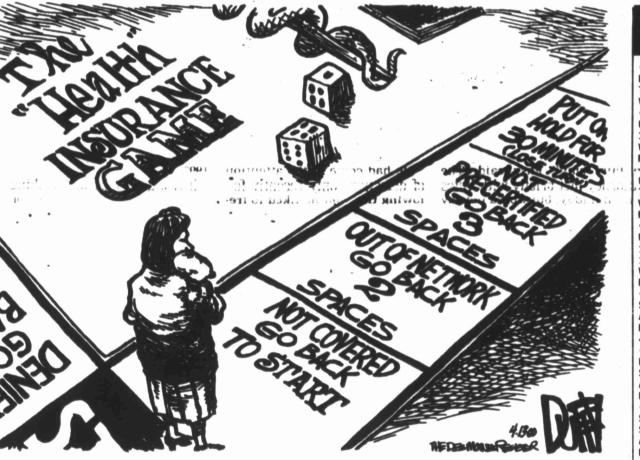
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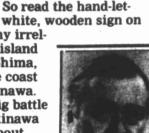
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OTHER VIEWS

Which is the best way to teach young children to read? Educators, parents, politicians and others have argued for years over the merits of "whole language," which involves literature as well as teaching children to write as they are learning to read, and the merits of using phonics.

A national panel last week endorsed neither. ... Instead, teachers should take the best of both methods: Children should learn how to sound out letters and words, but also should build their vocabularies early.

Makes sense to us. ... No one method works with all kids. One exception to that last point: All children have an easier time learning to read if they have been read to since infancy. They need to hear the language — and they need to hear language directed at them. ...

The battle over teaching methods will continue as long as some children have trouble learning to read ... and as long as some opportunists can make a buck on keeping the fight going. **CEDAR RAPIDS**



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Barak: Man of war, man of peace

Ft is an age-old dichotomy of sword-bearers turned peacemakers. The most decorated military officer in Israel,

Ehud Barak, is a prime minister who has become the prime conciliator. embracing the concept of

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JACK although his nation is one ANDERSON **Israel control of East** Jerusalem, the neighboring settlements, the Jordan Valley and the majority of settlements along the demarcation line. He also believes strongly that a new Palestinian nation should be demilitarized and confeder-

ated with Jordan. In a statement made in 1997. which sheds some light on Barak's current liberal attitudes toward the peace process, Barak states, "Israelis must free ourselves of the burden of ruling the Palestinians, who have been residents of this land for hundreds of years."

In an interview on "The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer," Barak stated that "by pushing or cornering Arafat, you might reach one of two conclusions: either a new eruption of violence, which cannot serve either side; or alternatively. replacement of Arafat by Hamas or Jihad leaders, which cannot be better, neither to the Israelis nor to the Palestinians."

So he walks a fine line between the warring and competing sides in that troubled

But he had some image-altering help. In 1999, he hired President Bill Clinton's imagemaker, James Carville, to change his style and refine his political message, with apparent success.

Barak was born to Lithuanian immigrants on February 12, 1942, and raised at **Kibbutz Mishmar Harsharon** on the Lebanese border.

He joined the Israeli Defense Force at the age of 17, saw action in three wars, and eventually became its chief of staff. Barak earned a B.S. in physics and mathematics from the University of Jerusalem in 1976, and in 1978, a M.S. in economic engineering systems from Stanford University.

He joined the Labor Party and became Yitzhak Rabin's protege, serving as Minister of the Interior under Rabin and as Foreign Minister under Shimon Peres.

Barak is an accomplished pianist and is fluent in Hebrew, Arabic and English. And all of these traits and accomplishments will be needed if he is to bring peace to the Phone: 1-800-252-8011. HOWARD CO. COMMISSIONERS OFFICE - 264-2200. BEN LOCKMART, COUNTY judge lome: 263-4155; Office: 264-2202. - Home: 267-2649. Kn.cone - 263-0724; Work Jerry's Barbers): 267-5471. Ball CROOKER - Home: 263-2566. er - Home: 263-0269; GARY Sm Nork (Ponderosa Nursery): 263-4441.

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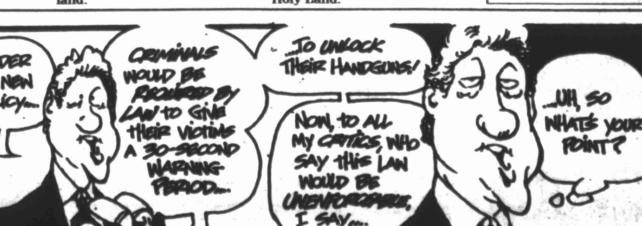
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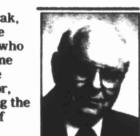
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Clinton says Miami relatives should reunite Elian with his father

WASHINGTON (AP) President Clinton said a court ruling has stripped Elian Gonzalez's Miami relatives of all arguments against transferring temporary custody of the boy to his father. "That is the law," Clinton said amid reports that the government was preparing to forcibly take the 6year-old boy.

Clinton commented Thursday, a day after a three-judge panel of the federal appeals court in Atlanta said Elian must remain in the United States until the court decides whether he should get an asylum hearing. A hearing was set for May 11. The ruling was viewed by the

as a victory, but Clinton said it reinforced the administration's case for Elian to be reunited with his father.

The Washington Post reported today that Attorney General Janet Reno has decided to remove Elian from his greatuncle's home in Miami and has instructed federal law enforcement officials to determine the best time to do so. The report quoted unidentified government officials as saying they expected to move by the middle of next week.

Asked about the report, Justice Department spokeswoman Carole Florman said

Miami relatives and their allies Reno remained open to a voluntary settlement, but declined to discuss whether she has made any decision about forcibly removing the boy. She said, "For obvious reasons, we've always said we wouldn't discuss a law enforcement action in advance."

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The New York Times, quoting government officials it did not name, said today that law enforcement action is now all but certain and would be carried out by immigration agents and federal marshals who have been quietly arriving in Miami in recent days.

A lawyer for the Miami relatives indicated today that the who has control of Elian, and other family members will not assist federal agents' attempt to take the boy.

"So he's not going to cooperate?" attorney Jose Garcia-Pedrosa was asked on CBS' The Early Show."

"Without a psychological evaluation that says that that is in the best interest of the boy in the opinion of a professional, not a lawyer or an immigration official, that's correct," Garcia-Pedrosa replied.

Clinton said he knew of "no conceivable argument" against the custody transfer.

"I think he (the father) should

president said. "That is the law. And the main argument of the family in Miami for not doing so has now been removed.

"Their main argument was if we let him go back to his father before the court rules, he might go back to Cuba. The court has now said he shouldn't go back to Cuba. The Justice Department agrees with that."

Clinton generally has been standing back and leaving the decisions in the Elian case to Reno, who last week ordered the Miami relatives to turn over the boy. The family refused.

"The attorney general is leading the effort," presidential

great-uncle, Lazaro Gonzalez, be reunited with his son," the spokesman Joe Lockhart said Thursday. "The president has been briefed and has had input. Is she making the decisions here? Yes."

> Less than two hours before Clinton spoke, Elian's father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez, asked Americans to write to Clinton and Reno. urging them to act decisively to end the five-month father-son separation.

"Don't let them continue to abuse my son," the elder Gonzalez said, referring to the Miami relatives who have been caring for Elian since he was found clinging to an inner tube off the Florida coast on Thanksgiving Day.

White House says Republican prescription drug plan is full of holes

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Clinton administration is taking aim at a GOP proposal that would provide private prescription drug coverage to lowincome seniors, saying it would leave many elderly Americans still struggling to pay for their medicines.

President Clinton's top economic and health advisers rebutted the "sketchy" GOP plan as inferior to the White House's own proposal, which would give prescription drug benefits to all Americans covered under Medicare.

"Republicans need to move from just the talk to walking the walk," Gene Sperling, head of the president's National Economic Council, said Thursday. The GOP plan, as outlined by House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-III., calls for private health plans to offer drug benefits and government subsidies to pay drug costs for low-income seniors. While many of the details have yet to be worked out, Republicans said the plan would lower drug prices, give seniors more coverage choice and help the neediest Americans.

"To us it still seems like a Swiss cheese plan with more holes than substance," Sperling said.

Republicans said the administration was too quick to criticize a plan that has yet to be finalized.

"They're prematurely trying to play politics," said John Feehery, Hastert's spokesman.

GOP leaders are waiting for a Medicare beneficiaries regard- Medigap, which charge high billion over 10 years leave little formal estimate of the plan's costs by the Congressional **Budget Office**.

"Once we complete those numbers we will give out more details. But we believe we have a comprehensive plan for seniors," Feehery said.

Sperling said the GOP plan to provide subsidies to cover drug costs for seniors at the poverty level would leave out 6 million Medicare beneficiaries who have no drug coverage but have incomes above the poverty line - which he calculated at about \$12,500 a year for singles and \$16,875 per couple.

The White House plan has an estimated cost of \$195 billion over 10 years. It would provide drug benefits to all 39 million

less of their income, paying up to \$1,000 in drug costs annually for a \$26 monthly premium.

Republicans argue that aid should go to the neediest senior citizens and say they are opposed to a big government program that would displace private coverage that many seniors now have through retirement benefits or HMOs.

It is not yet known what premiums would be under the GOP plan. Sperling predicted drug benefits provided by private insurers --- a cornerstone of the GOP plan -- would probably end up being too expensive for many Medicare beneficiaries. The coverage would work much like drug benefits under private supplemental policies such as

premiums that increase as policy holders age, he said.

This aspect of the Republican plan "should be particularly a concern of older women" because the majority of people over age 85 are women. "Building a drug program off that model has very serious concerns," he said.

He also questioned whether Republicans will commit enough money to a prescription drug program. GOP lawmakers have set aside \$40 billion in their budget proposal for Medicare over the next five years. Hastert has said most of that would go toward the drug program but details have not been announced.

room for investments in a drug program unless spending cuts are made in other programs, Sperling suggested.

"Their tax cut is filling up so much room that it's very difficult for them to show how they can have a significant drug program without either reducing the tax cut or relying on discretionary cuts that are ... unrealistic," he said.

Even while they took shots at the GOP plan, administration officials said they wanted to work with Republicans to come up with a compromise. They said they've been in discussions with members of a Senate Finance Committee, which has held a number of hearings on prescription drug coverage.

Proposed GOP tax cuts of \$792

DNA, other evidence links father of five to 12 killings

middle-aged father of five already charged in the killing of one prostitute could face charges in the deaths of as many as 11 others, based on DNA and other physical evidence that police say links him to the crimes.

Spokane authorities say they think Robert L. Yates Jr. is a serial killer responsible for the deaths of as many as 18 women. All of the victims were shot to death, and their bodies dumped

least 12 of the homigides, possibly 18," Spokane County Sheriff what they discussed. Mark Sterk said Thursday.

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) - A they have solved the serial killings. Sterk, who was elected on a platform that included finding the serial killer, has repeatedly said evidence points to Yates.

> Richard Fasy, the public defender assigned to Yates, said such statements have made it impossible for his client to receive a fair trial, and he will push for a change of venue.

"I know it's a big case and the community has a right to know, but Mr. Yates also has a right to in remote locations."(We valled YAH a fair total the maid the "We have Mr. Yates tied to at attorney met briefly with rates on Thursday, but would pot day

Yates, who was arrested

188,000 in eastern Washington. Family members, described as unusually private, have made no public statements.

"This is a shock for the family," Sterk said.

Yates was among hundreds of suspects investigated by a police task force formed three years ago to probe the serial killings of 18 prostitutes in the Spokane and Tacoma areas in the 1990s.

had come to the attention excluses only recently following tips that he liked to fre- , the inside of Yates' house for quent Spokane's red-light dis- fiber and other microscopic evitrict in his flashy white dence, Sterk said. **Corvette.** Two police reports also linked him to the prostitution area.

ily's home in a comfortable mid- of the other victims in this dle-class area in this city of case," Sterk said. "If we knew what pushed this guy's buttons early on, it would have helped us solve this case earlier. We didn't know.'

> Yates, an aluminum smelter strike replacement worker and Army National Guard helicopter pilot, was charged Wednesday with first-degree murder in the death of Jennifer A. Joseph, a 16-year-old prostitute whose body was found northeast of the city on Aug. 26,

1997. Investigators began combing

Government begins protecting children from Web site queries

WASHINGTON (AP) - Web site operators must begin complying with a federal law today requiring them to get a parent's permission before they collect personal information from children.

Government agents will peruse thousands of Web sites to enforce the law, officials said.

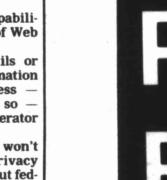
"It's a high priority for the agency," said Loren G. Thompson, a lawyer with the Federal 'Trade Commission,' the right thing. the regulators overseeing the "This law draws a line in the implementation of the new sand," said Catlett of online child privacy law. "The Junkbusters Corp., a company bottom line is we will be that specializes in Internet prienforcing this law and we will vacy matters. be looking at violators close-Iv. Thompson said Thursday time. that dozens of employees in the agency's computer lab will make "sweeps" of random Web sites to make sure the sites post how parents can grant cials found that companies nounced dead at the scene. their permission. Companies can get the of questions while they played approval several ways: video games online or through mailed or faxed paperwork, toll-free phone calls, percent were asking for credit-card numbers, or e-mail. Absolutely CELLULARONE" Wireless **Authorized Dealer** COUPON -----***FREE WEEKENDS FOR LIFE** Free State Calling Free Phone Free Caller I.D. Free Call Waiting Free Call Forwarding & Conference Calling **Limited Time Offer** 20% off All Accessories

ties to check hundreds of Web

posts identifiable information like a name and address without a parent's say so could cost a Web site operator \$11,000, said Thompson.

Fines and sleuthing won't stop everyone, said privacy advocate Jason Catlett, but federal scrutiny could move larger, more-reputable firms to do

The agency has the capabilisites daily. Each child that e-mails or



Additional charges are expected and Sterk said detectives hope to provide a list of those victims with a link to Yates by today.

Tuesday, is being held on \$1.5 million bail and is under a "suicide watch," Sterk said. Yates' wife, Linda, and the

couple's chil**dren** were Spokane authorities have sequestered at a hotel, after been unusually confident that investigators sealed off the fam-

"The white Corvette and evidence we found in that vehicle led us to the arrest of Mr. Yates, and through DNA to a number Thursday in Idaho, Sterk said.

Police have seized nine veni cles, including the Corvette which Yates sold in 1998 - and two vans formerly owned by Yates. Another car Yates formerly owned was recovered

"Some will stumble over it stupidly. Clearly, it will take The 1998 Children's Online

Privacy Protection Act, affecting mostly commercial sites, was enacted after federal offi were asking children all sorts researched book reports. Just 1 parental permission. The ban

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Minutes

Four dead after man pushes estranged girlfriend's car into train gates were down because of the

said.

SINKING SPRING, Pa. (AP) -A man who chased his estranged girlfriend through town used his car to push hers into the path of an oncoming said. The man's identity was freight train after both had stopped at a railroad crossing, police said, killing her and three others in the car.

The woman made a frantic 911 call on her cellular phone and was talking to a dispatcher when her car was struck by the train, state police Cpl. Bruce Edwards said.

The man, who fled the scene. was being sought today. The car he was believed to be driving was found late Thursday in Reading, about five miles away. parked at the crossing - the

'We feel that we have a good idea who is responsible for this tragedy, and we're pursuing that person now." Edwards not released.

The crash happened about 4:30 p.m. Thursday at a crossing on the main thoroughfare in Sinking Spring, a town of about 2,400 people 50 miles northwest of Philade phia.

It followed a half-hour chase in and around town that reached speeds up to 90 mph, police said.

The fleeing woman, Candace Wertz, 20, of Sinking Spring, went around a car that was

oncoming train - and then stopped in the oncoming traffic lane, state police Lt. Ed Snyder "The second vehicle came up ately released.

behind her and struck her in the rear. The second vehicle then pushed the first vehicle onto the tracks," Snyder said. The Norfolk Southern freight

train was going about 40 mph at the time of the collision, tracks. Edwards said. He said the engineer applied the brakes but was unable to stop in time, dragging the woman's car nearly 60 feet before coming to a rest.

Wertz and her 2-year-old son, John Michael Cortez, were pro-

Another woman in her 20s and a girl about 6 years old died after being taken to hospitals. Their names were not immedi-

A 14-year-old girl who was at a playground near the crossing said the 'wo cars slammed on their brakes and stopped before the second car revved its engine and shoved the first car onto the

"It happened really fast and at first I thought it was an accident," Katie Connors said. "But I could hear screaming for just one split second and then the train tried to brake, but it was too late.'

notices to them.'

IRS taxpayer notices often repetitious, for small amounts

tax headaches haven't ended yet for millions of Americans who will get IRS notices in the coming weeks for taxes due or because they made mistakes. Yet an audit says many of these notices are repetitious and many involve \$5 or less.

Depending on the circumstances and manpower used, these notices can cost the Internal Revenue Service between 42 cents and \$14.32 each to prepare and send, according to the General Accounting Office, the investigative arm of Congress.

A GAO audit found that about 39 percent of the 14.8 million taxpayers who got IRS collection notices between January and November 1999 received multiple notices for the same tax assessment.

Most of these taxpayers got extra notices because they hadn't paid their taxes, penalties and interest in full on time. But 270,000 received them even after they had paid up, often because the IRS failed to record the payment in time to stop another notice from going out.

Last year, the IRS also sent out 31 million notices telling

WASHINGTON (AP) - The taxpayers about mistakes in returns, such as math errors, and adjustments made to their accounts. According to a second GAO audit, 1.5 million of those involved net amounts due of less than \$5 or refunds of less than \$1.

The IRS says it is working to for minimizing the burdens improve its communications placed on taxpayers and the costs of sending unnecessary with taxpayers - a long-standing source of complaints. In letters to the GAO, IRS

Commissioner Charles Rossotti said the report on multiple notices "mirrors our concerns



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Rep. Ryun seeks compensation compromise on rails to trails program

WASHINGTON (AP) - For as long as abandoned rail lines have been turned into trails for running, hiking and biking, property owners and trail supporters have clashed over use of the land.

Rep. Jim Ryun, a champion runner who still holds the U.S. high school mile record, has a bill that offers a compromise to landowners who say their rights are trampled when their land is taken for trails and outdoor enthusiasts who want more trails.

Ryun, R-Kan., who has been vilified by trail enthusiasts for previous attempts to simply return abandoned rights of way to property owners, letting them decide whether trails would be developed.

Since passage of the 1983 National Trails System Act, more than 1,000 trails have been created from abandoned rail lines with permission from the federal Surface Transportation Board.

private property may not be converted to a trail "unless fair and reasonable compensation" is offered to the landowner. No compensation must be offered now

"It's a commonsense bill that follows a rule we should have all learned in kindergarten, and that is, you ask for permission before you take what isn't yours," said Ryun, who often runs on rail trails.

"This allows the farmer or Ryun's bill would amend the landowner to have a voice. It easement, meaning the right of

It's a sharp departure for act to say abandoned lines on doesn't really stop the development of trails. If nobody is willing to pay ... then the farmer should be able to keep his land."

The Supreme Court has upheld the government's right to convert unused railroad rights of way to trails through "railbanking," which preserves the land in case railroads want to resume using it, even if the landowner opposes the move.

In many cases, railroads only had temporary ownership of an

way reverted to the original property owner when the railroad line was abandoned. "Railbanking" declares that the line is not abandoned and is still in use, which means the railroad retains ownership of the easement. In cases of temporary easements, the law says they are part of the property owned by the individual.

Ryun's legislation would require trail developers to negotiate purchase terms before conversion work begins. If no agreement can be reached,

either side may go to court. David Burwell, president of the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, doesn't like the bill.

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"We don't see any reason why (compensation) should hold up trail development. They don't do that for highways; why should they for trails?" he said. Road Runners Club of America executive director Henley Gabeau called Ryun's bill "another huge stumbling block" for outdoor enthusiasts

that could mean years in court before a trail is developed.

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Deaf sue movie theater giants over failure to provide captions

WASHINGTON (AP) - When Aaron Fudenske wants to see a movie on the big screen, he almost always catches a foreign film with subtitles or a high action picture.

For Fudenske, who has been deaf since birth, that's the only way to ensure he'll follow what's going on.

"It's very frustrating not to equally enjoy movies" with others, said Fudenske, a program analyst at the Transportation Department.

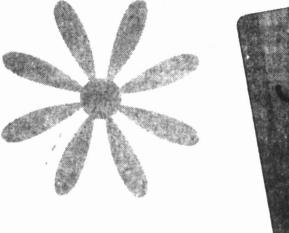
Seeking to make movie theaccessible, aters more Fudenske and two other deaf individuals on Thursday filed suit against Loews Cineplex **Entertainment Corp. and AMC** Entertainment, contending the companies violated federal disabilities law by failing to provide captioning.

The complaint, filed in U.S. **District Court for the District of** Columbia, argues that theaters are a place of "public accommodation" as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act and should ensure that deaf people are not denied service due to their disability.

"We simply cannot enjoy movies without the proper accessibility," said another plaintiff, Washington lawyer John Stanton. ALCONTRACTOR SUCCESS

The companies named in the lawsuit say they already offer some showings of movies using a system called "open caption-That system is similar to movie subtitles without the black background box. It also uses italics in the corner or icons to describe sounds and events that a deaf person might miss But plaintiffs' lawyer Wayne Cohen said the problem is the infrequency with which such captioned films are shown in a given week or month. "They'll do an occasional viewing from time to time to try to sugarcoat the issue,' Cohen said. The suit wants the theaters to implement captioning at all screenings within 180 days. There is no monetary request. Cohen said the theaters can make movies more accessible to deaf individuals through a number of means without exorbitant costs or inconvenience to their hearing audiences. One system involves providing deaf attendees with a plexiglass screen they can stick into the cup holder or seat in front of them. The screen would show captions for that individual viewer. Another system involves scrolling captions on the backs of seats and a third would call for a separate viewing screen altogether within the theater. Cohen estimated that adding such technologies would cost about \$8,000 to \$15,000 per theater.







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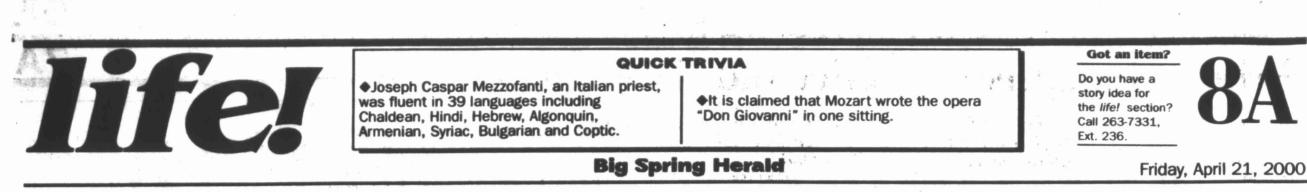


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CHURCH NEWS

College Park Church of God

College Park Church of God is sponsoring a community wide free Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Old Settlers Pavilion in Comanche Trail Park.

Easter egg hunters will be divided into two age groups. The first group includes 3 to 5year-olds and the second group includes 6 to 12-year-olds. The event will also include games, clowns, mimes. free drawings and lots of fun for the whole family.

Everyone is invited to attend.

First Church of God

Celebrate the Resurrection on Sunday with a 7:30 a.m. sunrise service. Sunday School starts at 9:30 and our regular worship service starts at 10:45 a.m.

Crestview **Baptist Church**

Crestview Baptist located at 2305 Gatesville St. invites everyone to our Easter Services to hear the special message "Her Sins Were Many." Sunday School starts at 10 a.m. with Worship service following at 11. Sunday evening service begins at 6:30. Pastor is Randy Gee.

Victory Baptist

He is Alive! Come and celebrate Jesus with us this Sunday Morning at Victory Baptist Church. Sunday Morning Worship Service begins at 11 a.m. If you have a prayer request or would like a free New Testament call us at 264-0734

Victory Baptist is located at the corner of East 11th Place by following the worship er-

their own, taught by Jackie Henry, on Sunday mornings at 9:40, and if you are a single adult you are invited to come and visit us! We also have a class for

adults with special needs and talents, The Kingdom Class, taught by Shelley Smith.

For more information call the church office at 267-6394

First Assembly of God You are invited to celebrate Easter this Sunday at the First Assembly of God, Fourth and

Lancaster. Services will begin with Bible study for all ages at 9:45 a.m.

Each class will be studying the Bible account of the Resurrection.

The morning worship service begins at 10:40 a.m. and the theme for this service will be "An Event Called Easter." There will be a children's program, and the bell choir will be performing. Three crosses have been erected at the front of the auditorium and at the close of the service each person present will be placing a flower on the Center Cross.

In the evening service at 6, the Choir will be presenting a special Easter musical. Pastor R.T. Havener and the congregation of the First Assembly of God invite you to join them for this wonderful day of celebration.

North Birdwell **United Methodist**

North Birdwell United Methodist Church will be celebrating Easter with worship services to be held at 9:30 a.m. with Sunday School immediate-

Balloons holding a Christian Resurrection Sunday as we cel-ebrate our Risen Lord, Jesus message will also be released after the morning worship ser-

Remember, Christ finished the job for us

Wow! The last time I had this to show that they paid them in column was the Friday after Superbowl Sunday. In that one, if you remember, I rejoiced in the victory of my hometown St. Louis Rams. Today is Good Friday and I get to rejoice in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ over sin and death. Does it get any better than this? . It was close to 3:00 on a Friday afternoon several mil-

lennia ago. All of us need to remember that day - it was the day that the war ended — the one raging ever since sin had slammed shut the gates of the Garden way back in Genesis chapter 3. The war was over and the victory was ours!

Out back on Calvary, scarcely had the sponge soaked with vinegar moistened Christ's lips when he spoke. "It is finished," he said. In the koine Greek of the New Testament, it is one word of four syllables, yet it is the most important word ever addressed to humankind.

The Greeks wrote this same word, "tetelestai," on tax bills full. Here we have Jesus shouting it from the cross. What over?

vou have to lean over to hear. Jesus spoke,

as St. Luke tells us, "with a loud voice" so that all could hear. He shouted,

STEVE STUTZ "I have won! My work of redemption is

done. I have kept the law perfectly for all people. I have paid fully for all sins.

"Not one remains! I have suffered the agony of hell and endured the full punishment and anger of my Father. I have shed my blood to redeem humanity, and now it is completely finished!'

Muster is open to all former students and their families, parents of students and friends of Texas A&M.

The muster tradition is more than 100 years old. More than 400 musters will be held around the world this year. Nicklasch said, "Wherever Texas A&M former students live or work."

Every muster ceremony is the same, Niklasch reported. **Texas Aggies pay their respects** to all those who are absent because of death since the last muster.

When the names of the honored dead are called from the muster roll, a friend of the deceased answers, "Here"

Shrine Club The Big Spring Shrine Club

held its monthly meeting on Saturday, April 15, 2000, with **Sand Springs** 17 Nobles and their ladies in

ing.

He shouted. "I have won! My work of redemption is done. I have kept the law perfectly for all people. I have paid fully for all sins. Not one

Jesus' gaze moves slowly from left to right, looking down from his position on the cross. As he surveys those who railed against him, those who cried for this death, those who hammered the nails, those who wailed and wept, He can't find even one person whose sins he has not paid for. "It is finished!"

Talk about victory! Sometimes our conscience tells us, "You're nothing but a loser! If St. Paul can call himself the 'chief of sinners,' I guess you know where you fall in line!' That's when the voice of Christ answers, "Not any longer! It is

meeting on April 19, at 6:30

Bailey Anderson presided as

the Toastmaster of the meeting.

The topic master was Joelle

Ford who led the discussion

topic on word definitions.

Joelle was the speaker for the

day. Her project was to host an

interview show for television.

Lyndel Moody evaluated her

speech. Dene Sheppard was the

timer/grammarian and the

The word of the day was

'assuage" meaning ease, lesson

pain. The example used was:

Get well cards and flowers will

assuage your pain and suffer-

Tall Talkers Toastmasters

meet weekly on Wednesdays.

August to June at 6:30 a.m.

"guest" for Joelle's show.

a.m. at 606 Johnson Street.

finished! My blood cleanses you from all sin."

Talk about victory! Sometimes that inner voice whispers to us, "You aren't going to make it. No one here gets out alive. It's only a matter of time and you'll be holding hands with the Reaper! Then you'll get what's coming to you." That's when the voice of Christ answers, "It is finished! I have triumphed over death! I have bought you eternal life with me in paradise."

Talk about victory! Satan still tries to entice us into sin. "Not any longer!" comes the voice from the Cross.

"It is finished! One little word can fell him."

So today, we remember Christ finishing the job on that certain Friday so long ago. We recall his victory over sin, death, and the devil and his shout of victory from the cross. We share in that victory by virtue of our baptism, and that's truly "good."

Steve Stutz is pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Phillip Reid and Jarrell Barbee will haul trash for the Senior Citizens Saturday, April

The meal was furnished by **Betty Franklin and Madeline** Boadle.

The Sand Springs Lions meet the first and third Monday of each month in the Sand Springs Lions Community **Building located on Scout Hut** R. in Sand Springs, at 6:30 p.m. For more information, please call 267-2203

Art Association

The Big Spring Art Association met Tuesday at the county library.

Judy Gibbs presided. The club plans to present a planue to the county library wiftch reads, "In Memory of Betty Conley." The Conley family donated a large collection of Betty's art tapes, books and magaiznes which will be available at the county library A plaque was presented to Hazel Duggan. She won the "Peoples Choice Award" at the club's recent area wide show. New officers will be President Bonita Light, Vice-President, Judy Gibbs, Secretary-Reporter, Elnora Hart and Treasurer, **Jacque Thomas**

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SYLVESTER, **Elder Tony Marsh** the pulpit Sunda the Providence **Baptist** Church, structure nestle cemetery and scrub oaks.

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1941 Study Club

The 1941 Study Club met April 3, in the home of Jean Wynn. Hostesses were Jean Wynn and Judy Dobbs. We had several guests and members present to hear our guest speaker, Marj Carpenter.

She entertained us with several stories that she knew about Coahoma. Those of us that are descendants of some of the people she spoke of were able to tell her some things she didn't know. She told us that he trive family named Mississippi.

Marj also talk about how

does this mean? What was Jesus didn't speak in the whisper of a dying man which

remains!

First Presbyterian "It Just Don't Seem Right" is the title of Dianne Brown's Easter Sunday sermon.

Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. "Take Ten" refreshment and fellowship time is at 10:30 with the church service taking place at 11.

Communion will be served during the 11 a.m. service on Sunday

"Stew Pot" dinners resume on Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

First United Methodist Church

"Jesus Is Alive Forever More!" (Luke 24:1-11) is Dr. Ed Williamson's message this Sunday at the First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry. This message is about how believers in Jesus Christ understand Easter as being an event in which they may share personally with Jesus. Worship is at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m

Youth meet on Sunday afternoon with Mid-High youth meeting at 5 p.m. Youth Choir is meeting at 6 p.m. and Senior Highs meeting at 7 p.m. There is also a Bible study for senior highs on Wednesday night at 434 Edwards.

Children have a great time in our Sunday School at 9:40 a.m. every Sunday morning.

We also have children's vocal and handbell choirs led by John and Denise Ross.

Single Adults have a class all

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vice. Pastor Joel Miller's message

will be "Why the Cross?" The congregation is happy to welcome visitors Norris Welch

and Debra Remmick to our services The Mission in Motion truck

will be on the parking lot of First United Methodist Church on Saturday at 9 a.m. to pick up the kits being packaged for United Methodist the Committee on Relief.

Birdwell United Methodist Church has packed 10 Sewing Kits and 8 Health Kits to go to this worthy cause.

A new children's Sunday School class is being formed with Madeline Boadle as lead teacher. A Vacation Bible School program for our children is also in the planning stages.

North Birdwell United Methodist Church is located at 2702 North Birdwell.

Everybody, whether a onetime visitor or someone searching for a loving Church home, are invited to attend. For more information contact Pastor Miller, 267-4082 or 393-5496.

Templo Belen

Rejoice this Easter for He has risen! Easter Sunday services at Evangel Temple, 2205 S. Goliad are sponsored by Templo Belen.

What is Easter all about? We invite you to come and join us in praise and worship with gospel music. Salvation is free. Sunday from 10 a.m. to noon.

Coahoma has always maintained their own identity in our area, supporting our own school, churches and grocery store. She informed us that the people of this area are the reason she returned here when she retired. We all enjoyed visiting with her and are glad she was willing to share her stories with us. Our next meeting will be May 1, at 6 p.m. at the Spanish Inn.

Former A&M Students

Former students of Texas A&M University will assemble in Big Spring on April 21, for the Annual Texas Aggie Muster, announced Muster Chair, Michael R. Niklasch.

The muster activities consisting of dinner and a candle light ceremony will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Country Club, according to the Chair.

attendance. A dinner of ham and trimmings was served.

The meeting was called to order and after club business was completed an outline for Recognition the and Recruitment (R&R) Day, set for July 15 from 2 to 5 p.m. was discussed. Further information on this event will be talked about at the next meeting scheduled for Saturday, May 20, at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend and plan for the event.

Shannon Coots presented a special Mime presentation titled Take Up Your Cross and Follow Me. Al Tidwell gave the benediction to adjourn.

Tall Talkers Toastmasters

Tall Talkers Toastmasters' Club of Big Spring had its Lions Club

The Sand Springs Lions Club met Monday with Ben Boadle, First Vice-President, presiding. Jarrell Barbee led the Pledge of Allegiance and Madeline Boadle worded the opening

prayer. Joanne Forrest, Chair of the Relay for Life Committee for American Cancer the Association, gave a very moving testimony as to why she became involved with the Relay for Life.

The Relay for Life for 2000 will be held May 12 and 13, at the High School Blankenship Field, with the opening event being the Survivors walk. All interested persons can contact Joanne or Sandra Logsback for more information.

Lion Boadle reminded everyone to bring articles for Isaiah 58 to the next meeting.

Gibbs' subject was frames and hanging pictures. She suggested the way to keep a picture from falling off the wall is to slant the nail.

Lyght won Tipping of Brush Contest and her picture will hang at Citizens Credit Union, Jean Money's at Courthouse Annex, Hart's at First Big Spring Banking Center, and Gibbs at Chamber of Commerce.

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Scholars dispute Jesus' path to resurrection spiritual enrichment, not his-In time for the Holy Land pil-

JERUSALEM (AP) Remnants of a biblical-era staircase jut from the landscaped lawn at the base of Jerusalem's Old City wall. Today, the steps go nowhere.

Nearly 2,000 years ago, they may have led to the paved platform where Jesus was tried and sentenced to death by Pontius Pilate, the Roman ruler of the city, says Shimon Gibson, a Jerusalem archaeologist.

Gibson's theory, based on a new interpretation of 1970s archaeological finds, opens yet another chapter in the debate

over which path Jesus took to his crucifixion.

Most scholars agree on the endpoint, marked by the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, but they argue over where Jesus began his walk with the

cross The route proposed by Gibson doesn't even overlap with the traditional Via Dolorosa, or Way of Sorrows, a half-mile stretch of crowded alleys that run east to west in the Old City. Most pilgrims don't seem bothered by the uncertainty,

torical accuracy. Mike Mulcahy, a software

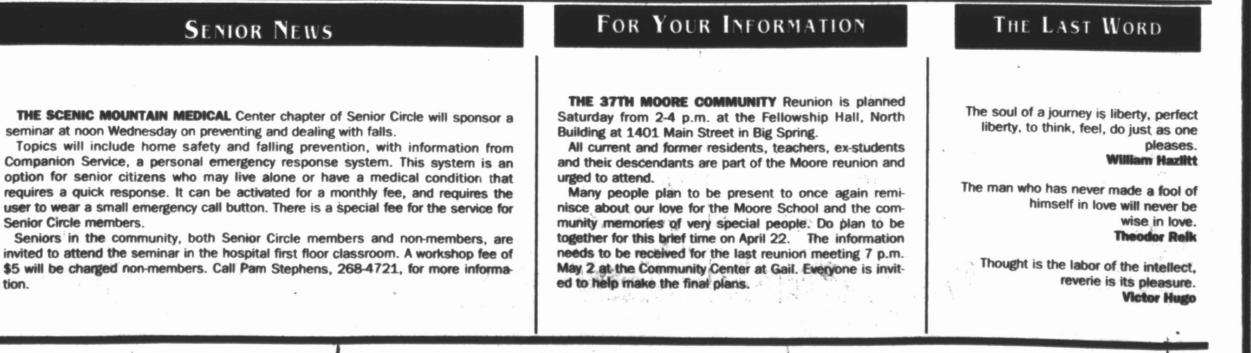
salesman from Traverse City, Mich., held back tears recently as he carried a 6-foot-tall wooden cross up steep steps along the traditional path whose points of veneration, or stations, are marked by small chapels or simple reliefs adorning outdoor walls.

"This will furnish my mind with just enough elemental building blocks to reconstruct more of the Gospel," said though, saying they come for Mulcahy, 51.

grimage of Pope John Paul II last month, the Via Dolorosa was given a \$1 million facelift, with workers replacing some broken pavement stones and sandblasting facades. The Via Dolorosa tradition

first emerged in the 13th century and only became firmly established several centuries later. Five of the 14 stations including those marking Jesus' three falls, his meeting with his mother and his encounter with

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Primitive Baptists practice old time religion

Elder Tony Marshall steps into the pulpit Sunday morning at the Providence Primitive Baptist Church, an austere structure nestled between a cemetery and moss-draped scrub oaks.

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The interior is unadorned but radiant in its simplicity. Varnished pine planks cover the walls and ceiling. The 25, mostly elderly, worshippers sit on plain wooden pews. There are no crosses, no pictures of Jesus or other religious symbols. Old-line Primitives consider these to be graven images

Primitives trace their faith to John the Baptist. They take their beliefs from the King James Version of the Old and New Testaments. They define primitive as the "original" religion.

With an estimated 50,000 members, they are a relatively small group with deep ties to the South. The nation's largest Baptist group, the Southern **Baptist Convention**, has 15.8 million members.

Marshall reminded his congregation in rural southwest Georgia of the need to trust in God for deliverance.

'There will be days when we don't consider God," Marshall said. "We try to go on our own

'There will be days when we don't consider God. We try to go on our own strength. But all our strength comes from God.'

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Elder Tony Marshall

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Some faiths allow sinners to

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"The Bible is all we've got to

go by," said Zell Clinard, a 70-

year-old lifelong Primitive from

Albany. "The Bible lists all the

rules and regulations. People

make fun of us because we

wash feet, but they didn't read

Before the Sunday service,

three deacons standing near the

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singing. Worshippers used a

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Primitive ministers, known as elders, might study their Bibles before a sermon, but they believe the sermon itself comes directly from God. Instead of attending seminaries, potential elders are handpicked by church leaders.

Marshall, a 40-year-old Valdosta electrician, has been a Primitive all his life. His father, grandfather and uncle also are elders.

"I feel like it's the true church," Marshall said. "I believe what we believe is the true salvation.'

Old-line Primitives don't have professional preachers. They want their elders to be engaged totally in teaching the Bible, not working for financial rewards. They also don't pass a collection plate, but worshippers can leave a "love offering" for the elders.

To show their humility and love for one another, worshippers pair off once or twice a year and wash each other's feet during communion services.

including places like Cincinnati where Southern blacks migrated in the 1900s. But they are most prominent in the backwoods of rural southern Georgia and northern This ritual is based on the Last Florida, where Primitives were Supper, when Jesus washed his among the early settlers. Before the Civil War, black slaves They use wine for commuattended Primitive churches nion, baptize by immersion and with their white masters. don't tolerate adultery, bank-Later, they established church-

> es for themselves. Unlike most other Baptists, Primitives believe in a strict form of predestination - that God chose people from all races and creeds for salvation even before the world was formed. They believe God's elect will naturally want to live sin-free lives and accept Jesus, although the elect can include people who have never heard of Jesus or set foot in a church.

The term Primitive Baptist the Bible, or they would know stems from an ideological split that we're doing something in the 1830s with a group that eventually became "Missionary Baptists.

> Missionary Baptists, including the Southern Baptist Convention, believe they have duty to go out and save souls. **Primitives believe God needs** no help rescuing lost souls. When they split, Missionary Baptists called those remaining primitives.

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PATH

Veronica, the woman who wiped his face - are rooted in legend, not the Gospel.

Sometimes, the procession route was determined by politics, not theology. In the 14th century, three Florentine pilgrims reported that it was customary to make the trip in reverse, setting out from the Holy Sepulcher well before dawn so that the faithful could be out of the city by daybreak and avoid provoking the Muslim rulers.

The Gospels are vague about the venue of Jesus' trial, the starting point of his final walk. Matthew, Mark and John write that Jesus was taken to the praetorium, traditionally the residence of the Roman governor, but don't give an exact spot.

"When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment seat, in a place that is called the Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha," says John 19:13.

Pilate, who was based in Caesarea on the Mediterranean and only came to Jerusalem on special occasions, such as the Jewish feast days - in this case, Passover - could have chosen several places as his residence in the holy city.

The Via Dolorosa tradition assumes that Pilate governed Jerusalem from Antonia's Fortress, erected by Herod the Great on the eastern edge of the walled city, near today's Lion's Gate, and just north of the Jewish Temple compound. Historian Hanswulf Bloedhorn, head of the German Protestant Institute of Archaeology in Jerusalem, said Pilate likely chose the Hasmonean Palace of earlier Jewish kings, closer to today's Dung Gate and just west of the

Temple. Bloedhorn bases his assumptions on early Christian traditions and pilgrims' accounts from the Byzantine

A third option was Herod's Palace, near today's Jaffa Gate, a lavish compound on the city's highest hill.

'John tells us that the Hebrew name was Gabbatha. which means the highest point in the city, and that's what the palace was," said Jerome O'Connor, a Murphy researcher at Ecole Biblique in Jerusalem.

Gibson, the archaeologist, said he may have found a clue about the trial venue while reviewing material from a 1970s excavation along the western stretch of the Old City walls, which also would have been the outer fortification of Herod's Palace.

They laid bare remnants of a wide flight of steps that approached the palace from the

People walking up the steps would have come to a large gate flanked by two guard towers, then entered a paved area about half the size of a tennis court, before walking through another gate into the palace itself, Gibson said.

This antechamber would have been an ideal spot for Jesus' trial, said Gibson, who participated in the dig and now conducts digs for the Houstonbased Jerusalem Historical Society.

Murphy O'Connor said it would have made more sense for Pilate to hold court on the castern side of his palace - in a spot visible from inside the city, so that his verdicts would be known to all.

Both scholars said the argument over the Via Dolorosa will probably never be settled.

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DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) -The Detroit-area Muslim community is spending about \$8 million to build a high school to teach their children about Islamic heritage and traditions.

The American Islamic High School, slated to open this fall, will teach conservative Middle Eastern culture along with core curriculum classes, said Ahmad Moussa, a board member for the Islamic Institute of Knowledge, which is planning and financing the high school.

'There was a strong demand from the community," he told The Detroit News. "Parents wanted their kids to attend a school that stresses morals and values.

Sister Flickinger. And maybe if About 15 Islamic elementary Americans hear her story for her and others in the black and middle schopls already are community with Holy Cross today," the United States can was more like a home, said grow some more, she said. located in the Detroit area. Pleasant. If it weren't for "Katharine Drexel walked Most programs at the schools with the poor," Sister Catholicism and Mother avoid music and sex education. Flickinger said. "Such things Drexel, she said, her life could-Girls must wear nead scarves as racial prejudice would be long sleeves and pants or skirts n't have been complete. "Mother Drexel did this wonforeign to a Katharine Drexel. that reach their ankles. Boys derful thing for us," said Because of Mother Drexel, wear dark-colored pants and Pleasant, who remembers pray-Navajo Indian children at a white dress shirts. PITTSBURGH (AP) - The**Cordially Invite You to** lessons of Nazi oppression and Attend our Services murder of Jews have long been taught in Pennsylvania's larger TRINITY BAPTIST school districts. In recent years, there has been a dramat-810 11TH PLACE 267-6344 ic increase in the number of rural school districts that are The resurrection is God's incorporating Holocaust studies, says Michael A. Sand of receipt that Jesus' death the Harrisburg-based Holocaust is sufficient payment for **Education Task Force**. our sins. A Beaver County school dis-**Randy Cotton** trict is adding Holocaust stud-Pastor ies to its required curriculum Sunday 11:00 a.m. Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. after a high school student, citing revisionist historians. Morning Worship......11:00 a.m. Service broadcast questioned the number of Jews Evangelistic Service......6:00 p.m. over KBYG 1400 AM who died in concentration Wednesday Service......7:00p.m. on your dial camps. And in Somerset County, three small school districts last year teamed up to **Special-Special-Special** sponsor a visit from a Holocaust survivor who talked about her experiences. **Educators say interest has** from Bob Brock Ford been heightened by movies such as "Schindler's List," the Parts & Service Dept. opening of the U.S. Holocaust **Memorial Museum and news Bob Brock Ford will install** headlines about "ethnic cleansing" and hate crimes. a Ford authorized remanufactured engine in your car or pickup

Mother Drexel remembered as her canonization date approaches

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Grace Mary Flickinger, a nun

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CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) -When Mother Katharine Drexel arrived in Corpus Christi in Holy Cross. "Catholicism made 1917 and established Holy Cross me understand God so much Parish, she created a safe and put me in touch with who I haven for black Catholics was." Mother Drexel's story is throughout the city. today's Americans, said Sister

But Mother Drexel, now on her way to becoming the second U.S.-born saint, inspired not only those in the area, but nationwide, too. Holy Cross was established on Black Street, known today as North Staples Street, and became home for families such as Alclair Pleasant's.

What Mother Drexel provided

ing before Mother Drexel as a New Mexico reservation in 1902 little girl in Catholic school at had access to a Western education at a boarding school.

And, legend says, because of prayers to Mother Drexel, two deaf people were healed. The first healing was enough for Pope John Paul II to formally bless her in 1988.

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SPRING HERALD

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Lady Hawks pull off improbable, earn Region V berth with sweep IN BRIEF

Howard College to hold athletic banquet Mondav

Howard College will hold its annual athletic banquet at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the East Room at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Tickets are \$7 per person and reservations should be made no later than 3 p.m. Thursday, April 20, by calling **264-5040**.

Men's slowpitch softball league now being formed

Plans are currently under way to create a 12-team men's slowpitch softball league in Big Spring this summer.

Anyone interested in entering a team in the Spring City Men's Softball League should call Becky Crane at 264-2376 or Andi Andrews-York at 263-7641.

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.

Cowboys sign four rookie free agents

IRVING, Texas (AP) Jonathan Gray, a 6-foot-4, 335pound offensive tackle from Texas Tech, was among four rookie free agents signed by the Dallas Cowboys on Thursday.

Kicker Rian Lindell of Washington State and running backs Dan Murphy of Central Washington and Phillip Rogers of Georgia Tech also were signed.

out will be eligible to work out with the beam at a mini-camp April 28-01.

Duncan's knee shows

HERALD Staff Report

MIDLAND — Who'd have thought it? Howard College's Lady Hawks, needing an improbably four-game sweep of Midland College's Lady Chaparrals to qualify for postseason play, have done just that.

The Lady Hawks again got a pair of sterling pitching performances from De'Shaun Drake Friday to post a 3-1 win in nine innings Friday and then made sure Midland would miss out on the Region V tournament for a second straight year with a 7-4 win in the nightcap.

Lady Hawks coach Andy Mace admits he originally recruited Drake primarily to play third base. But all she did the past two days for the Lady Hawks was post four straight pitching wins over fall, so she started pitching, something Midland.

As a result, she leads the Lady Hawks back to the Region V tournament, while Midland College's season crumbles to an end after a nightmarish 10-game losing streak, including eight straight in conference.

The Lady Chaps battled Howard for nine innings in the first game before falling 3-1, and had the bases loaded in the bottom of the ninth, but couldn't get to Drake when it mattered.

The nightcap was much too close for Howard's liking as well, when Midland had the tying run at the plate, but couldn't come up with the hits when it needed them.

"I recruited Drake as a position player." Mace said of his freshman ace righthander. "But we lost three pitchers last

she hadn't don since junior high."

In contrast to most of the recent blowouts Midland had suffered, Thursday's first game was a jewel for both teams. Howard's Josie Rosovich powered J.R. Chavira's pitch over left for a 1-0 Lady Hawks lead which held until Midland tied it in the last of the third. Audrey Burrel reached base on an error, was moved to second on a sacrifice by Crystal Shelton and scored on a two-base throwing error.

It stayed that way as Chavira and Drake dueled through regulation and then into two extra innings. Howard broke through in the ninth for two runs. Renee Valerie drew Chavira's first walk of the game, went to second on an error on an error charged to Big Spring product Melissa Martinez and then to third

on a wild pitch. She scored on Valerie Goetz's fielder's choice. Kara Brand scored on a fielder's choice, a walk and sacrifice fly by Rosovich.

Midland didn't give up, however, as a single, a walk and an error loaded the bases with one out. But an infield pop and a harmless ground-out closed out the Howard win.

Drake allowed just one run on three singles, walking one and striking out one. Chavira took the loss while giving up seven hits, walking three and striking out eight.

Then it was down to one game to see which team would qualify behind Western Junior College Athletic, **Conference (WJCAC) champion El Paso** for the regional tourney.

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Small mistakes doom Steers

JOHN A. MOSELEY

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Managing Editor

Sometimes it's the little things that mean the most. Such was the case Thursday when a handful of small mistakes made all the difference for the Big Spring Steers in a 4-1 loss to Snyder's Tigers in a pivotal District 5-4A baseball game.

The Steers, who'd entered the game with a 12-12-1 record overall and 4-3 in league play, tied for third place in the 5-4A standings, could have forged a three-way tie for second place by knocking off the Tigers.

Instead, the Steers find themselves fourth in the district's pecking order with two games to play, neither of those games pitting them with teams ahead of them in the standings.

"Now we have to depend on help from other people to make it into the playoffs ..., that's what's really frustrating," Steers head coach Pat Loter said as he sat alone in front of the Big Spring dueout recall-ing the top of the seventh inning when Snyder scored three unearned runs to break open a 1-1 nail-biter.



Mavericks have reason to have hope

DALLAS (AP) -- It was a statement that would have been unfathomable in 10 previous seasons.

Dallas Mavericks coach Don Nelson, in between puffs from a victory cigar after a 113-107 win over Minnesota in the season finale Wednesday, uttered these words: "We are the best team in basketball right now.'

It's an arguable statement, but for the first time in a long while, it can't be shot down so easily.

Despite missing the playoffs for the 10th consecutive season, entering the off-season with a coach who has no desire to return and even a wild 13-game ride with Dennis Rodman, the Mavericks have legitimate reason to be optimistic about next season for the first time in a decade.

"It's sad that this team did not make the playoffs, but we've shown that we're capable of playing that well," said Mavericks forward Dirk owitzki.

Dallas, a team that was synonymous with losing in the 1990s, took steps this season toward finally climbing from the depths of the dominated.

some improvement

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Tim Duncan's injured knee was better Thursday, but it's uncertain whether he'll be ready for the start of the **Spurs' first-round** playoff series against Phoenix, a team official said.

"There is improvement,' said Spurs spokesman Tom James. "There is no target date (for his return). There's no determination if he's ready Saturday, if he's ready in two weeks."

San Antonio opens a best-offive Western Conference play off series against the Suns on Saturday at the Alamodome.

Duncan has missed four games with torn cartilage in his left knee, an injury that occurred April 11 as he fell awkwardly while attempting a dunk against Sacramento.

Despite Duncan's absence, the Spurs have won three of their last four games, capped by a 103-98 overtime victory over the Los Angeles Lakers on Wednesday night. That victory gave San Antonio the No. 4 seed and homecourt advantage against Phoenix.

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"A win today and we're in a position to determine our own fate," Loter added. "But now we've got to go to Fort Stockton and win, then beat Sweetwater here and hope Snyder beats Andrews when they play.

"That's frustrating, because that's the scenario these kids are used to," he continued. "Our goal had been to change things around ... to win our way into the playoffs, not come in through the back door."

Perhaps even worse, however, is the lack of confidence losses to San Angelo Lake View and Snyder may have created. "We'd gotten hot and won

four games in a row before losing these last two," Loter explained. "But it's awfully hard for a group of kids like this to shake off these last two losses and get back on track. But we've got to shake this off and finish strong so that we're ready to play Andrews for that third playoff spot if we get the chance.

Sadly, the Steers wasted a superb performance by senior Daniel right-hander Beauchamp, who waged a sixinning pitching duel with

Snyder's Sonny Cumbie. Beauchamp, who worked 62/3 innings, was forced to take the loss when the Steers failed to turn an inning-ending double play and then saw an error load the bases and set the stage for a



Big Spring pitcher Daniel Beauchamp delivers a curve during the first inning of Thursday's District 5-4A baseball showdown with Snyder's Tigers. Beauchamp allowed just one earned run, but Snyder managed three unearned scores in the seventh inning for a 4-1 win over the Steers.

Snyder first baseman Adam Beck.

The real back-breaker, however, came in the bottom of the sixth inning when the Steers failed to capitalize on an opportunity to break the 1-1 deadlock.

Big Spring center fielder Jason Choate had led off the Steers sixth with a single to right-center and moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by James Clements.

Right fielder Jose Carnero, who led the Steers offensively with a 2-for-3 performance, singled up the middle to put runners at the corners with one out.

But Cumbie got out of trouble when Clint Bamert popped out to shallow center field and Willis Morrison struck out on three straight pitches.

Snyder, perhaps motivated by having suffered a 9-2 loss to the Steers on their home diamond two weeks earlier, came back in the top of the seventh determined to return home with a

the 5-4A standings. After Beauchamp got John Ortegon to ground out to open the inning, Brian Gorden, the ninth hitter in the Tigers' bat-

with a slow roller to short that he beat out for an infield single The Steers should have gotten out of the inning moments when later. however.

Beauchamp got Ralph Ramon to hit a ground ball that seemed tailor-made for a double play. But Steers third baseman Jay Kuykendall's throw to second was low, and Big Spring second baseman Willis Morrison was

catch that forced Gorden. **Tigers designated hitter Jesse** Haines kept things going with a blooping fly to center that

Matthew Grimmett followed with a chopper to third that should have been the third Snyder out, but Kuykendall was unable to glove the ball. As a result, the Tigers had the

game-winning double by secure hold on second place in bases loaded when Beck stepped to the plate and blasted the first pitch he saw to the gap in left-center field to drive in three runs.

HERALD photo/Jim Flerro

then replaced Loter Beauchamp with Bamert, who got Colin Jones to ground out and end the inning.

The Steers were unable to answer, however, as all Big Spring could muster in the bottom of the seventh was a twoout single by Beauchamp.

Big Spring had scored the game's first run in the bottom of the third inning when Choate singled with one out, Clements hit into a fielder's choice that forced Choate at second and Carnero doubled down the left field line.

The Tigers avoided additional damage when Carnero was thrown out at third trying to stretch the hit into a triple.

Snyder tied the game almost immediately in the top of the fourth when Beck led off with a double to right and scored on a one-out single to right by Cumbie.

Dallas opened the season with 17 of its first 29 games on the road while dealing with the troubles of rookie Leon Smith, who attempted suicide and was in and out of a mental institution over several months.

But after opening the season 9-23, Dallas won 31 of its final 52 games and finished 40-42 for its best record since 1989-90. Along the way Dallas beat the defending NBA champion San Antonio Spurs twice in a span of five days, ended a 25-game road losing streak to the Utah Jazz and ended a 19-game streak of futility against the Los Angeles Lakers. The Mavericks also closed the season on a four-game winning streak and won nine of their last 10.

"I had no idea with the injuries that we've had that this team could do what they've done," Nelson said. "This team has amazed me."

Breakout seasons by Michael Finley and Nowitzki were major factors.

Despite fighting off a nagging heel injury since the preseason, Finley emerged as a star. He was arguably the league's most well-rounded player, averaging 22 points, six rebounds and five assists per game, and became the first Maverick to play in the

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Without losses to Yankees, Rangers don't look that bad

ARLINGTON (AP) - Erase those five losses to the New York Yankees, and things don't look so bad for the Texas Rangers.

The other good thing is that Texas won't have to face the team in pinstripes again for nearly four months.

"It's frustrating. We either overcome it and become a better team, or we don't," Rafael Palmeiro said. "I don't think they're that much a better team."

New York continued its dominance over the Rangers with a three-game road sweep this week, winning on a bizarre 11th-inning double play, a completegame pitching performance by Orlando Hernandez and then a 10th-inning homer from a utility infielder who had entered the series finale as a pinch-runner.

Texas (6-9) got a day off Thursday. The Rangers continue their homestand with three games each against Minnesota and Boston.

New York, which swept Texas out of Rodriguez are signed through 2002. the American League playoffs the past two years and then won both games last week at Yankee Stadium, still has 19 players from its 1999 opening-day roster and is 11-3 for the first time since 1988. Though the results against the

Yankees are the same, the Rangers have vastly different roster this year. Texas began the season with five new players in the everyday lineup and a revamped pitching staff.

"We knew that there were going to be growing pains involved in a lot of changes," manager Johnny Oates said. "We are going to be fine, we are going to get better as the years go on. There's a nucleus of a very good ballclub here."

Except for closer John Wetteland and first baseman/designated hitter David Segui, the Rangers have their key players signed to contracts through at least next season. Palmeiro and AL MVP Ivan

"Basically we can call our shots next year," Oates said. "Everybody else is pretty much under lock and key for next year or even more, so we've got a chance to grow together.

Sort of like the Yankees have done while winning the World Series three of the last four years.

'Their chemistry is just so unbelievable. That's the thing that's so great about them," Palmeiro said. "It takes a long time to get to that position. It took them awhile and now they are reaping the benefits. They're winning championships.

"That's what we are striving for here. We've got some good players developing in the young guys and us veterans are trying to maintain where we are, and at the same time we are trying to create a championship atmosphere."

For now, the Rangers need to shake

that New York hangover and take solace that they don't play the Yankees again until Aug. 14.

Palmeiro has reached base by a hit or walk in 13 of 15 games and has five home runs, but is mired in an uncharacteristic 2-for-20 slump.

Wetteland, one of the league's premier closers, has just one save this season and has blown two straight save opportunities. He gave up back-to-back homers in a 2-1 loss at Cleveland on Sunday that prevented a Rangers' road sweep, and the next night allowed the Yankees to tie the game in the ninth with three hits and a run.

"If you take away my failures, we are sitting pretty good," Wetteland said." "Everything else looks great. We do the right thing, and when we don't, it's just usually a matter of youth. It doesn't have anything to do with people not wanting to execute.

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NBA PLAYOFFS

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Big Unit in midseason form; Griffey, Sosa hitting stride

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Ken Griffey Jr. and Sammy Sosa broke loose in a big way. Even so, the most impressive numbers belonged to the Big Unit.

Randy Johnson pitched his second shutout of the season, a four-hitter that gave the Arizona Diamondbacks a 3-0 victory over the Colorado Rockies on Thursday night.

Off to an amazing start, the NL Cy Young winner is 4-0 with an 0.76 ERA. He has struck out 42 and walked five and is only one out short of having four complete games.

"I try not to think about it," Johnson said. "I try to stay focused and go out there and pitch as good as I can on a given day.

Griffey hit two home runs as the Cincinnati Reds beat San Francisco 11-1. Sosa hit a grand slam and matched his career high with six RBIs as the **Chicago Cubs downed Montreal** 10-6.

Griffey is slumping at .207 and Sosa is stuck at .232. Both sluggers have hit five home runs

"I haven't been comfortable yet at home plate," Sosa said. "It's going to take time, but I'll be there.'

In other National League games, John Rocker earned his first save of the season as Atlanta topped Philadelphia 6-4. Also, New York beat Milwaukee 5-4 in 10 innings, Florida edged Pittsburgh 3-2 in 14 innings and St. Louis defeated San Diego 14-1

In American League games, it was Baltimore 8, Tampa Bay 4; Toronto 12, Anaheim 11; Cleveland 9, Oakland 5; and Minnesota 9, Kansas City 7. Boston's game at Detroit was rained out.

Johnson struck out eight, walked three and also delivered an RBI single at Bank One Ballpark.

The Rockies threatened in the He pitched a scoreless ninth eighth inning, loading the bases with two outs on a single by Neifi Perez and two walks. With the crowd chanting his name and the count full, Johnson threw a 97 mph fastball that struck out Mike Lansing.

"Mechanic-wise, I wasn't really on tonight," Johnson said. "Late in the game, it kind of came back again, and my concentration left me for a moment, and it could have been a situation where the game could have gotten out of hand very easily with Mike Lansing up there. Fortunately, I was able to throw a strike.'

Cubs 10, Expos 6

Chicago ended its four-game losing streak, winning at Montreal behind Slammin' Sammy.

Sosa hit a two-run double in the fifth inning, then hit his fourth career grand slam in the sixth. It was the fourth time he had six RBIs in a game – he last did it Sept. 16, 1998.

Sosa batted cleanup for the third time this year and also made his first start in center home runs as St. Louis completfield

Reds 11, Giants 1

Cincinnati moved over .500 for the first time this year as Junior hit a pair of two-run homers into a swirling wind at **Cinergy Field**.

Griffey's first multihomer. game with the Reds was the 41st of his career. Pokey Reese had five hits and Barry Larkin added a two-run homer. San Francisco has lost nine of

10 games in its worst start since 1983

Braves 6, Phillies 4

Andres Galarraga hit two home runs as Atlanta finished off a sweep of visiting Philadelphia.

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Galarraga drove in four runs with the 28th two-homer game of his career.

Mets 5, Brewers 4

Melvin Mora hit his first regular-season home run in the majors, winning the game with a drive in the bottom of the 10th inning at Shea Stadium.

Mora, who homered in the NLCS against Atlanta, gave New York its fourth straight victory when he connected with one out off Curtis Leskanic. It was Mora's 53rd at-bat in the big leagues.

The Mets completed a sweep and have won eight in a row against Milwaukee.

Brewers shortstop Mark Loretta left with dizziness after colliding with left fielder James Mouton while chasing Rickey Henderson's foul fly in the sixth

Cardinals 14, Padres 1

Eli Marrero hit a grand slam and later connected with pitcher Rick Ankiel for consecutive ed a three-game sweep of San Diego at Busch Stadium.

Ankiel worked around seven walks while throwing five scoreless innings. He also went 3-for-3 — the rookie pitcher is 5for-9 with a triple and two RBIs this season.

Marrero's first career slam capped a six-run first inning. Mark McGwire returned to the Cardinals after missing seven games with back problems and was 0-for-2 with two walks.

Marlins 3, Pirates 2

Danny Bautista doubled to start the bottom of the 14th inning and raced home on Mike Lowell's sacrifice fly, lifting Florida over Pittsburgh.

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The Lady Hawks staked Drake to a pair of runs in the first. An error, a double by Teresa Johnson and a walk loaded the bases. Drake then helped herself with a two-run single.

It was 3-0 after two innings, as Howard used a pair of singles, a walk and a ground-out for one more run.

Midland got a lone run in the third, Chavira walking, moving up on Martinez's single and scoring on a single by Lauren Wallace.

It stayed 3-1 until the sixth, when Howard got a pair on a single by Brand, a double by Holland and a two-run triple by Andrea Padias.

Trailing 5-1, Midland got one run across, but the rally ended on a harmless ground-out.

The Lady Hawks, sensing victory, added two more in the seventh for a 7-2 lead, thanks to two singles, a walk and an error.

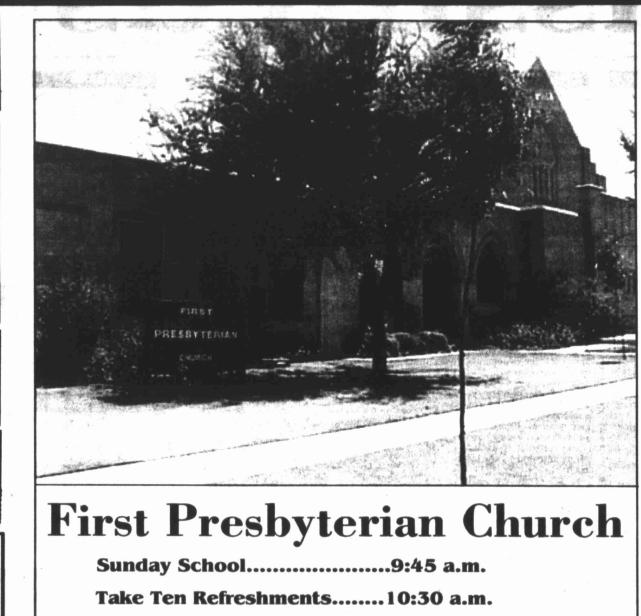
Drake had come out of the contest in the fourth, giving to reliever way Amy Ensminger, who went the next two. Drake came off the bench in a legal move only in women's softball and returned as a pitcher again in the sixth with two outs. Wallace sliced a hard double down the left-field line to open the do-or-die seventh inning for the Lady Chaps. With one out, she scored on Frannie Slacido's double to the fence in center. Singles by **Renee Gonzales and Crystal** Shelton got Salcido in. With two outs, Julie Stanford came up as the tying run, but grounded out short-to-first and MC's long month of misery, losses without a victory, was over.

Drake and Ensminger allowed four runs on nine hits, walked tow and struck out one. Tonya Thompson gave up seven runs on 11 hits, walked three and struck out two.

"During some games in Oklahoma last week, one of our parents said, 'It's possible (to win four from Midland), but not probable," Mace said. "The improbable happened. Last week, I thought Tommy (Lady Chaps coach Tommy Ramos) had the better team, but our girls were loose and just kept playing."

Howard improves to 33-25 overall with a 6-10 record in





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WJCAC play and will close out the regular season Tuesday with a doubleheader in Ranger. Midland closes at 29-21 and 5-11 in conference action.

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All-Star game since Chris Gatling in 1997.

The Mavericks took a chance in trading up to get Nowitzki, a 7-0 forward from Germany with the ninth pick in the 1998 draft. It looked like a risk that failed after he struggled with the NBA game last season, averaging 8.2 points per game while shooting 40 percent, including 20 percent from 3-point range.

But Nelson turned Nowitzki loose this season and he blossomed, averaging 17 points while shooting 46 percent.

"A lot of people gave up on me last year," Nowitzki said. "I am thankful for coach Nelson giving me a chance."

Dallas opened the season with the hopes of having burly, 6-8 forward Gary Trent handling the dirty work on the glass, but a strained groin limited him to 11 games.

With Trent out and the team getting hammered on the boards, Dallas took desperate measures by signing the flamboyant Rodman, who had not played in more than a year.

Rodman's tenure was 13 games, but he was suspended for one after sitting down on the court. Dallas won just three of 12 in which he played. The Mavericks released Rodman on March 8 and wound up the league's worst rebounding team.

"If we're going to turn this thing around fast, we need veterans, rebounders," Nelson said. "Guys who play defense and do the dirty work.

One key to getting those types of players in the off-season is finding a new coach.

Nelson has said this will be his last year of coaching and that he wants to stick with the front office. New owner Mark Cuban has described his ideal new coach - a young, former player who can relate to the players - but has said he may consider trying to talk Nelson into one more go-round.

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** Others seek you out. Reach out for friends. Make the most of this naturally social day. Explore options. Be open to a spontaneous party, even if it is at your place. Some good old socializing and partying might be just what the doctor ordered. Tonight: Say yes.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) **** You might want to visit

with an older relative or go in to the office today. Your sense of responsibility comes out, though you certainly delight others with your ideas and attention. A partner contributes in a way that is unusual for him. Tonight: Make that

extra effort. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** A day trip invigorates





you and another. Take off; browse through a favorite flea market or museum. You might revise your thinking about what art is or what defines a good piece of furniture. A leisurely meal makes the moment. Tonight: Be spontaneous

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** Listen to your sixth sense with a partner, who reveals himself in a different manner. Remain responsive and supportive. A discussion about your home is very important. It's time to make some decisions. Tonight: Not far from your place.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** Others say exactly what is on their minds. Share your own feelings. Unexpected developments with a child or loved one perk up your day. Don't take another for granted. Know what he wants and needs, even if he will take care of himself. Tonight: Dinner out.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **** Work brings kudos. If you spend an easy day getting a project done, the finishing touches make all the difference. Share what you are doing. A relationship takes on a new dimension. Be more of a team. Tonight: As you wish. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

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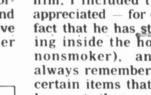
***** You are personality plus. A loved one cannot get enough of you. Share the day together. Let another choose what to do and where. Good feelings and spontaneity walk hand in hand. Laugh, relax and swap jokes. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

Safety is left in the dust by ads celebrating speed

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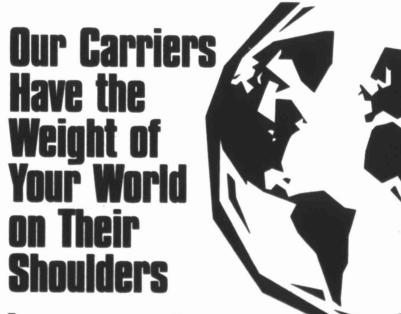
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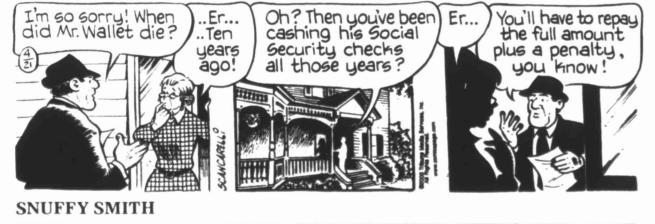
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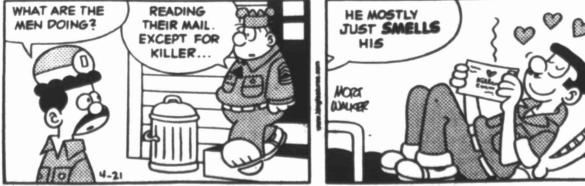












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Pizza, *PEPSI* & Wings S1599 AL Large^m 2 Topping Pizza, Two *PEPSI* Soft Brinks (up to 20 oz.) and an order of Spicy Wings. Rosa Inn Hurryl Offer expires 4 30-00 Please one coupon per visit at participating Pizza Inn Outlets Not valid with any other offer Tax not included. Delivery where available. Limited delivery area FREE DELIVERY DINE INN 02TXLA00 Buy any REAL Large[™] Pizza of your choice and pay only the Medium Pizza Price. Reza Inn Hurry! Offer expires 4 30-00 Please one coupon per visit at participating Pizza Inn Outlets. Not valid with any other offer Tax not included. Delivery where available. Limited delivery area DINE-INN CARRYOU FREE DELIVERY

Any-Way-You Want It **\$1799** 2 REAL Large¹⁴ Any Way You Woot It Up to 3 Toppings



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Any Pizza Any Size Up to 5 toppings



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