MONDAY

May 1, 2000

WEATHER



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Lions Club seeks camp participants

Local Lions Club members are seeking individuals to participate in the Texas Lions Camp at Kerrville.

The camp is a week-long event, especially tailored toward the needs of physically disabled children.

For an application or an opportunity to borrow and view a videotape showing the Texas Lions Camp, call Paul or Pat Smith at 268-1270.

WHAT'S UP...

☐ Texas Tech Exes meeting, 6 p.m., Sparenberg Building, 309 South Main. ☐ Big Spring Evening

Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 East Third. ☐ Disabled American

Veterans, 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams. Anyone interested in being an officer is asked to attend. ☐ Gospel Singing, 7 p.m.,

Kentwood Center, 2805 ☐ Big Spring Chapter and

Council, R.A.M., 7:30, at the Masonic Building 221 1/2 Main St.

TUESDAY

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

Coahoma Senior Citizens luncheon, 11 a.m., Coahoma Community Center.

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

□ VFW Post No. 2031, VFW Hall, 7 p.m. ☐ Big Spring Chapter No.

67, Orders of the Eastern Star, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main St.

WEDNESDAY Optimist Club, 7 a.m.,

Howard College Cactus

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

Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. ☐ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center,

Industrial Park. ☐ Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third.

THURSDAY ☐ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No.

U4206O, Hermans, 7 a.m. □ Big Spring Senior Citizens Center Art Classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and

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Early voting in council, trustee elections concludes Tuesday

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor

As early voting nears completion for school district boards and city council positions in Howard County, the pace has picked up at the polls.

According to the county clerk's office at Howard County Courthouse, some 125 ballots have been cast in the contested election for Howard College trustee while 80 have been cast in the Big Spring Independent School board race for District 2.

Freecom, and Michael R. Niklasch, owner of A&M Composites, are both hoping to fill that at-large Howard College board seat, currently held by Sue Partee, who decided not to seek re-election.

The Big Spring ISD District 2 election pits insurance agency owner Tommy Churchwell against auto parts dealership owner Terry Wegman. Incumbent Larry Hollar decided not to run. Only those residing in District 2 are eligible to

John Freeman, owner of cast a ballot in that election. Early voting ends at 5 p.m. Tuesday at the courthouse for

citizens eligible to vote in those two elections. Citizens will have one more chance after that to cast a ballot. Saturday is election day and polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Those planning to vote Saturday in the Big Spring ISD election should do so at the Big Spring High School cafeteria. That's also the voting place for city residents voting in the

are several voting places for the college election: • Box 104-105: Knott Fire

Station, Box 207: Coahoma

Community Center, · Box 208: Forsan High/School,

 Box 304: Elbow Elementary • 407, 409: Sand Springs Lions Club Community Center,

 408: Vincent Baptist Church. Forty-seven people have voted in the Big Spring City Howard College election. For Council's District 6 race, which

residents outside the city, there has incumbent Greg Biddison being challenged by Brenda Davis, Tom Guess and Judy Robertson. Early voting is being held at City Hall. On Saturday, the voting location will be Big Spring High School cafeteria.

Candidates for the three atlarge positions up for election on the Coahoma ISD board are Eddie Cordes, Eddie Corse, Ronnie Dodson, Jody Reid and James L. White. As of today, 67 ballots had been cast during

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For Haynes, taking care of others is the key

Editor's Note: This is the third in a weekly series of articles on volunteers of the Crossroads.

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

or some family members of critical care patients, waiting is the hardest part — and someone to listen to them, hold their hand or just make sure the coffee is hot, may make the difference.

Steve Marie Haynes volunteers at Scenic Mountain Medical Center twice a week in the

intensive care unit waiting room. keeping

VOLUNTEERS OF THE CROSSROADS

the coffee hot, the water pitcher filled and listening to patients or family members who need to talk.

"Volunteering gives you back 10 times as much as you give and maybe more than that," Haynes said, "It is a fulling way of life. That is what life is all about."

From the 1950s until 1989. Haynes traveled all over the country for the Red Cross disaster service and was responsible for feeding and finding shelter for disaster victims.

"I started out in family service and was the first one on the scene," she said. "I had to pull them together. The first thing to do is to feed them and find shelter so they can have a moment to collect themselves.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody Volunteer Steve Marle Haynes, left, visits with Joyce Bruton and her son, Richard Bruton. The Brutons have a family member in the Intensive Care Unit at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

I really learned about human nature and what people will do for each other," she continued. "People are really wonderful under pressure and will help each other."

While in Dallas, she meet a man working in the Veterans Administration system that would later become her hus-

"Jack was recruiting volun-

teers to work with dying patients and the family of dving patients," Havnes said. "He had such a capacity for helping people because he would just listen to people and

be there for them. That is the whole thing," Havnes continued. "You're there when people need you to talk with and to listen. The

and they have answers but sometimes people are looking for a way through it. You can be an answer for their need."

Jack became interested the Red Cross, and the couple began traveling the country to the disaster areas when need-

Jack worked for the Big

medical personal are very good See VOLUNTEER, Page 2A

Hangar 25 Air Museum plans to extend weekend hours

By CARL GRAHAM

Staff Writer

Beginning this month, the Hangar 25 Air Museum will be extending its hours, due mostly to the donation of time from several local volunteers. According to



Susan Lewis, museum coordinator, the new hours of operation will begin on Saturday. "We are excited about our

opportunity to open on Saturday and Sunday starting in May," said Lewis. "It's been our goal for some time and we are grateful for the people who have come forward to donate their time to make this possi-

Lewis said the Saturday hours will be from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. while Sunday hours have been set for 1:30 p.m. until 4 p.m. The hours on Sunday will allow time for volunteers and visitors to attend church if they desire

and still have time to visit the museum.

"We are so glad to be able to open on the weekends because this is when families come to visit and people have more time," said Lewis. "We just could not do this though if not not for our group of volunteers offering their time.

Lewis is in charge of putting together all the exhibits and coordinates the volunteer services. She said the museum is still in need of items to display, especially anyone who may have items from service in the WAF, WASP, or any other units females served in.

Lewis said she is keeping a log with all the volunteer hours being kept track of and volunteers will be recognized annually for their time given.

The following individuals have volunteered to work on Saturday: Kathy Dunn, Margarita Durand-Hollis, Tom Guess, Jeanine Huskey, Darrel Reagan, Reta Spradling, Robert Underwood and Binie and Edna

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Park

Big Spring officials plan scaled-down version now

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor

A downtown park where visitors can learn more about Big Spring and local residents can relax a bit may

become a reality later this vear. Though plans on

larger park fell through for lack of a Texas Department of **Transportation** grant, city officials haven't

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given up on the project — it will just be smaller, at least for now. "We're looking at a very scaled back version," said Leigh Corson, city planning

coordinator. Last year, the City of Big Spring, Moore Development For Big Spring and Cornell Corrections came up with \$125,000 to fund demolition of the old Permian Building, which stood at the corner of Second and Scurry. That demolition cost \$101,881.52, leaving \$23,118.52.

Officials plan to put those funds with another \$25,000 pledged from the Industrial Foundation to begin work on the park.

Due to the limited funds and the county's request for more downtown parking, the initial park itself will be at the southwest corner of Third and Scurry. The northwest corner of Second and Scurry — where the Permian Building stood — will be double seal coated and used for parking.

The key reason the park will be facing Third Street is because that street is also a highway — Business 20 which means some assistance is available through TxDOT to

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Howard College will offer post nursing training course

By GINA GARZA

Staff Writer

A growing demand for registered nurses trained in operating room procedures prompt-Howard College to seek approval for a special course available this fall for the first time.



STOKES

"We are really excited about

offering this course. This is an area where a shortage of qualified nurses exists, and we anticipate the local hospitals to respond by sending their nurses to us for this special course," said Cindy Stokes, Howard College dean of nursing.

to registered nurses who are

pursuing a career in the operat-

ing room.

The course, Introduction to Perioperative Nursing, is open

"That is the tentative course name. It's a post nursing training course, open only to those who are registered nurses now," she said.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center Chief Nursing Officer Mary B. Shelter said training operating room nurses "in house" is a very expensive program.

"We are really excited about Howard College offering this course, because this program meets one of our specific needs," said Shelter at a recent advisory council meeting for the Howard College nursing programs.

"It takes a minimum of 90 days of full-time training before a nurse can be ready to take call and work in the operating room. The Howard College program will replace a great deal of the in-house training, so this benefits both the nurse and the hospital," she said.

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Energas employees Manuel Baeza, Richard Nix, and Rick Clark test for a gas leak that was report ed at 207 West 17th. The crew located the leak and was able to take care of the problem.

OBITUARIES

Norma Faye Gibbs Finley

Graveside service for Norma Faye Gibbs Finley, 75, Big Spring, was 10 a.m. Monday, May 1, 2000, at Mr. Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Ben Neel, pastor of Salem Baptist Church, officiating.

Mrs. Finley died on Saturday, April 29, in a local nursing

She was born on Jan. 6, 1925, in Big Spring and married G.C. Finley in December 1948 in Dallas. He preceded her in death in 1981.

She worked as the superintendent for the mail order department of Columbia Card Co. in Dallas for 16 years and had been a resident of Big Spring since 1981. Mrs. Finley was a Baptist.

Survivors include: two brothers, L.C. Gibbs Jr. of Big Spring and Charles Ray Gibbs of Royce City; two sisters, Juanita Heflin and Gladys Sanderson, both of Big Spring; and numerous nieces and nephews

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

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Shelter anticipates SMMC will fully support their employees' decision to seek additional education.

Stokes said this program is in response to a request from the local hospitals in the Permian Basin and Concho Valley.

"This is another example of workforce training and education and the community coming together," Stokes said.

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help with the project.

"They have indicated they would be able to come in with some of their manpower and machinery while the renovation of Gregg Street is going on." said Corson, referring to a TxDOT project which is expected to get under way sometime

It would cost \$27,000 to pave the area once occupied by the Permian Building, but only 6,000 to double seal coat it -amove which officials said would be esthetically pleasing though not a permanent solution. But that keeps in line with eventually increasing the size of the park, officials noted. The coating could be graded out easier than removing pavement if the park is expanded at a later date.

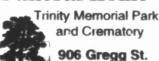
A preliminary budget for the downtown park calls for the purchase of some 22 trees, grass, various types of concrete surfaces, curb and gutter, a four-foot wide sidewalk, three flagpoles, lighting, a 12-foot by 12-foot canopy structure and an irrigation system.

Those items plus \$6,000 for the

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Billy W. Bryant, 58, died

Friday. Services will be 2:00 PM Tuesday at First Baptist Church in Big Spring. Graveside service will be at 4:30 PM at Greenwood Baptist Church Cemetery Greenwood.

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seal coating would just about take care of the \$48,000 the city has to spend on the project.

"We hope to be able to get some of these items donated, however," Corson said. "We're going to try to save some money there.

"And the chamber has expressed an interest in putting up a big map of Texas, and a big map of Big Spring, detailing some tourist attractions. They would be paying for that themselves, with some help from TxDOT, I understand," she

There is no timeline yet on construction of the park.

VOTING

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early voting at the administration building.

Some 25 people have cast ballots in the Coahoma City Council election. Running for three at-large city council seats are incumbent Eleanor Garrett, write-in candidate Ferguson, Randy Overton, Paulette Lindsey and Dan Shelborne. Early voting is at city hall.

On Saturday, Coahoma residents will vote at the community center in both the ISD and city council elections

In the Forsan ISD election, incumbent Lewis Boeker, Barney Hise, Paul Spence and Robert Wash make up the group hoping to fill two at-large positions up for election. Some 17 ballots have been cast at the administration building.

In one other race of note, Forsan Mayor Jim Buske is getting a challenge from Shane Sayles. Ten ballots have been cast in that election.

Voting in both the Forsan ISD and city elections Saturday will be at Elbow Elementary and Forsan High School.

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Spring Herald as a photographer at one time and loved Big Spring, so when he became sick, he wanted to come back to the place he loved, she said.

"Jack loved Scenic Mountain Medical Center," Haynes-said. "The people at the hospital took such good care of him. After he died, I needed to repay them. And she does.

"If they need me I come," she said. "They know they can call on me anytime. All the volunteers at the hospital are very dedicated to the patients and

their families. Haynes also volunteers at the Veterans' Administration Medical Hospital once a week, and she said that although the medical staff is very good in taking care of the patients, volunteers can make a difference

with the little things "Sometimes the difference is getting the patient ice tea instead of coffee," Haynes said. "Sometimes the fellows are really angry and just want to vent, but they always leave me grinning and asking me to come back. The body can't heal if the

are all upset. I don't carry the stories with me but let them go on through,' she continued. "When someone cares for them to stop long enough to listen to them, it

brings back hope. Growing up in the Midwest Haynes said towns took care of each other because they did not have the services available that they do now.

"I think I learned from my mother and father to take care of people," she said.

"When you think about all the blessings in your life, you feel like you should share with other," Haynes said. "That is what life is all about, is taking care of each other. It is the answer to life.

MUSEUM

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The following individuals have volunteered their time on Sunday: Cary and Debbie Anderson, Javier Becerra, Robert Benton, Jan Foresyth, Josh Hadley, Kay Hulse,

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Jeanine Huskey, and Darrel Reagan.

For more information or anyone else wishing to volunteer their time to help keep the museum open on weekends, contact Nelda Reagan or Lewis at 264-2362 or find them on their web page at: webb@hangar25.com

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'Domell; 79351.

Letters were not sent to most people with Gail, O'Donnell, Vealmoor, Fluvanna, Snyder and Big Spring addresses. Everyone who wants information on the upcoming reunion, please send your name, address and graduation year to the above address as soon as possi-

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. Tuesday 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. The fee will be the same as always, \$15.

SENIOR FORUM ON FRAUD "Schemes and Scams" will be 8:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday at Dora Roberts Community Center in Comanche Trail Park. The forum will be presented by the Texas Attorney General's Office, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Big Spring Police Department.

All senior adults, their families, friends and those who with senior adults are encouraged to attend. Please call 264-2397 to register.

Free refreshments and door prizes will be available

SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

SUPPORT GROUPS

MONDAY

•TOPS Club (Take off pound sensibly), weigh-in 5 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m., College Heights Christian church, 21st and Goliad

·Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.

 Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting. Alzheimer's support group, 7

p.m., Canterbury South, 1700 N. Lancaster, first Mondays of 2112 Grace, was arrested for each month. Call Galynn Gamble at 263-1271

·Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

· The New Voice Club, a support group for laryngectomees and their families, will meet Monday, Apr. 17, at 6:30 p.m., at 2410 Wasson Drive, the house behind the 7-11 store, but with the driveway Randolph. For directions, 267-

 Alzheimer's support group, 6:30 p.m., Marcy House, 2301 Wasson. Call 268-9041

•Greater West Texas Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, 7 p.m., Canterbury South, 1700 Lancaster, Topic: Prescription for Caregivers. For more information call

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Galynn Gamble at 263-1271.

 Association of Retarded Citizens of Howard County meet 6:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month at 806 East Third Street, the HARC bingo building. Call 264-0674 for more information.

·Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the fourth Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at 409 Runnels, Clyde Alsup Building. AMI meeting to follow. For more information call 263-0027 or 267-7220. **TUESDAY**

 Support for MS and Related Diseases, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Canterbury South. Public invited. Call Leslie, 267-1069

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles. •Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265

•Compassionate Friends sup port group for parents who have experienced death of a child, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday in February, April, June, August, October and December in the Family Life Center Building. First Baptist Church, 705 West Marcy. Enter by southeast door. Call 267-2769.

•"Most Excellent Way," an addiction support group. 3610 Dixon, call 264-9900.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting at 8 p.m. closed meeting.

 Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have Dr. Ronald Meyer, D.Min., LCDC, LMFT, specializing in individual and marriage counseling, Attention Deficit Disorder and chemical dependency, available for clients in Midland. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144.

·Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager

·Big Spring Christian Home Educators meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 1:30 p.m. at the Family Life Center at First Baptist Church. Recreation is available for the kids and networking for the parents. For more information, contact Suzanne Haney at 263-7147.

 Innovators in glyconutrition als are an independent group focusing on sickness prevention and management utilizing non-toxic simple saccharides to help our body heal itself. Training sessions are the second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at 1909 S. Gregg. For more information call 267-3013 or 267-

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

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Friday and noon Saturday:

 DEE ARVIN RATLIFF, 59. driving while intoxicated.

 MICHAEL DAVID GALAVIZ, 22, 2109 Main, was arrested for making alcoholic beverage available to a minor.

POLICE

Big Spring Police Department reported the following activities between noon Saturday through 8 a.m. today:

• MARTHA MARTINEZ, 37 no address given, was arrested on a charge of public intoxica

· JANIE MOLINA, 28, no address given, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication. EUSEVIO GALAVIZ, 35, of

503 Runnels, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication. GILBERTO SANCHAZ, 34.



of 7021 Johnson, was arrested on a charge of public intoxica-

· MARK BEDWELL, 34, of 4000 Elder, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• DANIEL GUZMAN, 37, of 1106 Johnson, was arrested on local warrants. · RICHARD McCUTCHAN.

32, of 417 Westover, was arrested on a local warrant. • SHANA FOX, 39, of 1409 Settles, was arrested on a

charge of failure to identify. · MICHAEL ROBLES, 28, of 1704 Monticello, was arrested on a charge of Assault/Family

• JUSTIN McKENZIE, 23, of 1403 East 15th, was arrested on charge of disorderly

conduct/fighting. • KENNETH GAMBLE, 24. of Coppell, was arrested on a disorderly charge of

conduct/fighting. • KENDRA McKENZIE, 18, of 1306 Harding, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct/fighting.

 BRENDA McKENZIE, 44, of 1403 East 15th, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct/fighting. · CHARLES COLLINS, 35, of

charge of assault/family violence. • **JOHN SHOBER**, 21, of 1104 Lamar, was arrested on a

1801 Settles, was arrested on a

charge of evading arrest. • THEFT was reported in the 300 block of Owens, in the 1700 block of East Marcy, in the 1200, block of East 11th, in the 900 block of Willa, in the 300 block of Gregg, in the 2300 block of Wasson, in the 2000 block of Gregg

 CLASS C ASSAULT was reported in the 3200 block of Auburn and in the 300 block of

 BURGLARY OF A BUILD-ING was reported in the 1600 block of Gregg and in the 400 block of Runnels.

· BURGLARY OF A HABI-1400 block of Nolan. CRIMINAL MISCHIEF State

 CAT BITE was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard.

MARKETS

July cotton 55.70, down 11 points; June crude 25.79, up 5 points; cash hogs steady at 50 even; slaughter steers at 73 even; June lean hog futures 76.72, down 42 points; June live cattle futures 69.30, up 2 points. courtesy: Delta Corporation. Other markets not available by press

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Spring Fire Department/EMS reports:

FRIDAY 4:29 a.m. -2300 block Wasson, trauma call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

5:24 a.m. - SMMC, patient transferred to residence. 7:51 a.m. — 2700 block Gregg,

Sunday deadlines

All Sunday items (weddings, anniversaries, engagements, birth announcements, Who's Who, military) are due to the Herald office by Wednesday at noon.

Wedding, engagement, anniversary and birth announcement forms are available in the editorial department. Pictures are to be picked

up no later than 30 days after publication or they will be discarded.

traffic accident, three patients transported to SMMC 11:42 a.m. - 1900 Block North

Highway 87, medical call, patient transported to SMMC. 4:25 p.m. — SMMC, patient

transferred to Odessa. 5:22 p.m. — 2900 block Cactus,

trauma call, patient transported to SMMC. 5:41 p.m. - 800 Block East

15th, medical call, patient transported to SMMC. 11:08 p.m. — 1600 block Johnson, medical call, patient

refused service. SATURDAY 1:32 a.m. — 1600 block Lancaster, medical call, patient

transported to SMMC. 9:09 a.m. - First Baptist Church, public service. 9:54 a.m. - 1700 block Gregg,

traffic accident, one patient transported to SMMC, two patients refused service. 2:01 p.m. - SMMC, patient

transferred to residence. 3:50 p.m. — 1100 block Gregg, automobile fire, fire was extin-3:38 p.m. - 500 block East

F.M. 700, traffic accident, patient transported to SMMC. 5:49 p.m. - 2000 block Virginia, medical call, patient

refused service. 7:09 p.m. - 600 block Highland, medical call, patient refused service.

8:57 p.m. — 500 block East

15th, medical call, patient transported to SMMC. 10:26 a.m. — 1700 block Lancaster, trauma call, patient

refused service.

SUNDAY 12:48 a.m. - 1900 block Morrison, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

500 block 9:31 a.m. Birdwell, medical call, patient refused service. 10:00 a.m. - SMMC, patient

10:41 a.m. — 100 block Algerita, medical call, patient transported to SMMC. 12:14 p.m. — 2300 block Fairchild, rubbish fire, fire was

transferred to residence.

extinguished. 1:26 p.m. — MM 173 and I-20. traffic accident, patient transported to SMMC.

3:15 p.m. — 1600 block Chicksaw, medical call, patient transported to SMMC. 3:36 p.m. — 300 block

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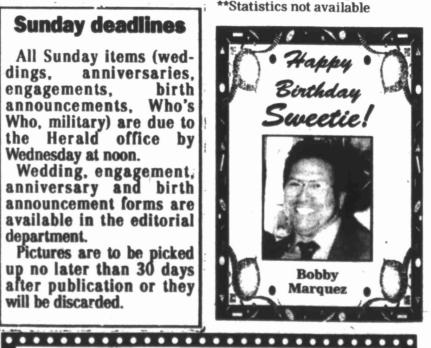
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Northwest Texas town pounded by tornadoes

Northwest Texas town in the path of one of at least four tornadoes that went on a weekend rampage has lost its cotton gin and other businesses as well as several homes.

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The twister tore down power lines to the town of 150 people and crews worked to restore electricity.

"We've got the power crews out there right now trying to get things working," said Ron Sadler, dispatcher for the Throckmorton County Sheriff's Department.

Barns in the town about 50 miles southwest of Wichita Falls were also destroyed. Golfball-size hail accompanied the fast-moving line of thunder- rologist in Fort Worth.

ELBERT (AP) - A small storms that swept an area from the Oklahoma-Kansas border to South Texas.

There were no reports of serious injuries. But Sadler said a truck was blown onto its side by the high winds. The driver, whose identity was not yet available, was taken to a nearby hospital for treatment of minor injuries then released, he said.

The twister hit around 6 p.m., but we got plenty of warning. got everybody notified," said Sadler. "We got word to them and got them into cellars."

Three twisters were also confirmed by the National Weather Service in neighboring Young County, with one reported to be a half-mile-wide funnel cloud near Olney

Two tornadoes moved past the town of 3,300 and another touched down in the western part of the county, said Steve Fano, a weather service meteothe Young County Sheriff's Office, said damage was minor. He said fallen electrical lines blocked routes into the towns.

Three miles east of Oklaunion in eastern Wilbarger County, a farm may have taken a direct hit from a tornado, according to Wichita Falls Times Record News reports from Vernon.

A mobile home, three barns and a shed were destroyed on the farm, owned by Robert Kimbrew, located on U.S. 287. Kimbrew's brick home was damaged and four grain bins were moved by the high winds.

farm hand, who lived in the mobile home, was also destroyed in the storm. Riding out the storm on

A car belonging to Kimbrew's

Kimbrew's farm was a Euless man who had a narrow escape. Sitting in his car, John V. to him disintegrate under the

Gary Barnett, deputy chief of force of the storm. The mobile home behind him exploded, sending a six-foot length of two by-four through his rear window and into the back seat, inches from where he was sit-

> There were broadcast reports of another tornado Sunday evening five miles southwest of the Jack County town of Bryson, but it was not immediately confirmed by the weather service, Fano said.

Around 3:15 p.m., National Weather Service spotters saw a funnel cloud four miles west of Paducah in Cottle County, but it apparently never touched ground. No damage was report-

The heavy weather formed along the leading edge of a warm front that pushed eastward through the state. Along with the tornadoes, the storm's Burnside watched the barn next dropped golf ball- to tennis ballsized hail.

President was Y2K-ready. Still, lawmakers, independent counsel Robert Ray and Justice Department officials are trying to determine whether the delays in retrieving e-mails and informing investigators about thousands of possibly relevant documents was part of an effort to obstruct crucial investigations of the president. The White House denies any wrong

The White House also has an obligation under federal law to preserve all official records of the presidency.

Heissner's February 1999 memo to fellow Office of Administration staffer Dorothy E. Cleal provides extensive detail about the history of the email glitch — information that wasn't given to Congress until just weeks ago.

"Records management, man dated by law, requires among other things that incoming and outgoing e-mail meeting certain criteria to be considered federal records be archived for future retrieval," the memo said.

Senate set for showdown on firearms and vouchers

WASHINGTON (AP) -Senate Democrats, angry that gun trigger locks and other safety measures remain stalled in juvenile justice legislation, now have a new vehicle big and popular enough to push their cause for weeks: educa-

And, as debate begins today, federal school aid programs may get caught in the cross

"You can't separate safety and security in schools from the issue of the avallability and the accessibility of guns," Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., said in an interview. "The public understands that school violence prevention is a complex issue. The American people are increasingly demanding that we take

On Friday, the two sides set up "war rooms" in the Capitol Building to highlight their differences on who should control \$20 billion in federal K-12 grants. The Democrats replicated a classroom with student desks and chairs to hold interviews and Internet chats that coincide with President Clinton's Midwestern schools tour, promoting class-size reduction and after-school funding. Republicans planned online chats and events to tout the flexibility they say they're giving parents and schools with voucher proposals and block grants.

"There is a clear difference between us on who should set the priorities; people are going to want to know both sides," said Joseph Karpinski, a spokesman for Sen. James Jeffords, R-Vt., chairman of the Senate Health Education Pensions Labor and Committee. Jeffords is bringing the main proposal to his colleagues and must oversee

the debate. Kennedy is the leading Democrat on the panel. "We would hope it could stay a pure debate on education,"

Karpinski şaid.

Kennedy said he and others will be united in making guncontrol proposals, adding that guns used in the Columbine slayings were acquired by the teen gunmen through loopholes in laws governing gun

"When you talk about security and safety in schools, most of us have historically looked at smaller class sizes, afterschool programs, and better trained teachers, but part of this whole thing is having schools free from easy accessibility to guns," Kennedy said.

House lawmakers will soon consider a school safety bill without trigger-lock require-

Democrats have long tried to attach gun control to other bills, but they weren't successful until the 1999 renewal of federal grants to states for juvenile delinquency programs. However, the House and Senate plans failed to match: a Senate-passed bill set a 72-hour background check on gun-show sales and a House bill shrank the wait to 24

A House-Senate conference committee has been assigned to reconcile differences; normally when there are such differences on complex legislation, members and their advisers meet privately to work out a compromise. But politics intensified disagreements. Democrats unhappy with the pace of negotiations have demanded that House and Senate negotiators meet openly hoping the public glare will

prod them into action. Meanwhile, Democrats and Republicans have a wide enough gulf to bridge in rewriting the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, which helps schools pay for programs ranging from boosting poor children's grades and test scores to training their

teachers.

White House prepared to disclose and fix e-mail glitch that the Executive Office of the

House officials prepared to tell Congress as early as February 1999 about a glitch in their email system and to begin retrieving thousands of unarchived messages that might be relevant to investigators. But they never followed through, an internal memo shows.

The memo, a set of talking points for testimony before congressional appropriators, laid out the history of the problem. It disclosed that presidential aides had solicited a bid on Oct. 20, 1998, from contractor Northrup Grumman to retrieve e-mails that weren't archived because of the glitch.

The contractor proposed "a design to recover the missing records," Karl H. Heissner of the White House Office of Administration wrote on Feb. 5, 1999. "... The approximate cost for the system design is \$602,000.

Although officials had a proposal in hand, they waited until this year to begin retrieving the missing e-mails and reviewing

WASHINGTON (AP) — White should have been handed over to lawmakers and federal prosecutors who had subpoenaed documents in the Monica Lewinsky, political fund-raising

and Whitewater investigations. Heissner's memo, obtained by The Associated Press, also suggests he was reluctant to tell Congress about the status of official document requests to the White House both from lawmakers and "litigants against the government" - because the internal statistics showed such requests were on the decline.

'We may not want to call attention to the issue by bringing the issue to the attention of Congress because last year's hours consumed by ... staff amounts to only a little over 500, this year's hours consumed so far amounts to only 65, and the level of requests appears to be declining," Heissner wrote. He added for emphasis, "Let

sleeping dogs lie.' The e-mail file is expected to play a key role in hearings later this week before the House Government Reform

ing the controversy.

White House officials blame a "disconnect" between their technicians, who diagnosed the e-mail problem, and their lawyers, who apparently did not understand that the glitch might affect pending subpoena requests.

Jim Kennedy, spokesman for the White House counsel's office, said Heissner's memo showed presidential aides never intended to hide the problem and were prepared to answer

questions about it. 'We have seen no documents that in any way suggest that the e-mail problem was hidden from Congress," Kennedy said.

White House officials said they believe Heissner's "sleeping-dogs-lie" comment was simply expressing a desire not to encourage the Republican-controlled Congress to send more subpoenas and document requests.

As for the delay in retrieving unarchived e-mails, White House officials say they placed the project behind more pressthem to determine if they Committee, which is investigating problems, such as ensuring

ing the special commission. Linbeck said he is sure that the report will be thorough and without bias.

University of Kentucky professor John Thelin, an expert in policy- and decision-making by universities, said the commission will probably conclude there was no malice or intent in the collapse.

"They will confine it to technical remarks. But the problem isn't technical. The problem is cultural," Thelin told the Austin American-Statesman. "Can you really anticipate that anyone wants to clean house on this?"

The newspaper said some questioned whether an outside investigation not paid for by the university will be conducted to determine if any blame needs to be assessedy.

Two other outside investigations still pending are also limited in scope, the newspaper

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A&M bonfire collapse report due Tuesday COLLEGE STATION (AP) — former and current, as well as the investigation, said Leo E.

university are promising a bonfire collapse report that examines what went wrong as 12 Aggies were killed and 27 others were injured, but others say the special commission's conclusions aren't detailed enough.

Findings from a special commission's five-month, \$1.6 million investigation into last year's collapse are due out

But the report will not answer one of the most frequently asked questions — concerning the Aggie tradition's future or recommend any ramifications in the aftermath of A&M's deadliest accident, according to

the Bryan-College Station Eagle. It reported that university President Ray Bowen must decude whether the bonfire, which has drawn more than 70,000 people on pre-game nights before the Aggies face the University of Texas, will

continue. Bowen has said he will draw

Administrators of Texas A&M opinions of administrators, Linbeck Jr., a Houston confamilies of those affected by the tragedy to make that determination in coming weeks or months.

be on Tuesday. The commission's five members, who have a single charge of deterrmining what caused the tragedy, will meet for the last time starting at 1 p.m. Tuesday at A&M's Reed Arena. Members will listen to a detailed report from its chiefs of

of engineering and other con-

on input from students, both world" have been assigned to said.

The "best people in the

staff, who organized four teams sultants for the inquiry.

"We all want to know what happened; the families especially need to know," Donald Powell, chairman of the A&M system board of regents, told the newspaper in today's edi-

tions. "The families of those who died and those who were injured are foremost in our minds right now. Our hearts and our minds continue to be with them, and, of course, will

Texas teachers association seeks higher salaries

increase is not enough to comwork.

North Texas leaders said they would welcome collective bargaining, in which teachers would sit at the negotiating table with area school boards.

have considered collective bargaining synonymous with political conflict, said Michael Miller, a reading specialist at

Texas public school teacher is Silver Lake Elementary School in Grapevine. "What people need to know is

that there are thousands of contracts settled every year without a strike," said Miller, who is president of the association region that includes the Arlington, Birdville, Grapevine-Colleyville, **Hurst-Euless-**Bedford and Keller districts. "And it's been the perception that it was because of those teachers, when it could have been a stubborn school board that didn't bargain in good faith that caused the strike.'

FORT WORTH (AP) -Members of the Texas State \$35,178 a year. Association members said the Teachers Association are pledg-

ing to fight harder for higher pay, improved benefits and better working conditions for public school employees in the next A group of about 600 educa-

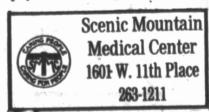
tors met Saturday for the association's 121st annual convention at the Hyatt Regency DFW hotel. "We've been so passive as a group," said Lauri Rule, a 24-

year educator at O.D.

Shackelford Junior High School in Arlington. 'That's why we still lack in benefits and pay. It's time to take an active role," she is quoted as saying in Sunday editions of the Fort Worth Star-

Telegram. State lawmakers have pushed

to boost the salaries. Last year, the state gave a \$3,000 raise to all public school teachers. But Texas still ranks 35th in the nation in teacher pay. The average salary of a



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OUR VIEWS

School, city elections need your vote now

o matter where you live in Howard County, there is an election going on this week. Early voting in area council, mayoral and education boards ends Tuesday around the area. Election day is Saturday.

Some of the elections are limited to a portion of residents only. That's the case in the Big Spring Independent School District, where Tommy Churchwell and Terry Wegman are seeking the District 2 post. Only those citizens residing in the district are eligible to cast a ballot.

That's true also in the Big Spring City Council race for District 6. Only residents of the district can cast a ballot for one of four office-seekers - incumbent Gregg Biddison, Brenda Davis, Tom Guess or Judy Robertson.

A much broader voter base comes into play in the Howard College trustee election, where John Freeman and Michael R. Niklasch are seeking an at-large seat on the board. Anyone residing within the college district may cast a vote.

That includes Coahoma and Forsan residents, who also have separate elections. Coahoma residents have five candidates vying for three places on the school board. They are Larry Cordes, Eddie Corse, Ronnie Dodson, Jody Reid and James L. White. Four candidates are seeking two at-large posts on the Forsan ISD board. They are incumbent Lewis Boeker, Barney Hise, Paul Spence and Robert Wash.

Coahoma candidates for three at-large city council seats are incumbent Eleanor Garrett, write-in candidate Craig Ferguson, Randy Overton, Paulette Lindsey and Dan Shelborne. Forsan has no contested alderman race, but Mayor Jim Buske is getting a challenge from Shane Sayles.

Early voting is being held at the county courthouse in the Big Spring ISD and Howard College trustee races and at Forsan High School for the Forsan mayor's race. All others are being held at the administrative offices of their respective entities: Big Spring and Coahoma city halls and Coahoma and Forsan ISD administration buildings.

Saturday, early voting will be at the community center in Coahoma for Coahoma ISD and city elections; Forsan High School and Elbow Elementary schools for the Forsan ISD and city elections; and Big Spring High School cafeteria for the Big Spring ISD and Big Spring City Council elections. Howard College will have voting boxes at Big Spring High School cafeteria, Knott Fire Station, Coahoma Community Center, Forsan High School, Elbow Elementary, Sand Springs Community Center and Vincent Baptist Church.

We encourage all eligible Howard County citizens to take the time to vote. Whether it be city or education board, these elections help to shape the quality of life in our county.

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If they can't read, computers won't help

n his debate with Bill Bradley at the Apollo Theater in Harlem, N.Y. earlier this year. Vice President Al Gore called for federally supported "Info

Stamps" based on the model of food stamps - toensure that poor children have access to personal computers.

Gore did not develop the theme on that occasion but recently at an appearance at

Morehouse College in Atlanta, a prestigious, historically black institution, he went into detail.

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Speaking in the chapel. which is named for Martin Luther King Jr. and flanked by former Atlanta mayor Andrew Young — once a top King aide and by King's son, Martin Luther King III, Gore identified himself with King, who had famously spoken of his "dream" from the "mountain." The biblical allusion, of course, is to Moses at the end of Deuteronomy viewing the Promised Land from the high-

on the Mount Gore proclaimed that we are now atop another mountain meaning prosperity, surpluses and the "information revolu-

est peak on Mount Nebo and,

no doubt, also to Jesus' Sermon

"If we take this mountaintop moment," he said, "and squander the resources that we call a surplus on a tax cut for the wealthy, on a risk that is designed not to lift up those in need but to give more to those who have much, what will happen to those who are waiting

for the help that ought to be extended to them?"

(I will not pause here over the malice imputed by Gore to his opponents with his use of the word "designed," or his characterization of tax surpluses as a "resource." or his claim that there is something vicious in returning taxpaver overpayments to the taxpayer, or his habitual demonization of the 'wealthy.'')

The want ads, Gore continued, are filled with high-paying jobs that cannot be filled because of inadequate training. And, he went on. "Simultaneously, we have hundreds of thousands and mil-

lions who have the ability, the curiosity, the desire to learn and to succeed but have not had the opportunity and the

There Gore painted with a rather broad brush, but we'll let that pass for the time being.

What is his solution? Big surprise: The solution, he said, will come from the federal government, which will place computers with Internet access in every classroom and library to train teachers in new technologies, to integrate the computers into the full scholastic curriculum, to build computer-training centers in needy communities and to bring Internet access to every household

From this mountaintop he proposed that the nation establish a national goal of making every student computer literate by eighth grade. As usual, he did not quote a price on all this, but we'll let that go because it is not the main point here.

And, to be sure, studies are showing that although Internet access is spreading rapidly, a gap is developing that correlates with income, between

those who have access and those who do not. Gore wants everyone out there on the "information superhighway." as he put it during the 1996 campaign. Line up for your Info Stamps.

But the problem of those hundreds of thousands and "millions" who cannot get those jobs listed in the want ads is not that they lack access to the Internet and not that they lack computer literacy, but that they lack ordinary literacy and ordinary mathematical skills, just for starters.

Computer literacy is all very well, but it does not begin to touch the problem of those who cannot qualify for entry-level jobs in the current full-employment economy.

If you could count on ordinary literacy, learning how to access the Internet would be a cinch. Such programs as America Online instruct the user at an elementary level, step-by-step, to use the program. Students refer to these levels of programs as being "proof." Of course, if you are not literate enough to read what comes up on the screen, then we have a problem that is not going to be solved by Gore's vision from the top of Mount Nebo of a computer in every pot, or garage, or what-

The problem of the students that Gore has in mind has many dimensions. First of all, it has to do with the atmosphere in the household in which these children come to consciousness and then grow up. Do the parents — or parent

 read books, newspapers or magazines, and do they talk about them? What is the quality of conversation in that household? The extent of the vocabulary used? The awareness of public affairs? How

many hours per day is the television on? Do the parents insist that schoolwork be done? Is good performance in school rewarded?

Outside the home, the quality of the local subculture is important, too. Is achievement in school highly regarded? Or is it denounced and condemmed? What are the admired goals of this subculture? Does it regard a Ph.D. more favorably than athletic success? Are books discussed?

And, of course, the quality of the school and the classroom is important. Safety is much more important than fresh paint or classroom size. And alertness in the classroom is important, too. What is possible in the school is heavily influenced by the child's home environment and what happens in his or her neighborhood.

Finally, we have the quality of instruction itself. Are the teachers competent, engaging, energetic, effective? By what criteria is their performance judged? Are teachers tested? Is excellence tangibly rewarded? Where is the accountability?

All such questions, of course, are intransigently resisted by the teachers unions, the AFT and the NEA, from which, again of course, Gore receives lavish and undivided support. These unions care more about job security than about educational results.

And, again of course, Gore is adamantly opposed to vouchers (so is the AFT and the NEA), which would introduce options and competition into the public

Up on his mountain, Gore is just blowing smoke. Marie Antoinette, when told about a shortage of bread, legendarily said, "Let them eat cake." Gore is telling those who aren't learning, "Eat computers."

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Is this panda diplomacy or panda blackmail?

he giant panda has long captured our imagination, and it has arguably become the most loved of endangered species on earth, and therefore one of the most costly. The Chinese

Wildlife Conservation Association now charges \$1 million per year to rent a pair of pan-

das In China, giant pandas symbolize peace, in part because their diet consists primarily of

bamboo. Giant pandas can grow to five or six feet and males weigh up to 225 pounds. Their natural habitats are the bamboo forests of China, which usually grow at elevations of between 8,500

feet and 9,800 feet. In the wild,

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pandas have a life span of 18 to This results in inbreeding. 20 years, but in captivity they can live as long as 30 years.

There are only about 1,000 pandas left in the world, so in 1984, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service named the giant panda an endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973. The 140 nation signatories of the Convention on International Trade in **Endangered Species of Wild** Fauna and Flora also provide protection, and the Chinese government imposes life sentences for anyone caught poaching pandas. Even so, their numbers have continued to dwindle.

Man, the panda's greatest foe, continues to encroach and destroy their bamboo forests. And despite the Chinese law, poachers continue to hunt pandas for their pelts. But perhaps the greatest threat comes from man's interference with biology called population fragmentation. Pandas are divided into approximately 32 geographically separated subpopulations.

which is genetically harmful and causes fertility problems.

The giant panda breeds between the ages of 4 and 10. The mating season is in the spring, and cubs are born three to five months later. Currently, 124 pandas live in zoos in China and North Korea, and approximately 20 live in other zoos abroad. Many attempts have been

made to mate pandas in captivity, but with little success. The problem for female pandas is that few of them exhibit normal estrus behavior, and males exhibit little interest in females. The first successful birth in captivity outside of China occurred in 1980 at a zoo in Mexico City. There have been five panda births in the United States, including a set of twins born to Hsing-Hsing and Ling Ling at the National Zoo in Washington, D.C., but none of the cubs survived more than a few days. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife

Service adopted a new policy,

in 1998 that allocated most of the profits from the exhibition of pandas to research. FWS also froze the importation of pandas from 1993 to 1998 because many zoos in the United States were simply applying for short-term panda rental deals. So, as of November 1999 there were only five giant pandas in U.S. Zoos. The San Diego zoo has a young breeding pair and a cub on loan. The Atlanta zoo also has a young breeding pair.

The National Zoo in Washington, D.C., has just signed a deal to rent a young pair of pandas for 10 years for \$10 million.

Any cubs born to them will also belong to China. But the deal is not immune from politics. The head of panda research at Peking University, Pan Wenxi, said, "If the United States moves one more step toward favoring Taiwan's position over China's, then there will be problems.

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Virginia mom's custody battle in stark contrast to Gonzalez case

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (AP) Dabbagh's - When Maureen Dabbagh saw the dramatic photos of Elian Gonzalez being forcibly removed from the home of his Miami relatives, she thought justice had been done.

At least, she said, the 6-yearold Cuban boy had been reunited with his father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez, after only about 180 days. Dabbagh has been waiting more than seven years to see her daughter, who was abducted by her ex-husband and whose whereabouts are unknown

"All (Attorney General Janet) Reno said is let Dad have him, let him have his son back," Dabbagh said. "It's no different for me or for any other parent who has had their child abducted. That's all I want - my daughter back.

The Virginia Beach woman hasn't seen Nadia since October 1992, when the girl was only 2 years old. She hasn't even seen so much as a photo of Nadia, now 10, since she was taken by

Mohamad Hisham Dabbagh.

And despite having legal custody of Nadia in both the United States and Syria, Maureen Dabbagh has repeatedly run into roadblocks in her efforts to get her daughter back

"At least Elian's father could see that his son was alive and healthy," she said.

"There are no recent photographs of my daughter, so I have no assurance that she is really OK."

Several recent phone calls made to Mohamad Dabbagh at his last known employer in Saudi Arabia were not returned.

Since Nadia was taken, Dabbagh has dedicated much of her time to lobbying politicians, monitoring e-mail and making phone calls in the hope of bringing her child and others like her back to the United States.

She has formed P.A.R.E.N.T. International, or Parents Advocating for Recovery Education Through

ex-husband, Networking Together. Since that's willing to walk-the extra 1994, the group has helped bring home more than 200 children abducted to foreign countries

by one of their parents. Dabbagh and hundreds of other parents will meet in Washington, D.C., May 11-13 for an international abduction conference. They will also hold a candlelight vigil outside the White House.

But Dabbagh said she has very little hope of getting her daughter back through traditional government channels, citing questionable ties between the U.S. and Syrian governments and a lack of enforcement of child abduction laws in both countries.

Charles Pickett, Dabbagh's case manager with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, said she has worked as hard as any parent he's ever met to get her daughter back.

"Regretfully, what I have found is that it is hard to find

mile to get the child back,' Pickett said.

Dabbagh says the Clinton administration has essentially ignored two resolutions introduced by U.S. Sen. Charles Robb, D-Va., asking for her daughter's safe return.

So she has taken more drastic measures, including a 36-day hunger strike. But most government officials took little notice, she said.

"It's as if my government thinks the life of my child is expendable," she said. "If they think the life of my child is expendable, why shouldn't I risk everything to save her? ... What do I have to lose?"

More than 1,100 active cases of child abduction are now filed with the State Department.

The United States does not give up on any cases involving missing children, but it cannot break the laws of other countries when trying to locate and bring American children home, somebody in the other country a State Department official said.

Prosecutors seek death penalty, still hope to find woman's body

Girly Chew Hossencofft failed to show up for work at Bank of America nearly eight months ago, her co-workers knew they would likely never see her again.

Her boss called police. Within hours, her bloody clothing was found along a rural highway and her purse was found in the middle of an Albuquerque street. Damp carpet with bleached-out bloodstains was found at her home.

Her estranged husband, Diazien Hossencofft, sand his 46-year-old girlfriend, Linda Henning, are charged with murder in a case that has made headlines in Mrs. Hossencrofft's native Malaysia. Bail for each was set

at \$2.5 million. In November, a grand jury handed down a 27-count indictment against Hossencofft and a 20-count indictment against

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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) Henning, that includes charges of murder, kidnapping, conspiracy and evidence-tampering. No trial date has been set.

The defendants could face the death penalty if convicted. prosecutors say, although the defense disputes that. It is rare for defendants to face execution when the alleged murder victim is missing.

Both defendants maintain their innocence.

FBI agent John Schum said bank employees told him that Mrs. Hossencofft, 36, reported threats by her 34-year-old husband of six years over the couple's final years and "that if she ever disappeared, they should expect the worst.'

"She was very afraid of him. She feared for her life," said

her boss, Kathy Freeman. Hossencofft, who also vanished when his wife disappeared, was arrested Sept. 21 in Charleston, S.C.



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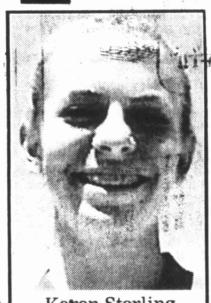


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Howard's Loesch finishes second all-round in region

Howard College's Todd Loesch closed out the 1999-2000 collegiate rodeo season ranked second in the allaround competition in the Southwest Region after he and Texas Tech's Russell Riggan finished second in team roping at the Tarleton State University Rodeo Stephenville on Saturday.

While Loesch and his teammates failed to qualify for the College Finals Rodeo, firstyear Hawks coach said he was pleased with his team's over all showing on the season.

The only other Howard competitor to place in Saturday's short round in Stephenville was Jeremy Hughes, who finished fifth in the steer wrestling, a broken barrier dashing any hope he had for winning the event.

Coahoma boosters will hold banquet tonight

The Coahoma Athletic Booster Club will hold its annual athletic banquet at 6:30 tonight in the elementary school cafeteria.

Tickets for the banquet are priced at \$7 each and will be available at the door.

The public is invited to attend.

BSHS swimming team sets banquet for Friday

The Big Spring High School swim team will hold its annual banquet at 7 p.m. Friday at the KC Steakhouse.

No tickets are being sold to the event, but the public is invited to attend.

Forsan reunion organizers seeking team pictures

Organizers planning the Aug. 5 all-class reunion at Forsan High School are currently seeking team pictures of the 1966 and 1967 Queens basketball teams that reached the state tournament in Austin.

Anyone having a picture of one or both of those teams is asked to call Boyce Hale at

Softball tournament set to benefit Cancer Society

The first ever Relay for Life Softball Tournament sponsored by the Sid Richardson Carbon Co. has been scheduled for Friday and Saturday at Cotton Mize Field in Comanche Trail Park.

All proceeds from the tournament will benefit the American Cancer Societ

The tournament field will be limited to 12 teams. Fees are \$110 per team and the deadline to enter is 6 p.m. Wednesday. For more information, call Keith Lance at 399-4255 or Tony Modisette at 263-1379.

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-

Little League umpires **neede**d for new season

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

Prior experience is not necessary, because new umpires will be offered training ses-

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

ON THE AIR

Television NBA PLAYOFFS

6 p.m. - Charlotte Hornets at Philadelphia 76ers, TBS, Ch. 11. 8:30 p.m. — Indiana Pacers at Milwaukee Bucks, TBS, Ch. 11.

NHL PLAYOFFS 6 p.m. — Colorado Avalanche at Detroit Red Wings, ESPN, Ch.

Pudge, Rangers come out of slump with 8-4 win over Orioles BALTIMORE (AP) — Ivan Rodriguez "Everybody goes through a slump, but solid defense, giving Oates reason to ter.

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ended his slump, and so did the Texas

In both cases, it seemingly was only a matter of time.

Rodriguez broke out of a 2-for-22 drought with two homers and a double as Texas snapped a four-game losing streak by beating the Baltimore Orioles 8-4 Sunday.

Rodriguez, the 1999 AL MVP, was 0-for-2 before hitting a double in the sixth inning, a solo homer in the seventh and a two-run shot in the ninth.

"There's not enough good things you can say about him," Texas manager Johnny Oates said. "He's just an unbelievable player."

Rodriguez had just two hits in his previous five games before breaking out in a big way.

you've just got to keep swinging," he said. "We all played pretty good today. If we keep doing what we did today, it's a good start.'

Kenny Rogers (3-3) allowed four runs and nine hits in 7 1-3 innings for the Rangers, who got at least one hit from every starter and banged out six doubles in winning for only the third time in 13

"A day like today is what I think we envisioned coming out of spring training," Oates said. "I felt that we could score enough runs, that our starting pitching would be a strength and that our bullpen could get people out."

After Rogers departed, Texas relievers Jeff Zimmerman, Mike Venafro and John Wettleland shut down the Orioles without a hit. The Rangers also played

Coahoma's Kenni Kay Buchanan slides into third base after belting a triple to left field during the

fourth inning of the Bulldogettes' 14-0 win over Windthorst's Trojanettes last week. The

uiidogettes will take on Archer City's Lady Wildcats at 7 p.m. Tuesday in a Class 2A regional qua

Knicks finish sweep of Raptors

Carter's sneakers as souvenirs.

Carter said. "You say to your-

self you're not going to come

back and play basketball. Now

I've got to go home and watch

In other games Sunday,

Minnesota beat Portland 94-87

and Sacramento defeated the

Los Angeles Lakers 99-91. The

Timberwolves and Kings staved

off elimination, but still trail 2-

attempt to wrap up their series

tonight. The 76ers face

Charlotte at home, and the

New York moves on to face

the Heat in the playoffs for the

fourth straight season. This

time, both teams are coming off

The Knicks had to work hard

for this victory, just as they did

in the first two games, and the

difference came down to which

team could make the right deci-

sions and sink the key shots in

With the Knicks leading 80-78

with one minute left, Charles

Oakley picked up his dribble 30

feet from the basket and threw

the ball out of bounds when

none of the other Raptors came

Philadelphia and Indiana will

1 in their best-of-five series.

Pacers are at Milwaukee.

first-round sweeps.

the final minute.

and deal with nephews and

"Reality hit real quick,"

for the stragglers who got foot jumper with 44 seconds left

for an 82-78 lead.

After two foul shots by

Antonio Davis, Johnson's 3-

pointer slammed off the back-

board and went right through

Upon making the shot,

Johnson pointed his fist at his

right elbow — his "Big L" ges-

ture that has returned to fash-

Only this time, the "L" might

Carter had another below-par

Chris Webber scored 29 points

and reserve Tony Delk added 11

in Sacramento's home victory

Shaquille O'Neal had 21

points and 17 rebounds, but

went 8-for-22 from the field and

5-for-14 from the line for the

Lakers. Kobe Bryant scored 16

of his 35 points in the fourth

Timberwolves 94, Blazers 87

Terrell Brandon scored 28

points and held Damon

Stoudamire to two free throws

as Minnesota beat visiting

Minnesota's Kevin Garnett

game, scoring 15 points on 5-for-

just as well have stood for

ion after a one-year hiatus.

"Lucky" than "Larry.

Kings 99, Lakers 91

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terfinal playoff game at Abilene Christian University's Wells Field.

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he was winless.

80 victory.

crunch situations.

against Miami.

Vince Carter peeled off his

sneakers and flung them into

the stands, then walked back to

the locker room as shoeless as

The Toronto Raptors' first

playoff appearance ended on a

downer Sunday as they were

swept out of the first round by

the New York Knicks. The

deciding factors in all three

games were poise and experi-

ence, especially in Sunday's 87-

and know what it takes to win,"

Toronto's Tracy McGrady said,

"and they got it done in the

Sunday's biggest shot was a

lucky one by Larry Johnson -

a 3-pointer that banked in off

the backboard from a nearly

straight-away angle with 24.2

seconds left to put the Knicks

into a second-round series

"Definitely, the gods were

Carter and Dee Brown missed

shots on Toronto's next posses-

sion, and Chris Childs locked

up the victory by making two

foul shots with 11.8 seconds left.

As the final eight seconds

with me," Johnson said. "I did-

n't call a bank on that one.'

"They're an experienced team

believe that Texas might be on the road to reversing its awful 8-15 start. "Today is more indicative of what we

should be doing on the field," he said. Mark Lewis drove in two runs for the Orioles, whose nine-game home winning streak came to an end. Baltimore, which held an early 3-0 lead, had not lost at Camden Yards since opening day.

Pat Rapp (3-1) absorbed his first defeat in a Baltimore uniform, allowing five" runs on nine hits in 5 2-3 innings.

"Well, I didn't walk anybody," he said. "In the sixth inning I left some fastballs up and they capitalized on it.'

Texas used three doubles in the sixth to score twice and take a 5-3 lead. After Rodriguez doubled, David Segui followed with a double and Gabe Kapler chased Rapp with a liner to the gap in right-cen-

"They hit some balls that landed where we weren't standing and they got back in the game. Then they went ahead and closed it out," Orioles manager Mike Hargrove said. "I've seen Pat pitch better, but I thought he pitched well enough to win.'

Baltimore was charged with two errors, three wild pitches and a passed

"We were our own worst enemy

today," Hargrove said. Despite the loss, the Orioles finished

the month 14-10. That's a lot better than last April, when Baltimore went 6-16.

"We have a lot of things to build on so far," catcher Charles Johnson said. "The mood is a lot different than last year, a lot better. A lot of things were going on last year. We're more settled now.'



pitches inside. They don't like his efforts to avoid bench-emptying brawls. And they certainly don't like the way he silences their bats. Martinez kept his perfect

record against the Indians intact by taking a shutout into the eighth inning Sunday before being ejected for drilling Roberto Alomar in Boston's 2-1 victory.

Several Indians players thought Martinez was intentionally throwing at Einar Diaz, who had doubled twice off him, in the seventh inning. They became angrier in the eighth when Martinez stayed in the dugout after Cleveland's Charles Nagy (1-4) hit Jose Offerman sending players streaming off both benches and bullpens.

Martinez (5-0) didn't emerge from the safety of the dugout until some Indians players. including Scott Kamieniecki, egged him on.

"I thought everyone in the stadium saw how much guts he has by throwing at a guy's head and then staying in the dugout," Kamieniecki said. "I don't see how his teammates can respect him. Everyone respects his ability — he's the best pitcher in baseball. But this isn't the same.

"At least he stayed in the dugout. Last year in Baltimore, he hit a guy and ran into the clubhouse.

Martinez struck out 10 in improving to 7-0 against Cleveland and winning his 13th straight decision overall. But the right-hander did lose something Sunday — respect.

"It was obvious he was throwing at Einar," Omar Vizquel said. "That was pretty (cheap). Then he doesn't come out and fight. That's pretty chicken

right there.' In other American League games Sunday, the New York Yankees defeated Toronto 7-1, Detroit beat the Chicago White Sox 4-3 in 12 innings, Texas won at Baltimore 8-4, Kansas City beat Seattle 6-3, Oakland defeated Minnesota 8-2, and Anaheim topped Tampa Bay 5-2.

In the National League, it was Arizona 6, Chicago 0; Atlanta 7. San Diego 4; St. Louis 4, Philadelphia 3; Cincinnati 6, Colorado 11; Montreal 4, San Francisco 3; and Los Angeles 7, Florida 1. "I'm just going to do my job,

and if that's going to cost people liking me, that's fine with me,' Martinez said. "What? I'm not allowed to pitch inside?"

In the seventh, Martinez twice came high and tight to Diaz, once knocking the Indians catcher down before striking

When Martinez hit Alomar in the eighth, the teams again met in the middle of the infield but did not fight, perhaps in light of the stiff suspensions issued to Detroit and the White Sox last

Martinez hadn't been ejected since Sept. 24, 1996, when he was with Montreal and had a reputation for throwing at bat-

Derek Lowe finished for his fifth save, but allowed Richie Sexson's solo homer in the ninth, snapping Cleveland's 32at-bat hitless string against Lowe in the regular season.

Mike Stanley homered as the Red Sox avoided a sweep in the first meeting between the teams since October's playoffs.

Yankees 7, Blue Jays 1

Roger Clemens got his 249th career win and Paul O'Neill hit a three-run double at Yankee Stadium.

Clemens (2-2) struck out eight and allowed one run, seven hits and two walks in seven innings. He moved into 38th place on the career victory list.

The game was scoreless in the fifth when O'Neill hit his double off Toronto's Roy Halladay (2-4). New York broke the game open with a four-run sixth as Shane Spencer hit a two-run homer and Derek Jeter a tworun double.

Tigers 4, White Sox 3

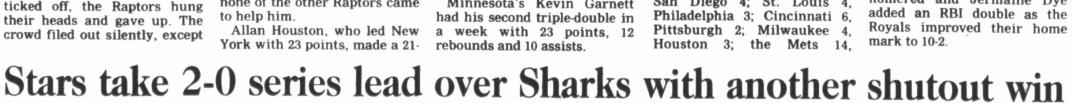
Bobby Higginson's RBI single off Scott Eyre (1-1) in the 12th lifted host Detroit to its second victory in 13 games.

The Tigers scored twice in the ninth off Bill Simas, pressed into the closer's role for Chicago in part because of Bob Howry's suspension stemming from the brawls with Detroit.

Matt Anderson (1-0) picked up the win by retiring the only batter he faced on one pitch.

Royals 6, Mariners 3

Joe Randa and Mark Quinn homered and Jermaine Dye added an RBI double as the mark to 10-2.



DALLAS (AP) — The San Jose Sharks are headed home down two games and their best player might miss the rest of

the playoffs. And now, the bad news: Their next goal against Ed Belfour will be their first

of their second-round series with the defending champion Dallas Stars. San Jose, shut out just four times during the regular season, suffered a second consecutive offensive outage Sunday

night in a 1-0 loss to the Stars. The Stanley Cup champions lead the best-of-seven series 2-0 going into Game 3 Tuesday night in San Jose. The Sharks have been told not to expect leading scorer Owen Nolan back in the lineup because of injuries to his foot and-or

"We know we can beat this team," said

center Vincent Damphousse, referring to a 4-2 record against the Stars this season. "We need to get some breaks and find a way to beat Belfour. There's no room for mistakes anymore.'

The Stars-Sharks contest was the only NHL playoff game played Sunday. Tonight's NHL playoff schedule has

Toronto at New Jersey with the series tied 1-1; and Colorado looks to take a 3-0 lead at Detroit.

Belfour is on one of those rolls teams often ride to championships.

He hasn't allowed a goal in 138 minutes, 53 seconds, and has shutouts in three of his six postseason victories. Consecutive playoff shutouts is a first for him, although he has 10 career postseason shutouts.

"I'm feeling strong and focused,"

Belfour said. "That's the key for me. I'm seeing the puck well and the guys are playing great in front of me."

Belfour was at his best in the final minute Sunday night, when a power play and an empty net gave San Jose a 6on-4 skating advantage.

In the first 10 seconds, he made a kick save up close and snared a long shot by Gary Suter with his glove, bringing 17,001 fans to their feet with chants of "Ed-die! Ed-die!" He kicked away another shot from Suter with 17 seconds left, then the Sharks' last two attempts went

wide of the goal. The glove save drew rave reviews from

"Suter's shot went through five or six bodies," said center Mike Modano, who scored the game's lone goal in the first

period. "Eddie made a great save, the save of the game."

"I thought it went in," said Derian Hatcher, who was watching from the penalty box. "I asked him about it later and he said he saw it all the way."

Modano has scored in six straight games and is playing at such a high level that even his teammates admit they catch themselves watching in awe.

"He pretty much does everything that could be asked of a hockey player,' teammate Blake Sloan said. "He's got the whole package.'

Modano's goal was set up by a long slap shot from Hull that bounced off goaltender Steve Shields into open ice. Modano beat two Sharks to the puck and fired it past a diving Shields, who finished with 17 saves.



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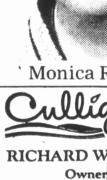
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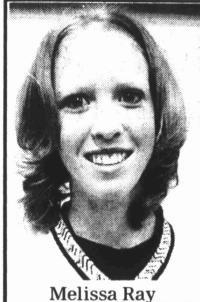


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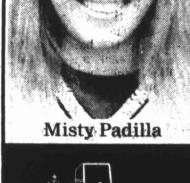
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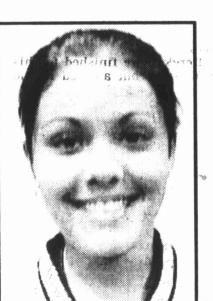
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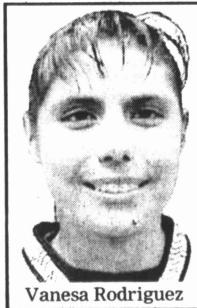


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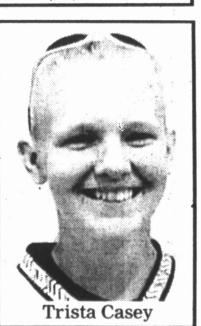


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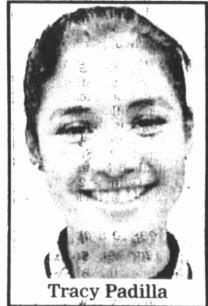


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sions. The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult ARIES (March 21-April 19)

**** You work well with the unexpected. Make positive changes when you need to. Today you are challenged once more. A sense of fun marks your interactions; be light and easy. Adapt as needed. Others admire your flexibility. Tonight: Where the gang is. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** Understand a boss's motives, and it will be a lot easier to run with his ideas. The two of you might not always see eye to eye. If you find yourself aggravated or if you need more space, consider a job change. Tonight: Mellow out with a friend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Build trust. Don't question another so much. Unusual ideas come from brainstorming. There might be more than one solution. Consider incorporating different ideas. Stay focused on your longterm goals. A partner adapts more easily to an idea. Tonight: Make a must meeting.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) *** Re-evaluate your goals.

Examine what is important professionally. Reorganize your schedule if necessary. Others give you important feedback, but you might have a difficult time totally understanding some of it. Tonight: A must show.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Others do the unexpected and are full of surprises. Take the high road when dealing with those who are close to you. You might not always understand everyone, but make the effort to see where their reactions are coming from. Tonight: Tune in to the movies.

YIRGO (Aug. 23 Sept. 22)
A partner has a lot to tell you, and he wants to share. Syndicate Inc.

However, work and daily demands could throw you off kilter. Recognize limitations, especially your own, and honor them. Consider taking a few days off to recharge if need be. Tonight:

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** Let creativity reign. Share your ideas. Your imagination could easily go haywire. Another can be quite reactive, forcing you to think and question what is happening. Be more aware of what you might have done to create this behavior. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *** You could be jolted by a responsibility or development on the homefront. You could be easily distracted, but you need to stay focused on work. Handle a problem quickly, then move on. Trust

your creativity and ingenuity. Tonight: Work late. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Dance to a new tune. Take a leap of faith. Knowing what you want helps keep you anchored and stable. Review decisions carefully, especially if they are made on

impulse. Let your more childlike side out when you're with a loved one. Tonight: Be spontaneous. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) **** Understand that you can't control everything and everyone. Loosen up and gain a sense of humor, even if it involves your finances and long-term security. Unexpected financial news needs to be handled. A family member

shares his opinions. Tonight: He ad on home. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** Unpredictability works in your favor. Follow through on what is important. Listen to feedback from others. Maybe the message you want to convey isn't getting through. Regroup and do what is necessary. Use your ingenuity to get your views across. To

night: Where the fun is. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

**** If your inner voice tells you something, listen. Follow through on what might be a very important insight. Your sense of what is going on might be more valid than you know. Pay bills. Recognize another's request for what it is. Seek an expert if nee d be. Tonight: Treat yourself well.

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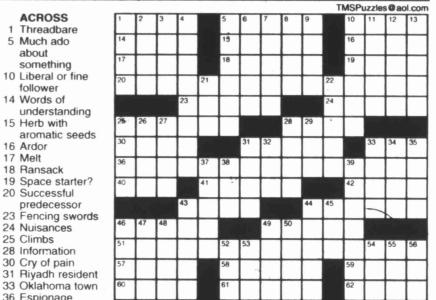
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the World's Columbian Exposition was officially opened in Chicago by President Cleveland. In 1898, Commodore George

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Dewey gave the command, "You may fire when you are ready. Gridley." American naval force destroyed a Spanish fleet in Manila Bay during the Spanish-American

In 1931, New York's 102-story Empire State Building was dedicated.

In 1931, singer Kate Smith began her long-running radio program on CBS.

In 1941, the Orson Welles motion picture "Citizen Kane" premiered in New York.

In 1948, the People's Democratic Republic of Korea (North Korea) was proclaimed. In 1967, Anastasio Somoza

Debayle became president of Nicaragua. In 1971, Amtrak - which combined and streamlined the operations of 18 intercity passenger railroads — went into

service. In 1998, Eldridge Cleaver, the fiery Black Panther leader who later renounced his past and became a Republican, died in Pomona, Calif., at age 62.

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Ten years ago: Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev and other Kremlin leaders were jeered by thousands of people during the annual May Day parade in Red Square.

YOU

Five years ago: Charges that Qubilah Shabazz, the daughter of Malcolm X, had plotted to murder Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan were dropped as jury selection for her trial was about to begin in Minneapolis. President Clinton defended his choice for surgeon general, Henry Foster, as a "pro-life, pro-choice doctor."

One year ago: Despite protests, the National Rifle Association held its annual meeting in Denver 11 days after the Columbine High School shootings. The "Liberty Bell 7," the Mercury space capsule flown by Gus Grissom, was found in the Atlantic 300 miles southeast of Cape Canaveral, 38 years after it sank. An amphibious boat sank at Hot Springs, Ark., killing 13. Charismatic, a 30-1 shot, charged to victory in the 125th Kentucky Derby.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Glenn Ford is 84. TV personality Jack Paar is 82. Actor Dan O'Herlihy is 81. Former astronaut Scott Carpenter is 75. Country singer Sonny James is 71. Singer Judy Collins is 61. Actor Stephen Macht is 58.

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