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## WEATHER

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## Health Fair booths are available now

Thursday is the early deadline for reserving a booth at the Big Spring Area Health Fair, scheduled for April 21 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Those who register early will pay \$75. Booth registration after March 15 will be \$100.

Booth registration forms can be obtained at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. Call the Chamber at 263-7641 for more information.

## WHAT'S UP...

### WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus room.
- Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center.
- Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics, 10 a.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria. People 50 and older are invited to participate.
- Beginning line dance class, 10:30-11:30 a.m., free to beginners. Contact Margarita Durand-Hollis at the Dance Gallery.
- Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Terry Hansen.
- Big Spring Duplicate Bridge Club, meets every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 1 p.m. at the Big Spring Country Club.
- Line dancing 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park.
- Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third.

### THURSDAY

- Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. U42060, Herman's Restaurant, 7 a.m.
- Intermediate Line Dance class, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center.
- The Coffee Club will meet at Gale's Sweet Shoppe at 10 a.m.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call Billy Smith.
- Friends of the

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## Census: Howard County shows 4 percent growth

By LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

Census numbers are in and Howard County is reported to have grown enough in population the last 10 years that redistricting will be required.

"We will be redistricting but based on a minor increase of population, I don't see the redistricting as a major process," said County Commissioner Bill Crooker.

According to census figures, Howard County grew by 4 percent in the last 10 years, up from a population of 32,343 in 1990 to 33,627 in 2000.

"I am extremely pleased with the increase," Crooker added. "This is a demon-

stration of the community making process, and I believe this is a good omen for the future.

"I was hoping the community would at least hold our own or have a small gain," he continued. "I am delighted."

County Judge Ben Lockhart reported that the county expects to receive the local breakdown numbers from the census in the next few days that might indicate which precincts will need to be redrawn.

Lockhart estimates a cost of \$25,000 will be paid to Allison, Bass and Associates to help the county redistrict.

Bob Bass, a partner with the firm, reported earlier that the county would have to redistrict if the census report showed an increase or decrease of more than 3 percent.

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## CENSUS 2000: AREA COUNTIES

County	2000	1990	Diff.	Percent
Borden	729	799	-70	-8.8%
Dawson	14985	14349	636	4.4%
Ector	121123	118934	2189	1.8%
Glasscock	1406	1447	-41	-2.8%
Howard	33627	32343	1284	4.0%
Lubbock	242628	222636	19992	9.0%
Martin	4746	4956	-210	-4.2%
Midland	116009	106611	9398	8.8%
Mitchell	9698	8016	1682	21.0%
Nolan	15802	16594	-792	-4.8%
Pecos	16809	14675	2134	14.5%
Reeves	13137	15852	-2715	-17.1%
Scurry	16361	18634	-2273	-12.2%
Sterling	1393	1438	-45	-3.1%
Taylor	126555	119655	6900	5.8%
Tom Green	104010	98458	5552	5.6%
Ward	10909	13115	-2206	-16.8%

## Suburbs, border, Hispanics fueled Texas' growth

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

All it might take would be a jog down a big-city street, a stroll through a suburban mall or a drive across a lonely West Texas prairie to anticipate what the 2000 census said about Texas.

The major cities, and especially their minority populations, are still growing. Their outlying areas are expanding even faster. And rural points, especially in West Texas, simply can't keep up.

"If you drive west of I-35, it's a very lonely place," said University of Houston political science professor

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Ten-year-old Morgan Schubert and 11-year-old Kristen Guerra visited at Moss Elementary before going on spring break. Big Spring Independent School District and Howard College students are enjoying a week off from classes.

## Council

### Redistricting on agenda for second reading as city awaits census totals

HERALD Staff Report

With census in the news, Big Spring City Council is expected tonight to approve on second reading criteria to be used in the redistricting process.

City officials did not have census information available this morning. It was known that Howard County's population has grown 4 percent since the 1990 census, but how city population has changed was still unclear.

"We had hoped that we had grown more than that, but we'll just have to wait until we get numbers pertaining to the city," said Gary Fuqua, city manager.

Fuqua was hoping to have city population numbers available by the time the council convenes at 5:30 p.m.

In February, the council approved guidelines for dealing with redistricting, which occurs every 10 years. Basically, the guidelines call for the plan to be based on existing council districts with easily identifiable boundaries. They encourage the use of alleyways as dividing lines instead of the middle of streets, and discourage the practice of splitting neighborhoods. They also call for districts that are relatively equal in size.

In a related matter, the council approved an agreement with the University of Texas of the Permian Basin to provide redistricting ser-

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## Chandler leaving Scenic Mountain to take key position in Pennsylvania

Herald Staff Report

Loren Chandler, chief executive officer at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, will be leaving in April for a position in Pennsylvania.

Chandler has been promoted by Community Health Systems Inc., the parent company of SMMC, to the acquisitions team of Brandywine Hospital as executive vice president and chief operating officer.

"I have had a wonderful

experience living in Big Spring," Chandler said. "So many wonderful things happened to me while living here, both professional and personal."

Brandywine Hospital is a 225 acute bed facility located in southeast Pennsylvania. The acquisition represents the largest in the history of CHS.

According to Chandler, the company is in the process of inter-management and will finalize the purchase of Brandywine Hospital in the summer.

"When presented with the option of being a part of the Brandywine team, I really struggled with the decision," he said.

For the last four years, Chandler has held the positions of chief financial officer, assistant administrator and CEO.

With some regret, Chandler leaves West Texas.

"I am going to miss the people," he said.

"I never met so many wonderful people, so very friendly."

Chandler's last day will be on April 6.

Currently the CHS is looking within its system to take over Chandler's position.

Chandler said an announcement of who will fill the position is expected within the next 10 days.

## Cornell escapee finds his freedom short-lived

Herald Staff Report

A Cornell Corrections inmate escaped over a fence late Sunday night but his freedom was short-lived.

The inmate, 29-year-old Ernesto Soto-Olivarez, climbed over the fence at the Airpark Unit around 9:30 p.m. Sunday and was spotted by correctional officers, who took after him on foot.

He lost the officers in the darkness and about 30 minutes later, approached a house in the 2600 block of Dow where he asked the resident to call for an

ambulance, saying he was suffering from chest pains.

The resident called for an ambulance and then, according to Big Spring Police Sgt. Roger Sweatt, the resident made another call to the police station.

"The inmate, without realizing it, had come to the residence of an off-duty police officer," said Sweatt. "So after the inmate was on the way to the hospital emergency room, the officer made a call to the station and found out that an individual matching his description had just escaped from Cornell."

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## Commissioners give OK to seek bids for sheriff's vehicles

By CARL GRAHAM  
Staff Writer

Howard County Commissioners gave approval to Sheriff Dale Walker Monday to go out for bids for new patrol cars as well as renewing a contract with

West Texas Narcotics Enforcement Task Force.

Walker told commissioners that he would like to see the vehicles purchased locally if at all possible. He said in the past, the department had been purchasing vehicles out of state from the Salt Lake County Utah Sheriff's Office.

Howard County auditor Jackie Olson said that there is \$80,000 in the budget for purchase or rental of vehicles for the sheriff's depart-

ment.

"I want to do what will be pleasing to the public," said Walker. "I personally have a problem with sending that kind of money out of state for purchasing vehicles for the department. The taxpayers have expressed to me they want to see that money stay local if at all possible and we also want to do that. We would like to keep our options open however, in case we can't get a reasonable bid locally."

Commissioners also agreed to renew the contract with West Texas Narcotics Enforcement Task Force. The county is responsible for just under \$22,000 dollars a year, though drug seizure money has been enough the past two years to cover the two Howard County officers assigned to the unit. There are a total of 21 officers assigned from a wide area of West Texas and the officers gather evidence and make drug arrests in that area of

coverage.

Eddy Jameson, road and bridge administrator for the county, was given permission to go out on bid for aggregate and asphalt for this year's seal coating projects.

Bob Brock Ford was awarded the bid for a new Ford F-150 truck to be used by the road and bridge crew.

The bid was for \$19,300, not including an extra mileage warranty.

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OBITUARIES

Eris Kilpatrick

Eris Kilpatrick, 77, of Big Spring, died on Monday, March 12, 2001, at her residence. Funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, 2001, at First United Methodist Church with Dr. Ed Williamson, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.



She was born Feb. 9, 1924, in Taylor County to Clyde and Othella Denton. She married Winston Kilpatrick on Oct. 7, 1942, in Big Spring at the Wesley Methodist parsonage with the Rev. English performing the ceremony.

Her family moved to Howard County in 1926. She attended Richland Grade School and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1940, where she was active in the Spanish Club and could speak Spanish fluently. She was also on the typing team. Eris worked for her Dad during her high school years, keeping books at his Howard County Implement Co., the John Deere dealership.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church. She attended Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene and West Texas State University in Canyon. Eris was an accomplished seamstress and took so much pride in her home and appearance. Upon Eris' and Winston's retirement from farming, they enjoyed attending competition tractor pulls. They also enjoyed riding motorcycles and one of their most unique experiences was riding their motorcycles to the top of Pike's Peak.

Survivors include: her husband, Winston Kilpatrick of Big Spring; a brother and sister-in-law, Donald and Crickett Denton of St. Clair, Iowa; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Evelyn and J.C. Burchett and Joyce and Carroll Choate, all of Big Spring, and Deava Patton of Fredericksburg; a nephew, Mark Denton and his wife, Tonya; nieces, Kimberly and Leslie Denton, and numerous

other nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her mother and father, Othella and Clyde Denton and by a nephew, Jim Denton.

Nephews will serve as pallbearers. The family suggests memorials to: First United Methodist Church, P.O. Drawer 1229, Big Spring 79721-1229 or to Home Hospice, 600 South Gregg, Big Spring 79720.

The family will receive friends from 6:30 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home, www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

Debbie Steen Templeton

Graveside funeral service for Debbie Steen Templeton, 51, of Big Spring, will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, 2001, at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Jeremiah McCarthy, Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, officiating.

Mrs. Templeton died Sunday, March 11, at her residence.

She was born on Sept. 18, 1949, in Minot, N.D., and married Galen Templeton on March 14, 1990, in Big Spring. She graduated from Big Spring High School in 1968 and had owned "Debbie's Downtown Grill" for several years. She had been a carrier for the Big Spring Herald and had also worked as a nursing assistant at Big Spring State Hospital. She had been a resident of Big Spring since 1968.

Survivors include: her husband, Galen Templeton of Big Spring; one daughter, Jackie Escoto of Germany; one son, Larry Steen Jr. of Houston; her father, Paul Payne of Big Spring; one brother, David Payne of Phoenix, Ariz.; one sister, Judy Danielson of Scobey, Mont.; and five grandchildren.

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

Douglas Otto Shelley

Funeral service for the Rev. Douglas Otto Shelley, 76, of Victoria, was Monday, March 12, 2001, at the Rosewood Funeral Chapel in Victoria with the Rev. Doug Shelley, the Rev. Ray Robinson, the Rev. Eddie Slayton, the Rev. Lloyd Wilson and the Rev. Jim Shamburger officiating.

Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery with military honors.

Mr. Shelley was born on June 13, 1924, in Whitney. He was a Baptist minister for over 40 years. He was the owner of Texas Trading Post in Nursery and was a veteran of World War II.

Survivors include: his wife Joyce Moore Shelley of Victoria; two daughters, Blaine Reagan and Nicki Fernandez, both of Victoria; three sons, Billy Shelley and David Shelley, both of Victoria, and Doug Shelley of Big Spring; three sisters, Helen Pippin, Jessie Bell and Olga Jones, all of Whitney; nine grandchild-

ren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Cancer Treatment Center of America in Tulsa, Okla.

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

Marjorie Tipton

Funeral service for Marjorie Tipton, 79, of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Mrs. Tipton died Monday, March 12, 2001, at her residence.

CENSUS

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According to Virginia Belew, Texas Workforce Center area manager, the demographics and statistical data from the census will impact not only the amount of money to fund job training and youth pre-employment programs, but also potential businesses.

For the TWC, statistical analysis of the census data should show the workforce make-up of Big Spring's labor force along with the medium income and other information potential business use in deciding to locate a business in the area.

The data indicating Howard County has increased in population might show that the decrease of people in the workforce may be caused by the community having more workers retiring, she said.

Texas grew in population in the last 10 years by 22.8 percent while in West Texas many rural counties fell in population such as Martin County, 4.2 percent; Glasscock County, 2.8; Andrews, 9.3 percent; Borden, 8.8 percent; Scurry, 12.2 percent; and Sterling, 3.1 percent.

Among the West Texas counties showing an increase in population were Midland, 8.8 percent; Ector, 1.8 percent; Tom Green, 5.6 percent; Lubbock, 9 percent; Dawson, 4.4 percent; and Mitchell County, 21 percent.

GROWTH

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Richard Murray, who said the clique of West Texas lawmakers likely will shrink after redistricting.

The first detailed breakdown of the 2000 Census headcount, released Monday, showed 91 percent of the 3.86 million in population growth occurred in the metropolitan counties and their suburbs.

Maintaining meteoric growth that began in the 1970s, suburbs accounted for the eight fastest-growing counties. Among them: Collin, north of Dallas; Williamson, north of Austin, and Montgomery, north of Houston.

Texas' population was pegged earlier this year at 20.9 million, supplanting New York as the second-most populous state. Texas swelled by 22.8 percent, outpacing the U.S. growth rate of 13.2 percent.

Still, the expansion was uneven, and the population in many West Texas counties stayed flat or declined.

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

The biggest losers were sparsely populated and rural, including Loving (37.4 percent), Reagan (26.3 percent) and Upton (23.5 percent).

"We had relatively pervasive growth, with the exception of some rural areas," said Steve Murdock, head of the Texas A&M University's State Data Center, which processed the numbers Monday.

The Hispanic population explosion slightly trailed the 58 percent Latino growth rate nationwide, but was impressive considering an already large presence in Texas. The census found 6.7 million Hispanic Texans in 2000 compared with 4.4 million in 1990. Hispanics accounted for 60 percent of Texas' 1990s population surge.

"Latinos now comprise 28.6 percent of voting-age Texans. This growth in the voting age tells us that Latino political strength is on the rise," said Nina Perales, staff attorney for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund.

Hispanic is considered an ethnicity, not a race; people of Hispanic origin can be of any race.

The decennial statistical portrait is important to Texans for many reasons: Lawmakers use the figures to decide how to allocate political representation, both on the state and national level. The growth ensures Texas will get more of the \$185 billion given each year in federal money to states and communities. Even decisions about where to place shopping malls and fast-food outlets are predicated on demographics.

Among the results: Harris County grew by about 580,000 to 3.4 million in 2000 to remain largest. Its county seat, Houston, expanded by about 285,000 to 1.95 million and continues to be Texas' biggest city and fourth-largest nationwide.

Collin County was fastest-growing, surging 86 percent. From 264,036 residents in 1990, the county north of Dallas ballooned to 491,675 in 2000.

In addition to being the quickest-shrinking, Loving County remained smallest with 67 residents. The last census identified the West Texas county as the least populated in the continental United States, a distinction it should maintain easily.

Texas children under 18 years of age make up 28.2 percent of the population, compared with 28.5 percent in 1990. Immigration from Mexico and other Latin American countries, a higher birth rate among Hispanics, and the North American Free Trade Agreement helped turn border crossings into bustling ports.

Laredo was borne out as one of the state's fastest-growing metropolitan areas. Webb County, sparsely populated except for Laredo, expanded 45 percent to 193,117 from 133,239 a decade earlier.

The four counties that comprise the Lower Rio

TEXAS LOTTERY

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Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission

Grande Valley — Hidalgo, Cameron, Starr and Willacy — together enlarged 39 percent to 978,369 residents from 701,888 in 1990. The state's other major border outpost, El Paso County, had a milder 15 percent growth rate.

Despite phenomenal growth, economic opportunity has lagged along the Rio Grande, where the population appears to skew younger than in the rest of Texas: 34 percent of the population in the four largest border counties was under 18.

Unemployment along the border is consistently twice the statewide average or more, and wages also trail the rest of Texas.

"Per capita incomes aren't growing. In some of these counties, per capita income is \$8,000 per person," economist Ray Perryman said. "There are some real areas of need there."

The census forms, which for the first time allowed multiracial Americans to identify themselves in more than one category, will give a clearer picture of racial breakdowns but make comparisons to previous, less-specific headcounts difficult.

For example, 2.4 million Texans identified themselves as black in 2000, with nearly 100,000 more saying they were black and at least one other race. A decade ago, 2 million Texans called themselves black.

Last year, 10.9 million non-Hispanics counted themselves as white only, still accounting for a majority of Texans, while 176,231 reported they were white and at least one other race. In 1990, 10.5 million non-Hispanics counted themselves as white.

ESCAPE

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A unit from the Big Spring Police Department drove to Scenic Mountain Medical Center where, after the inmate was treated, he was released to be taken back to Cornell, escorted by the police.

CITY

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vices at a fee of \$525.

Both of those items are up for second reading tonight.

On first reading, the council is expected to approve the appointment of a citizens committee on redistricting.

Other items for first reading tonight include a contract with the Bureau of Prisons, ordinances amending the Big Spring McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark

Advisory Board and the Animal Control Committee, and the appointment of election judges and establishing an early voting ballot board. The council is also expected to approve a grant application for the West Texas Narcotics Enforcement Task Force.

Suicide ruled as cause of woman's death

HERALD Staff Report

The death of a 51-year-old Big Spring woman has been ruled a suicide.

Big Spring police had responded to a call at 1:50 a.m. Sunday in reference to a possible suicide. Upon entering a residence in the 1000 block of East 17th Street, they discovered the body of Debbie Steen Templeton, 51.

A Howard County peace justice ruled that the woman died from a single gunshot wound.

Graveside funeral service is planned at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Trinity Memorial Park. Arrangements are with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

POLICE

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

• MARK MELVIN STILES, 69, no address given, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• KYLE COKER, 22, no address given, was arrested on a local warrant.

• ARNULFO CHAVERA JR., 20, of 1602 Virginia, was arrested on local warrants.

The Big Spring Police Department issued the following weekend report for the week ending Monday, March 12:

- ASSAULT, 5
- ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE, 2
- A G G R A V A T E D ASSAULT, 1
- BURGLARY OF A MOTOR VEHICLE, 4
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF, 4
- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, 1
- DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED, 2
- DRIVING WHILE LICENSE INVALID, 2
- DISORDERLY CONDUCT, 1
- ESCAPE, 1
- SUICIDE, 1
- THEFT, 16
- CONVENIENCE STORE THEFT, 13
- BEER, 1

Pentagon

WASHINGTON — Pentagon officials scrambling to undo what went wrong in Iraq exercise in which a U.S. Navy dropped a bomb on personnel, kill Americans and Zealander.

A Navy F/A-18 strike-fighter was "close air support ground troops at bombing range Iraqi border dropped explosive 'on or near' an outpost, the U.S. Command said. The pilot was injured and

Alleged

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A teen charged in a shooting spree at San Diego State University killed himself but was rescued by police, a 19-year-old reported Tuesday. "Charles 'Andy' 15, told detective fully counted by planned to shoot. The San Diego Tribune reported. "He said that he did not intend to kill himself, he died," County sheriff's

American

WILMINGTON, Del. — American Airlines' bidding war Monday assets of bankrupt \$742 million deal mean the end of most celebrated aviation.

U.S. Bankrupt Peter Walsh app purchase by American AMR Corp. relief of TWA, who feared they might be reacquired former chairman, aire financier Cap. Icahn had proping TWA alive, billion plan hinge job cuts and \$100 labor concessions judge called the last week.

Morton

'80s talk. LOS ANGELES — Before Jerry Spivey, Jenny Jones, Morton Downey Jr. and TV talk show shocked viewers behind a haze of smoke.

America, he on Associated Press as "a loudmouth in trouble just like who's had pro like they had, so they can identify more than some squeaky clean."

Downey, who over "Trash TV" 1980s and tried his act for a retelling cancer and piratory problem ily said Monday was 67.

"The family is stricken and we're right now," Downey's four Tracy Downey, TV. "He was a wonderful man."

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Mary Malone, 79, died Sunday. Services are pending at Seagoville, Texas.  
Edward Olean Graves, 75, died Saturday. Services are 10:00 AM Saturday at the VFW Post 7208 in Midland. Burial will be in Roswell, N.M.

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www.npwelch.com  
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# Pentagon seeking to explain fatal training accident in Kuwait

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pentagon officials are scrambling to understand what went wrong in a training exercise in Kuwait in which a U.S. Navy warplane dropped a bomb on military personnel, killing five Americans and a New Zealander.

A Navy F/A-18 Hornet strike-fighter was practicing "close air support" for ground troops at the Udairi bombing range near the Iraqi border when it dropped explosive ordnance "on or near" an observation post, the U.S. Central Command said. Those killed and injured apparently were

in the target area, but it was unclear what went wrong.

The command said in a statement six were confirmed dead and five American military personnel were taken to hospital with injuries that were not life-threatening. Two of them were released.

An accident investigation board has been appointed and will arrive in Kuwait this week, the command said.

"We will work hard to take care of the families involved, and to find out how such an accident could occur," Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said in

a statement.

The New Zealand government pressed for answers in the accident that killed one of its soldiers, acting Maj. John McNutt, 27, as well as five Americans.

"It's a terrible tragedy and ... we are now looking for an urgent, detailed explanation as to how such a training exercise can go so terribly wrong," Defense Minister Mark Burton said from New Zealand.

"This was a live bomb basically dropped on observers. It shouldn't happen and we all need to know precisely what went wrong."

The New Zealand Army said McNutt was killed instantly.

It was the second major accident involving the U.S. Navy in a little more than a month. On Feb. 9, the submarine USS Greenville struck a Japanese fisheries training vessel while surfacing near Hawaii, sinking the Japanese vessel and leaving nine dead, including four teen-agers.

Two of the Americans killed in the Kuwait bombing accident were from the Army and two were from the Air Force, said a Pentagon official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

No more was known about the fifth American killed.

One Pentagon official said an estimated 10 people were injured. A second official said no civilians were involved.

President Bush, traveling Monday in Panama City, Fla., opened a speech on his budget proposals and military spending with a brief mention of the accident.

"I'm reminded today of how dangerous service can be," Bush said. "We lost some servicemen today in Kuwait in a training accident." He led a moment of silence for the soldiers and their families.

The accident happened at about 7 p.m. Monday in Kuwait, or 11 a.m. EST, about 28 miles from the Iraqi border, during a multinational training exercise in which ground forces direct strike aircraft to specific targets. It was not clear what went wrong.

The Navy plane was flying from the USS Harry S. Truman aircraft carrier in the Persian Gulf. An official said the plane dropped what was believed to be a 500-pound gravity bomb. It was not clear whether the pilot erred or whether those on the ground directed the Hornet to the wrong area.

## Alleged school gunman planned suicide, police say

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The teen charged in the shooting spree at Santana High School saved one bullet to kill himself but was unable to use it due to quick action by police, a newspaper reported Tuesday.

Charles "Andy" Williams, 15, told detectives he carefully counted bullets, but planned to shoot randomly, *The San Diego Union-Tribune* reported Tuesday.

"He said that while he did not intend to kill any particular person, if someone died, they died," San Diego County sheriff's Detective

Sharon Lunsford said.

Williams allegedly told detectives he was angry at Santana High, in part because he was disciplined for repeated tardiness.

The statements and other details about the shooting were contained in a search warrant unsealed Monday at the request of the *Union-Tribune*.

"He counted the ammunition to be sure of how much he had. ... Charles said when he finished shooting, he had one round of ammunition left and planned to run away and shoot him-

self," a police report said.

"He was prevented from doing this by police officers who arrived sooner than he expected them to."

The six-minute rampage on March 5 left two people dead and 13 others injured. Minutes after the shooting began, Williams was apprehended by two sheriff's deputies and an off-duty San Diego police officer who happened to be at the school to enroll his daughter.

Williams is being held in juvenile custody after being charged as an adult with

murder, attempted murder and assault with a firearm.

Williams has not entered a plea. Lead defense lawyer Randy Mize declined comment Monday.

Police said Andy Williams told them he brought an eight-shot, .22-caliber revolver to school then went into a toilet stall to load it. He emerged from the stall and allegedly shot Bryan Zuckor, 14, once in the head. Zuckor died. He then allegedly shot Trevor Edwards, 17, in the neck "and told him to shut up." Edwards survived.

## Convicted murderer Henry Lee Lucas found dead in Texas prison cell

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Former self-confessed serial killer Henry Lee Lucas, who was rescued from death row by a commutation and predicted he would walk out of prison, died late Monday in the cell block where he was serving sentences for nine murders.

Lucas, who was best known for making bogus confessions that prompted law officers nationwide to clear hundreds of unsolved killings, was found dead in his bed at the Ellis I prison unit, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice said.

The one-eyed ex-drifter, who was in his mid-60s, was narrowly saved from execution three years ago when then-Gov. George W. Bush commuted a death sentence to life in prison because of flimsy evidence in his capital case.

Lucas' body was found shortly before 11 p.m. CST Monday, said department spokesman Larry Fitzgerald.

He said the death appeared to be from natural causes.

Lucas had a history of heart problems and had been previously hospitalized. His body was taken to the Huntsville Funeral Home, Fitzgerald said, where it will be determined whether there are relatives who want to claim the remains.

His confession spree prompted authorities to clear their books of more than 600 unsolved killings — but Lucas later recanted. Many murder cases were never reopened.

Bush in 1998 commuted the death sentence of Lucas four days before the death row inmate was scheduled to die for the 1979 slaying in Williamson County of an unidentified woman known only as "Orange Socks."

The victim was so named because the socks were the only items of clothing she was wearing when her body was found in 1979 in a ditch off Interstate 35 near Georgetown, north of Austin.

In recent years, Lucas insisted he committed just one murder, killing his mother in Michigan in 1960 — a crime for which he served time in prison and a Michigan mental hospital. Besides the life term for the Orange Socks killing, Lucas had six other life sentences and 210 years in prison for three other slayings.

Fitzgerald said that Lucas had been in state custody since 1985 and spent most of his time working as a sewing machine operator producing trousers for correctional officers' uniforms.

"He spent all of his time running the sewing machine," he said. "He was our best."

## American wins bidding war for TWA's assets

WILMINGTON, Del. (AP) — American Airlines won a bidding war Monday for the assets of bankrupt TWA in a \$742 million deal that will mean the end of one of the most celebrated names in aviation.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Peter Walsh approved the purchase by American parent AMR Corp., much to the relief of TWA employees who feared the airline might be reacquired by its former chairman, billionaire financier Carl Icahn.

Icahn had proposed keeping TWA alive, but his \$1.1 billion plan hinged on large job cuts and \$100 million in labor concessions. The judge called the plan a joke last week.

American has said it expects to offer jobs to most of TWA's 20,000 workers, and the airline's unions are expected to approve the deal.

The purchase is subject to approval by the Justice Department.

American spokesman John Hotard said the TWA name will disappear as the nation's longest-flying airline and its employees are folded into American.

"There is value" to the TWA name, "but we want everyone to be part of one big family," Hotard said.

"You're better off from an employees' standpoint and marketing standpoint to have everyone under a single name."

The judge said he approved the bid in part because of fears TWA's creditors would seize its planes if the American deal fell through. "I think it is in the best interests of the estate for that not to happen," Walsh said.

TWA, based in St. Louis, was formed in 1930 from the merger of Western Air Express and Transcontinental Air Transport. That same year, the combined company became the first airline to offer coast-to-coast air service.

Movie mogul Howard Hughes once owned a controlling interest in TWA. In its prime, TWA was the airline of choice for the rich

and famous. Joe DiMaggio made flights west on TWA to visit wife Marilyn Monroe in Hollywood. Four times, the pope flew TWA on visits to the United States.

It was the first to offer nonsmoking sections on all aircraft.

But TWA had not posted an annual profit since 1989. Three years later, it filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, the first of three times it would do so. The last was on Jan. 10, the day the merger with American was announced.

American, which will also assume \$3.5 billion in TWA debt, could close the sale by early April.

Icahn plans to appeal.

## Morton Downey Jr., gruff '80s talk show host, dies

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Before Jerry Springer and Jenny Jones, there was Morton Downey Jr., a growling and opinionated TV talk show host who shocked viewers from behind a haze of cigarette smoke.

America, he once told *The Associated Press*, saw him as "a loudmouth who gets in trouble just like they do, who's had problems just like they had, someone that they can identify with a lot more than someone who's squeaky clean."

Downey, who reigned over "Trash TV" in the 1980s and tried to clean up his act for a return, died of lung cancer and other respiratory problems, his family said Monday night. He was 67.

"The family is very grief stricken and very shocked right now," one of Downey's four daughters, Tracey Downey, told KABC-TV.

"He was a wonderful, wonderful man, wonderful

father. He will be deeply, deeply missed."

A chain smoker for years until losing a lung to cancer, Downey was known for deliberately blowing smoke into the faces of guests who annoyed him when he was host of one of the most popular talk shows on television in the 1980s.

After his cancer surgery in 1996, he became an anti-smoking crusader. It wasn't until the 1980s that he became a household name with "The Morton Downey Jr. Show."

In the 1990s, Downey launched a comeback with a new show, titled simply "Downey." It met with less success, and Downey acknowledged he had toned it down.

"No meanness this time. Just as confrontational, just as tough, just as opinionated, but everyone else has the right to have their opinion and be heard," was how he described the show in an interview with the AP in 1995.

## Admiral defends actions of submarine commander

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii (AP) — A senior Pacific Fleet submarine officer said he had a gut feeling that USS *Greenville* Cmdr. Scott Waddle was rushing his crew before the submarine fatally struck a Japanese fishing trawler.

But Capt. Robert Brandhuber said he didn't think the crew was being unsafe, so he didn't intervene.

"Did they do it a little quicker than I would do it? Yes, sir," he said. "But did I think it was unreasonable or unsafe the way they were doing it? No, sir."

Brandhuber, chief of staff of the Pacific Fleet submarine force, was the first eyewitness to testify in a Navy court of inquiry that entered its second week Monday. His testimony continues today.

Nine of the 35 people on board the *Ehime Maru* were killed when the high school fisheries training vessel was struck by the *Greenville* off Oahu on

Feb. 9.

"I don't feel good at all about what happened, and I wish I could have done anything to make it not happen," Brandhuber told the three admirals presiding over the inquiry. "But, sir, I don't believe that the actions of the ship were so unreasonable that it should've necessitated that I step in."

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OUR VIEWS

Lend a hand for the good of a neighbor

As spring gets closer, a homeowner's thoughts often turn to projects around the house — painting, repairs and such. Warmer weather seems to bring out the drive for home improvement in many of us.

But in Big Spring, there's another place your home repair skills are needed. It may be a few blocks away, on another street, or in another area of town altogether, but it's your neighbor's house just the same.

Through Christmas in April, several hundred volunteers are needed to work together on April 28 to spruce up, repair and refurbish homes of elderly, handicapped and low-income residents. This project is free to the homeowner, and has a goal of keeping elderly people in their homes as long as possible.

Can't do electrical work? Don't have plumbing skills? That's all right, there are many jobs that don't require much more than the ability to lift a paintbrush. Roofing is almost always a priority, and sometimes the homes need cleanup as well as repair.

All it takes to join this worthwhile effort is to assemble a team of willing hands. Then call Bob Noyes at 267-5811 and make the commitment to be there on April 28. There is work to be done, but the feeling you'll have when the job is finished will be beyond compare.

In a small community like Big Spring, our neighbors live all over town. And when they need our help, the best thing we can do is pitch in. Isn't that what being a "community" is all about?

OTHER VIEWS

The state wants your two-bits worth. Yes, anybody can play when it comes to designing the Texas-theme 25-cent piece to be issued by the U.S. Mint in 2004. A thoroughly populist design process is planned here in Texas, the Friendship State.

Designs for 50 different "tails" of quarter coins whose "heads" will continue to bear the familiar profile of George Washington are being selected by the U.S. Mint ("Serving America since 1792"). Fifteen state coins already are circulating. Roughly every 10 weeks from 1999 to 2008, a new quarter will be issued. The quarters emerge in the order that the states joined the union. Texas, which became the 28th of the United States in 1845, gets its quarter in 2004.

Gov. Rick Perry has charged a 15-member committee with selecting designs that show what makes the state special. The committee wants help. So, 2001 will be the "year of the quarter" in Texas. Get out your pencils or computer imaging devices and think about what symbols speak to you of your

homeland. Most of the 15 members of the Quarter Dollar Coin Advisory Committee assembled from around the state for their third meeting early this month at the Capitol. They decided to fling the design gates open wide.

The committee figures thousands of Texans have worthwhile ideas. They'll be invited to submit these in a statewide contest to be sponsored by the Texas Numismatic Association. The association of coin dealers and collectors will promote the contest during its convention in Fort Worth in May.

Schoolchildren will take a shot at designing a coin next fall in a process outlined by advisory committee member John Paul Batiste of Austin.

West Texans inquire regularly what the Texas design will be, said committee member George Sneed of El Paso. If they want to start sketching, they should first consult the design criteria under "programs" at [www.usmint.gov](http://www.usmint.gov).

AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN

Getting rid of the SAT is not the answer

The Scholastic Aptitude Test, taken by millions of high school seniors each year and required for admission to 90 percent of four-year colleges, may be headed for the endangered species list.

Last month, the president of the University of California said he favors dropping the venerable SAT — which tests general verbal, reasoning and math skills — in favor of more specialized tests of knowledge in individual subject areas.

President Richard Atkinson worries that over-reliance on the SAT unfairly penalizes black and Hispanic students, who, on average, perform more poorly on the test than their white and Asian counterparts. Atkinson is particularly sensitive on the issue.

The California system, the largest in the country, has experienced a drop in black and Hispanic enrollees following the passage of Proposition 209 in 1996, which prohibited racial preferences that had

been used for years to bolster minority enrollment.

This isn't the first time the SAT has come under attack. In the 1960s, critics charged that the test was racially biased. They pointed to questions they claimed were heavily loaded to favor white experiences, especially on the verbal section of the test.

Blacks and Hispanics couldn't be expected to know words such as "regatta" or "cotillion," since presumably few of them owned yachts or attended debutante balls. Of course, most whites who take the test don't participate in regattas or attend the local cotillion either.

Nonetheless, the Education Testing Service, which administers the SAT, spent millions of dollars to make the test more minority-friendly.

Test takers now can expect to answer questions on the works of Maya Angelou and Toni Morrison, as well as William Faulkner and Jane Austen. But the changes have had almost no impact in closing the gap between the average scores of whites and Asians, at one end, and Hispanics and blacks at the other.

On average, black students score about 200 points lower (out of a possible 1600) on the SAT than whites or Asians, while

Hispanics score almost 150 points lower. A debate rages about why this gap persists; indeed it has grown wider in the 90s. But one thing is clear:

The gap is too great to ignore. So now Atkinson and others have decided perhaps the best way to solve the problem is to destroy the evidence. If colleges don't require SATs, kids will quit taking them. Then the rest of us won't have to wonder why so many black and Hispanic students don't have sufficient grasp of algebra and geometry or large enough vocabularies to perform well on standardized tests.

But unless we're willing to dumb down the college curriculum even further than we already have over the last 30 years, getting rid of the SATs won't help more black and Hispanic students make it through four years of higher education — especially not at the country's most competitive institutions.

Unfortunately, many of these students (and a good many whites as well) are poorly prepared for college-level work.

They don't know the vocabulary words included in the verbal section of the SAT because they don't read demanding literature that would teach them new words.

And they haven't taken

the math courses that would prepare them for the quantitative sections of the exam either. Some of this is the fault of a lousy public school system. But both parents and students deserve blame as well.

High school students have more disposable income and more free time today than ever before. Yet trolling the malls, listening to gangster rap, watching "Survivor," or playing "Mortal Combat" takes up the time that was once spent doing chores, working or reading.

Meanwhile, parents have less time available to monitor their kids than they did in the past. Now, moms, too, work outside the home, often spending long hours on the job and commuting long distances, which means fewer hours spent supervising their children's activities.

These same problems beset white and Asian families, but with a higher percentage of such families being headed by two parents, there are simply more adults to make sure the children are studying.

The SAT isn't to blame for black and Hispanic underachievement. And eliminating the test won't make the underlying obstacles to success disappear. The only thing that will fix it is more time spent hitting the books.



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Botched test undermines compassionate use

A botched experiment is going to prove to be a major setback for patients suffering from terminal or debilitating diseases. Such patients have long objected to the government-imposed difficulties involved in obtaining access to experimental drugs and procedures. Typically, such access is gained either through participation in a controlled experiment or through a plea for compassionate use. Now, the latest failed Parkinson's experiment is likely to strengthen the hand of those government bureaucrats who have essentially said, "Even though you are terminal, we are not going to allow you to take this drug until it is fully tested and approved because it might kill or otherwise harm you." This statement is



JACK ANDERSON

obviously contradictory. Parkinson's disease is a serious neurological disorder affecting 1.2 million people in the United States and Canada. The disease causes the cells at the base of a person's brain to die and causes rigidity of limbs and tremors. It is a progressive and incurable disease. Medication helps, but only temporarily. After four to eight years, the medicine itself causes the Parkinson's symptoms.

Within recent years, however, the scientific community has been very excited about a possible new treatment: the implantation of fetal stem tissue into the brains of infected patients. The study was led by Dr. Curt R. Freed of the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in Denver and Dr. Stanley Fahn of the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. The researchers studied 40 individuals, ages 34 to 75, who have had Parkinson's for an average of 14 years. Patients were selected randomly to receive either the procedure in which the fetal substantial nigra cells

were implanted or a fake surgery.

Fetal cells from four aborted fetuses were implanted by drilling four small holes in each patient's head into which four long needles were inserted that injected the cells into the brain. At the end of a year, they were told whether or not they had received the actual surgery or the sham one.

The procedure did not work on patients over the age of 60. Younger patients — about 40 percent of those diagnosed each year in the United States — improved slightly. That progress, however, lasted for only a year. In about 15 percent of the patients, the stem cells grew too well, causing very severe side effects. Dr. Paul E. Greene, a neurologist at the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, described those side effects as "absolutely devastating." He went on to say that patients "chew constantly, their fingers go up and down, their wrists flex and distend.... It was tragic, catastrophic. It's a real nightmare. And we can't selectively turn it

off." Greene went on to state his opinion about this method: "No more fetal transplants. We are absolutely and adamantly convinced that this should be considered for research only. And whether it should be research on people is an open question."

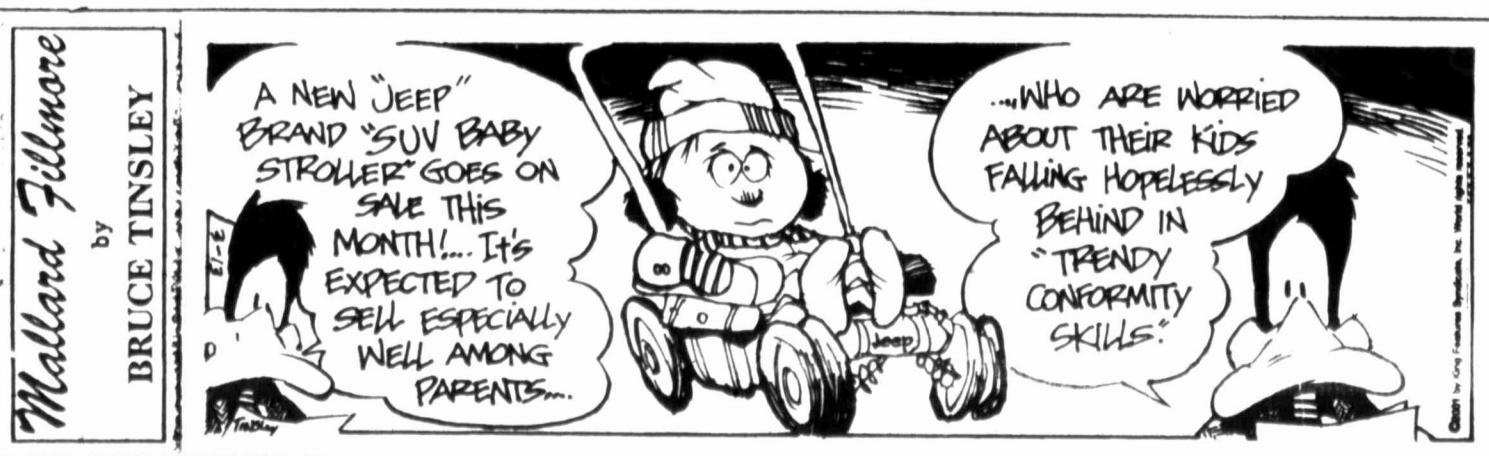
On the other hand, Dr. J. William Langston, founder of the Parkinson's Institute, said, "There was tremendous hope that stem cell therapy could be a cure. This study really points out the problems we have to solve before that can happen."

The research was controversial from the beginning. Was the sham procedure necessary? Should fetal tissue from abortions be used? Of even more concern is what this disastrous experiment will mean for patients suffering from all types of diseases.

Experimental drugs and procedures must be made available, especially to terminally ill patients, but the likelihood, now, is that compassionate use, already difficult to obtain, will become more difficult.

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### IN BRIEF

#### BSHS baseball team split at classic

The Steers pulled out a split on the road over the weekend at the Abilene Cooper Classic.

Justin Belcher was the losing pitcher as they suffered an 8-5 loss to Plainview. John McKennan was the winning pitcher as they recovered with a 4-1 win over the host team Abilene Cooper.

They begin district play on the road today against Estacado.

#### Chicano golfers to hold Sunday tourney

The Chicano golf association will hold its monthly golf tournament at the Comanche Trail golf course.

The tournament will be a full person selective drive and all players must register by 9:45 Sunday.

For more information call 264-2366.

#### Last chance to sign-up for softball

The last chance for the United Girls Softball Association sign-ups will be 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday at the Big Spring Mall.

#### Lifeguard certification course offered

There will be a lifeguard certification course offered March 30-31 and April 1 at the Big Spring Family YMCA.

Registration is limited to 12 people. You must be at least 16 years of age and be able to swim 500 yards.

The cost is \$100 per person and the fee includes first aid and CPR certifications.

The course will be instructed by Harlan Smith.

To register come by 801 Owens St. or send registration fee to the YMCA, P.O. Box 1428.

#### Re-certification class offered at YMCA

There will be a re-certification course April 7 for current lifeguards at the Big Spring Family YMCA.

The cost is \$35 plus additional fee for the book.

The class registration is limited to 12 people. To register come by 801 Owens St. or send registration fee to the YMCA, P.O. Box 1428.

#### Little league baseball umpires needed

The Little League Umpires Association is looking for anyone interested in umpiring baseball games this season.

For more information, call Don Hogan at 267-7421 or 394-4938 after 6 p.m.

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Umpires are needed for girls fast-pitch softball for girls ages 4 and up.

For more information contact Pat at 264-0634.

### AREA GAMES

**TODAY**  
**JUCO BASEBALL**  
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**H.S. BASEBALL**  
4 p.m. — Big Spring at Estacado.  
**H.S. SOFTBALL**  
4 p.m. — Snyder at Big Spring.

### ON THE AIR

**Television**  
**COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
6 p.m. — Seaton Hall at Alabama, ESPN.  
**NBA**  
7 p.m. — Sacramento at Orlando, TBS.  
7:30 p.m. — New Jersey at Dallas, FSN.

## Knight, courted by Tech, watching tourney from a distance

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas Tech doesn't usually hold news conferences just to introduce candidates for coaching positions.

Everything is different with Bob Knight coming to town.

Interest in the longtime Indiana basketball coach, who was fired six months ago for misconduct, has prompted Tech officials to begin planning a news conference for Thursday, the day of his arrival.

"Then we're going to expect the press to let us look at the city and have some time for ourselves," said athletic director Gerald Myers. Knight's friend of 30 years who is courting him for the Red Raiders' coaching job.

Knight was coy about his future Monday during a conference call touting a Web site that is paying him to provide his picks for the NCAA tournament. But he has con-

firmed he plans to visit Tech this week.

And he said Monday he finds the situation "very appealing."

"They're interested in talking about it and I am, too," he told Indianapolis TV station WISH. "We'll just see what happens."

Also Thursday, the NCAA tournament begins without Knight, and he will watch the event as a coach without a team for the first time in more than 30 years.

During the conference call, he joked that it won't seem all that different from recent years. His Hoosiers failed to get past the second round in the last six NCAA tournaments.

"The last couple of years I've done more watching than coaching," he said. "You never want to get used to that."

Knight avoided talking about the Texas Tech opening and instead promoted the Web site that has post-

ed his picks.

His chart — which has Stanford winning it all and Indiana losing in the regional semifinals — is on Sandbox.com, which reportedly paid Knight about \$50,000.

The Web site has more than 6 million registered users; about 600,000 participated in its basketball contest last year.

The Reston, Va.-based company runs a variety of fantasy sports leagues and casino, arcade and trivia games. It's free to play, but users must be registered and prizes are awarded.

When Knight was asked Monday whether the online games amounted to gambling, Sandbox.com executive vice president Bill Carey quickly interjected: "It's not considered gambling because it's an absolutely free site."

Knight added simply: "I don't think I could answer it any better than he does."

NCAA spokesman Wally Renfro said Knight's participation doesn't appear to violate any NCAA rules. Even if Knight were hired to coach again, it would be up to the university to approve any continuing involvement with Sandbox.com.

"We've had our folks look at it and it doesn't appear to be a gambling site," Renfro said.

Knight, who led Indiana to three national championships before he was fired for a "pattern of unacceptable behavior," plans to keep close tabs on his former colleagues and players.

"No matter how far we went, the times we went all the way to finals or got beat early in the tournament, it's always been something I've enjoyed watching and I will this year," he said.

"There's a lot of people I like and care about that are competing in the tournament, and I'll follow them very closely."

## Young Bales spends his time practicing art of self defense

By KAMILAH WARD  
Sports Writer

Josh Bales, like most sixth grade kids these days, spends his free time doing the things he enjoys most. When he's not attending Coahoma elementary he spends his time practicing taekwondo.

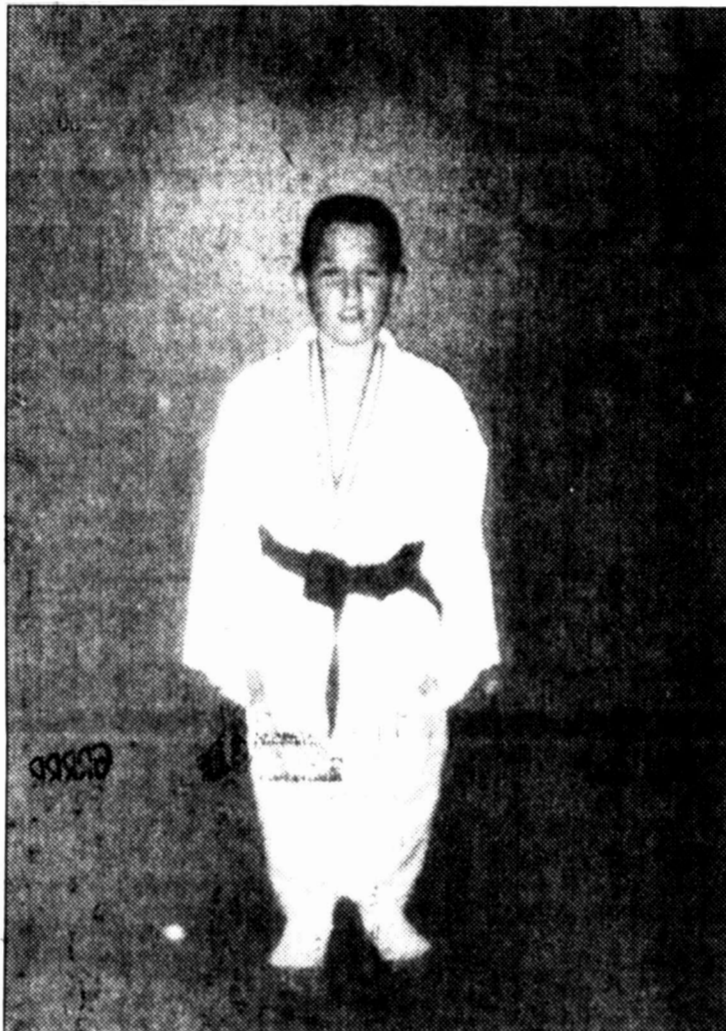
Bales, who has been studying the art form for over a year and a half seems to be a natural at it. He competed in the 15th Annual West Texas Taekwondo Championship Feb. 3rd in Snyder and returned with a first place finish in patterns as well as a second place finish in sparring.

He was among 250 other competitors and the only one to compete from his class. This was only his fourth tournament since he began attending taekwondo classes at Howard College under his instructor Patrick Buske.

"Bales likes going to the tournaments and he likes competing," said Buske. In one of his most recent tournament appearances in Fort Worth, he captured the gold and the silver in his pattern and sparring competition.

Buske has been involved with taekwondo, the art of self defense for over 25 years. "It was something I just wanted to do," said Buske.

He introduced the full-contact program to Howard College about two years ago. Since it's addition, there have been a total of 16 students of all ages.



Courtesy photo

Josh Bales poses after being awarded the first and second place medals during the 15th Annual West Texas Taekwondo Championship in Snyder. Bales has been practicing with his instructor Patrick Buske for over a year and a half and has had a strong showing at during competition since beginning the class at Howard College.

The classes are held under Howard College's continuing education program at 5:30-6:30 Monday and Thursday for the kid classes and 6:30-7:30 for adults. It's open to the public and sign-ups are available at Howard College through the administration office. The cost of the class is \$31 per month. For more information contact Howard College continuing education at 264-5131.

## Spurs making believers of the competition

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Even the competition is lining up behind the San Antonio Spurs.

San Antonio strengthened its grip on the best record in the Western Conference with a 99-81 victory over the Los Angeles Clippers on Monday night.

The victory, the seventh straight and 21st in 25 games for San Antonio, prompted Clippers coach Alvin Gentry to predict great things for the Spurs.

"With the depth they're going to have and the experience they're going to have,

I think they will be NBA champions," Gentry said. "They already won it once, they know they can do it, they've been there. They just have to play well at the right time."

San Antonio has played well for most of the season. The Spurs improved to 44-19, one game ahead of idle Utah in the race for the conference's best record with 19 regular-season games remaining.

Tim Duncan led the way Monday with 28 points and 11 rebounds as the Spurs received double-figure scoring from four players and

extended their winning streak against the Clippers to 13 games.

me suspension for violating the league's anti-drug program.

**Nuggets 84, Warriors 79**

Nick Van Exel scored seven of his 17 points in the final 3:46 as Denver snapped a nine-game road losing streak.

Raef LaFrentz had 16 points and a season-high 16 rebounds.

Antonio McDyess, who missed three games due to a knee injury, added 12 points and 17 rebounds.

## Knoblauch makes four bad throws, Pedro pitches shutout innings

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chuck Knoblauch made four more perfectly awful throws. Pedro Martinez pitched four nearly perfect innings.

"It was a rough day, that's about all I can say," Knoblauch said Monday as the New York Yankees lost to Minnesota 8-7.

Plagued by throwing problems last season, the former Gold Glove second baseman showed up early to spring training this year to work on the trouble.

No luck. Knoblauch was charged with two errors against the Twins, giving him five in 10 exhibition games.

Knoblauch has made seven bad throws in his past three games and he was previously scheduled to have a day off when the Yankees play Kansas City.

Martinez was in the same city, making his spring debut.

The two-time AL Cy Young winner pitched hitless ball and struck out seven as the Boston Red Sox lost to Montreal 7-0.

Martinez allowed only one runner, walking Mike Mordecai. "I felt pretty good," Martinez said. "I felt like I am getting there. I am not quite hitting my spots yet. I'm not really consistent with my pitches, except the curveball. I need to feel more comfortable with my

mechanics than I have."

During the game, Sheffield met with Dodgers chairman Bob Daly for 30 minutes and apologized for his actions. Reading from a statement, Sheffield later said, "I owe the L.A. Dodger fans an apology."

In other games it was St. Louis 7, Houston 3; Atlanta 19, Cleveland 5; Texas 5, Pittsburgh 3; Kansas City 10, Detroit 4; Philadelphia 5, Toronto 4; Tampa Bay 7, Cincinnati 0; Seattle 4, Anaheim 3; Anaheim 6, Milwaukee 1; Arizona 7, Oakland 4; Chicago Cubs 11, Colorado 10; and San Diego 6, San Francisco 3.

**Twins 8,**

**Yankees 7**

After pitching five hitless innings

## Let someone else do it next year

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — They ate breakfast on the team bus, had lunch at the airport and got their ankles taped on yet another bus while heading to practice.

By the time they arrived for the NCAA tournament play-in game, Winthrop and Northwestern State had enough experience with the new 65-team format to know it needs to be changed.

Their suggestions? Give the play-in teams an extra day to get to the site. Most important, let someone else play in it.

Winthrop and Northwestern State, which got the two bottom rungs in the NCAA bracket, tip off the tournament Tuesday with a game that neither particularly cared to play.

"Coach told us at our last practice that we were probably going to be in it," Winthrop forward Derrick Knox said. "It's a little disappointing, being a player."

It was more than disappointing. It was exhausting.

Winthrop, the three-time Big South champ, and Northwestern State, the Southland Conference representative, lost sleep and preparation time getting to the University of Dayton Arena for their practices Monday night.

Northwestern State left Natchitoches, La., the backdrop for "Steel Magnolias" — on a pre-dawn, bus ride through a thunderstorm. Sleepy players and coaches munched on breakfast sandwiches as rain pelted the windows on the way to Shreveport.

A one-hour delay in Dallas resulted in an airport lunch and a late arrival in Dayton. The team went straight to the arena for its workout, knowing next to nothing about its opponent.

Coach Mike McConathy still hadn't gotten any tape on Winthrop when his team took the court.

For the Demons, March Madness took on an entirely different meaning.

"Actually, it was kind of fun," Northwestern State guard Michael Byars-Dawson said. "It was a

chance to bond and get closer to each other. We had to be at the gym at 5:30 this morning. It was a long day."

Travel arrangements forced Winthrop to show up late for its news conference. Players didn't have time to find the dressing room and get ready.

"It was a big rush," Knox said. "We had to get taped on the bus. It was a little crazy."

Just getting there became the overriding concern.

"Dealing with the travel arrangements last night was kind of like dealing with Rubik's Cube," Winthrop coach Gregg Marshall said.

Both coaches suggested giving the play-in teams an extra day next year if the NCAA keeps the same format.

They also suggested letting someone else go through the ordeal.

"It might be a situation where you do it with two at-large teams in the future," Marshall said.

His counterpart concurred that teams without automatic bids should face the disadvantage next year. "They're on the bubble," McConathy said. "It would be a way for a team on the bubble to play their way in."

The all-day travel, the late practice, the lack of preparation time and the requirement that the winner plays No. 1 seed Illinois on only two days' rest weren't the only downsides for the play-in teams.

All of the NCAA floor decals and banners couldn't hide the fact that the tournament's opening game is nothing like the rest that will follow.

Most tournament practices draw hundreds of fans.

When Northwestern State guard Michael Edwards led his purple-shirted teammates onto the court Monday night, the arena was as silent as a library and the ushers outnumbered the fans.

It was the same for Winthrop, which arrived only 25 minutes before its scheduled workout.

Nine fans sat in the stands and watched the 50-minute practice.

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ARIES (March 21-April  
19)

\*\*\*\* What seems like a  
mess this morning clears up  
and becomes a source of  
creativity. Steer clear of  
negativity and gossip. Step  
back and do whatever you  
need to do to make what  
you want happen. Seek out  
those at a distance. Talk  
about what you want.  
Tonight: Buy a favorite CD.

TAURUS (April 20-May  
20)

\*\*\* You could be more out  
of sync than you realize.  
Take your time making a  
decision that could involve  
relationships. You discover  
that there are many options  
you haven't considered. Let  
another spout off ideas. Be  
a good listener. Someone  
has much wisdom. Tonight:  
Go along with another's  
suggestion.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\* Don't let a slow start  
ruin your day. You feel as  
if someone isn't working  
with you. Stay focused on  
your must-do list. Success  
follows a concentration.  
Laughter surrounds a fun  
relationship. Be open to  
suggestions. Tonight: Just  
be yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July  
22)

\*\*\*\* You could feel let down  
by another. Finding an  
answer takes talent. Your  
imagination is a huge  
resource that you some-  
times don't acknowledge.  
Trust your judgment and  
ideas. You have unusual  
insight and direction. Be  
open to experimenting.  
Tonight: Answer your mail.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22)

\*\*\*\* Another's insecurity  
has a way of distancing  
you. Don't kid yourself  
about this person's behav-  
ior. Be creative and open to  
potential. A meeting gives  
you many options. Your  
creativity and your ability

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\*\* You might not believe  
another's news, but you  
might be hard pressed to  
change or disprove it. Stay  
focused on one item at a  
time as you attempt to ver-  
ify information. Someone  
you count on comes  
through for you. Let this  
person know how impor-  
tant he is to you. Tonight:  
Head on home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\*\* Confusion surrounds  
communication and  
finances. Steer clear of any  
risks. Doors open later in  
the day, especially if you  
are willing to ask questions  
and seek out information.  
Someone makes an offer  
that seems too good to be  
true. Tonight: Return calls  
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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov.  
21)

\*\*\* You might be upset by  
someone who simply doesn't  
seem to want to under-  
stand. Try as you might,  
right now you cannot get  
through to this person.  
Remain optimistic and posi-  
tive with others. Deal with  
finances. Seek out advice.  
Tonight: Treat yourself  
well.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-  
Dec. 21)

\*\*\* You swing from low to  
high. Don't make decisions  
based on this morning's  
news and information. You  
could be overly sensitive or  
reactive until later. Your  
smile and personality bring  
others toward you. You  
draw many opportunities.  
Tonight: Get together with  
favorite friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-  
Jan. 19)

\*\*\* Accept a problem rather  
than balking at it. You  
might not like what you are  
hearing about a friendship  
and funds. Take your time  
and explore options. Dig  
into work, and you'll  
become centered. Consider  
a new health or nutritional  
system. Tonight: Get a good  
night's sleep.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb.  
18)

\*\*\* Your information might  
cause a problem for some-  
one you deal with regular-  
ly. Understand this person  
and where he might be  
coming from. Schedule a  
meeting or get-together.  
Your success comes  
through others. Tonight: Do  
only what you love.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March  
20)

\*\*\* Your nerves might be  
getting the better of you.  
Understand what is happen-  
ing. Take a walk, or dis-  
tance yourself from a prob-  
lem. Make a point of speak-  
ing to a key adviser or con-  
fidant. Together, the two of  
you can work out almost  
anything. Tonight: A must  
appearance.

Friends spoil a couple's  
anticipation of first baby

Dear Ann Landers: I am  
five months pregnant with  
my first baby. My husband  
and I are very excited about  
it, but we are also a little  
nervous. Please explain to  
me why people seem to go  
out of their way to spoil the  
pleasure of our anticipa-  
tion. Here are some of the  
things they have said:

"Your marriage will  
never be the same."  
"Your husband will  
treat you like you are  
his mother instead of  
his wife."  
"Expect to cut way back on sex.  
Motherhood does that."  
"You will never go out  
and have fun together or  
have a meaningful conver-  
sation again. You'll notice  
the change right away."  
"Your house will be a  
mess. The first thing to go  
are the carpets."  
"You will never have  
any clothes without a stain  
somewhere."  
"From now on, money  
will always be a problem.  
Forget about luxuries and  
the fun stuff. They are a  
thing of the past."  
Why do people say such  
terrible things to expectant

couples? Please explain this  
to us. We don't get it. —  
Baffled in Troy, Ohio

Dear Troy: These are  
friends? They don't sound  
very friendly to me. They  
may think they are being  
funny, but their comments  
are mean and spiteful. You  
should be listening to cou-  
ples who have solid mar-  
riages and are enjoying  
their offspring. They are  
the REAL authorities.

Dear Ann Landers: You  
recently printed an essay  
entitled "Job Description  
for a Parent." You might  
like to know that the  
author of this piece is  
Annette Clifford, a parent-  
ing/humor columnist for  
Florida Today. Her original  
column was published in  
our newspaper on Feb. 8,  
1999. Please inform your  
readers. — Bob Stover,  
Managing Editor, Florida  
Today, Melbourne, Fla.

Dear Bob Stover: Thank  
you for letting me know  
that Annette Clifford is the  
author of "Job Description  
for a Parent." She deserves  
credit for that charming  
essay — and here it is.

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to network merge. Open  
doors. Tonight: Remember  
that anything is possible.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\*\* You might not believe  
another's news, but you  
might be hard pressed to  
change or disprove it. Stay  
focused on one item at a  
time as you attempt to ver-  
ify information. Someone  
you count on comes  
through for you. Let this  
person know how impor-  
tant he is to you. Tonight:  
Head on home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\*\* Confusion surrounds  
communication and  
finances. Steer clear of any  
risks. Doors

TUESDAY

MAR. 13

	KMID (2)	KPEJ (3)	KERA (5)	FAM (6)	KOSA (7)	WFAA (8)	KWES (9)	WTBS (11)	UNI (13)	DISN (14)	NASH (15)	TMC (16)	SHOW (20)	HBO (22)	KMLM (24)	A&E (25)	DISC (26)	TNT (28)	TLC (41)
6:30 PM	News (CC) Fortune	Cosby (CC) Spin City (CC)	Dragon Tales Dragon Tales	Step by Step Step by Step	News Ent. Tonight	News (CC) Fortune	News Seinfeld (CC)	Fresh Prince Fresh Prince	Carita de Angel	Movie: The Luck of the Dog	Miami Vice (CC)	Movie: Ghostbusters (CC)	(15) Movie: Hocus Pocus (CC)	News John Hagee	Law & Order (CC)	Wild Discovery	Discovery	Pretender (CC)	Storm Rescue
7:30 PM	Be a Millionaire	70s Show Tius (CC)	Jerry Baker Gardening	Freaks and Geeks	JAG (CC)	Be a Millionaire	Fighting Fitz DAG (CC)	NBA Basket- ball: Saava- ra	Abrazame Muy Fuerte	Inst (CC) (35) Movie: Bink (CC)	College Basketball: NCAA	Movie: Molly (CC)	Movie: Stepmom (CC)	Light of the Southwest (CC)	Biography (CC)	Sabretooth (CC)	New Detect- ives (CC)	Movie: When a Man Loves a Woman	Trauma: Life in the ER
8:30 PM	Dharma-Greg Geena Davis	Dark Angel (CC)	Jerry Baker Gardening	Freaks and Geeks	60 Minutes II (CC)	Dharma-Greg Geena Davis	Fraser (CC) Three Sisters	mento Kings at Orlando	Ma Destino Eres Tu	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
9:30 PM	NYPD Blue (CC)	Mad Abt. You Nanny (CC)	Jerry Baker Gardening	Early Edition (CC) (DVS)	Judging Amy (CC)	NYPD Blue (CC)	Dateline (CC)	Magi: Inside NBA	Aqui y Ahora	Totally Hoops	Monster Jam	(35) Movie: Resurrection Blvd.	Queer as Folk (CC)	Africa (CC)	Hour of Healing	Investigative Reports (CC)	FBI Files	Movie: Don Juan DeMarco	Operation
10:30 PM	News (CC) Nightline	Jerry Springer (CC)	Jerry Baker Gardening	700 Club (CC)	News (35) Late	News (CC) Nightline	News (35) Tonight	Movie: Mars Attacks!	P Impacto Noticiero Univ.	(9-50) Leapin' Leprechauns!	18 Wheels of Justice (CC)	The Gener- al's Daughter (CC)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
11:30 PM	Politically Inc. Cheers	Blind Date Suddenly	Hey La. Hey La. the Girl	Who's Boss? Who's Boss?	Show (CC) (37) Late Late	Ent. Tonight Politically Inc.	Show (CC) (37) Late	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
12:30 AM	Paid Program Paid Program	Judge-Brown Cops (CC)	Groups Are Back! (CC)	Paid Program Paid Program	Show (CC) Street Smarts	(12:06) Oprah Winfrey (CC)	Night (CC) Fraser	(12:15) National	Marimar	Walt Disney Presents	Starsky and Hutch	SnakeEater II: The Drug	Woman (CC) (35) Movie: ing With the Enemy (CC)	Dennis Miller Movie: Sleep Church	Promise Church	Faith Pleases God	City Confi- dential (CC)	New Detect- ives (CC)	Movie: When a Man Loves a Woman

DENNIS THE MENACE



"IS THIS THE SAME KIND OF GREEN CHEESE THE MOON IS MADE OF?"

FAMILY CIRCUS



"This cap is one-size-fits-all."

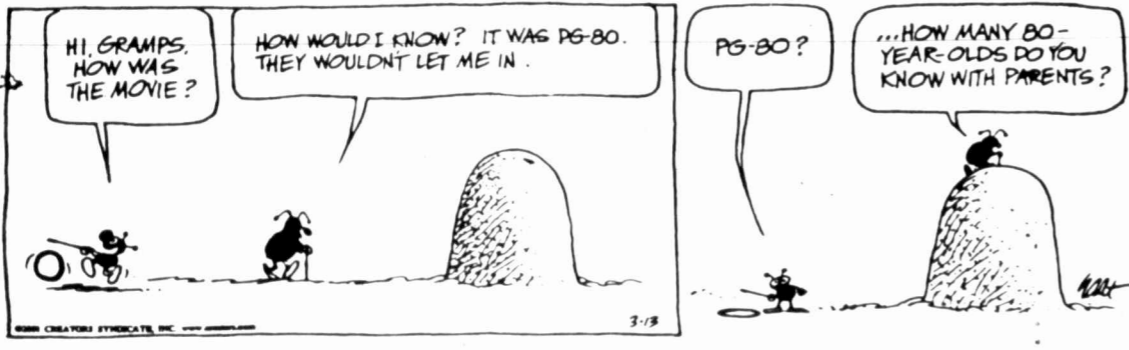
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

**The ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
Today is Tuesday, March 13, the 72nd day of 2001. There are 293 days left in the year.  
Today's Highlight in History:  
On March 13, 1852, "Uncle Sam" made his debut as a cartoon character in the New York Lantern.  
On this date:  
In 1781, the planet Uranus was discovered by Sir William Herschel.  
In 1868, the impeachment trial of President Andrew Johnson began in the U.S. Senate.  
In 1901, the 23rd president of the United States, Benjamin Harrison, died in Indianapolis.  
In 1906, American suffragist Susan B. Anthony died in Rochester, N.Y.  
In 1925, a law went into effect in Tennessee prohibiting the teaching of evolution.

In 1933, banks began to reopen after a "holiday" declared by President Roosevelt.  
In 1964, in a notorious case, 38 residents of a New York neighborhood failed to respond to the cries of Kitty Genovese, 28, as she was being stabbed to death.  
In 1969, the Apollo 9 astronauts splashed down, ending a mission that included the successful testing of the Lunar Module.  
In 1980, Ford Motor Co. Chairman Henry Ford II announced he was stepping down.  
In 1980, a jury in Winamac, Ind., found Ford Motor Co. innocent of reckless homicide in the fiery deaths of three young women riding in a Pinto.  
Ten years ago: President George W. Bush, during a visit to Ottawa, Canada, warned Iran against seizing Iraqi territory in the aftermath of the Persian Gulf War. Exxon Corp. agreed to pay a \$100 million criminal fine and more than \$900 million in civil damages in the wake of the Exxon Valdez oil spill. The deal fell apart when the Alaska House rejected it. A new settlement was reached later.  
Today's Birthdays:  
Country singer Liz Anderson is 71. Country singer Jan Howard is 71. Opera singer Rosalind Elias is 70. Songwriter Mike Stoller is 68. Singer-songwriter Neil Sedaka is 62. Actor William H. Macy is 51. Actress Deborah Raffin is 48. Comedian Robin Duke is 47. Actress Dana Delany is 45.

Answer to previous puzzle

SCARE	SOLVE	ECO
AHEAD	AVAIL	SMH
VIRGINIA	HAM	PAM
OMA	TOLL	EARLS
RUT	ODE	TARHEEL
SPEAR	DRAB	ASTA
DIP	ORES	SSW
IDAHO	POTATO	
DAM	LONE	SLO
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Newsday Crossword

PRECIOUS FEW by Daniel R. Stark  
Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS**
- 1 Watering hole
  - 5 Academic robes
  - 10 Unadorned
  - 14 Mine, to Jacques
  - 15 Crosswise to the keel
  - 16 Not written
  - 17 Singer Turner
  - 18 Gorilla leader
  - 20 Conductor's concern
  - 22 Food shop
  - 23 Social gathering
  - 24 Fixes a squeak
  - 26 Top banana
  - 28 Soup ingredients
  - 31 Exterior finish
  - 35 Adventurous
  - 36 Within earshot
  - 38 Dislike intensely
  - 39 Eastern nursemaid
  - 40 \_\_\_ out (defeated)
  - 42 Oxen holder
  - 43 Slalom obstacles
  - 45 Dry
  - 46 Some neckwear
  - 47 Sly ones
  - 49 Scuttlebutt in Liverpool
  - 51 Highway depressions
  - 53 Unclad
  - 54 Spherer
  - 57 Director Kazan
  - 59 Musical pauses
  - 62 Prospector
- DOWN**
- 65 Computer input
  - 67 Volcano output
  - 68 Pointing-out instruction
  - 69 "This must weigh \_\_\_!"
  - 70 Whirlpool
  - 71 Substitute's place
  - 72 Demonstrate boredom
  - 7 Fuse metals
  - 8 Church areas
  - 9 Refines, as 34 Down
  - 10 It's shorter than a pageboy
  - 11 Bahrain native
  - 12 Le Mans event
  - 13 Actress Sommer
  - 19 Gaucho's rope
  - 21 Peach center
  - 25 Toboggan is
  - 27 Rolling Stones song
  - 28 Arthur Miller's salesman
  - 29 Buoy up
  - 30 More judicious peak
  - 32 Church singers
  - 33 Industrial fuels
  - 34 Natural resources
  - 35 Redcap's burden
  - 37 Sitcom's second showing
  - 41 Said no
  - 44 Went downhill
  - 48 Divvies up
  - 50 " on a Grecian Urn"
  - 52 One of the senses
  - 54 Stare at
  - 55 Highway
  - 56 Ave. relative
  - 58 Writer James
  - 60 "Bye-bye!"
  - 61 Pack away
  - 63 Call it a \_\_\_
  - 64 Historic period
  - 66 Sothern or Blyth

