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WEATHER

Tonight:



CLEAR

TONIGHT 55°-60° TOMORROW 85°-90°

Fajita cookout set to benefit

Special Olympics

Big Spring Wilderness Camp will hold a fajita and bake sale from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. Saturday to benefit Special Olympics Texas.

Items featured will include fajita plates, sodas, fajita burritos, T-shirts, hamburgers, hot dogs, dunking booth.

The event will be held at the east entrance to Wal-Mart.

CIA needing volunteers for

April 28-29 event

Christmas in April (CIA) is in need of volunteers to help with this year's projects, scheduled for April 28-29.

CIA makes home repairs for qualified elderly and low-income residents who are unable to do the jobs themselves. More than 30 homes are eligible, but there are only enough volunteers for three residences.

Experience is not necessary.

To volunteer, call CIA at 263-0147 as soon as possible.

WEEKEND TICKET

TODAY

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

SATURDAY

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

The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m. A one-time admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens are encouraged.

Dance, 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, West Third. Membe and guests welcome.

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Plumlee announces his retirement from Big Spring ISD

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

A Big Spring Independent School District administrator announced his retirement Thursday.

"I have worked at five or six school districts and



PLUMLEE

this is the tops," said Ron Plumlee, assistant superintendent and business manager, who will retire in June. "The people I work with and the boards have been the best."

Plumlee's career in education spans 36 years and he has worked as an administrator for the BSISD for the past 14 years.

Before taking the position of business manager,

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Murphy awarded three-year contract

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District trustees gave approval of a superintendent's contract for Murray Murphy at the board meeting Thursday night.

Without meeting in executive session, the board

approved the three-year contract with Murphy that includes a yearly salary of \$90,189.00.

Murphy was approved by trustees as the new superintendent on March 5 to replace



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William "Bill" McQueary, who announced his retirement in February.

Murphy first joined the BSISD as the high school principal in 1985 and then was promoted to his current position of deputy superintendent in 1987.

BSISD employee Paula Cole updated board mem-

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HERALD photo/Carl Graham

Joe Wright and Eric Ankers examine drums during a mock exercise Thursday at Fire Station No. 1. The scenario was that the drums had fallen from a transport truck and were spilling hazardous waste. The training concluded today.

Hazardous waste training

Response teams receive intensive instruction

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

Firefighters from the Big Spring Fire Department, the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department, members of the Alon Refinery fire team and members of the Big Spring Police Department have spent this week undergoing hazardous materials training at Fire Station No. 1.

K.R. "Doc" Adams, an instructor with the Texas A&M Emergency Institute, is one of the two instructors that have been here this week conducting the training. He feels the training is vital in today's world.

"It is always important to know what to do in an emergency situation where a hazardous chemical spill occurs and that is exactly the reason we are here," said Adams. "These individuals are spending 40 hours this week in the



HERALD photo/Carl Graham

K.R. "Doc" Adams addresses members of the hazardous material class that graduated today. Adams has been teaching classes since 1972.

classroom and participating in mock exercises so they can become familiar with different scenarios.

There are several different entities involved in the

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Newton takes helm at local American State Bank branch

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Lonnie Newton took the helm of American State Bank Big Spring branch Thursday after the announcement of his promotion to bank president.

"We plan to continue to service the financial needs of the community as well as Howard County and the surrounding area," Newton said. "We are grateful for our customers. Over the years they have been very loyal and supportive of our bank."

Newton began working for State Security Bank 21 years ago as head of the

agricultural lending department and continued after American State Bank took over the operation three years ago.

A native of Big Spring, Newton has deep roots in the community as the grandson of Emsey Marion, a pioneer of Howard County.

He is married to Diana, a teacher with the Forsan Independent School District. They have three children, sons Brian of Amarillo, John, a student at Texas A&M, and daughter Kristen, a senior at Forsan High School.

Newton is a graduate of Big Spring High School and

Howard College and continued his education at Texas A&M. He is a graduate of the Southwestern School of Banking at Southern Methodist University.

He has been a member of the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, Big Spring Ambassadors, an active volunteer for the United Way and the American Cancer Society.

The announcement comes after a month-long vacancy in the position when former president Duane Thomas left the bank for a similar position at Wells Fargo Bank on March 8. Newton was serving as the bank's vice president.

Easter

Community invited to sunrise services at park amphitheater

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Close to 300 people are expected to attend the community wide Sunrise Easter service at the Amphitheater in the Comanche Trail Park on Sunday morning.

"The community will be blessed by coming out," said event coordinator

Craig Felty, minister for Cornerstone Church. "It will be an interesting, high-energy service and a good way to start Sunday morning."

A Big Spring tradition, the event is sponsored by the ministerial alliance and will begin at 7, Felty said. The public is invited.

"This year we will have a youth emphasis," said Felty. "We will have a three part message given by three



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EASTER ACTIVITIES

Today

- Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Stations of the Cross, 3 p.m. and the Triduum liturgy, 7 p.m.

- St. Mary's Episcopal Good Friday Liturgy, 6 p.m.
- First Presbyterian service, 7 p.m.

- Coahoma United Methodist Church service, 7 p.m.

Saturday

- Community Wide Easter Egg Hunt, Comanche Trail Park Old Settler's Pavilion, 10 a.m. until 2.

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separate youth pastors." Jacob Brewer of Hillcrest Baptist, Kenneth Nobel of Cornerstone and James

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Eggs-citing activities are planned for youth

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Time to pull out those Easter egg baskets as thousands of children are expected to descend on Comanche Trail Park for the community wide Easter Egg Hunt.

The event begins at 10 a.m. at the Old Settler's Pavilion with the first hunt for infants to 3-year-olds kicking off at 11. The 4 to 6-year-old hunt starts at 12 p.m. while the 7 to 12-year-olds will hunt at 1.

Children will be searching for plastic eggs filled with candy and prizes and donated by businesses and individuals.

Several activities are planned during the Easter Egg Hunt to provide entertainment for all age groups, including a climbing wall to simulate rock climbing, a dunking booth that may feature area youth pastors, a Christian music band and a drama team.

Carnival booths and concessions will be open. Also, face painting will be available during the event.

Several prizes will be given away, including new bicycles, Easter egg baskets and dinner at Cowboys Restaurant.

College Park Assembly of

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American State Bank President Lonnie Newton

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OBITUARIES

Irene Brown

Funeral service for Irene 'Yivi' Brown, 84, of Midland, formerly of Stanton, will be at 10 a.m., Saturday, April 14, 2001, at First Baptist Church of Stanton with the Rev. W.R. Bolton, Jr., pastor of Bethel Baptist Church in Abernathy, officiating. Burial will be at Evergreen Cemetery.

Mrs. Brown died Wednesday, April 11, at her residence.

She was born on Sept. 24, 1916, in Memphis, Tenn., and married Thurman Brown Sr. on Nov. 1, 1947, in Odessa. He preceded her in death on March 26, 1980. She came to the Martin County community in the 1940s from Marshall and was a homemaker. She was a member of Macedonia Baptist Church, a member of the Blue Bonnet Chapter 10 and a Worthy Matron.

Survivors include: two sons, Purdis Brown and Bradis Brown, both of Queen City; five daughters, Gwendolyn Brown Bolton of Lubbock, Vernetha Kay Brown Aldridge of Houston, Wanda Brown City of Midland, Patricia Johnson Shed of Dallas and Sirnetha Rawles of Midland; 17 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

The family suggests memorials to Allison Cancer Center, 301 North N Street, Midland 79701. Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

Nancy Powell

Funeral service for Nancy Powell, 54, of Carrollton, formerly of Stanton, will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, April 14, 2001, at First United Methodist Church in Stanton with the Rev. Skip Hodges pastor, officiating. Burial will follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton.

Mrs. Powell died Wednesday, April 11, in a Dallas hospital.

She was born on Oct. 22, 1946, in Corpus Christi and moved to Stanton in 1947. She moved to Midland in 1970 and worked as a dental assistant for Jack Young and had also worked as a draftsman for Midland Map Company. She then moved to Dallas in 1996. She was a member of St. Andrews Methodist Church in Plano.

Survivors include: her husband, Kovey Powell of Stanton; a daughter, Amy Powell Judd of Lewisville; and three grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, 2304 West Wadley Avenue, Midland 79701 or to the American Lung Association of Texas, 5926 Balcones Drive, Austin 78731.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

Christine Mulkey

Funeral service for Christine Mulkey of Gilmer, formerly of Coahoma, is pending with Grubbs-Loyd Funeral Home in Gilmer. Mrs. Mulkey died Thursday, April 12, in Gilmer.

EASTER

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- First Baptist Church Easter Eggstravaganza, 6 p.m.
• Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Holy Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.
• St. Mary's Episcopal, The Great Vigil of Easter, 9 p.m.

Sunday

- Community Wide Sunrise Service, 7 a.m.
• First Church of God sunrise service, 7:30 a.m. and Easter Egg Hunt at noon.
• East Side Baptist Church, "The Art Gallery," 10:15 a.m.

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Sanderson of Christ Community Church will each deliver a part of the Easter message.

"We want to especially invite teenagers to the service," he said, and mentioned the event is targeted to all age groups.

Felty believes the service will show to the public that there is hope for young people, especially seeing the youth involved with the event.

An opening prayer will kick off the service followed by worship led by 20-year-old Zack Campbell.

"This will be a time of songs," said Felty. "People from three different churches will be involved with the worship team."

Felty mentioned there will be performances by a contemporary dance team consisting of Cornerstone youth ranging from age 11 to 16 and a Christian music band.

The service will conclude with a prayer about 8 a.m. Hot chocolate and coffee will be free to participants and an offering for the Humanities Bible Class at Big Spring High School will be taken.

Felty said Easter sunrise services are traditional to honor the time when Jesus' disciplines went to his tomb to find it empty.

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God is sponsoring the event and has help from Cornerstone Church and East Fourth Baptist Church along with merchants and individuals.

TRAINING

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training this week but when we train, we are all one unit. I have found that the more they train together, the better prepared they will be for a real emergency."

One of the students going through the course this week is Howard County

Volunteer fireman Terry Rumpff, a battalion chief with his unit. Rumpff feels the training he received this week will be invaluable.

"The training has been very educational for me to be able to train on what to do in these accidents," said Rumpff. "We are learning how to handle the situation should it arise. We are also learning if there is a fire what to do, put it out or just isolate it and how to handle evacuations for the safety of the public."

Rumpff feels that after completion of the course he will be more confident in his fire-fighting skills.

"I feel comfortable that after having completed this training course we will be ready to handle a real incident should it occur," said Rumpff. "One thing for sure is you can't get enough training on this kind of stuff."

Big Spring Police Lt. Terry Chamness is also one of the class members going through the hazardous material technician course.

"Last October Big Spring Police Department Chief Lonnie Smith was named the Emergency Management Coordinator for the county and I am assisting him with the emergency management operations," said Chamness.

"This week we are going through hazardous material technician school which will give us a better idea of what happens if we run into a chemical spill or hazardous material whether it be on the highway or a wreck that would be a danger to the population of the city and county. It will help us understand what to do in those instances where the public can be better protected."

Howard County Volunteer Fire Chief Tommy Sullivan played a big part in securing the training classes that were given this week when he applied for grant money to get the departments the much-needed training.

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Plumlee previously worked for the BSISD as a math teacher and coach from 1965 until 1975.

According to Plumlee, he plans to remain in Big Spring after retirement, having "grown roots" in the community.

"Both my children were born here and graduated here when we moved back the second time," he said. "Big Spring is our home."

Plumlee said he is looking forward to retirement and may eventually consider other work in his future. Plumlee, who is in his 50s, mentioned his mother is 92 so he expects to have several years ahead of him.

Plumlee will join superintendent William "Bill" McQueary, who resigned in February, in finishing out the school year. Earlier this school year, board members accepted the resignation of assistant superintendent Ron Logback.

Board president Irene Bustamante said the board will miss both McQueary and Plumlee and thanked them for their years of service to the district.

Plumlee indicated a replacement for his position could come from within the district.

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bers on the technology plans for the district.

Cole said the district is considering opting for a five-year replacement cycle plan to keep up with the changing technology.

Currently some computers in the BSISD are outdated and replacement parts can not be found in the market, she said, so the district is having to harvest computer parts.

Some classroom computers can not run the newest

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

software and the state is moving to include more computer-literate curriculum, she mentioned.

The board approved six early dismissal dates for the 2001-2002 school year. The dates are Oct. 12, Nov. 20, Dec. 21, March 28 and May 28-May 29.

Student population for BSISD continues to fall as the district is down by 99 students currently this year, McQueary told board members.

McQueary informed trustees that the district's employee appreciation banquet is set for April 30 at 6 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

In other business the board gave approval:

- of IDEA Entitlements budget amendments,
• Student Support Services budget amendments,
• Texas Successful School Award budget amendments.

BRIEFS

CITY OF BIG SPRING Polly Mays Annex; Water Department, Code Enforcement, Permits and RSVP will be closed April 13, for Good Friday.

BENEFIT AUCTION FOR SPRING CITY Senior Citizens Center. Now accepting donations. Pickup available. For information contact Bobbie Leonard-Spring City Senior Citizens Center 267-1628 or Crossroads Auction Company 263-8200, David Lefever, auctioneer. All proceeds go to Senior Citizens Center. All donations appreciated.

COMMUNITY EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE 6:30 a.m., courtyard at First Presbyterian Church, 205 North First Street, Coahoma. Good Friday Service, 7 p.m. First Methodist, Coahoma.

FAJITA COOKOUT BIG SPRING Wilderness Camp Fajita Bake Sale to benefit Special Olympics Texas. Fajita plates, sodas, fajita burrito, t-shirts, hamburgers, hot dogs, dunking booth. Saturday, Wal-Mart East Store Entrance 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. All proceeds benefiting Special Olympics Texas.

THE BIG SPRING EVENING LIONS CLUB will have free eyeglasses for all adults Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club bingo building, 1607 East Third.

All adults needing eyeglasses who don't have the income to purchase the exam or glasses are welcome. The recycled eyeglasses are donated by the community as a service project of the Lions.

The Lions group usually offers the eyeglasses the second Saturday of month; it was changed to the third Saturday for February. For more information call Donna Groenke at 393-5298.

BIG SPRING DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB, meets Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at 1 p.m. at the Big Spring Country Club. New members are welcome. \$4 fee. Contact Janell Davis at 267-2656 for more information.

Guess Who is 30 On April 14th. Happy Birthday!! LOVE YOU!! Mom, Bill & Granny!!

TEXAS LOTTERY

Pick 3: 2,6,4
Cash 5: 3,27,23,16
Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission.

Sunrise Sunday 6:16 a.m. Sunset Sunday 7:16 p.m.

SUPPORT GROUPS

TODAY

•Turning Point A.A., 8:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

•AA, 6:15 Settles, 8 p.m. Big Book Study.
•NA 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.).

SATURDAY

•Family support group for current and former patients and their families, 1 p.m. weekly, Reflections Unit of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Call Beverly Grant, 263-0074.

FIRE/EMS

The following is a summary of the Big Spring Fire Department and EMS:

12:58 a.m. - 1700 block of Lancaster, medical call, one patient transported to VA Medical Center.

4:02 a.m. - 3700 block of Connelly, medical call, service refused.

4:56 a.m. - 3200 block of Parkway, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

6:38 a.m. - 1900 block of Mittle, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

8:15 a.m. - 3200 block of Parkway, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

8:47 a.m. - 1000 block of Nolan, traffic accident, one patient transported to SMMC.

8:56 a.m. - 3200 block of Parkway, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

4:07 p.m. - 1400 block of Apron, trauma call, service refused.

5:18 p.m. - 2600 block of Chanute, traffic accident, no patient found.

7:53 p.m. - 2000 block of Virginia, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

7:54 p.m. - 6200 block of Walter Road, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

8:21 p.m. - 1700 block of Lancaster, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

7:46 p.m. - 1000 block of Johnson, dumpster fire, extinguished.

RECORDS

Thursday's high 78 Thursday's low 45 Precip. Thursday 0.00 Record high 98 in 1972 Record low 28 in 1957 Average high 77 Average low 48 Month to date 0.01 Year to date 2.85 Sunrise Saturday 6:18 a.m. Sunset Saturday 7:15 p.m.

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SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Wednesday through 8 a.m. today:

• ENRIQUE CALDERON III, 21, of 1015 Sycamore, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended. (BSPD)

• JAMIE RAE SMITH, 24, of 1301 Lindburgh, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended. (BSPD)

• ANDREW AGUILAR, 32, of 1615 Canary, was arrested on a charge of violation of a protective order. (BSPD)

• HARVEY GUERRO, 21, of 711 S. San Antonio, was arrested on a charge of making alcohol available to a minor. (BSPD)

• JAMES MICHAEL BEST, 23, of Coahoma, was arrested on a charge of theft. (BSPD)

• JOHN MICHAEL PURCELL, 19, of 113 Cedar, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana. (BSPD)

POLICE

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

• GARY LEE SMALE, 26, of 2612 Chanute, was arrested on charges of evading arrest and operating an unregistered vehicle.

• RAUL LOPEZ GONZALES, 49, of 608 NW 5th, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated and carry of a prohibited weapon.

• JAMES ALLEN HALL, 35, of 618 State, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• ALBERT DAYLONG, 45, of 3716 Hatch, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated and possession of marijuana.

• RONNIE DALE FREEMAN, 43, a transient, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

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Verma McKnight, 71, died Monday. Graveside services are 11:00 AM, Saturday in Bee Branch Ark.

Darrell Y. Esco, 82, died Sunday. Graveside services are 10:15 AM today at Mt. Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio.

Alexander G. "Alex" Duncan, 78, died Wednesday. Services are 4:00 PM today at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be in Arizona.

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Texas

HOUSTON (AP) — Enron Co. based-Enron Co. says financial adviser Enron Electric Co. owes \$1 million, according to the utility's trustee.

Enron's disclosure of the first indication that the utility owes the company such a amount, an Enron spokesman said.

"They told the community that California received

Baseball and but

COLLEGE (AP) — Getting Texas, former St. Mikhael Gorbach a high school game, spoke to Texas A&M Uni picked up an a fellow elder George Bush.

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Texas energy company owed hundreds of millions in California

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas-based-Enron Corp.'s executives say financially troubled utility Pacific Gas & Electric Co. owes them \$570 million, according to a letter to the utility's bankruptcy trustee.

Enron's disclosure was the first indication to Wall Street that the West coast utility owes the Houston company such a substantial amount, an energy analyst said.

"They told the investment community that their California receivables were

not material and that they were fully reserved against them," M. Carol Coale, energy analyst with Prudential Securities in Houston, told The Dallas Morning News in Friday's editions. "This is not going to be received favorably."

Enron late Wednesday became one of the companies named late Wednesday to the creditors' committee for San Francisco-based Pacific Gas & Electric's Chapter 11 bankruptcy. The committee represents the parties with the largest

claims in a bankruptcy case.

Mark Palmer, an Enron spokesman in Houston, said the company has taken adequate reserves to protect its balance sheet against any outstanding debts owed it by Pacific Gas & Electric.

Coale said Enron's disclosure was the first indication to Wall Street that the bankrupt utility owes the Houston company such a substantial amount.

Enron officials used the letter to the trustee overseeing the case disclosing how

much Enron is owed as part of Enron's effort to secure a seat on the committee appointed by U.S. Trustee Linda Stanley.

A week ago, Pacific Gas & Electric filed for bankruptcy protection. The company listed assets of more than \$24 billion and debts of \$18 billion, including more than \$9 billion in uncollected costs for power purchases.

Officials of Pacific Gas & Electric, who sell electricity and natural gas to the San Francisco and Northern California areas, say they

sought Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection because negotiations with California over how to resolve the state's power crisis were going nowhere.

The case is the largest utility bankruptcy ever filed and the third largest business bankruptcy in U.S. history, based on assets, behind Texaco in 1987 and Financial Corporation of America in 1998.

Enron, scheduled to make its first-quarter earnings report on Tuesday, was expected to report 45 cents

per share for the quarter, up from 40 cents per share in the first quarter of last year, according to earnings estimates compiled by First Call/Thomson Financial in Boston.

Earlier this week, Enron was dealt another setback in California when a federal judge ordered the company to keep supplying low-cost power to California's state university systems after Enron tried to shift responsibility for buying the school's power to the state's troubled utilities.

Baseball, Aggies, and Gorbachev but no hot dogs

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Getting a taste of Texas, former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev took in a high school baseball game, spoke to students at Texas A&M University and picked up an award from fellow elder statesman George Bush.

Baseball and A&M got the traditional Aggie thumbs up Thursday.

Hot dogs at the game, though, got "Nyet" as both he and the former president, whose presidential library is at Texas A&M, donned baseball caps but spurned an offer of the traditional American food while camped in the bleachers of the game after throwing out the ceremonial first pitch.

Defending his past, ripping his immediate successor and embracing new Russian president Vladimir Putin, Gorbachev later told about 2,500 people, some of them paying \$35 to hear his lecture, that any of his thoughts about Putin, whom he has consulted, would be cautious.

"It's too early to tell," he said. "I don't want to go to any kind of extreme. I don't want to be openly emotional, overly critical."

That wasn't his attitude toward Boris Yeltsin, who took over Russia after Gorbachev resigned on Christmas Day 1991 with the breakup of the Soviet Union.

"Yeltsin's era moved Russia into the category of a backward country, an underdeveloped country," Gorbachev said. "It made Russia poor. We paid a huge price for the projects imposed by Yeltsin."

In a history lesson as part of his 75-minute address, he said Lenin's supporters betrayed the communist idealogue's philosophies and Stalin's ruthlessness severely hurt the Russian people.

As a contrast, he defined his policies that led to the end of the Soviet Union as "gradual change without bloodshed, (giving) people a chance (and) the oxygen of freedom."

"That's what makes that

period particularly humane," he said.

Bush told students at the Bush School of Government at A&M that Gorbachev was a man who ensured a peaceful world for them, saying the former Soviet leader "did more to guarantee that you guys would be living in a world of peace for the next 25 years, or 50 years, or whatever."

"He stuck his neck out and he changed the political agenda throughout the entire world."

Gorbachev, responding to questions from students, predicted a "stable, multifaceted relationship" between Putin and Bush's son, President George W. Bush.

"I think that President George W. Bush — 43rd — will have a very productive, substantive partner in President Putin," he said, using the terminology Bush uses — No. 43 — to describe his son.

"Americans like numbers," Gorbachev chuckled later.

After dining on filet mignon in the Bush Library rotunda Thursday night, Gorbachev accepted from the former president the George Bush Award for Excellence in Public Service. The Bush Presidential Library Foundation is sponsor of the award, a polished crystal prism with an engraved globe.

"Today there are hundreds of millions of people who breathe free air thanks in no small measure to our honoree," Bush said. "There are hundreds of millions of people who no longer have to worry about armed conflict between two ideological rivals."

"Thanks to the joint efforts of the leaders of our two countries we built the trust that must be preserved," Gorbachev responded. "This is our message to the new generation of leaders."

Gorbachev was lauded by the West as the man who helped free Eastern Europe from Communism.

UT regents, solons face off over fund

AUSTIN (AP) — University of Texas System regents normally don't spend hours at the Capitol negotiating with lawmakers, especially over \$16 million — pocket change in terms of higher education funding.

But in recent weeks, some regents have been attempting to do just that, trying to get the UT System's smaller schools included in a bill that would provide \$16 million for research at other state universities.

The lobbying has created a political backlash. The UT System is either greedy and meddling where it doesn't belong or just taking care of its own, according to some lawmakers.

"Most of us are disappointed in the parochial reaction from UT," Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, told the Austin American-Statesman in an article on Thursday. "I am disappointed that my alma mater and their lobbying has confused the issue. Regardless, some-

thing needs to be done, because research and technology are too important for the future of this state to let squabbling get in the way."

The bill would create the Texas Excellence Fund and is intended to help more of the state's colleges become nationally competitive.

Only the state's two flagship universities, UT-Austin and Texas A&M at College Station, currently qualify as top-tier research universities. Each of them has access to a \$7.7 billion endowment known as the Permanent University Fund. UT-Austin receives about \$100 million a year from the PUF for research, faculty recruitment and other uses. The other schools only receive money from the fund for construction.

Ellis and Rep. Rob Junnell, D-San Angelo, the bill's sponsors, say more of the state's 27 schools that don't have access to the PUF also should be flagships, such as Texas Tech,

University of Houston and the University of North Texas.

"The UT System and A&M have done a good job in their research portfolio, and now it's time for others of us to step up to the plate," said Texas Tech Chancellor John Montford, a former state senator.

The UT System was originally left out of the bill, but regents in recent weeks have negotiated their way into the Excellence Fund — and generated some ill will at the Capitol.

UT System campuses at Arlington, Dallas, El Paso, Odessa, San Antonio and Tyler and A&M campuses at Galveston and Stephenville were added to the list of excellence fund beneficiaries.

Lawmakers have complained that UT was wrong to get involved in the business of other schools and that UT made a deal with the Senate and then went shopping for a better one in the House.

The UT System has not been greedy, said Charles Miller, a UT System regent from Houston. UT's other campuses need to have a chance at those dollars, which can be used to hire better faculty and improve their stature. While pools of money start out at \$16 million, it is designed to increase over time. Miller said if UT isn't included now, it might never have the chance to get into the fund.

"The other institutions all lined up to their benefit, and they left us out," Miller said.

A compromise hammered out between UT officials and lawmakers creates two pools of money, both starting out at \$16 million a year from the state: one for the colleges in the original bill and the other for the UT and A&M campuses.

Unlike the original bill, the compromise would require additional money in the already tight state budget.

MALDEF sues state over redistricting lines

AUSTIN (AP) — The Mexican American Legal Defense Fund sued the state Thursday over its redistricting plans, claiming the redrawing of voting lines is unfair to Hispanics.

The lawsuit was filed in federal court in Tyler. It addresses the state's current political districts, but was filed in anticipation of new plans being drafted by lawmakers based on new census data, said Nina Perales, lead attorney in the case.

"It is like getting the ball rolling on redistricting," Perales said.

"The current statewide redistricting plans for Texas do not accurately reflect Latino voting strength in the year 2001," she said. "We should see additional districts with a majority of Latino voters around the state, including South Texas, Houston and Dallas."

Senate redistricting Chairman Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, said he had not seen the lawsuit but had asked all groups to submit suggestions to the committee which has been working on draft plans. He said MALDEF did not.

"I guess it's real easy to criticize. But when you're invited to participate and

you decline or refuse to participate and then file a lawsuit, that is in my judgment patently absurd on its face," Wentworth said.

House chairman Delwin Jones, R-Lubbock, did not immediately return messages seeking comment.

Wentworth said Wednesday he thought the Senate's first draft of a legislative plan was fair and would withstand a court fight.

New figures peg Texas' population at 20.9 million,

supplanting New York as the second-most populous state. 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.

Redistricting is the redrawing of political boundaries every 10 years after new U.S. Census Bureau figures are released.

The Texas Legislature oversees redistricting for the state Senate and House,

the Texas congressional delegation and the State Board of Education.

Texas' final redistricting plans traditionally face legal challenges.

Two other lawsuits were previously filed. One is in federal court in Marshall and the other is in state district court in Austin.

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Police crack 13-year-old murder case

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — More than a decade had passed since a fatal drive-by shooting, with the investigation stalled until Central Texas law officers received a tip.

Robert Estrada was arrested Saturday and charged in the April 4, 1988 murder of Rene Morales. Her murder case has been in the department longer than some detectives who have handled it.

Estrada, 36, was held Friday in the Bexar County jail in lieu of a \$200,000 bond.

"We really had to blow the dust off from this one," Lt. Dan Akeroyd told the San Antonio Express-News in Friday's editions. "It really was a long time. I don't think most of us were even here" in the homicide unit.

Investigators attempted to unravel the case, but struggled because of a lack of leads or evidence.

"We just couldn't make the connection to the Morales case at all,"

Akeroyd said. "Again, we really had nothing to go on at all from the very start."

But for many years, police unknowingly had in their possession the same gun they now believe was used

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each week, the *Herald* salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

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

This week we salute:

• **BIG SPRING DAY IN AUSTIN** organizers and participants, who showcased our community at the state Capitol on Tuesday.

• **FORSAN and BIG SPRING ONE-ACT PLAY CASTS, CREWS and INSTRUCTORS**, on earning a berth in regional competition.

• **TRASH-OFF PARTICIPANTS**, who scoured portions of the city last weekend, helping make Big Spring more attractive.

• **DEREK DeHOYOS, MICHAEL ROFFERS and BRIAN WINGERT**, Big Spring High School students, who advanced to regional competition from the District 5-4A tennis tournament.

• **THE 125 OR SO PEOPLE** who participated in the **MS WALK** to raise funds in the fight against multiple sclerosis.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

What a heartwarming story you did on the Coahoma Kindergarten Rodeo!

I was raised in Texas (haven't lived there since 1961) and have fond memories of West Texas rodeos. However, this is one rodeo I have to see someday.

Thank you for the coverage and the beautiful picture of the little cowboy and his dad. All of America needs to see that picture. It says something very positive about the way you West Texans care for and educate your children.

BRYAN BOSS
CANTON, PA.
VIA E-MAIL

TO THE EDITOR:

As a disabled retired military veteran, I think it is grossly unfair for retired veterans who happen to be disabled to have to fund their own VA disability. Military veterans are the only government employees who have to fund their own disability. I have sent the following letter to my elected representatives in Washington urging them support the Hutchinson-

Reid-Warner amendment to the FY 2002 Budget Resolution.

Please vote for the Hutchinson-Reid-Warner amendment to the FY2002 Budget Resolution.

This amendment is important to end the practice of forcing disabled military retirees to fund their own disability compensation. Military members must give up \$1 of their earned military retired pay for each \$1 they receive in disability compensation from the VA.

Military retired pay and veterans disability compensation serve different purposes — one should not offset the other. Retired pay is compensation for a career of arduous military service and VA disability compensation is recompense for pain and suffering and the loss of future earning power due to a service-incurred disability. I urge you most strongly to vote for the Hutchinson-Reid-Warner amendment — and end this unfair treatment of our disabled military retirees.

RALPH D. KENNEDY
VIA E-MAIL

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Never thought I'd be leaving Big Spring

Never in the deepest recesses of my mind did I ever imagine writing this column in this newspaper.

You never think about your last column, especially when you've thought that you were in the place where you'd end your career.

At a time in this industry when it is getting increasingly difficult to attract young folks to smaller communities, I've found that this is exactly where I've wanted to spend my career.

Perhaps it is the ability to have been a hands-on editor and publisher that is the attraction of the job, but more than that, I think it is the opportunity a community our size affords us to become involved.

And I think the ability to get involved is one of the reasons I love Big Spring.

How can you say "thank-you" to all of you who have made such a wonderful difference in my life? The past 10 days have been both wonderful as well as gut-wrenching because I've had the opportunities to reminisce with friends.

Wonderful because of the memories and the friends and gut-wrenching because each and every conversation finally got to the "gonna miss you" stage — and I'm going to miss so

many of you.

But I can tell you that my life is richer because of the time I have been in Big Spring ... because of my extended family ... because of my *Herald* family ... because of the family we in this community became as we tackled a project or completed a task someone told us couldn't be done.

Windows in the Settles? Get out of here!

A flight museum at the old air base? No way.

A park downtown? Why? Raising \$100,000 to help fight cancer? Dream on.

Coats for Kids? Don't they have one already?

The Angel Trees? Let somebody else do it.

I challenge you to never forget that you are that somebody else. That it is up to you to make a difference and never, ever accept the status quo.

When I first arrived at the *Herald* the morning of Monday, Dec. 2, 1991, it was a cold, crisp day. The night before, as I had moved into my duplex on Gunter Street, a few snow flakes had floated down and the morning after was simply beautiful.

As I walked up the steps on the Eighth Street side of the *Herald* building, I looked skyward and asked the Lord to not let me mess things up too badly. In the ensuing years, I've relied on the Lord to guide me and help me do what I thought was right. When it came time for a tough decision, I went to him.

As a youngster, my Mom and Dad, who grew up in Depression era Mississippi, always told my sister and

me to try and leave a place better because we were there ... to try and make a positive difference as you pass through this life.

We've tried to do that at the *Herald*.

I believe a hometown newspaper should have local names and local faces and local activities reported on its pages.

I believe a hometown newspaper should be supportive of hometown activities and of those projects that impact the community.

I believe a hometown newspaper should recognize the service of those who have gone on ... great people like Mrs. Dorothy Garrett, Dr. P.W. Malone, Mrs. Edna Womack, John Taylor and John Coffee and others like them.

And I also believe a hometown newspaper should recognize the service of others ... people who might not have been as well-known, but who are just important to their family and friends and community as well.

That's why I'm glad we've recognized people like my former neighbor, Latrice Davis, for her years of service to her church ... like Mack Underwood, who was the spirit of the old East Side Gang and their reunion as well as being vital to the rebirth of the Old Settlers Reunion.

Too many times, so-called journalists cry about their First Amendment rights being violated. As they cry about their rights, they have forgotten that with those rights comes a tremendous responsibility to be fair and accurate with

all those we come in contact with ... to treat everyone equally, disregarding place or position in the community ... to write the difficult editorial or hard story because it has to be written and because you know it is right.

There are times you become unpopular because of things you must write. Sometimes, you are sued. If you were wrong, you lose. If you were right, the truth prevails.

Some cancel subscriptions and others pull ads but you do your job, because that's what you do ... and whether someone likes you or not, you've got to be able to look yourself in the mirror each morning.

Thank you for allowing me to become part of who we are in Big Spring ... for allowing me to work beside you to try and make a difference in our community ... for letting me share in the fun of being Jason at the Haunted House or doing the PA at "The Dorothy," ... and of being able to participate in the Prayer for Rain Rally as we opened up our hearts as we went to the Lord to ask him to water our parched land.

Remember that you can make a difference.

Peace be with you until we meet again.

(John H. Walker has served as publisher of the *Herald* since Feb. 6, 2000. He was editor from Dec. 2, 1991 to Jan. 15, 1993 and from Jan. 12, 1996 until Feb. 6, 2000. This is his final column.)



The art of hunting turkeys

I went turkey hunting recently on a Florida ranch. But, animal lovers, don't worry. I didn't see a single bird.

The wild turkey was Benjamin Franklin's choice to be America's national bird. The turkey is a very wily bird, with exceptionally keen eyesight and hearing.

Veteran hunters say that if the wild turkey had a sharp sense of smell, no one would ever have an opportunity to shoot one.

Today, gobblers are hunted during the mating season. I suppose it could be said of turkey gobblers, as it is said of men, that they have two gifts, one of which is the brain — but the bad news is that the

two gifts won't work at the same time.

So, to hunt turkeys in the spring, you wait until the mating season, try to find a gobbler in your general vicinity and then attempt to imitate a hen's call on various turkey callers.

Gobblers, in the heat of the urge, will usually come to investigate, and that's when a well-disguised hunter can shoot a gobbler's head off.

Alas, my two days in the woods were toward the end of the mating season, and, apparently, most of the surviving gobblers already had taken care of business. The first three hunts, I heard nothing but inedible birds and crows — which, by the way, are remarkably noisier than I had thought. They moo and squeal in a bass voice for no discernible reason. Maybe they are just clearing their throats.

said to each other, "Well, let's give the poor sap a thrill and gobble once."

So they did. But that was all. No amount of turkey calling, hopefully in the style of a love-starved hen, drew them to the blind. One of the other hunters tried to console me by saying that they were probably young male turkeys who hadn't quite figured it all out yet. (Have you ever thought about the fact that there is no one to tell the birds and the bees about the birds and the bees? Poor things don't even have television and Hollywood to help them.)

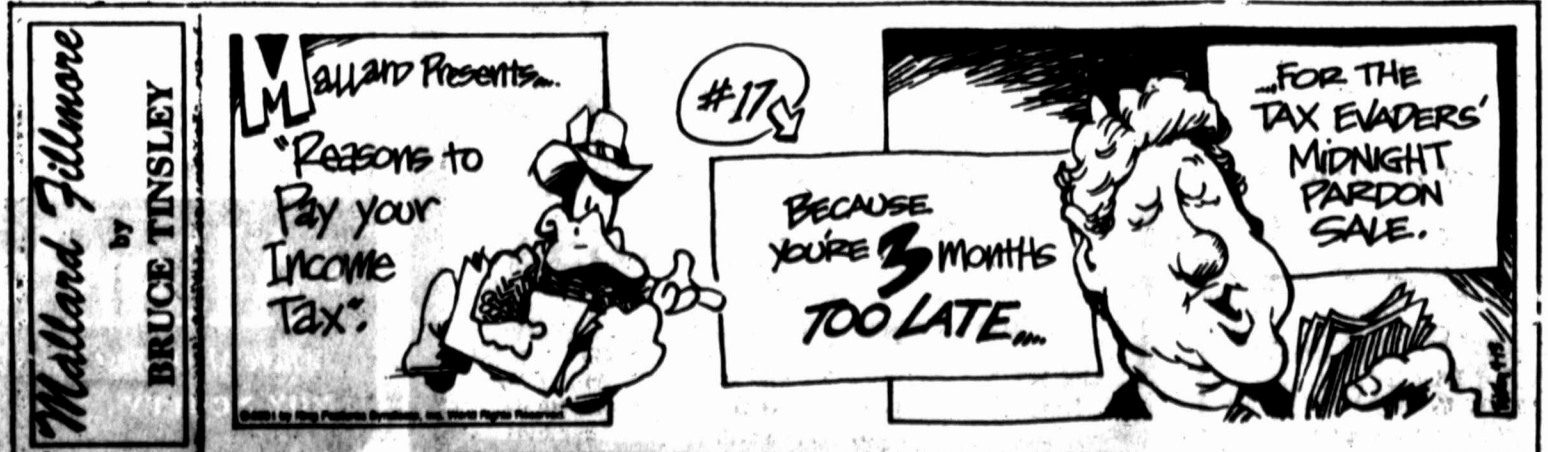
But hunting is called hunting instead of shooting for the very good reason that one hunts more than one shoots. It's wonderful to see the stars without the pollution of lights and to watch a dawn in the deep woods. As for the turkeys, there's always next year, and I will have the same shotgun shells ready to go.



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American families more traditional and more complex

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ozzie and Harriet are not dead yet.

The prototypical nuclear family of black and white TV — where mom, dad and their biological children all live together — may not be as endangered as it sometimes seems. The percentage of children living in these traditional families rose during the early 1990s, from 51 percent in 1991 to 56 percent in 1996.

At the same time, other families became increasingly complex, with more stepparents, grandparents and adoptive parents raising children, the Census Bureau says in a report released Friday.

It's the second report on the living arrangements of children and updates findings from a 1991 study. The new data examine the 71.5 million children living in the United States in fall 1996.

The report, based on a survey of 37,000 households, both rejects and builds upon common perceptions of increasingly fractured families. "It's not entirely a clear picture," said the Census Bureau's Jason Fields.

Most unexpected may be the rise in the proportion of children living in "nuclear families" — where the children live with their biological mother and father and no one else. But this does not necessarily mean that more couples are staying together.

Rather, as the total number of children increased, more of them were being born into traditional households, Fields said.

That is partly because couples married or began having children later in life, he said.

"People who delayed marriage for education or career and have decided at an older age than in the past, 'Now we're getting married,'" are now having babies, he said. "More marriages and more families are being formed, and a lot of them are forming as these traditional nuclear families."

In addition, births to teen-agers and to unmarried older women have fallen, helping to slow a three-decade climb in the number of children living with single parents. Still, one in three babies is born to unmarried parents, making that child's chances slim for life in a nuclear family.

Whatever the reason, an increase in the number of children living with their biological parents bodes well for those children, said Kristin Moore, president of the research firm Child Trends.

"From the point of view of children, this is the most auspicious family form," she said.

Two-parent families raising their biological children tend to be better off economically.

First redistricting battles launched

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The first of the nation's redistricting fights for Congress began in Iowa and Indiana this week, with Democrats who control Indiana's House proposing a map that left out Republican Rep. Steve Buyer, one of the Clinton impeachment managers.

The elimination of his district will put Buyer, in his fifth term, in a contest with newly elected GOP Rep. Brian Kerns. In Iowa, two Republicans were put into the same district.

With control of Congress at stake, states must redraw their districts to reflect population changes following the census. Indiana, which lost residents, will lose one House seat. Some of the biggest fights will be in Pennsylvania, Texas and California.

"There's a lot at stake," said Brian Vargus, a pollster at Indiana University. "Basically you've got a House of Representatives that's essentially split down the middle, and you're look-

ing at a redistricting that will decide the advantage."

A hushed statehouse in Iowa greeted the presentation of the new maps Thursday. Republican Reps. Jim Nussle and Jim Leach were put into a new congressional district in eastern Iowa. Thirty-nine state legislators were put into competing districts.

Iowa is among a handful of states that try to take politics out of redistricting by handing the task to staff who are prohibited from considering incumbents and the like.

In Des Moines, that set the scene for nervous laughter as staffers unveiled the map. "Here comes Dianne with our political futures," Senate Majority Leader Stewart Iverson said as a staffer entered the chamber, maps in hand.

Traveling in Indiana on Thursday, Buyer said he expected some payback. "Between being an impeachment manager and what I had done in the Florida recount, it made me high-profile for Democrats, so

I'm not surprised."

"Redistricting is a political process, and Democrats control that process in Indiana. To the victors go the spoils," he said. Buyer said he's confident he can win in the new district.

Indiana and Iowa are the first, along with Arkansas, where the legislature late Thursday approved a status quo map. Others are beginning the task — South Carolina has held hearings, and Georgia and Colorado are weighing special sessions this summer.

New maps in those states must be finished in time for primary filing deadlines for the 2002 elections. For politicians, elections are what redistricting is about.

"District lines are the heart of everything that a politician does," said Kimball Brace, a redistricting expert who worked with the Iowa committee. "It's their political livelihood they're looking at."

And each state's role in drawing seats for Congress puts a premium on political relationships and payback.

Indiana state Rep. Win Moses, a Democrat, acknowledged the personal nature of the process, but said Buyer's leadership role in former President Clinton's impeachment was not discussed when maps were drawn.

"There are some incumbents we like more than others," Moses said. "The four that seemed to be more favorable to us, we found a way — the rest was just kind of divided up."

The map proposed by Indiana's House Democrats is almost certain to win approval.

The Republican-controlled Senate may disagree, but Democratic Gov. Frank O'Bannon appoints the tie-breaking member to a commission that resolves disputes.

With Republicans in control of the U.S. House 221-211, national Democrats and Republicans are getting involved. Democrats have pledged to spend \$13 million on assistance to states; Republicans' national operation is tracking it, too.

Tax time proving more difficult than ever this year

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some evidence that the tax code is getting impossibly complicated: More than half a million taxpayers paid the federal government an average of \$610 apiece more than they owed in 1998 because they chose the standard deduction when they could have itemized.

In an unpublished draft report, the General Accounting Office discovered that in 1998, some 510,000 taxpayers who chose to take the standard deduc-

tion could have gotten a bigger deduction by itemizing because they had mortgage interest payments.

The GAO estimated that these people paid the IRS \$311 million over what they should have. That number will likely be higher after investigators check for state and local tax deductions and charitable deductions taxpayers could have claimed, but didn't.

As millions of taxpayers finish their returns this week to meet Monday's mid-

night deadline for most people, the bewildering complexity of tax law, says the Internal Revenue Service's own taxpayer advocate, "continues to be the most serious and burdensome problem facing America's taxpayers."

Several trends that show how difficult doing one's own taxes has become:

— In 1945, the instructions for the basic 1040 income tax form ran all of four pages. Ten years later, they ran 16 pages and by 1985

had reached 52 pages. This year, the booklet is 117 pages long.

— Roughly 58 percent of taxpayers will hire a paid preparer to do their taxes this year. In 1980, the figure was 38 percent. Combined with computer-prepared returns, at least three-quarters of taxpayers will seek professional help in completing their taxes this year. Through April 6, over 5 million people had filed returns using their home computer — almost 36 percent.

Interest group influence clearly affected by campaign finance

WASHINGTON (AP) — Religious leaders who tend toward the liberal or moderate side have formed a new organization in the latest effort to counter the political clout of the Christian Coalition and other Christian conservatives.

The effort comes as many suggest interest groups are about to gain a more prominent role in politics because of a possible overhaul of campaign finance laws that could shift the flow of political money.

The new religious group, the Progressive Religious Partnership, will not be set up initially to join the political wars with lobbying and issue advertising. It will consider whether to take a more politically active role later.

The partnership will be a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization that could take tax-deductible donations and provide an outlet for religious groups and leaders to educate and advocate their political positions.

But the group has left open the possibility of adding "a political advocacy component" in the future to take a position on legislative measures before Congress.

"It's vitally important to have a counterbalance to the voice of the religious right," said Ralph Neas, president of People for the American Way, which helped form the new religious group. "We want to bring progressive voices more powerfully and effectively to the public debate."

This is not the first time moderate-to-liberal religious groups have attempted to

form a counterbalance to the Christian Coalition, one of the most successful of the interest groups at political mobilization. One of the most recent was in the mid-1990s, after Republicans gained control of Congress.

"This doesn't bother us at all," said Roberta Combs, executive director of the Christian Coalition. "Every election cycle they do this."

The Christian Coalition, with about 2 million supporters, is preparing to go through states across the country this summer "to activate, educate and train people in the political process." The coalition long has published its voter guides that point out candidates' stands on issues that are of critical interest to conservatives, such as abortion.

Many believe the already powerful role that interest groups play in politics could grow if campaign finance laws are overhauled.

Those with the highest stakes are the most politi-

cally active such as more narrowly focused groups such as the National Rifle Association, the Sierra Club and groups on both sides of the abortion issue.

The legislation that passed the Senate and awaits House action would ban millions of dollars in unregulated soft money that now goes to the political parties. Some believe at least part of that money would eventually make its way to interest groups.

"The involvement of interest groups in campaigns has gradually increased over the last 25 years," said Dwight Morris of the independent Campaign Study Group.

"It's about to explode. If the law passes fairly much intact and if it is upheld by the court, two very big ifs, interest group politics has been given a gift from the heavens."

"People will have money that they can't give to parties and they'll give to these groups or form new ones."

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Chinese jet broke in two after striking spy plane, diplomats say

BEIJING (AP) — As crew members raced to destroy classified information, heavily armed Chinese troops surrounded the crippled U.S. spy plane on a runway on Hainan island, shouting through megaphones and waving their arms to get the crew off, senior U.S. diplomats said Friday.

"They made it clear they wanted us off that aircraft," the senior diplomats quoted the plane's pilot, Lt. Shane Osborn, as saying. The diplomats said the Chinese troops appeared to be "trying to get them to stop their procedures."

The chilling new details of the U.S. Navy EP-3E's in-flight collision with a Chinese fighter jet and its subsequent emergency landing on Hainan were based in part on

briefings of the 24-member crew, and added to U.S. claims that the Chinese pilot caused the collision over the South China Sea. The incident led to the detention of the American crew and an acrimonious 11-day standoff.

The diplomats said the U.S. Navy plane made 15 to 25 distress calls before making an emergency landing at a Chinese air base. The U.S. version contradicted the account given by Chinese officials, who claim the American plane swerved into the fighter jet. They also said they did not hear any distress call and accuse the U.S. pilot of illegally entering their airspace.

The diplomats briefed reporters on condition that they not be

named or identified further.

They said despite repeated overtures they did not have their first contact with Chinese officials until 12 hours after the crash. They complained that China immediately took a confrontational stance instead of treating the collision as an accident.

According to the diplomats, two Chinese F-8 fighter planes took off from Hainan island to trail the U.S. plane, which was on a surveillance mission 64 miles off the Chinese coast.

One of the jets approached the four-engine American aircraft three times, from the left and behind. The first two passes came within three to five feet of the wing, the U.S. diplomats said.

On the third pass, the Chinese pilot apparently realized he was closing in too fast and tried to swing his plane to cut speed, the diplomats said, citing the account by the American crew. He hit the outer propeller on the left wing, the inner engine and then the U.S. aircraft's nose.

The impact broke the Chinese fighter in half. The diplomats said they did not know whether the pilot ejected.

After the collision, the U.S. plane plummeted some 8,000 feet. On regaining control, the crew sent distress calls on a frequency that planes and control towers are supposed to monitor. There was no response from the Chinese airfield.

The diplomats said they were unable to confirm the second Chinese pilot's claim that he requested permission to shoot down the American plane. They had no evidence that shots were fired.

The American pilot, Lt. Shane Osborn, decided to land his crippled aircraft at the Chinese air base at Lingshui, on Hainan island, rather than having the crew bail out or ditch in the sea.

The pilot reportedly considered the bail out option, but chose against it. "The way the plane was spinning, there was no way they could get out," James Coursen, the father of Navy Cryptologic Technician Operator 1st Class Shawn Coursen.

Belgrade court orders Milosevic back to prison

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — A judge ordered Slobodan Milosevic back to prison on Friday after reviewing hospital tests performed on him for possible heart problems, the former president's lawyer said.

Milosevic has been under guard in a secluded ward at a Belgrade military hospital since late Wednesday, when he was rushed from Central Prison after complaining of chest pains.

"We expect this to take place some time this afternoon," Miroslav Vasic, one of a team of lawyers representing Milosevic, said of the pending transfer.

He said Milosevic's lawyers did not see the results of the medical tests on their client. The defense team was informed of the decision by investigative judge Goran Cavlina, he said.

All medical tests on Milosevic, 59, were completed by midday Friday,

Vasic said.

It was not immediately clear whether Milosevic would return to his cell or the prison's medical ward, said Vasic.

Doctors examining Milosevic on Thursday found no evidence of heart disease, officials said earlier. The former president was diagnosed as having high blood pressure — a condition he already had when admitted to the prison.

Milosevic was detained on April 1 for 30 days, pending an investigation into abuse of power and corruption charges.

Yugoslavia's new government is seeking to try him at home for alleged wrongdoings during his 13 years in power. It is refusing to give in to pressure to have him tried by the U.N. war crimes tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands, for alleged atrocities in the Kosovo war — at least until he faces justice in Serbia.

Powell decries ethnic violence in Balkans

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Secretary of State Colin Powell cautioned against new outbreaks of ethnic violence in parts of the former Yugoslavia on Friday while voicing U.S. support for emerging democracies.

"The only way forward here is the rule of law," Powell said as he condemned mob violence led by Bosnia's leading Croat party.

Earlier, Powell, wrapping up a three-day tour of Europe, issued a similar caution to those supporting ethnic violence in Macedonia and Kosovo.

While Powell said Bosnia has made strides toward democracy in the years since its civil war ended, "Bosnia needs to make more progress to become a member of Europe."

"It needs one military, not three," he said. "All indicted war criminals must be brought to justice."

Tensions have been high in Croat areas of Bosnia since the Croatian Democratic Union declared

"The only way forward here is the rule of law," Powell said as he condemned mob violence led by Bosnia's leading Croat party.

last month it would break off its alliance with the country's Muslims and set up a Croat government. Under the Dayton agreement that ended the Bosnian war, the country was divided into a Serb-run ministate and a Muslim-Croat Federation.

Powell urged against a return to the "law of the jungle" in Bosnia.

Earlier, in Skopje, Macedonia, Powell said outbreaks of violence sponsored by some ethnic Albanians are eroding international support for Kosovo's Albanian leaders.

After a meeting with Kosovo leaders and the U.N. administrator, Powell told reporters that recent attacks in Macedonia appear to be the work of homegrown extremists and those who

have crossed the border from Kosovo.

"Violence is not the answer," Powell said.

In two days in the Balkans, Powell has carried a promise from President Bush to help support democracy in the Balkans, with military force if necessary.

He had planned to travel to both Kosovo and Bosnia before returning to Washington, but rain and a heavy overcast prevented him and his entourage from taking a planned helicopter ride over rugged mountainous terrain to Kosovo's provincial capital of Pristina.

Instead, Kosovo's U.N. administrator, Hans Haekkerup, and Kosovo leaders came to Skopje, Macedonia's capital, to meet with Powell.

Among those who met with Powell was Kosovo Albanian leader Ibrahim Rugova.

Talking separately with reporters, Rugova disavowed any links with ethnic-Albanians responsible for the violence in Macedonia.

"We condemn the violence," he said. He said his immediate goal was to hold national elections in Kosovo.

Powell said the violence in Macedonia "is eroding international support for Kosovo," where Albanians are in the majority.

Turning to China, Powell said there were many issues still to be resolved with the return of the U.S. crew of the surveillance plane forced to make an emergency landing in China.

Powell said he looked forward to the April 18 meeting of the two nations to discuss the incident, and added that he would be "letting them (the Chinese) know of our concerns in those areas where we have disagreed."

Palestinians accuse Israel of plotting to assassinate Fatah member

JERUSALEM (AP) — Palestinians on Friday blamed Israel for the botched attempt to kill a leading member of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement and said they arrested suspected informers who delivered a booby-trapped car to the intended victim.

The Israeli army said it knew nothing about the rigged car. Raanan Gissin, an aide to Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, said the accusations "are not worth responding to."

In the West Bank town of Beit Ummar, thousands of Palestinians attended the burial of 14-year-old

Shoukat Alami, who was shot and killed by Israeli troops Thursday night. Palestinians said there were no clashes at the time, but the army said soldiers shot at someone trying to throw a firebomb at a bus, setting off an exchange of gunfire.

The crowd chanted for retribution, calling for the military wing of the Islamic militant group Hamas to "set off bombs in Tel Aviv."

Sharon, meanwhile, reiterated that he will not meet with Arafat until Palestinian attacks on Israelis stop. "The turning point will come when Arafat begins to realize, and I believe that this is becoming

clear to him, that my government will not negotiate under terror and violence," Sharon said.

Sharon also said he would be ready to recognize a demilitarized Palestinian state in up to 42 percent of the West Bank as part of a long-term interim peace agreement. The Palestinians now have full or partial control over about 40 percent of the area.

The Palestinians want to establish a state in all of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, as well as traditionally Arab east Jerusalem. Sharon's predecessor, Ehud Barak, had offered to transfer some 95 percent of the West Bank

to the Palestinians in a peace deal.

Sharon said that as part of a partial peace deal, he would be willing to carry out one more small troop pullback to which Israel had committed itself.

"With the third redeployment, it's possible to reach 42 percent (for a Palestinian state), more or less," he told Maariv. "By agreement, through negotiations, in which such a state would be limited: disarmed, in contrast to the situation today, with police forces only, weapons used by police to keep order. Israel supervises the borders for years."

The intended target of the

rigged car was Nasser Abu Humaid, a leader of Fatah's armed wing, Tanzim, in the Ammari refugee camp south of the West Bank town of Ramallah, said Jibril Rajoub, a Palestinian security chief.

Abu Humaid said two men befriended him and offered him a car. Abu Humaid said he became suspicious and called security agents, who discovered a bomb in the car.

They towed it to a safe location, where it exploded. Abu Humaid said the two men were collaborators working for Israel.

Rajoub angrily complained that the car bomb

attempt came a day after Israeli and Palestinian security commanders met to try to defuse tensions. He said the two men who delivered the car have been arrested.

"This shows how serious the Israeli government is about security coordination, and how much it cares for Palestinian lives," Rajoub told the Voice of Palestine radio Friday.

"This is an Israeli invitation for a car bomb in Tel Aviv," Rajoub said.

Ziad Abu Zayyad, a Palestinian Cabinet minister, told Israel army radio the botched killing "is pushing the Palestinians toward extremism and escalation."

Remains of Americans killed in copter crash flown home

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — In a poignant echo of earlier services for long-lost soldiers, U.S. officials held a repatriation ceremony Friday for seven Americans killed last weekend while searching for the remains of Americans missing since the Vietnam War.

"All these men are heroes. They gave their lives for something they believed in," U.S. Ambassador Pete Peterson said.

He said the deaths of the seven Americans and nine Vietnamese in a helicopter crash last Saturday would strengthen both countries' commitment to account for people still missing in action from the war.

As a white-gloved military honor guard carried each flag-draped coffin aboard a C-17 military cargo plane at Hanoi's airport, dozens of

American and Vietnamese mourners held their hands over their hearts or at their brows in salute.

The ceremony was a haunting replica of those held every time the MIA task force has recovered remains of soldiers who died decades ago during the Vietnam War.

The plane carrying the remains of the American servicemen arrived in Guam later today for refueling, and there was a brief tribute.

The Russian-built MI-17 helicopter slammed into a fog-shrouded mountain in central Quang Binh province, about 250 miles south of Hanoi, on Saturday.

The Americans and Vietnamese were part of an advance team preparing to excavate six MIA crash

sites next month.

A decision on whether the May excavation will be suspended or canceled will be made next week, said Childress.

Killed in the crash were the outgoing head of the Hanoi MIA unit, Army Lt. Col. Rennie Cory Jr., 43, of Fayetteville, N.C.; as well as the man who was to replace him in July, Lt. Col. George D. "Marty" Martin III, 40, of

Hopkins, S.C.

The other American victims were Air Force Maj. Charles E. Lewis of Las Cruces, N.M.; Master Sgt. Steven L. Moser of San Diego; Tech. Sgt. Robert M. Flynn of Huntsville, Ala.; Navy Chief Petty Officer Pedro Juan Gonzalez of Buckeye, Ariz.; and Army Sgt. 1st Class Tommy James Murphy of Dawson, Ga.

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CHURCH NEWS

Midway Baptist Church
Mrs. Vera Sand recognized Sunday the 11 a.m. worship. Midway will honor her many years of service to her Lord and the church.

She was born on April 11, 1904, to Howard County pioneers Walter and Alice Robinson. She grew up in Howard County, attending school in the Midway area. She was a young girl in a tank on the water where she now worships at the church. Her father owned the land and later sold it to Midway Baptist Church for its location for its building.

Right after the Baptist Church began, Mrs. Sand became a very active member. Serving in many capacities of the church, she served as WMU for many years. She played the piano at church and other places for many years. She was a kitchen coordinator for 33 years giving in 1991. Everyone looks to her turkey and which she always makes for the church holiday.

She raised two children, Almarine Schwab and Christine Foster. Midway Community has five grand children and seven great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

She is the elder of Midway at 97 years and still attends church regularly. She is an active member of other churches.

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City TEEA
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Dana Tarter, County Extension presented a video

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CHURCH NEWS

Midway Baptist

Mrs. Vera Sandlin will be recognized Sunday during the 11 a.m. worship service. Midway will honor her for her many years of faithful service to her Lord through the church.

She was born on April 11, 1904, to Howard County pioneers Walter and Alice Robinson. She grew up in Howard County, attending schools in the Midway area. She was saved as a young girl and baptized in a tank on the property where she now attends church. Her father owned the land and later donated it to Midway Baptist as the location for its first building.

Right after Midway Baptist Church had its beginning, Mrs. Vera became a very active member. Serving in many capacities of the church. She served as WMU president for many years. Also, she played the piano for the church and other functions for many years. She served as kitchen coordinator for 33 years giving it up at age 91. Everyone looked forward to her turkey and dressing which she always fixed for the church holiday meals.

She raised two daughters, Almarine Schweska of Anchorage, Alaska, and Christine Foster of the Midway Community. She has five grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

She is the elder member of Midway at 97 years of age and still attends church regularly. She is an inspiration to other members by her



SANDLIN

faithfulness. She has seen many changes in the church through the years. The most recent being the addition of a new educational wing to the present facility.

The community is invited to attend the worship service and help the congregation honor her.

First Assembly of God

"Father Into Thy Hands" is pastor R.T. Havener's sermon this Sunday morning at 10:40. This is the seventh utterance of Christ on the Cross. This final message in this series represents the last words of Christ until after He is resurrected. First Assembly will be celebrating the Resurrection this Sunday also with a special music presentation in the morning service.

The evening service at 6 will be a great Gospel Sing featuring Earl Hazelbaker. He has been traveling and presenting the Gospel in song for more than 30 years. He has had several songs that have reached the top of the Gospel charts.

The congregations of First Assembly invite you to join them at Fourth and Lancaster this Sunday for a great celebration of our Lord's resurrection.

Berea Baptist

Berea Baptist Fellowship presents a book signing featuring Bonnie Wheat author of God Gives a Song. Saturday, April 21, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Berea Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 4204 Wasson Road.

First United Methodist

"It's Going To Be All Right" (Luke 19: 29-40) is the title for Dr. Ed Williamson's message on Easter Sunday at the First United Methodist Church. Join us in church at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. A special service for kids age 4 through the fifth grade is held every

Sunday on the third floor immediately following the Children's Corner in the 10:50 a.m. service.

The Kingdom Class needs televisions, lamps, summer clothes, cookbooks, stereos and all sorts of other items for our summer rummage sale. Bring items to 1405 Wood or call William at 263-1226. He has caller ID and will call back if you miss him. Proceeds go to replenish class funds for local charities.

St. Mary's Episcopal

St. Mary's will celebrate the Good Friday Liturgy tonight at the church.

The Great Vigil of Easter is this Saturday at 9 p.m. Come worship with us.

On Sunday, St. Mary's will have one celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a.m. St. Mary's Vestry will hold its meeting at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the Parish Hall.

A special Easter Music Recital will be given on Thursday, April 19, at 12:05 p.m. at the church. The concert is presented by the Big Spring High School Honor Band, directed by Rocky Harris. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the band's performance. Bring a sack lunch and join us in the Parish Hall after the concert for a time of fellowship. Coffee, tea and cookies will be provided.

East Side Baptist

Happy Easter!! The East Side Baptist Church will be presenting the Easter Play "The Art Gallery" on Easter Sunday at 10:15 a.m. This is an original play written by Doug Shelley. It will be a mixture of the Easter story and Southern Gospel music. Everyone is invited to attend.

Twenty-three people from the church attended a family retreat at Camp Masterson near Amarillo. We had lots of fun, food and fellowship. We also got a lit-

tle work done, too.

First Baptist

You're invited to come to the Family Life Center a 6 p.m. on Saturday, for the Easter Eggstravaganza. This is a family activity time which will include a hot dog supper, the Easter story (the real story), an egg hunt for the preschoolers and activities for children.

Join us this Easter Sunday as the music ministry presents "Our God Reigns" which tells the story of love in drama and song. Jeff Donnell will present the Easter message followed by The Lord's Supper.

Debt got you down? Come to the "Conquering Debt God's Way" with Bruce Ammons on April 23-24. For more information, call the church office, 267-8223. The fee is \$12 which covers the cost of the workbook.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

Good Friday commemorates the day Our Lord was crucified. There are no masses held. Special services will include: The Triduum liturgy of the Veneration of the Cross will take place at 7 tonight.

At 8 p.m. on Holy Saturday, the Easter Vigil will have us celebrating Christ, the light of the world. The Easter Vigil begins with the readings of the Old Testament. The Easter fire will be lit and blessed to proclaim that Christ is the light which dispels all darkness. We can sing Alleluia in joyful proclamation. The RCIA catechumens and candidates will be baptized and confirmed. There will be only one mass on Easter at 10:30 a.m.

Installation of the 2001 officers of the Altar Society will be held on Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Furr's. Officers are: President Deborah Rupard, Vice President Anna Hattenbach, Treasurer Carol Becker and Secretary

Claudia McCreary.

The IHMC youth group will have a car wash on Saturday, April 21, at Taco Villa from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

First Church of God

The First Church of God, 2009 Main, is inviting the community to join them in celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Messiah. The schedule for Sunday will be as follows: 7:30 a.m. - Sunrise Service. (Outside), 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School. (Classrooms), 10:45 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary), Noon - Easter Egg Hunt for children (outside).

Coahoma United Methodist Church

Coahoma United Methodist Church, 401 Main, will have Good Friday Service at 7 tonight. On Sunday, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for children at 9:45 a.m., sponsored by the youth of the church. Easter Service will be held at 11 a.m. He is Risen!

Baptist Temple

Baptist Temple Church, 400 East 11th Place, will have an Easter Sunrise Service at 7 a.m. Sunday on the church grounds. Breakfast will be served after the service. Bible Study will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the morning worship service will follow at 10:45 a.m. Baptist Temple Choir will present an Easter musical, "Rise Again" during that morning service. There will be no evening worship service. Come join us.

Birdwell Lane Church of Christ

Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, 1616 11th Place. Gospel meeting with Doyle Maynard of the Pitman Creek Church of Christ. Sunday, April 22, 9 a.m.

Bible Study - Living in the Rat Race Without Being a Rat. Worship service at 10 a.m. - Blessed Assurance. Evening Worship at 6 p.m. - Have You Lost the Wonder? Monday, April 23, 7 p.m. - The Old Rugged Cross. Tuesday, April 24, 7 p.m. - I Died Last Night. Wednesday, April 25, 7 p.m. - He Could Not Be Hid. Brown bag lunch in the fellowship room at noon Monday through Wednesday.

First Presbyterian

Sermon Titles for April: This Sunday: "Looking in the Wrong Place" (Luke 24:1-12) April 22: "Seeing is Believing" (John 20: 19-31) April 29: "Fishing Lessons" (John 21:1-19)

First Christian

On Sunday we will celebrate Easter. Dr. Jimmy Watson will preach the sermon, "The Great Refund," at the 10:50 a.m. worship service. Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. The youth will meet at 4 p.m. for activities under the leadership of Ricky Simpson.

Paul Smith leads a Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. every Wednesday. First Christian also hosts Family Night meetings on Wednesdays beginning at 5:30 p.m. with a light meal. At 6 the youth will meet with Simpson and Dr. Watson will lead the adults in a study on ethics.

Community Sunrise Service

A Community Easter Sunrise Service will be held at 6:30 a.m. in the courtyard of First Presbyterian Church, 205 North First Street, Coahoma. In conjunction with First Baptist and First Methodist of Coahoma, Good Friday Service will be at 7 tonight at First Methodist Church of Coahoma.

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CLUB NEWS

City TEEA Club

Members of the City Club of the Texas Extension Education Association have held two meetings in 2001, one with Lois Johnston with six members present. The program, Older Women in the United States, was given by Francis Zant.

On March 23, the club met in the home of Nadine Hodnett at Carriage Inn. Jowilli Etchison, president, gave the five members present information on the district meeting.

Club members collected skeins of embroidery thread to be given to the Country Women of the World, an international organization which will distribute the thread worldwide for hand craft work in under privileged areas, especially Africa.

Dana Tarter, Howard County Extension agent, presented a video program,

"The Jelly Belly Story," about the discovery, development and manufacturing of the famous Jelly Belly candies which come in 40 flavors.

The next meeting will be with Jowilli Etchison at 2 p.m. Friday, April 20.

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The Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution met on April 7 at the Big Spring Country Club. Regent Lola Kelley presided. Hostesses were Sherri Key and Fern Alexander who decorated the tables with an Easter theme. Guests were Permian Basin Chapter members from Andrews: Division VIII Chairman Phylis Parker, Pat Tusch and Carolyn Weatherby.

Member Carol Scott presented a program based on the book "Legendary Ladies of Texas." With appropriate props for each saint or sinner mentioned, she told the stories of several women whose lives have contributed to Texas' colorful

history. Copies of the resolutions voted on at state conference in March were handed out to the members. The eight resolutions which passed included the necessity of maintaining the Electoral College, the danger of he establishment of an International Criminal Court and the provision of funds of family survivors of police officers and firemen killed in the line of duty.

Photos taken at the state conference were shared with the chapter. Members Lola Kelley, May Schuelke, Sue Ann Damron and Anne Witherspoon attended the conference where chapter nominee Buck Turner was named Outstanding Veteran-Patient for the state of Texas and for the South Central Division.

Fran Riley won the door prize.

Retired Teachers Association

The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday in the Cactus Room

at Howard College. Lunch will be served at 11:30 p.m.

John Grant, CEO of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, will be the featured speaker.

Those who attended the state convention included Loma Jean Wynn, Ima Dell Williams, Bettie and Valcee Cox and Billye and Tolbert Grisham.

Plans for the District XVIII Spring Leadership Training Conference, to be held in Odessa on May 2, will be discussed. Loma Jean Wynn is the incoming district president.

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IN BRIEF

Results from the Ladies Scramble

Here are the winners from the Monday afternoon Ladies Scramble at Comanche Trail Golf Course for the first two weeks of play.

On April 2, Vera Quigley, Ramona Harris, Georgie Newsom, Linda DeWaters and Pat Christenson shot a 6-under par to win.

On April 9, Annie Ward, Debra Lusk, Helen Terry, Pat Joplin and Jo Ann Hillger shot a 4-under par to win.

Gantt, Tarver receive All-American honors

Howard College's Grace Gantt and Derrick Tarver received national honors after being named to the All-American team.

Gantt, who was named to the All-American first team was also the Most Valuable Player in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference this season.

Tarver, who also received MVP honors was named to the All-American second team as a freshman.

Softball tournament to benefit foundation

A recreational softball tournament will be held beginning Friday, April 27 at the Cotton Mize Field at Comanche Trail Park.

There is a three-game guarantee and the first eight teams will be taken.

The fee is \$110 and the deadline is Friday, April 20.

For more information call 264-6149.

Chicano golf club to hold annual tourney

The Chicano Golf Association and the Hispanic Women for Progress will host the annual tournament Sunday, April 22 at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Proceeds will benefit the Hispanic Women for Progress fund. There will be a shotgun start so all participants must sign-up by 9:45.

For more information call the clubhouse at 264-2366.

Swim lessons being offered at the YMCA

Parents can register their children for swim lessons at the YMCA.

Classes will be held at 6 p.m. and will meet two nights each week.

Beginner and intermediate level classes are open for children age three to five and six and older.

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JUCO BASEBALL
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• Howard College Hawks vs. Frank Phillips Plainsmen.
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6:30 p.m. — Philadelphia Phillies at Atlanta Braves, TBS.
NBA
7:30 p.m. — Sacramento Kings at Dallas Mavericks, FXS.
GOLF
2:30 p.m. — WorldCom Classic, second round, FXS.
3 p.m. — Countrywide Tradition, second round, ESPN.

Steer baseball falls one run short in Andrews meeting

By KAMILAH WARD
Sports Writer

It was obviously a day for the pitchers as the Steer-Mustang matchup, after going seven complete innings, resulted in a 1-0 loss for Big Spring.

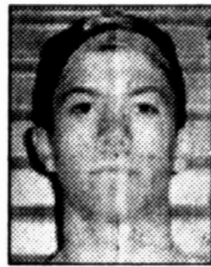
The Steers were coming off of a 6-2 win over Lubbock Estacado just days ago where their offensive production seemed relentless.

But Thursday's matchup turned into a pitching duel as Big Spring's Jon McKinnon and Andrews' Brock Johns both turned out excellent showings at the mound.

It was a low scoring affair by both clubs as McKinnon, who went the distance, managed to hold off the Mustang batters through five

innings before Andrews' Jared Long led off the sixth with a home-run over the left field fence.

Big Spring's batters connected on a couple of hits putting runners at second but just couldn't get the runners into scoring position. Jason Choate also managed a couple of hits but was tagged out at the bag in an effort to advance to second base. Jason Birmelin got a couple of hits getting a base hit on a line drive down center field. But he was tagged when Ryan Guinn hit into a double play. Birmelin managed a



McKinnon

double the second time of around. But he was left stranded as Guinn grounded out to third base.

"I feel good about a lot of things today" said Steers head coach Pat Loter. "This was a big game for us and we just missed a couple of big plays."

McKinnon and the Steers had a strong defensive effort throughout the game. They racked up play after play when McKinnon's fire ball didn't fall in the strike zone.

Jason Thomas was solid in the out field making a couple of catches early, one in the opening inning and another in the fourth to retire the side. Thomas managed a couple of nice hits as well, with a single to the left field corner and a stand up double that would have carried over

the fence if the wind was just right.

Heath Gregory also made a sweet play in the top of the third as he fielded a ground ball and connected with Aaron Olague at first base for the out.

Jason Birmelin made a nice save during the sixth in the left field as Simon De La Cruz connected in the first inning to pick up the double. Birmelin didn't see much action out in center field but made a lone catch in the fourth inning.

The pitchers duel continued throughout the game as McKinnon finished with six strikeouts, giving up four hits and one walk.

The Steers drop to 4-6 in district and will return to action Tuesday when they travel to Snyder to face the Tigers.



Howard College's Amanda Michael makes a great play at third base during the Lady Hawks' weekend series against Midland. The team is currently ranked 15th in the nation according to the first poll of the year from the National Junior College Athletic Association. The Lady Hawks will return to action April 20-21 for a four-game series against El Paso County Community College.

Look for zone defense as NBA owners approve major rules changes

NEW YORK (AP) — Zone defenses will be legal in the NBA beginning next season.

NBA owners approved a package of four rules changes Thursday, including the elimination of the league's long-standing ban on zone defenses.

Designed to improve the flow and pace of the game and reduce teams' dependence on isolation plays, the new rules will be tested during summer league play before officially taking effect next season.

"Our belief is that the game has evolved, and the product we have presently was one that needed attention," said Phoenix Suns owner Jerry Colangelo, who chaired a select committee that proposed the changes.

"The game has changed in the sense that we've lost a lot of fluidity. We've evolved into an isolation game because of our defensive guidelines, and we weren't satisfied with the way the game looked."

Shaq, definitely, defensively," Jackson said. "It's going to keep him around the basket with a lot less movement."

"We're going to have a zone, everyone's going to have one in their arsenal. It'll be good for basketball."

But the players and coaches didn't vote; their employers did. And the changes are coming.

"This is a bold move on the part of the NBA to change the rules and allow something that we've spent many years hiding from — zone defenses," Colangelo said. "This may be one of the most significant changes since the imposition of the 24-second shot clock."

The current illegal defense rules will be scrapped, and teams will be allowed to play any defense they choose.

The one exception is that a defensive player will not be permitted to stay in the lane for more than 3 seconds if he is more than an arm's length away from his man. A violation will result in a technical foul.

"That will prevent and out-and-out zone from being played in the pure sense," Colangelo said. "There is going to be a lot more man-to-man defense than people think."

The 8-second rule is designed to entice teams to pressure the ball in the backcourt, which will theoretically produce more open-court action and encourage teams to push the ball upcourt.

The modification of the touch foul rule is designed to put an end to the type of ticky-tack fouls that have become commonplace since the league banned hand-checking two years ago.

Next season, defenders will once again be allowed to place their hand on the man they are guarding as long as it does not impede the offensive player's movement.

"I don't think there will be more scoring; I think there will be less," Orlando coach Doc Rivers said.

Colangelo said the league will be willing to make adjustments to the new rules, if necessary, after they have been implemented.

Several players and coaches were opposed to the changes, believing the NBA is making too big of a move in response to lower scores, declining television ratings and flat attendance figures.

Shaquille O'Neal had a one-word reaction. "Stinks," the Los Angeles Lakers star said.

Lakers coach Phil Jackson thinks the changes will help O'Neal. "I think it'll be an advantage for

Mets beat Braves to take series lead

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The New York Mets have won four of six from the Atlanta Braves this season. It's not October and they're not playing best-of-seven, but the Mets are satisfied with the early results.

"I think it might have been more important than any usual six games in April," Mets third baseman Todd Zeile said after New York's 1-0, 10-inning victory Thursday night. "Maybe somewhere in the back of our minds or deep in our psyche, we might reflect on this in September."

Atlanta beat the Mets for the NL East title in each of the last three seasons and defeated New York 4-2 in the 1999 NL Championship Series.

Ray Ordonez stopped the Braves on Thursday when he lined an RBI single with one out in the bottom of the 10th.

"Sometimes, they put in a pinch-hitter for me," Ordonez said. "Now, I got an opportunity."

In other NL games, it was Colorado 6, St. Louis 4; Los Angeles 5, Arizona 4; San Diego 8, San Francisco 3; Cincinnati 11, Pittsburgh 6; and Milwaukee 12, Houston 4.

Zeile drew a leadoff walk in the 10th on four pitches

from Kerry Ligtenberg (0-2), and Tsuyoshi Shinjo sacrificed. Atlanta challenged Ordonez, and the No. 8 hitter lined a drive down the left-field line.

A day earlier, the Mets had only one runner against Greg Maddux and the Braves' bullpen in a 2-0 loss.

"They finally got the big hit," Atlanta manager Bobby Cox said.

Armando Benitez (1-0) sailed a wild pitch to the backstop in the 10th while issuing an intentional walk to Chipper Jones. Rafael Furcal scooted to third with one out, yet was stranded when Brian Jordan hit a shallow fly ball and Javy Lopez grounded out.

Rockies 6, Cardinals 4
Dustin Hermanson took a no-hit bid into the seventh, but visiting Colorado rallied with two homers and Mark Little's two-run single in the ninth.

Hermanson didn't allow a hit until Larry Walker's one-out, two-run homer in the seventh. Todd Helton homered two pitches later for a 3-2 lead.

Steve Kline (0-1) didn't get a batter out and allowed three runs in the ninth. The tying run came home on Mike Timlin's wild pitch.

Rockies reliever John

Wasdin (1-0) got two outs in the eighth, and Jose Jimenez finished for his second save.

Dodgers 5, Diamondbacks 4
Shawn Green hit a leadoff homer in the second and a three-run shot in the third, both off Armando Reynoso (0-2). Green homered twice last Saturday against San Francisco.

Luis Gonzalez hit his major league leading seventh home run for Arizona, which finished its first homestand of the season 1-5.

Andy Ashby (2-0) allowed one run and seven hits in five innings. Jeff Shaw got his third save, allowing a two-run, two-out homer in the ninth to pinch-hitter Greg Colbrunn.

Padres 8, Giants 3
Adam Eaton (2-0) survived solo homers by Barry Bonds and Jeff Kent as San Diego stopped its seven-game losing streak against the visiting Giants.

The Padres wore camouflage jerseys and green caps to honor the area's large military population.

Tony Gwynn drove in a run in the seventh inning with his 535th career double, tying Lou Gehrig for 22nd on the career list.

Cleveland's Gonzalez shakes off boos in return to Detroit

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Juan Gonzalez shook off the boos during his return to Detroit and proved he's still one of baseball's most productive hitters.

Gonzalez, heckled before the game and booed throughout it, went 1-for-3 with two RBIs in his return to Comerica Park as the Cleveland Indians beat the Tigers 5-3 Thursday night.

"Gonzalez turned down a \$143 million, eight-year extension from Detroit a year ago, but didn't make any gestures toward the fans or even appear to notice that he was being jeered by a crowd, announced at 15,639 but probably closer to 10,000."

"He did what a professional is supposed to do," Cleveland manager Charlie Manuel said. "He spoke

back with his bat."

Gonzalez, who left Detroit after one lackluster and unhappy season, is tied for the AL lead in homers with five and in RBIs with 14. The back, hamstring and foot problems that limited him to 115 games last season have not hindered him during the first two weeks of the season.

"I'm happy that I'm healthy and that I feel more comfortable," Gonzalez said as his lower back was wrapped with heat packs before the game. "I feel like I did before."

In other AL games, Seattle beat Oakland 7-3; Boston defeated Baltimore 8-2; and Anaheim routed Texas 13-3. Kansas City's game at Toronto was postponed because large pieces of metal siding and insulation fell from the roof of SkyDome onto the field.

Gonzalez hit .289 last year with 22 homers and 67 RBIs, way down from the statistics that earned him two AL MVP awards in Texas. He became a free agent after the season and signed a \$10 million, one-year contract with the Indians.

Cleveland snapped its three-game losing streak and extended Detroit's skid to four.

Bartolo Colon (1-1) struck out eight and allowed three runs and seven hits in 6 2-3 innings, and Bob Wickman got three outs for his third save in three chances, getting Shane Halter to ground into a game-ending double play with two on.

Chris Holt (1-1) gave up four runs and nine hits in 4 1-3 innings.

Mariners 7, Athletics 3
Edgar Martinez hit a three-run

homer to help end Tim Hudson's winning streak, and Seattle completed its first three-game sweep at Oakland.

Hudson (1-1) was 20-6 for the A's last season and had been 8-0 in the regular-season starts since losing to Cleveland last Aug. 23. He allowed five runs, six hits and four walks in 2 1-3 innings, matching his second-shortest outing in the major leagues.

Jamie Moyer (1-0) gave up three runs and 10 hits in 5 1-3 innings.

Red Sox 8, Orioles 2
Troy O'Leary went 3-for-4 with four RBIs, and Shea Hillenbrand singled in a run in the fourth inning to extend his season-opening

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SPORTS EXTRA

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Table with columns for Thursday's Games, Today's Games, and Saturday's Games. Lists various baseball games and scores.

NBA STANDINGS

Table showing Eastern Conference and Western Conference standings with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, and GB.

NL SCHEDULE

Table listing Thursday's Games, Today's Games, and Saturday's Games for the National League.

TRANSCATIONS

BASEBALL American League CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Placed RHP Cal Eldred on the 15-day disabled list.

WPHL

Semifinals Series A Odessa vs. Lubbock Today Lubbock at Odessa Saturday, April 14 Odessa at Lubbock

NHL

FIRST ROUND (Best-of-7) Thursday, April 12 St. Louis 3, San Jose 1. St. Louis leads series 1-0.

Singh seeks winner's circle

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. (AP) — Vijay Singh believes he has played well enough to have been a lot more successful this year. Singh's first round over par this year came a week ago with a 73 on Saturday at the Masters.

good shape." Dunakey, best known for shooting a 59 on the Nike Tour three years ago, averaged a 74 in his eight previous opening rounds.

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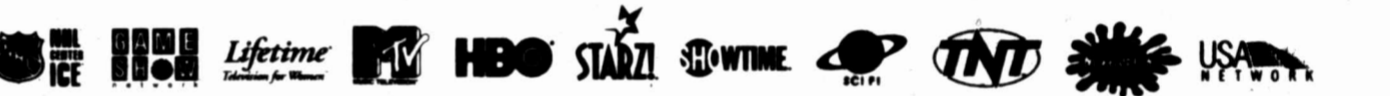
Continued from page 1B hitting streak to nine games, one behind Ted Williams' team record for a rookie.

TEXAS LEAGUE

Thursday's Games Tulsa at Arkansas, p.d., rain Round Rock 3, El Paso 0 San Antonio 4, Midland 3

LOCAL BOWLING

Men's Major Week #28 hi sc game Philip Ringener 266, Jackie Lecroy 244, Richard Rowden 232, hi sc team series Callums Restaurant 2861, Bob Brock Ford 2683, Dust Devils 2649, hi sc team game Callums Restaurant 984, Tro Fuels 968, Bob Brock Ford 928, hi sc team series Philip Ringener 274, Joe Rodriguez 682, hi sc game Philip Ringener 274, Joe Rodriguez 283, Jackie Lecroy 258, hi sc game women Dori Davis 3270, Callums Restaurant 3239, Sharp Image 3200, hi sc team game Dust Devils 1122, Callums Restaurant 1110, Tro Fuels 1107, Callums Restaurant 425-359, Tro Fuels 409-5-374-5, Callums Restaurant 398-386, Sharp Image 382-5-401-5, Dust Devils 376-498, Bob Brock Ford 360-424.



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FISHING

CENTRAL BROWWOOD: Water Black bass to 8 pounds and soft plastics in 8-20 foot on steeper jigs and R to 12 inches are fair on 6-12 foot. Crappie in 4-6 foot. Minnows and jugs in 4-6 foot. Catfish to 10 pounds and nightcrawlers in 4-6 foot. Catfish are fair on shad or BUCHANAN. Water 1018-35; black bass to 10 pounds and nightcrawlers in 4-6 foot. Catfish are fair on shad or BUCHANAN. Water 1018-35; black bass to 10 pounds and nightcrawlers in 4-6 foot. Catfish are fair on shad or BUCHANAN.

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FISHING REPORT

CENTRAL
BROWNWOOD: Water murky; 65 degrees; Black bass to 8 pounds are good on Rat-L-Traps and soft plastics in 8-20 feet. Striped bass are good on slipper jigs and Rat-L-Traps. White bass to 12 inches are fair on minnows and white jigs in 6-12 feet. Crappie to 12 inches are good on minnows and jigs in 4-12 feet. Channel and blue catfish to 10 pounds are good on chicken livers and nightcrawlers in 2-10 feet. Yellow catfish are fair on shad and perch in 2-12 feet.

BUCHANAN: Water clear; 63 degrees; 10:15-35; Black bass to 7 pounds are good on Smokin' Green Devil's Tongues, watermelon 3" Super Tubes and Zilla lizards on 2-5 foot flats in Morgan, Beaver and Spring Creeks. Striped bass to 25 inches are good drifting live bait or trolling 1/2 to 1 oz. Curly's slipper jigs in 18-24 feet from Shaw Island to Beaver Creek. White bass are good vertically jugging 1/4 oz. Horizon Pink Mayflies or 1/8 oz. white Curly's bucktails or casting 1/8 oz. Spin Traps or 3 Terminator In-Line Spinners in the creeks. Crappie are slow. Channel catfish are slow on cutbait.

SOUTH
MSTAD: Water fairly clear; 70 degrees; 35 low; Black bass to 9 pounds are good on Texas-ridged lizards and Carolina-ridged watermelon seed or June bug worms. Striped bass to 20 pounds are good on slipper jigs and topwaters up the Rio Grande. White bass are good on slabs and slipper jigs up the Rio Grande. Crappie are good on live minnows up Devils River past Rough Canyon. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow on trotlines baited with perch.

NORTHEAST
ATHENS: Water fairly clear; 62-64 degrees; Black bass are fair to good on spinnerbaits and freetrig suspending Rogues around boat docks. Crappie are fair on minnows over brushpiles. Hybrid striped are fair on slabs and cut shad. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers fished off the bottom.

BOB SANDLIN: Water stained; 62 degrees; Black bass are slow to fair on June bug lizards and white or chartreuse spinnerbaits fished in the shallows and in the new cattails. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs over brushpiles. White bass are fair on minnows and pearl TailHummers. Catfish are fair on prepared baits.

BRIDGEPORT: Water stained; 60 degrees; No fishing report available.

CADDO: Water stained; 70 degrees; 1 high; Black bass to 8 pounds are slow on June bug lizards, chrome Rat-L-Traps and white spinnerbaits. Most bass have spawned and locals are producing a too have been good due to the high water conditions. Crappie are slow and scattered on minnows and jigs. White bass are good on live crawfish in 15 feet. Channel and blue catfish are slow (due to the fast fall of the lake) on minnows. Yellow catfish are slow. Yellow bass are good on live crawfish in 18 feet.

CEDMAR CREEK: Water stained; 68 degrees; Black bass are fair on watermelon or chartreuse pattern soft plastics and white or chartreuse spinnerbaits. Crappie are good on minnows and chartreuse jigs. White bass and hybrid striped are good on shad and slabs. Catfish are fair on cutbait.

COOPER: Water stained; 62-65 degrees; 1.64 high; Black bass are slow on jigs, soft plastics and spinnerbaits in the flooded vegetation. Crappie are fair on minnows in 2 feet. White bass are fair on minnows and white RoadRunners up the rivers and big creeks. Blue catfish are good on cut shad and nightcrawlers.

FAIRFIELD: Water clear; 72-88 degrees; Black bass are good on soft plastics and spinnerbaits fished just off the edges of the reeds. Hybrid striped are fair on live shad. Redfish are fair on Rat-L-Traps and shad. Catfish are good on cutbait.

FORK: Water stained; 65-73 degrees; Black bass are good on white spinnerbaits. Scum Frogs and white or green pumpkin lizards, salt flies and flukes. Right now there are three patterns of fishing - pre-spawn, spawn and post-spawn. The majority of fish are being caught in 1 to 6 feet and around vegetation and slumps with many daily reports of fish in the 7 to 11 pound range. The bass spawn should last until the first part of June. Crappie are fair on minnows and red/chartreuse jigs. Catfish are fair to good on stinkbait and nightcrawlers.

GRAPEVINE: Water stained; 62 degrees; 4.28 high; Black bass are fair on pearl Tube Spins, 1/4 oz. red-crawled Rat-L-Traps and Carolina-ridged watermelon 5" Lil' Shads fished on flats in Twin Coves and towards the west. Crappie are slow on minnows, chartreuse/black tube jigs and 1/16 oz. white/chartreuse RoadRunners in 8-12 feet. White bass are fair on 1/4 oz. chrome/blue Rat-L-Traps, 1/4 oz. chartreuse/red RoadRunners and pearl/black TailHummers on upper end near Denton Creek in 15-25 feet. Catfish are good on red wuggers and cutbait in 5-15 feet.

JOE POOL: Water lightly stained; 61-64 degrees; 63 high; Black bass are fair on slipper jigs, white spinnerbaits and soft plastics and slabs. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs around sunken brush. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and cutbait.

LAKE O THE PINES: Water clear; 67 degrees; 12 high; Black bass are good on black/blue jigs, camo worms or lizards and red Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are slow (due to the high water) on minnows in 10 feet. White and striped bass are slow. Channel and blue catfish are good on catapala worms, nightcrawlers, prepared bait and perch. Yellow catfish are good on perch.

LAVON: Water stained; 65-73 degrees; 3.24 high; Black bass are fair to good on white spinnerbaits, buzzbaits and Texas-ridged Gene'Larew pumpkin/chartreuse worms. Crappie are slow to fair throwing black/pink/red spinnerbaits and jigs around bridge pilings and over sunken brushpiles. White bass and hybrid striped are slow on slabs and shad. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers.

MARTIN CREEK: Water clear; 70-90 degrees; Black bass are good on spinnerbaits and topwaters early in the shallows and later on pumpkin tubes, Rat-L-Traps and crankbaits in 6-12 feet. Crappie are good on minnows in 15 feet over brushpiles. Channel and blue catfish are slow on prepared baits. Yellow catfish to 60 pounds are good on perch near the discharge. Brown bass are fair on wuggers in the shallows.

MONTICELLO: No report available.

MURKIN: Water stained; 62-64 degrees; Black bass are fair on Rogues, lizards and 1/4 oz. spinnerbaits in the shallows. Crappie are good on minnows and chartreuse jigs in the shallows. Channel and blue catfish are good on liver and minnows in 2-8 feet. Yellow bass are good on minnows and tube jigs in 3 to 8 feet.

PALESTINE: Water stained; 66 degrees; 1.84 high; No fishing report available.

RAY, HUBBARD: Water stained; 64-67 degrees; Black bass are slow to fair on crankbaits and spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs around bridge pilings and over sunken brushpiles. White bass and hybrid striped are slow on slabs and shad. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers.

RAY ROBERTS: No report available.

RICHLAND CHAMBERS: Water stained; 65-70 degrees; Black bass are slow on white/chartreuse spinnerbaits, Carolina or Texas-ridged lizards and jigs. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are good on minnows and slabs. Catfish are fair to good on chicken liver and nightcrawlers.

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TYLER: Water stained; 62-65 degrees; No fishing report available.

WRIGHT PATMAN: Water stained; 60-62 degrees; 30 high; No fishing report available.

PANHANDLE
BAYLOR: Water clear; 63 degrees; 3 low; Black bass are good on topwaters and white spinnerbaits on the main lake and on green jigs and soft plastics in the creeks. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs near the dam.

GREENBELT: Water clear; 56 degrees; 4.25 low; Black bass to 8 pounds are good on shad colored shallow running crankbaits. Crappie are excellent on minnows. White bass are slow. Smallmouth bass to 4 pounds are good on shad colored crankbaits. Walleye to 5 pounds are good on minnows. Catfish are slow.

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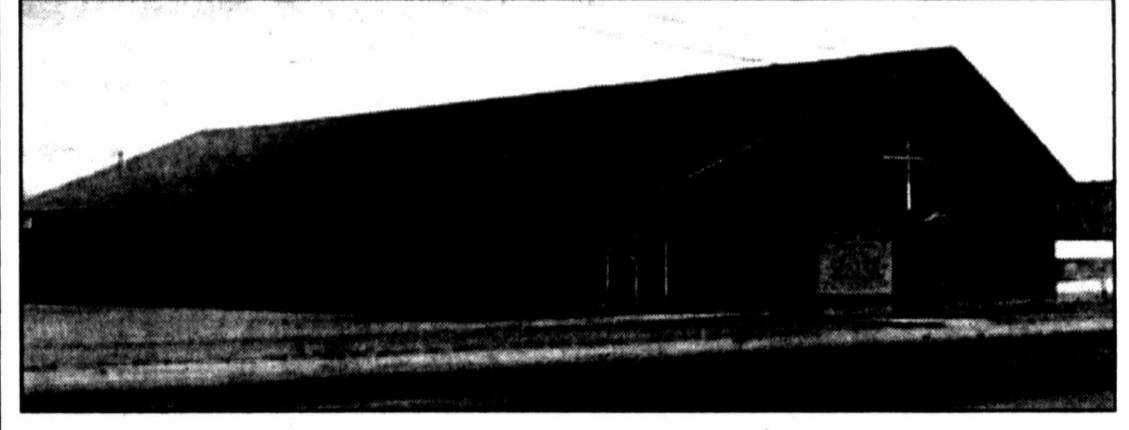
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, April 14, 2001:
Your professional or community status grows, but you might have mixed feelings about what is happening. Sometimes you worry about not having enough time for yourself. You are in charge -- remember that. Accept opportunities that involve travel and increasing your knowledge. Some of you might even decide to go back to school. If single, you have a magnetic draw, but tender spirits might be intimidated. Express the real you. If you are attached, your significant other might have trouble relating to you, as so much is in your mind. Remember quality time. SAGITTARIUS fires up.
ARIES (March 21-April 19)
**** You and another can talk an idea into oblivion right now. Give it a rest! Check in on an older relative or friend who appreciates you, and your energy will, recharge. Tonight: Surrounded by admirers.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
**** Reach out for others at a distance. If someone makes an outrageous comment, you can choose to not take it personally. A trusted compatriot or loved one hooks up with you later. Loyalty counts, and this person stands behind you. Tonight: Let your mind escape to music or theater.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
**** You adore a certain person in your life, yet right now, friends provide confusion, if not distractions. Allow others to seek you out, and make your choices accordingly. Work on taxes, if you need to. You can celebrate later. Tonight: Kick up your heels.
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**** You can't keep ignoring home base. A discussion could develop into the War of the Roses if you aren't careful. Is this what you want? Remember, you are in control of yourself and your words. Grab a contrary individual and take a walk or do something you both love. Tonight: Go with spontaneity.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
**** Make plans with a neighbor or relative. Heading out the door revises your perspective and sense of well-being. Discuss recent tensions or a disagreement. You get another point of view, which helps you step away from rigid thinking. Go out of your way for someone. Tonight: Dance the night away.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
**** You don't have the same ideas about risk and spending as a close friend or loved one. You might quarrel over it -- stand your ground. Once this person recognizes that you aren't changing your mind, peace prevails. Tonight: Treat another to fun.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
**** Don't grumble about a domestic matter. Accept it for what it is. Someone might be vested in creating confusion. Take charge and use your strong sense of what is right. What you say and how you say it does matter to others. Forgive and forget. Tonight: Whatever puts a smile on your face.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
**** Reach out for someone who might not understand where you are coming from. Straightening out a potential disagreement will take a lot of discipline. One side of you wants to forget it, but ultimately you will need resolution. Tonight: Let off steam.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
**** Friends tug; they want you to join in. Though you might have mixed feelings or could be worried about an expenditure, head on out. You energize when in a different situation, and your perspective changes as a result. Check in on a parent, aunt or uncle. Tonight: Play the night away.

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6:30	News (CC)	Cosby (CC)	Wishbone	Step by Step	News Ent. Tonight	News (CC)	News Seinfeld (CC)	Fresh Prince	Carita de	Movie: Hounded	Miami Vice	(05) Movie: 200	Baby (CC)	ii (CC)	Update With John Hagee	Law & Order (CC)	Wild Discovery	Pretender (CC)	Doomsday Asteroid						
7:30	Making the Band (CC)	Police Videos	Wash. Week	Dangerous Animals	Diagnosis Murder (CC)	Making the Band (CC)	Providence (CC)	Baseball: Philadelphia	Abrazame Muy Fuerte	(CC) (40) Movie: Arena Football	Cigarettes (CC)	Movie: Risky Business	Movie: The Pawn (CC)	Light of the Southwest	Biography (CC)	World's Largest Mail (CC)	Movie: Cliffhanger	Real Untouchables							
8:30	Be a Millionaire	Lone Gunmen (CC)	Antiques Roadshow	Scariest Places	Fugitive (CC)	Be a Millionaire	Dateline (CC)	Phillys at Atlanta	La Vida de Nuestro	Heavyweights (CC)	Orlando Predators at	Movie: Notting Hill	Extras: Spider	Bruce	Behind Closed Doors (CC)	Body Story	Real Untouchables	Real Untouchables							
9:30	20/20 (CC)	Arrest & Trial Nanny (CC)	Bob Marley, Rebel Music	Early Edition (CC) (DVS)	Nash Bridges (CC)	20/20 (CC)	Law & Order	Braves Movie: The	Senor Jesucristo	Smart Guy	Nashville Kats (CC)	(CC)	Stargate SG-1 (45) Stargate	Springsteen and the E	Hour of Healing	Porot (CC)	Women's Soccer	Movie: Cliffhanger	Real Untouchables						
10:30	News (CC) Nightline	Blind Date Jerry Springer	(CC) News: Lehrer	700 Club (CC)	News (35) Late	News (CC) Nightline	News (35) Tonight	Rel	P. Impacto Noticiero Univ	Lizzie Even Stevens	Monster Jam	(05) Movie: Table for One	SG-1 (CC) Red Shoe	Street Band Dennis Miller	Update With Life in Word	Law & Order (CC)	Justice Files	Real Untouchables							
11:30	Politically Inc. Cheers	(CC) Spin City (CC)	Red Green	Who's Boss? Who's Boss?	Show (CC) (37) Late Late	Ent. Tonight Politically Inc.	Show (CC) (37) Late	(45) Movie: Noche de Bienvenidos	Zorro (CC) Mickey Mouse	Miami Vice	(CC)	Movie: The Faculty (CC)	Movie: Thick as Thieves	Promise Church	Biography (CC)	World's Largest Mail	Movie: Nighthawks	Real Untouchables							
12:30	Paid Program	Judge Brown Latino Gen.	May-Dec. Manor Born	Paid Program	Show (CC) Street Smarts	(12.08) Oprah Winfrey (CC)	Night (CC) Frasier	48 HRS.	El Premio Mayor	For the Love of Willadean	Starsky and Hutch	Movie: Georgia (CC)	(CC) (40) Movie:	Faith Pleases God	Behind Closed Doors (CC)	Body Story	Real Untouchables	Real Untouchables							

DENNIS THE MENACE

4-13

"MY FAVORITE FOOD GROUP IS DESSERT."

FAMILY CIRCUS

4-13

"Today is GOOD Friday, tomorrow is BETTER Saturday, and next day is BEST Sunday."

HAGAR

I KNOW THEY SAY IT'S BAD LUCK TO HAVE A WOMAN ABOARD SHIP... BUT I SAY IF SHE NEEDS A RIDE TO ENGLAND... WE SHOULD TAKE A CHANCE!!

BLONDIE

HEY DAD, WHICH TIE SHOULD I WEAR TO A FANCY RESTAURANT, STRIPES OR PLAID? ARE YOU SURE? POSITIVE. PLaid. STRIPES IT IS.

B.C.

WOULD YOU LAY DOWN YOUR LIFE FOR SOMEONE ELSE? THAT WOULD BE PRETTY STUPID. YEAH, WHY WOULD WE DO THAT? WHAT IF YOU LOVED SOMEONE SO MUCH YOU WOULD GIVE YOUR LIFE TO SAVE THEM? ...YOU MEAN LIKE WE DIE IN THEIR PLACE? ...SO THEY WOULDN'T HAVE TO? BINGO! NOBODY HAS THAT MUCH LOVE! AND IF ANYONE DID, I'D SURE HATE TO LOSE HIM! WELL, GUY, I'VE GOT GOOD NEWS AND GOOD NEWS.

GEECH

WHAT'S THIS RIGHT HERE? THAT'S YOUR WITHHOLDING TAX. WHAT'S THAT? THEY WITHHOLD WHATEVER TAXES YOU OWE. I OWE THAT MUCH? THEY DON'T LIKE TO LEAVE YOU WITH MUCH TO HOLD.

WIZARD OF ID

LEAVE GET THIS STRAIGHT... GOD COMES TO EARTH AS ONE OF US... AND WE KILL HIM! THAT'S RIGHT. YOUR LORD IS DEAD!... THERE'S A BIG EARTHQUAKE, AND THE CURTAIN IN THE TEMPLE IS TORN FROM TOP TO BOTTOM! RIGHT AGAIN. WHAT THE HECK IS SO GOOD ABOUT THAT? HIS CURTAIN CALL.

HI AND LOIS

DID YOU GET A COMMITMENT FROM CHIP AS TO WHETHER HE'S COMING WITH US TO THE FOODRAM COMPANY PICNIC? IS "UNH" FIRM ENOUGH?

GASOLINE ALLEY

Darling - Let's meet at some romantic spot and rekindle love's flame! I'll see you around 8:00 at Corky's Diner! Love, Power! Why so late? I won't have to buy supper that way!

SNUFFY SMITH

TH' LAST TIME I TOOK YOU IN TH' STORE YOU WRECKED TH' PLACE

BETLE BAILY

I HATE THE ARMY! YOU HAVE US DOING SOMETHING EVERY MINUTE OF THE DAY! WHY'D YOU JOIN THE ARMY ANYWAY? I DUNNO... SOMETHING TO DO.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Friday, April 13, the 103rd day of 2001. There are 262 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 13, 1970, "Apollo 13," four-fifths of the way to the moon, was crippled when a tank containing liquid oxygen burst. (The astronauts managed to return safely.)

On this date:

In 1742, Handel's "Messiah" was first performed publicly, in Dublin, Ireland.

In 1743, the third president of the United States, Thomas Jefferson, was born.

In 1870, the Metropolitan Museum of Art was founded in New York.

In 1943, President Franklin Roosevelt dedicated the Jefferson Memorial.

In 1958, Van Cliburn became the first American to win the Tchaikovsky International Piano Contest in Moscow.

In 1964, Sidney Poitier became the first black performer in a leading role to win an Academy Award, for "Lilies of the Field."

In 1986, Pope John Paul II visited a Rome synagogue in the first recorded papal visit of its kind.

In 1981, Washington Post reporter Janet Cooke received a Pulitzer Prize for her feature about an 8-year-old heroin addict named "Jimmy"; however, Cooke relinquished the prize two days later, admitting she'd fabricated the story.

In 1992, the Great Chicago Flood took place as the city's century-old tunnel system and adjacent basements filled with water from the Chicago River.

In 1997, Tiger Woods became the youngest person to win the Masters Tournament and the first player of at least partly African heritage to claim a major golf title.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

TEEN LIST by Bob Frank
Edited by Stanley Newman

ACROSS

1 Speak hoarsely
5 Did the exterior
10 Thailand, once
14 Diner sign
15 Government bond
16 Firearm filler
17 La... tar pits
18 Anthony and Barbara
19 Rum cake
20 List item #1
23 Erstwhile bird
24 Mine find
25 -relief
28 Open a warehouse box
32 Tank filler
35 Shoe top
37 Branches, in botany
38 "Smooth Operator" singer
39 List item #2
42 Vanished
43 Pop singer Tori
44 Cowboy boot add-ons
45 Wind dir.
46 Strong affinity
48 "Get it?"
49 Bared data, briefly
50 Sigma follower
52 List item #3
61 Burn balm
62 Honcho
63 Petri-dish substance
64 Cowardly Lion portrayer

DOWN

1 Country singer McEntire
2 Modern Maturity org.
3 Instruction part
4 Sacred song
5 Edberg of tennis
6 -European
7 Person of action
8 Lab heater
9 Tyrannical
10 Buffalo NHLer
11 Muslim leader
12 Prefix for "both"
13 Castle dolense
21 "So Vain"
22 Bard's "before"
25 Move slightly
26 Airplane parking area
27 Book backbone
29 _ de menthe
30 Dangerous gas
31 Playfully please
32 _ Julius Caesar
33 Dote on
34 Pick up on
36 Holiday harbinger
38 Oil additive
40 Livestock farmer
41 Syrian president
46 Make a choice
47 Put on, as a play
49 Software consumers
51 Provo native
52 Lacking color
53 Adam Arkin's dad
54 London district
55 Cube inventor Rubik
56 Slugger stats
57 Soine loader
58 "Yikes!"
59 Poet Teasdale
60 Tough journey

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