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WEATHER

Tonight:



TONIGHT TOMORROW
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College staff to offer help with student aid

Howard College Student Assistance Center staff will be offering help with completing and inputting the 2002-2003 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application on March 18-20. The sessions will be held in the Howard College Library from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m.

Persons should bring 2001 income tax returns and other income verification that will be needed to complete these forms. Applicants will be able to input the completed FAFSA on computers available in the Library during these sessions...

For further information, call the Student Assistance Center at 264-5083. Howard College will reopen on March 18 after being closed for spring break.

WEEKEND TICKET

TODAY

Early voting continues through 5 p.m. today in the Democratic and Republican party primaries on the first floor of the Howard County Courthouse.

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

SATURDAY

Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

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 is encouraged.

Dance 8:30 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. Everyone welcome.

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'No Exit' demanding but satisfying play for Howard College cast

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

Will our ultimate torment at the end of life be not what we did but what we didn't do?

The Howard College production of "No Exit," a play by French philosopher



GRIZZLE
existentialist Jean-Paul

Sartre is based on the concept that "hell" is what a person didn't do in life but should have done.

"This play has a real good inside look at people," Clay Grizzle, Howard College theatre instructor, said. "It has a really good acting ensemble."

Admission is \$3 and free to students. Opening night for the play's three-day run was Thursday at the Big Spring High School auditorium and the play continues tonight and Saturday at 8.

"This has been real demanding on my students," Grizzle said. "They have worked hard and have done a nice job with the play to make it work as an ensemble on stage."

Grizzle said one of the reasons he chose a difficult play was to stretch his students' acting abilities.

"They are on stage, except for one person who has about four to five minutes, for the whole performance," Grizzle said.

"They are always in the

middle of it. There is no respite."

The performance lasts about an hour and 20 minutes.

Cast member Amber Choate was selected for an excellence in acting award for her portrayal of Inez when the cast and crew performed "No Exit" at the Texas Community College Theatre Festival in Lufkin on Feb. 27-March 1.

Choate, Kimberly Lepard, Ben Solis, Tiffany Hancock, Levi Vance and Autumn

Phernetton make up the cast and crew.

"I want to give a special thank you to Zane Harwell and the Big Spring Independent School District for letting us use the high school auditorium," Grizzle said.

"Zane rescheduled some of his one-act play rehearsals so we could use the stage."

"I would also like to thank Allan Johnson, (of Allan's Furniture), who loaned us the furniture we use in the play," Grizzle continued.

Veterans receive some answers

Questions range from benefits to Agent Orange

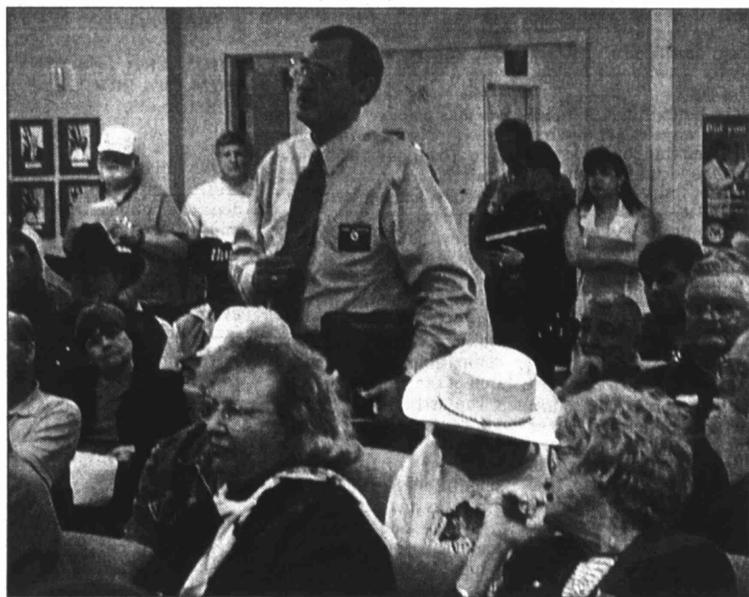
By **ROGER CLINE**

Staff Writer

More than 100 local residents interested in medical benefits for veterans turned out to a town hall meeting Thursday evening at the VA Medical Center.

Hospital Chief Executive Officer Cary Brown and Carl Lowe, director of the regional business office in Waco, were on hand to answer questions about the hospital and about veterans' benefits, while other personnel addressed questions about the needs of specific veterans.

"I think it went great," Lowe said afterward. "We do a lot of meetings and this is great. Any time we get veterans to come with issues — we have a lot of work and sometimes we're not able to get to it as quick



Veteran's advocate Jimmy D. DeFoor, Taylor County service officer, asks a question to the panel during a town hall meeting held Thursday night at the VA Medical Center. Cary Brown, chief executive officer of the medical center, and Carl Lowe, director of the VA Benefits Administration office in Waco, answered individual and general questions about their respective departments. More than 100 people came to the meeting.

as we can, but what we do is come out and talk to them. If there's a real hardship case, I want to know about it so we can go back and take care of it."

Leo Welch, past president of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars, said he thought the meeting went well.

"Very well," he said. "There's a lot of questions being answered. I see peo-

ple lining up to get answers to their questions, which is good. A lot of veterans don't get the information that they want. This is an avenue for them to get their questions answered."

Welch said Lowe seemed straightforward in his responses.

"He did a good job," he said. "He knows his job; he knows what he's saying. He knows what he's doing."

Big Spring City Councilman Chuck Cawthon, also a veteran, found the meeting helpful.

"So far it's been very beneficial to me," he said.

Cawthon said he was waiting to have an individual question answered.

"I just had my disability raised from 40 to 50 percent and I just want to find out

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Filings

Big Spring council seat now contested

By **ROGER CLINE**

Staff Writer

With the deadline to file still nearly two weeks away, a second candidate has filed for Big Spring's City Council Place 3.

The seat currently held by retiring Councilman Chuck Cawthon will be contested by at least two candidates in the May 4 election. The most recent filer, Rick Dyer of Dyer Plumbing and Mechanical in Big Spring will face Jimmy Ruth, a technician for Cox Cable.

Incumbent Stephan Horton has also filed to run for re-election in Place 1 and currently has no challenger.

In Coahoma, Eleanor Garrett has filed to run for re-election, rounding out the list of incumbents who have filed.

In addition to Garrett, incumbents Dan Shelburne and Paulette Lindsey have filed, while no one has yet stepped up to challenge for any of the three at-large seats up for election.

No candidates have yet filed to run in Stanton. In that town, Mayor Lester Baker's seat as well as those in District 1, held by Ronnie Christian; District 2, held by Jim Smith; and District 3, held by James Jenkins; are up for grabs.

Deadline to file for city offices is March 20.

Deadline nears to secure booths for Health Fair

By **VALERIE AVERY**

Special to the Herald

The deadline for securing a discounted fee for a booth at the April 20 Health Fair 2002 is Friday, March 22.

Anyone requesting a booth after March 22 will be charged \$100. The early deadline

gives exhibitors a discount of \$75, said Nancy Jones, co-chairman of the Health Task Force of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

Health Fair 2002 will be held April 20 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Howard College's Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The event is free and open to the public.

Booth rental gives businesses and organizations a 10 x 10 booth space, skirted table, two chairs, a sign, a

trash receptacle, access to one electric outlet and refreshments for exhibitors.

Nearly 60 organizations set up booths last year and gave literature, free gifts or provided screenings for more than 2,000 people, Jones said.

"It's a great way for groups to get their information before the public," she said. "And it's a huge convenience for people who work during the week. It's a wonderful opportunity to

receive health screenings in a large area and do two or three things at once."

Several changes will be made to improve efficiency at many of the screenings, Jones said.

Organizations hosting booths, include Big Spring State Hospital, Home Hospice, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, Comanche Trail Nursing Center, Victim's Center, Canterbury, West Texas Medical ENT and Allergy

Nose Clinic, Howard College School of Nursing, Juice Plus, Best Home Care, Howard College Dental Hygiene Department, Big Spring Rehabilitation, and Interim Health Care.

"The Citizens Police Academy will videotape and fingerprint children," Jones said. "United Blood Services will take donations on-site, and the EMTs and the Big Spring Fire Department will

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4-H memorial scholarship to honor Christie

HERALD Staff Report

A scholarship fund for Howard County 4-H members has been established in memory of Richard Christie, who died on Feb. 8.

The scholarship will benefit a deserving 4-H member participating in the 2003 Howard County Junior Livestock Show.

Christie was a dedicated 4-H leader, having served as an officer of the 4-H Parents-Leaders Association. He was given the outstanding adult leadership award in 1985. He also served as the project

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Gollad Elementary sixth graders are claiming the war on the Texas Assessments of Academic Skills (TAAS) test by wearing war paint today. Pictured are, front left, Rowdi Wise and Danielle Sanchez, and back left, Logan Pierce, Melodie Williams and Gomez Diaz. Area schools planned a number of activities during Texas Public School Week. Big Spring schools released its students a early today for spring break. Schools will resume classes on Monday, March 18.

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leader for a number of years, assisting with the various 4-H judging teams, rodeos, the youth horse program and the Howard County Livestock Association.

Memorials may be sent to Howard County Junior Livestock Association, c/o Johnny Earp IV, Wells Fargo Bank, P.O. Box 3070, Big Spring 79721-3070.

HEALTH FAIR

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be present." Corporate sponsors are Express Medical, Warren Chiropractic, Paradigm Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine, West Texas VA Health Care System, Covenant Malone and Hogan Clinic, Odyssey Hospice, KBST-FM, Mountain View Lodge, Lamun Lusk Sanchez Texas State Veterans Nursing Home.

Businesses with corporate offices elsewhere may reserve a space and pay their booth rental at a later date, Jones said.

"We know it's difficult sometimes to get the checks from corporate offices sent in on time. But we will be glad to take their registration so we can go ahead with setting up a floor plan for all the booths."

Registrations will not be accepted after April 1 because of the anticipated increase in the number of exhibits.

To make reservations, call the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641 or 1-800-734-7641.

VETERANS

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what additional benefits I can get and what my wife's going to get if I pass on before her," he said. "Very beneficial."

Questions addressed at the meeting ranged from the status of the VA hospital's psychiatric and substance abuse programs, to spouses' benefits, to whether Chief Medical Officer Darryl Powell had been temporarily suspended, to the current status of Agent Orange benefits.

Brown refused to answer the question regarding Powell, asked by Leo Rombkowski of Colorado City.

"I am not going to discuss individual employees," he said. "The government employees that work in this hospital have rights, too."

Brown said the psychiatric and substance abuse programs are not being shut down.

"For acute psychiatry, the plan is to provide that service in an outpatient setting at a private facility close to the patient's home, but not here," he said. "Today we have two patients in acute psychiatry and I've got 17 RNs assigned. That's wast-

ing millions of dollars of your money that we could do something else with."

The substance abuse program is undergoing a similar change, he said.

"Substance abuse, instead of calling it an 'inpatient' we're going to house them here at the hospital and treat it as outpatient," he said. "The programs will not be closed."

Brown said the changes will allow the VA system to provide more community-based outpatient treatment to prevent the need for hospitalization.

"The more outpatient mental help our veterans get early, the less need they have for hospitalization," he said. "That is the reason our acute psychiatry is down to two patients."

Cawthon asked Lowe about spouse survivor benefits.

"It's very confusing to a lot of people in a couple of ways," Lowe said. "What the gentleman is talking about is Disability Indemnity Compensation, or what we lovingly refer to as DIC. That's a benefit that would be available to the widow if the veteran precedes her in death."

Lowe said there are two ways for a veteran's widow to get DIC.

"The bottom line is, there are two ways to get to what you're looking for," he said. "One, have the 100 percent rate or individual unemployment for 10 years, she's going to be automatically eligible. Or if you passed away from a cause secondary to the disability, no matter if it's two years or three years, or it's 10 percent or 20 percent or whatever, she's going to be entitled to DIC."

Ex-prisoners of war follow different guidelines, Lowe said.

"Ex-POWs only have to have it for one year," he said. "(Individual Unemployability) or one hundred percent disability."

Another veteran asked about the status of benefits for type 2 diabetes sufferers who have been exposed to Agent Orange.

Lowe said current laws require veterans to show a doctor's diagnosis of type 2 diabetes and to prove that they actually set foot in Vietnam during the war.

The Waco office's practice is to stretch the rule to give the benefit of the doubt to Naval personnel whose ship docked in Vietnam during the conflict, but other circumstances, such as Air Force pilots who actually flew over Vietnam and dropped Agent Orange, or servicemen present at U.S. Army bases during Agent Orange tests, are problematic.

"The way the law reads right now, we would have to deny those claims," he said.

Lowe added that the benefit does not extend to type 1, or childhood-onset, diabetes.

Astronomers find data error, conclude universe is beige

WASHINGTON (AP) — The color of the universe is not an intriguing pale turquoise, as astronomers recently announced. It's actually beige — and a rather ordinary beige at that.

Two Johns Hopkins University astronomers announced in January they had averaged all the colors from the light of 200,000 galaxies and concluded that if the human eye could see this combined hue, it would be a sprightly pale green. That, they said, was the

color of the universe.

But Karl Glazebrook and Ivan Baldry said Thursday that their conclusion was wrong. They had been tripped up by flawed software that was uncovered by color engineers who checked their data.

"It is embarrassing," Glazebrook said. "But this is science. We're not like politicians. If we make mistakes, we admit them. That's how science works."

The effect of the error was that the computer picked a nonstandard white from its electronic palette and mixed it with the other colors to come up with the turquoise. When the error was corrected and replaced with a standard white index, beige was the result, Glazebrook said.

"It looks like beige," he said. "I don't know what else to call it. I would welcome suggestions."

In January, Baldry called the turquoise "cosmic spectrum green." But the pair offered no fancy name for the new beige hue.

To find this average color, Glazebrook and Baldry gathered light from galaxies out to several billion light years. They processed the light to break it into the various colors — similar to how a prism turns sunlight into a rainbow. They averaged the color values for all the light and converted it to the primary color scale seen by the human eye.

Glazebrook said the underlying data was correct. The problem came when the scientific data was converted into a hue compatible with the perception of the human eye.

The astronomer said that expressing the color for popular viewing was not even part of the original scientific experiment. They did it "as a lark."

"We were doing this as an amusing footnote to our paper," said Glazebrook. "Then there was a huge media thing. We were completely overwhelmed. We didn't expect it to get so big."

Bill that establishes safe-for-kids Internet domain approved

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House moved closer Thursday to setting aside part of the Internet for material suitable for children.

The Energy and Commerce Committee's telecommunications panel approved legislation to create a "kids.us" domain for Web sites free of pornography and other material deemed inappropriate for children under 13.

"While there is no substitute for proper parental supervision, responsible parents that I talk to want more tools to assist them in protecting their kids on the Internet," said Rep. Fred Upton, R-Mich., the subcommittee chairman.

The domain is intended to prevent children from

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being exposed to inappropriate material without hampering free speech. Participation would be voluntary.

"Speech more appropriate for adults or teen-agers will not be affected by this bill" because it can still be posted on other domains, such as ".com" and ".net," said Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass., a sponsor of the legislation.

BRIEFS

THE BIG SPRING ART Association will have a miniature auction at their next regular meeting on March 19.

The auction will be held at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library in the basement. The public is encouraged to attend. For more information call Bonita Lyght at 267-9773.

HOWARD COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY is offering adoptions of all adult dogs 1-year-old or older at a special discount of \$9, which includes shots and vaccinations. These dogs are neutered. The normal fee is \$18. This special will run through Easter, March 31. For information, contact the humane society at 267-7832.

THE BIG SPRING CHAMBER of Commerce is asking your help in rounding up photos taken during the days of the Big Spring Bombardier School and Webb Air Force Base.

These will be on display the weekend of Oct. 12 when the first Webb Air Force Base Reunion takes place.

People from several are expected to attend. If you have photos, please bring them by the chamber. They will be copied and returned to you.

THE U.S. LST ASSOCIATION is looking for all LST members to have a reunion with shipmates from World War II to present.

The next reunion will be held in St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 27 through Sept. 2. Contact Bob Garner LST at 461, HC Box 362, Memphis 75948, call 1-800-228-5870, or e-mail USLST@KMBS.com.

BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers of the children in the community who have been abused and neglected.

For more information on becoming foster/adoptive families call Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669 or 1-800-233-3405.

SPRING CITY SENIOR CENTER is accepting donations for their third annual benefit auction. Anything will be accepted except clothes.

Pickup is available. Contact Bobbie Leonard at 267-1628 or the Crossroads Auction Company at 263-

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MARKETS

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FIRE/EMS

The following is a summary of EMS and Fire Department activity: 5:07 a.m. — 800 block of Dallas, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC. 6:00 a.m. — 800 block of Wyoming, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. 7:00 a.m. — 2900 block of Lawrence, medical call, one patient transported to VA Medical Center. 9:43 a.m. — 800 block of Hwy 87, trauma call, one patient transported to SMMC. 4:00 p.m. — 1000 block of Gregg, traffic accident, one patient transported to SMMC. 5:40 p.m. — 1500 block of Stallings, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC. 6:15 p.m. — 2911 W. Hwy 80, medical call, one patient transported to VA Medical Center.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Thursday until 8 a.m. today: VALARIE GARZA, 22, of 538 Westover Road was arrested on four local war-

rants and a Howard County warrant.

BURGLARY OF A COIN-OPERATED VENDING MACHINE was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson Road. About \$50 damage to the machine was reported.

GRAFFITI was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson Road. About \$400 damage was reported done to the premises.

MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 400 block of South Aylesford Street, the 1900 block of North Highway 87, the 1000 block of South Gregg, the 1400 block of East 11th Place and the 3300 block of West Highway 80.

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1000 block of North Main Street and the 1100 block of Sycamore Street.

LOUD PARTY/NOISE was reported in the 600 block of West Interstate 20, the 1500 block of Bluebird Street and the 1000 block of North Main Street.

RECORDS

Thursday's high 78
Thursday's low 53
Record high 87 in 1918
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Average high 67
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Precip. Thursday 0.00
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Sunrise Saturday 7:03 a.m.
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WASHINGTON \$6 billion error sional budget created new problems for S e n a t e Democrats in their election-year battle over farm policy with House leaders and the Bush administration.

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Senate poised to send recession relief bill to president

WASHINGTON (AP) — A recession relief package extending jobless benefits and giving business tax cuts is "a very good bill" that President Bush said he will eagerly sign as soon as it clears the Senate.

"We've had too much nonmovement on this important issue, and it's time to go," Bush said Thursday.

Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., scheduled a vote today on the legislation, which passed the House 417-3 on Thursday. The swift action comes after months of partisan gridlock that saw three previous House-passed versions blocked in the

Senate.

The bill, Daschle said, is "very similar to what we have introduced and supported and voted for and advocated."

The House vote coincided with a Capitol Hill appearance by Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, who gave a more upbeat economic forecast than he had a week earlier. Given the size of the U.S. economy, Greenspan told the Senate Banking Committee, the relatively modest stimulus package would have little impact on recession recovery.

"I doubt very much that the economy, if it didn't get a stimulus, would sag," Greenspan said.

Proponents, however, said it would aid sectors of the economy that need it, including manufacturing and high-tech companies.

Bush pronounced it "a very good bill," one that "has got some economic stimulus as a major part of it."

The legislation would pump \$51 billion into the economy this year, \$43 billion next year and \$29 billion in 2004, congressional analysts say. Its cost over 10 years is about \$42 billion, because some tax breaks would generate government revenue in later years.

The measure would extend regular 26-week jobless benefits by 13 weeks and allow for additional

automatic extensions in states with high unemployment rates.

Many lawmakers were nervous in an election year about failing to act on lengthening the benefits before Monday, six months since the Sept. 11 attacks that worsened the economic slide. Daschle said about 1.6 million people have seen their unemployment benefits expire since the attacks.

For businesses, the measure provides an immediate 30 percent depreciation write-off over each of the next three years for new investments, and a more generous way to deduct losses from taxes paid in previous years.

The depreciation change in par-

ticular would right away spur business activity and enable companies to hire more workers, supporters said.

"It forces people to do it now if they're going to get the benefit," said Martin Regalia, chief economist at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

The bill creates a "Liberty Zone" in the lower Manhattan section of New York in which \$5 billion in various tax breaks would be available over 10 years to help the city recover from September's attacks. In addition, the bill would extend a list of popular tax breaks, most for two years, that have expired or will expire this year.

Error in farm bill creates new problems

WASHINGTON (AP) — A \$6 billion error by congressional budget analysts has created new problems for Senate Democrats in their election-year battle over farm policy with House leaders and the Bush administration.



COMBEST

The mistake, disclosed Thursday, means a Senate-passed overhaul of farm programs is \$6.1 billion over the spending limit set by a congressional budget agreement. Had the error been discovered before the Senate voted on the bill, its Democratic authors likely would have been forced to sharply scale back the legislation. Otherwise, a minority

Republicans could have potentially blocked the bill on procedural grounds.

"All we can do now is to continue to move forward and address this issue," said Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Tom Harkin, D-Iowa.

House Republicans had openly questioned how the Senate bill could create new subsidy programs and increase others and still comply with the budget, as a House-passed bill does.

The error "shows the balance and broad base that the House bill has," said House Agriculture Committee Chairman Larry Combest, R-Texas. He said the mistake strengthens his hand in talks with the Senate on a compromise bill.

Under the budget agreement, lawmakers are not supposed to increase gov-

ernment farm spending by more than \$73.5 billion over the next 10 years. Prior to the error's discovery, that was the cost estimate for the Senate bill.

The Senate bill would spend significantly more than the House on conservation and nutrition programs and also would provide a far bigger boost to farm subsidies this year than the House bill.

Mary Kay Thatcher, a lobbyist for the American Farm Bureau Federation, said Senate leaders will have to overhaul the proposals in their legislation before they can negotiate further.

"It gives a little more leverage to the House side," she said.

The House-Senate conference committee that is working on reconciling the legislation already faced a

number of thorny issues, including a new \$2 billion subsidy program for dairy farmers in the Senate bill and a Senate-passed limit on the payments that individual farms may collect.

The Senate bill also would increase subsidies to grain and cotton farmers in a way that the Bush administration says would encourage overproduction of those crops.

Farm groups have been pushing lawmakers to finish their work on the bill by the time Congress breaks for its Easter recess on March 22 so that the legislation can take effect for this year's crops.

"My biggest fear is that this (error) serves to slow down the process even more than it already has," said Bruce Knight, a lobbyist for the National Corn Growers Association.

Kmart to close 284 stores in 40 states, cut 22,000 jobs

DETROIT (AP) — Kmart Corp. will close 284 stores in 40 states and Puerto Rico, cutting about 22,000 positions, as part of its bankruptcy restructuring, the company announced Friday.

The stores to be closed include 271 Kmart discount stores and 12 Kmart Supercenters. In addition one store in Puerto Rico will be closed.

The cuts amount to just under 9 percent of Kmart's work force of about 250,000.

"The decision to close these underperforming stores, which do not meet our financial requirements going forward, is an integral part of the company's reorganization effort," CEO Chuck Conaway said.

"While the business rationale supporting this action is compelling, we deeply regret the impact these store closings will have on our associates, our customers and the communities where these stores are located."

The Troy-based company released the list after notifying affected employees.

Kmart operates more than 2,100 stores nationwide.

Kmart said it anticipates sales generated from store closings and related cost savings will enhance its cash flow by about \$550 million in 2002 and about \$45 million annually after that.

Kmart filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection on Jan. 22, following lower-than-expected holiday sales, downgrades by several credit rating agencies and a drop in its stock price.

At the time of the filing, Kmart said it would close a number of stores.

Kmart expects to record a charge in the range of \$1.1 billion to \$1.3 billion, but the closings are expected to improve its earnings before interest, taxes and depreciation by about \$31 million a year.

On Wednesday, a bankruptcy court approved \$2 billion in additional financing for Kmart, plus up to \$150 million in bonuses for employees who help the company get off the rocks.

Major battle in Afghanistan could be over by weekend

WASHINGTON (AP) — Another 200 U.S. soldiers are going to join the fierce fighting in Afghanistan, the commander of the Army's 101st Airborne Division said.

"This is the largest, most intense direct combat engagement with an enemy force the 101st Airborne Division has been involved in since Vietnam," Maj. Gen. Richard Cody said at division headquarters in Fort Campbell, Ky.

The 200 soldiers are traveling with 16 Apache attack helicopters and four CH-47 Chinook transport helicopters to supplement or replace aircraft that have been damaged in the week-long, U.S.-led battle against al-Qaida fighters in eastern Afghanistan, Cody said.

That battle could end as early as this weekend, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Thursday.

The biggest uncertainty, Rumsfeld said, is the extent to which al-Qaida and Taliban fighters are gaining reinforcements and supplies inside the 70-square-mile target area.

In a question-and-answer session with a group of Pentagon workers, Rumsfeld said he could not predict precisely when the fighting would end, except to say it would take days, not weeks.

"I would think it would end sometime this weekend or next week, but one can't be sure," he said.

The battle began a week ago and U.S. officials have said they believe at least half of the enemy forces has been killed.

"If we've learned anything, we've learned that it is very hard to know precisely what's taking place by way of going in and out of that supposedly carefully watched area," Rumsfeld said. He said American military commanders believe they have set up enough observation posts on the perimeter of the battlefield to keep an eye on enemy forces trying to enter the area or escape.

"We know for a fact an

awful lot of people have been trying to get out and haven't been making it," Rumsfeld said. "There seems to be no inclination to surrender. We've not seen or heard any willingness to do that, although we've looked."

Rumsfeld spoke at what the Pentagon called a "town hall meeting" with about 200 civilian and military Pentagon workers. The last time he held such a session in the Pentagon was Sept. 10, the day before the terrorist hijacker airplane attack on the Pentagon that killed 189 people, including 125 on the ground.



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"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

-FIRST AMENDMENT

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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:

- **THE HOWARD COUNTY MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM AND THE DORA ROBERTS FOUNDATION**, on receiving the Growing Awareness Award for Outstanding Public and Private Partnership at the Southwest Region Youth Gardening Conference.
- **THE BIG SPRING SYMPHONY**, on another delightful performance last Saturday.
- **LOCAL MASONIC LODGES**, which hosted their annual breakfast for school district employees during Texas Public School Week.
- **THE HOWARD COUNTY LIBRARY** and those who read to children during the "Dr. Suessathon."
- **THE BIG SPRING PROSPECTOR'S CLUB**, on another successful Gem and Mineral Show.
- **FORSAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS KRISTY PAUL AND RYAN TANT**, on their participation in the all-state band event in San Antonio.

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:
On behalf of the Internal Revenue Service and all the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Volunteers, I would like to say "thank you" to the *Herald*, KBST and KBYG for the publicity you have provided in order to get this information out to the people who need it. We have had an especially busy season this year and that is due to the *Herald* publishing the information on a regular basis, and the radio stations keeping the people informed about the VITA program, explaining our program and when we are available. There are many people who need this service who cannot afford to pay to have their tax returns done.

We serve all low-income people, those who qualify for child tax credits, earned income credit, child care credits, education credits, credit for the elderly, all senior citizens, handicapped and non-English speaking persons. Also, anyone who has wages with taxes withheld, retirement income, interest and dividend income. Persons who are between 25 and 65 years of age with no dependents may

qualify for an earned income credit if their earned income is under \$10,710.

We have added two new volunteers this season. They are Mike Nelson and Gloria Hopkins. We are glad to have these two very capable new volunteers along with the following who have been with the program for several years: Jean Tidwell, Tom Lucas, Bill Gonzalez, Reeves Moren, Donna Groenke, and Sam Barrow.

Volunteers are trained each year by the Internal Revenue Service and are well-qualified to prepare these tax returns and to give advice on tax laws. We have a good supply of all forms and instruction books and can supply those to persons who want to do their own returns. We are available for questions, preparing returns or giving out forms on Monday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon until Monday, April 1 at the Spring City Senior Center, 1900 Simler Dr. in the Industrial Park.

Thanks also to the library, post office and numerous businesses for displaying our posters telling about this service.

DOROTHY KENNEMUR
BIG SPRING

A splendid political primary in Texas

We're having a splendid political primary season here in Texas, featuring several looper-than-usual players and one total gooney bird named John Worldpeace.

On the Democratic side for U.S. Senate, the two heavy-hitting, well-financed contenders are Mayor Ron Kirk of Dallas and Rep. Ken Bentsen of Houston. So, of course, a high-school civics teacher who's never been elected to anything named Victor Morales is in the lead in that race.

Meanwhile, just to further confuse everybody, another Morales, former attorney general Dan, is running for governor, which might cinch the Hispanic vote for him, except his opponent is Tony Sanchez, a rich banker from Laredo. Worldpeace (he had his name legally changed) is also in that race, and his idea of contributing to his namesake seems to be spreading as much nastiness about Sanchez as he possibly can. Voters keep getting unidentified calls that turn out to be financed by Worldpeace asking

them, approximately, "Did you know that Tony Sanchez is a blue-bellied, full-blooded liar, thief and child molester who runs on all fours and has the IQ of a grape?" I'm not exaggerating by much.

Meanwhile, the poor rich Sanchez clearly had no idea what he was getting into when he acceded to the pleas of Democrats desperate to find a self-financing candidate with a Hispanic name. He is up against one of our strangest politicians, the Incomprehensible Dan Morales.

This Morales left office under a stygian cloud involving some back-dated papers giving a cut of the enormous attorney's fees in the \$17 billion tobacco case settlement to a friend of his. Sanchez, who may yet develop into a viable politician, rather sharply reminded Morales during their last debate that he could still be indicted for that one. Since Morales has been baiting Sanchez about an old case of money-laundering through his bank, it was nice to see Sanchez on the attack.

Even by Texas standards, Morales never was much of a Democrat. He always ran on being pro-death penalty, which everybody is — but you don't have to run on it. His most memorable moment as A.G. was taking an anti-affirmative action decision from the Fifth Circuit against one Texas school and applying it statewide.

A Harvard-grad Hispanic should be gold in this state, but I don't recall ever seeing Morales hit a lick for the people. His frequent tacks to the right seemed designed to further his career by some plan I could never grasp, unless he meant to become a Republican. So here am I, a devout populist, supporting a rich, conservative banker with no political experience for governor. Sigh. It must be a Texas primary.

Actually, this isn't nearly as weird as the time I had to support Bobby Locke for governor. Bobby's platform was challenging Col. Muammar Qaddafi of Libya to hand-to-hand combat in the Gulf of Sidra. At high noon, next Fourth of July, on the Line of Death, Locke trained for the bout in his backyard swimming pool in San Antonio. "Only one of us will come out of the water alive," said Locke, which sounded like a no-lose proposition to me. Besides, you should have seen the other candidates.

In the Senate race, the Wrong Morales factor (or maybe Dan is riding Victor's coattails, it's hard to tell) is bollixing up the works.

In a state where we once put the Wrong Don Yarbrough on the Supreme Court by mistake, causing no end of embarrassment since he turned out to be a crooked crackpot, the potential for confusion in similar names should not be underestimated. (Texas

voters also like famous names: For years we had a state treasurer named Jesse James, but then we elected Warren G. Harding to the post.) Both Ron Kirk and Ken Bentsen are terminally moderate: Kirk is black, which is pretty amazing for a Dallas mayor, and Bentsen is the nephew of former Sen. Lloyd Bentsen. Bentsen's not a bad guy, but I think Kirk would be a better candidate.

Political insiders can muller all they want about it still being "too soon" to run a black statewide in Texas (Soon? Please!), but I think Kirk actually has a better chance of getting elected. He has a great personality — he's cheerful, kind, funny and obviously, as a favorite of the Dallas Establishment, plenty conservative enough for this state.

Bentsen has the personal

ity of wallpaper. One smart argument I heard a money guy make for Kirk is if we elect him, our junior senator will immediately be one of the most powerful players in Washington, the new star of national black politics, which — given that both Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton have worn out their welcome — would be a pleasant change.

Besides, if Texas D's put up a slate led by a black and an Hispanic, it will be a free media bonanza, and given the state of the party's coffers, free is about all we can afford.

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'We Were Soldiers': Hollywood got it right

Hollywood finally got it right. After 30 years of rationalizing propaganda, the Vietnam War has been portrayed in the film "We Were Soldiers" in realistic and honest terms. Not that every fact was accurate, but giving allowance for the necessity of compressing so much material into so few minutes, director Randall Wallace did a masterly job.

Virtually all prior Vietnam War films painted American soldiers as vulgar-talking druggies, murderers, rapists or a combination thereof. Or we saw Arnold Schwarzenegger as a Vietnam comic book character.

"We Were Soldiers" is the story of the 1st Battalion, 7th Regiment, of the 1st Cavalry Division and its three days of hell in the Ia Drang Valley. But it was more than that. The film showed the families, the training, the camaraderie — and most of all, the heroism.

The problem with Vietnam War films is that many more young men stayed home than went. And of those who stayed home, a number of them vowed they wouldn't go. For some, it was not enough to just miss, avoid or evade service, it was also necessary to denigrate those who did serve. This was not a universal truth. Many of those who opposed the war did not take part in the denunciation of those who went. But there were enough who did, and it is their version that crept and slithered onto the silver screen for the last 30 years.

Now comes "We Were Soldiers" and the American fighting man suddenly appears similar to the Korean soldier, the World War II soldier, and all of the soldiers in all of the wars. He was patriotic and frightened, dedicated and

vulnerable. Most of all, he was a team player who loved life, but would not let his buddies down.

Sure, there were drugs in Vietnam, but that was mostly a rear echelon phenomenon. Men in the field need their wits about them. Sure, a small number of soldiers committed crimes in Vietnam, just as they did in prior conflicts. But the men in the field, the combat soldiers, were among the best ever fielded by America.

The men in the field had to endure the harsh jungle elements; they were virtually always surrounded because there was nowhere to retreat; they were often compelled to fight on the enemy's terms on the enemy's terrain where booby traps and ambushes awaited them.

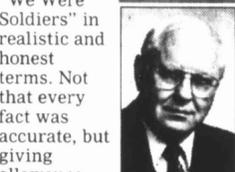
Later in the war, the soldiers stayed out in the jungle for weeks on end. They would have to carry as many as eight canteens of water and all the ammunition they could hold. Food came in a distant third in the priorities. They were

generally resupplied by helicopter every third day, and they could not afford to run out of ammunition or water in the interim.

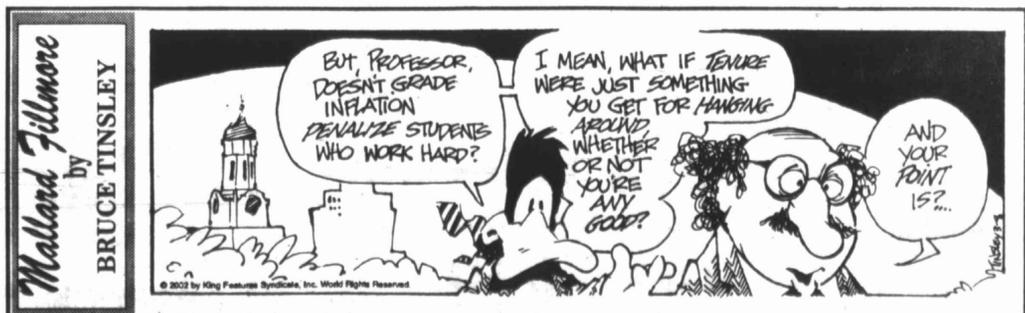
They also faced something new in American combat — a merciless enemy that rarely took prisoners. Even the Japanese soldiers in World War II, who were infamous for their brutality, took prisoners. But, as we know, very few infantrymen came back from North Vietnamese prisons at the end of the war.

And as the war dragged on, its popularity waned. So draftees arriving in-country after 1968 were often opposed to the war, but they were especially noble because they viewed duty to country more important than their own views.

"We Were Soldiers" does not go into all this. But it starts us in the right direction. It gives us heroes and a man to exemplify them. As one veteran said, "World War II had John Wayne; now we have Mel Gibson."



JACK ANDERSON



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JIMMY WATSON

Well, I'm going to do this, and I won't mind if you criticize me for such a violation of human decency. After much weeping and gnashing of teeth I finally rented the movie, "Left Behind," based on the Left Behind series of books by Jenkins and LaHaye. The reason I haven't read any of the books is because I simply disagree with the violent nature of God that is implicit in the apocalyptic vision of these books. Apocalypticism is the notion that God will bring a violent end to history by slaughtering everyone else except "us." This raises an important theological question: Is God a violent, punishing God? The biblical record, if taken literally and uncritically, certainly portrays God in this manner. Jack Nelson-Pallmeyer, in his recent book, *Jesus Against Christianity: Reclaiming the Missing Jesus*, suggests that "the overwhelming portrayal of God in the Bible is as a brutal killer and punishing judge." Nelson-Pallmeyer presents the evidence in a startling manner that is difficult, if not impossible, to dispute. He cites examples of God ordering people to execute children who curse their parents; of God sending forth she-bears to maul children who insult a prophet; of God ordering the murder of all men,

women, and children after battle; of God drowning nearly all of creation and humanity in a punishing flood; of God sending armies to slaughter sinful people; of God threatening eternal punishment for those who do not feed the hungry; and of God demanding human sacrifice, recanting, and then requiring the bloody sacrifice of Jesus as atonement for human sin and as a means to reconciliation. You get the picture.

Some people accept this biblical portrayal of God without question. To criticize the predominant view of God in the Bible is to criticize the Bible itself.

And because many Christians have elevated the Bible to divine status they are more comfortable maintaining an archaic and dangerous idea of God than they are reading the Bible in a contextual fashion, in a way that factors in author, date, audience, setting, and so on.

Why is the belief in a violent God dangerous? In my view, it is dangerous because it often serves to justify our own violence.

Even though many contemporary scholars agree (as I do) that Jesus practiced and preached nonviolence, and rejected apocalypticism's violent God, Christians today seem as comfortable with violence as ever.

Ever since Constantine gave Christianity the "thumb's up" in the Roman Empire, Christians have amassed a horrible record of violence.

We have tortured and murdered "heretics" and "witches," fought in self-serving wars, executed criminals (even though our Lord suffered the same fate), committed "hate" crimes, bought and used weapons for the sake of pleasure, performed abortions for the sake of convenience and terrorized abor-

tion providers, engaged in spousal abuse, practiced corporeal punishment, built violent-image video games, supported violent movies, bought our children imitation violent toys, told our children to "fight back," and told non-Christians that God will eventually "get" them.

I believe our traditional view of God — one of violence — has served to justify our violent ways. The problem, of course, concerns the manner of how we utilize and understand the Bible.

Should we read the Bible as if every word about God is factually true for us today? Or can we read the Bible critically, in careful prayer and reflection on Jesus' teachings, and perhaps acknowledge that some of the images of God in the Bible were appropriate for an ancient people but inappropriate and even dangerous for you and me today?

Nelson-Pallmeyer challenges us by noting that if we behaved as many of the biblical authors claim God behaved, "then our deviation from propriety" would lead us straight to jail and we would stay there for a long time.

I believe Jesus calls us to a new "way, truth, and life." Ironically, we Christians too often stifle the voice of Jesus in order to protect our traditional belief and doctrine, including our naive acceptance of a God who practices and condones violence.

Let us be earnest in our quest to be faithful disciples of the One who revealed to us the mind and heart of God.

If you would like a dialogue with me about this and other issues, please feel free to send me an e-mail at jimmy@apex 2000.net.

Jimmy Watson is pastor of First Christian Church.

CHURCH NEWS

St. Mary's Episcopal

Holy Communion will be celebrated this Sunday at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. St. Mary's also has Sunday School for all ages at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or look us up on our web site at www.stmarysbst.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001 South Goliad.

The 2002 Lenten Program continues March 13. The theme this year is "Christian Mission and Ministry in our Diocese, our Parish, and our Lives." We will begin, as is our custom with a meatless potluck dinner in the Parish Hall at 6 p.m. The program will begin at 6:30 and child care will be provided. Our speakers will be St. Mary's candidates for the Diaconate: Janice Byrd, Connie Fowler, and Dr. John Marshall.

Stations of the Cross will be observed every Friday during Lent. Please join us next Friday, 12:05 p.m. in the Church.

St. Mary's Church will host the Deanery meeting this Saturday beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

First Assembly of God

"Power the most talked about thing in the world today" is Pastor R. T. Havener's message this Sunday morning at 10:40 a.m. This sermon taken from Zechariah 4:6.

In the Sunday night service at 6 p.m., Pastor Havener will speak on the subject, "Divine Healing for

today." This sermon taken from 1 Peter 2:24, will deal with the two fold work of Jesus.

The congregation of First Assembly invites you to join them for spirit-led worship and special music in each of these services at Fourth and Lancaster.

First Presbyterian

"Children of Light" is the topic Rev. David Marx will use for his sermon on Sunday. Worship service is at 11 a.m. This service follows Sunday School and "Take Ten".

Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. with "Take Ten" being held at 10:30 a.m. Choir practice is held on Wednesday night at 7 p.m.

Please join us for any or all the activities at the First Presbyterian Church.

Everyone is always welcome.

First Baptist

First Baptist Church would like to thank those of you who attended the Legacy Five concert last Thursday. We hope you received as much of a blessing as we did.

Our pastor, Rev. Dennis Teeters, has begun a road trip with his morning sermons. This week we will travel the road to Jericho. We begin our services at 10:50 a.m. each Sunday morning. We meet again at 6 p.m. for our evening service. After the evening worship, our senior adults and youth are going to have a combined fellowship. You are invited to attend.

Our youth will be working next weekend at Circle Six Encampment in Stanton cleaning, repairing, painting and giving the camp a face lift to prepare it for the summer. Adults who would

like to participate are encouraged to call 267-8223 for details about how you could assist.

First United Methodist

First United Methodist Church of Big Spring will worship the Lord Jesus Christ twice on Sunday morning beginning at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Guest preacher for this Sunday will be Dr. Richard Bales, Big Spring District Superintendent, who will speak on "Why We Are In Missions" based upon Acts 4:12. Sunday School classes for all ages, nursery through senior adult - including the Kingdom Class for the mentally challenged - are offered between the two worship times, starting at 9:45 a.m. Regular Youth fellowship meetings will not be held this Sunday evening, but those youth leaving on the Juarez Mission Trip will depart immediately following Sunday School.

Because of spring break, a number of the normal weekly church programs, including Kid's Club, Children's Day Out, Beth Moore Bible Studies, Wednesday Noon Bible Study and Handbells, will not meet during the week of March 11-15.

Those regular ministries that will meet include Disciple Bible Study at 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday and Chancel Choir practice at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Epworth Sunday School class will hold a class party in Garrett Hall on March 14th, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Call the church office, 267-6394 for further information on any of the ministries and programs of First United Methodist Church.

Moderate Baptists in Texas anger leaders

DALLAS (AP) — Moderate Baptists in Texas have pledged \$1 million to help Southern Baptist missionaries who decline to endorse a conservative doctrinal statement they are being asked to approve.

The moderate Baptist General Convention of Texas said it created the fund after hearing from more than 60 missionary families who said they

could not sign the statement, which opposes women pastors and says wives should "submit graciously" to their husbands. The doctrinal statement also created controversy when it was initially approved in 2000.

Some missionaries feared they would lose their jobs if they resisted, the Texas group said Feb. 26.

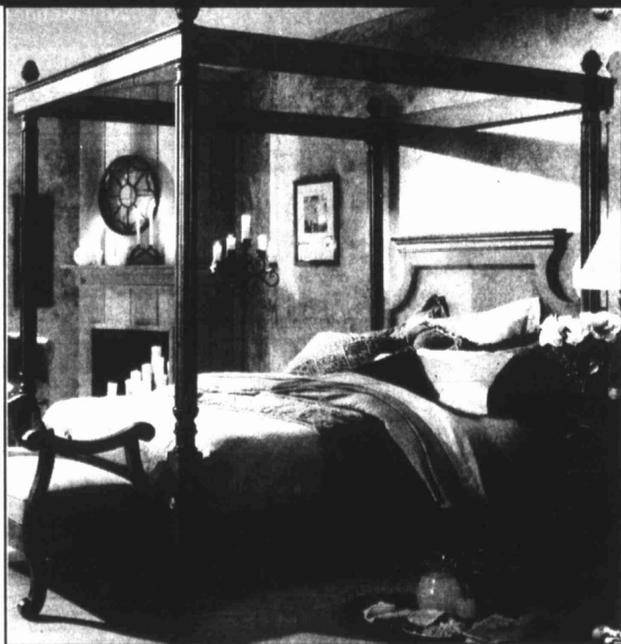
"The call to stand by those

who are being asked to put either calling or conscience at risk cannot go unanswered," said Charles Wade, executive director of the Texas convention. "We must provide places of refuge and renewal, places of warm acceptance and dependable support, places where dreams of serving God can become reality again."

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CLUB NEWS

TOPS TX 21
Eight members of TOPS 21 attended the funeral services of member, Mary Ellen Allen on March 1.

Meeting for their regular Monday night meeting at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, there were 11 members present.

Hughetta Roberts called the meeting to order and Genay Bertran opened the meeting with prayer and the TOPS pledge was repeated.

Mrs. Bertran called the roll and she recorded the best loss for the TOPS and Lynne Criswell was the best loser for KOPS.

Each received the weekly award and a certificate.

During the awards ceremony Virginia Langston was the best loser for February and received a charm and a certificate. Wanda Lee received a charm for having lost her first 10 lbs.

Mrs. Lee and Shirley Jenkins both gave a reading followed by the minutes by Gladys Russell and treasurer's report by Mrs. Jenkins.

New officers for the coming year are as follows: Hughetta Roberts, leader; Olnee Menges, co-leader; secretary, Gladys Russell; treasurer, Shirley Jenkins; weight recorder, Genay Bertran; assistant weight recorder Donna Menges. They will be installed at the last meeting in March and take office the first meeting in April.

Anyone interested in the non-profit weight loss program call 1-800-932-8677 or locally 263-0391 or 263-1758 for more information.

TOPS meets each Monday night at 6 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third.

You are cordially invited to attend a meeting.

1955 Hyperion

The 1955 Hyperion Club met Mar. 5 at 11:30 a.m. in the home of Darnell Small. Karen Forks served as co-hostess. Ruby Mize presented the program "E-Z Window Treatments."

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TOPS TX 1756

During the meeting on March 4th we had our annual elections of officers for the up-coming year.

Laura Sickles was elected Leader, Gloria Jimenez was elected Co-Leader, Ethel Cassidy was elected Secretary, and Frank Sickles was elected Treasurer, also at the meeting Virginia Collins was appointed the post of Weight Recorder.

The club also discussed the up coming Texas State Recognition Days in Austin April 5th and 6th. The club will have four members going to the SRD in Austin, also the club will have their first queen crowned at the SRD which will be Ethel Cassidy.

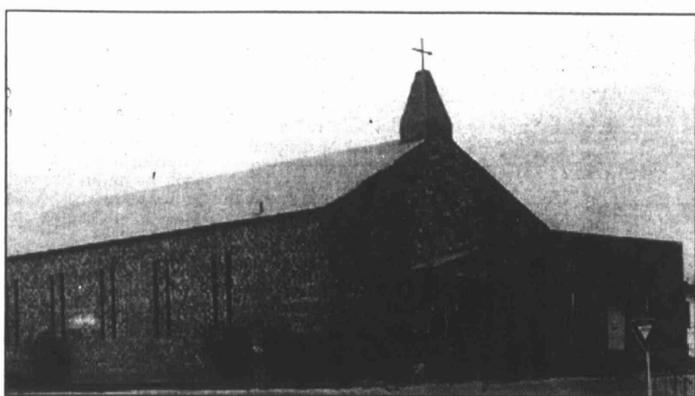
She has lost 16.5 pounds to her goal weight the was set by her doctor last year after joining the club.

We meet each Monday night at the College Heights Christian Church at 21st and Goliad. The meeting starts at 6 p.m. and weigh-in starts at 5:30 p.m.

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Registration fo Spring United Softball Associa gram is schedu p.m. to 8 p.m. t from 10 a.m. to Saturday, March The fee is \$30 and \$25 for each al sister. Paren bring a copy of t dren's birth cert For more info call Bek Robins 2474 or Jason C 268-1193.

Sporting clay scheduled for

The third "Break Clay fo sporting clay tou has been sche Saturday and March 22-2 Windwalker F Stanton. The deadline f is Saturday, m For more info contact the Dystrphy Asso Midland by ca 4970.

ON THE

Radio JUCO BASEBALL

5:45 p.m. — H College Hawks at Mexico Military In KBST-AM 1490.

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6 p.m. — Big E Conference tourn semifinal, teams ESPN.
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8 p.m. — Pac-1 Conference tourn semifinal, teams ESPN.
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Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call John Moseley at 263-7331, Ext. 230. Email results to: johnmoseley@bigspringherald.com

IN BRIEF

Steers suffer losses at Snyder tourney

Big Spring's Steers opened the Snyder Canyon Reef Baseball Tournament with a 12-5 loss to Perryton.

Drew Viscaimo suffered the loss in a distance going effort. Casey Conner, Nathan Clements and Jon McKinnon all went 2-for-3 at the plate for the Steers. McKinnon hit a 2-run homer in the fourth, Big Spring's first home run of the season. McKinnon would add a second 2-run homer in the Steers second game of the day Thursday, an 11-5 loss to Dumas.

Brandon Mendoza drew the start and gave up five runs in the first two innings before being relieved by McKinnon, who shut out the Demons for three innings before they scored 6 unanswered runs to claim the win.

Big Spring JV golfers 11th at Seminole

Big Spring's Steers junior varsity golf team finished 11th in a field of 24 teams Wednesday at the Seminole Invitational Golf Tournament.

The Steers JV was paced by Ryan Wegman's round of 87, while Jace Williams had an 89 and David Welch posted a 92. Kyle Schmidt carded a 93 and Jacob Castle finished at 95.

UGSA registration scheduled at mall

Registration for the Big Spring United Girls Softball Association program is scheduled from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, as well as on Saturday, March 15.

The fee is \$30 per girl and \$25 for each additional sister. Parents should bring a copy of their children's birth certificates.

For more information, call Bek Robinson at 263-2474 or Jason Canales at 268-1193.

Sporting clay tourney scheduled for MDA

The third annual "Break Clay for MDA" sporting clay tournament has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, March 22-23, at Windwalker Farms in Stanton.

The deadline for entries is Saturday, March 15. For more information, contact the Muscular Dystrophy Association in Midland by calling 570-4970.

ON THE AIR

Radio

JUCO BASEBALL
5:45 p.m. — Howard College Hawks at New Mexico Military Institute, KBST-AM 1490.

Television

COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Men
6 p.m. — Big East Conference tournament semifinal, teams TBA, ESPN.
6 p.m. — Atlantic Coast Conference tournament, Duke vs. North Carolina, ESPN2.
8 p.m. — Big East Conference tournament semifinal, teams TBA, ESPN.
8 p.m. — Atlantic Coast Conference tournament, Wake Forest vs. Georgia Tech, ESPN2.
8 p.m. — Pac-10 Conference tournament semifinal, teams TBA, FXS.
10:30 p.m. — Pac 10 Conference tournament semifinal, teams TBA, FXS.
11 p.m. — Mountain West Conference tournament semifinal, teams TBA, ESPN.

Strong putting puts Faxon atop rain-delayed Honda

CORAL SPRINGS, Fla. (AP) — Brad Faxon rarely dissects or deviates from his putting technique. He knows it works, and he showed it during the first round of the Honda Classic.

Faxon made two 30-footers and four more from beyond 10 feet, shooting a 7-under 65 and taking the clubhouse lead before heavy rain suspended the opening round Thursday.

"I try to putt like it's shooting baskets with your friends," Faxon said. "I try to make it so easy and simple and thoughtless. ... I putted great. I had good feel around the greens. I saw the lines. But that's when I putt my best: when it's easy."

"I know there's no explanation for that or nothing that will sell a book,

but I don't really worry about that."

Faxon birdied four of his final five holes, getting off the TPC at Heron Bay just before play was suspended. Nearly 2 inches of rain had fallen when the first round was postponed.

The round was to resume Friday at 7:30 a.m. EST. Second-round tee times were pushed back five hours, a move that guarantees the second round would not finish Friday and will continue Saturday.

Friday's forecast called for partly cloudy skies with a 20 percent chance of rain.

Skip Kendall, having teed off on the par-5 16th when play was stopped, was one shot behind Faxon and one stroke ahead of Fulton Allem, Per-Ulrik Johansson, Dudley Hart and Michael Allen.

Only 33 players in the 144-man field finished the opening round. That could benefit Faxon, especially if he keeps playing like he did Thursday.

"I know I'm going to be there," he said confidently. "I hope my golf swing hangs in there and stands up, and if I putt like I did today, it will be nice."

Faxon has three top-10 finishes this season. He tied for second at the Nissan Open and finished third at the Match Play Championship. He could have won both had it not been for a few missed putts.

Faxon blew a chance to extend his semifinal match against Kevin Sutherland with a three-putt from 15 feet.

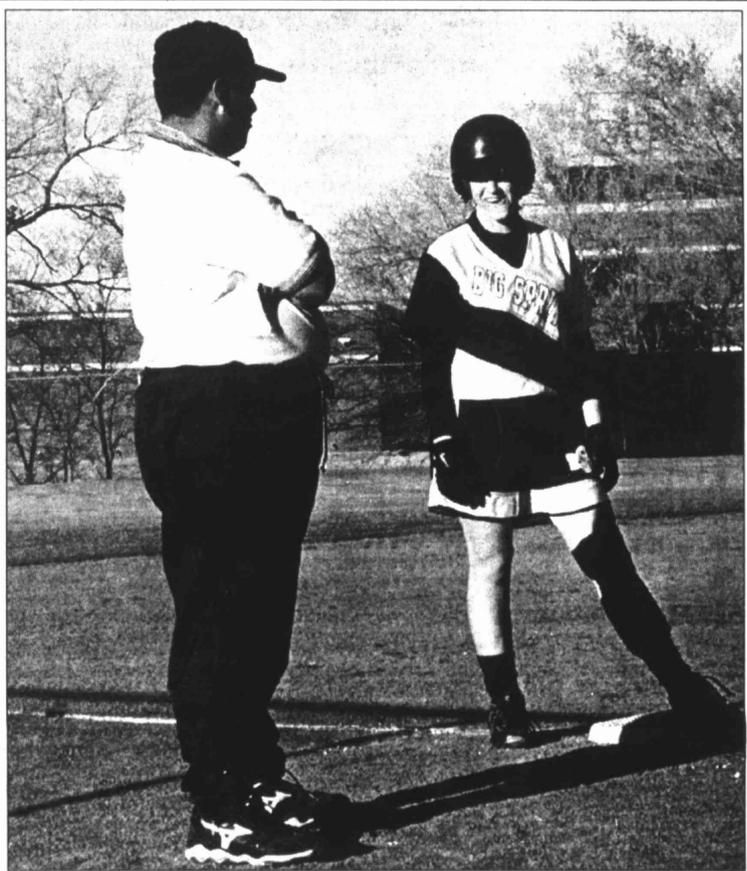
He just missed it to the left and it

rolled 3 feet by. After Sutherland missed his par, Faxon pulled his putt for a bogey, snatched up the ball and threw it toward his caddy.

A week earlier, he missed birdie putts of 8 and 12 feet down the stretch at the Nissan Open. He bent over and tugged at his hair as his 12-foot birdie putt on the 18th stopped a half-inch from falling.

Two frustrating finishes for one of the tour's top putters. He fared much better on the greens Thursday.

"It gets tiresome when people say you're lucky to be a good putter because I don't feel like I'm lucky to be a good putter," said Faxon. "I feel like I work at putting to get better, and my stats have gotten better over the years."



Big Spring Lady Steers head coach Dan Arista chats with one of his players at third base during a change of pitchers in Tuesday's 21-0 win over Lubbock Estacado's Lady Matadors. The Lady Steers will resume District 4-4A softball action today at 4 p.m., playing host to Frenship's Lady Tigers at the BSISD Softball Complex.

Showdown set for 4A title game

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Class 4A boys basketball tournament is playing out according to plan.

With semifinal victories Thursday night, Dallas Lincoln (39-0) and Beaumont Ozen (32-3) set themselves on a collision course for Saturday in a 4A final that is one of the most anticipated matchups in tournament history.

Lincoln, ranked No. 1 in the nation by USA Today, got to the final with a 62-49 victory over San Antonio Roosevelt behind Bryan Hopkins' 15 points and 14 points and 11 rebounds from McDonald's All-American Chris Bosh.

Lincoln was a favorite to win the title last year but lost in the semifinals.

Ozen, ranked seventh in the same poll, survived a 55-53 scare from Fort Worth Dunbar when Javin Clover converted a layup — his only basket of the game — with 30 seconds left on an inbounds pass under the goal.

The victory also kept defending champion Ozen's 6-foot-10 standout junior center Kendrick Perkins in the tournament. Perkins, who goes by the nickname "Baby Shaq" is considered one of the best juniors in the country and a potential NBA lottery pick after his senior year.

He scored 13 points against Dunbar but had to watch the final minute from the bench with his fifth foul.

"When the big fella went down," said Ozen coach Andre Boutte, "I knew somebody else would step in. It just happened to be Javin. Javin found his way to the basket and found a good look."

Both 4A semifinals drew sellout crowds of 16,995 to the Frank Erwin Center and another is expected Saturday.

Today, the Class 2A semi-

finals match 1999-2000 champion Peaster (29-7) against Little River Academy (31-3). Frankston (31-5) plays Olney (29-6).

In Class 5A, Midland Lee (29-5) plays Dallas Kimball (28-6) and Fort Bend Hightower (34-3) plays San Antonio Jay (26-9).

All finals are Saturday.

Class 3A Semifinals

Kountze 59, Dimmitt 56
Trey Peters scored 30 points and hit four 3-pointers to send Kountze past Dimmitt 59-56 Thursday in the Class 3A state semifinals.

Curtis Morgan added 11 points and five assists for Kountze (34-4), which advances to Saturday's final against the winner of Thursday's other semifinal, Gainesville (28-6).

Dimmitt (29-8) had two chances to tie in the final 10 seconds but missed two 3-pointers.

Michael Norman scored 22 points for Dimmitt, which a year ago scored just 21 total points in a semifinal loss to Corpus Christi West Oso. Norman missed 27 games during the regular season with a broken leg and returned to the team just in time for the playoffs.

Peters buried three 3-pointers in a 1-minute span in the first quarter on his way to 21 first-half points. Kountze hit 6 of 14 3-pointers in the first half.

Norman swished from long range to give Kountze an 18-11 lead after one quarter before Dimmitt rallied to tie with a 7-0 run with a 3-pointer by Brent Josselet. Peters' fourth 3-pointer started a 7-0 run to put Kountze ahead 35-26 at the half.

Peters, who has been struggling with the flu the past two weeks, appeared tired and wasn't running the floor well in the third.

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Southern Cal routs Stanford in Pac-10

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Things got even worse for Stanford once Southern California coach Henry Bibby put in his reserves.

"It's probably one of the best offensive games we've played all year," Bibby said after No. 22 USC routed No. 16 Stanford 103-78 in the first round of the Pac-10 tournament Thursday night.

"We were making shots and everything was working offensively for us."

The Trojans built a 23-point lead in the first half and never looked back,

shooting 55 percent from the floor and 76 percent from the foul line.

Sam Clancy led five USC players in double figures with 25 points. Brandon Granville added 20 points and 11 assists, reserve Desmon Farmer 19 points, David Bluthenthal 17 points, and reserve Jerry Dupree 10 points.

After USC starting guard Errick Craven got in foul trouble in the first half, the Trojans didn't miss a beat. Dupree scored eight points in 12 minutes, and Farmer scored 10 in 12 minutes.

"That's the type of effort

we're going to need from them the rest of the tournament," Clancy said. "It's fun to see guys get in the flow, both offensively and defensively."

The fourth-seeded Trojans (21-8) will play top-seeded Oregon in Friday's semifinals at Staples Center. The No. 9 Ducks (23-7) defeated Washington 86-64. Also in the Pac-10, No. 15 Arizona (20-9) beat Arizona State 73-56 and California (22-7) stopped UCLA 67-61.

In other games involving Top 25 teams, it was No. 5

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Even wearing a golf shoe, Barkley puts foot in mouth

Charles Barkley might have slimmed down, but don't fret.

His mouth is still big enough to accommodate his foot. In this case, while wearing a golf shoe.

Barkley turns up on the cover of Sports Illustrated this week in what is decidedly a non-golfing outfit. He's naked, in fact, except for a set of broken slave shackles, a pair of gauzy pajama bottoms, a logo, some headlines and this quote: "Every black kid thinks



JIM LITKE

the only way he can be successful is through athletics. That is a terrible thing."

In the article, he gives his take on a number of issues, including a black kid named Tiger Woods who, Barkley insists, would be even more successful if those fuddy-duddies down at the Augusta National Golf Club weren't tripping up their course just to stop him.

"Jack Nicklaus won the Masters six damn times, and he was hitting it past everybody else, and they never made a change," Barkley said. "What they're doing to Tiger is blatant racism."

Anybody who's ever seen Barkley swing a driver knows he shouldn't be going there. First, he knows precious little about

golf. Second, while Barkley knows plenty about racism, he's at least 20 years behind on his Augusta National history.

Now, the green jackets who ran the place back then practiced blatant racism. But the guys who run it now can't afford to. By adding 300 yards to Augusta National all they hoped to do was keep their course from falling hopelessly out of date. Woods said as much after a conversation with club chairman Hootie Johnson.

"I spoke to Hootie about the changes, and the changes are not for me," he said.

"They're for the kids that are coming up in the future. I'm not that long, anymore. I kind of dink it around. There are a lot of

kids out there now in college golf and high school golf that hit the ball farther than I do. They're getting bigger and stronger, and the new technology is helping out.

"I guess they went ahead and took a step to prevent players in the future from shooting low scores."

It really is that simple. At the peak of his powers, Woods has turned venerable courses like Pebble Beach, St. Andrews and Augusta into pitch-and-putt layouts. That's not what was keeping Hootie up nights. Like everybody else who follows golf (except Barkley, apparently) Johnson understands there is no such thing as Tiger-proofing a golf course.

There isn't enough time or money in the world for

that.

Instead, what worries Johnson is that some of the guys coming out of the B-flight — after copying Woods' training and nutrition regimens, adding swing gurus and sports psychologists to their speed dials, and arming themselves with the latest technology — might be able to do the same to Augusta National, too, and soon.

Why this line of thinking baffled Barkley so is anyone's guess, but here's one of them: Once you've seen the Charles-in-chains cover photo, it's hard not to think of the article in terms of a theme. If Barkley was trying to make a serious statement about racism, the picture barely helped his

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He cooled off with just three points in the period as Dimmitt rallied to take a 43-42 lead on Austin Sherman's 3-pointer.

It was short-lived though, as Morgan slashed for a layup, drew a foul, and converted the free-throw to regain the lead. Dimmitt tied it for the last time at 47 on Norman's pull-up jumper in the lane but never led again. Peters gave Kountze the lead for good with a baseline layup on the next possession.

Dimmitt had a chance to tie at 56 when Matthew Wright got to the foul line with 47 seconds left but he missed the first of a one-and-one situation. Dimmitt was just 2-of-5 foul shooting for the game.

Josselet and Sherman both missed 3-pointers in the final six seconds.

Gainesville 74, Aransas Pass 60

Finally some razzle dazzle from Gainesville. Now maybe the Leopards will finally win their elusive Class 3A state championship.

J.R. Harrison threw down three two-handed dunks on his way to 22 points and 10 rebounds as Gainesville rolled past Aransas Pass 74-60 in Thursday's 3A semi-

nals. The victory sends Gainesville (28-6) to Saturday's final against Kountze (34-4) which defeated Dimmitt 59-56. Gainesville is searching for its first state title in three consecutive state tournaments. The Leopards lost in the title game in 2000.

Gainesville (28-6) got the spark it needed when Alvin Thomas finished an assist from Chauncey Purvey with a two-handed slam — the first dunk of the state tournament — that made it 11-5 in the first quarter.

It was showtime from there.

Terrius Purvey hit four 3-pointers and scored 16 points while Kyle Searcy dished out eight assists for Gainesville. Sean LaCue led Aransas Pass (28-7) with 19 points. The Panthers were in their first tournament since 1943.

Gainesville bolted to a 27-15 lead after one quarter and stretched it to 31-17 on six straight points by Harrison, who had 14 points and nine rebounds by halftime.

Aransas Pass then started hitting from 3-point range. LaCue swished from the right corner and hit another from the wing that cut the deficit under to 33-25 with four minutes left in the half.

Harrison drove the baseline to rattle the rim with a

two-handed dunk with 24 seconds left to make it 38-31 before Aransas Pass cut the lead to four with an off-balance 3-pointer from the top of the arc as the buzzer sounded.

Aransas Pass hit 14 of 24 shots in the first half but committed 11 turnovers which Gainesville converted into 15 points.

Gainesville stretched the lead back to double figures in the third and ended the period with consecutive buckets by Harrison to go up 56-44.

Harrison and Thomas went strong to the basket in the fourth. Harrison brought the crowd of 9,013 to its feet when he finished off two straight possessions with alley-oop jams that pushed the lead to 65-47. Thomas rattled home another late in the game.

Class 1A, Division I Brock 76, Kennard 59

Brady Deaver scored 20 points and grabbed 15 rebounds to lead Brock past Kennard 76-59 Thursday for the Class 1A Division I state championship, matching the Brock girls' state title won last week.

Brock was just 7-of-24 shooting 3-pointers but connected on four in the fourth quarter to break open a

close game.

David Farmer added 18 points for Brock (31-7). The Eagles advance to Saturday's Texas Cup against Division II champion Nazareth (26-3), which defeated Goodrich 61-58.

Keith Skinner scored 16 points and Joshua Bobbitt added 15 for Kennard (32-5).

Deaver scored 12 points in the first half as Brock took a 32-23 lead in the second quarter before Kennard rallied with an 11-0 run to close the half.

Bobbitt, who had 12 points in the first half, tied the score at 32 with his second 3-pointer. Then Skinner's fast-break layup with a minute left capped the rally for a 34-32 Kennard halftime lead.

Brock was just 15-of-40 shooting in the first half, including 2-of-14 on 3-pointers.

The Eagles broke out of the slump in the third. Jace Walker hit a layup, and his first 3-pointer of the game to put Brock ahead 39-36 at 5:26 in the third. The Eagles never trailed again.

Kennard cut the deficit to 62-56 in the fourth before Dustin Whitley hit a backdoor layup behind Kennard center Marcus Patton. Walker hit another 3-pointer to make it 67-56.

Brock, which scored 100 points or more during the

season, shot 46 percent from the floor despite the bad start from 3-point range. The Eagles were 24-of-42 from inside the arc.

Class 1A, Division II Nazareth 61, Goodrich 58

Eric Schilling scored 26 points and grabbed 12 rebounds, including two critical defensive boards in the final minute to preserve the lead as Nazareth won the Class 1A Division II state title Thursday with a 61-58 win over defending champion Goodrich.

Schilling, who scored 12 of his team's last 21 points, grabbed the rebound off a missed Goodrich free throw that would have tied the game at 57 with a minute left. He hit a pair of free throws on the other end for a 3-point lead.

Schilling also grabbed the last rebound from Goodrich's 6-5 center Randy McGowen with two seconds left after a desperation 3-point attempt to tie the game.

Nazareth matched the girls' Division II title the school won last week. The Swifts (26-3) advance to Saturday's Texas Cup game against Brock (31-7), which defeated Kennard 76-59 in Thursday's 1A Division I final.

McGowen matched Schilling with 26 points and 12 boards for Goodrich (35-3) which never got its vaunted high-speed offense untracked.

Goodrich, which scored 100 points six times this season, had problems from the start as point guard and leading scorer Josh Venson picked up three offensive fouls in the first half. Nazareth led 35-24 at halftime on 50 percent shooting.

It got worse for Venson when he picked up his fourth foul on Goodrich's first possession of the third quarter on another offensive charge. Venson averaged 23 points per game during the season but was just 2-of-10 shooting Thursday for 5 points.

Nazareth led 40-29 before Goodrich's Tim Grant hit a 3-pointer to start an 9-0 run. Schilling missed his first four shots of the third as Goodrich cut the lead to 40-38.

He broke the slump with a pair of turn-around jumpers in the lane over McGowen and hit four shots in a row to stretch Nazareth's lead back to eight.

McGowen had chance to tie it at 57 in the fourth when Schilling fouled him on a layup but missed the free throw on the 3-point play and Schilling grabbed the rebound.

ROUNDUP

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Cincinnati 79, South Florida 57 and No. 13 Marquette 84, Louisville 76 in the Conference USA tournament; No. 7 Pittsburgh 76, Boston College 62, No. 19 Connecticut 72, Villanova 70, and No. 20 Miami 84, Georgetown 76 in OT in the Big East; No. 11 Florida 81, Auburn 63 in the SEC tournament; and No. 24 Xavier 65, Massachusetts 59 in OT in the Atlantic 10.

It was USC's third victory over the Cardinal (19-9) this season.

Casey Jacobsen and Curtis Borchardt each scored 17 points to lead fifth-seeded Stanford.

No. 9 Oregon 86, Washington 64

Luke Jackson scored 16 of his 27 points after halftime, and Oregon beat Washington in the first Pac-10 tournament game in 12

years.

The win was Oregon's sixth straight and gave the Ducks their most victories in a season since 1945, when they won 30 games.

Doug Wrenn led the eighth-seeded Huskies (11-18) with 14 points and seven rebounds.

No. 15 Arizona 73, Arizona St. 56

Luke Walton had 25 points and eight rebounds as the

Wildcats (20-9) beat Arizona State.

Jason Braxton scored 12 points for seventh-seeded ASU (14-14).

No. 25 California 67, UCLA 61

Ryan Forehan-Kelly tied his career high with 20 points and Amit Tamir's inside basket snapped a tie with 1:39 remaining, lifting California over UCLA. Matt Barnes scored 15

points for the sixth-seeded Bruins (19-11), who are left to await a possible NCAA tournament bid, where they'll have a chance to win 20 games for the 14th consecutive season.

Conference USA No. 5 Cincinnati 79, South Florida 57

Steve Logan scored 15 points in a brief appearance as Cincinnati easily moved

into the semifinals.

The Bearcats (28-3) have won all seven of the conference's regular-season championships.

No. 13 Marquette 84, Louisville 76

Cordell Henry scored 24 points and repeatedly darted through Louisville's intense full-court pressure, steady-Marquette (25-5).

Reece Gaines scored 29 points for the Cardinals.

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digest than others. You
might need some time away
from others to center and
make decisions. Your sixth
sense plays a big role in
your choices and direc-
tions. When meeting diffi-
cult people, don't be a peo-
ple-pleaser. Rather, pull
back, think and evaluate.
Do you want this type of
person in your life? If sin-
gle, romance will enter
your life. You might not be
aware of how many assets
you offer. If attached, take
time to do those little
things that can make all the
difference in your life.
AQUARIUS reads you cold.
The Stars Show the Kind
of Day You'll Have: 5-
Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-
Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.
ARIES (March 21-April
19) ***** Stop and smell the
flowers. Don't always run
around busy. Kick back and
enjoy your day, visiting
with friends and perhaps
indulging in too much liv-
ing. You go overboard, but
in a very different way. A
loved one might criticize
you. Tonight: Where the
gang is.
TAURUS (April 20-May
20) **** You could fuel
another's flame without
intending to. Do you want
the War of the Roses? We
think not. Stop pushing
your weight around, and let
others reveal their true col-

ors. You actually might like
what a loved one presents.
Not everything is serious.
Tonight: Put in a much-
needed show.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
**** If you're not in a dif-
ferent setting from usual,
organize a day trip right
away - whether you fill
your picnic basket with
goodies or explore a town
near you makes little differ-
ence. Replenish your per-
spective and energy with
some distance. Tonight:
Certainly try a new spot.
CANCER (June 21-July
22) **** A partner does
whatever he or she can to
get your attention.
Understand what is happen-
ing with this person and
what he or she expects
from you. Don't be pushed
by a friend with strong
opinions. When out, some-
one indulges you. Express
your feelings. Tonight: Go
along with another's
desires.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
**** Others seek you out,
but not every contact is
friendly. Listen to an irate
boss or parent, but don't let
what this person says ruin
your day. Maintain a high
profile, zeroing in on what
you want. A caring, loving
attitude makes waves.
Tonight: Accept an invita-
tion where you will be
among the throngs.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
**** Someone at a distance
might seem neutral, but by

the end of the day, you'll
know otherwise. This per-
son could be a relative. Use
delicacy when dealing with
him or her. Once you focus
on what you ultimately
want, you're a force to
behold. Tonight: Go for
what you want.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
**** Play away. If attached,
a loved one might have a
strong reaction to your foot-
loose-and-fancy-free atti-
tude. You don't want to
cause yourself trouble, do
you? Be gracious with oth-
ers without causing a major
uproar in your life, unless
you like the high passion-
ate levels here. Tonight:
There's no stopping you.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov.
21) *** Deal with basics.
You could find someone
agreeable at first, and then
later, grumpy. Do what
gives you pleasure. Count
on the fact that you cannot
change this person's mood.
Express feelings through
actions and nurturing.
Tonight: Stay close to
home.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-
Dec. 21) **** Handle a situ-
ation evenly. You might go
to work at the last minute.
A partner appreciates your
willingness to chip in and
get the job done. Don't
stand on ceremony with a
pal who is out of whack.
Tonight: At your favorite
hangout.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-
Jan. 19) **** Expenses
might need examining

before you hop on out the
door and try something
really perverse or risky.
You'll find that another
could be sweet one moment
and difficult the next.
Center on your priorities.
Tonight: Be extra sweet
with someone.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb.
18) **** Your sunny per-
sonality first draws some-
one, then repels him or her.
What is going on here, you
ask? You also might not be
the only one questioning
this person's attitude. Flow,
yet do what makes you
happy. You could be sur-
prised by the results of a
sensitive talk. Tonight: It's
your night to howl.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March
20) *** Assume a low profile
for the moment. You might
not be comfortable with
what's happening with
someone. At first, this per-
son could be unusually car-
ing, and the next moment,
insulting. Steer clear of this
individual and enjoy a
favorite pastime. Tonight:
Hide away. Be mysterious.

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Fischer (1943), cosmonaut
Yuri Gagarin (1934), mys-
tery writer Mickey (Frank
Morrison) Spillane (1918)
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Dear Minnesota: You are not being too harsh. If the woman visits her mother and you are unaware of it, there is nothing you can do.

If, however, you see her or she calls to say she is in town, by all means, contact the authorities. She should not be avoiding her responsibilities to her children. She ought to use this as an opportunity to clean up her act and get straight with the courts. Then she can be both a dutiful daughter and a conscientious mother. Her children deserve no less.

Dear Ann Landers: I am a part of the National Disaster Medical System and have been deployed to New York three times since the attacks last September. Each day that we worked, a bus brought the medical workers into the city at 7 a.m. and took us back at 7 p.m.

Every time we arrived at the medical examiner's office, we were greeted with a hot breakfast, hot coffee, tea, hot chocolate and the smiling, supportive faces of the Salvation Army volunteers. Through breakfast, lunch and dinner, these volunteers worked tirelessly, sometimes for 12-hour shifts, to feed the hundreds of volunteers of the many agencies working in the city. Often, the volunteers were already at their stations when I arrived and

were still there when I left. These people always took the time to ask, "Where are you from?" and "Have you called home since you've been here?" They made sure we had access to a calling card and encouraged all of us to call home. There was a chaplain available for those who felt the need to talk. I will be back in New York shortly, and I know I can count on these volunteers to be there.

My hat is off to the Salvation Army, not only for what they have done for me, but for what they are still doing. I will never pass another bell ringer without placing mine in that red kettle. - Grateful in Idaho

Dear Idaho: Thank you for letting my readers know how wonderful the Salvation Army volunteers are. I have been a big fan of theirs for years. And my thanks to you and to the other volunteers who are still working hard in New York. Bless you all. (P.S. to my readers: There's no reason to wait until the holidays to donate to the Salvation Army. Do it today.)

Dear Ann Landers: I enjoyed the letter you printed about mules and their service to our country. It reminded me of an incident in my childhood.

My father never praised me as a child. He often said I was "as stubborn as a mule" and a rotten kid. After enduring his verbal abuse for several years, I looked up "mule" in the dictionary and showed my father the definition. It said a mule had a horse for a mother and a jackass for a father.

He never compared me to a mule again. - Feeling Better in Illinois

Dear Illinois: You certainly had the last word. How sweet it is!

Dear Ann Landers: My father is dying. He was recently diagnosed with cancer and also developed a blood clot. The doctor at the nursing home said my father will never walk again.

I am sad for my father, but he is 87 years old and has lived a full life. The problem is, the doctor hasn't told Dad about the seriousness of his condition. Dad is profoundly deaf, and it is difficult to talk to him. Should I inform Dad directly, or should I tell the doctor to give him the bad news? - His Son in California

Dear Son: Patients often surprise their doctors, as



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Technical questions should be directed to Kay Millican, Program Director, 3501 N US Hwy. 67, San Angelo, TX 76905, (915) 481-8300, ext. 233, and bidding questions should be directed to Dennis Churchwell, Purchaser, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (915) 264-5167.
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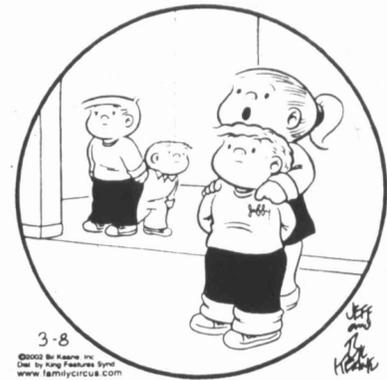
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7 PM	Funnest Home Videos	70s Show Titus (CC)	Now With Bill Moyers (CC)	State of Grace According-Jim	Billy Graham (CC)	Billy Graham (CC)	DateLine (CC)	Movie: Dead in a	Amigas y Rivaldes (SS)	Movie: Cade Kelly (CC)	Star Trek Next Gen (CC)	Star Trek Next Gen (CC)	Movie: Urban Legends	Movie: Dude, Where's My Car? (CC)	Joseph Good Faye Hardin	Biography (CC)	To Be Announced	Movie: The Client	Police, Camera, Action!				
8 PM	All New Bloopers 4 (CC)	Dark Angel (CC)	Wash. Week Wall St. Week	Alias (CC)	First Monday (CC)	All New Bloopers 4 (CC)	20/20 (CC)	Law & Order	Movie: Dead in a	Disenador La Hora Pico	(8:50) Movie: Cade Kelly	Star Trek Next Gen (CC)	Movie: Nurse Betty (CC)	Final Cut Hero's Story	Car? (CC)	Light of the Southwest	Wild Ride of Outlaw Bikers	N.Y. Firefighters	Kursk				
9 PM	20/20 (CC)	Cops (CC)	Blind Date	Tribute to Victor Borge	Whose Line? Whose Line?	48 Hours (CC)	20/20 (CC)	Law & Order	Movie: Dead in a	Heartbeat	P. Impacto Noticias Univ	(CC) Pepper Ann	Star Trek Next Gen (CC)	Movie: Glory (CC)	Showtime Dennis Miller	Hour of Healing	Law & Order (CC)	Justice Files	Midnight in the Garden of	Police, Camera, Action!			
10 PM	News Nightline	Jerry Springer (CC)	Red Green	700 Club (CC)	News (35) Late	News (CC) Nightline	News (35) Tonight	Heartbeat	Movie: Pacific Heights	Humer Comed	So Weird (CC) In a Heartbeat	Conspiracy Small Shots	Red Shoe	Movie: Primary	Update With Church	Biography (CC)	To Be Announced	Good and Evil (CC)	Kursk				
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today's Highlight in History:
Three hundred years ago, on March 8, 1702, England's Queen Anne ascended the throne upon the death of King William III.
On this date:
In 1841, Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr., the "Great Dissenter," was born in Boston.
In 1854, U.S. Commodore Matthew C. Perry made his second landing in Japan. Within a month, he concluded a treaty with the Japanese.
In 1874, the 13th president of the United States, Millard Fillmore, died in Buffalo, N.Y.
In 1917, Russia's "February Revolution" (so called

because of the Old Style calendar being used by Russians at the time) began with rioting and strikes in St. Petersburg.
In 1917, the U.S. Senate voted to limit filibusters by adopting the cloture rule.
In 1930, the 27th president of the United States, William Howard Taft, died in Washington.
In 1942, Japanese forces captured Rangoon, Burma, during World War II.
In 1965, the United States landed about 3,500 Marines in South Vietnam.
In 1986, four French television crew members were abducted in west Beirut; a caller claimed Islamic Jihad was responsible. (All four were eventually released.)
In 1999, former New York Yankees baseball star Joe DiMaggio died in Hollywood, Fla. at age 84.
Ten years ago: President George H.W. Bush and Democrat Bill Clinton headed toward "Super Tuesday" claiming big boosts from weekend victories. Ninety

Answer to previous puzzle

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| 1 Social equal | 69 Casino game | 11 Permafrost | cries |
| 5 Shah's land | 70 Rose's beau | rouser? | 43 Pyrenees |
| 9 Have the role of | 71 Star in Orion | 12 "___ we all?" | native |
| 14 First name in mysteries | 72 Lamb dish | 13 Spanish rooms | 46 Champagne |
| 15 ___ contendere | 73 Aswan Dam | 18 Compass | name |
| 16 Innes of ER | filler | 21 "Stop!" | 49 Noggin |
| 17 Louis XVI | | 23 Wholesale | 51 Soap |
| foul-weather gear? | | quantities | ingredient |
| 19 Synthetic fiber | | 24 ___ Is Born | 53 Carrot-cube |
| 20 Merged | | 25 Verne hero's | cutter |
| 22 Best or Ferber | | hazy | 54 Chou ___ |
| 23 Oval pill | | nickname? | 55 Piers |
| 26 Pulver's superior | | 27 Sonic sounds | 57 WBA official |
| 28 On the briny | | 30 Church area | 60 Rhymer |
| 29 Kernel's quarters? | | 31 Cheerful | 61 Window |
| 32 Asta's owner | | 34 Wooden | section |
| 33 Photocopies | | strips | 63 Salt, in Sèvres |
| 35 Painted horse | | 36 Junction | 65 Kimono |
| 37 Syrup base | | point | adjunct |
| 40 Artist's stand | | 38 Skylit lobbies | 66 Zilch |
| 41 ___ Paulo | | | 67 Driving area |
| 42 Dull finish | | | |
| 44 Hit sign | | | |
| 45 Modify editorially | | | |
| 47 Saw wood, perhaps | | | |
| 48 Biblical preposition | | | |
| 50 Asian festival | | | |
| 52 Faucet fault | | | |
| 53 Unseated | | | |
| 56 Pine and potpourri | | | |
| 58 Lowdown | | | |
| 59 Overthrower, e.g. | | | |
| 62 Lumps of earth | | | |
| 64 Facade of embers? | | | |

