

FRIDAY

March 15, 2002

WEATHER

Tonight:



CLEAR
TONIGHT 35°-36° TOMORROW 65°-70°

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 Monday through Wednesday. 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 beginning Monday.

WEEKEND TICKET

SATURDAY

- The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- United Blood Services blood drive, noon to 5 p.m. at the Big Spring Mall. To make an appointment call Big Spring Mall manager Kathy Lusk at 267-3853 or UBS at 1-800-371-5539. Donors must be 17 years of age or older.
- The Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m. A one-time admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens are encouraged.
- North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church chili supper. Free to the public. Chili, hot dogs, frito pies, red beans and cornbread and homemade desserts served from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at 2702 North Birdwell Lane.
- Dance 8:30 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. Everyone welcome.
- Big Spring Squares. Call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

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Henson seeks District 1 seat on Big Spring City Council

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

A new challenger for the District 1 seat on the Big Spring City Council and several candidates for the city races in Stanton have filed to run in the May 4 election.



HENSON

Jim Henson, plant engi-

neer with Western Container, has filed to run against Stephanie Horton in the Big Spring race.

A graduate of Texas Tech University, Henson moved to Big Spring in January 1999.

He joined the race because he wants to work to improve his community by supporting local businesses, attracting new business to the area and enhancing the infrastructure and beautification of Big Spring.

"In a dynamic communi-

ty, nothing stays the same," he said. "You are either going forward or backward. Let's make sure Big Spring is headed in the right direction."

The race for the District 3 seat, left vacant by a retiring Chuck Cawthon, is currently a three-way contest between

Cox Communications technician Jimmy Ruth, Dyer Plumbing owner Rick Dyer and VA Medical Center retiree JoAnn Staulcup.

In Stanton, incumbents

for the mayor's post and Districts 1, 2 and 3 have all filed, as has a second candidate for mayor.

Lester Baker, incumbent mayor, will face challenger Kyle Averitt in May, while Ronnie Christian in District 1, Jim Smith in District 2 and James Jenkins in District 3 are currently unopposed.

No new candidates have filed in Coahoma. Incumbents Dan Shelburne, Paulette Lindsey and Eleanor Garrett are so far

running unopposed for the three at-large seats up for grabs in that town.

In Forsan, two at-large council seats currently held by Buddy Gambrell and Jack Hancock will be put to the vote in May, as will the mayor's post now held by Jim Buske.

So far, challenger Marie Wilson is the only filer for a city council seat in Forsan, but Councilman Clarence Williams, whose seat is not

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Seven-year-olds Thomas Dawson and Meagan Grabert play a game with a parachute during the YMCA Spring Break camp while employee Misty Padilla observes. The children took advantage of the nice weather before strong winds and dust blew across the city Thursday.

BSSH takes responsibility for Stephens County referrals

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald

Big Spring State Hospital recently became responsible for inpatient psychiatric care for people referred from Stephens County in North Central Texas.

Breckenridge is the county seat.

Abilene's Betty Hardwick Center, which is responsible for community mental health and mental retardation services for Stephens County, became responsible for inpatient care on March 1.

Big Spring State Hospital admits patients who are referred from the Betty Hardwick Center, which oversees services for mental illness and mental retardation in Callahan, Jones, Shackelford, Taylor and Stephens counties.

The Betty Hardwick Center will operate a clinic in Breckenridge, said Jok Simons, Big Spring State Hospital director of operations and marketing.

"We believe they will serve an estimated 90 cases in that clinic," Simons said.

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Big Spring firefighter Albert Smith visits with Lorenzo Jones about the fire department at the 2001 Health Fair. This year's fair is scheduled for April 20 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Health care agencies, businesses line up booth space for Health Fair 2002

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

"Don't Forget. It's Your Health," will be the theme for Health Fair 2002 set April 20 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The free event is sponsored by the Big Spring

Area Chamber of Commerce and numerous health care organizations and businesses offering free health screenings and information.

Nearly 60 organizations set up booths last year and provided literature, free gifts or screenings for more

than 2,000 people.

The deadline for organizations and businesses to reserve a booth at a discount is March 22. The Chamber of Commerce will continue to take booth reservations for \$100 until

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Grand jury Indictments handed down on 16 people

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

The Howard County grand jury met Thursday and handed down indictments against 16 individuals on charges dealing primarily with delivery of drugs.

In fact, the only person indicted on a different charge was Josue J. Pena, 20, of Big Spring, whose charges include aggravated kidnapping and three counts of sexual assault of a child.

A spokesman for the district attorney's office said Pena is accused of abducting a 16-year-old girl from in front of Big Spring High School on Dec. 6 and sexually assaulting her.

Big Spring Police Chief Lonnie Smith said Pena was released from custody on a \$50,000 bond after being arrested on sexual assault charges.

The district attorney's spokesman said Pena will be re-arrested on the additional kidnapping charge.

Others indicted by the grand jury include:

- Raymond R. Anglin, 18, of Big Spring: Delivery of a controlled substance.
- Antonio J. Flores, 21, of Big Spring: Delivery of a controlled substance, two counts.
- Harold B. Hale, 48, of Big Spring: Delivery of a controlled substance.
- Ellise Hickman, 43, of Big Spring: Delivery of a controlled substance.
- Sofia Hinojosa, 41, of Big Spring: Delivery of a controlled substance.
- Paul Holguin, 36, of Big Spring: Delivery of a controlled substance.
- Elvis E. Johnson, 44, of Big Spring: Delivery of a controlled substance.
- Abel M. Magana, 44, of Big Spring: Delivery of a controlled substance.
- Steven Magana, 24, of Big Spring: Delivery of a controlled substance.
- Alfred R. Miears, 40, of Big Spring: Delivery of marijuana.
- Doyle R. Miears, 28, of Big Spring: Delivery of marijuana.
- Joseph A. Murley, 23, of Big Spring: Delivery of marijuana, two counts.
- Richard D. Spivey, 21, of Sand Springs: Delivery of marijuana.
- Paul White, 53, of Big Spring: Delivery of a con-

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Andersen accounting firm swiftly fighting indictment

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Arthur Andersen accounting firm plans to fight swiftly an indictment accusing it of obstructing justice by destroying documents in the politically charged Enron affair. A federal investigation of Enron's former auditor continues even as prosecutors hold out the possibility of a plea agreement.

The one-count indictment

announced Thursday was the first secured by the government in the case that has shaken the business world and official Washington. It was returned last week by a federal grand jury in Houston, where collapsed Enron is based.

Andersen "sought to undermine our justice system by destroying evidence," Deputy Attorney General Larry Thompson

said at a news conference at the Justice Department.

Over a monthlong span starting in mid-October, the eight-page indictment said, "an unparalleled initiative was undertaken to shred physical documentation and delete computer files. Tons of paper relating to the Enron audit were promptly shredded as part of the orchestrated document destruction."

Much of the shredding occurred after the Securities and Exchange Commission sought documents from Andersen in its ongoing civil investigation of Enron's accounting.

And the prosecutors alleged that the document destruction was much broader than Andersen has contended, with employees in Portland, Ore., its Chicago headquarters, and

London being instructed to join in the shredding.

Andersen has sought to lay blame for the document destruction on its lead Enron auditor, David Duncan, and others in its Houston office. Duncan, who was fired by Andersen in January, is cooperating with investigators, said his attorney, Vince DiBlasi.

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OBITUARIES

Reba Doris Russworm

Graveside service for Reba Doris Russworm, 79, of Big Spring will be 2 p.m. Saturday, March 16, 2002, at Oak Hill Cemetery in Lampasas with brother Troy Young of Country Side Baptist Church officiating.

Mrs. Russworm died Wednesday March 13, at a local hospital.

She was born April 17, 1922, at Star City, Ark. She was preceded in death by her husband J.D. Russworm.

Survivors include eight daughters, Doris Faulkner of Monticello, Ark., Ruby Gibson, Bonnie Lane, and Ardis Hodges, all of White Hall, Ark., Claudette Dixon of Pine Bluff, Ark., Betty Arnett of Big Spring, Dorothy Nichols of Ackerly, and Carolyn Poe of Temple; three sons, Bobby Green of Oroville, Calif., Johnny Russworm of Big Spring, and Glen Russworm of Lampasas; three sisters; two brothers; 21 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren; and 11 step-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Briggs-Gamel & Wilcox Funeral Home in Lampasas.

Local arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

J. Dan Burrow

Funeral service for J. Dan Burrow, 68, of Abilene, formerly of Big Spring will be 1 p.m. Saturday, March 16, 2002, at the Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home Chapel of Memories in Abilene with the Reverends Jake Armstrong, Jim Fields and Louis Brewer officiating. Burial will be in Tecumseh Cemetery.

Mr. Burrow died Wednesday, March 13, at an Abilene medical center.

He was born Aug. 14, 1933, in Callahan County. He was a retired Baptist minister and former pastor of Avondale Baptist Church in Sweetwater. He moved to Abilene from Lake Coleman in 1994. He was a volunteer chaplain at Hendrick Medical Center and worked as an agent for Horace Mann Teachers Insurance Agency from 1991 to 2000. He married Julia "Judy" Hudson in Hawley on Sept. 12, 1953. He was a member of College View Baptist Church and a U.S. Navy

veteran of the Korean Conflict. He also served in the U.S. Air Force and the Texas Army National Guard.

Survivors include his wife, Judy Burrow of Abilene; sons, Rick Burrow and Jeff Burrow, both of Abilene; daughters, Lesa Burt of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Dana Rhoades of Sweetwater; brothers, Jerry Burrow and Max Burrow, both of Abilene; sisters, Gayle McCarty of Clyde and Carolyn Morris of Bedford; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Memorials may be made to the Clearfork Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 98, Hawley 79525.

Visitation will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Elliott-Hamil Funeral Homes in Abilene.

COUNCIL

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up for election, has filed to run for the mayor's job. Candidate filing ends at 5 p.m. Wednesday.

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"Last year, Stephens County referred about nine cases to Wichita Falls State Hospital, so we don't expect many more than that to be referred to Big Spring State Hospital," he said.

"Nevertheless, we are pleased that the Stephens County commissioners decided to choose Betty Hardwick Center and Big Spring State Hospital to provide services to persons from their county."

Big Spring State Hospital serves people in 79 counties in West Texas and the Texas Panhandle, giving the state-owned and operated hospital the largest geographic catchment area in the state.

More than 2 million people in an area including cities such as El Paso, San Angelo, Midland, Odessa, Abilene, Lubbock and Amarillo are treated at Big Spring State Hospital.

Despite the distance in travel for many patients, the hospital's Volunteer Services Council provides the Marilyn K. Newsom Family Lodge for families visiting loved ones, said Kathy Salazar, LMSW, Big Spring State Hospital director of social work services.

"We receive many positive remarks from family members who are given a place to stay overnight to visit patients," Salazar said. "They are on campus and it is very affordable."

The family lodge provides bedrooms, a living area and kitchen space for a nominal fee.

Big Spring State Hospital is a 187-bed hospital with inpatient services, including a 75-bed acute care program; 24-bed rehabilitative program; 24-bed seniors program; 30-bed medical program; 18-bed youth program; and a 16-bed multiple disabilities program.

The hospital is Big Spring's largest employer with a workforce of nearly 700 funded positions.

HEALTH FAIR

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April 1. "Reservations for booths are going very well," said Nancy Jones, co-chairman of the Health Task Force of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

Booth rental gives businesses and organizations a 10x10 booth space, skirted table, two chairs, a sign, a trash receptacle, access to one electric outlet and refreshments for exhibitors.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center
1601 W. 11th Place
263-1211

A few new exhibitors and programs include an auto theft deterrent program brought to the fair this year by the Seniors and Law Enforcement Together and the Howard County Sheriff's Department.

According to Jones, the West Texas Auto Task Force from Midland will be at coliseum parking lot to register automobiles for the program. Car owners interested in the volunteer program will fill out a short form and the WTATF will give the owner a sticker, Jones said.

If the vehicle is seen out on the streets between the hours of 1 a.m. to 5 a.m., the police will stop and check on the automobile, Jones said.

Other new programs coming to the fair include the Master Gardeners and the Greater West Texas Alzheimer's Chapter.

Cooperate sponsors re Covenant Molane and Holgan Clinic, Warren Chiropractic, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Paradigm Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine, Express Medical Supply, KBST radio, Mountain View Lodge, Odyssey Hospice, West Texas VA Health Care System and the Laman-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veteran's Nursing Home.

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

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trolled substance. Lorenzo Yanez, 27, of Big Spring, Delivery of a controlled substance, two counts.

ANDERSEN

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Andersen, a venerable Big Five accounting firm now on the ropes as a string of its blue-chip corporate clients have dumped it, said the criminal proceedings were tantamount to a "death penalty" against it. The firm called the indictment "a gross abuse of government power."

The maximum penalty for obstruction of justice is a five-year term of probation and a \$500,000 fine. But the worst potential penalty could be that Andersen would be barred from auditing and approving financial statements that companies file with the SEC, its core business.

Andersen, which had been negotiating with Justice Department attorneys for about 10 days, plans to move quickly — possibly to ask a judge to dismiss the indictment, attorneys for the firm said Thursday. They spoke in a conference call with reporters on condition of anonymity.

At the least, the lawyers said, Andersen intends to demand that the government spell out which employees it believes were responsible and what they did. The firm may also request the proceeding be moved from Houston to another city.

A court appearance in the case was set for next Wednesday.

Thompson said the Justice Department's investigation into Enron and Andersen, including actions by partners at the accounting firm, was continuing. At the same time, though, he held open the possibility that a plea agreement could still be worked out with Andersen, which had rejected one

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Wednesday night.

"... In my experience ... pleas do result after an indictment has been brought by a grand jury. That's not an uncommon experience," Thompson said.

MARKETS

Noon quotes provided by Edward Jones & Co.

AT&T	15.82 +.27
Archer-Daniels	14.55 +.24
Atmos Energy	23.62 -.02
BP PLC ADR	52 nc
ChevronTexaco	89.88 +.38
Citigroup	49.45 +.64
Compaq	10.86 +.16
Cornell	10 nc
Dell	26.18 +.26
Du Pont	48.4 +.81
Exxon Mobil	43.65 +.41
Halliburton	16.47 +.4
IFCO Systems	.7 nc
IBM	106.83 +.23
Intel Corp	31.38 +.41
NUV	9.35 +.06
Patterson Ener	26.46 +.59
Pepsico Inc	50.73 +.61
Phillips Petro	62.48 +.42
SBC Comms	38.94 +.25
Sears Roebuck	52.2 +.11
TXU Corp	52.11 +.28
Texas Instrument	33.34 +.45
Total Fina	75.64 +.26
Unocal Corp	38.38 +.12
Wal-Mart	62.87 +.6
Wal-Mart/Mexico	31.15-32.35
AMCAP	15.99 -.02
Europacific	27.22 +.15
Prime Rate	4.75 %
Gold	288.7 - 291
Silver	4.43 - 4.50

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Thursday until 8 a.m. today:

• CLINT HUFFMAN, 31, of 2607 Chanute was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• MICHAEL MENDEZ, 25, of 607 Douglas was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana two ounces or less.

• MICHAEL SLATE, 20, of 1422 Stadium was arrested on a charge of minor in consumption of alcohol.

• JUAN ANTONIO LUERA, 36, of 500 Lancaster was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• GILBERT RUBIO JR., 20, of 1115 Lloyd was arrested on charges of minor in consumption of alcohol and failure to identify.

• ASSAULT BY THREAT was reported in person at the police station.

• CRIMINAL TRESPASSING was reported at Wal-Mart.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported

- In the 800 block of West Sixth Street. Home electronic equipment worth \$425 was reported stolen.

- In the 100 block of Cottonwood Street. Home electronic equipment worth \$450 and a firearm worth \$300 were reported stolen.

- In the 1200 block of Mesa Avenue. A black purse with keys, credit cards, drivers license, social security card, check book and medicine was reported stolen. The victim's white 1989 Oldsmobile 88 was stolen later the same morning.

• BURGLARY OF A

TEXAS LOTTERY

PICK 3: 3,8,7

CASH 5: 9,10,13,16,23

VEHICLE was reported in the 1300 block of West Fourth Street. Home electronic equipment worth \$115 and tools worth \$700 were reported stolen.

• THEFT was reported in the 800 block of West 18th Street. Lawn equipment worth \$225 was reported stolen.

• MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 4700 block of West Highway 80.

• SHOTS FIRED was reported in the 1200 block of East 11th Place.

• LOUD PARTY/NOISE was reported in the 2900 block of West Highway 80 and the 2500 block of Ent Drive.

• DISTURBANCE or FIGHT was reported in the 2400 block of South Gregg Street.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 4000 block of West Highway 80.

• POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA two ounces or less was reported in the 1400 block of East Sixth Street.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported: - In the 200 block of Circle Drive. A home in the area reportedly received \$250 damage.

- In the 2500 block of Carleton. A red 2002 Kia reportedly received \$1,000 damage.

• HARRASSMENT was reported in the 1000 block of Johnson Street.

FIRE/EMS

The following is a summary of EMS and Fire Department activity: - 1:14 a.m. — 400 block of Boykin Rd.; medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- 2:20 a.m. — 1300 block of Utah, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

- 6:40 a.m. — 2300 block of Wasson, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

- 11:23 a.m. — 1800 block of N. Hwy 87, medical call,

one patient transported to VA Medical Center.

11:50 a.m. — 6200 Walter Rd., medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

12:03 p.m. — 3200 block of Parkway, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

6:15 p.m. — 1400 block of Lincoln, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

8:40 p.m. — Mile marker 190 of I-20, traffic accident, two patients transported to SMMC.

8:41 p.m. — Mile marker 191 of I-20, trauma call, one patient transported to SMMC.

10:27 p.m. — 400 block of W. Fifth, medical call, service refused.

10:55 p.m. — 500 block of W. Fifth, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

RECORDS

Thursday's high 83
Thursday's low 39
Record high 89 in 1966
Record low 18 in 1923
Average high 69
Average low 39
Precip. Thursday 0.00
Month to date 0.00
Year to date 1.42
Sunrise Saturday 6:54 a.m.
Sunset Saturday 8:55 p.m.
Sunrise Sunday 6:53 a.m.
Sunset Sunday 8:56 p.m.

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Marita Wade, 98, died Saturday. Graveside services are 10:30 AM (MDT) today at Restlawn Memorial Park in El Paso.

Mary Wright, 70, died Tuesday. Services are pending in Athens, Alabama.

Carol Webb, 63, died Tuesday. Private family services to be held at a later date.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's promotion of a judge to a federal court, Senate Democrats say they intend to conservatives from liberal positions, in Supreme Court.

"If the White House insists in sending nominees who threaten the courts with the count no choice but I said Sen. Charles D-N.Y.

Democrats use vote majority in Judiciary Committee Thursday to

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Committee sends Bush message with rejection of judge's nomination

WASHINGTON (AP) — In rejecting President Bush's promotion of a Mississippi judge to a federal appeals court, Senate Democrats put the White House on notice they intend to block strict conservatives from key judicial positions, including the Supreme Court.

"If the White House persists in sending us nominees who threaten to throw the courts out of whack with the country, we have no choice but to vote no," said Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y.

Democrats used their one-vote majority in the Senate Judiciary Committee on Thursday to kill Bush's

nomination of U.S. District Judge Charles Pickering to the U.S. Appeals Court in New Orleans, one step below the Supreme Court.

"This cannot continue," said Senate Republican Leader Trent Lott of Mississippi. Pickering's friend of 40 years. "We cannot let stand a plan to deny President Bush his nominees to the court."

Lott called the committee's racially charged proceedings and its 10-9 party-line vote a "slap at Mississippi." The NAACP and other liberal rights groups, a core constituency of the Democrats, strongly disapproved the nomination

because they said Pickering supported segregation as a young man and had an ultraconservative voting record as a Mississippi lawmaker.

"This is people trying to use the ghost of the past to try to prevent us from rising up and going forward in a positive way," Lott said. He cited what he called Pickering's close ties to black leaders in Mississippi, some of whom supported his nomination.

Bush wanted the committee to let the full Senate vote on the nomination. Pickering probably would have won a majority there, because at least three

Democrats in the 50-49 Senate had said they would vote for him. Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., has said repeatedly he would block any attempt to vote on Pickering without committee approval.

Pickering "deserves better than to be blocked by a party-line vote of 10 senators on one committee," Bush said. "The voice of the entire Senate deserves to be heard."

One Democrat, Sen. Zell Miller of Georgia, attacked his colleagues. "This action may very well elect a Republican governor in Mississippi," he said.

Senate Judiciary

Democrats, however, were united against Pickering. They repeatedly accused Republicans of mistreating many of the nominations made by former President Clinton, to the point of denying hearings for months at a time.

In addition, the committee chairman, Patrick Leahy, said Pickering "repeatedly injects his own opinions into his decisions on issues ranging from employment discrimination to voting rights."

Other Democrats referred to a case in which Pickering had sought a lighter sentence for a defendant on a cross-burning case, which

Republicans contend was misinterpreted by the judge's critics.

Pickering simply does not have "the temperament, the moderation or the commitment to core constitutional ... protections that is required for a life tenure position" on the appeals court, said Sen. Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts.

Republicans were equally united in their support of the judge. Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, argued that Bush's nominee had been victimized by a smear campaign by groups seeking to impose "an ideological litmus test" on abortion, civil rights and other issues.

Lawmakers from both parties demanding more information on anti-terror operations

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress may have to cut into spending that President Bush wants if his administration keeps unconstitutionally withholding information about anti-terror efforts at home, a House member said.

And that was a Republican.

White House budget chief Mitchell Daniels got it from both sides of the aisle in the latest clash between Congress and the White House over information sharing and the war. By the end of a hearing before members of the House Appropriations Committee, Daniels was contrite — somewhat.

"Their concern is completely legitimate," the budget director told reporters. "The question is how to meet it."

The administration's chief GOP critic was Rep. Ernest Istook of Oklahoma, who

became the latest lawmaker to complain that Homeland Security chief Tom Ridge is refusing to testify to Congress, despite the \$38 billion in domestic safety spending Bush wants for next year.

"Any effort to cut off Congress' normal interaction with agency heads and policy-makers ... is not only wrong, but it violates the United States Constitution's express grant to Congress" of the powers of defending the country and regulating the armed services, Istook said.

He also said the lack of information "jeopardizes the administration's request for additional homeland security funds." Istook chairs the Appropriations committee's panel that controls the budget for the White House's operations.

Administration officials say Ridge has privately briefed lawmakers but will

heed the usual practice in which the president's immediate staff does not testify to Congress.

Even more critical was Rep. David Obey of Wisconsin, top Democrat on the committee.

Obey said Daniels and other administration officials have "a severe attitude problem" and view Congress as "small-minded and inconsequential rable." He cited their refusal to fully brief lawmakers on domestic security, White House criticisms of congressional earmarks of money for hometown projects, and the recent firing of a civilian Army official who criticized administration plans for water projects.

"This committee has an obligation," said Obey, citing Congress' constitutional power to spend funds. "No information, no money."

Obey also criticized Defense Secretary Donald

Rumsfeld and Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill for disparaging Congress' role in decision making. And he lambasted Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., whom he called the "Ole Miss cheerleader in residence in the Senate" for criticizing Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., for questioning the administration's war aims.

Daniels would not back away from his frequent criticisms of parochial projects lawmakers win for their districts. And as for last week's firing of Mike Parker, head of the Army Corps of Engineers, Daniels said "the course of honor ... if one can't agree with a president's policy is to resign one's post."

With terrorists being pursued overseas and at home, it seems unlikely that lawmakers would cut spending for U.S. security.

But symbolic reductions

Family calls Yates 'wonderful mother'

HOUSTON (AP) — Calling the Andrea Yates they know a wonderful person, tearful relatives begged a jury not to impose the death sentence for drowning her five children.

"I'm here pleading for her life," Yates' 73-year-old mother, Jutta Karin Kennedy, told jurors as she cried.

"I've lost seven people in one year," said Kennedy, referring to the slaying of her five grandchildren, the death of her husband and the conviction of her daughter in the children's deaths.

Defense attorneys called Yates' family, friends and a psychiatrist to testify Thursday in an attempt to save her life.

"She is just a beautiful person inside," said Yates' mother-in-law, Dora Yates. "The children loved her. We all love her."

Prosecutors offered no witnesses or evidence. All of the evidence was admitted during the trial, assistant district attorney Joe Oyler said.

Yates, 37, was convicted Tuesday of two capital murder charges for killing three of the children. She is now in the penalty phase of her trial and could be sentenced to life in prison or death by injection.

District Judge Belinda Hill said deliberations would begin today after closing arguments.

Jurors began hearing evidence Thursday about whether Yates is a future danger and if there is miti-

gating evidence to keep her from being executed, the two questions they must answer under Texas law in the punishment phase.

The decision by prosecutors not to offer additional evidence was in line with their strategy, legal experts said.

"Their strategy in this case has been just to hammer away at the enormity of what she did," Baylor University Law School professor Brian Serr said Thursday.

"That evidence is already there."

"There are times when less is more and this may be one of those times," Southern Methodist University law professor Dan Shuman said.

Neil McCabe, a professor at South Texas College of Law, said he believes prosecutors aren't presenting additional evidence because they can't prove Yates is a future danger.

"They don't have the evidence, so they are not putting it on," he said. "She won't be dangerous in the future because there won't be any children in the future for her to kill."

Jurors must be unanimous in determining that Yates is a danger and there are no mitigating circumstances in order for a death sentence to be imposed.

Anything less than a unanimous vote means a life term.

If Yates receives life, she would have to serve at least 40 years before becoming eligible for parole.

Suit filed alleging Iraq was behind Oklahoma City bombing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some survivors of the Oklahoma City bombing and relatives of those killed sued Iraq in federal court Thursday, claiming the country was behind the attack.

Prosecutors have rejected suggestions that there was any foreign involvement in the April 19, 1995, bombing, and a judge refused to allow lawyers to raise it in the trial of bomber Timothy McVeigh.

But the lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court in Washington says the bombing was "not as simple as has been portrayed by the United States government."

"The entire plot was, in

whole or in part, orchestrated, assisted technically and/or financially and directly aided by agents of the Republic of Iraq," says the lawsuit, filed on behalf of the plaintiffs by the conservative Washington-based legal group Judicial Watch.

The lawsuit filed Thursday seeks about \$1.5 billion in damages for 14 Oklahoma City victims.

As evidence, the lawsuit cites foreign and U.S. intelligence and law enforcement documents, as well as accounts from unnamed witnesses and sealed trial records. Many of the allegations are stated without specifying a source.

It alleges that convicted

terrorist Ramzi Yousef was an Iraqi government agent. After the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, for which he was later imprisoned, Yousef went to the Philippines where he recruited Terry Nichols, eventually convicted as a co-conspirator in the Oklahoma City bombing, to join a plot to blow up several U.S.-bound airliners, the lawsuit alleges.

Nichols had traveled to the Philippines between 1990 and 1994 seeking help in building a bomb, the lawsuit claims.

About three months after the airline-bombing plot was foiled and Nichols returned to the United

States, Oklahoma City's Murrah building was destroyed, killing 168 and wounding hundreds. The lawsuit alleges that Abdul Hakim Murad, then imprisoned in the United States awaiting trial in the airline-bombing plot, said at the time that Yousef's network was responsible.

Years later, after the convictions of Nichols and McVeigh in the Oklahoma City bombing, the lawsuit alleges the global law enforcement arm Interpol was still trying to apprehend at least two other bombing suspects.

Teacher charged with sexually abusing blind boy

MINEOLA, N.Y. (AP) — A Long Island teaching assistant has been charged with sexually abusing an 11-year-old blind boy she had been tutoring in her home.

Kathy Tuifel, 44, was arrested Thursday and

arraigned on three charges of first-degree rape. Police say she has had three sexual encounters since January with the child, whom she met while she was an instructor at his school.

The boy, who has been

legally blind since birth, told authorities on Tuesday that he had been having sex with Tuifel, police said.

Tuifel, of Hicksville, was being held on \$300,000 bond, a Hempstead district court spokesman said.

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-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:

• **JERRY KILGORE, ROY DON BEAUCHAMP AND KATHRYN WISEMAN** on victories in their respective races in the Howard County Republican Party primary election Tuesday.

• **JAMES BOWEN**, Moss Elementary fifth grader who placed ninth in the Regional Spelling Bee in Lubbock.

• **KIWANIANS**, on another successful pancake supper.

• **HOWARD COLLEGE THEATER STUDENTS** on their delightful performance of "No Exit" last weekend.

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:
I am very disappointed at the voter turnout in this week's primary. I feel that it is a disgrace to the candidates and citizens as a whole.
Life cannot be so busy in Big Spring that someone does not have the time to vote. I live 400 miles away, while at school, and I still had the time and initiative to vote.
People always seem to have the time to complain about what is going

on in the city and county, but did these people vote? Probably not.
So the next time there is an issue that is hotly debated, I hope that most of these people who did not vote take into account the people who were selected to run in November. This election just proves how apathetic the mood in Big Spring is, and how important everyone's vote is.

JASON WILLIAMS
COLLEGE STATION

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This may be our only chance to say no

Thinking about nuclear weapons is sort of like looking directly at the sun: If you do it for more than a split second, you go blind. Or insane.



MOLLY IVINS

Our government is now contemplating such a *ne plus ultra* of idiocy that it's enough to make one yearn for the dear, departed days of MAD (mutual assured destruction). MAD was such a sane policy. Dr. Strangelove, report for duty immediately, the Bush administration needs YOU!

We are about to get a new nuclear weapons policy — cute nukes. Teeny-tiny nukes. I was betting the Pentagon would name them "precision nukes," but I have once again underestimated our military's ability to obfuscate with mind-numbing language. The cute nukes are "offensive strike systems."

Now here's a sane sentence from the Pentagon's new Nuclear Posture Review: "Non-nuclear strike capabilities may be particularly useful to limit collateral damage and conflict escalation." That means we won't wipe out

entire populations and start World War III if we stick to non-nukes. A point to be considered.

But our busy military planners like to plan for all contingencies (except terrorists with box-cutters) and are proposing "a new generation of nuclear weapons" — just what we need. The cute nukes are to be "employed against targets able to withstand non-nuclear attack (for example, deep underground bunkers or bio-weapons facilities)."

The drawback to cute nukes is that they're more "useable" than the old-fashioned, clunky kind — it's so much more tempting to use just a tiny little nuke. But cute nukes do have the same charming property as the grown-up kind — they're made of lethal radioactive materials no one on God's green earth knows how to get rid of.

When the Cold War ended, we really did think we could finally start "building down" the world's supply of these ugly weapons. So who signed us up to build a whole new generation of them? Did we vote on this? Anybody recall Bush mentioning cute nukes when he was running for office? Since we have to pay for it, don't we get a say?

Naturally, the rest of the world thinks we're nuts, and they're not even using

diplomatic language to say so. A Russian legislator inquired if Americans "have somewhat lost touch with the reality in which they live."

We could spend some time relishing the glorious black humor MAD produced, but let's take a few steps back here at look at the Big Picture. Here are the questions: What do we think we are doing? And what kind of country do we want to be?

According to the State Department, the federal budget in 1949 for international aid and diplomacy (that is, efforts to settle conflicts peacefully) was \$66.4 billion. In the 2002 budget, it is \$23.8 billion (from Harper's Index). We spend less on foreign aid per capita than any other industrialized country. Japan spends \$3.5 billion more in total than we do. Some world leader.

We are also neglecting our own people and infrastructure. How pathetic is it that we're going to put another trillion dollars into the military while we cut back on child-care for women moving from welfare to work?

We are, as we probably remind ourselves too often, the most powerful nation on earth. How do we want to use that power? What do we stand for? Democracy, human rights and global prosperity? Do we really

think we can make the world a better place by building a new arsenal of nukes? And how much money does that take away from building democracy, human rights and global prosperity?

In the play "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead," at the end of the relentless tragedy, one says to the other, "There must have been a time, somewhere near the beginning, when we could have said no." As the beloved Robert Frost put it, "Two paths diverged in a wood, and I — I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference." We have been down the more-traveled path of spending insane sums for unspeakable weapons many times before, and we know where it leads. The state of the world today is not much of a recommendation for it. Before we lurch off onto it again, let us at least stop and think, and ask questions and demand answers, and consider alternatives.

Before the blood-dimmed tide is loosed, before we become a shape with lion body and the head of a man, with a gaze blank and pitiless as the sun, before we become that rough beast, its hour come round at last, slouching toward Bethlehem to be born ... let's stop. And think. Because this may be our only chance to say no.



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Nation's economy to rebound dramatically

Today, economists across the land are expressing surprise that the recession is proving to be so short-lived. But when the Dow Jones Average stood at 8,836 on Oct. 1, 2001, we wrote:



JACK ANDERSON

"Now, in the wake of the Sept. 11 tragedy, President Bush is no longer talking about a balanced budget. The talk today is all about a stimulus package. ... The market generally anticipates the economy by approximately six months, but in times of great uncertainty the market's ability to predict becomes more difficult. Will the effort to end state-sponsored terrorism succeed in that time frame? Will the fear of chemical and biological attacks subside or be solved with counter measures? Will consumer confidence return

rapidly? Will the stimulus packages be sufficient? Will the Fed continue to balance interest-rate reductions and inflation fears? Will world trade pick up? Will oil prices remain stable? Will a resurgence in high tech activities — some of which will combat the various threats to the nation — lead the way to robust increases in stock prices? "Our answer to all of the above is, Yes. "Our prediction? The Dow will climb to an all-time high by the end of 2002, which means an increase from today's level of at least 3,000 points."

Then, in December, we explained, "the administration is getting its stimulus package through stealth, piece by piece, beginning with the airline bailout bill that sheltered the airlines from potential lawsuits in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks. ... Congressional allies of Boeing tucked into the defense budget an additional \$7 billion to Boeing. "Just before Christmas,

the IRS unveiled an amnesty plan for companies that have been illegally sheltering money.

If they step forward and admit to wrongdoing, the IRS will waive the 20 percent penalty it normally imposes.

"... These bailouts are defensible and even make good economic sense. But they reward big business, and do nothing to benefit workers."

Predicting is tricky business, and especially so where the stock market is concerned, which is why we only weigh in when we see significant turns in the market.

We base these predictions on a combination of fundamental (economic performance) and technical (market psychology) factors. As a result, we view our market predictions more as discussions about the economy than about investor timing.

Causes for current concern include the president's imposition of steel tariffs that have already sparked foreign retaliation. This violates his free-

trade philosophy and more closely resembles his pre-Sept. 11 balanced-budget, Herbert Hoover economics. On the other hand, his movement to deficit spending during a recession is the mark of Keynesian economics, named for John Maynard Keynes, whose economic theories revolutionized national economic thinking from the Roosevelt era forward.

Because we believe the president is not about to instigate a trade war — which Hoover did, a fact that helped push the nation into the Great Depression — it is safe to say that he remains a Keynesian convert, and this will continue to bode well for the economy.

As a result, we expect the nation's economy to rebound dramatically, and as it does so, we will see it grow out of the deficits. Therefore, our revised target for the Dow Jones Average is 13,000 before year end, an increase of more than 4,000 points from those dark days of September 2001.



CHURCH NEWS

Coahoma United Methodist
We are planning a baked good sale for the church fund-raiser on Sunday, March 17, 10:00 a.m. We hope you will join us for the meal.

Also, please join us for the Easter Service on Sunday, March 17, 10:00 a.m. We hope you will join us for the meal.

First Assembly of God
"How to survive" Pastor R. T. ... on this Sunday, March 17, 10:00 a.m. We hope you will join us for the meal.

St. Mary's Episcopal
Everyone is invited to attend worship at St. Mary's Episcopal Church on Sunday, March 17, 10:00 a.m. We hope you will join us for the meal.

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The congregation will meet for a special service at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 17, 10:00 a.m. We hope you will join us for the meal.

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We are proud of our youth!

Sunday our youth are having a baked potato meal following our church service as a fundraiser.

We hope you can come to our church service and stay for the meal to help the youth.

Also, please note the following dates, as we enter the Easter Season:

March 24th—Palm Sunday, March 29th—Good Friday worship service at 7 p.m., March 31st—Easter Sunday

First Assembly of God

"How to stay sick", is Pastor R. T. Havener's sermon this Sunday in the 6 p.m. service.

This message on the Great Bible truth of Divine Healing will be taken from Matthew 8:17.

In the morning service at 10:40 a.m. Pastor Havener will speak on the subject, "Forgive and Forget."

Five Bible principles on this theme will be taken from Matthew 18:21-25.

The congregation of First Assembly invites you to join them at each of these services at Fourth and Lancaster.

St. Mary's Episcopal

Everyone is welcome to attend worship services at St. Mary's.

Holy Communion will be celebrated this Sunday at 8 a.m. 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 Brotherhood of St. Andrew will have their monthly meeting and breakfast Saturday starting at 8 a.m. in the Chapel.

St. Mary's will have a Gardening and Clean Up Day this Saturday, 8:30 a.m. Please bring your favorite garden tools and come join us.

The All Parish Cookie Bingo is scheduled for Sunday at 1:00 p.m. at Canterbury South.

The Vestry will meet on March 18, 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

The 2002 Lenten Program concludes on March 20. 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 p.m. and child care will be provided.

Our speaker will be Claire Cowden, Ministries Consultant, Diocese of Northwest Texas.

Stations of the Cross will be observed March 22, 12:05 p.m. in the Church.

We will be happy to have anyone join us who wishes to do so. Our doors are always open!

First Christian Church

First Christian, Disciples of Christ, will host a St. Patrick's Day pot-luck meal immediately following the worship service this Sunday.

Dr. Jimmy Watson will preach the sermon, "Spiritual: Part V of Lent and the Human Condition" during the morning worship service beginning at 10:50 a.m. Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m.

Every Wednesday during Lent we are hosting a soup and muffins lunch in the Fellowship Hall along with a devotional and prayer.

Everyone is invited. For more information about the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), see our web site at www.trydisciples.org.

First Presbyterian

"The Source of Life" is the sermon topic selected by Rev. David Marx for the fifth Sunday of Lent.

Worship service is held at 11 a.m. Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. and the "Take Ten" gathering is at 10:30 a.m.

Soul Food Dinners resume on March 20 following a week off for Spring Break.

The program will be on the Ten Commandments. Choir rehearsal follows at 7 p.m.

Plans are being made for a Holy Week Luncheon Series.

They will be held Monday-Friday, March 25-29, at noon.

There will be a guest speaker every day followed by lunch in the fellowship hall.

The youth group is planning to sell handmade clay crosses on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday after worship in the Narthex.

The laws of truth are as real as the law of gravity

We live in a day in which everybody is an expert.



JEFF JANCA

One example has been the many celebrities and Hollywood stars that claimed to be experts on the environment and the Amazon Rain Forest.

For many years these celebrities were saying the world would soon come to an end because the rain forest was being destroyed and we would not be able to survive.

These so called experts were going on television talk shows and speaking in front of Congress declaring their wisdom to any and all who would listen.

Unfortunately many people swallowed their lies, misinformation, and deception hook, line, and sinker.

If you have been keeping up with the news, you now know that all these so called experts were wrong and that they are all now wearing egg on their faces.

Scientists and news reports actually went to these rain forests and found them to be in excellent shape.

The scientists came to the conclusion that the rain forest is actually in the best shape that it has ever been in. So much for the celebrity experts.

Today we see a similar thing happening in the church. We have so called experts mishandling and misrepresenting God and His Word.

Some even wear the title of minister. What is sad is that many of these so called experts will place more value on their opinions, the opinions of philosophers, and skeptics above the counsel of the Bible.

To them, the Bible is outdated and is not relevant for today.

Many of these so called experts really do not believe the Bible. What is sadder still is they do not know the God that is mentioned and described in the Bible.

They may have a certain knowledge and perception of God, but they really do not know Him.

Vance Havner tells the

story of a new bank teller that was being trained. For the first month, the supervisor would only allow the new teller to handle real money.

The supervisor wanted the teller to learn what real money felt and looked like. After a month, the supervisor slipped in a counterfeit bill.

The teller knew right off that it was counterfeit. So it is with the Bible.

If you know the God of the Bible and you read and study the Bible on a regular basis and allow it to be your standard of living, you will be able to detect it when a so called expert is trying to pull the wool over your eyes.

The Bible has been around for a long time. It is trustworthy and reliable.

It gives an accurate portrait of who God is. The God of the Bible is a God of love, hope, and grace.

He is also a God of Justice. The Bible clearly says that He will reward those who believe, follow and obey Him. It also says that He will punish those who reject Him and live their lives for themselves.

Many skeptics of the Bible, or should I say unbelievers of the Bible, have a hard time with that and they want to try and change the rules.

I guess you can compare that with a person who is standing on top of a building and he doesn't believe in the Law of Gravity.

He jumps and as he is falling he keeps telling himself that he doesn't believe in the Law of Gravity and that the origi-

nator of this law came up with it a long time ago and that it is outdated.

Though he doesn't believe in the Law of Gravity, it is still a reality and it will cost him his life.

So it is with those who do

not believe in God's Word, the Bible. God's Word is still true, whether they believe it or not.

Jeff Janca is pastor of Forsan Baptist Church.

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CLUB NEWS

Sand Spring Lions

The Sand Springs Lions club met March 4, with Phillip Reid, President presiding.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Madeline Boadle and the opening prayer was worded by Fred Franklin.

The minutes were read by the secretary and approved as read.

The treasurer's report was approved as given by Treasurer Madeline Boadle. District and State dues, water and Cap Rock Electric are now due.

A Share Account report was received from Cap Rock Electric and will be placed in the file.

New member, Laura Thompson, was welcomed to her first meeting.

Jarrell Barbee has been hauling trash for the Senior Citizens each month.

Jarrell Barbee, Chair of the Committee on Nominations gave the following report - president, Shyrlee Reid; vice-president, Neil Squires; sec./treas., Madeline Boadle; lion tamer, Burnis Mason; tail twister, Fred Franklin.

Membership - Jarrell Barbee; one year director, Ben Boadle, Laura Thompson, two year director, Marjorie

Squires, Betty Franklin. Fred Franklin made a motion to accept the slate of officers by acclamation. Motion seconded and approved.

Those present - Neil and Marjorie Squires, Fred and Betty Franklin, Burnis Mason, Jarrell Barbee, Laura Thompson, Phillip and Shyrlee Reid, Ben and Madeline Boadle.

The Sand Spring Lions Club meets the first and third Monday of each month in the Lions Community Building on Scout Hut Rd. in Sand Springs. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association

The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association will meet March 18, in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Lunch will be served at 11:30.

A presentation, "If I Had a Hammer", will be given. Plans for the TRTA State Convention in April will be discussed.

All retired school personnel are invited to attend.

TOPS TX 21

Members of TOPS TX 21 met on March 11 at 6 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 West Third. Leader, Hughetta Roberts called the meeting

to order and the opening prayer was led by Sue Ann Rinkenmeyer who also gave a reading, "The Master's Touch".

Gladys Russell read the minutes of the previous meeting and Genay Bertran called the roll with 11 members and two visitors present.

Joyce Chelette was the TOPS best loser and Lynne Criswell was the best loser for the KOPS. Each received the weekly award and certificate.

Due to unforeseen circumstances and with the okay of the area coordinator, the installation of officers for the chapter will be next week, March 18 with those officers resuming duties at the last meeting in March.

Olnee Menges presented the program concerning heart problems. Symptoms and causes of heart attacks were also discussed. Some things that cause heart attacks are things over which we have no control. One thing which we can control that does contribute to hearts attacks is that of obesity.

Anyone wishing more information on TOPS can call 1-800-932-8677 or locally one might call 263-0391 or 263-1758.

You are also invited to come by 306 West Third on any Monday night by 6 p.m.

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Oldest known photograph, dating to 1826, to undergo unprecedented analysis

LOS ANGELES (AP) — One summer morning, Joseph Nicéphore Niepce peered from an upstairs window in his home in the French countryside, framed the view of a pear tree, the sky and several farm buildings and did something remarkable: He took a picture.

Opening the lens of a rudimentary camera for eight hours that day in 1826, Niepce exposed a polished, thinly varnished pewter plate to produce an image that is acknowledged as the world's first photograph.

In June, 176 years later, the faint image will arrive at The Getty Conservation Institute, where scientific experts will analyze it for the first time since it was rediscovered and authenticated in 1952. Before it turned up, the photo had been missing for decades, misplaced by its owner after it was last exhibited in 1898.

Conservators have a theory about how Niepce's photograph was produced. They believe light hardened the bitumen, a petroleum derivative sensitive to light that Niepce (pronounced NEE-yeps) used to coat the plate. Washing the plate with a mixture of oil of lavender and white petroleum dissolved the unexposed portions of bitumen.

The result was a permanently fixed, direct positive picture — the first ever captured from nature. Niepce called his work a "heliograph," in a tribute to the power of the sun.

"What we are so familiar with today in terms of images and being able to snap pictures, this is where it all began," said Barbara Brown, who will accompany the artifact to California as head of photographic conservation at the Ransom Center.

In the Getty Institute's laboratories, scientists will use spectrometers to determine the photograph's chemical makeup. They hope to discover what substances Niepce may have used to enhance the bitumen's properties.

Using a digital microscope, they plan to map the image's surface in detail. Multispectral imaging will look for oxidation that could threaten the photograph.

Meanwhile, conservators will repair the gilt frame. And experts will try to photograph the work, an almost impossible chore because the image is so faint and can be seen only at oblique angles.

All the methods will be quick, reliable and noninvasive, said Herant Khanjian, an assistant scientist at the Getty.

Stulik, the Getty senior scientist, said he fears the days of traditional, nondigital photography are numbered, making the need to understand its chemistry — from Niepce to Polaroid — all the more pressing.

Ultimately, he said, advances in digital photography may do for its chemical counterpart what the printing press did to the handwritten manuscript in the 1400s.

"It ended it," Stulik said.

Churches turn to pagers to alert parents during services

FORT WORTH — If only Moses had been wearing a pager when the children of Israel forged their golden calf, he could have beeped the minute mischievous Aaron and his friends started worshipping a false idol.

These days, perils of a less biblical nature are averted each weekend across Tarrant County.

A growing number of church nurseries, from First United Methodist Church of Arlington to St. Stephen Presbyterian Church in Fort Worth, are using vibrating pagers and digital displays to alert parents during worship services when their children need help that only Mom or Dad can provide.

Some parents say they like the immediacy of the system and that ushers no longer raise a clamor searching for them when trouble strikes.

Others may view the paging systems, silent though they are, as yet another intrusion of the secular world into the sanctuary, said Julie Byrne, a religion professor at Texas Christian University.

"It depends on what your taste in sanctity is," she said.

In the sea of 4,000 faces at

Fellowship Church in Grapevine, it would have been difficult to quickly and quietly find 2-year-old Madison's mother, Natalie Walden.

Walden, a volunteer and longtime member of Fellowship Church, said she recalls seeing her child Madison's "name in lights" more than other children's. The church uses two digital displays placed discreetly in the sanctuary.

"We got paged a lot for our daughter," said Walden, who once sent her husband to attend Madison while she stayed for the day's sermon on parenting skills. She was paged 10 times in a three-month period when Madison cried uncontrollably because of stranger anxiety and reflux, she said.

"She suffered from the infant stuff," Walden said. For congregations as large as Fellowship Church, where 3,200 children attend in a weekend, providing individual beepers would have cost far more than the \$3,000 system now in place, said Mike Johnson, church education director.

The system also provides security. A computer "spits out name tags, spits out the receipt, and parents take their kids right to the classroom," Johnson said. The

receipt includes a reference number that, along with the child's name, is used to page a parent and to reclaim a child after services.

But some think the visual paging screens could cause minds to wander from the sermons. A few models' red numbers resemble the "now serving" displays at customer service desks.

"We felt like the physical pagers, because they vibrate, would only disturb the parents ... wearing them," said Annamaria Hall, nursery coordinator at First United Methodist Church of Arlington. "The visual board has numbers flashing from time to time, so it could be distracting to people in the congregation."

In time, worshippers become accustomed to the flashing displays, said Jamie Harrison, marketing director of Microframe Corp. The Norman, Okla., company is one of several manufacturers of visual paging systems and pagers for churches.

"When the system is first installed, everyone ... is looking at it," Harrison said. "But once it's up, the only people who notice it are parents."

The paging system crosses most denominational lines, since concern for children

is universal, she said. But Microframe, which has seen sales increase over the past five years, does not sell as many paging systems to Roman Catholic churches, where parents tend to take their children into the sanctuary.

But some parishes find other uses for the systems.

"They use the visual pager display as a hymn board indicator," Harrison said. "It shows the hymn number they're singing."

First United Methodist Church of Arlington decided to buy 36 individual pagers for parents of infants and toddlers, Hall said.

Gradually, nursery workers have weaned from using the system for every nursery nose.

"They almost use it as a crutch," Hall said. "The idea is, we're there so they (parents) can experience worship or go to Sunday school. Paging parents is supposed to be the last resort."

So far, the pagers have been used for minor problems only, Hall said.

"The child is usually distressed, possibly ill, possibly someone bumped a head," she said.

"Nothing beyond a child throwing up. I don't know if that qualifies as serious."

Miss Cleo hails from California, not Jamaica

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — A birth certificate obtained by the state shows the woman marketed on cable television as Jamaican psychic Miss Cleo was actually born in Los Angeles, the daughter of American parents.

Miss Cleo — Caribbean accent and colorful clothing aside — was born Youree Dell Harris on Aug. 13, 1962, in Los Angeles County Hospital, the document shows. Her parents were from California and Texas.

The state has sued Harris challenging her to prove she really is a renowned shaman from Jamaica. At the same time, the state and Federal Trade Commission have sued two Fort Lauderdale companies — Access Resource Services Inc. and Psychic Readers Network — for fraud. The FTC says it acted after getting more than 2,000 complaints.

"We sought this document because the company has gone to great lengths to say that Miss Cleo is a master

shaman from Jamaica," David Aronberg, an assistant attorney general, told the South Florida Sun-Sentinel for a story Thursday. The newspaper used Florida's open records law to get a copy of the document from the state.

Harris appears on national infomercials promising insights into love, money and other personal matters.

Authorities allege the psychic service misrepresented costs, billed customers for services they never bought, harassed consumers with unwanted telemarketing calls and responded to complaints with threats and abuse.

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IN B...

Bulldog golfs at O'Donnell
Coahoma's posted a 407 Thursday to finish in a field of 10 competing O'Donnell In Golf Tournament at the T-Bar Golf in Tahoka. Slaton won tournament. O'Donnell's host a sudden-death off. Both teams finished regular scores of 370 playing on course, was the 376.

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Cade Bowling round of 95 Bulldogs, who Smith carded Trevor Bibb and Cory M... ished at 114. Coahoma's Bartlett, entered medalist honoree carded a 113. Coahoma's boys' teams with the Robert Invitational on the girls played Tuesday and Wednesday.

Sporting clay scheduled for
The third "Break Clay" sporting clay tournament has been scheduled Saturday and March 22-23. Wood Walker Foundation is Saturday. For information, contact Muscular Dystrophy Association in by calling 570-45...

Little League umpires need
Umpires are call Little League ball games in Spring area this Anyone interested umpiring is ask contact David Rom 1631, or at home after 6 p.m.

ON THE

Radio
HIGH SCHOOL B... 4:15 p.m. — B Steers at Frensh KBST-AM 1490.

COLLEGE BASKET
Men 6:25 p.m. — N Tournament, Texas Southern Illinois, 1490.

Television
COLLEGE BASKET Men 6:30 p.m. — N Tournament, regional doubleheader Wisconsin vs. St. and Maryland vs. Cincinnati vs. Bo University and U Miss; Texas Tech Southern Illinois Georgia vs. Murr Mississippi State McNeese State vs. Boston College Women 5 p.m. — NCA Tournament, first TCU vs. Indiana, 10:30 p.m. — Tournament, first Santa Clara vs. ESPN2.

BOXING
8 p.m. — Chantel Golden Johnson Chantel Stancief NABF welterweight onship, ESPN2.

TENNIS
8 p.m. — Mas Pacific Life Open nals, ESPN.

IN BRIEF

Bulldog golfers sixth at O'Donnell tourney

Coahoma's Bulldogs posted a 407 team total Thursday to finish sixth in a field of nine teams competing in the O'Donnell Invitational Golf Tournament played at the T-Bar Golf Course in Tahoka.

Slaton won the tournament, defeating O'Donnell's host squad in a sudden-death team playoff. Both teams had finished regulation with scores of 370. Tahoka, playing on its home course, was third with a 376.

Darrick Shifflett led the way for the Bulldogs, posting a 88 that was good enough for third in the individual medalist standings.

Cade Bowlin added a round of 95 for the Bulldogs, while Jake Smith carded a 112, Trevor Bibb had a 112 and Cory Mulkey finished at 114.

Coahoma's Grant Bartlett, entered for medalist honors only, carded a 113.

Coahoma's girls' and boys' teams will play in the Robert Lee Invitational next week, the girls playing on Tuesday and the boys on Wednesday.

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. For more information, contact the Muscular Dystrophy Association in Midland by calling 570-4970.

Little League umpires needed

Umpires are needed to call Little League baseball games in the Big Spring area this season.

Anyone interested in umpiring is asked to contact David Roman at 263-1631, or at home, 263-4688, after 6 p.m.

ON THE AIR

Radio

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL
4:15 p.m. — Big Spring Steers at Frenship Tigers, KBST-AM 1490.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men
6:25 p.m. — NCAA Tournament, Texas Tech vs. Southern Illinois, KBST-AM 1490.

Television

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men
6:30 p.m. — NCAA Tournament, regional coverage doubleheader, Wisconsin vs. St. John's and Maryland vs. Sienna; Cincinnati vs. Boston University and UCLA vs. Ole Miss; Texas Tech vs. Southern Illinois and Georgia vs. Murray State; Mississippi State vs. McNeese State and Texas vs. Boston College, CBS.

Women

5 p.m. — NCAA Tournament, first round, TCU vs. Indiana, ESPN2.
10:30 p.m. — NCAA Tournament, first round, Santa Clara vs. LSU, ESPN2.

BOXING

8 p.m. — Champion Golden Johnson (21-5-2) vs. Chantel Stancief (20-1-1) for NABF welterweight championship, ESPN2.

TENNIS

8 p.m. — Masters Series, Pacific Life Open, quarterfinals, ESPN.

After 106 years, Yale is a postseason winner at last

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The final score was Yale 67, Complacency 65.

That was Rutgers coach Gary Waters' take on the first postseason victory in Yale's 106 years of basketball.

"They felt, why should we fear Yale?" Waters said of his team's approach to Thursday night's first-round NIT game. "I told one player he had to go after this team, and he said, 'Coach, they're Yale!'"

Indeed, but the Bulldogs are no longer winless in tournament play, and Rutgers is embarrassed that its proud record at home was tarnished.

Even the usually talkative Rashod Kent didn't have much to say. He

shook his head when asked for a reaction.

"That's how I feel," Kent said. Perhaps the overconfidence, finally shattered when Edwin Draughan stole a pass in the final seconds, wasn't so unreasonable. After all, the Bulldogs were 0-3 in 53 years of tournament play.

"They were 15-1 at home, they're a Big East school, we're an Ivy League school nobody has heard much about," said Chris Leanza, who hit three 3-pointers in the second half. "It's tough to get up for a team like us."

Even tougher when one realizes that Yale has nothing but underclassmen on its roster.

"It didn't matter that we don't have a senior," said freshman guard

Draughan, who scored 13 of his 15 points in the second half. "We have the guys we need here."

In other NIT games, it was Butler 81, Bowling Green 69; Villanova 84, Manhattan 69; Memphis 82, UNC-Greensboro 62, and BYU 78, UC Irvine 55.

Yale was making its NIT debut and playing in the postseason for the first time since 1962. Perhaps that should have been reason enough to celebrate, but the postgame euphoria resulted in some confusion by coach James Jones.

"I came off the court and didn't even know where the locker room was," he said. "I was so excited."

If only Walters had been able to instill that emotion in the Scarlet Knights.

"You can be in practice, you can work on things, but in your minds, Yale is Yale," he said.

Yale (21-10) will rest until Monday or Tuesday, then face the winner of Friday night's game between Tennessee Tech and Dayton.

With Yale leading 67-63, Ricky Shields made two free throws for Rutgers with 4.4 seconds left, and Paul Vitelli missed two foul shots for Yale with 3.7 seconds remaining. Herve Lamizana grabbed the rebound and after one dribble threw an outlet pass into the hands of Draughan, who ran out the clock.

T.J. McHugh added 12 points for Yale, and Leanza scored 11.

Mike Sherrod and Jerome

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Big Spring's Laura Olague slides into third base, as Frenship's Christina English gathers in a late throw from the outfield during the Lady Steers' 10-0 win in District 4-4A softball action a week ago. The Lady Steers will try to bounce back from Tuesday's 2-0 loss to Snyder today when they play host to Andrews' Lady Mustangs at 4 p.m. on the Big Spring ISD Softball Complex's diamond.

HERALD photo/Jim Fierro

Women's tourney quandary: How does one beat UConn?

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

No matter what happens along the way, the NCAA women's basketball tournament ultimately comes down to this: How is anyone going to beat Connecticut?

Connecticut has been so ruthlessly efficient on offense, so relentless on defense that coach Geno Auriemma's team is an overwhelming favorite to don the championship caps when the 63-game grind ends in San Antonio's Alamodome on March 31.

But the top-ranked Huskies (33-0), the No. 1 seed in the Midwest Regional, won't just be handed their third national title. There are plenty of other teams with championship aspirations of their own.

"If it's all right with everybody, we're going to go ahead and try to keep winning," said Oklahoma coach Sherri Coale, whose team is ranked second nationally and is the No. 1 seed in the West.

It all starts Friday night with 16 first-round games at eight sites. The remaining first-round games will be played Saturday.

The field has most of the usual suspects, but also some schools that usually aren't heard from at this time of year.

Minnesota, which has undergone a remarkable turnaround under first-year coach Brenda Oldfield, made it for the first time since 1994. Syracuse is in for the first time since 1988. South Carolina, another of the season's surprise teams, earned its first berth since 1991.

And South Carolina isn't just a happy-to-be-here team. The Lady Gamecocks have high expectations after being seeded third in the East. They've already beaten the East's No. 1 seed, Duke, and have a victory over Vanderbilt, the top seed in the Midwest.

"Having wins over those teams should give us confidence," South Carolina coach Susan Walvis said. "Now we've got to handle the pressure of being here and the expectation to win."

There are no greater expectations than at Connecticut, which plays St. Francis, Pa., on Saturday night. The Huskies' closest game this season was nine points; they won all the rest by at least 14 and their average victory margin is 37.

They may have beaten up on some second-division teams in the Big East, but they also have defeated Oklahoma, Vanderbilt, Tennessee, North Carolina, Louisiana Tech and Old Dominion.

If complacency sets in, Auriemma usually harkens back to Connecticut's last loss. The Huskies blew a 15-point lead in losing to Notre Dame 90-75 in the semifinals at last year's Final Four.

"He always reminds us," Asjha Jones said. "Always, always, always."

Duke will be the only No. 1 seed playing Friday night. The Blue Devils (27-3), with just eight players on the roster, take an 18-game winning streak against Norfolk State, which is in the tournament for the first time.

It's not a game the Blue Devils will take lightly, promises All-American Alana Beard.

"We will play every game like it is our last," Beard said. "We have three more weeks and hopefully, the third week, we will be in the Final Four."

Oklahoma (27-3), the Big 12 regular-season and tournament champion, starts its Final Four bid Saturday against Hartford, one of two teams in the tournament coached by WNBA players.

Jennifer Rizzotti, who helped Connecticut win the 1995 national championship and plays for the Cleveland Rockers, guided Hartford to its first NCAA tournament appearance.

Dawn Staley of the Charlotte Sting will coach 15th-seeded Temple against third-seeded Iowa State in the Midwest Regional at Ames on Saturday. Iowa State coach Bill Fennelly sees a lot of Staley in her team.

"I'm very impressed with how hard they play," Fennelly said. "They're relentless, always attacking you, chasing the ball, on the floor, taking charging fouls. They find ways to win."

Speaking of winning, only Connecticut has a longer winning streak than Cal Santa Barbara. The 12th-seeded Gauchos take a 21-game streak against fifth-seeded Louisiana Tech in Austin, Texas.

All five teams that beat UCSB are in the tournament — Stanford, Penn State, Virginia, Purdue and UNLV.

"I think we're better than a 12th seed, but we get a chance to prove that," coach Mark French said. "That's the great thing about the NCAA tournament. We'll see if we deserve to be better than that."

NCAA

UNC-Wilmington, Wyoming register first round upsets

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Gonzaga is gone. Southern Cal was sunk. Marquette, Oklahoma State and Miami are finished, too.

On a day of upsets and near-upsets in the NCAA tournament, a 13th seed, a pair of 12s, a No. 11 and a No. 10 made it out of the first round.

"We didn't come here with our cameras like we did two years ago. We came with the right attitude," said Brett Blizzard of UNC-Wilmington, which pulled off one of the biggest shocks of the day by defeating fourth-seeded Southern Cal 93-89 in overtime Thursday night.

A year ago, 13 of the tournament's 32 first-round games were won by underdogs, the most opening victories by teams seeded ninth or lower since the event expanded to 64 teams. Thursday's upset total was nearly higher, but Kansas (seeded first in the Midwest), Alabama (No. 2 in the South), Arizona (No. 3 in the West) and Ohio State (No. 4 in the West) narrowly avoided being bounced.

Duke, the top seed in the South, showed how to make quick work of an opponent, racing past Winthrop 84-37 and matching the fifth-largest winning margin in tournament history.

The two other No. 1 seeds, Cincinnati and Maryland, play their opening-round games Friday.

In the days since the seedings were announced, much was made of how Gonzaga was given a No. 6 seed — a snub in the minds of many since the Bulldogs were ranked sixth in the country in the final AP poll.

That argument was made moot by Wyoming, which ended Gonzaga's string of three straight trips to the round of 16. The Cowboys held Gonzaga to 19-of-71 shooting, including a 7-for-24 performance by All-American Dan Dickau.

"I don't think we're a Cinderella," Wyoming coach Steve McClain said. "I think we're a team with a purpose."

Also in the West, Missouri scored the first 12 points and knocked off No. 5-seeded Miami 93-80. Ohio State barely got by Davidson, 69-64, and Arizona overcame a 3-point barrage by Mark Hull and UC Santa Barbara, 86-81.

In the South, Kent State started the streak of seeding surprises by topping No. 7 Oklahoma State 69-61. Kent State now plays Alabama, which beat Florida Atlantic 86-78. Notre Dame defeated Charlotte 82-63 to set up a second-round game against Duke, and fifth-seeded Indiana routed Utah 75-56.

In the East Regional in St. Louis, Greg Harrington's runner in the lane with 14.6 seconds left pushed Tulsa

past No. 5 Marquette 71-69.

Tulsa now takes a crack at pulling off another surprise — and it would come against its former coach. The Golden Hurricane next face fourth-seeded Kentucky, which beat Valparaiso 83-68. Kentucky coach Tubby Smith guided Tulsa to the round of 16 in 1994 and '95.

In Midwest Regional action in St. Louis, Kansas held off 16th-seeded Holy Cross 70-59. Kansas trailed at halftime for only the fifth time all year and was behind by five in the second half before recovering. The Jayhawks will take on Stanford, which easily handled Western Kentucky 84-68.

Also in the Midwest, No. 2-seeded Oregon beat Montana 81-62, and seventh-seeded Wake Forest defeated Pepperdine 83-79.

WEST

Albuquerque, N.M.

Wyoming 73, Gonzaga 66

Uche Nsonwu-Amadi, the Cowboys' 6-foot-10, 260-pound center from Nigeria, scored 14 points, including six straight early in the second half to keep Wyoming close.

Missouri 93,

Miami 80

Looking again like a team that opened 9-0 and climbed to No. 2 in the rankings, the Tigers got a 3-pointer from Ricky Paulding and five straight points from Clarence Gilbert in their game-starting run. Gilbert finished with 20.

Ohio State 69,

Davidson 64

Brian Brown scored a career-high 33 points, and the Buckeyes barely avoided another quick exit.

Davidson, trying for its first NCAA win since Lefty Driesell coached them in 1969, rallied for 59-58 lead with 4 1/2 minutes left. But Brown scored seven straight points, putting the Buckeyes ahead 65-61 with 2 1/2 minutes left.

Arizona 86,

UC Santa Barbara 81

The Wildcats had lost their NCAA tournament opener four times in the past 10 years, and the Gauchos threatened to add to the list.

Hull scored 32 points, shooting 8-for-11 on 3-pointers and making all eight of his foul shots. UC Santa Barbara was 16-for-26 overall on 3s, and it was almost enough to topple the team that reached last season's national title game.

EAST

St. Louis

Tulsa 71, Marquette 69

After Harrington's go-ahead shot, Marquette set-

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SPORTS EXTRA

TOP 25 - MEN

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' final men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses and records through March 10.

Table with 5 columns: Rank, Team, W, L, Record. Lists top 25 men's college basketball teams.

TOP 25 - WOMEN

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' final women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses and records through March 10.

Table with 5 columns: Rank, Team, W, L, Record. Lists top 25 women's college basketball teams.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

The top 10 high school baseball teams in each classification, as voted by the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association (records where available).

Table with 2 columns: Team, Record. Lists top 10 high school baseball teams in various classes (A, AA, A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A).

NBA

Table with 5 columns: Conference, Division, Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Shows NBA standings for Eastern and Western conferences.

NHL

Table with 5 columns: Conference, Division, Team, W, L, T, Pts, GF, GA. Shows NHL standings for Eastern and Western conferences.

Table with 5 columns: Team, W, L, T, Pts, GF, GA. Shows NHL standings for Northeast, Southeast, Central, and Northwest divisions.

Table with 5 columns: Team, W, L, T, Pts, GF, GA. Shows NHL standings for Pacific Division and Thursday's Games.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL American League ANAHEIM ANGELS—Options RHP John Lackey to Salt Lake of the PCL.

NCAA TOURNEY - MEN

OPENING ROUND At University of Dayton Arena Dayton, Ohio Tuesday, March 12 Siena 81, Alcorn State 77

minutes following previous game Second Round Saturday, March 16 At The B-I-L Center Greenville, S.C.

MIDWEST REGIONAL First Round Thursday, March 14 At Ed Jones Dome St. Louis

NCAA - WOMEN EAST REGIONAL First Round Friday, March 15 At Cameron Indoor Stadium Durham, N.C.

WEST REGIONAL First Round Thursday, March 14 At The MCI Center Washington

Ohio State 69, Davidson 64 Wyoming 73, Gonzaga 66 Arizona 98, UC Santa Barbara 81

WEST REGIONAL First Round Thursday, March 14 At Ed Jones Dome St. Louis

MIDWEST REGIONAL First Round Thursday, March 14 At Ed Jones Dome St. Louis

WEST REGIONAL First Round Thursday, March 14 At The MCI Center Washington

30 minutes after first game Saturday, March 16 At Gampel Pavilion Stors, Conn.

WEST REGIONAL First Round Thursday, March 14 At Ed Jones Dome St. Louis

MIDWEST REGIONAL First Round Thursday, March 14 At Ed Jones Dome St. Louis

WEST REGIONAL First Round Thursday, March 14 At The MCI Center Washington

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WEST REGIONAL First Round Thursday, March 14 At Ed Jones Dome St. Louis

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led for Travis Diener's hasty 3-pointer from well beyond the arc. The shot was an airball.

Kentucky 83, Valparaiso 68

Keith Bogans had 21 points, and Tayshaun Prince made up for poor shooting with strong defense on Valpo star Lubos Barton. Kentucky has won 12 straight opening NCAA games.

SOUTH Greenville, S.C. Duke 84, Winthrop 37

Carlos Boozer and Jason Williams scored 19 points each, and Mike Dunleavy added 18 as the defending national champions won their seventh straight NCAA game by double digits and gave coach Mike Krzyzewski his seventh 30-win season.

Kent State 69, Oklahoma State 61

Demetric Shaw scored 21 points, and Trevor Huffman 18 as the Golden Flashes won their opening NCAA game for the second straight year.

Alabama 86, Florida Atlantic 78

Freshman guard Mo Williams had a career-high 33 points, 10 rebounds and six assists, and Alabama went on a 10-0 run to pull away from a 64-64 tie.

Notre Dame 82, Charlotte 63

Matt Carroll and Ryan Humphrey scored 20 points each, and David Graves added 19 as the Irish won back-to-back NCAA openers for the first time in 23 years.

Indiana 75, Utah 56

Tom Coverdale had 19 points and eight rebounds, and Jeff Newton scored 15 points as the fifth-seeded Hoosiers won their first tournament game since Bob Knight's departure.

UNC Wilmington 93, Southern Cal 89, OT

UNCW made just one field goal in the final 9 1/2 minutes of regulation, allowing USC to rally from a 19-point deficit. But the Trojans were outscored 13-9 in overtime.

MIDWEST Kansas 70, Holy Cross 59

All-American Drew Gooden had 19 points and 13 rebounds as Kansas rallied without All-Big 12 guard Kirk Hinrich, who sprained his left ankle in the final minute of the first half.

Stanford 84, W. Kentucky 68

Stanford shrugged off a pregame technical for turning in the lineup card late, getting 19 points and 12 rebounds from Curtis Borchardt. Casey Jacobsen added 17 points.

Oregon 81, Montana 62

Luke Ridnour and Luke Jackson scored 18 points apiece to give Oregon its first NCAA tournament victory since 1960.

Wake Forest 83, Pepperdine 74

Craig Dawson scored 19 points to help Wake Forest win an NCAA game for the first time since 1997.

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Coleman had 15 points apiece for Rutgers (18-13). Kent added 14 points and 12 rebounds.

Butler 81, Bowling Green 69

At Indianapolis, Butler got 28 points from Rylan Hainje and 18 from Thomas Jackson and rallied from a 14-point first-half deficit.

Butler (26-5) will visit Syracuse on Monday night. Bowling Green (24-9) got a career-high 31 points from Len Matela and 23 from Keith McLeod.

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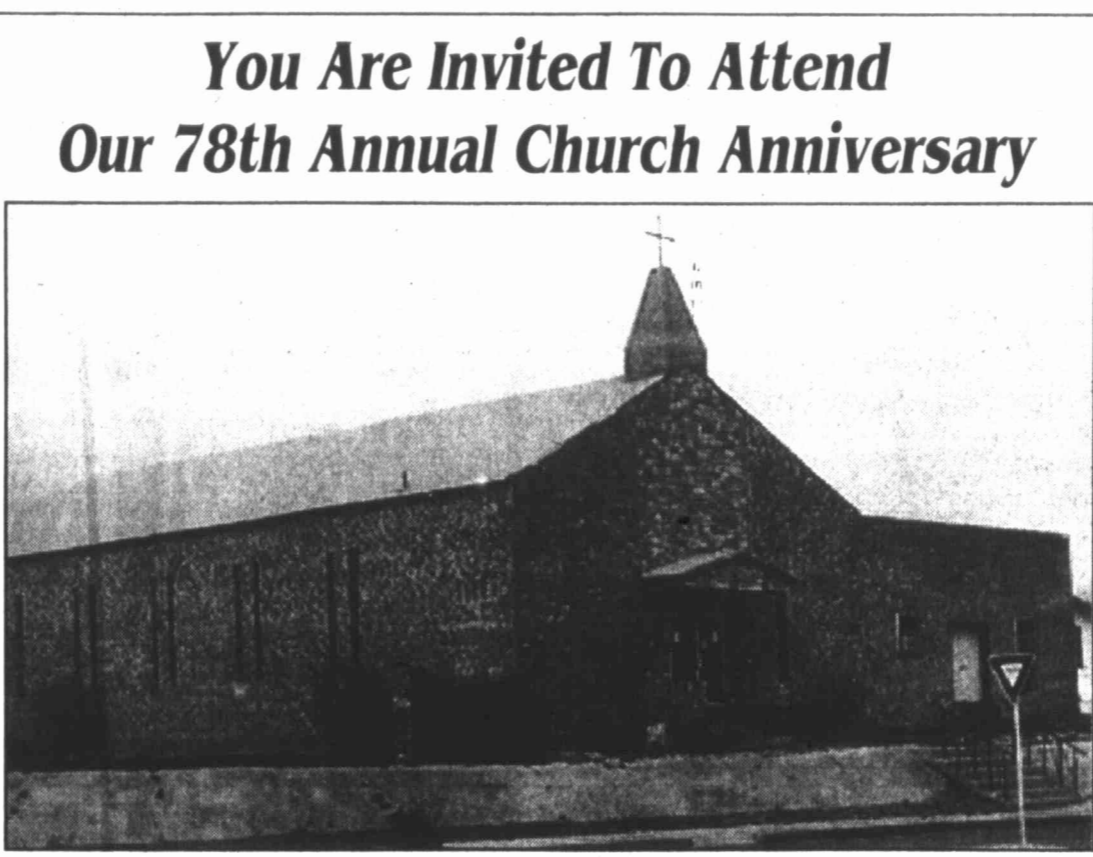
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, March 16:

Your birthday year provides you with many sudden insights about yourself, as well as others. In some way, because of an overly active mind, you will need downtime to relax. Learn yoga or take up a relaxing sport. Adding to your financial stability becomes even more important. You have barely tapped into all your different talents. If you are single, you will find yourself involved with a wonderful person by late August. Even if this person isn't Mr. or Ms. Right, you're likely to daydream about him or her for many years. Some will be making deeper commitments. If you are attached, your relationship will take some interesting twists, drawing the two of you closer. Make a dream a reality together. **TAURUS** stabilizes you. 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) **** Liveliness marks your interactions with a friend. This person can go a bit over the line. You might pull back before you get too immersed in a difficult situation. Your imagination plays a strong role with key friends. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *** Know when to vanish — for instance, right now. A boss or parent might make requests that he or she feels are reasonable. You might even agree, but would prefer not to. You need some centering time away from others. Tonight: Nap and then decide.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) **** An unexpected invitation or call could toss your plans into confusion. Carefully sort through what you want to do, perhaps checking in with a friend or a relative. Remember, this is your day off as well. Opt to travel in a different direction. Tonight: Count on a late night.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) **** What someone suggests might not be too far from the truth. Listen to this loved one or friend. You cannot avoid a must appearance. Surprise! You might actually enjoy yourself. Count on relaxing more and enjoying those close to you. Tonight: Where the fun is.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) **** Carefully listen to someone who can be unpredictable. Are there warning signs? You might want to watch this person more often. Detach rather than plugging into a mini-rift or

a problem. Ask friends and/or a loved one to go to the movies. Tonight: Escape into a cinema world.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **** Others seek you out. An amorous friend or loved one could have a strong reaction when you least expect it. Stay on an even keel, recognizing your priorities. Carefully review a decision involving a partnership. Be sensitive to that special person. Tonight: How 'bout an old-fashioned date?

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **** You might be happy hanging close to home. Reach out for another who needs to hear from you. A call leaves you with a great deal of happiness and warmth. Share a favorite hobby with a child or a partner. Go out and buy a new game. Tonight: Just make it easy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) **** Let your fiery imagination cheer you on. While you might act like a kid, others find you irresistible. Others join in. You could be surprised by those around

you. Someone might attempt to shock you. Enjoy the confession. Tonight: Follow the impulse.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) **** Enjoy those in your immediate circle. Do something unconventional with the family budget. A discussion takes you in a new direction, adding to your sense of togetherness. Work as a team, giving up your sense of authority. Tonight: Don't wander too far from home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **** Don't stand on ceremony any longer. Do what you have wanted to do for a long time. If you want to take up flying, schedule lessons. If you want to travel to Africa, start creating a budget and working toward that goal. Tonight: Swap dreams with friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** Recognize your limits financially, especially revolving around a desire of yours. You might suddenly change your mind about this item or goal. Be open with someone you can trust. Learn to reinvent yourself. Tonight: Treat a loved one.

BORN TODAY
First Lady Pat Nixon (1912), actor Erik Estrada (1949), actor Jerry Lewis (1926)

FRIDAY MAR. 15

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7 PM	Funnest Home Videos	70k Show Grounded-Life	Now With Bill Moyers (CC)	State of Grace According-Jim	Basketball NCAA First	Funnest Home Videos	Dateline (CC)	Movie: Boyz N the Hood	Amigas y Rivales (SS)	Movie: The Other Me	Fame for 15	(CC) ..	Movie: The 6th Day (CC)	Movie: Snatch (CC)	Joseph Good Faye Hardin	Biography (CC)	Navy Seals - Direct Action	Movie: Contact	Supernatural	
8 PM	Bloopers No. 5 (CC)	Dark Angel (CC)	Wash. Week Wall St. Week	Alias ..	Round - Teams TBA	Bloopers No. 5 (CC)	..	..	Sakome ..	(CC) ..	Fame for 15	Movie: Crimson Tide	(45) Movie: ..	Light of the Southwest	Movie: Hooper	Marine-Earning	..	Protect and Serve	
9 PM	20/20 (CC)	Cops (CC) Blind Date	Dr. Wayne Dyer's Ten	Whose Line? Whose Line?	College Basketball	20/20 (CC)	Law & Order	Movie: Philadelphia	Disenador: La Hora Pico	Uncle Buck (CC)	Fame for 15	(CC) ..	Stargate SG-1 (45) Jeremiah	Federal Protection	..	..	Best Ranger Challenge	..	Vietnam-Skier
10 PM	News Nightline	Jerry Springer (CC)	Secrets Dr. Wayne	700 Club (CC)	NCAA First Round	News (CC) Nightline	News (35) Tonight	..	P. Impacto Noticias Univ.	Bug Juice 3!	Fame for 15	Movie: Shaft (CC)	..	Red Shoe	(CC) Dennis Miller	Hour of Healing	Law & Order (CC)	Justice Files (CC)	Movie: Close Encounters of	Supernatural
11 PM	Politically Inc. Cheers	Suddenly Spin City (CC)	Dyer: There's a Spiritual So	Who's Boss? Who's Boss?	Teams TBA News	Ent. Tonight Politically Inc.	Show (CC) (37) Late	..	Humor: Comed.	So Weird (CC) in a Heartbeat	Conspire Small Shots	(45) Movie: ..	Movie: Brotherhood of	Movie: 3000 Miles to	Update With Church	Biography (CC)	Navy Seals - Direct Action	the Third Kind (CC)	Protect and Serve	
12 AM	Maximum Exposure	Home Imp Paid Program	..	..	(12:05) Late Show (CC)	(12:06) Oprah Winfrey (CC)	Night (CC) Frasier	Stoker's Dracula	Maria la del Barro	Zorro (CC) Mickey Mouse	Fame for 15	Sensual Friends (CC)	Murder (CC) Brotherhood	Graceland (CC)	Faith Pleases God	Movie: Hooper	Marine-Earning	..	Vietnam-Skier

DENNIS THE MENACE

AN EXPERT ONCE TOLD ME THAT ALL MARRIED COUPLES ARGUE FROM TIME TO TIME...

BUT HE SAID: "IT'S IMPORTANT NOT TO GO TO BED ANGRY!"

THAT'S WHY I LEARNED HOW TO SLEEP SITTING UP IN A CHAIR!

FAMILY CIRCUS

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"Mommy, if you only had 35 cents, what would you get yourself as a birthday present?"

HAGAR

BLONDIE

WHAT'RE YOU DOING, HONEY?

I'M ABOUT TO MAKE A GARLIC, ONION BURGER WITH MY FAMOUS JALAPENO CHILI SAUCE

AND THIS'LL GIVE ME SOMETHING TO READ UNTIL MORNING

B.C.

BY GOLLY, HERE'S A LITERARY CLASSIC FOR YOU

WHAT'S IT CALLED?

"VENTRILOQUISM FOR DUMMIES!"

WIZARD OF ID

HOW MUCH FOR A CAT?

FIFTY DOLLARS

TOO EXPENSIVE

OR THREE FOR TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS

GEECH

I'VE GOT AN IDEA.

WHAT IS IT?

LET'S CALL IN SICK FOR EACH OTHER TOMORROW.

THAT'S THE DUMBEST IDEA I'VE EVER HEARD.

I'M WILLING TO LISTEN TO A BETTER ONE.

HI AND LOIS

HOW WAS YOUR DAY?

I GOT A "D" ON MY EXAM, LOST MY JACKET AND FELL DOWN THE STAIRS!

WHY ARE YOU SMILING?

HEY, MOM, TESS OBRIEN KISSED CHIP AT THE BUS STOP!

GASOLINE ALLEY

Fess up, Ada! You do like Joseph, don't you?

Well - he is kinda cute!

Ha! I knew it!

Do you think he likes me?

Not the way you grump at him!

SNUFFY SMITH

MIZ PRUNELLY SENT YOU A NOTE, AUNT LOWEEZY.

DID SHE SAY I'VE BEEN BEHAVIN' REAL GOOD?!!

WELL...

AT LEAST YOU DIDN'T PEEK.

BETLE BAILY

STAND BACK! THAT'S THE LAST DOUGHNUT!!

EVERYONE HAS HIS OWN PRIVATE DEMONS

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS
Today is Friday, March 15, the 74th day of 2002. There are 291 days left in the year. This is "Buzzard Day" in Hinckley, Ohio.
Today's Highlight in History:
On March 15, 1919, the American Legion was founded, in Paris.
On this date:
In 44 B.C., Julius Caesar was assassinated by a group of nobles that included Brutus and Cassius.
In 1493, Christopher Columbus returned to Spain, concluding his first voyage to the Western Hemisphere.
In 1767, the seventh president of the United States, Andrew Jackson, was born in Waxhaw, S.C.
In 1820, Maine became the 23rd state.
In 1875, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of New York, John McCloskey, was named the first American

cardinal, by Pope Pius IX.
In 1913, President Wilson held the first open presidential news conference.
In 1956, the Lerner and Loewe musical "My Fair Lady" opened on Broadway.
In 1964, actress Elizabeth Taylor married actor Richard Burton in Montreal; it was her fifth marriage, his second.
In 1975, Greek shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis died near Paris at age 69.
In 1977, 25 years ago, the U.S. House of Representatives began a 90-day test to determine the feasibility of showing its sessions on television.
Ten years ago: Democratic presidential candidates debated in Chicago, criticizing President George H.W. Bush's handling of the Persian Gulf War and its aftermath, and clashing over economic issues. The United Nations officially embarked on its largest peacekeeping operation with the arrival of a diplomat in Cambodia.
Five years ago: President Clinton spent a second day at Bethesda Naval Medical Center, recuperating from surgery for a partially torn knee tendon.
Today's Birthdays:
Country singer Carl Smith is 75. Former astronaut Alan L. Bean is 70. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg is 69. Jazz musician Cecil Taylor is 69. Actor Judd Hirsch is 67. Rock musician Phil Lesh is 62. Singer Mike Love (The Beach Boys) is 61. Rock singer-musician Sly Stone is 58. Rock singer-musician Howard Scott (War) is 56. Rock singer Ry Cooder is 55. Actor Craig Wasson is 48. Rock singer Dee Snider (Twisted Sister) is 47. Actress Park Overall is 45.

Answer to previous puzzle

PLAINT	CARL	AWAY
ROTOR	OBIE	LIMA
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MALES	SLID	OIL
OUTER	MOLTE	LOCALES
BUNYAN	FAKER	RAM
WAFTS	CALENDAR	IRAN
CHUCKROAST	TARA	DIRE
ANNIE	STEP	SEED
LEANS		

Newsday Crossword

FRY DAY by S.N.
Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS**
- 1 Male swan
 - 4 Big family
 - 9 One of the Titans
 - 14 Medical-ins. choice
 - 15 Muggy
 - 16 Capital of Tibet
 - 17 Highly rated
 - 18 Increased, as the volume
 - 19 Imply
 - 20 Two fried foods
 - 23 He may knead you
 - 24 Makes possible
 - 28 ADCs, e.g.
 - 30 "Jingle Bells" vehicle
 - 31 Doll's word
 - 34 Sounded satisfied
 - 36 X-ray alternative
 - 37 Two fried foods
 - 41 Prized person
 - 42 Call for pizza, maybe
 - 43 Baltic State resident
 - 44 Zola et al.
 - 46 Poet Mark Van
 - 49 Tim Robbins, in *The Shawshank Redemption*
 - 51 Spin
 - 55 Two fried foods
 - 57 Flat hat
 - 60 Warning sound
 - 61 Where the Senators play
- DOWN**
- 1 Deep hole
 - 2 Cornhusker city
 - 3 Sows' mates
 - 4 Eton's river
 - 5 Hoo-ha
 - 6 Significant
 - 7 Well, to Juan
 - 8 Wally Cleaver's pal
 - 9 Colleague of Swit and Farr
 - 10 Pal of Pyramus
 - 11 Hasty escape
 - 12 Thick brick
 - 13 Took a rest
 - 21 Biblical patriarch
 - 22 Beginning
 - 25 Chauffered rides
 - 26 Marsh bird
 - 27 Meat on a kabob
 - 29 Tasty
 - 31 Fibber of old-time radio
 - 32 Throat-clearing sounds
 - 33 Mynah or mockingbird
 - 35 Speaker's fees
 - 38 Persist
 - 39 Art supporter
 - 40 Pavarotti, for one
 - 45 Get ready to ice skate
 - 47 Peruse again
 - 48 Show signs of
 - 50 Lets up
 - 52 Telegenialist Ellerbee
 - 53 Family-viewing electronic aid
 - 54 Type of angler
 - 56 Ho Chi
 - 57 Actress Arthur
 - 58 Last part
 - 59 Single-strand molecule

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