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#### **WEATHER**



TONIGHT TOMORROW 35°-39° 65°-68°

### VITA helps prepare taxes on Mondays

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance volunteers are assisting local residents with their 2001 income tax returns.

The volunteers will be at the Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Drive, from 9 a.m. to noon every Monday though April 1.

Those interested are asked to bring their 2000 tax return, W2s and 1099 forms along with their tax booklet and other documents showing their 2001 income.

For more information, call Dorothy Kennemur, VITA volunteer, at 398-5522 or 267-1628.

#### WHAT'S UP...

**TODAY** 

☐ Fraternal order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

#### THURSDAY

□ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp U42060, Herman's Restaurant at 7 a.m. □ Senior Citizens

Center art classes, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for people 55 and over.

□ Coffee Club, 10 a.m. at Gale's Sweet Shoppe. ☐ Kiwanis Club, noon

in the Howard College Cactus Room. ☐ Citizens Police

Academy Alumni Association meets at 5:30 p.m. at the RSVP offices. 501 Runnels.

American Legion Post 506 meets at 6 p.m. □ Rackley-Swords 379, Vietnam Vets of America meets at 7 p.m., 124 Jonesboro Rd.

☐ Masonic Lodge 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

#### **FRIDAY**

□ AMBUCS meets at noon at the Brandin

□ ABC Club meets at noon at the Brandin

Iron. ☐ The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

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Showers to head off after leaving about an inch of moisture By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

After gracing Howard County with about an inch of rain, the recent weather system is moving on. Meteorolo-

gist

Murdoch of the National **KIGHT** Weather

Service in Midland said

Greg

States Department of Agriculture in Big Spring said 1.06 inches were measured by that group's

gauges.

"I believe that's about all we're going to get," Murdoch said. "It's a done Sunny skies are on the

way, he added.

reports indicate about 0.92 noon," he said. "Upper 50s inches of precipitation in for a high, north wind 10 to the past 24 hours, while a 20, tonight some fog after spokesperson for the United midnight, otherwise clear."

The sunny weather will continue through the weekend, Murdoch said. "Thursday, sunny and warmer, highs in the upper

60s," he said. "Friday a little cooler, highs 55-60, and it looks like it's warming up into the weekend with highs in the 70s. Monday and Tuesday, it looks like it's "Cloudy this morning, about the same — partly

Howard

County Cooperative Extension Agent David Kight said local farmers should be happy with the early rain-

"I've heard, as far as totals, everything from a little over an inch in the northern part of the county to around half an inch. Most everybody got around half an inch," he said. "So that's good. That's all very positive. It is a time frame decreasing clouds after cloudy, lows 45 to 50 and where most producers are

out in the field doing some land preparation for planting.

Kight said that even with the rainfall, many ag producers this year are exploring conservation cultivation techniques.

"We have quite a few producers this year are looking at doing more conservation tillage," he said. "They're doing less cultivating and planning on planting on some type of stubble from

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# Fund-raiser promises doggone good time

**Humane Society** Auction to help generate funds for intake room **HERALD Staff Report** 

"Would you like to ride on a beautiful balloon..."

Or maybe be the proud owner of a player-autographed hockey stick or baseball, or relax in a condo in Maine? These opportunities and

many others are in store for those who attend the Howard County Humane Society auction, set Thursday at the La Posada Restaurant. "It's going to be a lot of

fun. We're really looking forward to it," said Kathy Johnson, Humane Society vice president.

The event is a fund-raiser to help the humane society which new arrivals can be quarantined. The event will be held in the restaurant's Fireplace Room. Viewing of the items to be auctioned begins at 6 p.m. The auction will start at 7.

Complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be served. A cash bar will be available.

"It's the biggest fund-raiser we have ever had. We've had others, but this is the first really large function for the Humane Society,



**HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody** construct a building in Ares gets a neck rub from Howard County Humane Society board members Sue Partee. left, and Kathy Johnson. The black Labrador hopes to find a home at the society's auction on Thursday at La Posada Restaurant. Partee holds two round trip tickets, another Items up for auction, from Southwest Airlines to anywhere the company flies. Viewing of the items to be auctioned begins at 6 p.m. The auction will start at 7.

which is supported entirely donations," Johnson.

Among the items to be auctioned are a private balloon ride for two, tickets for commemorative

medallions, a baseball signed by Bobby Witt and a Jackalopes jersey and hockey stick autographed by the team.

Others include a fulltwo on Southwest Afrlines, course dinner for six and a use of condos in San Diego private wine and cheese and Maine, Coy McCann reception for 10 at the bronze Heritage Museum.

There is a Kay Smith watercolor, art lessons and a painting by Sheree Moates, a wine rack from TexaStone Quarries, collectible dolls and much

more. A silent auction and other

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## After Hours event slated at the mall on Thursday

**HERALD Staff Report** 

Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its first Business After Hours

event of the year from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday at Spring Mall.

"It's a good opportunity for our merchants and other members of the VALVERDE community to

get to know each other and share ideas," said Debbye ValVerde, chamber executive director. The public is invited.

Refreshments will served.

The reception will be held in front of Regis Salon. Door prizes will be awarded. Business owners and employees are encouraged to bring and share business cards.

In addition, the mall will also be hosting a Home & Garden Show from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. that day.

"We will have some vendors from around town showing their wares," said Kathy Lusk, mall manager.

Lusk said visitors will be offering everything from

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## BSISD may be released from 20-year-old desegregation suit

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

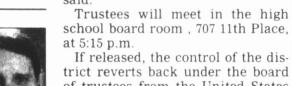
Big Spring Independent School District trustees will learn if the district will be released from a 20-year-old desegregation lawsuit on Thursday.

"I will give a final report on the desegregation lawsuit related to the district's unistatus at

superintendent Murray Murphy

MURPHY

Thursday's board meeting," BSISD



of trustees from the United States Department of Justice.

"This has been a 10-year process." Murphy said. "In 1992, the district first started pursuing unitary sta-

In 1995, the district was denied release from the lawsuit even though the district met the requirements of lowering the minority student population percentage at Bauer

Magnet Elementary, Murphy said. The district still needed to increase its minority teacher recruitment, he

The question of whether the district will stay under the desegregation lawsuit will not impact the planned realignment of school zones closure of Anderson Kindergarten, Murphy said.

"The realignment of the school attendance zones meet the criteria of the courts," he said.

In other legal matters, Murphy will inform board members on the upcoming mediation over the Big Spring Junior High School. In 2000, the school district filed suit against Terracon Consultants, seeking payment for all past and future damages to the building, as well as interest, attorneys' fees and court

Terracon was the firm hired by the district to determine if the soil at the site was suitable for construction of the junior high building. The suit charges that in 1996, Terracon reported it had found the site to be suitable. However, it has since been determined that the a canyon once existed on the site. A

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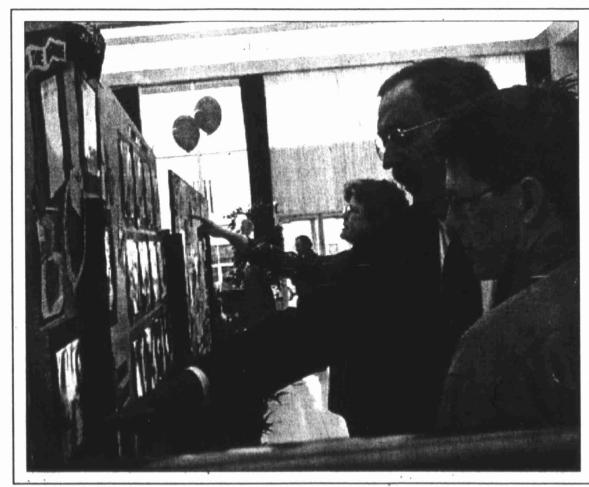
### Health Fair \$25 discount given for early booth rental **HERALD Staff Report**

Agencies and organizations which secure a booth by Friday for Health Fair 2002 will receive a \$25 dis-

count. The fair is scheduled for April 20 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The event is free and open to the

public. Anyone requesting a booth after Friday will be charged \$100. Reservations made through Friday will be \$75, said Nancy Jones, co-chairman of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Health Task

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Hollis McCright, librarian for the Howard County Library, Mayor Russ McEwen and Carl Smoot, marketing support analyst for Wells Fargo Bank, peruse the past through the display of photos and newspaper clippings that tell the story of the bank's 150-year history. The bank held a special ribbon cutting on Monday.

HERALD Photo/Andrela Medlin

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OF A MOTOR VEHICLE

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Street. Four tires worth

about \$400 were reportedly

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

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3:02 p.m. — 3200 block of

Parkway, medical call, one

3:36 p.m. — 600 block of

Owens, traffic accident, one

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Johnson, medical call, one

7:28 p.m. — 1200 block of

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Average low 40

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#### **OBITUARIES**

#### **Charles Whitney** Reynolds

Charles Whitney Reynolds, 62, of Brenham passed away Monday, March 18, 2002, in Trinity Medical Center. Whitney was born Feb. 7, 1940, in Marshall to Eugene Earl and Dorothy Yvonne (Whitney) Reynolds.

He graduated from Big Spring High school and received an accounting degree from Sam Houston State University. On Oct. 18, 1958, he was married to Joyce Lynn McMahen in Bryan. He was a member of the Blue Blazers for 25 years. Whitney was selfemployed as a certified public accountant.

Survivors include his wife, Lynn Reynolds of Brenham; son, Michael Reynolds of Richardson; daughters, Debra Verzele and husband, Max of Clyde and Christi Korth and husband, Keith of Brenham; grandchildren, Julien and Justin Verzele and Kaylee and Ashlyn Korth; sister, Jane Porter and husband, Dean of Kerrville; two aunts, Helen Rodgers of Longview and Gaie Whitney of Anacortes, Wash.; a niece, Beth Auzpuro of Laredo; two nephews, Greg Porter of Washington, D.C. and Steve Porter of Saudi Arabia and numerous cousins.

He was preceded in death by is parents and a brother. A memorial service was held today, March 20, at 3 p.m. at the First Christian Church with the Rev. Gary Jeter and the Rev. Richard Stadelmann will officiate.

Memorials may be made to The First Christian Church Building Fund or the Kiwanis club of Brenham.

Pallbearers will be Atwood Kenjura, Woodrow Free, Jay Jones, Donald Rexroad, Richard Goodlett, Stan Kubicek and George Kingston. Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Blue Blazers and Kiwanis Club.

Funeral arrangements are in the care of Brenham Memorial Chapel, 2300 Stringer St., Brenham 979-836-3611.

Paid obituary

#### Ricardo Vasquez Sr.

Funeral service for Ricardo Vasquez Sr., 64, of Uvalde was held Monday, Feb. 4, 2002, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Friar Ken Dakin officiating. Burial was at Hillcrest Cemetery.

Mr. Vasquez died Feb. 1, at a Uvalde hospital.

wife, Silvia Vasquez of Uvalde; three sons, Ricardo Vasquez Jr., Juan Vasquez and Elias Luna, all of Uvalde; five sisters, Delia Ortega of Big Spring, Sulema Gutierrez and

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Enriqueta Mariscal, both of Uvalde, Odilia Nunez and Aurora Charles, both of Houston, and Mary Flores of Brackettville; three brothers, Rudy Raymond Vasquez, both of Houston, and Robert Vasquez of McAllen; and

four grandchildren. Arrangemnets are under the direction of Rushing-Estes-Knowles Mortuary in

#### Nell Brown

Graveside funeral service for Nell Brown, 92, of Big Spring will be 1 p.m. Friday, March 22, 2002, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Dennis Teeters, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Mrs. Brown died Tuesday March 19, at a local nursing

She was born Sept. 16, 1909, in Big Spring. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1927 and from Baylor University in 1931. She taught school in Big Spring and Crane for four years and then worked for the State Comptroller's office for a number of years. She then worked for Ray Albaugh in the oil business for 30 years before retiring. She was a life long member of the First Baptist Church and worked in Child Evangelism through the church.

Survivors include two brothers, John Wayne Brown of Ridgecrest, Calif., and George Lynn Brown of Midland.

The family suggests memorials to First Baptist Church, Child Evangelism, 705 West FM 700, Big Spring 79720.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral and apinit alter a

### Jimmy Stewart

Funeral service for Jimmy Stewart, 58, of Big Spring is pending for Tuesday with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mr. Stewart died Monday, March 18, 2002, at a Lubbock hospital.

#### Luther Coleman

Funeral service for Luther Coleman, 89, of Big Spring is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mr. Coleman died Tuesday, March 19, 2002, at a local hospital.

#### Carl Eckert

Funeral service for Carl Eckert, 46, of Big Spring is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Survivors include his Mr. Eckert died Tuesday, March 19, 2002, at a local

#### **Bobbie Peters**

Funeral service for Bobbie Peters, 82, of Big Spring is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mrs. Peters died today, March 20, 2002, at her daughter's home in Lubbock.

#### **RAIN**

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last year's crop.' Each time a farmer cultivates his fields, Kight said, soil moisture is lost to evaporation.

"The point of that is two things," he said. "It's more economically feasible. They can do that for less dollars, because they're not out in

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#### the field plowing. When they do that, they have wear and tear on he tractor. They have fiel expense there. They have labor expense there.'

Conservation tillage also keeps precious moisture in the soil, he said.

"And then the other major reason is it conserves soil moisture," he said. "Every time that you plow, depending on the environmental conditions, they're losing about a quarter-inch of moisture. Everytime they cultivate it, whether it be discing it, or whether it be bedding it up, or whether it be laying off rows, or whatever they're doing, every time they do that, they're losing around a quarter inch of moisture."

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lawn, garden and home utensils, to decorative items and information about renting or purchasing homes in Big Spring.

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special prizes are included. The group will also be selling memberships to the Humane Society for those who are interested. The cost is \$20 and includes a Humane Society T-shirt.

The event is open to anyone interested in helping the humane society. There is no admission fee.

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mediation date is scheduled for March 28.

Although the approved plans for next year will Anderson close Kindergarten, the administration plans to bring to the board at Thursday's meetforesting a plan to utilize parts of the school.

The administration hopes not to renew the lease on the 421 Main St. office and move the programs currently housed in the Main Street building to other parts of the district, including the Anderson building.

empty lot on 1003 NW

Fourth up for bid. Also on the agenda:

approval of textbook rec-

- ommendations. approval of property, general liability and professional legal liability insur-
- · approval of bids for athletic supplies and equipment.
- election of ESC Region 18 board of directors.
- approval of resignations, retirements and employments.
  - enrollment update.

#### HEALTH

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

Nearly 60 organizations set up booths last year and provided information, conducted screenings and gave out free gifts to more than 2,000 people.

Several new screenings will be offered this year,

# BIG SPRING ROUND THE TOWN

Jones said.

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

## BRIEFS

A BAKE SALE AND garage sale for cancer victims Matthew, 9, and his father, Marvin Wynn a teacher at Big Spring Junior High School, will be held April 12 -13 at the Coahoma Center from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days.

Items may be donated to the sale and will be accepted April 9 - 11. An account has been set at the Big Spring and Coahoma branches of First Bank of West Texas. To make a donation call 267-1113 or 394-4256.

394-4363 or 393-5380.

and vaccinations.

The normal fee is \$18.

This special will run through Easter, March 31. For information, contact the humane society at 267-

clothes.

Contact Bobbie Leonard at 267-1628 or the Crossroads Auction Company at 263-8200 for more information.

All proceeds go to the Senior Citizens Center.

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Our new dance program can help youngsters develop coordination and positive social skills.

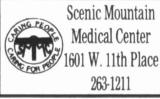
The board will also take what we have to offer. Nonaction on whether to put an members are invited to participate in our programs, also. Big Spring YMCA is located at 801 Owens, 267-

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POLICE

The Big Spring Police

Department reported the

following activity from 8

a.m. Tuesday until 8 a.m.

Mulberry was arrested to

was reported in the 1300

the 1100 block of South

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block of South Gregg Street,

Goliad Street and the 1800

block of West Interstate 20.

MAJOR ACCIDENT

ASSAULT WITH A DEAD-

LY WEAPON was reported

ASSAULT BY THREAT

in the 800 block of Lorilla

was reported in the 2500

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reported in the 3300 block

of Auburn Avenue and the

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• LOUD PARTY/NOISE

was reported in the 1600

Avenue, the 1200 block of

• Several THEFTS were

block of South Lincoln

reported at Wal-Mart,

including two involving

items worth between \$50

items worth \$50 or less.

- In the 500 block of

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and a golf bag worth a total

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## Ander

BIG SPRING HE Wednesday, N

HOUSTON (AP embattled auditi Andersen LLP from a federal ment for mass shr related document

offices. They promised fight the charges ing firm prepar appearance toda first hearing sinc indictment.

'Give us a trial ri Rusty Hardin, a attorney who is a resenting the Chic Hardin said atto

"Our attitude

a federal magistra firm and demand weeks to challeng

#### Negoti WASHINGTON

With agreements a broad agricultu ing plan, cons negotiators say th finish work next an overhaul of nutrition program · Under the dea Tuesday, subsi grain, cotton a crops would incr percent. Spendin servation progr subsidize improv farm practices environmentally land would go up cent. Negotiators aside money for food stamp be noncitizens.

Leaders of a Hou conference issued a statem Tuesday saying th ment provides the

## **Parties** amid ele

WASHINGTON **Senate Democrats** \$2.1 trillion budge year sets a cours important President Bush halting the use Security funds to d eral surpluses.

But Republican ing to push a fis print of their owr the House say th which largely r Bush's 2003 budge right priorities. increase defense a tic security spend cutting other pro

bring deficits unde The two compe posals were taking paths through Co Wednesday in an year showdown co how each party apportion federal

 and appeal to ve Democrats plann sent their measu Senate Budget C on Wednesday, v passage expected It would require dent and lawmake a five-year course nating the use of of billions in Socia surpluses to pay

programs. "I think the rea this Congress is w not we are going to our long-ter lenges," said par man Kent Conrac the plan's chief au

In the House, Republicans were move a budget of through the cham Their plan would \$831 billion in Security funds to all federal deficits pluses beginning

"We will pass a predicted House Leader Dick A Texas. "It will be balanced as huma ble given we have

Congress' budge binding blueprint overall targets tha ignored when la write later spendi bills. Even so. always political b because they let highlight its prior

Conrad's plan w for next year th deciding which cuts and poss increases would to halt the use Security funds. He would take an

## Andersen seeks speedy trial on charges it shredded Enron data

HOUSTON (AP) — Lawyers for embattled auditing firm Arthur Andersen LLP aren't cowering from a federal criminal indictment for mass shredding of Enronrelated documents at its Houston

They promised to vigorously fight the charges as the accounting firm prepared for a court appearance today that was the first hearing since the grand jury indictment.

"Our attitude is going to be: 'Give us a trial right away,"' said Rusty Hardin, a Houston defense attorney who is among those rep-

resenting the Chicago-based firm. Hardin said attorneys would ask a federal magistrate to arraign the firm and demand a trial within weeks to challenge what he called

the government's flimsy evidence. "An indictment is just as bad as a conviction in terms of the company's reputation unless we get a quick trial and vindication," Hardin said.

The Justice Department's first indictment related to Enron Corp.'s collapse was unsealed last week. In the indictment, Andersen is accused of obstructing justice by shredding tons of documents and deleting computer files related to Enron audits.

The indictment said high-level Andersen management officials held a conference call to discuss the onset of a Securities and Exchange Commission inquiry of Enron in October. Dozens of trunks then were obtained to haul paper from Andersen's offices in the indictment.

the Enron building to the auditing firm's Houston office for shredding, according to the indictment.

"Tons of paper relating to the Enron audit were promptly shredded as part of the orchestrated document destruction," the indictment said.

Andersen vehemently challenged the allegations, calling them "couched in broad, vague, and conclusory terms. They offer no detail at all, and fail even to identify by name the higher-ups at Arthur Andersen LLP who the government believes masterminded the document destruction."

The firm is also asking its 28,000 U.S. workers to write to Congress and say they are being "emotionally and financially crippled" by

Andersen, Enron's auditor for 16 years, acknowledged in January a "significant but undetermined" amount of Enron-related documents had been destroyed at its Houston office.

No individuals were indicted even though Andersen has sought to blame the accounting scandal on its lead Enron auditor, David Duncan, and others in its Houston

Duncan was fired shortly after that acknowledgment and is cooperating with investigators.

But the indictment alleged Enron documents had been destroyed by Andersen personnel in London, Portland, Ore., and at the firm's headquarters in

The indictment has had other

possible effects on Andersen. The New York Times reported today that talks between Andersen and the Securities and Exchange Commission over a \$500 million payment to settle claims stemming from the Enron investigation broke off after the indictment.

The money would have been used to reimburse investors who lost large sums when Enron collapsed in December, the newspaper said.

Andersen faces dozens of lawsuits and an exodus of clients following Enron's collapse.

The energy giant filed for the largest bankruptcy in U.S. history on Dec. 2 after failing amid a complex web of partnerships that Enron used to keep some \$500 million in debt off its books.

## Negotiators reach accord on farm programs

With agreements in hand on a broad agricultural spending plan, congressional negotiators say they hope to finish work next month on an overhaul of farm and nutrition programs.

Under the deal reached Tuesday, subsidies for grain, cotton and other crops would increase by 70 percent. Spending on conservation programs that subsidize improvements in farm practices and idle environmentally sensitive land would go up by 80 percent. Negotiators also set aside money for restoring food stamp benefits to noncitizens.

Leaders of a House-Senate conference committee issued a statement late Tuesday saying their agreement provides the "needed 1996 farm law.

framework to speed negotiations for early April completion" of a compromise farm

They said the committee expects final decisions on the legislation during public meetings the second week of April.

Lawmakers still must agree on how the money will be spent as well as resolve major differences between the House and Senate on farm policy.

Tuesday's agreement represents a compromise between spending levels contained in bills passed last fall by the House and in February by the Senate. Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said the deal "puts us one step closer to enacting a bill that corrects the problems" in the

Last year's congressional budget plan allowed lawmakers to increase spending for agriculture, conservation and nutrition programs by \$73.5 billion over the coming decade.

Tuesday's agreement allows commodity subsidies to rise by \$48.6 billion over the 10-year period, or nearly \$5 billion annually, a 70 percent increase over existing programs. Money is included to set up a new subsidy program for dairy farms.

Conservation spending would rise by \$17.1 billion over the decade.

Environmentalists immediately attacked that number as inadequate. A Senatepassed farm bill would have boosted conservation spending by \$21.3 billion. A House bill included a \$15.8 billion

"Senate negotiators have cut the programs that benefit the public and most family farmers in order to give billions more to the country's largest cotton and grain farmers," said Scott Faber of the advocacy group Environmental Defense.

The agreement also set aside \$6.4 billion to expand the food-stamp program by about 3 percent. That would be enough to restore benefits to noncitizens who have been in the country for at least five years. Other changes would provide small increases in benefits for people already getting food stamps.

"Given the realities of the farm bill, this represents a reasonable compromise,' said Ellen Nissenbaum of the liberal Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

## Campaign finance bill set for final Senate vote

WASHINGTON (AP) -After years of wrangling. campaign finance legislation is approaching its final vote in the Senate, setting the stage for a new era in the way money is spent to influence politics.

Passage, expected Wednesday, would send the bill to President Bush. The legislation would

turn off the flow of unregulated "soft money" from corporations, unions and individuals to the national parties, a source of funds that amounted to \$500 million for the 2000 elections. Parties and candidates would have to rely more heavily on limited and regulated "hard money" donations to run their campaigns and get their message across.

The Senate was to vote this afternoon to end debate, an action that requires 60 votes. If that

was achieved, "This is a very fine moment," said Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., who seven years ago first joined Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., in what has been a long

since spending limits were imposed in the post-Watergate year of 1974.

McCain said recent political scandals, including the collapse of Enron Corp., a major contributor to hundreds of lawmakers, helped build momentum this time. He added that campaign finance had become a credible issue during the 2000 presidential campaign, when he had made it a theme in his unsuccessful race against George W. Bush for the Republican presidential nomination.

Bush was expected to sign the legislation, which passed the House last month. The president has opposed aspects of the bill, including the soft money ban, but has generally stayed on the sidelines and told opponents that they should not count on his veto.

Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., who for years has effectively blocked the McCain-Feingold bill, on Tuesday said Bush's decision not to get involved "changed the dynamics" of the debate. "If the presiand uphill fight to win con- dent had indicated an gressional approval of the antipathy it certainly most significant change in would have made it easier campaign finance law to defeat it," he said.

## Parties push dueling budgets in House and Senate amid election-year fight over deficits, Social Security

WASHINGTON (AP) -Senate Democrats say their \$2.1 trillion budget for next now with a weak economy year sets a course for an would be wrong, Conrad important that goal President Bush ignores: halting the use of Social Security funds to create federal surpluses.

But Republicans preparing to push a fiscal blueprint of their own through the House say their plan, which largely resembles Bush's 2003 budget, has the right priorities. It would increase defense and domestic security spending while cutting other programs to bring deficits under control.

The two competing proposals were taking separate paths through Congress on Wednesday in an electionyear showdown contrasting how each party hopes to apportion federal resources — and appeal to voters.

Democrats planned to present their measure to the Senate Budget Committee on Wednesday, with final passage expected Thursday. It would require the president and lawmakers to craft a five-year course to eliminating the use of hundreds of billions in Social Security surpluses to pay for other programs.

"I think the real test for this Congress is whether or not we are going to face up to our long-term challenges," said panel Chairman Kent Conrad, D-N.D., the plan's chief author.

In the House, majority Republicans were hoping to move a budget of their own through the chamber today. Their plan would rely on \$831 billion in Social Security funds to turn overall federal deficits into surpluses beginning in 2004.

"We will pass a budget," predicted House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas. "It will be as close to balanced as humanly possible given we have a war."

Congress' budget is a nonbinding blueprint that sets overall targets that are often ignored when lawmakers write later spending and tax bills. Even so, they are always political battlefields because they let each party highlight its priorities.

Conrad's plan would leave for next year the task of deciding which spending cuts and possible tax increases would be needed to halt the use of Social Security funds. He said that would take an estimated

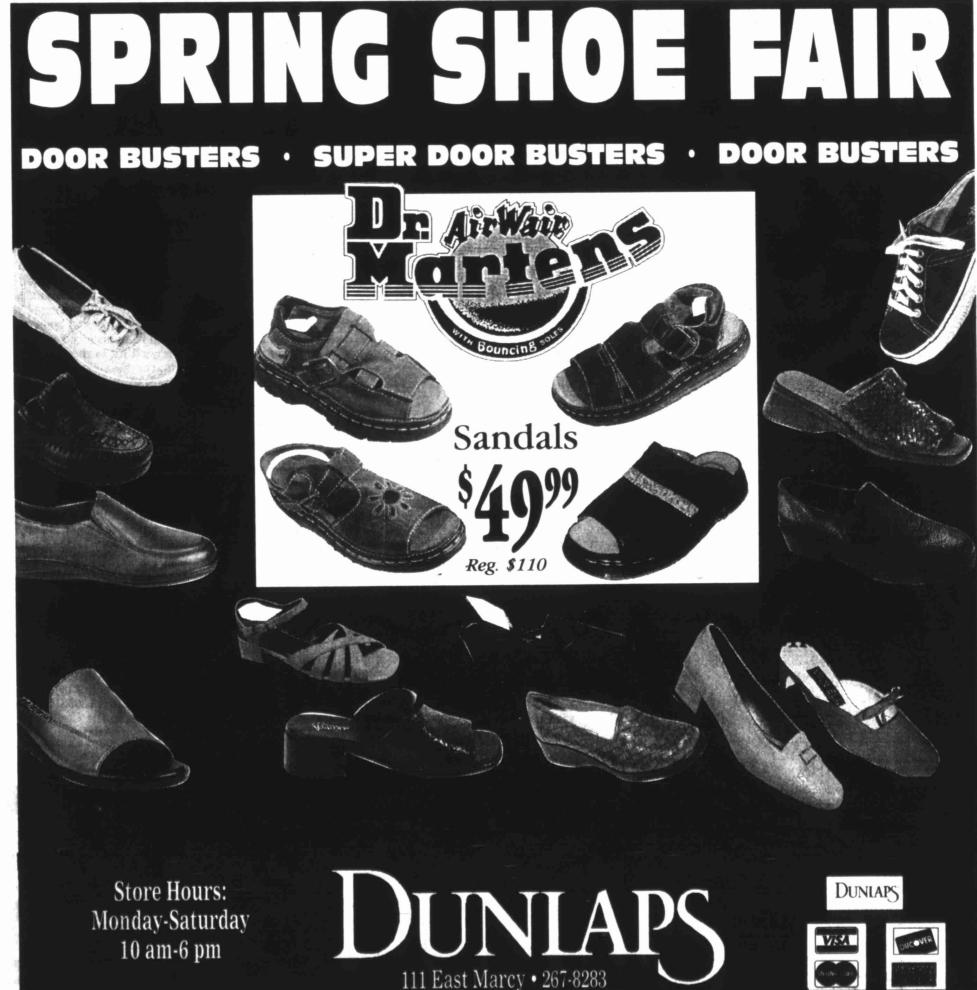
\$433 billion over five years. Enacting such savings said. But Republicans said his mechanism would postpone tough decisions while spokesman Trent Duffy, appeared in 1998. Both parignoring that the best way strengthen

economy stronger.

"It's clear Democrats are looking to President Bush for leadership during these challenging times," said White House budget office referring to Conrad's inclu-Security is to make the mechanism for finding sav- for debt reduction.

ings. "The president will continue to deliver."

Social Security surpluses were spent for other programs for decades until annual federal surpluses ties then promised to use Social sion of the president in his Social Security surpluses



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OUR VIEWS

# **Humane Society** event promises to be 'fun' raiser

ow here's something to bark about. It's an auction Thursday night to help the Howard County Humane Society. Specifically, the group is trying to raise funds to construct an intake building — a small building where new animals can be quarantined for several days before being placed with the rest of the four-footed population.

The auction is being held at the La Posada Restaurant's Fireplace Room. There's no charge to get in, and snacks will be served.

Beginning at 6 p.m., those who are interested can look over the many items to be auctioned and there are a bunch of them. With offerings from condos on the East and West coasts to fullcourse dinners, paintings, airline tickets and jewelry, it promises to be a festive event. There are collectibles, movie passes, certificates for oil changes, meals at restaurants — the list goes on and on. There will also be a silent auction, as well as some other special give-aways.

Those who attend will have the opportunity to join the humane society. It's a \$20 donation and a T-shirt comes with it.

The auction begins at 7 p.m. No meal will be served, but a cash bar will be available.

Whether you are an animal lover or not, we think you'll agree that the auction offers an entertaining evening and benefits a worthwhile

Come on out Thursday and help the Howard County Humane Society reach its goal.

#### Your Views

TO THE EDITOR:

I have an idea to pull a trick on the police and other law officers in our town.

Everyday we read of someone that has been arrested for violating the law. Let us all be faithful and law-abiding citizens and give them nothing to do.

No drinking or fighting with our wives. Be sure that we have legal safety stickers and license plates. Doing nothing illegal that will cause them to get a call.

Boy, this could be fun! The dispatchers would have to sit for eight hours, staring at the walls. The police would have to sit in their cars for eight hours and never get a call.

Let us make their lives miserable having nothing to do. The

county attorney would be idle. No one to try in

All he could do is sit in the office and stare at his secretary and doodle on a scratch pad.

I bet that it would make them so mad that they would be climbing the wall.

As we know, they all look forward to picking on someone who has violated the law. When no one violates the law. they begin to worry. This will be good for them.

Let them all sweat. It will save thousands of dollars, save heartaches for our loved ones and we can be proud that we have not

hurt anyone. Wouldn't that be fun?

JAMES W. ABERNATHY **BIG SPRING**  No matter what, you just can't rush spring in the emergency room to ISHTRAP HOL-LOW, Miss. — I'm

itching for spring. A peculiar pox is climbing my arm, up from a hand covered in Braillelike pimples. I'm blaming

the ugly rash on a dash up the hill where a thousand daffodils bloom. Well, maybe not a thousand, but certainly hundreds Each year about this time, the peaceful rise

JOHNSON behind my house is a riot of naturalized neon yellow, blooming bulbs that survived from another era. That hillside

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My gardening friend Bobbie and I simply wanted to relocate a few of those bulbs, or at least that was the excuse. What we really wanted was a stab at the earth and early spring, a chance to come in close contact with the only deep green around. We came in contact with something vile instead.

Bobbie, generally more sensitive than I, ended up try to find relief from the itching. I prefer to scratch and complain.

A broken shovel sits against a tree, up the hill where we left it. We managed to move only a couple of dozen bulbs before admitting the ground was hard - and so was the work.

As my mother used to warn us when we'd shed our shoes in March: "You can't rush the season." But we stood and looked

and sighed a lot, appreciating the beauty of the yellow flowers, planted there decades ago when an old log house stood on the site. Some other woman in a faded housedress and a rush for spring no doubt poked a hole in the ground and planted a few bulbs, never dreaming her drop would someday mean an ocean of color.

I have paid for the pleasure of that short hike. The poison oak or ivy or cow itch vine — take your pick continues to creep across my winter-white skin, and at night I claw at my own body. I thought a vine with a dead leaf was a safe vine, but now know better.

The trip was worth it. A body gets desperate for spring about this time

DO YOU BELIEVE THAT A LASTING PEACE IS POSSIBLE IN THE MIDDLE EAST?

every year, when the calendar promises it's coming, coming soon, and the thermometer drops to 12 degrees. Every morning as I clean the ashes from the wood-burning stove, I hope it's for the last time this season. The next morning,

I haul ashes again. My hero E.B. White wrote a poem about spring in which he bravely threatened to ignore it altogether: "I think I've had enough of hopefulness, Green things and promises, new things and promises ....'

He vowed not to be seduced by spring again: "Let the sun go on, promising much, posting its love letters on the east wind -I'll tear them up ...

But by the end of the poem you know he'll do no such thing. For one thing, E.B. White loved baby animals, an integral part of a spring bouquet.

And, the power of spring is just like love; you know better than to give in, but can't help yourself. Every year the earth is reinvented, marketed in obvious, time-proven ways and hawked door to door. We always answer the knock and buy the goods.

Winter is losing her grip. Yesterday, the dog was standing on top of her

water bowl, the ice beneath her paws thick enough to support all 35 puppy pounds. The siren daffodils that lured Bobbie and me to a rash were bowed by the bitter cold. Winter was still in charge.

That was yesterday. Today is a windy March one, as warm and rough as a cat's tongue, and green blades of grass are shooting up through trashy brown

I keep thinking of excuses to leave my desk and walk about outside.

Twice I have lit the wet pile of limbs near the barn, watching carefully as the flame extinguishes itself with a small, defeated puff of smoke. Three times I've patrolled the yard, adding more brush to the pile, rolling up the hose that for a week has been frozen solid.

I've checked for minnows in the branch and made sure the barn rats haven't eaten all the hammock. Soon enough I'll be loitering in its folds, longing for fall.

With no more urgent chores outside, I bathe my appendages in hydrocortisone, penance for that ageold sin our mothers warned us about: rushing the sea-

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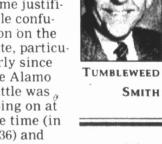
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in Texas to make a bigger deal out of March second. Texas Independence Day. I

am in full agreement.

Not enough Texans know much about the day. There is some justifi-

able confusion on the date, particu larly since the Alamo battle was going on at the time (in 1836) and

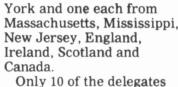


Sam Houston's army didn't defeat Santa Anna until April 21. A group of delegates met at Washingtonon-the-Brazos on March 1 for the Convention of 1836. They assembled in near freezing weather in an unfurnished house.

Of the 59 delegates, 12 were natives of Virginia, 10 from North Carolina, nine from Tennessee, six from Kentucky, four from Georgia, three from South Carolina, three from Pennsylvania, three from Mexico, two from New

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were in Texas as early as 1830. All had political experience in state or national government. The Declaration of

Independence was adopted on March 2 and members began signing it on March 3. The convention then wrote the constitution and elected government officials. With the report of the approach of the Mexican Army, the convention adjourned in haste on March 17.

The declaration was written by George C. Childress, chairman of the convention. In fact, there is some evidence he brought to the convention a proposed declaration which was adopted with little change. The declaration charged that the government of Mexico had ceased to protect the lives, liberty and property of the people and that it had been changed from a federal republic to a military dictatorship.

The people of Texas had demonstrated against the misdeeds of the governthrown into dungeons and forced to battle outrageous odds. The welfare of Texans had been sacrificed and the Mexican government had failed to provide a system of public education, trial by jury, freedom of religion and other essentials of good government.

And, the declaration states, Indians had been forced to massacre settlers. According to the declara-

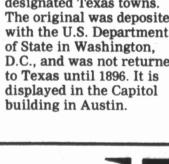
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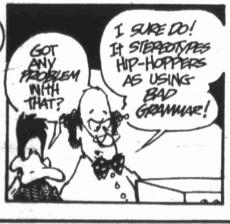
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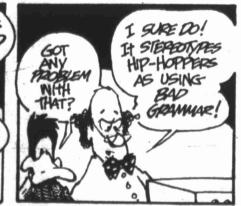
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weak, corrupt and tyrannical government." After the signing of the original declaration, five copies were dispatched to designated Texas towns. The original was deposited with the U.S. Department of State in Washington, D.C., and was not returned to Texas until 1896. It is displayed in the Capitol









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## Bedford student's expulsion over bread knife draws added criticism of zero tolerance policy

BEDFORD (AP) — Taylor Hess says the 10-inch bread knife found by a school security guard in the bed of his pickup was accidentally left behind from a box of personal belongings owned by his ailing grandmother.

But the knife could end up costing the 16-year-old honor student the rest of his junior year of high school. Hess was expelled from L.D. Bell High School two weeks ago under the state's zerotolerance weapons policy. An appeal is set for Thursday.

School officials have said their hands are tied by the policy, despite the student's claim that the knife was left by accident after he and his father boxed up his grandmother's linens, books and kitchenware to drop off at a Goodwill store.

His father said the policy is misguided and leaves no room for extenuating cir-

cumstances.

"Zero tolerance doesn't mean zero judgment or rights," Robert Hess said.

Gene Buinger, superintendent of the Hurst-Euless-Bedford School District, said Tuesday that Hess' expulsion was mandated by the state education code.

"We're very limited in what we can do," Buinger said at a news conference. "I understand the public's frustration. I'm frustrated,

Hess is just one of many students across the nation to be expelled after violating zero-tolerance policies, which were created to prevent school violence and keep campuses safe.

Students have been punished for handing out mints to classmates, possessing a nail clipper and taking a plastic ax to a class Halloween party under these policies.

Some have been arrested. An 8-year-old boy in Jonesboro Ark., was suspended for three days after pointing a breaded chicken finger at a teacher and say-

ing, "Pow, pow, pow." Last year, the American Bar Association voted to recommend ending the policies, saying they are unfair and inappropriate for many children.

tolerance has become a one-size-fits-all solution to all the problems that schools confront," said a report accompanying the resolution.

Texas Education The spokeswoman Agency Adrienne Sobolak cautioned that the education code doesn't have the words "zero tolerance" written in the policy and said the local districts do have some discretion in determining pun-

"Every case has to be

looked at individually," she said. "People have to use their common sense and discretion to make any deci-

Buinger said school officials could shorten Hess' expulsion because the teen had a knife, not a gun.

For now, Hess is taking classes at a local alternative school. He faces the possibility of being placed in the Tarrant County Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program, although Hess hopes the appeal before district officials will allow him to return to Bell.

But if the expulsion is upheld, the family said, Hess will probably go to pri-

vate school.

"I already know I'm not going to the juvenile justice program," Hess said. "I'm not going to be put in there. I don't belong there."

CUPERTINO, Calif. (AP) tion in years. Independent Compaq say the deal is improve their packages for essential for their survival corporate customers, reinvigorate their slumping per-

### Michigan woman, recognized as world's oldest person, dies at 115 years, 56 days

(AP) — Maud Farris-Luse, recognized last year by the Guinness World Records book as the world's oldest living person, has died. She was 115.

She died Monday from complications of pneumonia at Community Health Center of Branch County in Coldwater, a town south of Grand Rapids in southwestern Michigan. She had been in the hospital since Sunday night, said Kyle Fassett, administrator of the Laurels of Coldwater, the nursing home where Farris-Luse lived.

Farris-Luse was 115 years, 56 days old.

"It was her time," said great-granddaughter Laurie Ferris, 32. "She lived a long time and now she's in a better place. She passed away very, very peacefully.'

Last June, Guinness editors recognized Farris-Luse as the oldest living person whose age could be verified. Though her birth certificate was lost over the years, the editors authenticated her age through other documents, includ-

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. ing U.S. Census Bureau records and her 1903 marriage license.

Described as a sharp and fiercely independent woman, Farris-Luse lived alone and cared for herself until she broke her hip in a 1991 fall at her house. That is when she moved to the Laurels nursing home. She remained mentally alert until about five years ago.

By the time of her 115th birthday in January, relatives said she could not see or hear them or understand what was happening, but still seemed to enjoy visitors.

"She was just a wonderful woman, loved her family, always happy," said Ferris, whose branch of the family prefers that spelling instead of Farris.

Farris-Luse was born Jan. 21, 1887, in Morley, about 40 miles north of Grand Rapids. She married Jason Farris, a farmer and laborer, in 1903, when he was 24 and she was 16. They lived in Angola, Ind., before moving Coldwater in 1923. They had seven children.

Farris died at age 72.

## Hewlett-Packard chief says vote backs Compaq buy

 Despite hearing boos from opposing shareholders, Hewlett-Packard chief Carly Fiorina claimed to have enough support for the \$20 billion purchase of Compaq Computer Corp., putting the mega-merger into the hands of Compaq investors.

director Hewlett, who led a fierce five-month campaign against the purchase, insisted Tuesday that an HP shareholder vote on the deal was too close to call, especially since investors can change their minds several times with only their last ballot counting.

But Fiorina said HP's proxy solicitor had assured her the company would have enough votes to win.

"We think we have a slim but sufficient margin, and we think it's important to

result of what appeared to be the closest corporate elec-

proxy counters must verify each vote, and each side can challenge whether ballots

were signed properly. No such drama was likely today in Houston, where Compaq shareholders are expected to overwhelmingly approve the deal. Compaq has been struggling and HP is offering to pay a premium for its shares.

If both groups of shareholders back the deal, the companies can begin to merge operations once both votes are certified.

"We are very close to making this merger a reality," said Compaq chief executive Michael Capellas, who would hold the No. 2 post at the new HP.

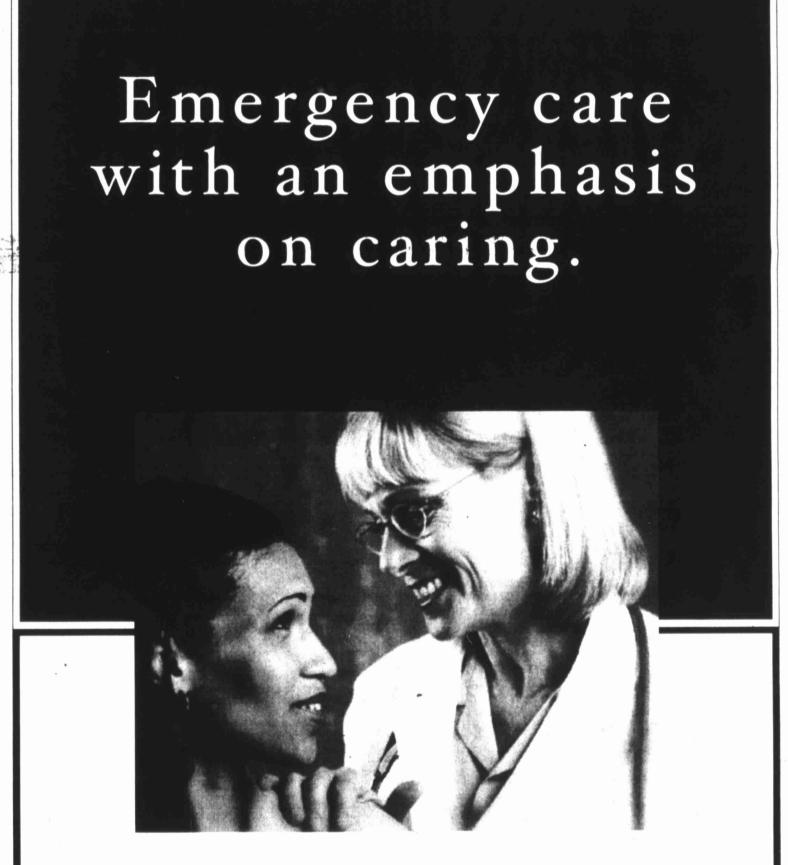
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## For the sports lover the library offers a variety of reading fare

Jordan's return to basketball is problematical nursing a bad knee and a few years older, will he make it?

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How does

Michael Jordan retain his star status? Being an extraordinarily gifted athlete is only part of the reason he is considered the greatest basketball player of all time.

In "How to Be Like Mike" by Pat Williams and Michael Weinreb, you will learn how to attain star status in your own life and attain the goals that you set for yourself.

Tiger Wood's domination of golf is unparalleled. His approach to the game is a cut above his competitors. Tiger has written the ultimate "how to" book.

In "How I Play Golf" (by Woods and Golf Magazine he reveals his six secrets) to a great back swing; how to psyche yourself up for a great shot; and how to control spin, trajectory and direction with your

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Throughout Dale Jarrett's career he has been the kind of racer that everyone could root for calm under pressure, articulate, respectful of his peers and fiercely competi-

In Frank Moriarty's biography "Dale Jarrett" he tells the remarkable story of one of stock car's racing's hottest drivers.

There are lots of pictures and the subject is interesting.

Dale Earnhardt was called the Intimidator. A nightmare in the rearview mirror.

A seven time Winston Cup winner, he inspired thousands of fans with success and dedication to stockcar racing.

His life and death is retold in "At the Altar of Speed: The Fast Life and Tragic Death of Dale Earnhardt" by Leigh Montville.

The first new biography of the Rolling Stones since the early 1980's, "Old Gods Almost Dead" is the most comprehensive book to date and one of the few to cover all the band mem-

It goes backstage and shows the feuds, the drugs, the marriages, and affairs that inspired their songs and the business of making records and staying on top!

The cover photo is amazing! The contrast between what they looked like 40 years ago and today is pretty spooky.

Keith Richards and Mick Jagger both look as if "they were rode hard and put up wet"!

The Library has received "Ghosts in the Graveyard — Texas Cemetery Tales" by Olyve Hallmark Abbott.

Legends of abandoned graveyards and some not so abandoned abound. Read these tales with an open mind, they are for pleasure and fun. The book also contains some unusual coffins, tombstones and epitaphs as well as early burial cus-

A new book that we recently received in Large Print, is "Up Country"

In "Up Country", Nelson DeMille cannily revives the army career of Chief Warrant Officer Paul Brenner, the cynical. hardworking Criminal **Investigation Division** man who was forcibly retired after solving the high-profile killing in " The General's Daughter". (John Travolta played Paul Brenner in the movie, "The General's Daughter" and quite possi bly will reprise his role in a film version of "Up Country") Brenner is called back to investigate the murder of a young army lieutenant by his

captain. The catch is, the crime took place during the heat of the Tet Offensive, and the only living witness was a North Vietnamese soldier who described the incident in a 30-year-old letter that has only recently come to light.

Soon Brenner, a Vietnam vet, is on an ostensible nostalgia tour of his old stomping grounds.

The trip immediately turns dangerous as he heads "up country" to search for the letter writer, accompanied by a gorgeous American woman, who's hiding more than even the smartest CID officer could imagine. An engrossing read.

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Hollis McCright is the librarian for Howard County Library and writes a regular column for the Herald

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## CASA of Big Spring asking for badly needed volunteers

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Each day, 8,775 children in the United States are reported victims of abuse and neglect.

Each year, over 100,000 children are reported victims of abuse and neglect in the state of Texas.

Over 2,800 of those children are reported victims of abuse and neglect in the Permian Basin. CASA (Court Appointed

Special Advocates) of West Texas is urging you to become a volunteer. If you've always wanted to

make a difference in the world, here's your chance. By standing up for and speaking in court on behalf of children who have been neglected and abused, you'll ensure that they find safe,

thing every child deserves. Volunteer as a Court Appointed Advocate in Big Spring, and its surrounding areas ( Martin, Glasscock and Scurry counties) and change one life at a time.

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If you're not able to serve

as a CASA volunteer, but believe in the need for helping abused and neglected children, you can still make a significant difference.

Our local CASA program is a non-profit organization and affiliate of Texas CASA and the National Court Appointed Special Advocate Association.

Your tax-deductible gift to CASA will support the training of volunteers so they can be there when an abused or neglected child needs someone most.

Next to your time, your financial support of CASA is the most valuable contribution you can make to help children who do not have the representation they desperately need.

For more information. you can contact the Big Spring office at 263-4162 or the Midland office at 915-683-1114. Visit our website at www.casawtx.org or send e-mail voices@casawtx.org

Nursing shortage leads to recruitment of men

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) -Recruiting efforts aimed at boosting the thinning ranks of registered nurses are targeting a nearly untapped labor pool: men.

A campaign kicked off last month by New Brunswick-based Johnson & Johnson features men in nearly half its advertising, and 21 of the 68 nurses profiled on the health care giant's promotional Web site are men.

Men make up about 6 percent of the 2.7 million nurses in the United States, and a nationwide poll found only one in 10 men considers it a career choice. There are an estimated

126,000 vacant full-time nursing positions at hospitals across the country. That number is forecast to triple by 2020. "If you exclude men from then you recruiting,

reduce half the potential population to recruit from," said Johnson & Johnson spokesman John McKeegan.

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program includes recruit ment posters, brochures and videos to be placed in 25,000 high schools and 1,500 nursing schools and organizations.

The Web site features a searchable database of scholarships and nursing programs in the country.

"If men realized what they're getting into, they would see this with much more optimism. There are so many opportunities that could unfold: business, management, clinical specialties," said Buerhaus, senior associate dean for research at Vanderbilt University's School of Nursing in Nashville.

Michael Desjardins, a 33year-old registered nurse who attends the University of Utah in Salt Lake City and is president of the National Student Nurse Association, said: "I make \$23 an hour. That's a great salary. I'm still working on my undergraduate degree and I can support my wife and baby."

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## IN BRIEF

#### Weather washes out Steers, Lady Steers

Inclement weather forced a two-day postponement of Big Spring's Steers baseball and Lady Steers softball games on Tuesday.

The Steers, who were scheduled to play in Snyder at 7 p.m. Tuesday, will face the Tigers at 4 p.m. Thursday.

The Lady Steers' game with San Angelo Lake View's Maidens will be played at 4 p.m. Thursday at the Big Spring ISD Softball Complex.

#### Coahoma UGSA sets registration sessions

The United Girls Softball Association of Coahoma has scheduled registration for T-ball and softball for 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday at the Coahoma Community Center.

Fees will be \$30 per player.

Late registration will be from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday at the Community Center and the same hours on Saturday at the softball park. Those registering late must pay a fee of \$35 and will be placed in a blind draw.

#### Basketball banquet set for Thursday

The Big Spring Boys' Basketball Banquet will be 7 p.m. Thursday at the KC Steakhouse.

Tickets are priced at \$12 per person.

For more information, call Myrna Russell at 267-

#### Sporting clay tourney scheduled for MDA

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

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

#### Little League umpires needed

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

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

#### ON TAP

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1 p.m.

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#### **PRO BASKETBALL**

7 p.m. — Los Angeles Lakers at San Antonio Spurs, TNT.

#### HOCKEY

Men

7 p.m. — St. Louis Blues at Dallas Stars, ESPN.

## NFL puts off changes in tuck rule after 22 hours of talks

hours of discussion, the NFL's competition committee got nowhere on the tuck rule. So it tabled action for further review - and many more hours of discussion.

The controversial rule that determined when a ball knocked free from a quarterback becomes a fumble instead of an incomplete pass has drawn headlines since the playoffs. New England's Tom Brady lost the ball when hit in the final two minutes of a game against Oakland, which recovered what initially was ruled a fumble.

But referee Walt Coleman overruled himself after watching the clearer, it got murkier," said Tampa

Brady stopped his throwing motion, but had not yet tucked away the ball away, making it an incomplete pass. .

New England completed that drive with a tying field goal, won on another field goal in overtime, and two games later won the Super Bowl.

Almost since that January night in Foxboro, the rule has been examined. And re-examined. Yet not even the chairmen of the league's competition committee agree on what should be done.

"As we discussed it, it didn't get

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — After 22 instant replay, explaining that Bay general manager Rich McKay, who doesn't want any changes. "Replay has made things murky. The calls are made with players going 100 mph, then television slows it up so you can look at it frame by frame. Fans think the calls are obvious, but they're not."

So McKay favors leaving the rule the way it is, meaning the ball must be fully tucked in before it can be ruled a fumble if it is knocked free.

Jeff Fisher, the other committee chairman and coach of the Tennessee Titans, would prefer something else. But he wasn't about to suggest anything radical, preferring to table a decision while the See NFL, Page 3B

issue is investigated some more.

"You can't approach this thing in a knee-jerk fashion because of the effect it has on the game," he said. This has a big, big effect on the game.

Fisher said the tuck rule will come up again at an owners' meeting in May.

A proposal to give the receiving team the ball on a botched onside kick was defeated. McKay said there will be no change, so the kicking team gets to try again from 5 yards back even if it incurred a penalty. McKay, who favored the

# Pudge has no worries

## Working his way into shape

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) — Pudge isn't worried not about his weight or his contract status.

Ivan Rodriguez came to the Texas Rangers camp about 10 pounds overweight after his regular offseason routine was curtailed because of rehabilitation from knee surgery.

He also arrived knowing he was going into the last year of his contract with the team he has played for since making his major league debut as a 19-yearold in 1991.

"It's going to be all right," Rodriguez said.

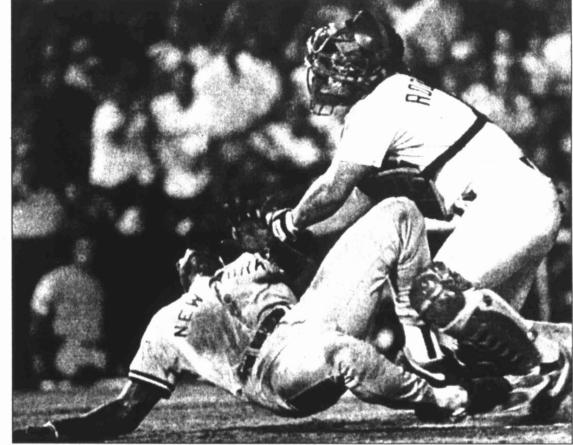
The 10-time All-Star catcher is listed as 5-foot-9 and 205 pounds but looks to be about 210 pounds right now. He is working himself into shape, shedding the pounds in the heat of the Florida sun and preparing his surgically repaired left

knee for a full season. "I'm starting to get a feel behind the plate, squatting down and standing up and all of that kind of stuff," Rodriguez said. "It's getting

all right." Rodriguez, whose last two seasons have ended early because of injury, expects to be ready for the April 1 season opener at Oakland. He had surgery last September because of ten-

dinitis in his left knee. "If I have to play nine innings, I can play nine innings," he said. "Spring training isn't to play nine innings. It's to get ready, get some at-bats and get a read on where I'm going on defense.'

Rodriguez, 30, played in his 10th spring game Tuesday — the Rangers were playing their 21st. He caught six innings against then-club president's Tom



Texas Rangers catcher Ivan "Pudge" Rodriguez, shown here tagging out a New York Yankees baserunner during a 1994 game, has no worries going into thee current Major League Baseball season, even though he's coming off knee surgery.

Tampa Bay and went 2 for Schieffer's office and made just 202 games since winage to .400 (12-for-30).

"The knee is healthy. What we're trying to do now is just ease him back in and let him get going," general manager John Hart said.

"He's swinging the bat great, he's throwing great. But he's still testing the limits of his mobility. I don't think it's a health issue, I just think it's a matter of getting comfortable to go through the rigors of a season.'

That's what concerns Rodriguez, not the status of his contract even though he has expressed his desire to play his entire career in Texas.

Rodriguez is in the final year of his \$42 million, fiveyear contract he signed in 1997 when he walked into

This time, Rodriguez is leaving negotiations to his agent, Jeff Moorad.

"I don't think about the contract extension." Rodriguez said.

"I have one more season with the Rangers. After that, we'll see what happens.'

The Rangers want to see how their catcher, who has caught more than 1,300 games, responds after the knee surgery. Hart said it's unlikely any contract talks will take place before the end of the season.

"They want to watch me and see how my knee is doing, and see how I'm going to perform this year,' Rodriguez said. "I understand. I'm just going to stay healthy and do my job. I'm not angry."

He has been limited to

3, raising his spring averthe deal. ning the AL MVP in 1999, but still started in the All-Star game and won Gold Gloves both seasons.

Rodriguez was putting up more MVP-worthy numbers in 2000 (.347, 27 homers and 83 RBIs in 91 games) before breaking his right thumb. In 111 games last season he hit .308 with 25 homers and 65 RBIs.

Even though he's played in only half of the spring games, and the Rangers have limited his work in the bullpen, Rodriguez is hitting and doing other drills daily.

Manager Jerry Narron worried about Rodriguez in any way.

"I hope Pudge is my biggest problem. If so, we'll have a pretty good year,' manager Jerry Narron said. "I don't foresee him having any problems.

# Mavs thump

DALLAS (AP) - Like a good relay team, the Los Angeles Lakers usually pass the scoring baton from Shaquille O'Neal to Kobe Bryant without skipping a

But when O'Neal picked up his fourth foul against the Dallas Mavericks on Tuesday night, Bryant didn't come through. His next two shots went in and out of the basket, then he went to the free throw line and banged his first attempt off the front rim.

The Mavericks capitalized on O'Neal's absence and Bryant's cold shooting to go on a 13-2 run, gaining a 114-98 victory over a team that can certainly be called their nemesis.

Dallas had lost seven straight and 41 of 44 to Los Angeles.

"It's probably a big win for them, but we just didn't play well," said Bryant, who finished with 12 points on 4-of-18 shooting. take it and move on."

Steve Nash scored 30 points, Michael Finley added 22 and Dirk Nowitzki had 19 points and 11 rebounds.

Raef LaFrentz had 12 points, 13 rebounds and several of the fouls that helped send O'Neal to the sideline with five minutes left in the third quarter.

O'Neal finished with 32 points and 10 rebounds.

"It was a big win for us psychologically to beat the team we've struggled against so many times," Finley said. "To know we can beat that team is good." The Mavericks came in

confident because they'd lost only 105-103 in Los Angeles on Sunday. "This win doesn't feel as

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## Home court advantage is overrated. Then again, is it?

Other than the Russian Army in winter, name a team that's never lost at home. You can't.

The notion is overrated. Or is it? Some places,

certainly, are tougher on visitors than others. Yankee Stadium at World Series time. The old Boston Garden just about anytime, but especially in the mid-1980s, when the

Celtics lost just three games in back-to-back seasons.

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Beginning in January 1943, Kentucky's college basketball teams went a dozen years without losing in Lexington. During one stretch early last century, Notre Dame's football team went unbeaten in South Bend for 21 years.

Then there's the almost too-tall tales of local heroes making good. In 1913, a 20-year-old caddie from Boston beat the reigning giants of golf, Brits Harry Vardon and Ted Ray, to win the U.S. Open at Brookline Country Club, across the street from where he grew up. Seventy-four years later, Augusta, Ga., native Larry Mize holed a 140foot chip shot to win the Masters.

Stories don't get much better

than that. Unfortunately, they don't Greenville, S.C., a few hours drive come along much more frequently, either. The better team wins most of the time, no matter where the game is played. But you could forget that, considering all the hubbub made over home-field advantage over the last week or so.

On Monday, Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski added his voice to the chorus. He was worried that the "pod system," devised by the NCAA selection committee to keep teams closer to home in the early rounds of the tournament, had made it even harder for the little guys to upset Goliath-sized programs like his own.

The top-seeded programs traditionally open the tournament as close to home as possible. But this season, in a bid to cut travel costs and sell more tickets at some sites, the committee extended the stayclose-to-home invitations all the way down to a No. 11 seed.

The policy wasn't praised universally; getting rid of it is likely to be near the top of to-do list when the National Association of Basketball Coaches get together for their annual convention at the Final Four.

"I'm saying this more off the cuff because I really haven't thought about it that much, but initially I would say that I liked the tournament where you just spread it out," said Krzyzewski, whose Blue Devils opened the tournament in

from the campus.

Mississippi State coach Rick Stansbury offered nothing substantial to suggest the home-court juggling cost his third-seeded Bulldogs the win against No. 6 Texas at the American Airlines Center in Dallas. But he wasn't happy that the arena, less than 200 miles from the Longhorns' campus in Austin, had a distinctly orange hue.

"If you're asking me should a lower seed have an advantage no," Stansbury said. "We're the only high seed that had to do this.'

Sixth-seeded California, meanwhile, had to travel across the country to Pittsburgh to play 11thseeded Penn, from just across the state, in the first game and then No. 3-seeded Pitt, from just around the corner, in its second game.

"Nobody wants to play a host school," Cal coach Ben Braun said. "It's certainly not your No. 1 pick." But, he added, "I know Pittsburgh's pretty happy about

playing here. The same was true for Illinois, a No. 4 seed, and Southern Illinois, a No. 11. They both played in Chicago and advanced to the round of 16, and the Illini face Kansas at Madison, Wis., a site they visit

every season in conference play. What that's really worth is impossible to quantify. Most teams are better at home than on the road, but perhaps less than most of us think. A random sampling of teams drawn from the four pro leagues showed NHL and NFL players best at defending their turf, with a home winning percentage around 61 percent.

The NBA came in at 55 percent and major league baseball teams, playing nearly twice as many regular-season games as their hockey and basketball counterparts and 10 times more games than football teams, finished with the worst winning log at home, 52 percent.

There is this interesting sidelight, though. Kansas won the NCAA final in 1988, when the title game was played in Kansas City, Mo. North Carolina State won the 1974 national championship game - in Greensboro, N.C., of all

places The Final Four ventured to Los Angeles in 1968 and 1972. The win-

ner both times? UCLA. In 1950, the tournament wrapped up in New York. The winner was City College of New York.

If nothing else, playing close by means fewer players are likely to get lost.

"I've had teams before that if you told them to 'go back door,"' the late Jim Valvano, who coached NC State, once complained, "they left the gym."

Jim Litke is the national sports columnist for The Associated Press. Write to him at jlitke@ap.org

#### **TOP 25 - MEN**

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2. Kansas (10)	29-3
3 Oklahoma (2)	27-4
4. Maryland (1)	26-4
5. Cincinnati	30-3
6. Gonzaga	29-3
7. Arizona	22.9
8. Alabama	26-7
9. Pittsburgh	27.5
10. Connecticut	24-6
11. Oregon	23-8
12. Marquette	26-6
13. Illinois	24-8
14. Ohio St.	23-7
15. Florida	22-8
16. Kentucky	20-9
17. Mississippi St.	26-7
18. Southern Cal	22-9
19. W. Kentucky	28-3
20. Oklahoma St.	23-8
21. Miami	24-7
22. Xavier	25-5

#### 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:	

Connecticut (44)	33-0
2. Oklahoma	• 27-3
3. Duke	27-3
4. Vanderbilt	27-6
5. Stanford	30-2
6. Tennessee	25-4
7. Baylor	26-5
8. Louisiana Tech	25-4
9. Purdue	23-5
10. lowa St.	23-8
11. Kansas St.	24-7
<ol><li>Colorado</li></ol>	21-9
<ol><li>South Carolina</li></ol>	22-6
14. Texas	20-9
15. Old Dominion	25-5
<ol><li>North Carolina</li></ol>	24-8
17. Texas Tech	18-11
18. Minnesota	21-7
19. Cincinnati	26-4
<ol><li>Colorado St.</li></ol>	24-6
21. Boston College	23-7
22. LSU	17-11
23. Fla. International	26-5
24. Florida	18-10
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Sugar Land Elkins	13-0
2. Klein Oak	12-0
3. Clear Creek	13-1
4. Cypress Falls	9-2
5. Keller	14-2
. 6. Lubbock Monterey	13-3
7. Carrollton Smith	9-2
8. Austin Bowie	12-2
9. Lufkin	11.3
10. Midland	12-4
Class 4A	
Southlake Carroll	11-5
Hewitt Midway	15-1
Saginaw Boswell	14-0
<ol><li>Cedar Park</li></ol>	12-4
5. Brenham	10-3
6. Crowley	13-3
7. Boerne	13-6
8. Jasper	10-5
9. Denton Ryan	9-5
10. Snyder	14-6
Class 3A	140
1. La Grange	12-3
2. Lubbock Cooper	11-4
3. Sinton	11-4
4. Lindale	11-2
5. Seminole	9-3
6. Longview Spring Hill	11-4
7. Little Elm	10-1
8. Yoakum	9-1
Shallowater	10-3
10. Center	12-2
Class 2A	
Hughes Springs	11.1
2. Salado	10-1
3. Celina	12-1
4. East Bernard	8-2
5. Clifton	12-1
6. Bangs	4-1
7. Lockney	8-0
8. Post	10-2
9. Garrison	11-1
10 Santo	5-0
Class 1A	
1. Bremond	10-1
2. Petrolia	N/A
3. Bosqueville	8-1
4. Miles	5-3
<ol><li>Windthorst</li></ol>	5-3
6. West Sabine	9-1
7. Brock	2-2
8. Iola	N/A
9. Spurger	N/A
10. Savoy	N/A
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#### NCAA - MEN

NCAA Men's Basketball	Tournament
EAST REGIONAL	
At The Carrier Dome	
Syracuse, N.Y.	
Semifinals	
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6), 6:38 p.m. Maryland (28-4) vs. Kentucky (22-9), 25 minutes after previous game

#### SOUTH REGIONAL At Rupp Arena Lexington, Ky.

Thursday, March 21 Duke (31-3) vs. Indiana (22-11), 6:38 p.m. Kent State (29-5) vs. Pittsburgh (29-5), 30 minutes following previous game Championship Saturday, March 23

MIDWEST REGIONAL At The Kohl Center Madison, Wis.

Friday, March 22 Oregon (25-8) vs. Texas (22-11), 6:55 p.m.

Kansas (31-3) vs. Illinois (26-8), 25 minutes Sunday, March 24

WEST REGIONAL At The Compag Center San Jose, Calif. Semifinals Thursday, March 21

Oklahoma (29-4) vs. Arizona (24-9), 6:55 p.m. UCLA (21-11) vs. Missouri (23-11), 30 min tes following previous game Saturday, March 23

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Duke 7	6, Texas Christian 66
At The Fer	rell Center
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At The Erv	vin Special Events Center
Austin, Te	xas ·
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Monday, N	March 18
At Carolin	a Coliseum
Columbia,	S.C.
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At The Ent	tertainment and Sports Arena
Raleigh, N	
Semifinals	

Saturday, March 23 Duke (29-3) vs. Texas (22-9), TBA South Carolina (24-6) vs. Drake (25-7), TBA

Championship Monday, March 25 final winners, 6 p.m MIDEAST REGIONAL

Second Round Sunday, March 17

#### Penn State (23-11) vs. Connecticut (35-0), Monday, March 25 Semifinal winners, 6:30 p.m. MIDWEST REGIONAL Sunday, March 17 At Thompson-Boling Arena Knoxville, Tenn. Tennessee 89, Notre Dame 50

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At The Bryce Jordan Center State College, Pa. Penn State 96, Florida International 79

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Old Dominion 74, Purdue 70, OT At Gampel Pavilion

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Monday, March 18 At The Smith Center Chapel Hill, N.C. North Carolina 72, Minnesota 69 At Memorial Gymnasium

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South Dakota State (27-8) vs. Northern Kentucky (26-6), 6 p.m. Florida Tech (27-5) vs. Southeastern Oklahoma (25-6), 8 p.m

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Wednesday, March 20 Syracuse (22-11) at Richmond (22-13), 8:30

Thursday, March 21 Ball State (23-11) at South Carolina (20-14), Friday, March 22 Villanova (19-12) at Temple (17-14), 6 p.m. March 20-22

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At Madison Square Garden New York Tuesday, March 26 Syracuse-Richmond winner vs. Ball State

South Carolina winner
Temple-Villanova winner vs. Tennessee Tech-BYU-Memphis winner 5:30 and 8 p.m. Championship Round

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Indiana at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Miami at Philadelphia, 6 p.m. Portland at New Jersey, 6:30 n.m. L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 7 ; Washington at Denver, 8 p.m. Thursday's Games New York at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m. Minnesota at Memphis, 7 p.m. San Antonio at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

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#### **TRANSACTIONS**

Colorado at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m

#### BASEBALL

American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Optioned RHP Rick
Bauer, RHP Sean Douglass and RHP Kris Foster to Rochester of the International League and SS Eddie Rogers to Frederick of the Carolina eague. Assigned INF Howie Clark to their minor league camp.
DETROIT TIGERS—Assigned RHP Brian Powell

to their minor league camp.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Optioned RHP Jeff
Austin to Omaha of the PCL.
NEW YORK YANKEES—Released SS Kevin

Elster. Named Wayne Britton international and domestic scouting cross checker.

National League

COLORADO ROCKIES—Optioned RHP Corey
Brittan, RHP Chris Nichting, OF John Barnes and
OF Bo Porter to Colorado Springs of the PCL.
NEW YORK METS—Assigned LHP Bobby Jones to their minor league camp FOOTBALL

National Football League
DENVER BRONCOS—Agreed to terms with WR

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Signed TE Marco.
Battaglia to a three-year contract. Re-signed CB. Brian Kelly to a six-year contract. HOCKEY National Hockey League
ANAHEIM MIGHTY DUCKS—Traded F Dave
Roche to the New York Islanders for F Ben Guite

and F Biorn Melin

ATLANTA THRASHERS-Traded D Jiri Slegr to Detroit for C Yuri Butsayev and a 2002 third-round pick, and F Darcy Hordichuk and 2002 fourth- and fifth-round draft picks to Phoenix for O Kirill Safronov, the rights to RW Ruslan Sainullin and a 2002 fourth-round draft pick. BUFFALO SABRES—Acquired F Bob Corkum

from Atlanta for a 2002 fifth-round draft pick CALGARY FLAMES—Traded D Jamie Allison to Columbus for LW Blake Sloan.
COLORADO AVALANCHE—Acquired D Danus

Kasparaitis from Pittsburgh for F Ville Nieminen and D Rick Berry.

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Traded D Lyle
Oderlein to Chicago for D Jaroslav Spacek and a

2002 second round draft pick.

DALLAS STARS—Acquired F Jason Arnott, F
Randy McKay and a 2002 first-round draft pick
from New Jersey for C Joe Nieuwendyk and RW
Jame Langenbrunner. Recalled RW Rob DiMaio from Utah of the AHL

EDMONTON OILERS—Traded D Sean Brown to Boston for D Bobby Allen. FLORIDA PANTHERS—Traded D Darren Van Impe to the New York Islanders for a 2003 fifth-round draft pick, and D Jeff Norton to Boston for a 2002 sixth-round draft pick. Recalled RW Pierre Dagenais and LW Eric Beaudoin from Utah of the AHL and C Nick Smith from St. John of the AHL Reassigned LW Ryan Jardine to Utah.

LOS ANGELES KINGS—Claimed LW Ted

Donato off waivers from St. Louis.

NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Recalled F Jonas

Andersson from Milwaukee of the AHL. Acquired D Peter Smrek from the New York Rangers for D NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Acquired F Stephane Richer from Pittsburgh for a 2003 seventh-round

NEW YORK RANGERS-Acquired D Tom Poti and F Rem Murray from Edmonton for F Mike York and a 2002 fourth-round pick. Agreed to terms with C Bobby Andrews and assigned him

to Hartford of the AHL PHOENIX COYOTES—Recalled RW Branko Radivojevic from Springfield of the AHL.

#### RODEO LEADERS

#### Through March 17

1. Trevor Brazile, Anson, Texas, \$41,018; 2. Jesse Bail, Camp Crook, S.D., \$38,457; 3. Cash Myers, Athens, Texas, \$35,679; 4. Kyle Hughes, Model, Colo., \$22,435; 5. Chad Klein, Clinton

BAREBACK RIDING Larry Sandvick, Belle Fourche, S.D., \$25,775; 2. Cody Jessee, John Day, Ore., \$24,926; 3. J.D. Garrett Jr, Belle Fourche, S.D., \$24,019; 4. Jason Jeter, Fort Worth, Texas. MINNESOTA WILD—Acquired LW Greg Crozier from Boston for LW Darryl Laplante.

MONTREAL CANADIENS—Acquired G

Stephane Fiset from Los. Angeles for a condition-\$20,994; 5. Jeff Collins, Redfield, Kan from Florida. Sent G Mathieu Garon to Quebec of

STEER WRESTLING 1. Joey Beli Jr. Salem, N.J., \$29,511; 2. K.C. Jones, Las Animas, Colo., \$20,236; 3. Todd Suhn, Brighton, Colo., \$19,758: 4. Jerrod Pillans, Streetman, Texas, \$17,908; 5. Bill Pace,

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Tom Reeves, Eagle Butte, S.D., \$24,675; 4.

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Rod Warren, Big Valley, Alberta, \$17,121.

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Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, \$25,055; 4. Justin
Maass, Giddings, Texas, \$21,004; 5. Jeff
Chapman, Athens, Texas, \$19,523. BARREL RACING

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\$23,701; 2. Tami Fontenot, Ethel, La., \$18,771. 3. Kay Blandford, Sutherland Springs, Texas, \$18,351; 4. Tammy Key, Ledbetter, Texas, \$17,190; 5. Molly Powell, Sims, Mont., \$16,616.

**BULL RIDING**  Terry Don West, Henryetta, Okla.
 \$28,014;
 Justin Andrade, Grover Beach Calif.
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 Cody Hancock, Taylor, Ariz. \$22.988; 4. Johnny Chavez, Bosque, N.M., \$20,309; 5. Robbie Russell, Jacksonville, Texas, \$19,619; 6. Jason Bennett, Grand Prairie, Texas, \$16,778.

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Hornets for eighth place in

The Timberwolves ended

their season-high seven-

game losing streak and kept

Toronto in a miserable

Toronto, which has won

just one game since Feb. 7,

lost for the 17th time in 18

tries and had its most lop-

Rashard Lewis scored 26

points and Vin Baker

returned to Seattle's lineup

earlier than expected as the

SuperSonics beat Golden

State for the 12th straight

Gary Payton got the host

Sonics off to a good start,

scoring 17 of his 21 points in

the first quarter when they

Latrell Sprewell scored 23

points, including 12 in the

fourth quarter, and New

York erased a 10-point

deficit in the final seven

Shareef Abdur-Rahim had

25 points and 10 rebounds,

and Jason Terry added 22

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# Magic finally beat Bucks; Karl, Rivers shake hands

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The coaches made peace, and the Orlando Magic finally defeated Milwaukee Bucks.

Doc Rivers and George Karl set aside their feud and shook hands Tuesday night before Orlando's 101-91 victory over Milwaukee — the Magic's first win over the Bucks following 10 consecutive regular-season losses.

Tracy McGrady led the Magic with 48 points.

"The rivalry might be on now," Rivers said. "You can't have a rivalry when one team wins 10 games in a row. I don't know what it's called, but it's definitely not a rivalry.'

Pat Garrity made seven 3pointers and added 21 points for Orlando, which moved a half-game ahead Milwaukee for the Eastern Conference's fourth playoff

The Magic are a seasonbest seven games over .500. Before the game, Rivers sought out Karl for a handshake. It was a way of putting to rest their lengthy spat, which recently took an ugly turn when Karl criticized Rivers in a magazine

article. "I'm glad that's over with, I really am. I thought there was way too much attention on me and George," Rivers said. "We said we'll talk in the summer; we'll go boating.

In other NBA games, Dallas defeated the Los Angeles Lakers 114-98. Sacramento downed Golden State 110-87, Cleveland nipped New Jersey 100-97. Detroit defeated Utah 94-87, Philadelphia beat Miami 91-79, Minnesota crushed Toronto 112-80, Seattle topped Golden State 100-93, New York rallied past Memphis 101-92 and Atlanta edged Chicago 102-96.

Sam Cassell scored 23 points to lead the Bucks.

'We still have confidence as a team," Cassell said. "We beat Orlando 10 straight times and all good things must come to an

Eleven nights after scoring a career-high 50 points, McGrady was all but

unstoppable. In the first half, he shot 10-for-15 and made all five of his 3-point attempts, scoring 30. That included back-to-back 3s that put the Magic ahead 49-30 with 4:07 before halftime.

#### Kings 110, Rockets 87

Chris Webber had 35 points and 12 rebounds as Sacramento regained sole possession of the NBA's best record.

Though the Kings lost All-Star Peja Stojakovic in the opening seconds when he aggravated his strained right hamstring, they had beating trouble little Houston for the seventh straight time. Bobby Jackson had four 3-pointers among his 20 points, and Mike Bibby added 15.

Sacramento followed up a 4-1 East Coast road trip by improving the NBA's best home record to 31-3.

#### Cavaliers 100,

Nets 97 Lamond Murray swished a desperation 3-pointer from the corner as time expired.

Coming out of a timeout with 0.5 seconds left, Murray took an inbounds pass from Andre Miller, turned and shot.

Keith Van Horn tied the score at 97 moments earlier with a 3-pointer after taking an inbounds pass from Jason Kidd, who had 30 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists for his eighth tripledouble this season.

#### Pistons 94, Jazz 87

Jerry Stackhouse, Cliff Robinson and Chucky Atkins each had 20 points as Detroit gained its third straight road victory.

Corliss Williamson scored eight of his 10 points in the fourth quarter when the Pistons went on a gameclinching 13-3 run.

Heat 79

Allen Iverson scored 33 points, including 21 in the second half, Philadelphia remained 1 1/2 games behind Orlando for the fifth playoff spot in the To subscribe to the Herald, call 263-7331

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#### **MAVS**

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great because we had a real good chance for two," Nash said.

The Lakers had their fivegame winning streak snapped and endured one of their most lopsided losses of the season.

"We're weak in mind and body," coach Phil Jackson said. "I thought we looked soft, especially in the third period."

While LaFrentz covered O'Neal, defensive stalwarts Adrian Griffin and Greg Buckner shared the assignment of guarding Bryant. Griffin said their success was a combination of "being aggressive against him, and it wasn't his best day shoot-

Another key for Dallas was attacking the basket instead of relying on outside shots. The Mavs took only 24 3-pointers, compared to 40 on Sunday, and

got to the foul line far more often. Dallas was able to open room in the lane by keeping LaFrentz and Nowitzki out near the 3point line.

"On Sunday, we didn't take advantage of Shaq being away from the bas-Nowitzki said. "Tonight we did and got some layups.'

Jackson was upset that O'Neal got into foul trouble. His ire was aimed at the officials, not his big man, because he thought LaFrentz got away with flopping.

Jackson said LaFrentz did the same thing Sunday but the refs weren't buying it. The coach said he told his assistants, "I bet you a dollar we get down to Dallas and they call those fouls on Shaq."

"And they sure did," Jackson said. "I hate to see that in an NBA game, but those things happen."

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change, said onside kicks "are among the most exciting plays in the game." The owners did approve

several changes Tuesday: The tiebreaker system for division champions and

wild cards was adjusted to conform with this season's realignment. There will be eight four-team divisions with Houston joining the league, so record against common opponents becomes more important. With as many as 14 common games in the 16-game schedule, common games becomes the third tiebreak-

 After a sack in the last two minutes of each half, the clock will not stop. For the rest of the game, the current rule applies: The

clock stops for about 5 seconds while the ball is respotted.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) \*\*\*\* Return calls, especial ly if they are work-related. A boss does the unexpected. Stay even and steady when dealing with those around you. If you flow with the opportunities that come up, you'll find that everything becomes much easier. Tonight: Share munchies.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) \*\*\*\*\* You see events from a totally different perspective than another. What might be acceptable to you could be a problem for someone else. Be more understanding of those around you. Flexibility is your strong suit. Discussions revolve around finances. Tonight: Enjoy yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) \*\*\* A partner has a way of sending jolts down his or her path. Loosen up with this person. Don't take matpersonally. Sometimes you might be confused about your choices. Schedule an important chat in the late afternoon. Tonight: Check out various

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**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\*\* Handle responsibilities with an eye to change and flexibility. Do needed research. Don't settle for another's say-so. Get information and find experts. Your ability to move past a problem catches an associate's attention. Keep up the good work. Tonight: Out to

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\*\* You have unlimited resources. Use your abilities to create much more of what you want, be it in your personal or professional life. Don't settle for anything less than what you want. Someone's unanticipated actions work in your favor. Tonight: Burn the candle at both ends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*\* Recognize a partner for what he or she offers you. You might have to break out of the mold and head in another direction. Unanticipated action helps to loosen you up. Don't get uptight if pressure builds around work. Detach from problems. Tonight: Listen

to music. Relax your mind. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\*\* Others dominate. You want to lie back and see what develops at this point. Others might be touchier than you realize. Carefully consider options that surround others. Express your self-confidence by trusting others. Tonight: Accept an invita-

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*\* You manage to pull another rabbit out of a black hat. Financial creativity allows many more options than you originally anticipated. Don't make a big deal out of a change of pace or a new development. Accept an invitation, even if you would rather not. Tonight: Go along with oth-

side of the box. What might not be comfortable right now could change radically over the next few days. Work with the information you have, even if you suspect that you don't have the whole story. Tonight: Get as much work done as pos-

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\* How another acts reveals much more than you previously knew about this person. You could be

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night with me in the bedroom. He sleeps on the sofa in our den. We have had sex twice since our honeymoon, and nothing in the last 10 years.

Garth is very moody When I beg him to sleep with me in our bed, he becomes angry. The few times I have suggested intimacy, he yelled at me and threatened to move out. Of course, he never does. Garth claims he loves me, but I'm not sure what that means anymore.

We are quite compatible, and I care deeply for him. I don't know if he is gay, impotent, having affairs or just not interested. He refuses to go for counseling and insists nothing is wrong. I am petite and attractive, and have no idea why he isn't interested in me. Do you have any advice? — No Name, No

Dear No Name: Why have you been willing to settle for a sexless marriage when it is obvious that you are unhappy about it? Sex is an integral part of marriage, and it is unfair that Garth AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. expects you to do without it Professional counseling 18) \*\*\*\* Your playfulness might help you decide if 0562. (In Canada, send this relationship is worth saving. I hope you will see a therapist immediately. If Garth will go with you, great. If not, go without

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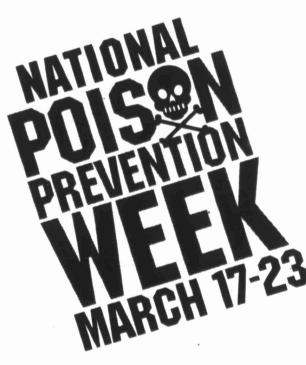
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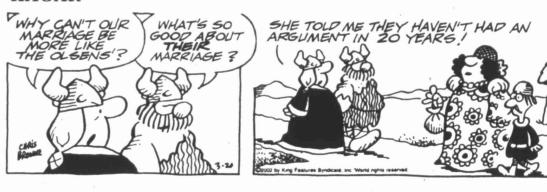
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"Uh-oh! Somebody must've told that flower winter was over."

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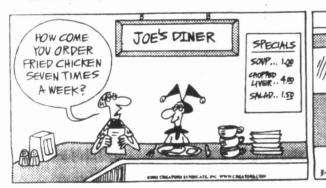
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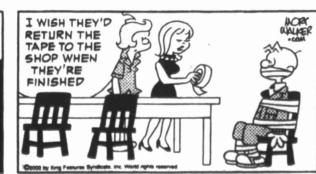
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### THIS DATE **IN HISTORY**

#### The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Wednesday, March 20, the 79th day of 2002. There are 286 days left in the year. Spring arrives in the northern hemisphere at 2:16 p.m. Eastern time. Today's Highlight in

History One hundred and fifty years ago, on March 20, 1852, Harriet Beecher

Stowe's influential novel about slavery, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," was first published.

In 1413, England's King Henry IV died; he was suc-

ceeded by Henry V. In 1727, physicist, mathematician and astronomer Sir Isaac Newton died in London.

In 1828, Norwegian poetdramatist Henrik Ibsen was

In 1896, U.S. Marines landed in Nicaragua to protect U.S. citizens in the wake of a revolution.

In 1952, at the Academy Awards, "An American in Paris" was named best picture; Humphrey Bogart best actor for "The African Queen"; Vivien Leigh best actress, Kim Hunter best supporting actress and Karl Malden best supporting actor for "A Streetcar Named Desire"; and George Stevens best director for "A

Place in the Sun. In 1969, John Lennon married Yoko Ono in Gibraltar. In 1976, kidnapped newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst was convicted of armed robbery for her part in a San Francisco bank holdup.

Administration approved the sale of AZT, a drug shown to prolong the lives of some AIDS patients.

In 1990, Namibia became an independent nation as the former colony marked the end of 75 years of South

passed, and President Bush immediately vetoed, a Democratic tax cut for the middle class that would have been funded by a tax hike on the rich.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Jack Kruschen is 80. Producer-director-comedian Carl Reiner is. Children's TV host Fred Rogers is 74. Actor Hal Linden is 71. Singer Jerry Reed is 65. Former Canadian prime minister Brian Mulroney is 63. Country singer Don Edwards is 63. TV producer Paul Junger Witt is 59. Country singer-musician Ranger Doug (Riders in the Sky) is 56. Hockey Hall-of-Famer Bobby Orr is 54.

# Answer to previous puzzle BUSYEDOMFERAL

45 Hand-lotion

48 Treat salt

49 Entertain

abbr.

55 Actress

lavishly

51 Spin-speed

**52** Comparably

53 Lab solution

Moorehead

strength

**57** Showroom

model

58 Close by,

hunter

ingredient

#### Edited by Stanley Newman 42 "Me, too!"

- **ACROSS**
- 13 Ancient Cuzco 69 Wallet stuffers
- 15 Hawk's gripper
- 17 Strain at a
- 20 It may score
- 23 Broadway
- 24 Rocky debris
- time
- 29 Less at ease
- 32 More caloric
- wind
- tailoring work
- 44 Jellied delicacy

- 47 Column
- Cowboy character
- 56 Pursued
- 57 "Drat!"
- nickname

- In 1987, the Food and Drug
- African rule.
- In 1995, in Tokyo, 12 people were killed, more than 5,500 others sickened when packages containing the poisonous gas sarin leaked on five separate subway trains. Ten years ago: Congress

#### FOUR-LEGGED FRIENDS by D.R. Stark Newsday Crossword

- 1 Wide belt
- 9 S&L customer 68 Gaelic
- inhabitant
- 14 Pianist Peter
- 18 Revered one
- 19 Pierre's floor
- a ringer
- 22 From Bali
- brightener
- 25 Entertaining

- 34 Paper flaw
- 35 Out of the
- **39** Did
- 41 Hens
- 43 Business page initials
- 46 Hindus' forehead
- marks
- **50** To the point 51 Midnight
- 54 Without ice
- steadily
- **62** Karamazov
- 63 Vivacity
- 64 Dot in the sea 65 Clay-pigeon game

- 66 Horse-race 16 Hawaii state distance bird
- 5 Paris landmark 67 Big celebration 21 Parkinggarage
  - sign 25 Muffin 70 Corn covering
    - ingredient
  - 26 Long-stemmed DOWN 1 Express relief flower

villain

bowlers

6 Very popular

7 Sentimental

10 String game

11 "\_\_ de Lune"

12 Forum robes

singer

- 2 Part of A.D. 27 Quits stalling
- 3 The Lion King 28 Amorous glances
- 4 Boaters and 30 Penpoint
  - 31 Barbecue
- 5 Ouzo flavoring need
  - 33 Virginia
  - (dance)

  - 36 Deceitful one
- 8 Tunnel or cave 37 Comic 9 Drill command shrieks

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- 38 To be. to Ovid
- in poems 59 Genesis

- 60 What Pandora unleashed 61 Salad-bowl 40 Pa. neighbor wood
  - 15 19 22



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