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UBS plans blood drive here Saturday

United Blood Services of Midland will be at the Big Spring Mall Saturday to collect much needed donations of blood from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The service area UBS-Midland serves is in a critical need for blood especially during spring break when many residents are out of the area on vacation. The 46-county service area containing UBS-Midland serves 42 hospital and clinics.

Although walk-ins will not be turned away, UBS asks that potential donors make an appointment. To make an appointment call Big Spring Mall manager Kathy Lusk at 267-3853 or UBS at 1-800-371-5539.

Donors must be 17 years of age, weigh more than 110 pounds, be in good health, know the names of any medication taken in the past 30 days and carry proof of identification.

WEEKEND TICKET

SATURDAY

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

□ United Blood Services blood drive, noon to 5 p.m. at the Big Spring Mall. To make an appointment call Big Spring Mall manager Kathy Lusk at 267-3853 or UBS at 1-800-371-5539. Donors must be 17 years of age or older.

□ Big Spring Rattlesnake Roundup, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Howard County Fairbarns. Admission \$3 for children; \$5 adults.

□ Vietnam Memorial Committee fund-raiser, LaVerda Club. Chili supper begins at 4:30 p.m., casino night and dance to follow.

□ American Heart Association "Night on Bourbon Street," 7:30 p.m., Big Spring Country Club.

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

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VMC major fund-raiser combines chili, dancing, casino night

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

The Big Spring Vietnam Memorial Committee will hold its second annual VMC Chili Supper and Dance fund-raiser at the LaVerda Club, located on the north service road of



GROVES

Interstate 20, Saturday. Tickets for the chili supper, which will be from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., are \$5 per person. The dance will begin at 9 p.m. and continue until 1 a.m. with music provided by the band "New Company."

Also planned between 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. will be a "Casino Night," with gaming provided by Scott Emerson's Big Casino Parties.

Those wishing to take part

in the casino activity will be able to purchase \$500 in gaming chips for \$20. Following the casino night's three-hour run, winners can use their winnings to bid on a number of prizes in an auction.

Funds raised will go toward upkeep of the Vietnam Memorial.

"We're constantly needing funds just to keep the memorial kept up," said Jerry Groves, the committee's publicity chairman. "A

lot of the members of the committee put a bunch of their own money into maintaining the memorial, but there's no way we can do this by ourselves. We need help from the community. Luckily, the community has always responded."

"It costs us a minimum of \$3,000 per year just to pay our utility bills," he added. "And that doesn't include materials and equipment needed to keep the grounds and do essential maintenance."

Among the auction prizes are a gift basket from Halfmann's Creations, two box seats to a Midland Rockhounds game, dinner for two at the KC Steakhouse, a bean bag chair from Allan's Furniture, gift certificates from the Gold Rush, a NASCAR racing set from Auto Zone, a Dillard's gift certificate from Morrison

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Hillicrest daycare students take advantage of the warm weather. Thursday morning before strong winds brought in cool temperatures to the Crossroads area. Pictured from left are Nikolus Delgado, Jacob Valdez, Tyson Banks, Ricky Prater and Tyler Sparks.

House Republicans, Democrats agree on plan to dismantle INS

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans and Democrats agreed Thursday to dismantle the Immigration and Naturalization Service, which has come under intense criticism since the Sept. 11 attacks.

Under their plan, the INS would be replaced by separate bureaus for enforcement of immigration law and for providing immigration services. The bureaus would report to an assistant attorney general for immigration affairs, who would be the No. 3 official in the Justice Department.

"This agreement will allow Republicans and Democrats in Congress, in concert with the Bush administration, to work together on fundamentally dismantling the INS," said Rep. James Sensenbrenner,

who chairs the House Judiciary Committee, which has oversight of the INS.

The plan combines two bills, one sponsored by Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., and Rep. George Gekas, R-Pa.; the other by Michigan Rep. John Conyers, the Judiciary Committee's senior Democrat, and Rep. Sheila

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Snake show to slither into Spring City Saturday

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

If the air around the Howard County Fairbarns is filled with ominous rattling sounds this weekend, don't be alarmed.

Rattlesnakes aplenty will fill the 'barns Saturday and Sunday, but the reptiles will be all safely confined for public viewing.

The event, sponsored by the American Business Clubs of Big Spring, is the 40th Annual Big Spring Rattlesnake Roundup. The fairbarn doors open at 10 a.m. each day. Saturday the festivities will continue until 7 p.m. The roundup ends at 6 p.m. Sunday.

The event began as a way for local landowners to control the venomous critters.

For 40 years, snake hunters have brought their catches and sold them to the roundup.

Trained handlers then use the rattlers to conduct demonstrations and rattlesnake races before exterminating the dangerous animals. The event has become a tradition in Big Spring.

The Roundup pays hunters about \$3 to \$4 a

pound for rattlesnakes, and awards prizes based on the most pounds brought in, the heaviest snake and most rattles.

Snake weighing and purchasing will be held today, as will a free snake show not open to the public but to students from the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf and patients from the VA

Medical Center.

The highlight of the roundup is always the rattlesnake races, but other events, such as snake shows and arts and crafts, also draw spectators.

The event also includes food and drink vendors.

Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children ages 4 to 11. Admission to the arts and crafts area is free.

Night on Bourbon Street slated Saturday for AHA

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Big Spring residents are gearing up for a Night on Bourbon Street as the American Heart Association expects a large turn out for its annual gala.

"We've had great response from the community and a very generous response from area businesses," Lauri Phillips, AHA president and gala chair said. "We have a limited amount of tickets left, but we will be selling tickets at the door."

The festivities will begin at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Big Spring Country Club Checkpoint of Midland

takes the stage at 8 p.m., performing dance music from soft rock to rock n' roll and country.

Admission to the gala is \$20 per person and a cash bar will be available.

"We want everyone to come out and have a great time," Phillips said.

A number of businesses have donated items for a silent auction that will be held during the dance.

One of the items includes a signed trading card by former Big Spring High School football player Bubba Franks who is now playing for the Green Bay Packers.

Major sponsors for the gala are Scenic Mountain Medical Center and H-E-B.

All proceeds raised during the dance and silent auction go to the American Heart Association for education and research about heart disease.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Humane Society employees Ada Hutcheson and Barbara Carter prepare a nervous Maurice for his debut. The cat was auctioned during the Humane Society fund-raiser at La Posada Restaurant Thursday night. Hundreds of people packed the restaurant to enjoy entrees and bid on items.

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Bush, Fox, Chretien renew commitment for free-trade zone

MONTERREY, Mexico (AP) — Laughing, President Bush and his counterparts from Mexico and Canada shared a warm three-way handshake as they exchanged ideas Thursday evening on what Bush called "neighborhood" concerns. They renewed their commitment to see free trade throughout the Western Hemisphere.

Mexican President Vicente Fox and Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien met privately with Bush for 45 minutes as he opened his participation here in a U.N.

summit on economic development in the world's poorest regions.

"The best foreign policy is a foreign policy that insists that our own neighborhood be prosperous and peaceful and democratic," Bush said on a quick stop in Texas before coming here.

White House press secretary Ari Fleischer described Bush's meeting with Chretien and Fox as a "general discussion" of trade, energy policy and border security — and not a forum for making decisions or sealing agreements.

But the three leaders did agree that the North American Free Trade Agreement has been a success and a new free trade pact should be negotiated for the entire hemisphere, Fleischer said, describing the closed-door meeting to reporters afterward.

Fox's press office issued its own statement, saying the leaders shared their vision of a "gradual convergence of these countries toward values and interests which will give a new sense of community in North America."

Fleischer said they discussed natural gas pipelines in Canada, and a U.S.-Canadian timber dispute. The United States claims that Canada is unfairly exporting softwood lumber in U.S. markets, taking advantage of government subsidies. Despite the leaders' discussion here, the dispute remains "at the worker-bee level" in talks in Washington, Fleischer said.

On border security, the leaders agreed to work together on "smart borders" utilizing high technology to speed commerce and visitors

among the countries while also choking off the movement of contraband and criminals.

Also on Thursday, Bush asked Congress, as part of his \$27 billion emergency spending request, for another \$5 billion to be "spent on our airports and on our borders, to make sure Americans are more secure and more safe than ever before."

"I want this border to be modern; I want it to have the very best technology," Bush said at a rally in El Paso.

Dog owner faces up to life in prison after conviction

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Rejecting defense arguments that the attack couldn't have been foreseen, jurors returned a murder conviction against a woman whose dogs ripped open a neighbor's throat, killing her in their San Francisco apartment hallway. The woman's husband was convicted of manslaughter.

Marjorie Knoller, believed to be just the third person ever convicted of murder in a U.S. dog-mauling case — fought back tears as jurors announced Thursday that she was guilty on all counts. Behind her, a large group of victim Diane Whipple's friends and her domestic partner, Sharon Smith, began to

weep in the courtroom.

"There's no real joy in this but certainly some measure of justice for Diane was done today," Smith said later. "I'm glad to see the jury didn't buy some of the smoke screens that were put in front of them."

Knoller, owner of two huge Presa Canario dogs named Bane and Hera, was convicted of second-degree murder in Whipple's death. She was also found guilty, along with her husband, Robert Noel, of the lesser charges of manslaughter and having a mischievous dog that killed someone.

Each of the lesser charges carries a sentence of up to four years.

Experts said the 120-pound Bane delivered the fatal wounds and prosecutors said Hera tore at Whipple's clothing during the attack. Both dogs were later destroyed.

One legal expert said Thursday's verdict was likely to send a message across the nation.

"This does not mean that every dog mauling case will end up as a murder case," said Loyola University Law Professor Laurie Levenson. "But it does mean if people have prior warning they will have to take it seriously."

After the verdict, jurors said they thought Knoller, 46, and Noel, 60, had been "arrogant" to ignore warn-

ings from more than 30 people that their dogs, each of which weighed more than 100 pounds, were dangerous.

Knoller looked stricken upon hearing the verdict, turning to look at her parents and apparently mouthing the word "help."

Her husband showed no reaction to the verdict.

Sentencing was set for May 10 in San Francisco, where the fatal attack on Whipple, a 33-year-old lacrosse coach, occurred last year as she was carrying groceries into her apartment. Knoller was walking the dogs at the time.

The case was moved to Los Angeles because of heavy pretrial publicity.

Starr to head legal team fighting new campaign finance legislation

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a case expected to move quickly to the Supreme Court, former Whitewater Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr and a group of prominent election law attorneys will argue that campaign finance legislation passed by Congress is unconstitutional.

Sen. Mitch McConnell, the chief opponent of campaign spending limits and the likely lead plaintiff in the case, announced his legal team Thursday.

A day earlier, the Senate passed and sent to President Bush the most extensive changes in campaign finance law in a quarter-

century.

Starr, who investigated the Whitewater and Monica Lewinsky cases that led to the impeachment of President Clinton, will be joined by Floyd Abrams, a well-known First Amendment lawyer, and Kathleen Sullivan, dean of the Stanford Law School.

"These are perilous waters into which the Republic has now sailed," Starr said at a news conference with McConnell, R-Ky.

"The questions are grave, the questions are serious. It is now time for the courts to speak authoritatively to what the Congress has chosen to do."

Twenty-three charged with stealing funds meant for families of trade center victims

NEW YORK (AP) — Twenty-three people have been charged with falsely claiming that a family member died in the Sept. 11 attacks so they could get relief funds from emergency and charitable agencies, prosecutors say.

District Attorney Robert Morgenthau said 15 defendants who filed false death certificates received a total of \$760,465 based on their bogus claims. He said the other eight were caught before they got any money.

"This is a classic case of honey attracting the bears," Morgenthau said Thursday.

New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer said the scammers were uncovered through inconsistent and false information included in death certificate applications and other records.

Individual defendants received amounts ranging from \$1,000 to \$272,800 from the American Red Cross, Safe Horizon, the

Social Security Administration and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Morgenthau said.

In one case, a 32-year-old man from Lansing, Mich., reported that his brother was killed while attending a business meeting at the trade center. Before authorities learned that there was no such brother, the man had received \$272,800 in charitable aid.

Thirteen suspects are from the New York metropolitan area. The others live in Arizona, Colorado, Utah, Texas, Florida, Michigan, Mississippi, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, and China.

The charges against them include grand larceny, insurance fraud, forgery, falsifying business records, and offering false instruments for filing.

A Red Cross spokesman in Washington, D.C., said the agency is investigating up to 50 cases of fraud related to Sept. 11.

Global Crossing officials say they didn't deceive investors about financial troubles

WASHINGTON (AP) — Global Crossing officials say they did nothing to deceive their investors or employees as the fiber-optics company headed toward the fourth largest bankruptcy in U.S. history.

"Let us be clear: Global Crossing is no Enron," chief executive officer John Legere and chief financial officer Dan Cohrs said in a joint statement to a House Financial Services subcommittee.

But lawmakers, as in hearings on the Enron Corp. debacle, were highly critical of the executives' high salaries and their use

of questionable accounting techniques that may have left some investors unaware of the company's financial troubles.

Perhaps excess industry capacity was the primary reason for the bankruptcy, said Rep. John LaFalce of New York, the committee's top Democrat.

He added, "Global Crossing may well have succeeded in keeping its share price inflated much longer than was justified based on its true value."

The Securities and Exchange Commission and the Justice Department are investigating the collapse

of Global Crossing, which on Jan. 28 listed debts of \$12.4 billion in filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy reorganization.

Global Crossing Ltd., formally based in Bermuda, began operation in 1997 and spent \$15 billion building the world's most extensive fiber-optic network.

With last year's economic slowdown, the company cut 9,000 jobs and closed 71 offices.

The executives said, however, that Global Crossing still is "very much a real company" that is winning new business around the world as it reorganizes.

Honors student to return to class

BEDFORD (AP) — A 16-year-old honors student expelled for having a bread knife in his truck can return to his high school, officials said Thursday.

Taylor Hess has attended an alternative school for two weeks, since a security guard found the 10-inch knife left behind from a box of personal belongings owned by his grandmother. Hess said he didn't know it was in the truck.

Gene Buinger, the superintendent of the Hurst-Euless-Bedford School District, had said the state's zero tolerance weapons policy left no room for leniency. But district officials agreed Thursday to reduce the expulsion from the remainder of the school year to time served.

The agreement led Hess to cancel his Thursday evening appeal before the school board.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

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

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

This week we salute:

- ALL THOSE WHO FILED AS CANDIDATES FOR SCHOOL BOARDS, COUNCIL SEATS OR MAYOR for the May 4 elections.
- BIG SPRING AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE BIG SPRING MALL, on Thursday's Business After Hours program.
- HOWARD COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY, and those who participated in its fund-raiser auction.
- WELLS FARGO, on celebrating its 150-year history.
- ALERT INDIVIDUALS AT BIG SPRING STATE HOSPITAL, who took swift action to protect employees and patients when a suspicious substance was discovered in the mailroom. Fortunately, it was a false alarm.
- NORTH BIRDWELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, on its second community chili supper.
- THE GOOD LORD, for once again bringing us some much-needed rain.

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

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:
We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mayor Russ McEwen and city council members for all the great improvements and upgrades they have implemented at the Roy Anderson Complex.

Public Works Director Todd Darden, Park's Supervisor Jessie Baker, and their crews, the fire department and the Wilderness Camp inmates have done an excellent job refurbishing the fields and making many needed improvements. We now have fields we can be proud of.

We have already been approached to host the District 3 All-Star

Tournament, which includes teams from as far away as El Paso. The youth of Big Spring will benefit from these improvements in many ways and, in turn, the city of Big Spring will benefit.

We think the \$25 per player user fee is money well spent to assure the continued maintenance of the complex, but we do operate on a limited budget and since we do not have a fund-raiser, we are going to have to add this fee to sign-up costs. We hope everybody see this in the same way and gives it a chance.

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Andersen didn't commit a "real" crime

Ge, what a shame about Arthur Andersen. And it's going to make such a big mess, too. But wouldn't you like to hear the arguments being made in defense of Andersen put forward in a Texas courtroom, just to see what would happen?



MOLLY IVINS

"Your honor, members of the jury, it is true that my client Arthur Dwayne Andersen (it's practically mandatory to have the middle name Dwayne if you're going to prison in Texas) is guilty of theft by malpractice in this Enron deal. He cut a few corners and bent a few rules. And then he burned up all the office records to cover it up.

"On the other hand, your honor, my client is the sole support of five children, and his wife is diabetic and asthmatic. So that's six lives of innocent people that will be ruined if we send this man to prison, not to mention that it will cost the taxpayers \$20,000 a year to keep him there, plus the \$15.25 a week to keep each of those kids on welfare as long as he's

inside. (And let me add, your honor, that it makes perfect sense to spend \$20,000 a year to keep a man in prison doing dick while we spend exactly \$15.25 a week to give a child a fair start in life).

"Now it's true ol' Arthur Dwayne here has a couple of priors. But that Waste Management thing is real old news. And the Colonial Realty problem, the Sunbeam Corp. disaster and the truly unfortunate affair of the Baptist Foundation were just temporary aberrations. My client deserves another chance, your honor. Arthur Dwayne has learned his lesson this time and will never, ever steal again, and besides, he's real sorry now. I ask for a suspended sentence on grounds of the terrible harm this will do to all of Arthur Dwayne's extended family."

Think it will fly? I am the last person to argue that one more injustice will somehow make sense out of a "justice system" that is so often perverse. But I live in a state that did not even think Andrea Yates' slightly noticeable insanity worth consideration. The state of Texas thought it necessary to "make an example" out of her, which is bound to have a deterrent effect on all the other hopeless psychotics.

Yates' life sentence was widely reported as "an act of mercy." If life in a Texas

pen is merciful, Jesse Helms is a commie. For a truly unusual example of reason and mercy in action, check out what the state of Texas does to its mentally ill prisoners — makes a snakepit look like paradise. I've got more people to feel sorry for than Arthur Dwayne. Especially the 27,000 people in danger of losing their jobs because someone else "made a mistake."

Looking for someone to blame? The Corporate Crime Reporter found this advice in a law review article: "Corporate counsel must take every available opportunity to imbue company executives with the understanding that their documents will take on separate lives when they enter the treadmill of litigation. ... Ask executives and employees to imagine all their documents in the hands of a zealous regulator or on the front page of *The New York Times*. ... Each company should have a system of determining the retention and destruction of documents. Obviously, once a subpoena has been issued, or is about to be issued, any existing document destruction policies should be brought to an immediate halt."

Except for that "about to be issued" part, Arthur Andersen did precisely that. The advice comes from Harvey Pitt, then a star defense lawyer for the

accounting industry, now chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Robert Bartley made a truly perverse argument in *The Wall Street Journal* about other cases in which professionals who have "made mistakes" — from pedophile priests to plagiarizing historians — do not appear to have paid much of a price. He could have made a much stronger argument for Andersen by pointing out the innumerable cases in which other corporate crime has gotten a caress on the wrist. Instead, he chose to argue that, "Businessmen may be ahead of the rest in accountability," one of the silliest sentences I have ever read. Followed in silliness by his observation, "As a society we seem increasingly incapable of sitting in judgment of each other."

If so, why are there 2 million Americans in prison? The United States has the highest rate of incarceration in the world, 700 per 100,000 citizens. According to the Sentencing Project in Washington, D.C., in Canada and European countries, the rate ranges from 80 to 121 per 100,000. To anyone but a *Wall Street Journal* editor, the obvious question would be, why do the rich get away with stealing millions while the poor go to prison for stealing TVs?



Jack Anderson and Douglas Cohn

America and the importance of West Point

The 200th anniversary of the founding of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., was celebrated on March 16, yet few people understand the significance of the event.



JACK ANDERSON

The concept of a national military academy was suggested by George Washington, and later signed into law by President Thomas Jefferson in 1802. Washington had discovered the necessity of a well-trained, professional officer corps while leading American forces during the Revolution.

His own education — military and otherwise — was inadequate. He had fought in the earlier French and Indian War, but leading large units in the Revolution against the British Army, reputedly the best in the world, was new to him and to his officers. If they had any familiarity with the great captains of history — Alexander, Hannibal, Caesar, etc. — it was haphazard at best.

It is not likely that they had studied tactical concepts such as the oblique order or double envelopment, or that they had a grasp of Alexander the Great's river crossing at Hydaspes. They initially lacked the skill required to maintain the order and discipline necessary for them to simultaneously coordinate infantry, cavalry and artillery. Most of them lacked the engineering skills to build bridges, roads and fortifications. For these reasons the Revolution was nearly snuffed out at the beginning, and only Washington's ability to keep the army together following defeat after defeat saved the cause until his men, and especially his officers, learned the art of war.

For these reasons, Washington understood that a national military academy was essential to the survival of the nation. It was a dangerous world. Britain, France, and Spain all had interests in North America, and the new American republic was weaker than each of them.

The first test came with the War of 1812, but West Point graduates were too few and all in the lower ranks. So more than ever, it became obvious that pro-

fessionalism was necessary. More and more talented young men were drawn to the academy. Jefferson Davis graduated in 1828. Robert E. Lee and Joseph Johnston graduated the following year. Lee became a military engineer and tamed the Mississippi River at St. Louis. But it was the 59-member Class of 1846 that shined, eventually producing 22 generals, including Confederates Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson, George Pickett, and A.P. Hill, as well as Northerner George B. McClellan in the Civil War (1861-65).

However, it was the Mexican War (1846-48) that truly proved the importance of West Point to the nation. At the outbreak of hostilities, the standing army was small, and West Pointers were relied upon to turn civilian volunteers into an effective fighting force. Some of them, like Jefferson Davis, were by then civilians themselves, but they remembered their training. Davis performed exemplary service with his Mississippi volunteers at the Battle of Buena Vista.

Robert E. Lee would have won the Congressional Medal of Honor had it then existed for his harrowing reconnaissance mission on the march to Mexico City.

George Pickett was first over the wall in the assault on Chapultepec, the citadel guarding the Mexican capital. Years later he would become even more famous for a certain charge at Gettysburg.

But anecdotes aside, West Pointers proved themselves capable of quickly molding an army out of civilians. They provided the leadership that won and tamed the West that inspired, trained and led the masses of men who fought on both sides in the Civil War.

It is a scenario that has been played out over and over again. They were not asked to agree with the politics or the causes. That was not their job. They were asked to lead troops in combat, to train the people who would defend the nation, to tame the rivers and build the bridges, roads and dams. And today West Pointers include women because the nation cannot afford to ignore more than half of its brainpower.

West Point alone did not build the nation, but could the nation we know today have been built without West Point?

Douglas Cohn, a 1968 graduate of West Point, was retired for wounds received in Vietnam.



Mallard Fillmore
by
BRUCE TINSLEY

CHURCH NEWS

First Presby First Presby will offer its Holy Week Lenten observance on March 25-29. At 12:05, a 30-minute service will feature and special prayer service followed by lunch. Each service in the church chapel at Se Runnels street sandwich lunch lowship hall. Charge for the service. Guest speaker the pulpit of Wednesday at with the church pastor, the Rev. Marx, speaking Tuesday and Wednesday.

"We welcome you to join with us to observe the season of Lent for Easter." As Christians are reminded of for us in Jesus Christ.

Monday's guest will be the Rev. Watson, pastor of Christian Church Wednesday, Michael King of Chapel AME Church speak. At Friday the guest speaker Rev. Walt Lee of First Presbyterian.

Music, performed chapel's 1929 pipe organ, local musician Currie on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday through by the church's Music, Mike Mitchell. These five services for the week planned Thursday Maundy Thursday, March 29, God Both begin at 7:00 chapel.

First Church's observance will culminate in Easter Day services at 10:00 a.m. March 31 in tuary at Big Runnels. That which begins with the vision of children bearing flowers includes special young people worship as members congregation during service, and Marx on the subject, "Easter."

East Side Baptist Church will offer you to our Family each Sunday at 10:00. We are more in worship than ever. Come see us who Nursery provided.

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CHURCH NEWS

First Presbyterian
First Presbyterian Church will offer its third annual Holy Week Lunch Series March 25-29. Each day at 12:05, a 30-minute worship service will feature a speaker and special music followed by lunch. Each service takes place in the church's historic chapel at Seventh and Runnels streets, with a sandwich lunch in the fellowship hall. There is no charge for the meal.

Guest speakers will take the pulpit on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, with the church's interim pastor, the Rev. David Marx, speaking at the Tuesday and Thursday services.

"We welcome the community to join with us as we observe the season of preparation for Easter," said Marx. "As Christians, we are reminded of God's love for us in Jesus Christ."

Monday's guest speaker will be the Rev. Jimmy Watson, pastor at First Christian Church. Wednesday, the Rev. Michael King of Baker's Chapel AME Church will speak. At Friday's service, the guest speaker will be the Rev. Walt Lee of Coahoma's First Presbyterian.

Music, performed on the chapel's 1929 Schoenstein pipe organ, will feature local musician Delores Currie on Monday and Tuesday, followed Wednesday through Friday by the church's Director of Music, Mike Mitchell.

These five services are not the church's only offerings for the week prior to Easter. Special services are also planned Thursday known as Maundy Thursday, and March 29, Good Friday. Both begin at 7 p.m. in the chapel.

First Presbyterian Church's observance of the season will culminate with Easter Day service at 11 a.m. March 31 in the sanctuary at Eighth and Runnels. That service, which begins with a procession of children and youth bearing flowers to a cross, includes special music. Five young people will be confirmed as members of the congregation during the service, and Marx will preach on the subject, "Living After Easter."

East Side Baptist
East Side Baptist invites you to our Family Service each Sunday at 10:15 a.m. We are more interested in worship than programs. Come see us when you can. Nursery provided.

First United Methodist
The Chancel Choir will perform the cantata "God So Loved the World" on Palm Sunday at both services. The cantata will feature soloists Beverly Beil Newsom and Joel Michaelis. The Palm Sunday Processional will precede the 10:50 a.m. service.

Following the service, the Youth Group will serve a luncheon in Garrett Hall.

Sunday morning worship services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. Sunday School classes meet from 9:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Classes are available for children and adults.

Holy Week noon services will be held from 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. each day, March 25-29, in the sanctuary. Lunch will be served in Garrett Hall from 11:50 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. each day.

Area pastors including Fr. Jim Liggett, Michael King, Roger Huff, Sam Segundo, and Cap. Russ Keeney will preach the Holy Week noon services.

March 28, the Holy Thursday Tenebrae worship will begin at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tenebrae is a service of shadows and ends in almost total darkness as the candles are extinguished.

The approaching darkness symbolizes the flight of the disciples, the arrival of Jesus' enemies, and his ultimate suffering. The relighting of the Christ candle is a sign of hope that ends the service.

First United Methodist Church is located at 400 Scurry. For more information on any of the programs at First United Methodist Church, call the church office at 267-6394.

Coahoma Church of Christ

"God's Formula for Revival" will be theme of a series of sermons by Ben Mereness at Coahoma Church of Christ, 311 N. Second Street. The meeting will be April 7-10.

Ben Mereness from Southwest Church of Christ in Amarillo, will speak twice on Sunday morning. At 9:30 a.m. his lesson will be entitled "The Joy-Full Christian Life" and then at 10:20 a.m. he will speak on the theme "What a Fellowship!" The morning services will be followed by a fellowship meal in which all visitors will be our welcome guests.

The Sunday evening sermon at 6 p.m. will address the topic "The Greatest Need of This Church." The meeting will continue Monday through Wednesday at 7 p.m. each night. The sermons for those three evenings will be based on the text of 2 Chronicles 7:14.

Monday night the sermon will be "If My People Will Humble Themselves." On the following two nights, the lessons will be "If My People Will Pray and Seek My Face" and "If My People Will Turn From Their Wicked Ways."

We invite everyone to come learn and be challenged from the word of the Lord. For more information call 394-4277.

First Assembly of God
First Assembly of God will be holding special revival services with international evangelist Mark Shell, Sunday through Wednesday. Sunday ser-

vices will be at 10:40 a.m. and 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday.

Mark from Tulsa, Okla., will be presenting ministry. First Assembly is located at Fourth and Lancaster. For more information call 267-7971 or 267-7214.

St. Mary's Episcopal

St. Mary's Episcopal Church will have a full schedule of Holy Week services, the Rev. James Liggett, Rector of St. Mary's, said. Palm Sunday is this Sunday, March 24th, and the Palm Sunday service will begin at 10:30 AM in the Parish Hall and will include the service of the Palms, a procession into the Church, and the reading of the Passion from St. Matthew's Luke's Gospel. On Easter morning, March 31st, the festive service will also begin at 10:30 a.m. Special musical guests and additional instrumental and choir music will be a part of both Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday services. There will be no 8:00 AM service on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday.

Throughout Holy Week, Morning Prayer will be said at 7:30 AM in the Chapel. The Maundy Thursday Communion will be at 6:00 PM; the ancient Good Friday service will be at

Noon and 6:00 PM, and the Great Vigil of Easter will begin at 8:00 PM on Saturday, March 30th.

The public is warmly invited to all Holy Week and Easter Services.

Coahoma United Methodist Church

We would like to thank all those who helped make our youth's fundraising dinner a success.

If you would like to join us for activities during the Easter Season, please note the following dates — March 24, Palm Sunday; March 29, Good Friday worship service at 7 p.m.; March 31, Easter Sunday. During the Sunday School hour, join our youth as they put on an Easter Egg hunt for the children.

Also, after the Easter Sunday service, join us as we help the children release balloons celebrating Easter!

St. Paul Lutheran

The children of St. Paul will be having a palm procession in celebration of Palm Sunday on March 24 at 8 a.m. This celebration prepares us for the beginning of Holy Week which will include our special Friday evening Tenebrae Service at 7:30 p.m. on March 29.

The "service of darkness" of Tenebrae (Latin for dark-



Courtesy photo
St. Paul Lutheran Church will have a Tenebrae Service March 29, at 7:30p.m. From left back row — Marlon Brock, Sandy Roberts, Dusty Withroder, Alan Abel. Middle row — Vanessa Brock, Matt Buske, Charlie Downing, Audrey Abel. Front row — Sara Haney, Lindsey Walker, LeAnn Brumley, Pastor Steve Stutz.

ness), dates back to the 4th century. Traditionally observed during Holy Week, it focuses on the final hours of Jesus' life and crucifixion.

First Christian Church

The First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is getting ready for Holy Week. Dr. Jimmy Watson will preach the Palm Sunday message, "The Road to Jerusalem (and Heaven) is Paved with Good Intentions" during the morning worship service beginning at 10:50 a.m.

Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. On Maundy

Thursday we will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall with a Seder meal, followed by a worship and communion service in the sanctuary.

Immediately following the worship service we will hold a 24-hour prayer vigil preparing ourselves for Easter.

Everyone is welcome to attend these services. The Christian Church observes open communion.

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

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CLUB NEWS

TOPS TX 21
TOPS TX 21 met for a regular meeting on March 18 at 6 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 West Third.
The meeting was opened with a word of prayer voiced by leader, Hughetta Roberts followed by the TOPS pledge and fellowship

song. Members answered with a gain or loss when weight recorder, Genay Bertran called the roll. Ten members answered roll call. Donna Menges was the TOPS best loser and Lynne Criswell was the best loser of the KOPS. Each received 'he weekly award and certificate.
No program was given due to the installation of officers. Mrs. Roberts lit the candle of continuity. The

new officers lit their candles from the candle of continuity and those white candles were then placed into glass candlesticks. Those members who were not officers then pledged their support and also lit candles.
The club then enjoyed a salad supper which is one of two food functions a year allowed by TOPS Club, Inc. Anyone interested in TOPS can call 1-800-932-8677 or locally one can call 263-0391 or 263-1758 for more

information. You are also invited to come to a meeting on Monday nights at 6 at 306 West Third.
Captain Elisha Mack
The Captain Elisha Mack Chapter, NSDAR, met March 9, at the Big Spring Country Club.
Regent Lola Kelley welcomed 15 members for the meeting.
A highly educational and entertaining program entitled "Ancestors of Captain Elisha Mach Chapter Members" was presented by Sue Ann Damron.
Members Sue Ann Damron, Sara Tipton and Anne Witherspoon will represent the Chapter at the TSDAR State Convention next month.
Hostesses were Dottie

Britton and Katie Lara and decorations reflected a patriotic and St. Patrick's Day theme.
Sherri Key won the door prize. The April meeting will be held April 13 at 11:45 a.m. at the Big Spring Country Club. The program "The History of Howard County Sheriffs" will be presented by former sheriff Bill Jennings.

The last of the five-and-dime chains going out of business, signaling end of an era

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — At the Dollar Zone store, Donald Barlup Sr. loaded up on hooks, shower curtain rings and steel wire as he bemoaned the loss of what once would have been called a five-and-dime.
"It's a shame that they're putting all these little places out of business with these big stores," said Barlup, 69, of Harrisburg. "There are a lot of big stores I won't even go into."
Barlup was mourning the passing of McCrory Corp., one of the last of the original variety-store chains. The company has gone bankrupt — starved of cash in a retail world dominated by giant chains like Wal-Mart and Target.
About a half-dozen stores in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia remain of the chain that once had 1,300 stores at its peak, said Paul Weiner, chief financial officer for McCrory Corp. The final stores are expected to close within the next two weeks, he said.
The company operated McCrory stores along with other retailers like Dollar Zone, G.C. Murphy, J.J. Newberry, and T.G.&Y.
The privately held company, based near York, Pa., since 1963, outlasted rival Woolworth's and other competitors. But it got rid of more than 600 stores while under Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection from 1992

through 1997. The latest version of the company formed in 1997 and went into bankruptcy last year, Weiner said.
"They had been an extremely significant player," said analyst Burt Flickinger III, managing director of Reach Marketing in Westport, Conn. "Tragically, it was another example of Wall Street not understanding Main Street."
John McCrory of Scottsdale founded the chain in western Pennsylvania in 1882, three years after F.W. Woolworth opened his first successful store in Lancaster, in the eastern part of the state.
The dime store leaders stuck to the same merchandising and marketing formula. Shoppers could find a host of inexpensive items, like candy, needle and thread, scissors, Christmas tree ornaments and small clothing items. The stores featured lunch counters, which became popular

meeting places.
Unlike the large discount chains of today, most five-and-dimes did not advertise, relying on their location in areas heavily traveled by pedestrians to generate business.
In 1929, McCrory was the nation's fifth-largest dime-store chain, with about 240 stores in the eastern and southern United States and gross sales of \$44 million, said Alan Raucher, a professor of history at Wayne State University in Michigan who studies this sector.
McCrory sold a controlling interest in the company after his only likely successor died in a hunting accident. The firm declared bankruptcy in January 1933, but it found new life in the 1940s, taking over chains like G.C. Murphy that had been formed by former McCrory workers, Raucher said.
The company struggled again in recent years, as suburbanization upset its Main Street-based formula for success.
"When I first heard they were going out of business, I was surprised because I didn't even know they were still in existence," said Kurt Barnard, president of Barnard's Retail Trend Report, based in Montclair, N.J. "I thought they went out of business a long time ago."

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IN BRIEF

Hawks steamroll past McMurry's JV

Howard College's Hawks had no trouble in improving their record to 21-8 on the season Thursday afternoon, as they posted a 21-0 win over McMurry University's junior varsity at Walt Driggers Field in Abilene.

The Hawks, who own an 8-2 mark in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play, were slated to continue non-conference action today, taking on Trinidad (Colo.) State Junior College at 1 p.m. on the diamond at Jack Barber Field.

Steers suffer loss to No. 10 Snyder

Big Spring's Steers will attest to the quality of Snyder's Tigers, after suffering a 13-3 loss to the state's No. 10-ranked Class 4A baseball team on Thursday.

Little went right for the Steers, save for Ragan Phillips' 1-for-2 showing at the plate, his hit providing a couple of runs for Big Spring.

Dustyn Beauchamp took the loss.

Now 1-3 in District 4-4A play, the Steers play Andrews' Mustangs at 4:30 p.m. today at Steer Park.

Local women among PBWGA's winners

Dee Jenkins and Connie Fowler, both members of the Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association led the way in third-flight gross scoring Tuesday during the Permian Basin Women's Golf Association's first tournament of the season at Sunset Country Club.

Jenkins was first in the flight's gross score standings with a 91, while Fowler finished her round with a 95.

Big Spring UGSA registration slated

The United Girls Softball Association of Big Spring has scheduled registration for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Big Spring Mall.

A second session will be Saturday, April 6.

Fees will be \$30 per player, with additional children being able to sign up for \$25 each.

Parents are asked to bring a copy of each child's birth certificate.

For more information, call Bek Robinson at 263-2474.

Teen League baseball meeting scheduled

A Teen-age League baseball meeting has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, April 1, at the Roy Anderson Complex.

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ON THE AIR

Radio

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL
4:45 p.m. — Andrews Mustangs at Big Spring Steers, KBST-AM 1490.

Television

COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Men
6:30 p.m. — NCAA Tournament doubleheader, regional semifinals; East Regional, Southern Illinois vs. Connecticut and Maryland vs. Kentucky, and Midwest Regional, Oregon vs. Texas and Kansas vs. Illinois, CBS.

BOXING

8 p.m. — Cruiserweights, James Toney (64-4-2) vs. Stone Asipeli (17-3-2), ESPN2.

Irving council members ready for talks on new stadium

DALLAS (AP) — Some Irving City Council members are ready to start negotiations with the Dallas Cowboys on the future of Texas Stadium.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones is considering moving the team from Irving, where they have played since 1971.

He has announced plans to build an 80,000-seat stadium with a retractable roof

to anchor a \$1 billion, year-round entertainment development.

Arlington and Grapevine have expressed interest in the project, while Irving Mayor Joe Putnam has said his city would eventually propose a renovation of Texas Stadium.

While Putnam has said it is premature to discuss the fate of the stadium until the Cowboys approach Irving,

several council members told The Dallas Morning News this week that they want the city to get started.

"What we want to do now is review what are the options and what are the opportunities," said Mayor Pro Tem Herbert Gears. "Let's begin to find out how we're going to renovate our stadium and keep the Cowboys franchise for the next 30 years."

City Council member Bob Romano said the city needs to start thinking about how to keep the Cowboys in Irving, where the team's lease runs through the 2008 season.

"We're at the point where we need to talk about it, and everything's up for discussion," he said. "Until we do that, we're not moving toward keeping Jerry Jones in the city. We need to find

a spot that's acceptable to him and taxpayers in the city."

Jones said Thursday that the Cowboys want to look at the possibility of staying at Texas Stadium.

"That's always been in the back of our mind. Nothing has changed that," he said.

"We're always going to listen to talk about renovating, expanding or putting a dome on Texas Stadium."

Lady Steers top Lake View

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

On a day more suited to parkas than softball uniforms, Big Spring's Lady Steers tailored their play to match the elements Thursday afternoon and rolled to a 5-1 win over San Angelo Lake View's Maidens.

The victory improved the Lady Steers' season record to 11-8 and kept them atop the District 4-4A leaderboard with a 4-1 conference slate going into today's road game with Levelland.

Lake View, which had entered the fray in a four-way tie for the league lead with the Lady Steers, Snyder and Andrews, dropped to 10-10-1 on the season and 3-2 in district play.

With the temperature dropping from the 42 degree mark at the game's start and northeasterly winds dropping the windchill factor into the teens, the Lady Steers took control early with an aggressive hitting style.

Lead off hitter Leina Braxton got things started with a line drive single up the middle off Lake View's Josie Jungman and swiped second before advancing to third on a groundout by Erica Stewart.

It looked as if Jungman might get out of the jam when she got Whitney Hufford to pop out, but Laura Olague delivered a two-out RBI single to left.

Freshman pitcher Alex Watkins then helped her own cause with an RBI double down the left field line to provide all the run support she'd need.

"With the conditions like they were, the important thing was that we wanted to put the ball in play ... to drive the ball," Lady Steers head coach Dan Arista said following the win. "That's what we did from the outset and it paid off."

Indeed.

That first-inning pressure exerted by the Lady Steers



Big Spring's Leina Braxton follows through on her swing, ripping a single to lead off the first inning of Thursday's District 4-4A softball game against San Angelo Lake View's Maidens. The Lady Steers took a 5-1 win and will travel to Levelland today for a 4 p.m. game against the Lady Lobos.

paid off two innings later when Big Spring was able to take advantage of Lake View mistakes.

Again, it was Braxton who began a two-run rally, ripping a liner to right field that Lake View's Rachel Bell was unable to corral. She followed that with a stolen base and moved to third on a passed ball.

Stewart followed by drawing a walk off Jungman and Hufford drove in Braxton when she grounded out to second.

One out later, Watkins delivered her second RBI with a single to right, increasing the Lady Steers lead to 4-0.

Another Lake View miscue gave the Lady Steers an opportunity to score their final run when designated hitter Jamie Long struck out but reached first on a passed ball.

Long stole second and scored moments later when Nicole Chesworth singled up the middle.

All told, the Lady Steers managed just six hits off Jungman, but made almost all of them count.

The Maidens, on the other hand, garnered five hits off Watkins. However, the Lady Steers freshman struck out 11 batters, walked three and allowed just the lone earned run.

Lake View's long run came in the fifth inning when Watkins walked lead-off hitter Lydia Robledo. After retiring the next two batters, she walked Jungman and gave up an RBI single to Maidens shortstop Carnotta Baker.

But the Maidens rally fizzled when Randi Corbin singled to left and Braxton threw out Jungman at the plate, bringing the inning to a close.

Watkins would allow two more hits, but closed the door in the top of the seventh after giving up a one-out single by striking out Jungman and Baker to end the game.

Indiana knocks out Duke

Comment provides motivation for Hoosiers

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

It shouldn't be too tough to get a team pumped up to play the defending champion in the NCAA tournament.

Still, Indiana coach Mike Davis seized on some motivational material a couple of days before playing Duke in the final 16. He was struck by something that was said during a meeting among coaches and administrators from the schools.

"One of the guys from Duke asked what time they played on Saturday," Davis said.

"I told my guys, 'You know, they've got a great basketball team — no doubt about that — but when someone disrespects us like this, we've got to come out and fight. It doesn't matter if we win, lose or draw — we need to come out and fight.'"

Unshaken by a 17-point deficit in the first half, the fifth-seeded Hoosiers came back to knock off Duke 74-73 Thursday night and reach a regional final for the first time since 1993.

Indiana — which improved to 6-1 against No. 1-seeded teams in the NCAA tournament — next plays 10th-seeded Kent State for a spot in the Final Four. The Golden Flashes beat Pittsburgh 78-73 to reach Saturday's South Regional final, their first.

In the West Regional on Thursday night, No. 12 Missouri became the lowest-seeded team ever to reach the NCAA's final eight, eliminating UCLA 82-73. The Tigers set up an all-Big 12 regional final Saturday against Oklahoma, which defeated 2001 national runner-up Arizona 88-67.

Friday's regional semifinals are Maryland vs. Kentucky, and Connecticut vs. Southern Illinois in the East; and Kansas vs. Illinois, and Oregon vs. Texas in the Midwest.

Duke (31-4) lost to Indiana (23-11) the way it dropped two of its three regular-season defeats — with Williams missing at the free-throw line.

With the Blue Devils trailing 74-70, Williams seemingly came through with a miraculous play, helped by

and they always seemed to end up with it." Jared Jeffries, who almost went to Duke, but chose Indiana because of Davis, had 24 points and 15 rebounds. Jarrad Odle scored 15 points in 18 minutes.

It was the most significant victory of Davis' tenure, which began when Bob Knight was fired in 2000. Davis had to deal with the pressure of succeeding a coach who won three national titles in a state that treats basketball as religion.

"None of the credit goes to me," Davis said. "You saw these guys. Our guys will fight to the very end. I told them that playing basketball at Indiana was a great honor, and if you do something special, the fans of Indiana will remember you for the rest of your life."

Duke, with four returning starters, was trying to be the first school with consecutive NCAA titles since it won championships in 1991-92.

The Blue Devils built a 29-12 lead midway through the

"There would be a scramble or it would be tipped up,

Texas, Oregon guards similar

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Oregon coach Ernie Kent can think of just one player who reminds him of Texas' fabulous freshman, T.J. Ford.

It's his own point guard.

"I think he does remind me of Luke Ridnour in the sense that I thought Luke played with an enormous amount of confidence last year, also as a freshman," Kent said.

Ford and Ridnour are the focal points of the Ducks-Longhorns game Friday night at the NCAA Midwest Regional.

Top-seeded Kansas and Illinois tip off in the late game.

Kent said it's a mistake to think either Ridnour or Ford will determine the outcome.

"I don't think it's going to be a battle of the two point guards," he said. "It's going to be a battle of the two teams, the systems, the styles of play and those types of things. It's not going to be Luke vs. T.J."

Texas coach Rick Barnes said both players made a huge impact on their teams.

"I imagine Luke Ridnour did for Oregon what T.J. Ford has done for Texas. T.J. could have gone anywhere in the country to play basketball, and he chose to stay close to home," Barnes said. "And he put his stamp on our program."

"Luke chose to do the same thing. You're looking at two guys that really enjoy passing the basketball and two guys who enjoy watching their teammates do what they do well. You're talking about two guys who are extremely unselfish. They're both about winning."

Ford winced after a tough practice Thursday. It wasn't pain that wiped away the seemingly constant smile from one of college basketball's top freshmen.

His health is always a concern because Texas' star point guard has a nagging ankle sprain and a tender groin. He also has a spinal cord problem that has symptoms ranging from tingling and numbness in limbs to wrenching pain.

No health problem caused this look of dismay, though.

What made the 5-foot-10, 165-pound Ford guard grimace this time was the suggestion that the University of Texas will always be known as a football factory and not a hardwood haven.

"It's stereotyped as a football school because the football program's done better than basketball for so many years," Ford said. "Everybody just knows about it as a football school. But when I decided to go to Texas, I felt that Texas had a good basketball program." And he wants to make it a great one.

"It's known as a football school. But it's going to equal out in a couple of years or so," Ford said.

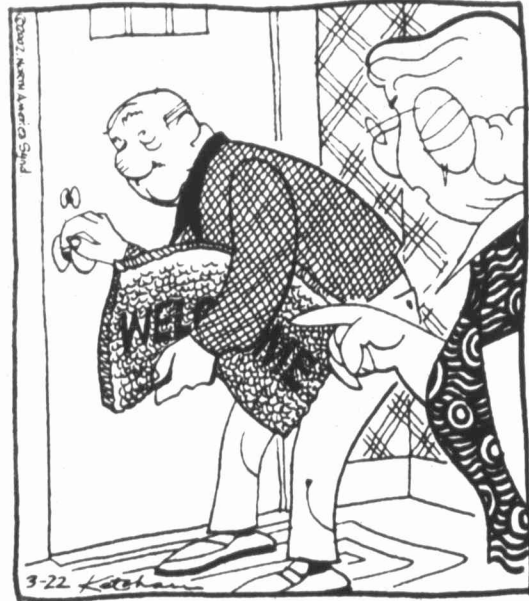
He went right to work on his dream of transforming Texas from the land of touchdowns to a place for alley-oop dunks and darting

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7 PM	Funnest Home Videos	70s Show Titus (CC)	Now With Bill Moyers (CC)	State of Grace According-Jim	Basketball NCAA	Funnest Home Videos	Providence (CC)	Movie: Wyatt Earp	Amigas y Rivaldes (SS)	Movie: Zenon: The Zequel (40)	Star Trek Next Gener.	Movie: The Virgin	Movie: Stigmata	Showtime	Joseph Good Faye Hardin	Biography (CC)	Tattoo! Beauty	Movie: The Matrix (CC)	High Speed				
8 PM	Funnest Home Videos	Dark Angel (CC)	Wash Week Wall St. Week	Alias	Regional Semi.	Prime Time	Dateline (CC)	Salome	Phantom of the Megaplex	Star Trek Next Gener.	Movie: The Virgin	Movie: Cast Away (CC)	Light of the Southwest	Movie: Cast Away (CC)	Gorillas: Primal	Contact (CC)	Warrior Island	Valley of the Kings	Frozen in Time				
9 PM	20/20 (CC)	Cops (CC) Blind Date	Hollywood's Magic Night	Whose Line? Whose Line?	College Basketball	20/20 (CC)	Law & Order	Los Metiches	P. Impacto Noticiero Univ.	Star Trek Next Gener.	Legends of the Fall (CC)	Red Shoe	Dennis Miller	Hour of Healing	Law & Order (CC)	Justice Files	Austin Powers: Internationa	Valley of the Kings	Frozen in Time				
10 PM	News Nightline	Jerry Springer (CC)	News-Lehrer	700 Club (CC)	NCAA Regional	News (CC) Nightline	News (35) Tonight	Humor-Comed.	So Weird (CC) In a Heartbeat	Conspire Small Shots	Movie: Color of Night (CC)	Movie: The Mexican (CC)	Update With Church	Biography (CC)	Tattoo! Beauty	Movie: Twins	Frozen in Time						
11 PM	Politically Inc Cheers	Suddenly Spin City (CC)	The Industry Red Green	Who's Boss? Who's Boss?	Semi-News	Ent Tonight Politically Inc.	Show (CC) (37) Late	Movie: Geronimo: An American Legend	Maria la del Barrio	Fame for 15 Mickey Mouse	Movie: Angela's	Faith Pleases God	Gorillas: Primal	Body Piercing	Movie: Twins	Frozen in Time							
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DENNIS THE MENACE



"GEORGE! PUT THAT RIGHT BACK, AND LET DENNIS IN!"

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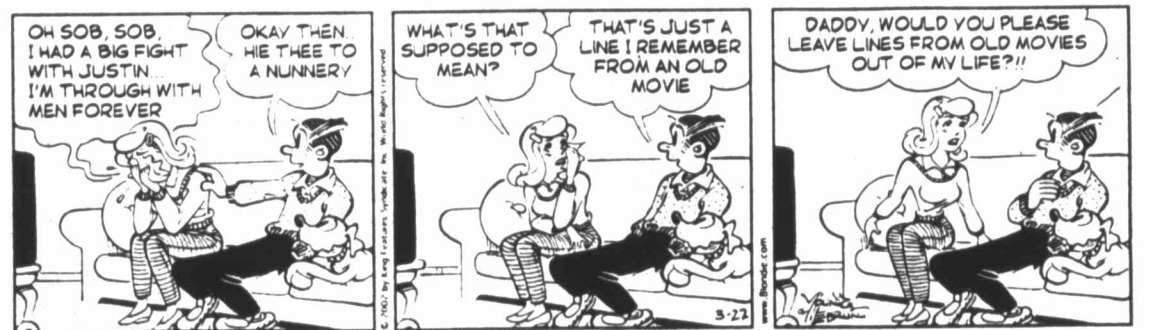


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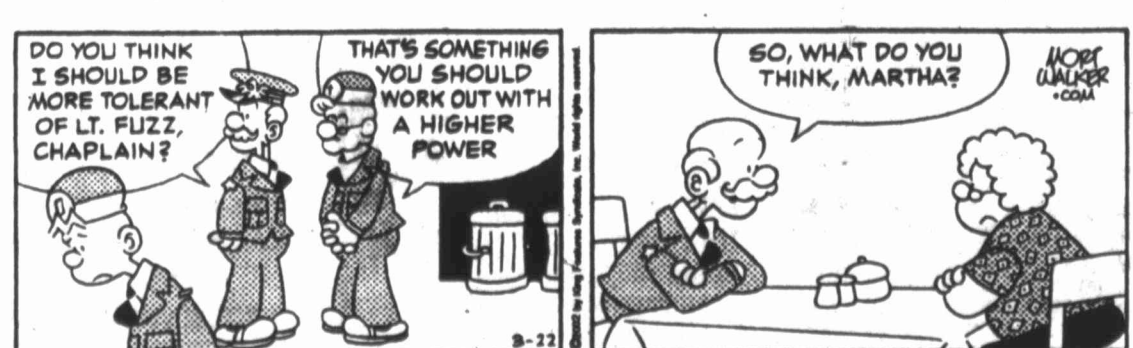
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Friday, March 22, the 81st day of 2002. There are 284 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 22, 1765, Britain enacted the Stamp Act to raise money from the American colonies. (The Act was repealed the following year.)

In 1820, U.S. naval hero Stephen Decatur was killed in a duel with Commodore James Barron near Washington D.C.

In 1882, Congress outlawed polygamy.

In 1895, Auguste and Louis Lumiere showed their first movie to an invited audience in Paris.

In 1933, during Prohibition, President Roosevelt signed a measure to make wine and beer containing up to 3.2 percent alcohol legal.

In 1941, the Grand Coulee Dam in Washington state went into operation.

In 1945, the Arab League was formed with the adoption of a charter in Cairo, Egypt.

In 1946, the British mandate in Transjordan came to an end.

In 1972, Congress sent the proposed Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution to the states for ratification. (It fell three states short of the 38 needed for approval.)

In 1991, high school instructor Pamela Smart, accused of manipulating her student-lover into killing her husband, was convicted in Exeter, N.H., of murder-conspiracy.

In 1995, convicted Long Island Rail Road gunman Colin Ferguson was sentenced to life in prison for killing six people.

Ten years ago: Twenty-seven people were killed when a US-Air jetliner crashed on takeoff from New York's LaGuardia Airport; 24 people survived. France's governing

Socialist Party was rebuffed in regional elections.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Karl Malden is 90. Pantomimist Marcel Marceau is 79. USA Today founder Allen H. Neuharth is 78. Composer-lyricist Stephen Sondheim is 72. Actor William Shatner is 71. Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) is 68. Actor M. Emmet Walsh is 67. Singer-guitarist George Benson is 59. Singer Jeremy Clyde (Chad and Jeremy) is 58. Composer Andrew Lloyd Webber is 54. Actress Fanny Ardant is 53. Sportscaster Bob Costas is 50. Country singer James Housh is 47. Actress Lena Olin is 47.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

JERRY-BUILT by Sally R. Stein
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ACROSS

- Burden
- Muslim official
- Bring a halt to
- Too
- Miami-County
- It may be golden: Abbr.
- Comedian, singer
- Convertible furniture
- Original Amateur Hour sponsor
- Flora and fauna
- Mrs. DeVito
- Urge to action
- Chinese-born architect
- Washington Irving character
- Press need
- Coordinate-system pair
- Take the honey and run
- Two comedians
- Wreck
- Myanmar neighbor
- High-tech identifier
- Tiff
- Alternative CD version
- Turns blue, perhaps
- "... she blows!"
- Set of points, in math
- Charles Boyer film
- Resilient
- Rock musician, actor
- Judge, often

DOWN

- Dundee miss
- Sub in a tub
- Clueless catchphrase
- Daisy's boyfriend
- Persistent theme
- Cruiser's bane
- Throw in
- Hardly sufficient, in England
- Political faction
- Very impressive
- Art major's subj.
- Wheat holder
- Mr. Knievel
- Justice Department org.
- M*A*S*H soft drink
- Main points
- In first place
- Japanese dog
- Biblical song
- Rambunctious
- State one's views
- Flat-topped rises
- Fully
- Golf pro from South Africa
- Like some windows and gates
- Enclosed, perhaps
- Hymn
- avis
- Makeshift
- Expel, as an attorney
- They have will power
- One's wheels
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- Recent role for Angelina
- Smirk relative
- Saga
- Something to click on
- David's coanchor
- New Deal agcy.

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