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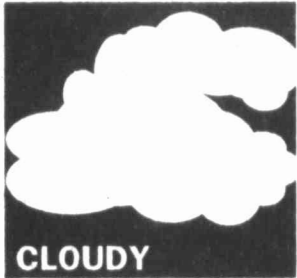
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March 27, 2002

WEATHER

Tonight:



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TONIGHT 50°-55° TOMORROW 75°-80°

Senior Center accepting items for its auction

The Spring City Senior Center is accepting donations for its third annual benefit auction. All items will be accepted with the exception of clothes.

Pickup is available. For more information, contact Bobbie Leonard at 267-1628 at the Spring City Senior Center or the Crossroads Auction Company at 263-8200 for more information.

All proceeds go to the Senior Citizens Center.

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 Rannels.

□ 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 Iron.

□ ABC Club meets at noon at the Brandin Iron.

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

□ Spring City Senior Citizens Country and Western Dance will be 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. All area seniors are invited.

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Area ag producers to be honored Thursday

HERALD Staff Report

Tickets are still available for Thursday's Agriculture Appreciation Luncheon, sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

"We want to invite everyone to come out to the luncheon and Agriculture Expo," said Debbye Valverde, Chamber of Commerce executive director. "Charles Stenholm will be speaking at the luncheon and we hope he will be bringing us some good news."

Both the expo and luncheon will be held at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The expo opens at 10 a.m. and will run until 3 p.m. Admission is free. A number of businesses ranging from tire repair to agricultural insurance will have booths displaying their wares.

Thursday's luncheon is free to all area agriculture producers. The general public can purchase luncheon tickets for \$8 each.

Tickets will remain available at the Chamber of Commerce, 215 W. Third, until about 11 a.m. Thursday. By mid-morning



VALVERDE



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce secretary Liz Adamson prepares welcome packets for those who have a booth at the Chamber of Commerce annual Agricultural Expo and Appreciation Luncheon. The event begins Thursday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum at 10 a.m. The appreciation luncheon will begin at 11:45 a.m. and tickets will still be available at the chamber, 215 W. Third, until 11 a.m. Thursday.

today, more than 400 tickets had been distributed.

U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm (D-Abilene) represents District 17, which includes Howard and 31 other area counties.

Stenholm, who is the

ranking Democrat on the House Agriculture Committee, will deliver remarks regarding the Farm Bill and other issues of local importance.

Stenholm will also visit Elbow Elementary School

Thursday morning.

In addition to the congressman's message, the luncheon will be highlighted by the naming of the agriculture producer and

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Educational seminar will award CEUs

HERALD Staff Report

The Texas Cooperative Extension Service will hold an educational seminar Thursday in conjunction with the 2002 Ag Expo and luncheon.

The seminars will begin at 9 a.m. in the Fireplace Room on the college campus and will dismiss in time for the luncheon at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum at 11:45 a.m.

Among the topics:
— Results of the 2001 demonstration projects;
— Comparative costs analysis of minimum and conventional tillage;
— Pest management of cotton;
— Pesticide record-keeping laws and regulations.

Three continuing education units (CEU) will be provided for those who attend. There is no charge for the seminar.

year.

Last year, area farmer Maxwell Barr and Feagins Implement were honored as the agricultural producer

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Boiles to take over as Moss Lake caretaker

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Moss Creek Lake has a new caretaker.

At their meeting Tuesday evening, Big Spring city council members voted unanimously to approve Rick Boiles for the position.

Boiles, currently Big Spring's superintendent of the distribution and collection department, said he's confident his new duties won't interfere with his current job.

"Very confident, because like I say, I have my family, my brother-in-law and my son, and the city's getting three to four people working with no additional salary cost," he said. "Like I said last night, my job here is

primary and this is what I take care of first, and then I'm a phone call away from those folks, my family, if they need me, if they have a question, I can take care of it."

Boiles said he sees the Moss Creek job as an opportunity for him to provide a service for the city. The contract calls for Boiles to have free use of a three-bedroom house at the lake, with utilities and insurance, provided by the city. It provides no extra salary for the position.

"I've seen the things that (the lake) has had going on in the past, and I'm a full-blown city guy," he said. "I like to make sure that the city's getting the best for its money. I felt like this would

"We've got someone that we've got great confidence in, that's done a great job in one area, and he's saying 'I can do this also,' and I have no problem with that."

— Mayor Russ McEwen

be a unique opportunity for me and my family to be out there, and that's why we did the contract the way we did so that the city would bear no extra burden other than budgeting for maintenance. I felt like it would be a good

deal both ways."

Councilman Oscar Garcia raised concerns that, while Boiles may be an experienced manager, his family members aren't, and will be operating the lake on their own during Boiles' 8-to-5 work day.

"That's just all about training," Boiles said. "We have folks come in all the time that go to work for us that have never done this type of work before and we train them. That's all this is about, training."

Boiles said he would like to see concerts held at the lake to help increase attendance.

"I want to try set up some concerts, local bands, out there playing and stuff like that," he said. "Of course

that will be after deliberation with the city, to know what we need to do to make sure the city's happy and what they expect of us when we do something like that."

Although Boiles' contract allows him to operate a concession stand at the lake and keep the proceeds, he said he probably won't do that until he gets his feet wet.

"Right at first I probably won't until I get in and look at all the requirements that will be placed on me," he said. "If I did it would be a limited type of concession stand, some types of tackle, snacks, candy bars, sandwich cold cuts, that type of thing. I won't be preparing

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City council deadlocks at 3-3 on providing sewer service to portion of Seminole Road

By ROGER CLINE

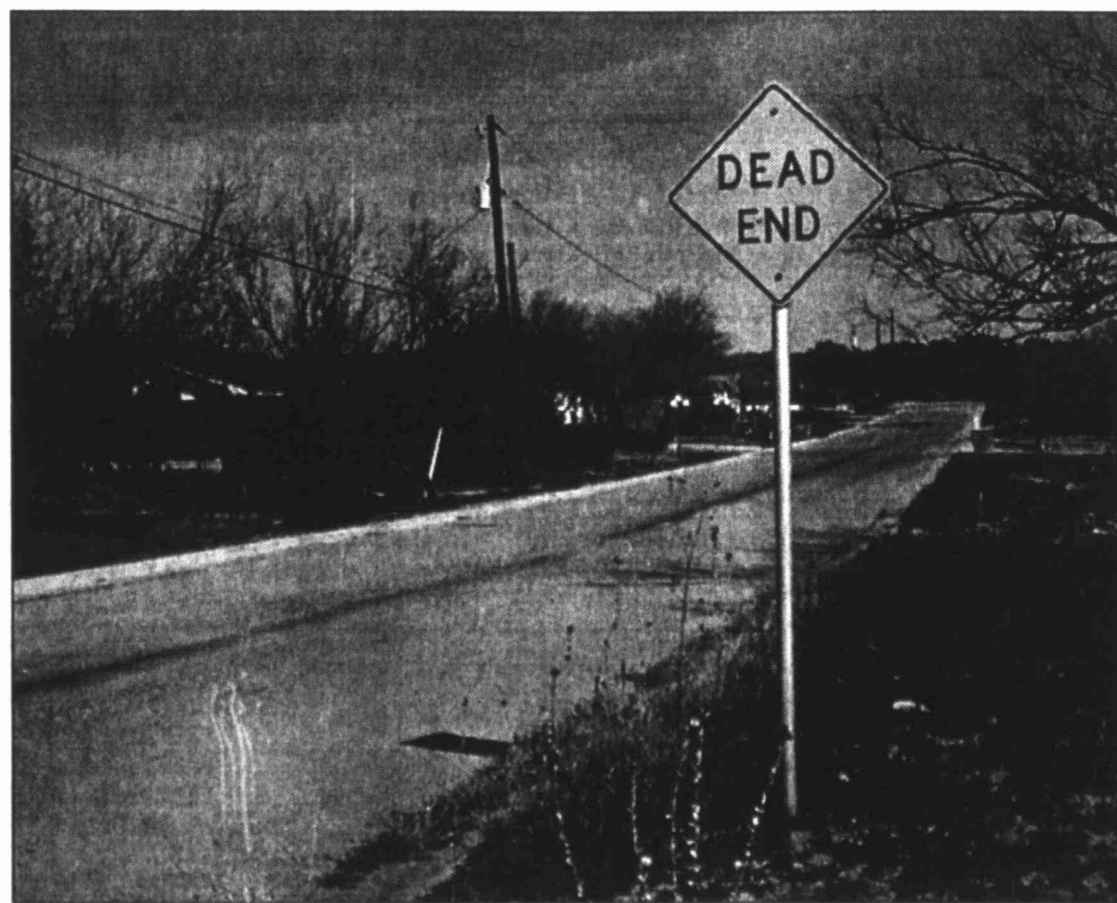
Staff Writer

A 3-3 vote at the Big Spring City Council meeting Tuesday night means residents in the 2500 block of Seminole Road aren't getting sewer service — at least not yet.

Council members Stephanie Horton, Oscar Garcia and Chuck Cawthon voted in favor of providing sewer service, at an estimated cost of more than \$60,000, to the area, while Mayor Russ McEwen and council members Tommy Tune and JoAnn Smoot voted against the measure. Councilman Greg Biddison was absent.

McEwen said his intention was not to deny sewer service to the Seminole residents, but to revisit the issue during the council's annual budget deliberations this summer.

"I voted the way I did because we were looking at a \$70,000 expenditure in the middle of the budget year that was unbudgeted," he said. "This has been a situation that has been there on Seminole for a number of years — actually, a number of decades — and my feeling very strongly is that this is something that needs



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

In a 3-3 vote, Big Spring City Council members did not pass a measure to provide sewer service to the 2500 block of Seminole Road at Tuesday night's meeting. The project has an estimated cost of \$60,000.

to be considered during budget deliberations."

Oscar Garcia said he feels the city has a moral obligation to provide sewer ser-

vices to its residents.

"I think that is a municipal service and we are obligated," he said. "I feel that the citizens of the com-

munity should not be the ones to bear the brunt of that cost to provide the ser-

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Last chance to get VITA's help with taxes

HERALD Staff Report

People seeking help on their 2001 tax return have just one more chance to receive free assistance with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance.

Monday is the last day that VITA volunteers will be at the Senior Citizen's Center, 1901 Simler Drive in the Industrial Park, to help those needing assistance in filling out their 2001 tax return. The service will be available from 9 a.m. to noon.

Volunteers trained by the Internal Revenue Service can assist individuals in a number of areas, including if a person qualifies for certain credits and deductions. The service is open to all residents filing wages and interest.

To prepare the tax return forms, the volunteers will need all W-2s and other documents showing wages earned in 2001, 1099 interest forms and the 2000 Tax Return.

Each person will be seen on the order of his or her arrival.

Monday, April 15 is the deadline to file the 2001 tax return with the Internal Revenue Service.

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OBITUARIES

Ralph Durwood Denton

Ralph Durwood Denton passed away peacefully in his sleep Monday, March 25, 2002.

Ralph was born February 2, 1937, in Big Spring, to Ralph Mitchell and Trella Aline Denton. On July 30, 1962, he married Carol Renee Keele in Blackfoot, Idaho.



He had been a resident of Midland since his retirement after 20 years in the Navy in 1975. After retiring from the Navy he was an insurance inspector for Hartford Steam Boiler Insurance and Inspection.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Carol and his brother, Kenneth. Ralph is survived by his sons, Ralph Michael Denton and his wife, Dana of Kingwood, and Thomas Allen Denton and his wife, Louise of Provo, Utah; his daughter, Patricia Lynn McShane and her husband, Darin of Katy. He is also survived by his brothers, Jerry and Bobby Denton of Carlsbad, and his sisters, Lenna Mae Bradford of Carlsbad, Teresa Ann Burgin of Arlington, and Diana O'Dwyer of Stephenville; and nine grandchildren, Taryn, Elizabeth, Hayden, Eyn, Shad, Jacob, Rachel, Colby and Trent.

Visitation will be held at Ellis Funeral Home today between the hours of 6 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 9 a.m. Thursday, March 28, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 4805 Gateway Street, Midland with Bishop Blaine J. Bushman officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

Billie D. Hanson

Billie D. Hanson, 77, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, March 26, 2002, at his residence. Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Thursday, March 28, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Dudley Mullins, pastor of East Fourth Street Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on Nov. 8, 1924, in Howard County and married Carolyn Hill on Aug. 26, 1950, in Odessa.

Mr. Hanson owned and operated Bill Hanson Trucking Co. in Big Spring for 42 years and had also ranched for 30 years in Menard County.

He was a member of East

Fourth Street Baptist Church. Mr. Hanson had served in the United States Navy during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn Hanson of Big Spring; a grandson, Britt C. Hanson of Leavenworth, Kan.; three brothers, J.D. Hanson and Bobby Sam Hanson, both of Midland and Jack Hanson of Big Spring; two sisters, Pauline Whatley of Stanton and Mary Helen Bott of Ranger; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two sons, David G. Hanson and Mark Hanson.

The family suggest memorials to a charity of choice.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. today.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

Kathryn Craig Thigpen

Kathryn Craig Thigpen, 90, of Big Spring, died Monday, March 25, 2002, at her residence. Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Thursday, March 28, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Ken McMeans, pastor of College Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.



Born Anna Kathryn Craig on Sept. 19, 1911, in El Paso, she was the daughter of Samuel and Bertha Craig. She married Thomas Alvin Thigpen on June 10, 1934, in Sweetwater and he preceded her in death on Jan. 21, 1984.

Mrs. Thigpen grew up in Abilene, graduated from high school there and attended Abilene Christian College. She moved to Big Spring in 1941 and worked at the local Air Base during World War II while her husband was in the Navy and later worked at the VA Hospital. She was active in the American Legion Auxiliary.

Survivors include her son, Thomas A. Thigpen of Beaumont; her sister, Arian Coffee of Big Spring; two granddaughters, Mary Kathryn Hembree of Campo Bella, N.C. and Tommie Ann Hagin of Monroe, N.C.; and six great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

Anita Myers

Funeral service for Anita Myers, 56, of Big Spring is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mrs. Myers died today, March 27, 2002, at a local hospital.

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and agri-business of the year, respectively.

Chamber members hold the annual appreciation luncheon to thank the local farmers for their impact on the local economy, ValVerde said.

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hot meals, I don't believe. Not at this time."

Mayor Russ McEwen expressed confidence in Boiles ability to handle the added responsibility.

"We've got someone that we've got great confidence in, that's done a great job in one area, and he's saying 'I can do this also,' and I have no problem with that," the mayor said. "I am totally confident that if it ever interferes with his other city job, they will immediately terminate the (Moss Creek) situation, because Rick is invaluable in the position he's in right now. It's giving a valued employee the opportunity he's asking for."

A clause allows the city manager to terminate the contract for any reason with 30 days written notice.

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vice, and that is why I had asked that the people who are out there help with that cost."

Garcia said the city has worked with residents in the past to provide services with the residents picking up a portion of the tab.

"We've done the same thing with other services in other parts of the city," he said. "Where citizens living in the area where services are being installed or provided help with providing some of the cost. Like we've done in the past, we've contracted with people when we double seal-coated the street and the citizens pay half of the cost, maybe divided among 20 residents."

The city attorney Jean Shotts said the city can't just assess the cost of the sewer line to the Seminole residents, because the city is taking the position that adding the line won't significantly increase the property values of the land owned by the residents. Shotts said the city can only assess up to 90 percent of the projected increase in property value.

Biddison wouldn't comment this morning about how he would have voted on the issue.

"Probably not, since I wasn't there," he said. "I would have to have heard all that was said."

Biddison said he missed the meeting to be with his son in the hospital.

BRIEFS

COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES of Big Spring is in desperate need of volunteers.

CASA volunteers are trained to represent abused and neglected children in court and help ensure that they find safe, permanent homes.

To become a volunteer or for more information contact the Big Spring office at 263-4162 or the Midland office at 915-683-1114. Visit

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the website at www.casawtx.org or send an e-mail to voices@casawtx.org.

LET THE YMCA PUT a spring in your step! Our gymnastics program now includes cheerleading, tumbling, and acrobatics. We offer a variety of classes that the entire family can enjoy.

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

Call or come by and see what we have to offer. Non-members are invited to participate in our programs, also. Big Spring YMCA is located at 801 Owens, 267-8234.

HOWARD COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY is offering adoptions of all adult dogs 1-year-old or older at a special discount of \$9, which includes shots and vaccinations.

These dogs are neutered. The normal fee is \$18. This special will run through Easter, March 31.

For information, contact the humane society at 267-7832.

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

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

All proceeds go to the Senior Citizens Center.

FORSAN EX-STUDENTS ASSOCIATION IS attempting to get 911 addresses on former Forsan students.

Please call Boyce Hale at 2267-6957 to receive a newsletter.

ARE YOU PREGNANT? DO YOU have a baby? WIC serves pregnant and breastfeeding women and children younger than 5.

To see if you or your child qualifies for free food, nutritional counseling and medical screening, contact your nearest WIC clinic or call 263-9777.

Wednesday is last day to sign up for first do-not-call list

AUSTIN (AP) — Texans who don't want to be annoyed by telemarketers have to sign up by Wednesday for a "do-not-call" list that blocks companies from calling customers at home.

More than 50,000 people have rushed to add their names to the list over the past five days, bringing the total to 320,000 since Jan. 1, said Public Utility Commission spokesman Terry Hadley.

"We were told, based on other states' experiences, to expect a large response like this," Hadley said. "We're not telling people they need to sign up. We're just saying that this service is now available — if you're interested, you need to sign up."

Wednesday's deadline is for customers attempting to get on the first list.

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Subsequent lists will be updated every three months.

Telemarketers are required to purchase the PUC list and update their records within the first 60 days of the state publication.

Companies that do not follow the law are subject to penalties of up to \$1,000 per violation.

Charities, non-profit groups and debt collectors are excluded from the law, which lawmakers approved last year.

Companies with prior business relationships with customers also may continue to call. Plus, telemarketers who hold state licenses, such as insurance agents, real estate agents and stockbrokers, can call. But they must complete transactions with face-to-face meetings.

Residents pay \$2.25 to be placed on the list for three years.

People can sign up by calling 1-866-896-6225 or online at http://www.texasnocall.com. Customers also can sign up by printing a form from the no-call Web site and mailing a check or money order to: Texas No Call, P.O. Box 313, E. Walpole, MA. 02032.

POLICE

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

- BOE LEWIS PAYNE, 20, of 1302 Grafa was arrested on a Howard County warrant.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 800 block of Lorilla Street. A building in the area reportedly sustained \$200 damage.
- ASSAULT BY THREAT was reported in the 800 block of West Fifth Street.
- THEFT was reported in the 1900 block of South Lancaster Street. Items worth \$100 were reported stolen.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported:

- In the 700 block of Tulane. Someone reportedly entered the home through an unlocked front door and stole electronic equipment worth \$489.

- In the 200 block of Grant Avenue. Tools worth \$400 were reported stolen in the incident.

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- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 2000 block of South Gregg Street and the 2600 block of Albrook.
- MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 400 block of Pennsylvania Avenue.
- LOUD PARTY/NOISE was reported in the 1300 block of Grafa Street and the 2900 block of West Highway 80.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 500 block of South Aylesford Street.

The Big Spring Police reported the following activity over the weekend:

- AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON: 1
- ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE: 5
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING: 2
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION: 1
- BURGLARY OF A MOTOR VEHICLE: 2
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF: 2
- CRIMINAL TRESPASSING — HABITATION: 1
- DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED: 3
- DRIVING WHILE LICENSE INVALID: 5
- EVADING ARREST/DETENTION: 1
- FORGERY: 1
- HARRASSMENT: 1
- POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA: 2
- RUNAWAY: 1
- THEFT: 15
- Convenience Store

Thefts: 13

- Gasoline Drive-Offs: 13
- UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE: 1
- VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER: 1
- INCIDENTS: 7
- ARRESTS: 20
- ACCIDENTS: 5
- Minor: 5

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Compaq	10.61 -.24
Cornell	10.5 -.15
Dell	25.57 -.62
Du Pont	48.2 +.69
Exxon Mobil	43.95 +.21
Halliburton	163.92 +.57
IFCO Systems	.42 nc
IBM	102.98 +.08
Intel Corp	30.08 -.69
NUV	9.29 +.1
Patterson Ener	27.86 +1.32
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Phillips Petro	62.28 +.9
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Texas Instrument	32.95 -.57
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A fiery, head-on crash in Wisconsin leaves five dead, 20 injured

IXONIA, Wis. (AP) — A senior citizens' trip to the Milwaukee botanical gardens turned into a fiery tragedy when their chartered bus slammed headfirst into a delivery van, killing five people and injuring 20. The impact shattered the bus windows and its bucket seats were tossed around. Two of the 15 elderly passengers were thrown from the bus and landed on the roadway. The blue-and-white bus carrying 22 people crashed into a ditch 30 feet from the collision, killing Myrtle

Neis, 82, Ruth Breitzmann, 84, and the bus driver, Carol A. Benisch, 61. "You could see people collapsed," said Mike Leslie, 21, who witnessed the accident on state Highway 16, 30 miles west of Milwaukee. "People on top of each other. The bus driver was trapped. ... People were trapped on the floor and they couldn't get out." A 91-year-old woman died of her injuries at Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital early Wednesday, said John Riegert, a hospital spokesman. The woman's

name was not immediately released. The van burst into flames, killing the driver, Michael S. McNally, 35, of Mukwonago. Ixonia Fire Chief Bruce Degner said cleaning solutions in the van fueled the blaze. Twenty people were taken to area hospitals with injuries. Four elderly women and one man remained in critical condition late Tuesday, hospital officials said. Degner said some of the passengers were only semi-conscious and most had

serious injuries. "They were just sitting there wondering what happened," he said. The bus, from the Marquardt Village retirement home in Watertown, was traveling to Milwaukee with four staff members and a volunteer, said Kyran Clark, the home's executive director. "This is absolutely unheard of in our town," said Sophie Traeger, 77, who lives in Watertown. "When you have a hole this big, you're going to know it and it's going to be hard to get over."

Leslie was driving behind the van when it turned left onto Highway 16. He was about to follow when he saw flames — no van, just "fire and black smoke." "And then through the flames came the bus and the bus slammed into the ditch," he said. "I couldn't believe it. It was just so fast." The retirement village's chaplain was counseling residents at Zinzendorf Hall, an assisted-living center with 48 residents where the passengers on the bus had been residing.

Neis lived briefly with her son in the Fort Worth, Texas, suburb of River Oaks in 2000, but missed the Watertown area and opted to return there, said her son, John Neis, of Fort Worth. "She was an Alzheimer's patient. She loved the place where she was living. She was always happy. She always talked about how she enjoyed the meals there and how they were so nice to her. They were going to a botanical gardens, and she was excited and looking forward to that," Neis said.

Companies with long histories targeted in lawsuit seeking reparations for slavery

NEW YORK (AP) — A woman whose ancestors were slaves sued three companies for allegedly profiting from slavery for nearly two centuries — a long-simmering concept that could pick up steam if more blacks are allowed to join the lawsuits. Plaintiffs' lawyers said the lawsuits were the first to seek slavery reparations from private companies. They were filed against the Aetna insurance company, the FleetBoston financial services group and railroad giant CSX on behalf of the 35 million American descendants of African slaves. At a news conference announcing the lawsuits Tuesday, Deadria Farmer-Paellmann said she spent five years researching the topic after writing on her law school application that her dream was to build the case that would win slavery reparations. She said she became interested in the quest as she listened to her grandparents, including descriptions of her great-great-grandmother's escape from

The lawsuits say slavery is a wound that fails to heal, condemning blacks in America to more poverty, unemployment, poor education and clashes with the justice system than other Americans.

a rice plantation on the eve of the Civil War, when she stole a boat and ran away, surviving two weeks in swamps. Farmer-Paellmann graduated from law school in 2000. "My grandfather always talked about the 40 acres and a mule we were promised and never given," said Farmer-Paellmann, who was the only plaintiff identified in the lawsuits. The three suits, which seek unspecified damages, claimed that as many as 1,000 unidentified corporations may have benefited from slavery between 1619 and 1865. The lawsuits seek class-action status and could be expanded to include more companies. Lawyer Ed Fagan said a series of Holocaust lawsuits he helped settle for \$8 billion had blazed the legal

trail for the slavery action by setting a precedent in making banks and insurance companies pay damage to victims. Any damages won from the lawsuit would be put into a fund to improve health, education and housing opportunities for blacks, said attorney Roger Wareham, one of a group of lawyers who prepared the lawsuits. "This is not about individuals receiving checks in their mailbox," Wareham said. The lawsuits say slavery is a wound that fails to heal, condemning blacks in America to more poverty, unemployment, poor education and clashes with the justice system than other Americans. "They lag behind whites according to every social

yardstick: literacy, life expectancy, income and education," the lawsuits say. "They are more likely to be murdered and less likely to have a father at home." In a statement, Aetna said: "We do not believe a court would permit a lawsuit over events which — however regrettable — occurred hundreds of years ago. These issues in no way reflect Aetna today." CSX said the lawsuits had no merit and should be dismissed. "Slavery was a tragic chapter in our nation's history," the company said in a statement. "It is a history shared by every American, and its impacts cannot be attributed to any single company or industry." Fleet spokesman James Mahoney said the company had not seen the lawsuits and had no comment. CSX said it was named as a defendant because slave labor was used to construct portions of some U.S. rail lines "under the political and legal system in place more than a century before CSX was formed in 1980."

It's a girl, times four: Identical quadruplets' birth 1-in-11 million

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — A mother gave birth to four identical quadruplet girls, a phenomenon that only happens in every 1-in-11 million births overall. What is also unusual is that Ornsee Khamsa and Verek Muy conceived the children without the aid of fertility drugs, an extremely unusual situation in cases of multiple births, doctors said. Born Monday at Sutter Memorial Hospital after only about 30 weeks gestation, the largest baby weighs 2 pounds, 8 ounces. The smallest is 2 pounds, 5 ounces. Khamsa, 22, and Muy, 20, named the newborns Preana, Audreana, Natalie and Melody. The couple, who live with

relatives in West Sacramento, also have a 4-year-old son named Raymond. They said they plan to marry soon. Specialists monitored the girls for the first 48 hours for signs of trouble, including respiratory distress and other complications common in premature infants. Doctors said they expect the four babies to be fine. About 500 sets of quadruplets are born each year in the United States, according to the National Center for Health Statistics. But an identical set has only happened a handful of times in recent history, according to Jennifer Cassidy, who maintains a Web site devoted to multiple births.

Socialite sues brother in father's murder


DALLAS (AP) — Chuck Mayhew, scion of a wealthy industrialist, admits to a history of mental illness and alcohol dependency. He concedes that he has shot dogs and cattle for fun. He doesn't even deny repeatedly threatening to kill his father. But the Longview man insists he did not shoot Charles Mayhew in the head while he slept in his Sunnyvale bed. "I've never, never laid a hand on my father," Mayhew said in a deposition earlier this year. Mayhew's sister, Amanda Mayhew Dealey, believes otherwise. Although the Dallas County Sheriff's Department has never accumulated enough evidence to seek an indictment, Dealey is suing Chuck Mayhew in Dallas civil court in the wrongful death of her 81-year-old father. The 51-year-old Austin socialite says she will prove Chuck Mayhew had both opportunity and motive in the March 1, 1998, slaying. She seeks at least \$5 million from her 49-year-old brother. Because her suit is a civil matter, the jury will not be asked to find guilt, a term used in criminal prosecutions. Dealey's lawyers must prove to the jury only that it is more likely than not that Mayhew killed his father. If the jury agrees, it may levy damages but not prison time. Opening statements in the civil trial are expected to begin Wednesday. The lawsuit is unusual because it is reaching a courtroom before criminal charges have been filed. Typically, as in the O.J. Simpson case, such civil trials follow completion of a criminal proceeding. However, a former senior minister of Dallas' First United Methodist Church was held financially liable in 1988 for injuries to his wife and assessed damages of about \$18 million. Four years later, Walker Railey was found innocent in a criminal trial of choking his

wife to a near-comatose state. Mayhew's lawyers call the case against their client circumstantial, at best. Mayhew, meanwhile, has countersued, accusing his sister of defamation. "Chuck and his father had a volatile relationship," said defense attorney Bill Hommel. "They argued a lot. But there was nobody closer to his father."

"It is a big leap to presume he would have taken the life of the one person in the world he was closest to." Dealey's lawyers say they will play audiotapes of the son, a world-class sports shooter, threatening to kill his father, along with a videotaped deposition of the defendant acknowledging numerous threats. "When Chuck's father denied him what he wanted,

Chuck would threaten to kill him," the lawsuit alleges. Dealey was formerly married to Joe Dealey Jr., who is the son of the late former Dallas Morning News president and publisher Joe M. Dealey Sr. She is also an investor and civic activist in Austin. Dealey's attorney, Steve Sumner, said his client is not seeking financial gain.

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OUR VIEWS

We're proud to be honoring our ag producers

If you want to understand the impact agriculture has on Howard County and the surrounding area, walk into any retail business in Big Spring and ask. They'll tell you that agricultural producers are vital to their business. That's because the hundreds of farmers and their families who reside in the Crossroads area are exactly like the rest of us — they buy their groceries and clothes here; their gasoline, diesel, chemicals, seed, tires and implements here; send their children to school here, worship here; and pay taxes here.

In short, while oil and gas have been a major shot in the arm for our area, industries come and go. The agriculture industry has long been the mainstay.

That's why, each year, we take time out to honor those men and women who make their living off the land.

We hope you will join us and the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce in honoring our agricultural producers Thursday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The annual *Ag Producers* in which, agri-businesses show off their wares — will be held from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Admission is free.

The highlight of the day is the 11:45 a.m. luncheon. This year's guest speaker will be U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm. He'll have some interesting things to say about the Farm Bill and other agriculture-related topics. Two awards will be presented — the agriculture producer and the agribusiness of the year.

Tickets for the luncheon are free to those in the agriculture field. Others may attend the luncheon by purchasing a ticket at the chamber for \$8. If you want to attend the event but don't care to eat, you are welcome to do so at no charge.

Join us then on Thursday as we take time out to honor those who till the soil. The products they raise represent the clothes on our backs and the food on our tables.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:
The Howard County Humane Society sends its sincere appreciation and thank you to all of those who helped make our auction such a spectacular success. We especially appreciate all of the good work the *Herald* and KBST did in getting the word out.

Hundreds of people came out and joined us for a great evening. Again, without the assistance of the media, this fund-raiser would not have been nearly as successful.

We look forward to working with you throughout the year on other exciting events.

JOHN REINSCHELD
PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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.

DARRELL AND SHERI NICHOLS
HOWARD COUNTY YOUTH BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

She's been Tonto long enough to know it

There is a void in the well-oiled American pillory for feminists, and I'm sure glad Tipper Gore didn't rush to fill it.

She seems far too sweet for daily doses of Rush Limbaugh venom, or editorial cartoons that have a field day embellishing physical flaws. Maybe Tipper's a not-ready-for-prime-time player.

She might have been First Lady, but is not. She might have run for the U.S. Senate in Tennessee, but won't.

Somehow, I'm not surprised about the latter. After watching up close and personal as First Target Hillary got accused of everything from Machiavellianism to murder, Tennessee's Tipper might have figured out it's best to soldier on as an in-check activist, not a full-fledged one.

Helpmates have more fun. I met Tipper in April

1986, in Savannah, Tenn. She was crusading against explicit lyrics in rock music.

While I thought then — and wrote — that she was treading on a slippery censorship slope, I had to admire her forthrightness, stamina, intelligence and independence. She certainly wasn't doing Al any favors with a national audience and big-time Hollywood contributors.

There's been a lot of troubled water under the bridge since then.

A new dirty word has been added to the American lexicon; one Tipper didn't include in her slide show that night. The dirty word is "feminist."

Nobody much wants to admit to being one. Not even many of today's working women, who certainly would holler loudest if the rights they enjoy disappeared. Rights that exist ONLY because of early feminist fighters. Silly little things like equal pay for equal work.

I imagine Hillary's pariah status has intimidated a lot of liberal women who might otherwise run for public office. You'd certainly have to think twice: Do I want to be the object of constant scorn and scruti-

ny, judged by everything from my thighs to professional ties? Am I strong enough to withstand hurricane-force windbags? Is public service really worth public humiliation?

These days, it takes a village to raise a child — and a village idiot to want to run for office.

It's true for men and conservative women, as well. But especially if you're a strong, thinking woman married to another politician.

I don't know Tipper Gore's reasons for not running. They might well have more to do with Al's future plans than anything else. And some would say she doesn't exactly qualify as a fighting feminist in the league with a Hillary or an Eleanor.

But I bet her moderate nature wouldn't stop the usual suspects from shooting with both barrels. In many narrow minds, the wife of a politician simply is not supposed to become a politician herself — unless hubby dies and a warm body is needed to hold a seat until a man can be found.

I caught an online poll inspired by Women's History Month. It gave voters choices in different cat-

egories. Women they most admired. Women who had influenced them the most. Women they would like to take to lunch. The usual kind of survey.

The good news was, Oprah beat out Marilyn Monroe as a role model, a reassuring sign unless most online voters simply don't remember who Marilyn was. At least more of us had rather be like a media mogul/actress than a sex symbol.

Hillary languished far down the list, ever the example of what happens when a woman gets too big for her britches. She might dine in the Senate dining hall now, but most still wouldn't take her to lunch. Deep down I'm sincerely glad Tipper is sparing herself. For one thing, Tennessee — after how it treated Al in the presidential race — doesn't deserve a Gore to represent it.

And I suspect Tipper, the mental-health advocate, knows she'll have better mental health herself if she steers clear of painting a bull's-eye on her chest. Politics is crazy-making.

All's fair — and down-and-dirty — in American politics, and Tipper's been Tonto long enough to know it.



RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON



Ahh, the winds of springtime

March is the windy month in Texas. Somebody told me the other day, "It'd be all right if the wind didn't pick up that gritty dust." But then it wouldn't be Texas, would it?

The Texas winds are tame to those of New England. When my wife and I visited Mount Washington in New Hampshire years ago, we nearly froze in the snow, even though we were at the base of the mountain.

In his book *A Walk in the Woods*, Bill Bryson relates a weather story. On April 12, 1934, Salvatore Pagliuca, a meteorologist at the summit weather observatory on Mount Washington had an experience no one else has had before or since. Mount Washington gets a little gusty, to put it mildly. And this was a particularly breezy day. During the previous 24 hours, the wind speed had not fallen below 107 miles an hour and often

gusted much higher. When it came time for Pagliuca to take the afternoon readings, the wind was so strong that he tied a rope around his waist and had two colleagues take hold of the other end. The men had difficulty getting the weather station door open and needed all their strength to keep Pagliuca from becoming a kind of human kite. How he managed to reach his weather instruments and take readings is not known, nor are his words when he finally tumbled back in. A few come to mind, like "Geeeeeeee Whiz!"

What is certain is that Salvatore had just experienced a surface speed of 231 miles an hour. Nothing approaching that velocity has ever been recorded elsewhere.

In *The Worst Weather On Earth, A History of the Mt. Washington Observatory*, William Putnam writes, "There may be worse weather, from time to time, at some forbidding place on earth, but it has yet to be reliably recorded."

Among the Mount Washington weather station's many other records are: most weather instruments destroyed, most wind in 24r hours and lowest windchill (a combina-

tion of 100 mph winds and a temperature of -47 degrees, a severity unmatched even in Antarctica).

Mount Washington receives 246 inches of snow a year. In 1969, eight feet of snow fell on the summit in three days. On average, the wind blows at hurricane force (more than 75 miles an hour) two out of three days during the winter and 40 percent of days overall. Because of the length and bitterness of its winters, the average mean temperature at the summit is 27 degrees. The summer average is 52 degrees, a good 25 degrees lower than at its base. It is a brutal mountain and yet people go up there, or at least try to, even in winter. One hundred and twenty-two people have lost their lives on Washington, the second most murderous mountain in North America. Only Mount Denali in Alaska has claimed more.

Washington is the highest peak north of the Smokies and east of the Rockies at 6,288 feet. It is the most popular summit in the White Mountains.

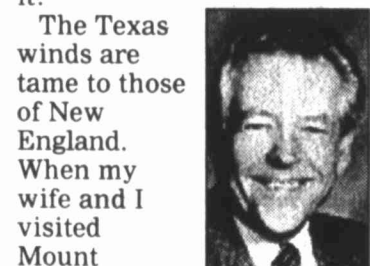
Somehow those March winds we experience in Texas don't seem so bad now.

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Waste Management founder denies allegations in SEC lawsuit

WASHINGTON (AP) — The founder and former head of Waste Management Inc. denies government allegations that he and five former top executives of the giant trash hauler misled stockholders for years — or that the company's auditor, embattled Arthur Andersen LLP, inaccurately reported on the company's finances.

A half-dozen former executives of Waste Management, including Dean L. Buntrock, were accused Tuesday of inflating earnings by \$1.7 billion as part of an accounting fraud scheme designed to enrich them and dupe shareholders.

In a civil lawsuit, the Securities and Exchange Commission said

Andersen, which is embroiled in a document-shredding controversy with Enron Corp., helped perpetrate the Waste Management scheme, identifying 32 "must-do" steps to cover it up.

SEC officials alleged the executives engaged in "massive earnings management fraud" from 1992 to 1997 that ultimately cost shareholders more than \$6 billion. In a statement, Buntrock denied the allegations.

"I firmly believe that, while under my watch, all of Waste Management's financials were fairly reported and in compliance with (generally accepted accounting principles)," he said.

"I was never told otherwise, either by our internal accountants

or our outside auditors," he commented.

In a lawsuit filed last month, he said the SEC is not entitled to sue him because the allegations are based on an analysis by two former consultants to Waste Management who are now the SEC's chief accountant and its chief accountant in the enforcement division.

In Tuesday's civil complaint filed in U.S. District Court in Chicago, the SEC said Buntrock and five other former top officers hid millions in expenses and assigned arbitrary salvage values to assets that previously had no value.

They also did not write off the costs of unsuccessful or aban-

doned landfill projects, the complaint said.

According to the SEC, officials received performance-based bonuses and valuable stock options based on inflated earnings, with several cashing in their stocks before unfavorable earnings reports lowered share prices.

In one instance, the SEC said, Buntrock even got a tax benefit by donating inflated company stock to his college alma mater to fund a building in his name.

The SEC said the scheme unraveled in late 1997, after a new CEO ordered a review of the company's accounting practices. In 1998, Waste Management restated its 1992-1997 earnings by \$1.7 billion, the largest restatement in corpo-

rate history, the SEC said.

The news sent Waste Management's stock value tumbling by more than one-third. Shareholders lost over \$6 billion in the market value of their shares, the SEC said.

Company officials noted Tuesday that the alleged fraud took place before 1998, when Waste Management was acquired by a Houston company.

"We have cooperated fully with the SEC in the investigation and do not believe that the SEC will seek any action against New Waste Management in connection with the events detailed in the complaint," said A. Maurice Myers, the company's chairman, president and CEO.

Condit subpoenaed to testify regarding Levy disappearance

WASHINGTON (AP) — California Rep. Gary Condit has been subpoenaed to testify early next month by a grand jury investigating the disappearance of Chandra Levy, a source told The Associated Press.

A Superior Court grand jury in Washington has been examining allegations that Condit and aides tried to prevent witnesses from cooperating with the Levy investigation.

The Washington Post reported the subpoena Tuesday, citing law enforce-

ment sources. Last fall, the congressman disclosed that the grand jury had subpoenaed documents relating to the Levy case.

Condit, D-Calif., has denied any involvement in Levy's disappearance. He and his aides also have denied attempting to silence anyone.

Levy, 24, of Modesto, Calif., disappeared without a trace in Washington nearly 11 months ago, shortly after she finished an internship at the U.S. Bureau of Prisons. Condit, 53 and mar-

ried, reportedly told police that he and Levy were having an affair.

Police have no idea what happened to Levy, despite an extensive investigation that included scores of officers and recruits combing local parks and abandoned buildings. "There is no light at the end of the tunnel," Terrance Gainer, the deputy police chief, said.

Channing Phillips, a spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's office in Washington, would not confirm or deny the issuance of the

subpoena. The investigation, he said, "is ongoing and active."

Condit aides in Washington and Modesto, Calif., referred calls to Mark Geragos, Condit's Los Angeles-based attorney.

Federal law enforcement officials have said they were examining whether Condit and his aides may have obstructed the search for Levy by asking other women who alleged they had affairs with the congressman not to cooperate with police.

Four accused of duping would-be citizens, faking naturalization ceremonies

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Four people were charged with taking money from immigrants seeking to become U.S. citizens and then staging bogus naturalization ceremonies complete with fake judges.

A yearlong investigation dubbed "Operation Charade" led to the arrests Tuesday of Elzbieta Malgorzata Bugajska, 50; John Patrick Bradley, 56; Yolanda Miel Lubiano, 62; and Lorena Velasquez Garcia, 39, a 15-year employee of the Social Security Administration.

Most of the victims were Koreans and Filipinos who were promised that their immigration applications would receive fast-track processing.

The scam included giv-

ing victims a quiz on American history and politics and leading them in the Pledge of Allegiance during staged ceremonies, Assistant U.S. Attorney Andrew Cowan said. Some of those who were duped paid as much as \$25,000, authorities said.

Immigration and Naturalization Service investigators said victims told them of a swearing-in ceremony at Lubiano's home in October 2000. At the ceremony, Bradley wore a judge's robe and conferred "citizenship" on 14 people, authorities said.

Authorities also accused Bugajska of selling immigrants genuine Social Security cards, allegedly obtained from Garcia, for \$750.

Dealt setbacks, administration shifts focus to truce talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration shifted its attention to U.S.-supervised truce talks between Israel and the Palestinians as its hopes dwindled for Arab endorsement of a Saudi peace proposal.

"The most important thing going on in the region is that Gen. Zinni continues to be engaged directly in the work of ending the violence," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said Tuesday.

Anthony Zinni, the retired Marine general and Bush's envoy to the Middle East, continued talks with Israeli and Palestinian officials to end 18 months of violence and start the two sides toward peacemaking. Some progress was reported.

In the meantime, U.S. diplomacy was dealt a series of setbacks.

Despite a plea by President Bush, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said "conditions are not ripe" to permit Yasser Arafat to attend an Arab summit meeting in Lebanon.

Sharon insisted the Palestinian leader call a cease-fire first. Additionally, he said, Arafat could not go unless the American administration backed any Israeli decision to bar Arafat from returning if vio-

lence occurred during the Palestinian's absence.

A few hours later, Arafat announced his decision not to go to Beirut.

The U.S. hope had been that Arab leaders, with Arafat present, would approve a peace overture by Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia.

After the setbacks, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer avoided criticism of Sharon or Arafat. He said Bush "continues to believe that it's better if the Beirut summit focuses on peace and not attendance."

Arafat's absence would not foreclose the leaders taking that step anyway. Preliminary soundings from Beirut, however, indicated scant interest in offering peace to Israel.

Hassan Abdel Rahman, the ranking Palestinian official in the United States, said Sharon's terms were "humiliating and extortionate, and no Palestinian will acquiesce in those conditions, which are illegal and immoral."

Abdel Rahman, interviewed by The Associated Press, also criticized the Bush administration. "There is a sense of disappointment with the United States. There is a feeling they did not try hard" to persuade Sharon, Abdel Rahman said.

Presented Sharon's conditions, the White House concentrated on urging Arab leaders to back the Saudi peace offer, with or without the Palestinian leader on hand.

Described as a vision by both Saudi Arabia and the Bush administration, Crown Prince Abdullah's

proposal would have Arab countries recognize Israel. In return, Israel would relinquish all land the Arabs lost in the 1967 Six-Day War, accept a Palestinian state with its capital in Jerusalem and consider letting hundreds of thousands of Palestinian refugees settle in Israel.

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The Library will be closed Friday and Saturday for the Easter holiday.

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The focus in on key issues in the Old Testament; raising questions that students' inevitably encounter as they move forward in their studies.

"Now What's a Christian to Do?" by David P. Polk is designed to stir serious thought and lively discussion on tough, contemporary issues.

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Amid the challenges of contemporary life, people are looking for a spirituality that works in today's world.

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In Gail E. Bowman's "Praying the Sacred in Secular Setting" gives detailed guidelines for how to begin, end and construct a body of prayers and offers a selection of prayers that can be used or adapted for any number of occasions.

Additional books the Library has received: "He Chose the Nails: What God Did to Win Your Heart" by Max Lucado; "Stewards Shaped by Grace" by Rhodes Thompson;

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Hollis McCright writes a regular column on what's new at the library.

Will the real Easter Bunny please stand up?

SOUTH PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — The Easter Bunny is making tracks on Santa Claus' turf, using one of the biggest Christian holidays as an opportunity to lure little tykes and their parents to the mall.

A majority of malls that hire a Santa for December are now hiring a bunny for at least two weeks before Easter, and there's a growing expectation among children who visit the bunny that he'll leave a toy along with candy in their Easter basket.

"We are seeing a lot of pressure through marketing to begin to expect a level of present-giving that (kids) get at Christmas," said Chris Byrne, a New York toy consultant and editor of The Toy Report.

Some see it as the crass commercialization of a day set aside to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. But for many parents, it's just springtime fun for their children.

Amber Carr's 4-year-old daughter Anastasia even wrote a letter to the Easter Bunny asking for gifts and treats.

On Easter Sunday, she will get a basket and a present, but she won't be going to church.

"It's too complicated," said Carr, of Randolph. She and her husband were raised with different religious backgrounds and decided not to participate in either as adults, she said.

Dr. Daniel Akin, dean of theology at the Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Ky., sees the arrival of the mall bunny as just one more example of the commercial exploitation of Christianity.

"When Easter is reduced to nothing more than a bunny, Easter eggs and chocolate, we have reached a tragic day, because that is not what Easter was about to begin with and it's not what it should be about today," he said.

But the Rev. Eric Shafer, director of the Evangelical Lutheran

Church in America, says the Easter Bunny is a golden opportunity to spread the Christian word, like a good ad campaign.

"Many churches have Easter egg hunts," he said. "The real question is, do you complain what secular society has done with religious symbols or do you use it as an opportunity. I say the latter."

According to retailers, Easter has become the second-biggest toy-giving holiday after Christmas.

The big bunny is a way for malls to lure customers, said Bonnie Fluck, spokeswoman for Cherry Hill Photo Enterprises in New Jersey, which provides Santas and bunnies for more than 230 malls across the country.

"It's not really the same draw as Santa," she admits.

Nonetheless, more parents seem to be making special trips to shopping centers to line up with their toddlers hoping for a photo with the white-tailed, pink-eared bunny.


Peggy MacLeod of Newfield repeatedly pushed her 2-year-old daughter, Casey Monahan, toward the bunny at the Maine Mall, hoping to get a photo — typically ranging from \$9 to \$35. But little Casey, like many other toddlers, protested.

"Noooooo! I don't like the bunny," she cried.

"I'm more excited to have a picture with the bunny than she is," MacLeod admitted, leaving empty-handed.

The Easter Bunny waves and sits in a festive spring village, but there's no cheery "Easter music" or bustling shoppers. And the bunny is quiet compared to Santa's "Ho ho ho!"

"Typically, the Easter Bunny really can't talk. Have you ever seen a talking bunny?" said Rick Eggsecker from St. Louis-based SantaPlus, the other big company that provides Santas and bunnies to malls across the country.




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Overcommitted suburb squeezes in one collective night off to make time for family

RIDGEWOOD, N.J. (AP) — They act like kids, lugging L.L. Bean backpacks to their car pool while debating the best colors for orthodontic retainers and whether to peek at their report cards.

But the third-graders in the backseat of Rosemary Chersi's sport utility vehicle balance almost adult schedules, each day a clockwork of school, sports practices and private lessons.

When this commuter village 20 miles from New York decided those jam-packed schedules left no time for families, the calendars came out. It took seven months of planning, but on Tuesday, the upscale community of stately homes and gilt-lettered shops will take a collective night off.

"It's a sin that you actually have to plan a day with no activities," said Chersi, who has three sons. "But in this day and age, it's nice they're trying to do something about it."

The idea of Ridgewood Family

Night started with a frustrated mother of three.

As Marcia Marra helped other families through her work with the nonprofit Family Counseling Service, she realized her own family was spending less time together.

Last year, she and other residents began looking for answers. They considered community-education programs and book discussion groups about overcommitted families.

Then it came to them: They would plan a night with no sporting events, no homework and nowhere anyone had to be.

"We get a lot of kidding — 'Oh, that's so Ridgewood to plan a night to do nothing,'" said the Rev. Douglas Frumm of the Community Church At Upper Ridgewood who helped organize the night.

It took an 18-member committee, a half-dozen meetings, a publicity campaign donated by a local marketing firm and appointments with school, athletics and

spiritual leaders.

Then the committee had to pick a date that didn't conflict with sports seasons, religious holidays or exam schedules.

While the irony of "Ridgewood Family Night — Ready, Set, Relax" has escaped no one, support has been widespread.

"It's a little oxymoronic, but I think it's terrific. I wish other communities would do it," said Dr. Alvin Rosenfeld, a child psychologist and co-author of "The Over-Scheduled Child."

Rosenfeld says kids' free time has been "professionalized" — and carefully scheduled, adult-supervised activities prevent them from developing their imaginations.

Even for children who thrive on structure and competition, there's a cost, Marra said — perhaps fewer family dinners and vacations.

"When you think about your own childhood, those are the times you made the best memories with your family," Marra

said.

Ridgewood is not alone in its stand against overscheduling. Neighboring Bergenfield will join in family night.

Three years ago, the Minneapolis suburbs of Plymouth and Wayzata formed an organization called Family Life 1st, urging parents to think carefully before signing children up for new activities.

The scheduling crunch affects many of Ridgewood's nearly 30,000 residents, more than 6,300 of whom are 14 and younger.

Chersi's day begins with dropping off 8-year-old Christopher at elementary school.

If the weather is bad, she also drives Bobby, 12, to junior high. Then it's back home to supervise 4-year-old T.J.'s play dates or accompany him to a once-a-week swim lesson or gym class.

About noon, she delivers him to preschool.

In a couple of hours, she picks up her sons, and sometimes their friends.

The rest of the day is for sports practices, homework and an occasional religious-education class.

The family eats dinner together twice a week, spends time together in the evenings, at sporting events and of course, in the car. But Chersi was looking forward to an entire evening to relax.

So was Bobby.

"It's a good way to get no homework," the sixth-grader said.

School Superintendent Frederick Stokley directed teachers not to assign homework to the village's 5,300 public school students.

And the Ridgewood Sports Council canceled practices.

"I think we can send a message to parents that there's more to the educational experience — and more to their own family experience — than trying to sign their kids up for every new activity that comes down the road," council president Frank Giordano said.

From miser to philanthropist: Postal worker's fortune will help the blind

HUNTINGTON, W. Va. (AP) — C.J. Teubert never made more than \$6,000 a year during his career as a postal worker, and used to go around in secondhand clothes.

He scribbled his "last will, etc." on the back of an old business letter without wasting a single word, much less paper.

When he died at 91 in 1979, Teubert left an estate worth more than \$3 million, most of which he dedicated to helping the blind.

More than 23 years after the death of the miser-turned-philanthropist, Huntington is starting to see the results of Teubert's vision.

With a \$1 million grant from the Teubert trust and additional money from other charities, the American Foundation for the Blind, headquartered in New York, has chosen this depressed former steel town as the site of a new laboratory that will test

devices designed to make it easier for the blind to make their way into the work force.

Last month, the foundation opened an interim laboratory with about a half-dozen employees in what used to be a department store.

The foundation plans to build a new lab in an industrial park just outside of Huntington.

It is expected to be at least two years before it opens.

The center will become a "Consumer Reports-type laboratory for the blind," foundation spokesman Michael Sylvie said.

He said his organization hopes to ease the 70 percent unemployment rate among the nation's blind with the testing of such things as speech synthesizers for computers.

The laboratory is still being designed and the foundation is unable to say how many people it will

ultimately employ.

Teubert's bequest left the city with two mysteries, one of them more easily answered than the other:

How did the civil servant amass such a fortune? And why did he leave it to the blind?

"Mr. Teubert dearly loved to read, and he told one or two of his friends that he couldn't imagine anything worse than losing his eyesight," said Jimelle Bowen, the trust's executive director. "He said, 'I feel sorry for the blind. They can't read and they can't see anything in this world.'"

No one is entirely sure

how he accumulated his wealth.

Teubert never married, had no close relatives, and often wandered the streets of Huntington in cast-off clothes and tennis shoes he scrounged from the Marshall College athletic department.

"I think he could qualify as a 20th century Ebenezer Scrooge," said retired Huntington postmaster Roy Hatton in an interview several years before his death last year. "I never knew him to have a car. He walked practically everywhere he went, and with his clothing, you'd think he was a homeless person

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rather than what he was."

Bowen said Teubert was a canny investor who was fascinated with stocks.

"He would walk into the post office and grab a Wall Street Journal out of the trash can," Bowen said.

"At lunchtime he would go to the Coal Exchange Building and hang out where they were posting stock-market reports."

While Teubert's life story suggests that he was a lowly civil servant who invested his way to wealth, there are hints he may have begun with a family inheritance.

Teubert's parents separated while Teubert was young.

In a letter written before her death in 1937, and found in one of her son's scrapbooks, Teubert's mother said she did not want to be buried next to her estranged husband, and she warned that if any of her children disregarded her wishes, they were to be

cut off from their inheritance.

Teubert's own will listed several modest bequests.

To two distant cousins, he left \$500 plus \$20 a month for life, with smaller amounts to six other individuals.

Other bequests included \$1,000 gifts — paid out over 10 years — to several Huntington churches and other charities.

"Residue to aid the blind only," Teubert concluded.

The stingy wording raised more questions than it answered and became the subject of a court fight among several institutions and charitable organizations that lasted more than eight years.

Before the wrangling was over in 1987, the estate had grown to \$9 million.

Today, the James H. and Alice Teubert Charitable Trust, which honors his parents, has about \$22 million in assets.



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Big Spring U registration

The United Softball Assoc. Big Spring has registration for 2 p.m. Saturday Spring Mall.

Fees will be player, with children being sign up for \$25.

Parents are bring a copy child's birth cert.

For more info call Bek Robins 2474.

Teen League meeting sche

A Teen-age baseball meet been scheduled Monday at Anderson Comp

Anyone inter coaching or hel the league is attend.

Registration v from noon to Saturday, April

Players must copy of their birth cate and the \$65 tion fee.

For more info call Darrell Nichols at 263-24 p.m.

Little League umpires need

Umpires are call Little League ball games in Spring area this

Anyone inter umpiring games to contact Davi at 263-1631, or 4688, after 6 p.m.

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Television

PRO BASKETBALL

7 p.m. — New J Nets at Philadelph TNT.

9:30 p.m. — Sa Spurs at Portland Blazers, TNT.

HOCKEY

7 p.m. — Philad Flyers at New York ESPN.

SOCCER

9 p.m. — Men's team, United Stat Germany, ESPN2.

TENNIS

7 p.m. — Tennis Series, Nasdaq 11 quarterfinals mate

IN BRIEF

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.

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 at the Roy Anderson Complex.

Anyone interested in coaching or helping with the league is invited to attend.

Registration will begin from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 6.

Players must bring a copy of their birth certificate and the \$65 registration fee.

For more information, call Darrell or Sheri Nichols at 263-2917 after 5 p.m.

Little League umpires needed

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

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

Valdes back in camp, Zimmerman in DL

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) — Texas right-hander Ismael Valdes, the Rangers' No. 3 starter, was back in Florida on Tuesday night after an exam showed no ligament damage in his right elbow.

But closer Jeff Zimmerman, who has tendinitis in his right elbow, was placed on the disabled list Tuesday.

Zimmerman was examined by Rangers team orthopedist Dr. John Conway on Monday, and then flew to Los Angeles for a second opinion. His injury won't require surgery, but he has been told to rest the arm. He probably won't pitch again until May.

Valdes returned to be examined by Conway after complaining of elbow stiffness. An MRI determined that there was some irritation but no damage.

The Rangers haven't made a decision on the status of Valdes, who is scheduled to start the team's home opener.

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3:45 p.m. — Howard College Lady Hawks at El Paso Community College Tejanas, KBST-AM 1490.

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7 p.m. — New Jersey Nets at Philadelphia 76ers, TNT.
9:30 p.m. — San Antonio Spurs at Portland Trail Blazers, TNT.

HOCKEY

7 p.m. — Philadelphia Flyers at New York Rangers, ESPN.

SOCCER

9 p.m. — Men's national team, United States vs. Germany, ESPN2.

TENNIS

7 p.m. — Tennis Masters Series, Nasdaq 100 Open, quarterfinals match, ESPN2.

USA Today poll ranks Dallas Lincoln best team in nation

DALLAS (AP) — Reigning Class 4A champion Dallas Lincoln on Tuesday became the first school in Texas to claim a mythical national title — two of them, in fact.

The Tigers (40-0) finished the season as the best team in the country in the final USA Today ranking and in the National Prep Basketball Poll, both released Tuesday. Lincoln started its season unranked by USA Today.

"Some of that is being in the right place at the right time," Lincoln coach Leonard Bishop said Tuesday as he fiddled with his state championship medal. "We had the expectation and the opportunity to win."

The newly minted national champions were honored Tuesday with a special ceremony in front of their South Dallas school.

With gold medals dangling around

their necks, the Tigers basked as city and state politicians, community activists, alumni and about 1,500 students lauded the team's special season.

"I didn't think it was going to blow up this big," said senior point guard Bryan Hopkins, who was surrounded by students and other well-wishers following the festivities. "It feels better than we thought it would. It's a great feeling to know that so many people are proud of us."

Lincoln swatted away every obstacle in its path with a big man in McDonald's All-American Chris Bosh, a floor leader in Hopkins, a shooter in Keviss Shipman and talented players all over the roster. Bishop took advantage of his depth, employing a full-court pressure defense that created havoc for

opposing guards.

Bosh has signed with Georgia Tech and Hopkins will attend Southern Methodist in the fall.

Mike Kunststadt, publisher of Texas Hoops magazine, said Lincoln ranks among the best high school basketball teams he's seen in the past 20 years.

"They have just totally dominated the competition," Kunststadt said. "I have no hesitation putting them up there against some of the best ever."

The Tigers have beaten nationally ranked Midwest City of Oklahoma at the KMOX Classic in St. Louis and won the American Press tournament in Louisiana by defeating St. Martinsville of Louisiana, the top-ranked program in that state.

They've also trounced several tough local foes, including Cedar Hill, which was then ranked among

the nation's top 10 teams. The Tigers won that game before more than 17,000 fans at Reunion Arena in a tuneup before the playoffs.

Lincoln went on to defeat its six playoff opponents by an average of 26 points, culminating with a 20-point romp over defending champ Beaumont Ozen in the finals.

"They are a very dominant, well-coached team," said Christopher Lawlor, who scouts and ranks the high school teams for USA Today. "Everything clicked for them this year. They are certainly a legit No. 1 team."

And, Lawlor added, Lincoln's surprising run to the national crown — referred to as mythical because there are no national playoffs — could steer more national attention and college basketball recruiters to the Lone Star State.

Steers, Lady Steers win

HERALD Staff Reports

It was a good day for Big Spring... period.

Big Spring's Steers got back on the right track Tuesday afternoon with a 7-3 win over San Angelo Lake View's Chiefs in District 4-4A baseball action at Steer Park, while just down Eighth Street at the Big Spring ISD Softball Complex, the Lady Steers made short work of Plainview, run ruling the Lady Bulldogs, 12-1.

Three straight losses following their district-opening win over Lubbock Estacado seemingly had the Steers well out of the 4-4A baseball chase, but Tuesday's victory put Big Spring in the middle of the district standings with a 2-3 record. The win improved their overall record to 5-12.

While well off the pace set by league-leading Snyder and Andrews, both 5-0 in district play, and the 4-1 mark owned by Frenship's Tigers, the Steers are currently in fourth place — one game ahead of Plainview, Lake View, Estacado and Levelland.

The Steers jumped on the Chiefs early, scoring two runs in each of the first two innings and chasing Lake View starter Zach Newell.

Big Spring added another run in the fourth inning and two more in the fifth, to provide the run support Andrew Vizcaino needed to chalk up the win.

Vizcaino helped himself out offensively, as both he and shortstop Jon McKinnon provided key doubles.

Dustyyn Beauchamp pitched the seventh inning to record the save.

"That's probably the best game we've played offensively and defensively this season," Steers head coach Greg Winder. "Andrew did a good job of pitching. It makes a difference when you step up on the mound and throw strikes."

The Steers now travel to Levelland for a 4:30 p.m. Friday game that had originally been scheduled for



Big Spring first baseman Laura Olague leaps in an effort to catch a high throw, as pitcher Alex Watkins looks on during the Lady Steers' win over San Angelo Lake View last week. The Lady Steers took a 12-1 win over Plainview's Lady Bulldogs on Tuesday, remaining tied atop the District 4-4A standings with Andrews' Lady Mustangs.

Saturday. For the Lady Steers, Tuesday's victory was actually a come-from-behind win, because Plainview managed to take a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning.

The lone Lady Bulldogs run came when Big Spring freshman pitcher Alex Watkins hit a batter with a pitch. A stolen base and an impressive RBI single by Plainview star Alicia Robertson put the Lady Steers behind.

Not for long. The Lady Steers responded with three runs in the

bottom of the first inning on singles by Leina Braxton and Watkins, a Plainview error and a double by Bridgett Cain.

They added another when Braxton hit a one-out double and scored on an Erica Stewart Single.

Four more runs came in the third, the biggest blow coming off the bat of Whitney Hufford, who singled home a pair of runs.

The Lady Steers added two more runs in the fourth inning to take a 10-1 lead into the fifth inning.

And they didn't waste any time in bringing the game

to an early end.

Stewart led off the Big Spring fifth with a bunt single. Hufford then reached base on an error that put runners at second and third. Laura Olague ended it with a single to left center.

Now 12-8 on the season, the Lady Steers improved to 6-1 in District 4-4A and are tied atop the league standings with Andrews' Lady Mustangs.

The Lady Steers will travel to Wolforth on Thursday for a 4 p.m. game against Frenship's Lady Tigers. JV squads will play at 5:30.

Memphis, S. Carolina in NIT final

NEW YORK (AP) — Dajuan Wagner played like a pro.

He looked right at home at Madison Square Garden, tying a career high with 32 points, including a late 3-pointer from behind the NBA arc.

His best play, though, was the one that won it. He drove to the basket and passed to Kelly Wise, who dunked with 18.6 seconds left, giving Memphis a 78-77 victory over Temple on Tuesday night.

"I just attacked the defense, and everybody collapsed on me," Wagner said. "I saw Kelly down there by himself."

The Tigers (26-9) will play South Carolina, a 66-59 semifinal winner over Syracuse, in Thursday's title game.

Wagner, 19, has not announced whether he'll return for his sophomore season. Memphis coach John Calipari thinks Wagner would be taken in the NBA draft's first 13 picks if he left.

"He has made my life a joy for the past six months," Calipari said. "He's our most unselfish player."

The Owls (18-15) were without injured top scorer Lynn Greer, who averaged 23.2 points. They beat crosstown rival Villanova in the quarterfinals without him, but the Owls missed the open space his long-distance shooting usually gave them.

Without Greer, who has an ankle injury, Owls coach John Chaney wanted his shooters — David Hawkins and Brian Polk — to take more shots.

"I got (angry) at Polk," Chaney said. "Once you get in the paint, they have a license to shoot."

"Sometimes I don't think he knows what he does. He doesn't take open shots when he gets them. He decides to drive when he's open."

Temple plays Syracuse

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Mavericks finally manage to win one in Milwaukee

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Dallas Mavericks tried just about everything else in Milwaukee without winning, so why not play a zone?

The strategy worked against the undermanned Bucks as Dallas broke a 14-year drought in Milwaukee with a 112-106 overtime victory Tuesday night.

Dallas coach Don Nelson's decision to go with the zone was easy after Bucks guard Michael Redd injured his left knee with Milwaukee ahead by 13 points in the fourth quarter. The Bucks already were without Sam Cassell (toe) and Ray Allen (knee), and with their best shooters out and Glenn Robinson mired in a 7-for-22 night, the Bucks had nothing to counter Nick Van Exel and Michael Finley.

"I think it was just the team that had the most

shooters on the court at the end — that was us," Nelson said. "I think when Redd went out, it really hurt their chances. We couldn't guard him. He's a really good player."

Redd was on his way for a breakaway layup off a steal when Raef LaFrentz fouled him hard and toppled over him with 11 minutes left in regulation.

Redd limped to the foul line and sank two shots for an 81-68 lead. But he couldn't take the pain and left the game two minutes later.

"When Michael Redd went out, there wasn't a lot of offense," Bucks coach George Karl said. They got the zone in there and we were playing with two non-shooters on the court."

Van Exel scored 13 points in the fourth quarter, including a 3-pointer with 1:27 left that tied it at 95. His finger-roll gave the

Mavericks their first lead at 99-98 with 3:20 left in overtime. They didn't trail again.

Finley scored 21 of his 36 points in the first half for the Mavs.

The Mavericks hadn't won in Milwaukee since 1987 at the old Milwaukee Arena.

Elsewhere, Utah beat Houston 109-105 on John Stockton's 40th birthday; and it was Sacramento 107, the Los Angeles Clippers 90; Orlando 96, Chicago 82; Atlanta 103, New Jersey 77; Washington 103, Denver 87; Detroit 96, Indiana 77; Golden State 115, Minnesota 106; and the Los Angeles Lakers 121, Cleveland 116.

Jazz 109,

Rockets 105

Stockton had 20 points and became the 10th NBA player to play at age 40. Karl Malone scored 23 and Greg Ostertag added 10 of his 12

points in the fourth quarter as the Jazz officially knocked Houston from the playoff race.

"I don't pay a lot of attention to the hype," he said. "I didn't want to play poorly, but that's really like any night."

The Jazz won their 11th straight at home over the Rockets despite 32 points by Steve Francis, who was held to two in the fourth quarter. Cuttino Mobley added 28 points.

Kings 107,

Clippers 90

Chris Webber dominated his matchup with Elton Brand, and rookie Gerald Wallace scored 14 points in his first career start.

Webber made 11 of 12 shots during one stretch and finished with 35 points and 13 rebounds as Sacramento reached 50 victories. The Kings main-

tained a half-game lead over the Lakers for the NBA's best record.

Brand was held to just three points and four rebounds by Webber.

Michael Olowokandi scored 23 to lead the Clippers, who lost their third straight as Sacramento improved the NBA's best home record to 33-4.

Magic 96,

Bulls 82

Tracy McGrady had 20 points, 11 rebounds and seven assists in his first game back after suffering back spasms last Friday. McGrady hadn't played since after being wheeled off the court on a stretcher.

Monty Williams had 18 points and a season-high 11 rebounds for Orlando.

Jalen Rose scored 20

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SPORTS EXTRA

NCAA - MEN

EAST REGIONAL Semifinals
Friday, March 22
Connecticut 71, Southern Illinois 59
Maryland 78, Kentucky 68
Championship
Sunday, March 24
Maryland 90, Connecticut 82
...
SOUTH REGIONAL Semifinals
Thursday, March 21
Indiana 74, Duke 73
Kent State 78, Pittsburgh 73, OT
Championship
Saturday, March 23
Indiana 81, Kent State 69
...
MIDWEST REGIONAL Semifinals
Friday, March 22
Oregon 72, Texas 70
Kansas 73, Illinois 69
Championship
Sunday, March 24
Kansas 104, Oregon 96
...
WEST REGIONAL Semifinals
Thursday, March 21
Oklahoma 88, Arizona 67
Missouri 82, UCLA 73
Championship
Saturday, March 23
Oklahoma 81, Missouri 75
...
THE FINAL FOUR
At The Georgia Dome
Atlanta
National Semifinals
Saturday, March 30
Indiana (24-11) vs. Oklahoma (31-4), 5:07 p.m.
Maryland (30-4) vs. Kansas (33-3), 40 minutes after conclusion of Indiana-Oklahoma game.
National Championship
Monday, April 1
Semifinal winners, 8:18 p.m.

NCAA - WOMEN

EAST REGIONAL Semifinals
Saturday, March 23
South Carolina 79, Drake 65
Duke 62, Texas 46
Championship
Monday, March 25
Duke 77, South Carolina 68
...
MIDWEST REGIONAL Semifinals
Saturday, March 23
Connecticut 82, Penn State 64
Old Dominion 88, Kansas State 62
Championship
Monday, March 25
Connecticut 85, Old Dominion 64
...
WEST REGIONAL Semifinals
Saturday, March 23
Colorado 62, Stanford 59
Oklahoma 72, Texas Tech 62
Championship
Monday, March 25
Oklahoma 94, Colorado 60
...
THE FINAL FOUR
At The Alamodome
San Antonio
National Semifinals
Friday, March 23
Duke (31-3) vs. Oklahoma (31-3), 6 p.m.
Connecticut (37-0) vs. Tennessee (29-4), 30 minutes following first game
National Championship
Sunday, March 31
Semifinal winners, 6:30 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL POLL

- The Top 10 high school baseball rankings for the five UIL classifications as determined by the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association and THSB Magazine:
Class 5A
1. Sugar Land Elkins 13-0
2. Klein Oak 12-0
3. Austin Bowie 14-2
4. Flower Mound 17-0
5. Cypress Falls 9-2
6. Lufkin 12-4
7. Clear Creek 14-3
8. Round Rock Westwood 15-4
9. Midland 14-4
10. Corpus Christi Moody 15-3
Class 4A
1. Southlake Carroll 13-5
2. Saginaw Boswell 18-0
3. Cedar Park 14-4
4. Brenham 13-4
5. Hewitt Midway 16-3
6. Boerne 15-6
7. Crowley 13-3
8. Kilgore 11-3
9. Canyon Randall 12-5
10. El Campo 12-4
Class 3A
1. La Grange 12-4
2. Lubbock Cooper 13-4
3. Sinton 11-4
4. Forney 11-5
5. Seminole 11-3
6. Little Elm 11-1
7. Yoakum 11-1
8. Shallowater 12-3
9. Center 14-2
10. Lorena 12-1
Class 2A
1. Hughes Springs 13-1
2. Celina 13-1
3. Leon 13-2
4. Dewayville 12-1
5. Harmony 13-3
6. Elysian Fields 13-3
7. Clifton 12-1
8. Central Heights 11-4
9. Lockney 8-0
10. Garrison 11-1
Class 1A
1. Bremond 10-1
2. Bosqueville 8-1
3. West Sabine 10-1
4. Sarto 8-1
5. Miles 7-3
6. Windthorst 5-3
7. West Sabine 9-1
8. Brock 5-2
9. McLeod 7-1
10. Petrolia 7-2

CHL PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND (Best-of-5)
Northern Conference
Memphis vs. Fort Worth
Thursday, March 21
Memphis 7, Fort Worth 4
Friday, March 22
Fort Worth 3, Memphis 1
Saturday, March 23
Memphis 7, Fort Worth 1
Tuesday, March 26
Memphis 6, Fort Worth 3, Memphis wins series 3-1
...
Oklahoma City vs. Bossier-Shreveport

Wednesday, March 20
Oklahoma City 4, Bossier-Shreveport 1
Friday, March 22
Bossier-Shreveport 4, Oklahoma City 3, OT
Saturday, March 23
Bossier-Shreveport 3, Oklahoma City 2, OT
Sunday, March 24
Bossier-Shreveport 4, Oklahoma City 1, Bossier-Shreveport wins series 3-1
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Southern Conference
Odessa vs. El Paso
Friday, March 22
El Paso 4, Odessa 3
Saturday, March 23
Odessa 3, El Paso 2, series tied 1-1
Friday, March 29
Odessa at El Paso
Saturday, March 30
Odessa at El Paso
Tuesday, April 2
El Paso at Odessa, if necessary
...
Austin vs. San Antonio
Friday, March 22
Austin 4, San Antonio 1
Saturday, March 23
San Antonio 5, Austin 2, series tied 1-1
Friday, March 29
San Antonio at Austin
Saturday, March 30
Austin at San Antonio
Sunday, March 31
San Antonio at Austin, if necessary
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SEMIFINALS (Best-of-7)
Northern Conference
Memphis vs. Bossier-Shreveport
Friday, March 29
Bossier-Shreveport at Memphis
Saturday, March 30
Memphis at Bossier-Shreveport
Friday, April 5
Memphis at Bossier-Shreveport
Saturday, April 6
Bossier-Shreveport at Memphis
Thursday, April 11
Bossier-Shreveport at Memphis, if necessary
Friday, April 12
Memphis at Bossier-Shreveport, if necessary
Saturday, April 13
Bossier-Shreveport at Memphis, if necessary
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Southern Conference
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MIRON CUP FINALS (Best-of-7)
TBA

MEN'S NIT

Semifinals
At Madison Square Garden
New York
Tuesday, March 26
Memphis 78, Temple 77
South Carolina 66, Syracuse 59
...
Championship Round
Thursday, March 28
At Madison Square Garden
New York
Third Place
Temple (18-15) vs. Syracuse (23-12), 5:30 p.m.
Championship
Memphis (26-9) vs. South Carolina (22-14), 8 p.m.

WOMEN'S NIT

Quarterfinals
Tuesday, March 19
Michigan State 79, Alabama 61
Wednesday, March 20
Virginia Tech 76, Vermont 48
Houston 61, Wake Forest 53
Oregon 77, Washington 73
...
Semifinals
Saturday, March 23
Houston 77, Virginia Tech 72, OT
Oregon 65, Michigan State 54
...
Championship
Wednesday, March 27
Houston (26-7) at Oregon (21-13), 9 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
ANAHEIM ANGELS—Placed LHP Dennis Cook on 15-day disabled list, retroactive to March 22.
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Recalled RHP Rick Bauer from their minor league camp.
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Waived LHP Scott Radinsky. Reassigned C Chris Coste to their minor league camp.
MINNESOTA TWINS—Sent LHP Travis Miller outright to Edmonton of the PCL.
NEW YORK YANKEES—Released C Todd Greene.
TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Optioned LHP Nick Bierbrodt, INF Aubrey Huff, RHP Delvin James and INF Jared Sandberg to Durham of the International League. Reassigned C Sai Fesano, RHP Gerardo Garcia, C Yarnel Head and RHP Travis Harper to their minor league camp. Released INF Felix Martinez.
TEXAS RANGERS—Placed RHP Jeff Zimmerman and RHP Denny Kolb on the 15-day disabled list. Assigned C Julio Mosquer, INF Jason Maxwell and INF Ed Sprague to their minor league camp. Released LHP Bill Pulsipher from their minor league camp.
National League
CHICAGO CUBS—Assigned 2B Bobby Hill, INF Kevin One, INF Luis Odriz and C Mike Mahoney to their minor league camp.
CINCINNATI REDS—Placed RHP John Riedling on the 15-day disabled list. Optioned LHP Hector Mercado, INF Gookie Dawkins, OF Ruben Mateo and C Cory Lidle to Louisville of the International League. Promoted Brad Kullman from director of baseball operations to assistant general manager.
NEW YORK METS—Traded INF Lou Collier to Montreal for RHP Jimmy Serrano and OF Jason Bay. Optioned INF-OF Jorge Toca to Norfolk of the International League. Assigned OF Tony Tarasco and INF Jorge Velazquez to their minor league camp.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
MILWAUKEE BUCKS—Placed C Greg Foster on the injured list. Activated G Rafer Alston from the injured list.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
CLEVELAND BROWNS—Re-signed OL Tre Johnson to a one-year contract. Released DB Brandon Davis.
CINCINNATI BENGALS—Agreed to terms with CB Jeff Burris on a three-year contract.
DETROIT LIONS—Agreed to terms with WR Gernane Crowell on a three-year contract and DT Kelvin Pritchett on a one-year contract.
GREEN BAY PACKERS—Signed DE Joe Johnson to a multiyear contract. Signed TE Rufus French.
HOUSTON TEXANS—Signed WR Tony Simmons. Claimed S Hakim Abdar off waivers from New England.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Agreed to terms with RB/RD David Allen.
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Traded LT William Roof to Kansas City for a conditional 2003 fourth-round draft pick.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
NHL—Suspended Atlanta F Dan Snyder three games without pay for elbowing Ottawa D Sami Salo in a game Saturday.
ATLANTA THRASHERS—Recalled RW Brad Tapper, C Yuri Butsayev and D Francis Lessard from Chicago of the AHL.
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Recalled C Sean Pronger from Syracuse of the AHL.
DETROIT RED WINGS—Assigned G Jason Elliot to Cincinnati of the AHL.
NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Assigned RW

Jones Anderson to Milwaukee of the AHL.
OTTAWA SENATORS—Recalled LW Chris Bale from Grand Rapids of the AHL.
WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Reassigned G Patrick Boileau to Portland of the AHL. Recalled D Nolan Yorkman from Portland.

NBA

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Rocker struggles as Rangers suffer 11-8 exhibition loss to Red Sox

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John Rocker might not be up to replacing the injured Jeff Zimmerman as Texas' closer.

Rocker allowed four runs in one inning during an 11-8 loss to the Boston Red Sox on Tuesday after Zimmerman was placed on the 15-day disabled list with tendinitis in his right elbow.

"I need to make a few more quality pitches. I did some good things, and I'm trying to focus on them," Rocker said.

Zimmerman, who hasn't pitched since March 6, is expected to miss at least one month. The news was better on Rangers starter Ismael Valdes, who returned to Florida on Tuesday night after tests showed no ligament damage in his right elbow.

Elsewhere, Moises Alou

played for the first time in more than a week, going 2-for-3 with an RBI in the Chicago Cubs' 13-11 loss to Oakland in Mesa, Ariz. Alou had been sidelined for much of the spring with a strained muscle on his left side.

"I'm feeling OK," he said. "I think I'm going to be all right. Just get in these final three or four games, and tune up for the opening of the season."

Miguel Tejada's two-run homer capped a seven-run Oakland rally in the eighth inning. Sammy Sosa, Chris Stynes and Joe Girardi homered for the Cubs.

Marlins catcher Charles Johnson returned to limited action, catching and hitting for the first time in three weeks. But the two-time All-Star likely won't be ready for the season opener.

Johnson sprained his left thumb March 5 when he ran into Montreal first baseman Joe Vitiello. He wore a cast

for two weeks, allowing swelling and soreness to subside, then regained strength and flexibility during the past week.

Johnson eased back into baseball activities Tuesday, catching soft toss and hitting off a tee.

"It's an injury that I have to be concerned about," Johnson said. "I can't rush it because it's my thumb. With me being a catcher, I'm dealing with this thumb every pitch, every time a guy throws a baseball and every time I swing a bat. I have to be very careful."

In other games:

Yankees 11, Pirates 5

At Tampa, Fla., Todd Greene homered twice and drove in six runs before getting released by New York. Greene, who also made three errors, lost the reserve spot he held last season to Alberto Castillo.

Dodgers 7, Mets 1

At Port St. Lucie, Fla., Omar Daal pitched like a starter one day after being sent to the bullpen, allowing one hit in six scoreless innings for Los Angeles.

Braves 5, Royals 1

At Kissimmee, Fla., Andrew Jones and Mark DeRosa homered and Albie Lopez allowed one run in six innings for Atlanta.

Astros 5, Indians 4

At Kissimmee, Fla., Dave Milicki looked sharp for 5 2-3 innings and Lance Berkman hit a grand slam off Bartolo Colon for Houston.

Devil Rays 3, Blue Jays 3

At Dunedin, Fla., Chris

Carpenter allowed three runs in 6 2-3 innings in his final tuneup for opening day as Toronto tied Tampa Bay.

Marlins 12, Cardinals 4

At Jupiter, Fla., Kevin Millar went 4-for-5 with a grand slam off Bud Smith to lead Florida.

Orioles 10, Expos 5

At Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Marty Cordova hit a grand slam and David Segui had two hits in his return to the Baltimore lineup. Melvin Mora hit his fifth homer in six games and Tony Batista had three hits for the Orioles, who have won 16 of 18.

Twins 12, Reds 9

At Sarasota, Fla., Ken Griffey Jr. hit his first spring homer, but

Minnesota beat Cincinnati behind Dustan Mohr's grand slam and two homers by Michael Cuddyer.

Phillies 11, Tigers 3

At Lakeland, Fla., Todd Pratt had two doubles and three RBIs and Mike Lieberthal homered and drove in two runs for Philadelphia.

Mariners 10, Angels 6

At Tempe, Ariz., Charles Gipson, Carlos Guillen and Bret Boone each homered off Lou Pote in the sixth inning to lead Seattle.

Diamondbacks 6, Brewers 2

At Tucson, Ariz., Rick Helling allowed two runs and seven hits in seven innings and Chris Donnels hit a three-run double for Arizona.

NBA

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points for the visiting Bulls, losers of 13 of 15.

Hawks 103, Nets 77

At Atlanta, Shareef Abdur-Rahim and Jacque Vaughn each scored 18 points as the Hawks blew out the No. 1 team in the East — the worst loss of the season for the Nets.

The Hawks, winning for the seventh time in nine games, took control with a 36-point second quarter.

Rookie Richard Jefferson paced New Jersey with 21 points. Power forward Kenyon Martin was suspended for the game.

Wizards 103, Nuggets 87

Chris Whitney and Richard Hamilton scored 22 points apiece as Washington routed Denver with minimal help from Michael Jordan. Still recovering

from knee surgery, Jordan played 20 minutes as a reserve, scoring nine points with six assists.

Etan Thomas had a career-high 13 for the Wizards, playing their first home game in two weeks.

Former Wizards forward Juwan Howard, booed every time he touched the ball, scored 17 for Denver.

Pistons 96, Pacers 77

A confrontation between Corliss Williamson and Jermaine O'Neal marred the game at Indianapolis. Williamson scored 23 points for Detroit before he was ejected near the end.

Williamson and O'Neal were thrown out after they collided under the Pistons' basket with 1:16 to play.

Williamson, driving the baseline, was fouled hard by O'Neal and bounced the ball off O'Neal's back. The two stood on the baseline jawing before O'Neal advanced on

Williamson. O'Neal threw at least one punch and one elbow before he was wrapped up by Pacers assistant coach Tree Rollins.

Warriors 115, Timberwolves 106

Antawn Jamison scored 25 points to help the Warriors

end a 10-game losing streak.

Reserve Chris Mills added 18 points for the Warriors, who won for just the third time in their last 29 road games.

Kevin Garnett scored 31 points and Wally Szczerbiak had 24 of his 28 in the first half for Minnesota.

Lakers 121, Cavaliers 116

Shaquille O'Neal had 19 points despite sitting out the last 16 minutes, and Rick Fox equaled a season-high with 18 points as Los Angeles won for the 15th time in 19 games.

Ricky Davis scored a

career-high 35 points, and Andre Miller had 21 points and nine assists for the Cavaliers.

The Cavaliers had only eight players in uniform. Starters Lamond Murray, Wesley Person and Zydrunas Ilgauskas all sat out the game.

NIT

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(23-12) Thursday night for third place before the title game. The Orangemen missed a chance to become the first team to win the preseason and postseason NITs in the same year.

South Carolina (22-14) was led by Aaron Lucas, who had a season-high 20 points, and Jamel Bradley, who scored 12 of his 13 points on 3s. Tony Kitchings also had 13 for the Gamecocks.

With a little more than a minute to play, Syracuse trailed 63-59. DeShaun Williams forced a pass into the lane for Kueth Duany, but it was picked off by Rolando Howell with 1:09 left. Lucas made only three of seven free throws down the stretch, but it was enough to hold off the Orangemen, who didn't score in the game's final 2:09.

Conspicuously absent from the game's closing minutes was Syracuse's Preston Shumpert. The senior, who scored 11 first-half points on 3-for-10 shoot-

ing, took over in the second half, but didn't score in the final 4:41.

"I guess we were trying to get some (ball) movement," Shumpert said.

Shumpert, who finished with 28 points, outscored his teammates at one point, 28-27.

"He played great," Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim said. "There's only so many times you can give him the ball."

Duany was the only other Syracuse player in double figures, finishing with 15 points. No other Syracuse player had more than Williams' five points.

Both teams brought their home white uniforms, and it wasn't discovered until the teams took the floor for pregame warmups.

Syracuse was supposed to be wearing its road orange, and a student manager was dispatched — with police escort — to get them. Syracuse switched to road jerseys at the first media timeout and came out for the second half wearing its full road uniforms.

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6:30 PM	Preseason Baseball	King of the Hill	Cyberchase	Home Videos	News Ent. Tonight	News (CC) Fortune	News (CC) Seinfeld (CC)	Intrusa	Friends (CC) Roseanne	Movie: The Luck of the Irish (CC)	Mad TV (CC) Mad TV (CC)	(15) Movie: The Virgin	School	Update With John Hages	Update With John Hages	Law & Order (CC)	Ocean Planet	Pretender (CC)	Case Reopened
7:30 PM	Midland Rockbands	That '80s Grounded Life	American Family (CC)	Movie: The Bad News Bears Go to Japan	60 Minutes II (CC)	My Wife-Kids George Lopez	Ed (CC)	Ripley's Believe It or Not!	Amigas y Rivales (SS)	Insta (CC) (35) Movie: Back to the Future Part II	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Suicides (CC)	Movie: You Can Count on Me (CC)	Movie: The Laramie Project	Christian Dr. Massey	Biography (CC)	Three Gorges Biggest Dam	NBA Basketball: New Jersey Nets at Philadelphia	4-Wheel Force
8:30 PM	vs. Oakland Athletics	Bernie Mac	Salsa Caliente	Whose Line? Who's Line?	48 Hours (CC)	Downtown (CC)	Law & Order (CC)	Don Francisco Presenta	P. Impacto Noticiero Univ.	of Pirate's Point (CC)	Star Trek: Next Gener. Mad TV (CC)	Choice	Full Disclosure	Movie: The Mexican (CC)	Update With Church	Biography (CC)	Chasing Giants	76ers (CC) NBA Basketball	Crash Science
9:30 PM	News Nightline	Jerry Springer (CC)	(CC) (DVS) News: Lehrer	700 Club (CC)	News (35) Late	News (CC) Nightline	News (35) Tonight	Ripley's Believe It or Not!	P. Impacto Noticiero Univ.	of Pirate's Point (CC)	Star Trek: Next Gener. Mad TV (CC)	Choice	Full Disclosure	Movie: The Mexican (CC)	Update With Church	Biography (CC)	Chasing Giants	76ers (CC) NBA Basketball	Crash Science
10:30 PM	Politically Inc. Cheers	Suddenly Spin City (CC)	Circus Sea-	Who's Boss? Who's Boss?	Show (CC) (37) Late Late	Ent. Tonight Politically Inc. (12:06) Oprah Winfrey (CC)	Night (CC) Frasier	En las Mejores Familias	Maria la del Barrio	Zorro (CC) Mickey Mouse	(9:55) Movie: Sophie's Choice	Resurrection (45) Movie: Taxicab Confessions	Hour of Healing	Law & Order (CC)	Justice Files	nba: San Antonio Spurs at	Portland Trail Blazers (CC)	Crash Science	Crash Science
12:30 AM	Paid Program	Home Imp. Paid Program	son: Travels With Tarzan	Guthy-Renker Paid Program	Show (CC) Street Smarts						(25) Movie: Lady Chatterley								

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"MY MOM SAYS I'M EVEN CUTER WHEN I'M ASLEEP."

FAMILY CIRCUS

"Who wants to hear me recite some of the alphabet?"

HAGAR

"I FOUGHT AND CLAIMED MY WAY TO THE TOP..."
"AND NOW THAT I'VE FINALLY ARRIVED..."
"I HAVE TO ASK MYSELF THIS QUESTION..."
"WHAT'S SO GOOD ABOUT GETTING TO THE TOP?"

BLONDIE

"THAT'S A BEAUTY, ISN'T IT?"
"THEY DON'T MAKE 'EM LIKE THIS ANMORE"
"WHY NOT?"
"THEY WEREN'T SELLING"

B.C.

"MY FRIEND FATS IS AN INCURABLE LIBERAL."
"HOW LIBERAL IS SHE?"
"DURING PASSOVER THIS YEAR SHE'S SETTING AN EXTRA PLACE AT THE TABLE, HOPING MAYBE ELIJAH WILL DROP BY TO ANNOUNCE THE CANDIDACY OF TOM DASCHLE."

WIZARD OF ID

"WHO CAN TELL ME WHAT SOFT MONEY IS?"
"IT'S THE KIND YOU CAN FOLD WITHOUT MAKING A CREASE"

GEECH

"YOU WANT ANYTHING ELSE?"
"OKAY"
"OKAY, WHAT?"
"OKAY, WHAT'VE YOU GOT?"

HI AND LOIS

"AND 'K' IS FOR KANGAROO!"
"WHAT'S WRONG, TRIXIE? USUALLY YOU GET EXCITED AND POINT TO THE PICTURE!"
"THE PICTURES ARE OKAY..."
"BUT THIS BOOK'S THIN PLOT DOESN'T STAND UP TO REPEATED READINGS!"

GASOLINE ALLEY

"What should we do? Tell our folks!"
"Can't! We'll get in trouble for sneaking off at night!"
"You're right!"
"What should we do?"
"We're back to square one!"

SNUFFY SMITH

"THAR BOTH PRETTY DARN SOUR!!"

BETLE BAILY

"HOW WAS LT. FUZZ'S PRESENTATION, SIR?"
"IT WAS LIKE THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT"
"THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT?"
"YEAH, IT TOOK A LONG TIME TO GET TO THE POINT"

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS
Today is Wednesday, March 27, the 86th day of 2002. There are 279 days left in the year. The Jewish holiday Passover begins at sunset.

Today's Highlight in History:
Twenty-five years ago, on March 27, 1977, 582 people were killed when a KLM Boeing 747, attempting to take off, crashed into a Pan Am 747 on the Canary Island of Tenerife.

On this date:
In 1512, Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon sighted Florida.
In 1625, Charles I ascended the English throne upon the death of James I.
In 1794, President Washington and Congress authorized creation of the U.S. Navy.
In 1836, the first Mormon temple was dedicated, in Kirtland, Ohio.

In 1917, the Seattle Metropolitans became the first U.S. team to win the Stanley Cup as they defeated the Montreal Canadiens.
In 1945, during World War II, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower told reporters in Paris that German defenses on the Western Front had been broken.
In 1958, Nikita Khrushchev became Soviet premier in addition to First Secretary of the Communist Party.
In 1964, Alaska was rocked by a powerful earthquake that killed 114 people.
In 1968, Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin, the first man to orbit the earth, died in a plane crash.
In 1980, 137 workers died when a North Sea floating oil field platform, the Alexander I. Keilland, capsized during a storm.
Ten years ago: Democratic presidential front-runner Bill Clinton, campaigning in New York, apologized for recently golfing at an all-white club. German Chancellor Helmut Kohl met with Austrian President Kurt Waldheim in Munich, a meeting denounced by Jewish groups because of Waldheim's alleged involvement with Nazi persecution during World War II.

Today's Birthdays: Lord Callaghan, former British prime minister, is 90. Blues musician Robert "Junior" Lockwood is 87. Newspaper columnist Anthony Lewis is 75. Dance company director Arthur Mitchell is 68. Actor Julian Glover is 67. Actor Jerry Lacy is 66. Actor Austin Pendleton is 62. Actor Michael York is 60. Rock musician Tony Banks (Genesis) is 52. Actress Maria Schneider is 50. Rock musician Andrew Farriss (INXS) is 43.

Newsday Crossword

REPAIR KIT by Fred Piscop
Edited by Stanley Newman

ACROSS

- 1 Teepee-shaped
- 6 Warning sign
- 10 Blunt sword
- 14 Sheikdom of song
- 15 Strong wind
- 16 Explorer Vasco da
- 17 Item in a purse
- 19 Elevator man
- 20 Concluded from evidence
- 21 Winter dangler
- 23 Boundary
- 24 Phoenix source
- 25 Force from office
- 29 Ray of GoodFellas
- 32 Immigration island
- 33 Mother-of-pearl
- 34 Courtroom VIPs
- 37 lbn (onetime Mideast ruler)
- 38 Interior design
- 39 Enrage
- 40 Verb suffix
- 41 Established fact
- 42 Mead locale
- 43 As one
- 45 Comedian Russell
- 46 Venetian rulers of old
- 48 Lend a hand to
- 49 Coastal features
- 51 Bugs' feelers
- 56 John (the Lone Ranger)
- 57 Thin backing
- 59 Critic Greene
- 60 Spring bloom
- 61 Comics kid

DOWN

- 1 " quote you?"
- 2 Algerian port
- 3 Babe in the woods
- 4 Suffix with flex
- 5 Cone-bearing tree
- 6 Stared at
- 7 Hazel's occupation
- 8 Golfer Ernie
- 9 Radar's quaff
- 10 Self-centered sort
- 11 1998 Robin Williams film
- 12 Writer Zola
- 13 Lets up
- 18 Writer Sarah Jewett
- 22 Actress Blanchett
- 25 He loved Lucy
- 26 Pizazz
- 27 Tough customers
- 28 Suffix meaning "sort of"
- 29 Added a kick to
- 30 Computer-screen picture
- 31 Hockey great Bobby
- 33 Campbell of *Scream*
- 35 Natural emollient
- 36 Put in stitches
- 38 Morse E
- 39 Hiatus
- 41 Main point
- 42 Article supplement
- 44 Compass part
- 45 Evening, on marquees
- 46 Sad song
- 47 Hoopster Shaq
- 48 Fidgety
- 50 Skewer
- 51 M "mnemonic"
- 52 Poor dog's portion
- 53 Da Vietnam
- 54 Domingo solo
- 55 Perfect place
- 58 Jackie's second

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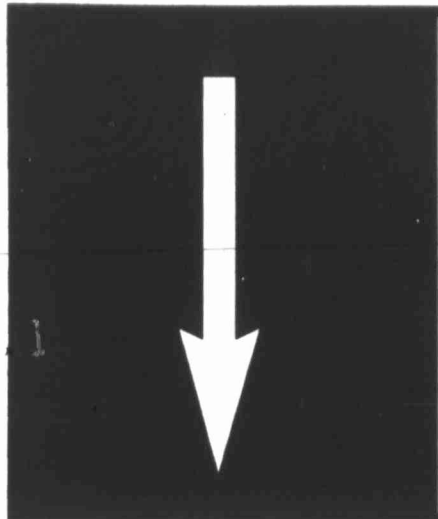
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