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'Sex Respect' choice of most at sex ed curriculum forum

By **CARLTON JOHNSON**
Staff Writer

Thursday's public forum concerning the Big Spring Independent School District's (BSISD) selection of sex education materials as part of the district's health education curriculum was an exercise in reality.

Parents seem to favor some sort of sex education curriculum, but not graphic details, and the consensus is that sex education should not be a co-educational curriculum.

The reality expressed by many of the

70 or so people in attendance is there are too many teenage pregnancies and too much sexual activity among teens, and any sex education curriculum must be based on the values deemed essential to maintain the family unit.

The fact there are several pregnant teens in the Big Spring school system was pointed out several times during Thursday's forum.

As a result of Senate Bill 1, the district is looking at four sex education programs to implement as part of seventh and eighth grade health curriculum for the 1997-98 school year.

According to Murray Murphy, BSISD

assistant superintendent for personnel and instruction, during the 1995-96 school year, all currently used health-related materials were reviewed for grades K-12.

As a result of this review, it was and is the general concern of the district's Health Advisory Council (HAC) that more information needs to be placed in the hands of students in grades seven and eight.

After careful review and several discussions last fall, the HAC, through the work of a subcommittee, selected four abstinence-based sex and health education related curriculums.

The four options discussed Thursday, include Choosing the Best by Bruce Cook; Sex Respect by Respect Incorporated; Sex Can Wait by ETR Publishers; and RSVP (Responsible Social Values Program) by Abstinence, The Better Choice Inc.

All of the curriculum options were on display at the BSISD administrative offices for public review during the week of Jan. 20-24.

The options that have been reviewed by the HAC and its comments include:

- **Choosing the Best** - Includes a leader's guide, student manual; two videos (Sex, Lies and the Truth; and

No Second Chance); and 18 slides.

This curriculum is recommended for grades seven through nine and includes approximately eight 40-minute sessions, and includes the following topics: Sex: Everybody's Talking About It; The Risk of Being Sexually Active; Aids and Safe Sex; Pressures to be Sexually Active; Choosing the Best; The Dating Game; Standing Up For Yourself; and Being Assertive Under Pressure.

Parent guides are not available for this curriculum, but parental involve-

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Community's view on issue conservative

By **CARLTON JOHNSON**
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Independent School District's Health Advisory Council listened to parents and concerned citizens for approximately two hours Thursday morning concerning the subject of sex education as part of the district's health curriculum.

According to BSISD Assistant Superintendent Murray Murphy, some 35 parents and individuals viewed the proposed curriculums, which were on display at the district's administrative offices the week of Jan. 20-24.

The HAC subcommittee that reviewed the curriculum options listened to a number of speakers and took notes, which they will use to help make a recommendation to the HAC in the next week or so.

BSISD students Ashley Burson and Rachel Ray first addressed the committee, to the delight of the crowd, by admitting they are not ashamed to admit to being virgins, some-

thing they plan to take into marriage.

"In health class, abstinence was taught as the only sure way of avoiding AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs)," Burson said.

Burson told the committee that teaching student about condoms and contraceptives only makes they want to have sex more.

"Virgin is not a dirty word," Burson said. "It's a good thing to have. I believe sex before marriage is wrong. I'm amazed at the number of pregnant girls I see in the halls at school."

Burson added she doesn't think pregnant girls should be isolated, but it does upset her that it (teen pregnancy) is becoming so accepted.

The subjects of abortion and homosexuality where sex education is concerned are also taboo subjects to Burson.

"A baby, even unborn, is a life and has a heart and mind," Burson said.

To the crowd's delight, Burson, on the subject of homo-

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Big Spring High School student Rachel Ray addresses the school district's Health Advisory Council subcommittee at Thursday's public forum on the subject of sex education in the classroom. Ray said in a perfect world she wouldn't have to attend such a forum, and added the more sex is talked about the more teens want to do it.

Humane Society promoting 'PAL' Month locally

By **CHRYS GOFF**
Staff Writer

In an attempt to reduce the number of unwanted puppies and kittens turned in to animal shelters every spring, the Humane Society of The United States (HSUS) is joining animal shelters around the country in proclaiming February "Prevent A Litter" (PAL) Month.

Now in its 10th year, "Prevent A Litter" Month is being moved from April to February. The change was made to help prevent some of the unwanted litters that many animal shelters would normally start receiving in April, and to coincide with the Doris Day Animal League's "Spay Day USA" on Feb. 25.

"Eight to 12 million animals enter shelters around the coun-

try each year, and sadly 30 to 60 percent will be euthanized," says Martha Armstrong, HSUS vice president for companion animals. "There simply are not enough loving, lifelong homes for all of them."

Many pet owners believe sterilizing their animal will not impact the pet overpopulation problem. Yet, if the animals remain unsterilized and they breed with maximum frequency, the HSUS estimates that one female cat and her offspring can produce as many as 420,000 kittens in seven years; and in just six years, one female dog and her offspring can produce as many as 67,000 puppies. The only way to reduce these numbers is for pet owners to spay or neuter their pets.

"Spaying or neutering is not

only a fool-proof way to prevent unwanted litters," notes Armstrong, "it's also good for your pet's health and behavior. Animals who have been sterilized live longer, healthier lives, roam less, and are less likely to fight with other animals or bite humans."

HSUS has fought for nearly 40 years to end the needless suffering of the world's companion animals. The HSUS urges all pet owners to join the nation's largest animal protection organization in the fight to stop pet overpopulation — Be A "PAL" — spay or neuter your pets.

Locally, officials with both the Big Spring Humane Society and the city's animal shelter are also working to stop overpopulation of pets. Every week local animal shelter workers have to

euthanize as many as 20 animals

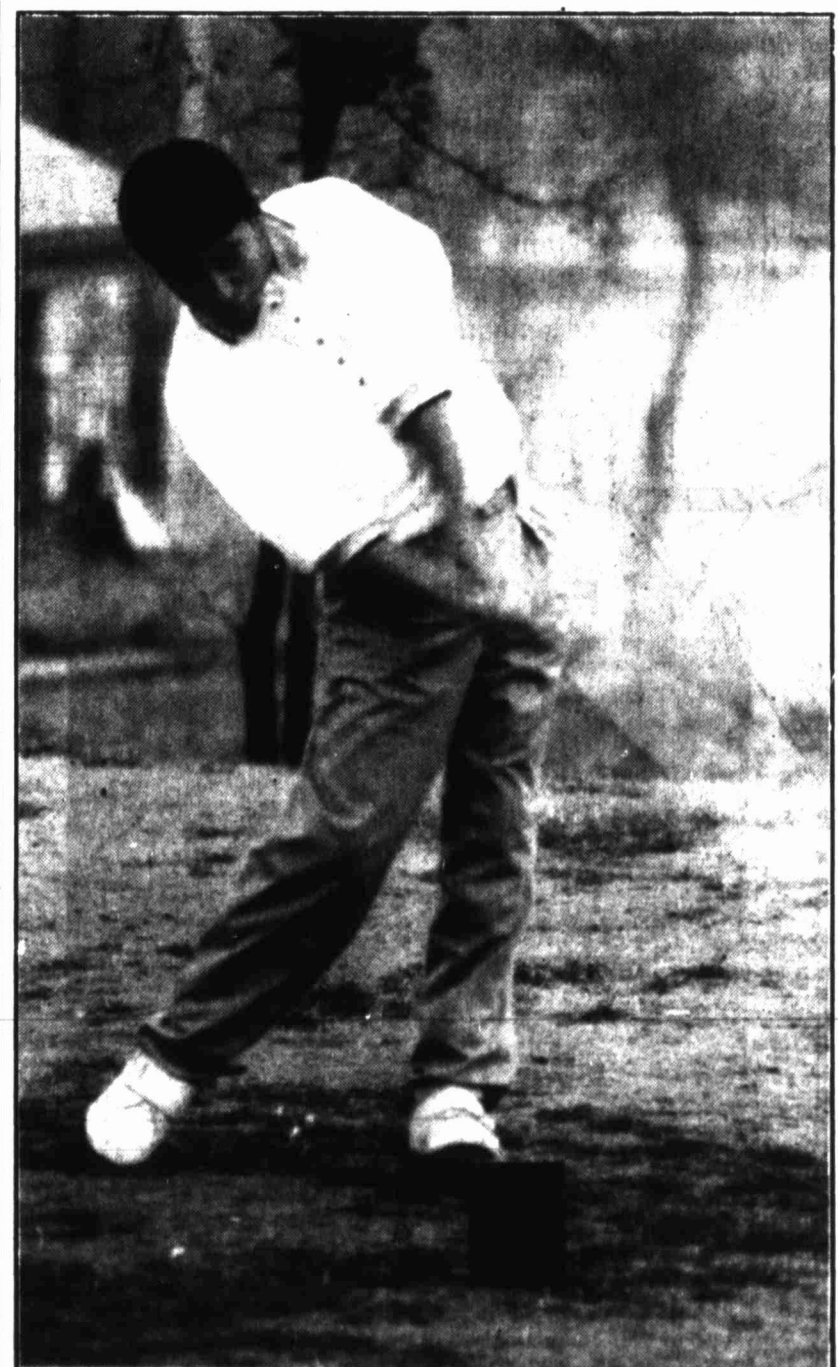
"If you saw how many animals that had to be put away each month, you would not ever let your animal breed again," noted Margaret Lloyd, a volunteer with the Big Spring Humane Society, adding that people are responsible for spaying and neutering their pets.

"Most people let their animal breed, and their kids can pick out one or two, but the rest are left unwanted," Lloyd added. "It is really ignorant."

The animal shelter generally waits 72 hours before putting down an animal, but if workers feel like the animal has a good chance of being adopted, they wait longer.

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TEES OFF



Oscar Hernandez of Big Spring is the first to tee off in his group of competitors in the Big Spring High School Invitational golf tournament. The tournament continues through Saturday.

Friday Night R.O.C.K., Furr's Cafeteria open house on tap

HERALD Staff Report

Looking for something to do this weekend? Here's your ticket to weekend activities in and around Big Spring.

This feature is published each Friday and will include a variety of activities. It is limited to activities of a general nature, community fund-raisers, community functions, free performances, etc. It is not available to commercial ventures.

To submit your activity, send it to "Weekend Ticket," Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431,

WEEKEND TICKET

Big Spring, 79721.

If you wish, you may fax your listing to 264-7205 or bring it by the Herald offices at 710 Scurry. No information will be taken over the phone.

- Spring City Senior Center dance, tonight, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Spring City Senior Center. Music will be provided by CW & Co. All senior citizens in the area are invited.

- Heritage Museum, today from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., 510 Scurry. For additional information, contact the museum at 267-8255.

- High school basketball, Ozona at Coahoma, tonight. The varsity girls' game, which begins at 6:30 p.m. will feature Ozona's two-time defending state champions. In the night-

cap, set for an 8 p.m. tip. The Bulldogs are tied with Forsan for the district lead, while Ozona is two games back in the standings.

- Friday Night R.O.C.K., 8 p.m. Friday, Spanky's Coffee House. Dreams of God, an alternative Christian acoustical group, will be featured during the event being sponsored by the Cornerstone Church.

- Furr's Cafeteria open house, noon until 3 p.m. Saturday. The new cafeteria will open to the

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Coahoma, Forsan school boards preparing for elections on May 3

By **KELLIE JONES**
Features Editor

Several school board positions are up for election in Coahoma and Forsan May 3.

Every school district across the state that has a trustee position up for election this spring has the same dates set aside for when applications can be picked up, when early voting will be conducted and the actual election day.

In Coahoma, there are three

trustee positions up for election, including those currently held by Gail Wells, the board president; Larry Bennett, board vice president; and David Elmore.

Wells has served for six years, Bennett for three years and Elmore was appointed to fill Benny Fishback's position, a one-year unexpired term. All are at-large positions.

Sammy Anderson and Lewis Boeker are up for re-election in Forsan. Anderson has served on

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TODAY'S WEATHER

43 ▲ Highs **25**
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Today: Cloudy. High in the 40s. Low in the mid 20s.

Saturday: Mostly cloudy. High in the upper 40s. Low in the lower 30s.

Extended outlook: Sunday, mostly cloudy. High in the 50s. Low in the 30s. Monday, partly cloudy. High in the mid 50s. Low in the 30s. Tuesday, partly cloudy. High in the upper 50s. Low in the 30s.

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OBITUARIES

Billie Barron

Billie Barron, 76, Big Spring, died on Thursday, Feb. 6, 1997, at her residence.



BARRON

Graveside service will be 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7, 1997, at Trinity Memorial Park with Dr. Kenneth Patrick, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating.

She was born on March 31, 1920, in Oil City, La. and married Tony Barron on Nov. 23, 1936, in Barstow, Texas. He preceded her in death on May 10, 1973.

She moved to West Texas at the age of four. She received her high school diploma in 1960 and continued her education at Howard County Junior College where she studied accounting and typing. Mrs. Barron had worked at the Howard County Courthouse as the deputy clerk in the sheriff's department and then as secretary to the county judge at the time of her retirement.

She was a member of College Baptist Church and had been a Sunday School teacher. She was named American Business Women's Club Woman of the Year in 1967 and was a member and past president of the Scenic Chapter, American Business Women's Club.

Survivors include: one daughter and son-in-law, Toni and Wade Choate, Big Spring; one son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Carlene Barron, Seabrook; grandchildren, Kyle Choate,

Melody Trujitt, Sherlyn Swinney and Keith Barron; one brother, Harvey Smith, Eugene, Ore.; and four great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Kyle Choate, Keith Barron, Terry Truitt and Troy Swinney.

The family suggests memorials to the Heritage Museum of Big Spring; 510 Scurry; Big Spring, 79720 or to a favorite charity.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

(Paid obituary)

Fred "Fritz" Ernst

Fred "Fritz" Ernst, 75, St. Lawrence, died on Sunday, Feb. 2, 1997, in Florida. Rosary will be 7 p.m. Friday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral mass will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, 1997, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church with Rev. Tom Barley, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at St. Lawrence Cemetery, St. Lawrence, Texas.

He was born on May 1, 1921, in Rowena, Texas, and married Bess Wise on Dec. 28, 1951, in San Angelo, Texas. She preceded him in death on Sept. 18, 1922.

Mr. Ernst was the son of Elo and Louise Ernst and attended St. Joseph High School. He entered the Navy in 1942 and trained at San Diego, Alameda and Oakland, Calif. He served at Honolulu, in the Philippines, and on Guam and was awarded the GCM and the AP Ribbon and Bar. He was discharged in 1946.

He was a member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church and was a member of the St. Lawrence Cotton Growers Association.

Survivors include: a daughter and son-in-law, Maria and Brian McDonald, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.; a sister and brother-in-law, Delphine and Bill Crouch, Fort Worth; two grandsons, Dean McDonald and Lane McDonald, both of Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.; a nephew and his wife, Billy Fred and Carol Crouch; a nephew, Jerry Pat DeMarnies, San Angelo; and a great niece, Malinda DeMarnies, San Angelo.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, James Ernst and two sisters, Florine DeMarnies and Beatrice Boisjoll.

Pallbearers will be Curtis Pechacek, Sammy Kellmeier, Doyle Schaefer, Eugene Jost, Ronald Henrichs, Jack Wood, Gary Halfmann and Jerry Pat DeMarnies. Honorary pallbearers will be Joe Lopez and Aldis Hoelscher.

The family suggests memorials to the St. Lawrence Cemetery Fund.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

(Paid obituary)

J.B. McCullough

J.B. McCullough, 70, Sand Springs, died on Wednesday, Feb. 5, 1997, in a local hospital. Military graveside service will be 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, 1997, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with Rev. Eldon Cook, retired Baptist minister, officiating.

He was born on Aug. 24, 1926, in Howard County, Texas and married Ramona Faye Barber on Dec. 8, 1944, in Stanton, Texas. She preceded him in death on Jan. 25, 1997.

He was retired from Midwest Farms, Southland Corporation in Shreveport, La. in 1980 as an assistant fleet manager. He was an avid bingo fan and enjoyed traveling.

He served in the United States Navy during World War II and participated in the liberation of the Philippines.

He was a member of Airport Baptist Church and a member of the American Legion.

Survivors include: one son and daughter-in-law, Rev. John B. and Cindy McCullough, Jr. and children, Joel and Julie, all of Dripping Springs; three daughters and sons-in-law, Johnetta and John Eleazer and children, Annetta and Richard, of The Woodlands, Ronna and Glen Conly and children, Allen and Aaron, Cedar Hill, and Lisa and David Tuttle and daughter, Melanie, Haughton, La.; one sister, Claudine McMurray, Sand Springs; two brothers, Ben Stuteville, Haughton, La. and Paul Stuteville, Colorado City.

Pallbearers will be Buddy Enfield, Ricky McCullough, Rocky McCullough, Rawleigh McCullough, Dennis McCullough and Kenny Barber.

The family suggests memor-

als to the American Lung Association; Central Region; P.O. Box 26586; Austin, Texas; 78755-0586.

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

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

(Paid obituary)

Mrs. Billie K. Brookover

Funeral service for Mrs. Billie K. Brookover, 67, Colorado City, will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, 1997, at the Kiker-Seale Chapel with the Rev. John Taylor and Rev. Jake Chaney officiating. Burial will follow in the Spade Cemetery.

Mrs. Brookover died Wednesday, Feb. 5, at her home.

She was born on Jan. 24, 1930, in Fort Worth. She co-owned and operated the Col-Tex Gas Station and wholesale distribution. She married Steve Brookover on July 6, 1953. He preceded her in death in 1985. Mrs. Brookover had lived in Colorado City since 1953.

Survivors include: two daughters, Rogene Spruell and Tracy Rich, both of Colorado City; and a grandson.

Arrangements under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home, Inc., Stanton.

Colonel Sparkman

Service for Colonel Sparkman, 87, Caddo, Okla., is pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home, Stanton.

He died Thursday, Feb. 6, 1997, in Durant, Okla., after a lengthy illness.

Linda Thompson

Service for Linda Thompson, 51, Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She died Thursday, Feb. 6, 1997, at her residence.

Dorothy Ford Humphreys

Service for Dorothy Ford Humphreys, 74, Big Spring, will be 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 8, 1997, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Frank Nelson Jr., II, pastor of Power House Church of God in Christ, officiating. Graveside service will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, at Prescott Cemetery, Prescott, Kan.

Ms. Humphreys died Wednesday, Feb. 5, in a Sweetwater hospital.

She was born on Aug. 8, 1922, in Prescott, Kan. Ms. Humphreys came to Big Spring from Abilene in 1960. She taught special education in the Big Spring Independent School District for 30 years, retiring in 1990. She was a member of East Fourth Street Baptist Church.

Ms. Humphreys was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, the National Education Association, the Texas Classroom Teachers Association, the Association for Retarded Children and the Council for Exceptional Children.

Survivors include: a sister, Jean Yeager, Joplin, Mo.

The family suggests memorials to the donor's favorite charity.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Forum

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ment is expected through homework assignments with students taking manuals home.

"RSVP - Includes a program binder, but no student workbooks. Videos recommended for the program are (for grade 7) "WAIT TV" from Abstinence the Better Choice. The same video is recommended for grade eight, but it is not a direct part of the RSVP program and is not published.

The Parent Licensing Bureau Video is also recommended for the eighth grade curriculum.

RSVP is billed as a prevention education curriculum for grades six through eight. For each grade level, the curriculum is divided into five 45-minute classes.

After instruction, follow-up suggestions for activities are presented.

The curriculum teaches abstinence from sex and illegal substance abuse using games. Parental involvement comes through homework assignments.

"Sex Respect - Includes a teacher manual, parent guidebook, student workbook (posters, buttons, stickers and a creative dating book is also available).

Also included are a 12-minute introductory tape and a tape entitled Chastity Challenge (for church or home), deemed not appropriate for public school.

This curriculum is recommended for grades seven through 10 and includes and contains 11 lessons, including Sex: What We Are and What A Difference; Who's In Charge Here? Mind Over Matter; Free Sex: Is It? Or Isn't It?; Who's Kidding Whom?; Sex On Credit: Play Now, Pay Later; Aids: A Risky Business for Everyone; You Can Have It All! Go For It!; Dating: The Chance of a Lifetime; Staying Cool -It's Never Too Late; Fatherhood/Motherhood: Are You Ready?; and It's A Wrap.

Sex Respect includes parental involvement throughout the program.

"Sex Can Wait - Includes a binder with masters for worksheets and transparencies; so worksheets are available; and no videos come with the program.

According to the HAC, this curriculum is a five-week sexuality education program designed to promote sexual abstinence and is recommended for grades seven and eight.

The curriculum does include parental involvement, and birth control/family planning is not included.

Sex Can Wait is a nine unit 24 lesson program, each lesson lasting approximately one hour.

Units include Knowing Myself - Self-esteem, puberty and values and decision making; Relating to Others - Communication, family, friends, dating and sexual decision making; and Planning My Future - Goal setting and life planning.

"The HAC's duty is to determine appropriate grade level curriculum," Murphy said. "Any new material must be recommended to the school board by

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the HAC, and must promote abstinence. Curriculums also must include condoms and contraception.

"This council has determined that this (sex education) will be an optional curriculum. Parents have the final control as to whether their children participate in any sex education curriculum."

The emphasis of the HAC, according to Murphy, is on the health and safety of BSISD students.

"We're not mandated to do this, but the HAC is concerned that we need to do something in the middle (school) areas," Murphy said. "This is not a mandate, but a local issue."

The curriculum selected will be on public display for review after the HAC meets and make its choice on Feb. 20. That meeting will be at 3:30 p.m. in the BSISD school board meeting room.

On Monday at 3:15 p.m., the HAC subcommittee will meet in the Goliad Middle School library to discuss Thursday's forum, and will meet at Goliad again at 1 p.m. on Feb. 19 to make its final recommendation.

On April 10, the BSISD board will receive the recommendation, but probably won't take any action until May.

Views

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sexuality, added, "God made Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve."

Ray's approach to sex education was that if we lived in a perfect world, she would not have to attend such a meeting.

"Abstinence has to be the only thing taught," Ray said. "I'm proud to say I'm a virgin and I will stay one until I'm married."

"Teens do drugs and alcohol, but we don't have drug and alcohol education to teach kids how to shoot up right or drink," she added. "The more sex is discussed, the more teens will want to have sex."

Ray was also the first of many to mention teaching sex education curriculums with boys and girls in separate classrooms.

BSISD Curriculum Director Helen Gladden said the notion of separating boys and girls is an idea that has been brought up before and will be taken into consideration by the HAC subcommittee.

Kenny Scott, a parent, said he is disturbed by the material that has already been taught at the junior high school level in the past.

"The burden of educating our children in sexual matters has been delegated by default to our churches and schools," Scott said. "I would like to see a commitment from the BSISD that children are separated during this type of instruction."

"It is not essential that we tell them (children) everything we know about sex to properly educate them, after we're talking about seventh and eighth

graders," he added.

The overwhelming choice of the four sex education curriculum options reviewed by parents was Sex Respect.

Parental involvement is strong and sex in marriage only is a strongly held theme throughout the curriculum.

Charles Lusk, who has great-grandchildren attending school, said when God created everything, one of his first instructions was to multiply.

"I maintain there is one book that will give us everything we need to know - the Holy Bible," Lusk said. "We need to be guided by what He has said."

Referring to the idea of separating boys and girls during sex education instruction, Lusk quoted General Robert E. Lee, saying, "Nothing should be said if it can't be said in mixed company."

Ticket

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public three years after having closed its previous location when Highland Mall was razed prior to construction of the Wal-Mart Supercenter.

Saturday Night Alive performance, 7 p.m. Saturday, Howard College auditorium. A concert by Dreams of God is also slated. Saturday Night Alive is a dance and drama team from the Mid-Cities Community Church.

Benefit car wash for Christina Saucedo, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday at the R&T. Sponsored by the Santana Speciality and Low Image Truck and Car Club, all proceeds benefit a fund set up to defray Saucedo's cancer treatment costs.

Recycle Day in Coahoma, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday on the lot west of the Little Souper grocery store.

Boards

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the board for three years and Boeker for six. Both hold at-large positions.

If you are interested in running for a school board trustee position, you may pick up applications between Feb. 17 and March 19 at the appropriate district office.

Early voting is slated for April 14-29 and polls will be open on election day, Saturday, May 3, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

PAL

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"The shelter just hates to put away animals," Lloyd said. "They are very wonderful people, but there is just such an overpopulation, they have to."

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Scott Murphree, 33, died Wednesday. Graveside services are 4:00 PM Friday at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Linda Thompson, 51, died Thursday. Services are pending.

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J. B. McCullough, 70, died Wednesday. Graveside services will be at 4:00 PM Saturday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Dorothy Ford Humphreys, 74, died Wednesday. Services will be at 1:00 PM Saturday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Graveside services will be at 11:00 AM Tuesday at Prescott Cemetery, Prescott, Kansas.

Dessie L. McMichael, 85, died Thursday. Services will be at 10:00 AM Monday at Nalley Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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UT needs exemption to add deck to stadium

AUSTIN — The one thing standing between the University of Texas and its \$70 million proposal to expand its football stadium is a state law against blocking views of the Capitol.

The plan to add a deck to Royal-Memorial Stadium will probably face major alterations or die if lawmakers don't exempt it from the law, which protects 30 view corridors.

"We, like most members of the Legislature, are protective of the view corridors, but in this instance it does serve a public purpose and the impact is very small," said UT vice chancellor for governmental relations Mike Millsap.

Last February, UT System regents approved the plan to improve and expand the stadium.

Judge rules against school districts on technology money

AUSTIN (AP) — School districts suing for millions more in state aid for computers and other technology lost their case with a judge's ruling that the State Board of Education has no authority to distribute the money.

State District Judge F. Scott McCown wrote Thursday that "respect for the separation and balance of powers" required him to leave the issue "in the hands of the Legislature."

An appeal is possible by more than 80 school districts that sued the Education Board, seeking to force the distribution of an estimated \$97 million statewide for technology.

The school districts said that under the 1995 education law, they should be getting \$55 per student for technology rather than the \$30 per student they received.

Officers to testify on 1982 investigation of cop killing

HOUSTON — The judge in the case of a former death row inmate accused of killing a police officer in 1982 wants to hear more testimony before deciding whether to have a retrial.

Attorneys for Ricardo Aldape Guerra, 34, want the capital murder charge against the Mexican man dismissed because a federal judge determined there was police and prosecutorial misconduct in the original case.

During a two-hour hearing Thursday, retired Texas Court of Criminal Appeals Justice Frank Maloney heard arguments on whether he had to accept the federal court's findings or could make his own judgment on the evidence.

U.S. District Judge Kenneth Hoyt, in ordering Aldape Guerra be retried or released, said witnesses were intimidated and a conviction was sought despite "overwhelming evidence" that another man killed James Harris, a Houston police officer.

Diversity still attainable, Morales, state lawmakers say

AUSTIN — Texas colleges and universities still can recruit, retain and graduate racially and ethnically diverse student bodies, they just can't use race or ethnicity as factors in admitting or assisting minority students, Attorney General Dan Morales says.

But some state lawmakers say not considering race and ethnicity will reduce the number of minority students who attend and graduate from Texas colleges. They said they will find a way to reinstate race and ethnicity as factors in such decisions as granting admissions, scholarships and financial aid at Texas schools.

Morales Wednesday night released a legal opinion, which carries the weight of law, directing Texas colleges and universities to use only "race-neutral" policies in nearly every decision.

Lawmakers file Bush's property tax plan

AUSTIN — Gov. George W. Bush's property tax reduction plan, proposed last week in his State of the State address, now officially is before the Legislature.

Reps. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, and Tom Craddick, R-Midland, filed a bill and a proposed constitutional amendment on Thursday that would provide what the Republican governor says is much-needed relief from rising local school property taxes.

Bush, who has been touring the state on a sales mission for his plan, hailed the two lawmakers for showing "leadership and courage" in sponsoring his legislation.

The governor wants to reduce school property taxes, which

now total about \$10 billion a year, by about \$2.8 billion.

He has called for a \$1 billion tax cut funded by the state's cash surplus, and replacing some property taxes with a half-cent increase in the 60 percent state sales and motor vehicle sales tax, plus creation of a new business activity tax.

"I am absolutely convinced cutting school property taxes and developing a fairer way to fund our schools is essential for the future of Texas," Bush said.

"This plan, combined with the budget I presented to the Legislature last week, fully funds our schools and results in an overall \$1 billion reduction in Texans' tax burden. I urge members of the Legislature to join me in giving school proper-

ty tax relief to Texans," he said.

According to Bush's office, the bill introduced in the House calls for increasing the homestead exemption by \$20,000 in 1997 and cutting property tax rates by 20 cents in every school district on Jan. 1, 1998.

The measure also would require the state to reimburse districts for the cost of the higher homestead exemption and tax rate rollback; exempt business inventory from school maintenance and operations taxes; repeal the corporate franchise tax; and deposit lottery revenues and the extra sales tax money into a new school trust fund.

The bill would impose safeguards to keep property tax rates from rising again. It calls

for a two-thirds vote of school boards to raise taxes after the rollback. Increases of 2 cents or more in any year or cumulative increases of 4 cents or more over three years would require voter approval.

The business activity tax would levy a 10-cent charge on all business activity. It would be calculated by taking a business' total receipts or sales, subtracting the cost of goods, certain expenses, capital investment and a standard \$500,000 deduction, then multiplying by 10.

The proposed constitutional amendment would create the new school trust fund and require a three-fifths vote of the Legislature to raise the business activity tax rate.

Investigators: Gtech official bragged of bribes

HOUSTON — A Gtech Corp. official bragged of paying bribes of up to \$10,000 to eight to 10 Texas legislators in exchange for "favorable consideration" of the bill establishing the Texas lottery, an investigator for the Kentucky attorney general's office says.

The Houston Chronicle reported today that J. David Smith, former national sales manager for Gtech Corp. bragged about the payments while talking with Russell F. Davidson, former vice president

for finance at the Kentucky lottery.

Smith, who was recently convicted on federal charges of participating in a kickback scheme that defrauded Gtech, is awaiting sentencing.

The newspaper reported that Smith's claim of payoffs to Texas legislators came during an investigation in Kentucky in 1994 into a scandal involving that state's lottery.

Gtech ran the Kentucky lottery at the time and has run Texas' online lottery games

since 1992. The Texas Legislature and state voters created the state lottery a year earlier.

According to investigative reports, Davidson said his conversation with Smith took place in a hotel bar in 1990 during a Gtech users conference.

Smith indicated the payments were made for past support, Davidson reportedly told Edward Mercer, the Kentucky attorney general's investigator.

According to Mercer, Davidson said Smith told him

Texas was starting a lottery.

"Smith named eight or 10 Texas legislators whom Davidson did not know and does not remember their names," Mercer said.

"He (Smith) stated that he had paid these legislators between \$2,000 and \$10,000 each to get the lottery bill favorably considered," Mercer said.

Kentucky state investigators were investigating their state lottery for possible sweetheart deals involving Gtech at the time of the interview.

Arlington ISD trustees approve testing all prom-goers

ARLINGTON — In what may be an unprecedented move for a U.S. school system, officials in this bustling Dallas-Fort Worth suburb voted unanimously to test all prom-goers for alcohol.

The Arlington Independent School District board voted late Thursday to require students to pass breath or saliva tests for alcohol intoxication before they will be admitted to proms at any of its five high schools.

The 7-0 vote came after weeks of discussion with city police and parents in the 53,141-student district, including dozens

who spoke to the board just before the vote.

"It's simple and not intrusive," said Lynn Hale, superintendent of the 53,141-student district. "It'll be quick; that was (students') big concern."

The district plans to spend \$40 per machine for rental and trained personnel from a testing company. The money will come from donations, district officials said.

The testing would be conducted in three steps, said Steve Jjacoby, district director of student services.

A student who registers a .02 percent blood-alcohol level on the initial screening device would be subject to either a breath or saliva test, administered by district officials, Jacoby said.

Failure at that step would lead to a retest. A student who fails that round would be barred from the dance and their parents called to pick them up, he said.

The student would be switched to an alternative campus and barred from further school activities, including

graduation exercises, Jacoby said.

Ann B. Bridgens, an Arlington grandmother and self-described child of an alcoholic, set the early tone for the discussion.

Mrs. Bridgens urged trustees to make students obey the law prohibiting any minor from consuming alcoholic beverages unless in their parents' presence.

"It is ironic that we allow our children to make mistakes, then try to save them from the consequences," she said.

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

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

- We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play. This week we salute: KATE IRONS and HAROLD DAVIS, on their selection as Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce woman and man of the year. BIG SPRING'S STEERS, who went on the road to defeat San Angelo Lake View and guarantee themselves a playoff berth. HOWARD COLLEGE'S LADY HAWKS, on their No. 12 national ranking and on moving into first place in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference. HOWARD COLLEGE'S BASEBALL HAWKS, on their successful opening of the 1997 season with a pair of wins, 12-11 and 17-5, over Ranger College.

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

YOUR VIEWS

Make certain local groups benefit from booster sales

To THE EDITOR: Each year parents of Big Spring High School athletes volunteer to join booster clubs to help raise money for their kids particular sport. These parents work very hard and receive no type of reimbursement, other than the satisfaction of seeing their children participate in athletics.

During the season of each sport, parents have certain fundraising projects to raise money to buy equipment, uniforms and special gifts like the Steer mascot recently purchased by the football boosters. They sell items to wear, advertisement and many other things. All proceeds from these fundraisers are given back to the kids and their prospective teams. When you donate to these projects you are helping with our youth.

The problem we are having is there are other out of town agencies who come into our community and sell items and sell advertising. When this happens, our children and Big Spring ISD athletics receive nothing. These are simply business transactions making money for independent companies.

So please, on behalf of our young people, when asked to donate to the Big Spring Steers just ask to make sure it is our people, representing our children, supported by Big Spring ISD administration.

There are a lot of good people who volunteer each year to make sure our athletic programs have the very best. Please show your support and simply ask, who gets the money.

RANDY GEE Steer Booster Club Big Spring

Thanks for letter about Mims from former Yankees player

To THE EDITOR: I am writing in regard to the letter in the Herald about Bill Mims. I don't know Curtis Matthews personally, which is my loss, because for him to write such a nice letter about Bill, I know he is a very special person. Bill touched the lives of lots of the boys because he loved the boys and they were all special to him. I would like to say thank you, Curtis for remembering Bill in such a special way. Thanks to the Herald for printing it!

BONNIE MIMS Big Spring

Customer would take Herald up on window-matching offer

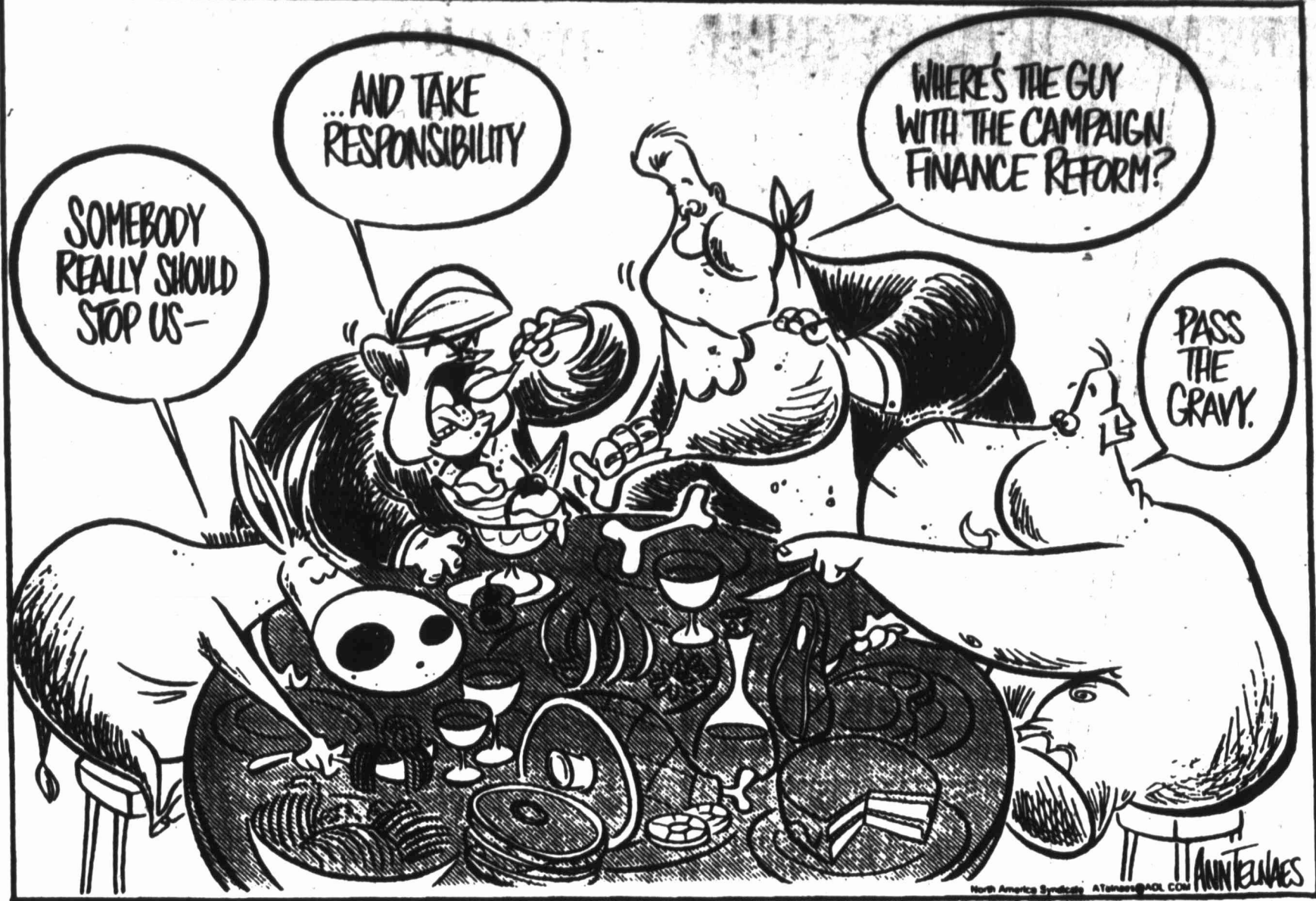
To THE EDITOR: Congratulations on your civic minded offer to match your employees offer of a window for the Settles.

If you will extend the offer to your customers, I'll be the first to accept.

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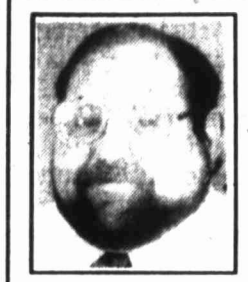


Sometimes it's easy to get on the law's wrong side

Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses ... but Honduran clowns may want to stay home.

At least that's what one professional clown apparently had to say about America.

In an Associated Press wire offering, Border Patrol helicopter pilot Mike Johnson said he was flying Tuesday along the Rio Grande, south of Del Rio, when he spotted a man sitting on the U.S. side of an irrigation canal wearing bright red pants and a multi-colored shirt.



John A. Moseley News Editor

"I noticed he had white makeup on his face, a blue nose and a rainbow colored wig, and I said to myself, 'I've never seen this before,'" Johnson said.

He expected the clown would try to flee toward Mexico, a couple of hundred yards away, but he didn't.

"He stood up," Johnson said. "He was waving and basically clowning around."

Agents on the ground approached the man, who said he was a professional clown from Honduras. He said he put on the clown garb to get the attention of the pilot because he was tired and wanted to return to his family in Honduras.

The clown, whose name was not released, was being detained Wednesday

pending deportation proceedings.

There are, in fact, all sorts of ways to find yourself on the wrong side of the law, including paying a fine.

At least that was the case in for Cindy McGregor, the wife of an Ogden, Utah, police detective who's run afoul of authorities in the nearby town of Clinton.

McGregor, upset with a speeding ticket, not only wanted to give the folks in Clinton her two cents worth - and more.

In fact, the pillow case she toted into the Clinton City Hall contained 8,000 pennies as payment for her \$80 fine.

A clerk refused penny payment. What happened next depends upon the teller of the tale. McGregor placed, threw or launched the makeshift sack of coins onto, across or over the clerk's counter.

Somehow, the pennies escaped the pillow case, a torrent of copper Abraham Lincolns scattering all over the place and McGregor was charged with disorderly conduct.

And then there was the man in Virginia Beach, Va., charged with auto theft who came to court in, of all things, a stolen car.

Tony Brite appeared in court like he was supposed to, then left with two companions after his preliminary hearing.

A detective followed Brite outside, then watched as the three got into a new Volvo with New York license plates.

Suspicious, the detective ran a check on the plates and was told they belonged to a

Mercedes.

The Volvo took off but officers managed to catch up as it headed into a convenience store parking lot directly across from Virginia Beach's First Precinct.

All three suspects were arrested peacefully.

But in California, of course, things are always a little strange.

So, it's official ... you can't live in a home in California if you're dead.

The finding of a California appeals court means a member of the living, Edmond James Ramos, will be spared a few years on a burglary conviction.

Ramos, 40, broke into the San Fernando Valley home of Virgil Wagner in November 1994. While looking around, he saw Wagner in a bedroom, his eyes open and seemingly staring outward.

Ramos turned and ran out, taking a videocassette recorder with him.

When he was caught, he was charged with first degree burglary because Wagner was home at the time - even though he had died sometime before Ramos burglarized the place.

The state appeals court disagreed with the charge.

"To put it plainly, a dead body is not using a house for a dwelling," Justice Miriam Vogel said in the ruling.

The court knocked 10 years off Ramos' 85-year sentence.

Justice served ... a la carte?

(John A. Moseley is news editor of the Herald. His column appears on Fridays.)

Star Wars wasn't near the end of character-driven films

By CARL HOOVER Waco Tribune-Herald

WACO - A reminder for many of you caught up in Star Wars hype:

The millennium is still three years away.

It didn't arrive with the first theater screening of the landmark sci-fi film in more than 10 years, contrary to media coverage that seems as relentless as Darth Vader and as omnipresent as the Force.

The revival of the 1977 George Lucas film trilogy, a popcorn tale of good vs. evil on an intergalactic scale, has caused a wave of critical retrospective as newspapers, magazines, television shows, Internet news groups and more weigh in on the impact "Star Wars" had on movies and pop culture.

Most agree that impact has been considerable, but now there's a backlash of comment arguing that there's a considerable downside to the movie and how it affected Hollywood.

The film's runaway success helped lead to a shift in Hollywood filmmaking where special effect-driven blockbusters became the prized goals of producers and studio

executives.

Character-driven stories, slowly paced films, movies with few special effects - these have withered from neglect over the last decade or so, say critics like Newsweek's David Ansen, who sees eager to pin the blame on a root cause, like "Star Wars." Did "Star Wars" kill the modern movie?

Let's see.

It's clear today's film world is markedly different from that of the 1970s when "Star Wars" burst onto the scene.

Last year's biggest grossing movies involved aliens destroying much of the world's great cities "Independence Day" and a rash of tornadoes raking through Oklahoma "Twister."

Special effects? In spades. Complex or rich characters? Hardly.

This year will demonstrate just how far the filmmaking pendulum has swung to blockbuster production: Approximately 12 films set for release in 1997 have budgets topping the once-unheard-of level of \$60 million.

Of course, it costs money to recreate erupting volcanoes "Dante's Peak," "Volcano," sinking luxury liners "The Titanic," rampaging nature

"The Flood," attacking space aliens "Starship Troopers" and can-you-top-this sequels "The Lost World," "Batman & Robin," "Speed 2: Cruise Control," "Alien Resurrection."

While many critics and movie fans long for the halcyon days of the 1970s, when Francis Ford Coppola, Martin Scorsese and Woody Allen were turning out gripping, character-driven stories, they conveniently overlook that decade's trend of big-budget disaster movies.

"The Towering Inferno," "The Poseidon Adventure," "Earthquake" - all hoped to cash in on special effects and star-studded casts.

Sound familiar? And although the "Star Wars" trilogy has proven immensely lucrative, Steven Spielberg's "Jaws" and its nine-figure gross had opened the eyes of studio executives two summers earlier to just how profitable an entertaining summer movie could be.

What about "Star Wars" ubiquitous product line and marketing campaigns? Sorry. Disney has done that sort of thing since 1937's "Snow White," honing that skill over the last decade to a fine art through the synergy of anima-

tion, video and baby boomer families.

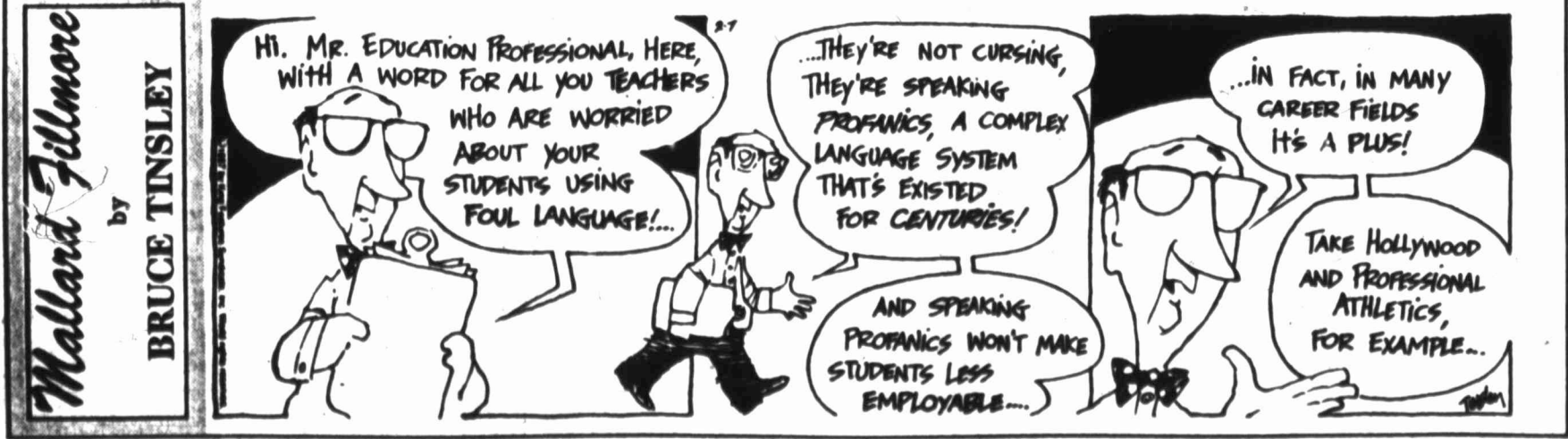
The demise of smaller, more adult films where story and characters still are important? Pay attention to the Academy Award nominations when they are announced Feb. 12 and listen for films like "Shine," "The English Patient," "Fargo," "Secrets & Lies," "Breaking the Waves," "Transpotting."

None of those fit the "Star Wars" mold.

Of course, most come from smaller independent studios and distributors, rather than the large, mainstream studios; the established Hollywood community is fidgeting over the thought of possible Oscar deprivation this year.

In the dinosaurs' last days, paleontologists tell us, nimble mammals found plenty of room to scamper about; while the big studios may seem fixated these days with blockbusters, smaller ones are working just as hard to fill the gap with non-blockbuster type films.

Has "Star Wars" killed the modern film? I don't think so. As any "Star Wars" fan knows, no matter how powerful the Empire seems to be, there are always rebels with an alternative.



Clinton budget includes billions for Texas

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sprinkled throughout President Clinton's 1998 budget, which tips the scales at more than 10 pounds, are hundreds of lines of type that — although small in size — collectively mean billions of dollars for Texas.

The budget unveiled Thursday is only the administration's vision for spending \$1.69 trillion next year. Those priorities will be put under congressional scrutiny, and in many cases altered, before the budget receives Congress' seal of approval.

But the document does set the tone for the flow of dollars to Texas.

The nation's second most populous state received nearly \$84 billion in total direct payments from Washington in 1995, according to the most recent Consolidated Federal Funds Report. That spans everything from federal workers' salaries to food stamp payments, crop assistance, Social Security and defense contracts.

The 1998 budget, which the White House professes is a step

toward a balanced budget in 2002, doesn't appear to inflict life-threatening wounds on any of the countless Texas programs funded by Washington.

It provides billions of dollars for defense contractors in Texas, improvements along the U.S.-Mexico border, beefed-up immigration enforcement, expansion of the Houston Ship Channel and more.

But one thing it fails to do, congressional Republicans say, is balance the budget.

"In its current form, the president's budget issued today will fail," said Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, who took to the floor to urge substantive Medicare reform and passage of a constitutional balanced-budget amendment. "It cannot and will not balance the budget."

House Republican Whip Tom DeLay, R-Sugar Land, was scornful of the White House blueprint. "The administration has embarked on a journey to Shangri-La, a mythical place where spending goes up ... and where budgets magically balance with a wave of the hand."

But Democratic Rep. Ken Bentsen of Houston termed the Clinton document a "credible balanced budget plan that sets the right priorities."

One issue sure to be revisited by Congress is Clinton's proposal to shrink Medicaid by \$9 billion, in part by capping the amount spent per recipient. Texas Gov. George W. Bush and a host of other governors have voiced profound concern about that plan.

In defense, the Pentagon's continued focus on air power bodes well for the North Texas defense establishment. The \$247.5 billion defense budget commits heavily to the F-22 advanced tactical fighter, the V-22 Osprey, combat helicopters and an array of high-tech missiles — all assembled or under development in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

But Rep. Kay Granger, R-Fort Worth, expressed disappointment at the Pentagon's decision not to buy any new F-16s or OH-58D helicopters this year, both of which are manufactured in her district. "I will fight to

restore the critical funding needed to preserve these programs and the Fort Worth area jobs they provide," she said.

Included in the budget is \$276 million for Texas water projects under Army Corps of Engineers jurisdiction. Within that total is \$119 million to widen and deepen the Houston Ship Channel.

Other Texas-related funding includes:

—\$2.1 billion for continued construction of the international space station under direction of Houston's Johnson Space Center. Of NASA's overall \$12.1 billion budget request, \$3.3 billion would be for Johnson Space Center operations.

—\$350 million to be divided among Texas and other states with large criminal illegal alien populations.

—\$257 million for Pantex outside of Amarillo, the nation's assembly and disassembly point for nuclear weapons.

—\$140 million for continuation of the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas program, of which Houston and the Southwest border region.

New rules push 135,000 disabled children off SSI

WASHINGTON (AP) — Letters will begin arriving this spring informing children that they are no longer disabled enough to qualify for federal benefits.

Some 135,000 children will be dropped from the Supplemental Security Income program, or SSI, under rules released Thursday by the Social Security Administration implementing another piece of last year's welfare reform law.

The law tightened eligibility requirements for children applying for SSI, which pays about \$430 per month to help parents who must stay home with their children or buy expensive equipment to help them.

The program serves nearly 1 million children at a cost of nearly \$5 billion annually. In December about 263,000 families were notified that depending on

the final rules, they may no longer qualify.

Under the rules announced Thursday, about half of them will lose benefits. Over the next five years, another 45,000 SSI applicants who would have qualified under old rules will not, officials said.

Disability activists said the new rules will mean mentally retarded children with IQs as low as 71 will no longer qualify for SSI.

"This is way beyond fine tuning," said Marty Ford, spokeswoman for the Arc of the United States, an advocacy group. "It is devastating to these families."

But Rep. Jim McCrery, R-La., who led the effort to rewrite the SSI rules, said Thursday, "The main goal was to ensure that only children who were truly disabled and in need of assistance qualified for the program."

The Social Security Administration, which had great discretion in writing the regulations, said officials studied the law and the congressional debate surrounding it to make the decision, which comes months after it was due.

"We have established a fair, a consistent manner of review ... so that children with severe disabilities ... who deserve benefits will continue to receive those benefits," Social Security Commissioner Shirley S. Chater said.

President Clinton's budget, also released Thursday, provides money for Medicaid benefits for about 50,000 children who are being taken off SSI and would not already qualify for Medicaid in their states.

Children have always qualified for SSI if they have a physical or mental condition included on a list of ailments. Since

1990, when the Supreme Court expanded eligibility standards, children have qualified if they have a combination of other problems that keep them from functioning normally.

The new welfare law tightened that second qualification.

A report by the congressional General Accounting Office in 1994 said that with the relaxed eligibility standards in place, the number of children on SSI soared from about 300,000 in 1989 to more than 900,000 last year.

Lawmakers and educators claimed that some parents were coaching their kids to fake behavioral and learning disabilities so they could qualify.

Disability activists had lobbied the Clinton administration to write the rules to allow as many children as possible to qualify, but they were disappointed.

Aid agencies pull staffers from Rwanda

KIGALI, Rwanda (AP) — Foreign aid agencies pulled more workers out of Rwanda today as safety concerns mounted after the killing of five human rights monitors.

The organizations began taking personnel to the capital, Kigali, or out of the country Wednesday after the attack, leaving much of western Rwanda without humanitarian assistance.

The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent halted all operations and sent 25 staff members out of the country, leaving only six in Kigali.

"We've suspended operations until we have indications that security is OK again," said IFRC spokesman Andrew Hall in Nairobi, Kenya.

The International Committee of the Red Cross has eased back on its operations and planned to pull 90 of its 120 workers out of Rwanda, said spokesman Glenn O'Neill.

The two Red Cross groups are separate, with the ICRC getting involved mainly in areas where there is armed conflict and the IFRC tending to focus on natural disasters.

The United Nations too said it may reduce its Rwanda contingent.

Five men were killed Tuesday in a suspected Hutu rebel ambush in southwestern Rwanda. The attack followed others against foreigners. Rwandan officials have blamed the attacks on Hutu insurgents opposed to the Tutsi-controlled government.

Aid workers say the Rwandan military is not able to provide security in the mountainous forests where Hutu insurgents are active.

Aid agencies flocked to Rwanda in late 1994 after a three-month genocide sponsored by Rwanda's former Hutu government killed at least 500,000 people, mostly Tutsis.

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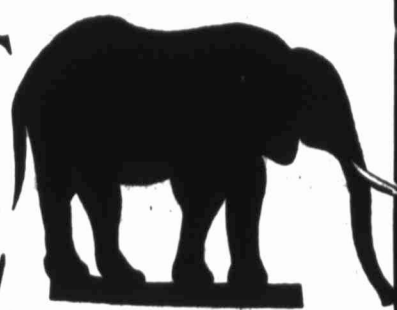
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Alternative Christian band highlights weekend events

By KELLIE JONES
Features Editor

This weekend is full of alternative Christian music concerts, hip hop dances and more. Cornerstone Church, a non-denominational church, is sponsoring two concerts tonight and Saturday night.

Tonight's performance features "Dreams of God," a Youth with a Mission group, at Spanky's Coffee House starting at 8 p.m. Admission is \$3 each. This group is known around

the world and has traveled extensively since it was created in 1960. Last summer, they performed in front of a crowd of 5,000 people during the Summer Olympics in Atlanta.

They have performed in Hawaii, Germany and the Philippines. They have plans to travel to Israel in the spring.

Craig Felty, pastor of Cornerstone Church at 1308 Scurry, said the group plays alternative Christian music in the style of the 1960's and 70's rock and roll. "It is very upbeat. It's not hymns and

gospels. Teenagers and students will not be bored or embarrassed that they came to this concert. They are professional, top quality performers."

The group consists of Kip Gaines, Todd Robinson, Lamont Hiebert, Jason Kirovac, Brandon Daily, Dee Dee Meades, Debbie Reeve and Erik Boe.

"Dreams of God" performs again Saturday night at a free concert at the Howard College Auditorium. The F.O.G. Band, a local group, is also performing at the Saturday concert.

The band is made up of Felty, Jack Nixon, Robby Davis, Barry Dunnam and Matt Warren. They play drums, guitars and other music as well as sing.

A Midland drama and dance team is also performing Saturday.

Felty said the nine-person group is from Big Cities Community Church and will dance one hip hop routine that has kickboxing intertwined. The team will perform a couple of dramas to show the need for people to know God.



This is the cover of "Dreams of God" compact disc. They perform tonight and Saturday providing alternative Christian music.

LOAN-BURNING CEREMONY



Bruce Schooler (left) watches as Pastor Carroll Kohl holds a burning note as St. Paul Lutheran Church conducted a ceremonial loan-burning. This came after the note for their educational annex was paid off last week.

New bishop named to the Episcopal Diocese

From staff and wire reports

A Colorado priest will become the new bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Northwest Texas. The diocese includes area churches in Big Spring, Lamesa and Colorado City.

I'm delighted with his election and I know he's going to be a good, strong leader for this diocese.

Rev. James E. Liggett

The Rev. Charles Wallis Ohl Jr. was chosen from among five nominees for the position of bishop coadjutor.

He'll become the spiritual leader of the diocese's 10,000 parishioners.

Ohl, 53, will be consecrated June 28 and succeeds Bishop Sam Hulsey when he retires Aug. 1.

Ohl's election pleased, the Rev. James E. Liggett, pastor of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Big Spring, who said he's known the new bishop for several years.

"I knew him and worked

with him for several years in Oklahoma," Liggett said. "I'm delighted with his election and I know he's going to be a good, strong leader for this diocese."

In a written statement outlining his vision for the job, Ohl said the bishop "connects the clergy into a healthy family

who are empowered to preach and teach, equipping disciples to proclaim the Gospel to a broken and hurting world."

Ohl will become the fourth bishop in the diocese's 39 years.

Ohl, the married father of three grown children, has been rector of the Episcopal Church of St. Michael the Archangel in Colorado Springs, Colo., since 1991. He previously was rector at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Norman, Okla.

Impressing the boss, forgotten maid, smoking

Scriptips Howard News Service

Q: A co-worker in our paralegal department carries home a batch of papers each evening in a stuffed briefcase. It is so overloaded that he practically sits on it to get the thing closed, then complains all the way to the door about the "tremendous" amount of work he must do at home. I know for a fact that he doesn't so much as touch the stuff that he drags out of here and it's all a performance to impress our boss. Everyone in the office talks about this guy's dedication to the company. Just between you and me, I would like to expose him for the cheat that he is. How do I do this? Sam M., West Orange, N.J.

A: Act like a real man and forget about tattling. In fact, get yourself a bulging briefcase (you can even stuff it with donuts) and drag it out of the office each evening, all the while moaning about your overload. Then you, too, will have the admiration of your colleagues.

Q: Each holiday season TV commentators and columnists like you love to offer hints about who to tip and how much to give. Their lists of service

people often include mallmen, hairdressers, doormen and newsboys, many of whom are relatively well paid with salary and benefits. But nobody ever mentions tipping someone like me — the lowly hotel or motel chambermaid!

WORK

Guests walk past us as though we had a disease or were non-persons. I work for a large motel near Disneyland and one recent Christmas I had 30 rooms to do in eight hours. I would like to find one hairdresser who would clean 30 rooms, much less pick up linen, condoms, dirty diapers and dog poop from the floors without so much as receiving a one dollar tip!

Please, won't someone acknowledge us as honest, hard-working people? — Patricia Smith, Vero Beach, Fla.

A: You are 100 percent right! Chambermaids are the forgotten workers in our society, and it's a darn shame! All hotels and motels should make a practice of putting notes on a guest's pillow with a suggestion for what to tip the chambermaid. As for the nation's busi-

nesses, it's time for them to figure in a tip for the hotel chambermaid when their employees are on the road and on a daily expense account.

Q: The receptionist in our company recently acquired a new title — the company smokehound! If this woman even smells smoke on a visitor's clothing or hair, she actually has permission from the big boss to explain that the firm maintains a smoke-free environment; therefore, the visitor can return in several hours after the odor of smoke has disappeared. And that poor guy or gal is turned away! Now I think such a policy is going too far! In fact, the company has made it almost impossible for smokers to work here. Employees may smoke only on their lunch hour or afternoon break, then light up in a few designated areas. Worst of all, they each must pay \$450 more a year for health insurance than non-smokers! I understand that smokers' rights laws have been passed in a number of states, for, after all, smoking is not illegal. I'm not a smoker, but I think that employers who won't hire smokers are going too far.

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Gary Smith
Guest Columnist

Can't get along with others? Follow these tips

You know, it's a terrible thing to go through life trying to find a friend, but can't! It's even worse when you can't

even get anyone to like you. Well, you may never achieve the goal of getting a true friend or even getting people to like you, but you can go through life, at least getting along with others.

I try to be friendly to everyone and have a lot of friends, but I know there are those who may not care for me at all. I would prefer for everyone to like me, but it's a fact of life that not everyone will.

The Word of God gives this bit of information about friends. "A man that hath friends must show himself friendly" (Proverbs 8:24). I have a few suggestions to give you in how to get along with people. I have found these to be true by my own mistakes and learning experience.

1. Reserve the tongue (James 3); say less than you think. How you speak often counts for more than you say (Proverbs 15:23, 25:11).
2. Make promises sparingly, then keep them faithfully, even if at great cost.
3. Seize opportunities to say a kind word or an encouraging word to or about someone. Praise good work, regardless of who did it (even if it is your kid!). If criticism is merited, do it constructively and helpfully, not spitefully.
4. Be interested in others and their interests. Be concerned about their welfare, home and

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CHURCH NEWS

Church news is due by Wednesday at noon for Friday publication.

Big Spring Gospel Opry

Nashville recording artist John Webster will appear at the Big Spring Gospel Opry, Friday, Feb. 14, at 7 p.m. in the Howard College Campus Auditorium along with other local and out of town talent, including comedy. Admission is free and the opy is the second Friday of every month.



WEBSTER

Webster is a member of the Gospel Music Association, Nashville, Tenn., and is a Broadcast Music Inc. (BMI) songwriter. He currently has two national radio singles out through Southern Communications, Cindy Goff, Exec. Producer. Mr. Webster

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TIPS 'N' TRIVIA

What's bugging you:

(NAPS) - Pop quiz about cockroaches: True or false?

- A pair of cockroaches can produce up to 400,000 descendants in one year.
- Favorite roach foods include wet dog food and toothpaste.
- Roaches can fit through cracks as thin as a dime.
- Baits are more effective than sprays for controlling roaches.
- Roaches can become immune to some common spray insecticides.
- The average infested home can have 15,000 roaches hiding behind the walls.
- There are more than 50 types of roaches in the United States.
- Roaches don't like light or air currents.
- Palmetto bugs are roaches.
- Roaches like to hide in warm, dark spaces like toasters and smoke alarms.

ALL ANSWERS ARE TRUE!

• Baits are most effective treatment because they work 2 hours a day for up to three months and kill roaches where they live, behind walls.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Preventive Tips From The Combat Labs:

- Repair leaky faucets or refrigerators—roaches are drawn to water.
- Caulk wall cracks and open areas around plumbing pipes.
- Clean the kitchen sink and run the disposal to ensure no food remains.
- Rinse bathroom sinks and put away toothbrushes—roaches love toothpaste.
- Avoid storing grocery bags and boxes indoors—roaches like to nest in them.

For a free step-by-step home treatment plan with additional advice, please call The Combat Labs at 800/535-4112, ext. 2

Open house postponed

The Boy Scout Office, 610 Scurry, open house scheduled for Sunday, has been postponed to a later date.

Check your blood pressure

The RSVP Volunteers at Malone & Hogan Clinic will be doing free blood pressure checks from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 2 to 4 p.m.

THE LAST WORD

We are often unable to tell people what they need to know, because they want to know something else.

George Macdonald

Children and watches must not be constantly wound up - you must let them run too.

Jean Paul

Children stand more in need of example than criticism.

Joseph Joubert

Children think not of what is past, nor what is to come, but enjoy the present time, which few of us do.

Jean de La Bruyere

CLUB NEWS

Club news is due by Wednesday at noon for Friday publication.

Howard County Youth Horseman Club

The Howard County Youth Horseman Club wishes to thank its members for their outstanding participation in all of the club's events.

Every member who competed in their respective age groups through the play day and show season are all winners with us.

The high point winners and participants in their respective age groups were recognized at the HCYHC banquet held on Nov. 16, 1996.

Trophies and awards were given to each person who participated in the years events.

The Belt Buckle winners were: Jacob Scroggins, Brittany Hill, Kristy Kinard, Ky Hofacket, Samantha Balthrop, Shawn Cooley, Codey Kinard and Madera Gray.

High point winners for the year were: Justin Taylor, Brittany Hill, Ky Hofacket, Samantha Balthrop, Burl Cooley, Kristy Kinard, Jacob Scroggins, Madera Gray and Traci Myrick.

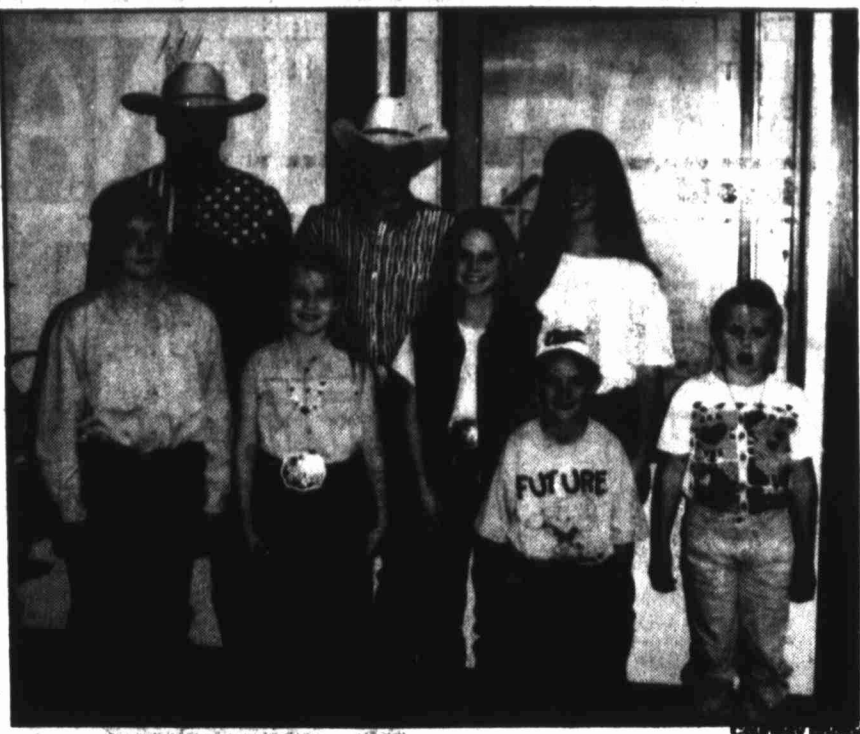
New members welcome. Call 264-0953 or 263-5947.

Howard County FCE Council

Howard County FCE Council met in the home of Myrl Soles for their regular monthly meeting.

Myrl Soles opened the meeting with a devotion entitled "His Mysterious Ways." All the officers were present. All the committees were represented except two.

A short report was given of the training meeting held in Kermit Jan. 27. Four FCE members and the extension agent, Dana Tarter, attended. After a short business meeting Myrl Soles, FCE Chairman, gave her report and showed the FCE products for sale. There are some book books, FCE pins,



Above: The belt buckle winners of the Howard County Youth Horseman Club are on the front row (left to right): Jacob Scroggins, Brittany Hill, Kristy Kinard, Ky Hofacket and Samantha Balthrop. Back row (left to right): Shawn Cooley, Codey Kinard and Madera Gray.

Below: The highpoint winners for the year are front row (left to right): Justin Taylor, Brittany Hill, Ky Hofacket and Samantha Balthrop. Back Row: Burl Cooley, Kristy Kinard, Jacob Scroggins, Madera Gray and Traci Myrick.



volunteer hours books and other articles. We need to sell all these things and anyone wishing to purchase anything, contact a club member.

After the council adjourned, the election of monies for the District Conference in Midland April 17 were elected. Myrl Soles, Jowill Etchison and Irene Priebe were elected delegates. Alternates are Winifred Millwee, Frances Zant, and

Olnee Menges. All FCE members are invited to attend. Dana Tarter, Howard County Extension Agent, gave a leader training session entitled "Better Safe Than Sorry" — personal safety program for the representatives from each club to present to their own club as one of their club programs.

CHURCH AND CLUB NEWS DEADLINES

Church and club news items are due at the Herald office on Wednesday by noon for Friday publication.


Items should be dropped off to the office, 710 Scurry; mailed to P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721-1431; or faxed to 264-7205. For more information call 263-7331, ext. 235.

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It is with deep regret that we announce Dr. Porter's retirement from practice effective February 14, 1997.

Dr. Deborah R. Hajovsky will be happy to continue your care at Malone and Hogan Clinic. All patient records will be maintained at Malone and Hogan Clinic. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the Obstetrics and Gynecology Department at 915-267-6361.

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Taking care of your new gas hearth Work

Scripps Howard News Service

No matter where you shop for home-hearth products, remember that gas logs need a gas line.

A plumber certified for such work is necessary for proper installation of gas hookups. Most stores selling gas-hearth products do not install, but they'll supervise the aesthetics.

For instance, it's good to have an expert help arrange ceramic logs because they affect the gas-flame pattern.

There are three basic types of gas units for stoves and hearths:

Vent-free: The most remarkable of all, these products burn 99.9 percent efficient, so they require no chimneys or pipes to the outside. The closest kin to a vent-free unit is a kitchen gas range. A vent-free stove or

fireplace allows a wide variety of installations, including fireplaces surrounded by glass, or three-sided hearths at the end of a bar. These units can sit directly on a wood floor.

Vented: Often called B-vented, this system will run directly up through the roof. A B-vented unit is a good choice for those replacing a wood stove or positioning a stove in front of a fireplace, and a suitable chimney already exists.

Direct-vent: Similar to a clothes-dryer vent, a direct-vent gas unit vents horizontally, directly through an outside wall. It's a pipe within a larger pipe so the unit can draw combustion air directly from the outside, thus increasing efficiency. The exhaust is vented out through the inner pipe. Installation for this style is inexpensive and easy compared to installing a chimney pipe.

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What do you say? — Gary, Manchester, N.H.

A: I believe all employers owe it to their employees to provide a clean workplace environment free of all toxic substances. And smoking is known to be carcinogenic. If an employee wants to smoke in his own home on his own property, that's his business. As for visitors being turned away because they stink of smoke, I'm all for such a policy. Your receptionist sounds like a real bloodhound! I would hire her in a second!

Dr. Paula Bern, author of "How to Work for a Woman Boss", has taught executive seminars at Carnegie-Mellon University's Graduate School of Urban and Public Affairs. Questions may be mailed to Dr. Paula Bern; 1090 Vermont Ave. NW, Suite 1000; Washington, DC, 20005.

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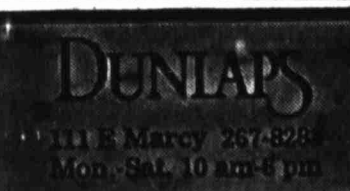
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has also released a brand new music video filmed on location at Trinity Broadcasting Network Headquarters in Nashville at the Trinity Music City Auditorium, Robb Tripp, producer.

Mr. Webster has been featured on Canadian National Television and many U.S. television and radio programs. He has appeared at the Glenn Campbell Theatre in Branson, Mo. He is a resident of Lubbock.

John Webster's music can be heard on radio by request on KBYG 1400 AM. Grace Victors Gospel Music Group is your Big Spring Opry sponsors. Those who sing gospel music and desire to perform at the opry (date by appointment) call 267-7214.

Mt. Bethel Baptist Church

Mt. Bethel Baptist Church Choir is having Spaghetti Dinners, Saturday from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the church, 630 St. Paredes Street. Dinner donation \$4.50. Pick up at the church or for delivery, call 263-4069.

First United Methodist Church

"Turn Your Face to the Good" (Gen. 19:24-29) is Dr. Ed. Williamson's message Sunday at the First United Methodist Church. The message will be about why you were created to be something good for this world. Join us in church at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. We are on the Internet at <http://www.xroad-stx.com/users/fumc/index.htm>.

On March 23, at 7 p.m., we present "The Last Supper: A Living Picture," a drama about Jesus and his Disciples. On March 16, the choir is presenting a special, "The Seven Last Words of Christ" cantata during the 10:50 a.m. service.

If you or your family members or a friend would profit from wholesome friendship and learning the good life God offers to us, come and be with one of our classes next Sunday. Just show up and we'll gladly assist you in finding a friendly group for you or your family members.

The First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry, welcomes all visitors and new residents of Big Spring. The United Methodist Men have their monthly meeting Feb. 8, 8 a.m. in Garrett Hall, and Mr. Joe Pickle, local historian and author, is the speaker. Everyone is welcome to come, eat breakfast and enjoy good company.

Hillcrest Baptist Church

There is a Senior Adult Valentine banquet Friday at 6 p.m. at Hillcrest Baptist Church, 2000 W. FM 700. Brisket will be provided.

Stanton Baptist Church members will attend the banquet. Members need to bring a salad, dessert or vegetable. The church van will leave the Stanton church at 5:15 p.m. to drive to Big Spring.

East Side Baptist Church

Dr. Lloyd Wilson Ph.D., D.D., will be at East Side Baptist Church, 1108 East Sixth, Sunday at 10:15 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Feb. 10-12 at 7 p.m.

Dr. Wilson is a pastor, evangelist, teacher, author, historian and president of the Texas Baptist Bible College. He has a unique approach to Bible prophecy. He has helped so many to understand the end time events of our world, as opposed to just telling of the prophecy. Please come hear this faithful man of God proclaim God's word.

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THE ANCIENT KINGS AS SUCH WERE VARIED. NEBUCHADNEZZAR OF BABYLON AND ARTAXERXES THE PERSIAN WERE EACH "KINGS OVER KINGS" (EZRA 7:12, DAN. 2:37, II KINGS 24:17). HOWEVER, THE USUAL MONARCH OFTEN RULED ONLY ONE CITY, SOME OF THEM BEING LESS THAN THE SIZE OF A SMALL VILLAGE BY TODAY'S STANDARDS. A MAN BECAME KING OF A NATION OR CITY EITHER BY APPOINTMENT, BY ONE WHO WAS HIGHER IN AUTHORITY (I SAM. - 9:16, 16:1, 19, II KINGS 23:30) OR BY THE POPULAR DEMAND OF THE PEOPLE (I SAM. 10:18, II SAM. 5:1-3, I KINGS 12:20, II KINGS 23:30) OR BY USURPING A THRONE, OR BY INHERITANCE. THE RESTRAINTS UPON A KING WERE THE FEAR OF GOD AND MAN. THE POPULAR WILL COULD NOT BE IGNORED! HOWEVER, THE KINGS DID LEAD A SHELTERED AND LUXURIOUS LIFE. IN VIEW OF THE ROYAL DUTIES REQUIRED OF THEM, BOTH PHYSICAL AND MENTAL, THE MORAL REQUIREMENTS DEMANDED A HIGH MEASURE OF INTEGRITY TO RULE WELL. MANY OF THE ATTRIBUTES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO NUMEROUS RULERS WERE REALLY CARRIED OUT BY A DESIGNATED SURROGATE, WHO DID THE ACTUAL STORMING OF THE BATTLEMENT WALL, OR CHARGED FEARLESSLY INTO AN ENEMY'S CAMP... "ALL IN THE KING'S NAME!" WHILE A KING REMAINED IN THE LUXURIOUS TRappings OF HIS PALACE... HIS APPOINTED SURROGATE, MANY MILES AWAY, MIGHT BE WEARILY APPROACHING A BATTLE WHERE HE IS DESTINED TO BRING... "HONOR TO THE KING'S NAME!"

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Hawks back in win column

HC stops slide with 90-78 win

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

It's amazing how a few field goals can put smiles back on people's faces.

The Howard College Hawks rediscovered the joys of offense and broke a four-game losing streak in the process as they took a 90-78 victory over New Mexico Junior College Thursday night at Garrett Coliseum.

Howard's coaches talked about Thursday night's game being the start of a "six-game season" that would determine the Hawks' postseason plans. If that's the case, their "season opener" was a qualified success.

"They were focused. They wanted to do well," Howard coach Tommy Collins said. "But this game shows just how much they're struggling. They're not near where they were earlier this season."

The Hawks, who hit rock bottom with a 34 percent shooting performance Monday against Frank Phillips, began their climb back to early season form by canning 44 percent (29 of 65) of their field goal tries against New Mexico.

Another pleasing change

Please see **HAWKS**, page 2B



Howard College's Cliff Cook (5) heads toward the basket during first-half action against New Mexico Junior College Thursday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Howard women blast New Mexico

Lady Hawks remain tied for WJCAC lead with 105-47 win

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

There's an adage in sports that the game's not over until the fat lady sings.

Well, even though she rode the bus to town with New Mexico Junior College Thursday night, it took her three and a half minutes to find her way into the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Once she found her way to the arena, what had been a close basketball game turned ugly in a hurry.

Tied at eight with 16:34 left in the half, Howard College's Lady Hawks went on a 25-1 run over the next 10 minutes to open a 33-9 lead, leaving NMJC's Lady Thunderbirds stunned en route to a 105-47 Western Junior College Athletic Conference win.

Howard's win, coupled with Midland College's 98-64 trouncing of Western Texas, leaves the two teams tied atop the conference standings and sets the stage for Monday night's showdown between the two teams at Midland's Chaparral Center.

Howard and Midland are both 11-2 in WJCAC play, although Howard is up a game in the win column overall — 21-3 to 20-3.

Once the question of "who will win" was answered Thursday, the only issue remaining to be settled was "by how much" and there were several moments near the end of the contest when it looked as if the margin would reach 60 points.

While admitting that it's difficult to gauge a team's overall performance in a 58-point win, Lady Hawks Coach Matt

Corkery was pleased with several aspects of Howard's game.

"I think we distributed the ball well and found the open players well," he said, citing 25 assists. "I think we did a good job in those areas."

Corkery was also pleased with the number of players who saw action and were involved in the scoring parade — either by scoring or by garnering an assist.

All nine players who played for the Lady Hawks scored, with five of them managing double figures.

La'Tonya Kindle led all scorers with 27 points while Shawnta Johnson had 18, Kyna Cosby 15 and Nesha Gamble and Niki Sherlock 11 points each.

Kindle and Cosby each scored 11 points during Howard's 25-1 run.

It was during that run that the Lady Hawks' smothering defense turned up the pressure on NMJC, scoring four baskets after forcing turnovers.

For the night, Howard forced 31 New Mexico turnovers while committing just nine miscues.

It was also during that run that Howard held NMJC without a field goal for 11 minutes and 20 seconds. A Dawn Page bucket with 16:34 left in the first half pulled NMJC even at 8-8, but by the time Antonette Bryant connected on the Lady T-birds next field goal, Howard held a 37-13 lead with 5:14 to go in the opening stanza.

Howard took a 54-18 halftime lead, ending the first 20 minutes on a 14-3 run, and NMJC would never be that close again.

Lady Hawk notes ...

Please see **HOWARD**, page 2B

Rangers' Juan Gonzalez may face surgery to repair injured thumb

ARLINGTON (AP) — Juan Gonzalez, who battled back problems on the way to an MVP season last year, has another injury that could keep out of the start of spring training.

The Texas Rangers' AL MVP was expected to find out today what doctors plan to do about his injured left thumb.

Gonzalez got hurt last month when he slipped on wet grass while playing winter ball in Puerto Rico.

Rangers regulars are scheduled to report to Florida for spring training on Feb. 21. Pitchers and catchers are due Feb. 14.

Doctors discovered problems with the thumb using X-rays and an MRI on Thursday.

"They found a strained ligament," Gonzalez said. "I might miss some of the early spring training, but the important thing is that I'm ready to go when the regular seasons starts on April 1."

"The injury is more serious than first thought, and Juan and the doctors will meet Friday to explore their options," Rangers spokesman John Blake said.

Despite missing 25 games last season, Gonzalez hit .314 with 47 homers and 144 RBIs, helping Texas win its first division title. Gonzalez hit .438 with five homers and nine RBIs in the Rangers' loss to the New York Yankees in the first round of

the playoffs.

"It was a very good year for me, and I believe this can be even a better one," Gonzalez said. "I think the team will be better, too. We will have even a better pitching staff than the one we had last year. Getting John Wetteland as a stopper will make us strong."

Wetteland was the World Series MVP for the Yankees, then signed with Texas as a free agent.

Gonzalez said the key for him in 1997 will be to stay injury free.

"No heavy weights for me anymore," Gonzalez said. "I'm working with just light weights to strengthen my arms."

Gonzalez also has been working on the mental side of the game.

"I want to show I can have more concentration at bat and be more patient," said Gonzalez, who struck out 82 times last year and only had 45

walks. "If I can have better numbers, I should win MVP again."

Gonzalez, a star in his native Puerto Rico, doesn't get many advertising deals in the continental United States. He was happy to see that the city of Arlington decided to put his picture on the telephone book.

"That was nice of them," said the shy Gonzalez, whose only big endorsement contract is with Reebok.

Woods shakes off jet lag, takes tourney lead

BANGNA, Thailand (AP) — Tiger Woods, his game heating up as spectators sought relief from the stifling conditions, shot a course-record 8-under-par 64 today to take the second-round lead in the Asian Honda Classic.

"I felt a lot better today. I'm over the jet lag," said Woods, two strokes clear of the field in the Omega Tour event. "I'm in a good position at the halfway stage, but there are still two rounds to go."

Woods, whose mother Kultida is a native Thai, had four birdies on the front nine before a gallery of about 3,000 fans. While the tropical heat reduced that number to 1,000 at the turn, Woods rewarded the remaining fans with a number of dazzling shots.

"This is more exciting than I expected," said Pornchai Pelert, a 30-year-old hotelier who was attending her first golf tournament.

Woods, who received a reported \$480,000 appearance fee, birdied the 10th, just missed birdie putts on Nos. 11 and 12, and then holed a tricky wedge shot from just off the green on the par-4 13th to catch the leaders.

The three-time PGA Tour winner dropped a stroke on the par-5 14th, but climbed back to the top of the leaderboard with

a birdie on No. 16. He hit his third shot on the par-5 17th within 5 feet to setup another birdie, and closed with yet another precise approach for his ninth birdie of the day.

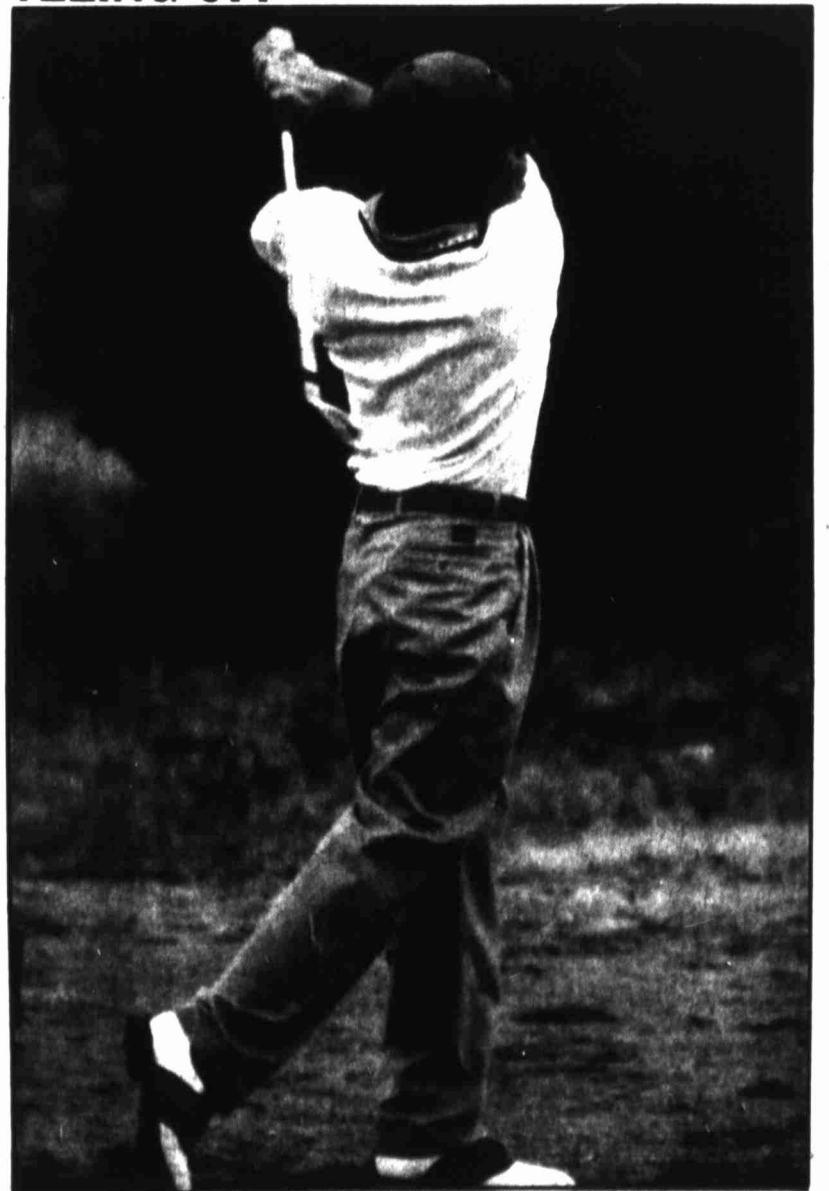
"He usually is happy to just be in contention during the early rounds and comes on strong to win at the end," said Kultida Woods, who wore a tiger-patterned visor as she followed her son around the Thai Country Club.

First-round leader Lee Petters, a British national playing for the United Arab Emirates, was two back at 136 along with American Greg Hanrahan and Mexico's Carlos Espinosa. Petters shot a 70, Hanrahan had a 66 and Espinosa a 68. Two-time U.S. champion Curtis Strange was eight back after a 74.

In his short stay, Woods will receive a royal decoration, be feted by Prime Minister Chavalit Yongchaiyudh, and be asked to help promote the 1998 Asian Games, a regional Olympic-style competition set for Bangkok.

"This tournament is special because it's in the land of my mother's birth," Woods said Thursday. "Thailand has treated us very well. I don't know why, but I feel like I'm home. I hope I will be back soon."

TEERING OFF



Big Spring High School golfer Sammy Rodriguez tees off on the first hole during first round play at the Big Spring High School Invitational today at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

State, agencies battling over 'Shoeless Joe' will

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — The American Cancer Society and the American Heart Association say "Shoeless Joe" Jackson's will belongs to them.

The state of South Carolina says it ain't so. Lawyers for the two charities told the state Supreme Court on Thursday that Jackson's will could change his legacy from a baseball bad boy to someone who helped cure heart disease and cancer.

They say the will, with its "Joe Jackson" signature, should be theirs because Jackson's wife, Katie, named them as her beneficiaries.

But a circuit court judge ruled in August 1995 that the original will was government property.

The illiterate Greenville native's rare signature could be worth more than \$100,000, according to some estimates.

Jackson died in 1951, still fighting allegations that he and seven Chicago White Sox teammates threw the 1919 World Series. He was beloved in Chicago, and a young fan told him, "Say it ain't so, Joe" when the allegations came to light, and the sad line became part of baseball lore.

State officials say original wills are needed to allow genealogists and historians to track the state's past.

But attorney Leo Hill, who wrote Mrs. Jackson's will in 1959 just before she died, argued that a certified copy would serve the same purpose.

"This court rarely sees original documents," Hill said. "You see copies."

Hill, 69, who remembers hanging out near the liquor store Jackson opened after he was banned from the major leagues, said the state planned to place the will in a vault, where it would be subject to rot and insects.

"The court today has an opportunity to fund medical research ... or set the dining tables in the storage area for silverfish and cockroaches," he said.

State archivist Ron Tryon said after the hearing that the will would be safe in the state's possession. There are no plans to display it publicly, he said.

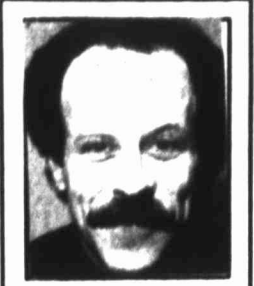
Jackson could not read or write. His wife taught him how to make his signature, but the legendary baseball player, who had a .356 career batting average, rarely signed anything.

He and seven teammates were acquitted of charges they accepted bribes from gamblers to throw the World Series, in which Jackson hit .375. Jackson admitted his part in the "Black Sox" scandal to a grand jury.

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Sportsmanship may not be dead, but it's definitely on critical list

Friday is the day of the much anticipated rematch between Texas high school basketball rivals Avalon and Penelope. It's much anticipated because the last time they met, the score was Avalon 150, Penelope 18.



Jim Litke Associated Press

thing differently. The new ethic of sports makes this much understood: Asking for mercy is out of the question; offering it is not what winners do. "Everybody's under some kind of pressure," Jones said. "But I've been a coach 36 years and top to bottom, the behavior today is worse than it's ever been."

Carpenter was in agreement, on that point at least. "Winning was important when I played, too, but it's different now. Kids see the rewards that go with winning and they start thinking: 'If we want some of that, we've got to win.' "That message," he said, "they get over and over."

Over and over. That's how many times we've been treated to the images of Dennis Rodman kicking a cameraman, Roberto Alomar spitting on an umpire, Jeff George hectoring his coach and Bill Parcells saying one thing and doing another. In the last few years, as more and more money is pumped into providing bigger and bigger — but not necessarily better — games, sportsmanship has suffered an increasingly bad beating. The justification at the professional level has always been: These are grown men whose ability to feed a family could depend on their ability to gain any kind of edge.

HOWARD

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Sophomore guard Paige Mitchell of Byrdstown, Tenn. saw action for the second game in a row. After missing a three-point attempt against Frank Phillips, Mitchell, who has been nursing a bad knee, connected for two against NMJC ... Sherlock, whose ability to work out has been hampered the last 10 days because of that nasty West Texas flu going around, showed good stamina in her 11-point outing ... Potential Lady Hawk Latasha Moore, a 5-10 guard from Irving Nimitz, got to see the Lady Hawks fly high during her visit to the campus

Thursday, HC Coach Matt Corkery described her "a big guard who can play."

HOWARD COLLEGE 105, NEW MEXICO JC 47

NMJC (47) — Erika Leatherwood 1 2 3 4 11, Antonette Bryant 3 1 3 6 12, Allyson Field 0 0 0 0 0, Shondra Daugherty 0 1 1 4 4, Oneka Wilmore 0 0 0 0 0, Anita Silver 1 0 0 2 2, Scooter Clay 0 0 3 4 3, Martina Tadic 2 0 1 2 5, Dawn Page 2 0 2 2 6, Arne Ross 1 0 0 0 2, Mandy Pyle 0 0 2 2 2, Totals 10 4 15 26 47
HOWARD (105) — Jenny Bland-Hodnett 2 0 2 2 6, Shawnta Johnson 8 0 2 4 18, LaTonya Kindle 8 3 3 2 27, Kyna Cosby 1 4 1 2 15, Paige Mitchell 0 2 0 0 6, Jeanine Horton 2 0 0 0 4, Nisha Gamble 5 0 1 3 11, Latasha Spencer 3 0 1 2 7, Niki Sherlock 4 0 3 4 11, Totals 33 9 12 24 108
Halftime score — Howard 54, NMJC 18. 3-point goals: NMJC 4 (Leatherwood 2, Bryant, Daugherty, Howard), 9 (Cosby 4, Kindle 3, Mitchell 2). Rebounds: NMJC 26, Howard 41. Turnovers: NMJC 31, Howard 9. Total fouls: NMJC 16, Howard 17. Fouled out: NMJC (Clay) Technical fouls — None. Attendance 250.

HAWKS

Continued from page 1B
from Monday was that Howard wasn't simply content to attempt perimeter jump shots all night long. The Hawks continuously worked the ball inside to Chris Martinez, and the 6-foot-2 freshman from Hoboken, N.J. responded by leading the team with 18 points. Howard's perimeter people also came through with big games, led by Elmer Brown (17 points), Will Jones (16 points), Clifton Cook (14 points) and Samuel Maroney (10 points). "We felt like we had to work harder to make the plays," Martinez said. "I think (during the losing streak) we were just playing lackadaisical. We were just going through the motions ... I think it comes down to we were just lazy."

the advantage to three points, but Jack Owens launched a second Howard run with a three-pointer, and the Hawks built their lead back up to 35-24 four minutes before halftime. From that point on, the T-Birds (1-6 in conference play) never significantly cut into Howard's lead.

"Coach told us at halftime that we needed to work the ball inside," Martinez said. "In the first half, we were taking a lot of shots from the outside because they were in a zone ... Our strength is outside, but we need to be strong inside, also."

The Hawks return to action Monday when they face Midland College at Chaparral Center in Midland. Game time is 8 p.m.

HOWARD COLLEGE 90, NEW MEXICO JC 78

NMJC (78) — Crockett 1 4 4 6, Silver 4 1 3 9, Reed 10 9 12 29, McClendon 4 4 8 15, Peterson 3 0 1 6, Herring 3 2 2 8, Weathers 2 1 2 5, Totals 27 21 32 78
HOWARD (90) — Martinez 6 6 9 18, Cook 5 3 4 14, Owens 3 1 2 9, Brown 7 0 0 17, Reedy 1 0 0 2, Jones 5 3 3 16, Maroney 3 3 4 10, Clover 1 0 0 2, Lewis 0 2 2 2, Totals 30 18 24 90
Halftime — Howard 44, NMJC 32. Three-point goals — McClendon 3, Cook, Owens 2, Brown 3, Jones 3, Maroney, Rebounds — Howard 37 (Reedy 8, Martinez 8), NMJC 34 (Reed 13). Total fouls — NMJC 20, Howard 25. Fouled out — none. Technicals — NMJC bench.

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who doesn't think that message isn't filtering down to kids hasn't seen a junior high basketball game, a youth soccer or hockey game, or Pop Warner football in a while.

Last year, one high school football player in New Mexico was expelled from school and charged with aggravated battery for attacking a referee and knocking him unconscious. The father of another New Mexico high schooler and his son were both charged with conspiracy to commit assault for milling the buckle on his son's football helmet to a razor-sharp edge.

In Alabama, state high school officials assessed \$25,000 in fines last year and handed out 300 suspensions to players and coaches during just one season. Two weeks ago, a former NHL hockey player coaching in a Long Island youth league was arrested and charged with misdemeanor assault for allegedly punching a referee and a 14-year-old opposing player.

Any week, in almost any state, similar episodes of unsportsmanlike conduct are popping up with alarming frequency. What was unusual about last week was that alongside them was the first meeting of an organization with the power to do something about the problem.

It met in New York, nearly 100 members strong, with representatives from the top levels of high school, college, Olympic and professional sports.

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BRYAN (AP) — The 47th Annual Texas Sports Writers Association Class 4A all-state football team: **FIRST TEAM**
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Center — Chad Carlisle, Denison, 6-4, 208, jr.
Guards — Jason Hunt, Fort Neches-Groves, 6-2, 235, sr.; Tony Luz, Sweetwater, 6-0, 270, sr.
Tackles — Gabe Garza, Corpus Christi Calallen, 6-0, 280, sr.; Billy Yates, Corsicana, 6-3, 270, sr.
Tight end — Reginald Erkin, Gonzales, 6-4, 205, jr.
Split ends — Norris McShee, West Orange-Stark, 6-4, 205, sr.; (tie) Lance Cauffman, Graham, 6-0, 168, sr. and Donovon Henderson, Bastrop, 6-0, 180, jr.
Kick returner — Jermaine Henderson, Navasota, 6-1, 180, sr.; Place-kicker Pryan LaPari, Grapevine, 5-11, 170, sr.

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Linebackers — Wayne Rogers, Waco University, 6-2, 235, sr.; Chris Jones, Denison, 5-10, 195, sr.; (tie) Jack Graves, Stephenville, 5-11, 205, sr. and Jarrett Erwin, Corpus Christi Calallen, 6-1, 220, sr.
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Center — Chad Henke, Bridge City, 6-1, 215, sr.
Guards — Cordell Johnson, Waco Midway, 6-3, 306, sr.; Jason Jones, Brownwood, 6-10, 200, sr.
Tackles — Chris Bryant, Hays Consolidated, 6-4, 295, sr.; Scott Kelly, Brownwood, 6-1, 220, jr.
Tight end — Marty Jones, Brownwood, 6-3, 230, jr.
Split ends — JP Jermaine Henderson, Navasota, 6-1, 180, sr.; Michael Windish, Lampasas, 6-10, 185, sr.
Kick returner — Chano Alvarado, Edouard, 6-10, 160, jr.
Place-kicker — Jacob Hall, New Caney, 6-4, 180, sr.

Linebackers — Jay Weatherston, Jasper, 6-1, 215, sr.; Rashad Turner, Greenville, 5-11, 195, sr.; Ben Howard, Dallas Lincoln, 6-0, 215, sr.
Secondary — Sheddrick Williams, Sweetwater, 6-0, 170, sr.; Colby Dossat, Bridge City, 6-1, 165, sr.; Danny Black, Greenville, 5-10, 170, sr.; Jaquell Young, Swoody, 6-1, 170, sr.
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Thursday

BASEBALL
American League
Miami 102, Milwaukee 81
Detroit 106, Washington 104
L.A. Lakers 108, Chicago 90
Thursday's Games
Miami 118, Boston 117
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Utah 99, Seattle 95
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Denver 106, Sacramento 104
L.A. Lakers 108, Chicago 90
Friday's Games
No games scheduled
Saturday's Games
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Sunday's Games
All-Star Game at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Monday's Games
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PUBLIC NOTICE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS The Big Spring Independent School District shall receive sealed bid proposals until 2:00 p.m., February 10, 1997, for the following alterations:

Football Supplies Tennis Supplies Volleyball Supplies Trainer Equipment

Specifications and documents may be secured from the school district's Business Office, 708 Eleventh Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720-4870, phone number (915) 520-3820. Bids will be publicly opened and read immediately following the deadline for receiving the bids in the Business Office of the Big Spring Independent School District. Bidders are invited to be present at the bid opening. Bids received after the opening date and time will be returned unopened. Bids will be presented for consideration to the Board of Trustees on March 20, 1997, at 8:15 p.m. at their regularly scheduled board meeting. The Big Spring Independent School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

1216 February 7 & 14, 1997

PUBLIC NOTICE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS 1. Sealed proposals will be received by Mr. Ronald D. Perrineau, Superintendent of Business, Big Spring Independent School District, Big Spring, Texas, and shall be received until 2:00 PM CST Wednesday, February 20, 1997, in the Business Office of the Big Spring Independent School District, 708 E. 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud for the furnishing of all labor, materials, and equipment and performing all work required for a H.V.A.C. Upgrade At Bessie Hubbard Elementary School, Big Spring, Texas, and in compliance with plans, specifications, and contract documents as prepared by Perrineau, Romine & Burgess, Inc., Consulting Mechanical and Electrical Engineers, 300 Greenleaf, Fort Worth, Texas 76107.

A pre-bid conference will be held on February 14, 1997, at 10:00 AM CST, at Gated Middle School, 2000 Gated Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

The upgrade of the existing heating, ventilating, and air-conditioning systems will be at the following school facilities:

1. Anderson Kindergarten Center 2. Bessie Hubbard School 3. Gated Middle School 4. Washington Elementary School 5. Gated Middle School 6. High School Senior Gymnasium 7. Lakewood Headstart School

This project consists generally of removing certain existing gas-fired heating systems, evaporative cooling systems, and package rooftop refrigerated cooling-only systems and replacing such existing work with new two-pipe chilled/heating water systems, air cooled water chilling units, heating water boilers, and package rooftop refrigerated cooling-only systems, all complete with associated piping, pumping, electrical, air distribution, automatic control, energy management, and structural support systems. The project does not include work at the first five (5) buildings listed above, with alternate bids for additive work at Gated Middle School, High School Senior Gymnasium, and Lakewood Headstart School.

6. Removal and/or installation work (exclusive of materials storage, mobilization, and non-disruptive preparation for such work) cannot begin at any building prior to Saturday, May 24, 1997, and all installation work must be completed no later than 8:00 PM CST, Tuesday, August 12, 1997, performed as set forth in Plans and Specifications prepared by Romine, Romine & Burgess, Inc., Consulting Mechanical and Electrical Engineers, 300 Greenleaf, Fort Worth, Texas 76107, (817) 338-4883, from which firm bidding documents may be obtained by request accompanied by \$150.00 deposit refundable in the amount of not less than 100% of the contract price, conditioned upon the performance of the contract.

9. Attention is called to the fact that the contractor must comply with all Federal, State and Local Labor Laws, including Article 6156B, Vernon's Annotated Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, and comply with the prevailing wage rates bound in the Specifications.

10. Bids will be taken to the Board of Trustees of a Special Board Meeting on March 3, 1997, at 12:00 P.M. CST for their consideration. The meeting will be held in the Board Room located at Big Spring High School, 707 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

11. The bidder acknowledges the right of the Owner to reject any or all bids and to waive any informally or irregularly in any bid received. In addition, the bidder recognizes the right of the Owner to reject a bid if the bidder fails to furnish any required bid security or to submit the data required by the bidder documents or if the bid is in any way incomplete or irregular.

FROM THE ARCHITECT AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS: Romine, Romine & Burgess Inc. 300 Greenleaf Fort Worth, Texas 76107 PHONE: (817) 338-4883 1216 February 7 & 10, 1997

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, FEB. 8

Be direct when dealing with others. Sometimes, they might not hear you, especially when it comes to how much you are willing to extend yourself. Be clear about what you require; you cannot be explicit enough. You find that your goals are changing, as well as those of your friends. Flow with what is happening; some very good things will come out as a result. If you are single, what you think you want out of a relationship turns out to be quite different from the reality. Be experimental and open. If attached, your relationship is tested. However, a new sense of understanding will develop when you pull through. PISCES is compelling.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You need time off from the daily grind. Understand exactly what bothers you about important communications. You can't always have everything your way. A change in plans may be for the better. Don't fuss. Tonight: Do whatever relaxes you the most.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A partner doesn't agree with you. Think through a decision involving this person. Focus on the big story, not the little one. Get together with friends, and make the most of a fun happening. Let go of problems for now. Tonight: Go where the crowds are.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Stay on track with your long-term desires. Be direct with a child or loved one. You get a wake-up call about a friend or potential partner. Take the lead, and if you must, handle an important job or responsibility. Tonight: Head out and about.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Be willing to break past self-imposed restrictions. Sometimes it is easier to center yourself if you maintain the status quo. A risk might be appropriate now. Gain more knowledge and expertise in your chosen field. Tonight: Go for what is very different.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

What feels like flak may be someone needing to express himself. You have a different perspective than the majority of people. Check out a major purchase, and compare prices. It is important to recognize your limits. Tonight: Take extra time for a special friend.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Listen to the other side of a story, but don't go out of your way just yet to resolve a misunderstanding. There is more going on than meets the eye. You, too, have more going on inside than you are aware. Consider new possibilities. Tonight: Enjoy dinner and a movie.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Consider another point of view before you leap into action. Work is highlighted with quick, significant changes. A discussion with another sends you on a new path. Realize your emotional and physical limits. Tonight: Dance, or enjoy some other exercise.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Consider what is happening with a child or loved one. Be willing to give more than 100 percent. Romantic fires could kindle if you are available; otherwise, use this energy to let others know how much you care about them. Tonight: Creativity dominates.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Self-confidence is great; rigidity is another issue. Because of what comes down, your dander could come up. Be reasonable with a family member, but don't let the situation become a power play. In the long run, that doesn't work for either of you. Tonight: Do what you want.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Communications are important. You might overreact to what someone says, and could be uptight about a change. Consider what is transpiring on a deep level within you. Do something that will make you feel better. Tonight: Have fun at a favorite spot.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Money matters may all you. Carefully consider what is happening with a child. A friend

may not be helping you where it counts. Be even with others, despite feeling a bit off balance. Cutting your budget will help in a situation with another. Tonight: Be reasonable.

Men married to television turns wives into widows

DEAR ABBY: After reading the letter from "Driven to Distraction," whose longtime boyfriend was a television nut, I had to write. Believe me, I know how she feels. I was married twice, and both of my husbands were addicted to television. Both tuned me out for that busy box.

My first husband didn't even care what was on. He just needed the picture and the noise. He said they helped him "unwind."

My second husband bought the largest set he could find and turned the volume up as loud as it would go. A bomb could have gone off in the room and it wouldn't have distracted him.

Once, I even stood next to the TV stark naked. He gave me a quick glance, then turned his head and went back to watching TV.

Please tell "Driven to Distraction" she had better think long and hard before she marries a man who is already married to television.

Please don't use my name or the initials of the town I live in. This is a small town and everybody knows me. Sign me ... EX-TELEVISION WIDOW

DEAR EX-WIDOW: If it's any comfort to you, I received letters from many other "television widows" singing your song. Television can be the subtle thief of precious time—and he or she who falls into the lazy habit of watching just anything that moves is destined to become an intellectual pauper.

DEAR ABBY: I am writing regarding the letter from the lady in her 70s who had been victimized by telephone scams and had ended up broke and in debt, not daring to tell her husband.

You told her to tell the Mr. because "two heads are better than one in a crisis." You should know that senior citizens have available more "heads" than just their own. Because of the number of older victims in so many different scams, there are ombudsmen in most (if not all) states who will give assistance or put these people in touch with those who can help them.

One of the services available in our area is free legal assistance, which this lady could

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Mason takes out frustration on Sacramento

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NBA

Anthony Mason felt slighted. The Sacramento Kings felt the anger.

Mason, having his best season in the NBA in his first year at Charlotte, is angry for being bypassed for this weekend's All-Star game in Cleveland.

"It's just a sign of great disrespect for Anthony Mason as a basketball player," Mason said. "I have no more respect for whoever is responsible for the choices. All I'm going to do is come out and play hard for the Charlotte Hornets."

He did just that Thursday night, setting a club record by making all eight of his field-goal attempts as the surging Hornets defeated Sacramento 115-100. Mason, who also sank all six free throws, finished with 22 points, six rebounds and four assists to lead the Hornets to their seventh consecutive victory over the Kings in Charlotte.

"He doesn't talk about it with us, but you can see that Mason has definitely been snubbed for the All-Star game," said Charlotte forward Glen Rice, who was named to the All-Star squad for the second straight year. "It's just a shame that he didn't get picked. He deserves to be there."

In other NBA games, it was Orlando 119, Boston 111; Miami 102, Milwaukee 90; Minnesota 103, Vancouver 86; New Jersey 100, Indiana 104; Detroit 96, Houston 87; and New York 96, San Antonio 84.

Mason, on track to set new highs in virtually every statistical category this year, broke Charlotte's single-game record for the most field goals without a miss. The old mark was six by Eric Leckner in a February 1991 contest against Miami.

The victory was Charlotte's fourth straight and 11th in 14 games as the Hornets recorded their second-largest margin of victory this season and improved to 10 games over the .500 mark heading into the All-Star break.

"This was a pretty special ending for the run we've had," coach Dave Cowens said. "These guys are amazing."

Mitch Richmond led Sacramento with 37 points. Pistons 96, Rockets 87.

At Auburn Hills, Mich., Terry Mills scored 14 of his 16 points in the second quarter and Detroit easily beat slump-

ing Houston.

Playing without Clyde Drexler and Charles Barkley, the Rockets have now lost six straight, while the Pistons have won six of seven.

Hakeem Olajuwon led the Rockets with 18 points, but was held to just three rebounds. Timberwolves 103, Grizzlies 86.

At Minneapolis, James Robinson hit four consecutive 3-pointers and scored 14 consecutive third-quarter points in Minnesota's victory.

The Grizzlies led 46-44 at the half, but Robinson outscored the entire Vancouver team 14-13 in the third quarter. Robinson, 4-of-5 from 3-point range, finished with 16 points, while Kevin Garnett led Minnesota with 18.

Vancouver's Anthony Peeler scored 24.

Heat 102, Bucks 90 At Miami, Voshon Lenard scored 38 points, his second career-high total in two nights, as the Heat beat Milwaukee for the 16th straight time.

Lenard's performance, including six 3-pointers, followed a 28-point effort Wednesday night in Miami's victory at Boston.

Johnny Newmap led Milwaukee with 26 points.

Magic 119, Celtics 111

At Orlando, Rony Seikaly scored 27 of his 32 points in the first half, and the Magic survived poor foul shooting down the stretch to gain their fifth straight win.

Penny Hardaway had 25 points and 10 assists, and Nick Anderson added 22 for Orlando, while Rick Fox paced Boston with 30 points.

Pacers 104, Nets 100

At East Rutherford, Rik Smits hit a go-ahead layup with 1:32 to play and Indiana sank 14 of 15 free throws in the fourth quarter to beat New Jersey.

Reggie Miller paced the Pacers with 26 points, while Jayson Williams had 21 points and 20 rebounds for New Jersey.

Knicks 96, Spurs 84

At New York, Allan Houston scored 22 points and Larry Johnson had 20 in New York's easy win over San Antonio. It was the Spurs' sixth straight loss.

Dominique Wilkins scored 19 points to lead the Spurs.

Mavs hire Nelson as GM

DALLAS (AP) — Don Nelson, the sixth-winningest coach in NBA history and recently named as one of the league's 10 best all-time coaches, will be announced this morning as the Dallas Mavericks' new general manager.

Nelson replaces Keith Grant, who resigned Oct. 17. The Mavs called an 11:30 a.m. CST news conference to introduce Nelson.

Nelson was interviewed last week in Hawaii by interim general manager Frank Zaccanelli, who said, "We need a first-

class, top-notch basketball guy to be in charge."

Nelson was interviewed for two days in Dallas this week and reportedly will receive a five-year contract for some \$7.5 million.

Zaccanelli said Nelson has the "capabilities and the background" to lead the Mavericks. Nelson was fired last March by the New York Knicks and hasn't worked since.

He was the general manager for Golden State from 1988-1995

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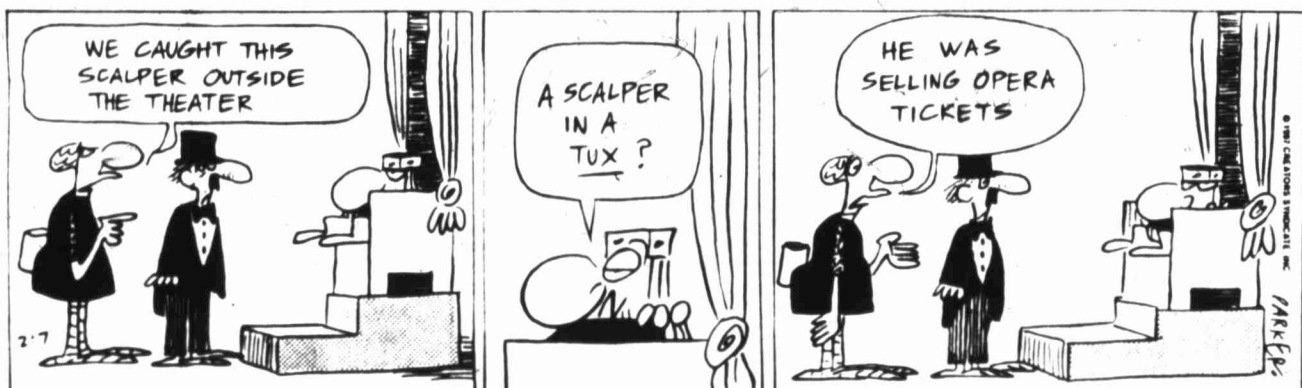
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Friday, Feb. 7, the 38th day of 1997. There are 327 days left in the year.

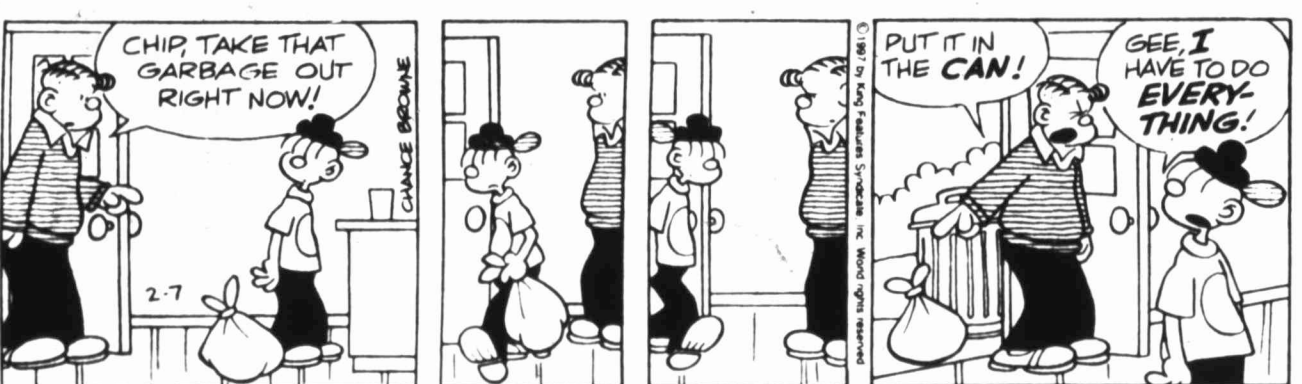
Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 7, 1964, The Beatles began their first American tour as they arrived at New York City's John F. Kennedy International Airport, where they were greeted by thousands of screaming fans.

Portsmouth, England. In 1904, a fire began in Baltimore that raged for about 30 hours and destroyed more than 1,500 buildings. In 1931, aviator Amelia Earhart married publisher George P. Putnam in Noank, Conn. In 1936, President Roosevelt authorized a flag for the office of the vice president. In 1944, during World War II, the Germans launched a counteroffensive at Anzio, Italy. In 1948, General Dwight D. Eisenhower resigned as Army chief of staff and was succeeded by General Omar Bradley. In 1971, women in Switzerland won the right to vote. In 1974, the island nation of Grenada won independence from Britain. In 1983, Elizabeth H. Dole was sworn in as the first female secretary of transportation by the first woman to sit on the U.S. Supreme Court, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. In 1984, space shuttle astronauts Bruce McCandless II and Robert L. Stewart went on the first untethered spacewalk. In 1986, Haitian President-for-Life Jean-Claude Duvalier fled his country, ending 28 years of his family's rule. In 1991, the Rev. Jean-Bertrand Aristide was sworn in as Haiti's first democratically elected president.

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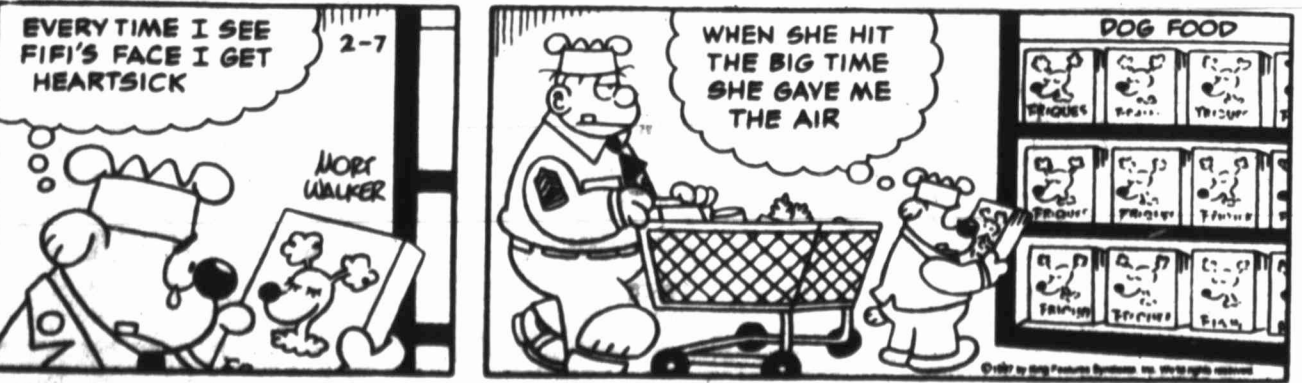
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Thursday's Puzzle solved: A grid with words filled in, including CHAT, SABRA, CASH, LIDO, UBOAT, AREA, UNDERWEATH, TONS, EGO, ALT, SEVENTH, SENORA, TONER, RAMBO, ASPIRE, PISA, POOH, TIDES, ICON, SOLID, LEAP, TANGO, MALE, LADY, ANGELA, TOBACA, JESSE, SORTED, BROUGHT, SET, ERR, LEVI, LOVER, BLANE, OPEC, EVICT, IRIS, WORE, YEATS, DYES.

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RITZ advertisement for 'DANTE'S PEAK (PG-13)', 'SCREAM (R)', 'FIRST STRIKE (PG-13)', and 'THE RELIC (R)'.

CINEMA I advertisement for 'STAR WARS (PG)', 'METRO (R)', 'THE EVENING STAR (PG-13)', and 'THE PREACHER'S WIFE (PG-13)'.