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Big Spring man fined \$500, public service for cruelty to animals

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

Big Spring resident Ameen Hashem received a one-year sentence in Howard County Jail and was fined \$500 by County Judge Ben Lockhart on charges of cruelty to animals stemming from an incident in which at least one dog owned by Hashem starved to death.

Lockhart suspended Hashem's jail sentence after the defendant filed sworn application for probation, but did assess additional penalties, including 100 hours of community service work at the Humane Society.

Additionally, Hashem was ordered to pay court costs in the amount of \$217 and to reimburse the cost of his public defender in the amount of \$150.

Hashem's legal troubles began last Nov. 4 when Big Spring Animal Control Officer John Liedecke responded to a call for a welfare check on a dog at Hashem's residence.

Liedecke testified in Municipal Court on Nov. 7 that one dog had been found dead on the property and that he had observed another that he believed at the time to be starving.

"The dog was real weak," he testified. "It looked like it hadn't eaten for days and had no water or shelter."

Liedecke said that after conferring

with his supervisor, he made contact with veterinarian Dr. Neal Tindol who came to the site and observed the dog. Liedecke said Tindol told him it looked as if the dog was starving to death — a comment that was substantiated in a written statement Tindol submitted to the police.

Liedecke said he asked the owner to release the animal to him because of its condition, but that he refused.

After that, police obtained a warrant allowing them to seize the animal. The dog died on Nov. 7.

Tindol's statement said the dog died of starvation and that the animal had been starved to the point that the functions of the liver and kidneys slow

down and stop. According to Tindol, the dog showed signs that it had been undernourished for a very long time.

Hashem attempted to lay blame for the condition of the animal on his then 10-year-old son. He told Municipal Judge Gary Tabor that, "up until that point, I was unaware of the condition of the dog."

He testified that his son had cared for the dogs for two years and that he seldom went into the back yard of the property.

Tabor issued a stern rebuke to Hashem's claims of non-responsibility.

Carol Owen of the Big Spring Kennel Club said she hoped Hashem's sentence would send a message to those

who don't care for their animals.

"I hope they understand that Big Spring and Howard County won't go easy on them if they abuse their pets," she said.

Hashem's case was the second to go to court in 1996. The first involved a malnourished Shetland pony and resulted in no action.

Two weeks ago city officials once again appeared before Tabor to successfully ask that custody of three dogs, a bird and a cat be given to the Humane Society after they had been discovered without food, water or shelter. A fourth dog, a puppy, died after they had been removed from the property.

Students ready for Tuesday spelling bee

By KELLIE JONES
Features Editor

The Howard County Spelling Bee, sponsored by the Herald, is set for Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. in the Howard College Auditorium with 15 contestants vying for a chance to advance to regionals in Lubbock.

The winner from the regional contest will advance to national competition in Washington, D.C.

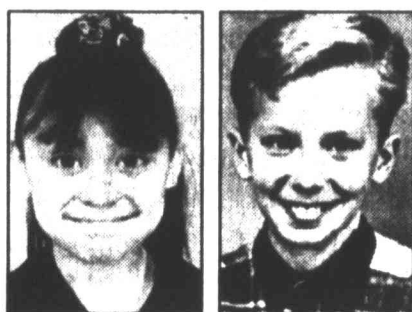
Howard College's Dr. Mary Dudley is this year's pronouncer, with China Long, justice of the peace; Amber Rich, director of Business Development at Scenic Mountain Medical Center; and Bruce Griffin, president of First Bank of West Texas, serving as judges. Everyone associated with the spelling bee is asked to be at the auditorium by 4 p.m.

The first-place winner receives a plaque, \$50 savings bond from Security State Bank, dinner at Alberto's and a free bowling pass and shoe rental from Bowl-A-Rama. Second place receives a \$50 savings bond from Norwest Bank, dinner at KC Steak House, a small pizza from Pizza Inn and free corn dog from Sonic. Third place wins a \$50 savings bond from First Bank of West Texas, dinner at Mel's Catfish and some Big Spring Herald items.

There had been some confusion in the past about which option the county spelling bee uses to determine the winner. The official rule is to use Option A which states if none of the spellers remaining in the bee at the start of a round spells a word correctly during the round, all shall remain in the competition; all spellers eliminated in the same round will be tied for the same place (rank); if only one of the spellers remaining in the bee at the start of a round spells a word



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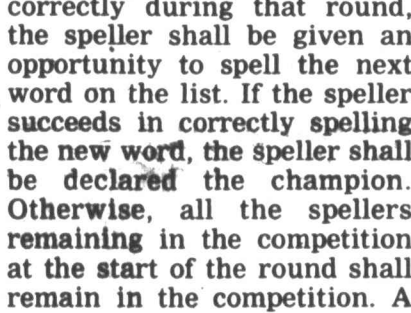


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correctly during that round, the speller shall be given an opportunity to spell the next word on the list. If the speller succeeds in correctly spelling the new word, the speller shall be declared the champion. Otherwise, all the spellers remaining in the competition at the start of the round shall remain in the competition. A new round will begin, with all of the spellers spelling in their original order. **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL ANY CONTESTANT BE ASKED TO CORRECT THE MISSPELLING OF ANOTHER SPELLER.**

Here is a list of the students who won at their individual campus spelling bees and will participate in Tuesday's county spelling bee:

- Coahoma Elementary - Tawna Jacobs, 12, a sixth grader. She correctly spelled "procrastinating" and then "acquaintance."
- Coahoma Junior High - Brandie Hart, 14, eighth grade. She correctly spelled "period" and then "tablets."

- Elbow Elementary School - Kacy Liles, 10, fifth grade. She correctly spelled "mausoleum."
- Forsan Junior High School - Kortne Covey, 13, seventh grade. She correctly spelled "exclamation."
- Goliad Middle School - Nathan Smith, 12, seventh grade. He correctly spelled "enunciate."
- Rannels Junior High - Sarah Sanghavi, 13, eighth grade. She correctly spelled "whether."
- Bauer Magnet Elementary - Gentry Lunsford, 10, fourth grade. She correctly spelled "imaginary."
- College Heights Elementary - Anselmo (Mito) Hilario, 11, fifth grade. He correctly spelled "wallet."
- Kentwood Elementary - Ryan Wegman, 10, fifth grader. He correctly spelled "dolphin."

- Marcy Elementary - Carol Garcia, 11, fifth grade. She correctly spelled "enchanted."
- Moss Elementary - Derek Martinez, 11, fifth grader. He correctly spelled "funeral."
- Washington Elementary - Erica Stewart, 11, fifth grader. She correctly spelled "escalator."
- St. Mary's Episcopal School - Michael Hall, 10, fifth grader. He correctly spelled "peninsula" then "apron."
- Petrowski Christian Home Academy - Justin Petrowski, 12, sixth grade.
- Lester Christian Academy - Allison Lester, 11, sixth grader. She correctly spelled "celery."

Supreme Court drops suit over official English

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sidestepping a divisive debate swirling around English-only measures, the Supreme Court today said an Arizona dispute over efforts to make English the official state language never should have reached the nation's highest court.

The justices unanimously ruled that the Arizona dispute became moot, or legally irrelevant, years ago when the state employee who challenged an English-only amendment to the state's constitution left her government job.

When the court agreed to hear the Arizona case last year, it had been expected to decide the constitutionality of English-only measures, enacted in 23 states. By the time the justices conducted oral arguments in December, it was clear the potential for an explosive ruling had fizzled.

In other action, the court:

- Refused to derail a huge class-action lawsuit that accuses Home Depot, the home-improvement retailer, of illegal job bias against women in 10 Western states. Home Depot now must defend itself in a two-stage litigation.

- Left intact an Ohio law that requires private schools to administer ninth-grade profi-

ciency tests and denies high school diplomas to students who cannot pass them.

- Let stand a ruling that closed to the public a courtroom proceeding focusing on deadly riots at an Ohio prison in 1993. The justices rejected a Cincinnati newspaper's appeal for the right to attend "summary jury trials" aimed at settling civil lawsuits.

- Clarified a key element of patent law in throwing out a \$3.5 million patent-infringement award won by one food dye manufacturer against another.

During arguments in the English-only case, the justices, in questions and comments from the bench, had ignored the constitutional issues to focus exclusively on two arcane procedural issues — mootness and legal standing.

The court's ruling, delivered in a 37-page opinion by Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, wiped out lower court rulings in the case.

The net effect: reinstatement of a 1988 measure that made English Arizona's official language and required government actions to be taken in English.

Ginsburg noted that the

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Circus Gatti slates two performances for Tuesday

By CHRYS GOFF
Staff Writer

Circus Gatti, billed as the world's largest touring "thrill show" and featuring more than 100 performing daredevils, will present shows in Big Spring Tuesday.

Performances are scheduled for 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Features of the three-ring circus include acrobats performing handstands on 80-foot swaying flagpoles and riding ninjacycles inside a steel globe.

"Every one of the stunts are dangerous and thrilling. They will have you on the edge of your seat," Toby Ballantine, the circus' director of marketing said.

"Everyone come out and have a good time. We have several different acts from around the world. We have several of the winners of the circus world championships along with us to show lions and tigers," he added. "We want a full crowd. We don't like empty seats, ones that are empty represent people not having fun."

Circus Gatti is the only circus

owned and managed by women. Doris, Patricia and Carole Gatti founded the show and have taken it on tour for 35 years. The circus tours 22 states and four provinces of Canada, traveling more than 38,000 miles from early February to late October.

Two Asian elephants are also a part of the show. "They each have their own personality," Ballantine said. "They love attention and keep us (circus performers) in line." The elephants have been with the circus since its inception 35 years ago.

Yaro Hoffman, trainer of lions and tigers and winner of the 1996 World Circus champions in Rome, will be showing Bangle leopards and Siberian black cats. These animals will be doing several acts from jumping through flaming circles, to doing tricks with Hoffman.

The circus' clowns have always caught the eyes of children, Ballantine said. "The Circus Gatti clowns are a happy bunch. They love to make the audience laugh."

According to Ballantine, the

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Murder trials slated to begin this month

HERALD Staff Report

The 50 percent rise in Big Spring's murder rate in 1996, resulted in the deaths of three people and four suspects — Ruben Rojas Sr., Michael L. Viera, Roland Yanez Garcia and Rosendo Montana — now await trial for murder this month.

The 118th District Court docket has the four murder suspects scheduled to go to trial on March 24.

Rojas, who has been indicted for the August 1996 murder of Ramiro Ramirez during a domestic dispute, is free on a surety bond of \$50,000.

Viera, Garcia and Montana remain in custody at the Howard County Jail with bonds set at \$100,000 each. They are charged with the murders of Kenny John Guzman and Luis Hernandez Jr., following an altercation that turned violent on Big Spring's north side last September.

According to the District Attorney's office, as the March 24 trial date gets closer, exactly when the trials will begin and who will be tried first will become much clearer, because it's not possible to have four murder trials going on at the same time.

Town Hall Meeting with Counts, Junell will be Thursday at 7

This week's Town Hall Meeting featuring State Rep. David Counts (D-Knox City) and State Rep. Rob Junell (D-San Angelo) will be held in the East Room of Dorothy Garrett Coliseum at 7 p.m. Thursday. A Sunday story in the Herald said the meeting would be tonight.

A major item on the agenda will be a discussion of the governor's tax reform proposal and how it will affect Howard County residents and business-

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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Today: Clear, high winds. High in the mid 70s. Low in the upper 30s.

Tuesday: Sunny. High in the mid 70s. Low in the upper 30s.

Extended outlook: Wednesday, sunny. High in the lower 70s. Low in the 40s. Thursday and Friday, partly cloudy.

Wisconsin inmates report idle times in a Texas jail

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Wisconsin prison officials say they are trying to find a solution to a problem that has developed among inmates that have been sent to Texas county jails for a year at a time.

The Titus County Jail in Mount Pleasant, Texas, houses 68 Wisconsin inmates, some of whom complain they have little to keep them busy.

They get about seven hours of recreation and schooling each week.

"They treat us real nice and they do the best they can," said Tyson Dunne, 21, of Madison,

who has been in prison since he was 17. "But this is punishment."

"We don't do nothing but sleep and eat," said Marcus Chavous, also of Madison, who is serving 12 years for armed robbery and battery. "This is dead time."

Dunne, convicted of second-degree murder in a shooting on the city's south side, and Chavous are the first of 700 Wisconsin inmates the state wants to send to county jails in Texas.

Critics claim the move has placed some of Wisconsin's

best-behaved inmates far from their families and eliminated their opportunities for rehabilitation.

Wisconsin Department of Corrections officials say they are working on the problem, but they also say they face a far greater problem here at home: a badly crowded prison system.

Shipping inmates to Texas is part of the solution to dealing with a state prison system that already is more than 30 percent over capacity. The population is growing at a rate of about 200 inmates a month.

OBITUARIES

Pedro H. Martinez Service for Pedro H. Martinez, 65, Big Spring, is pending with Thomas Funeral Home of Midland. He died Sunday, March 2, 1997, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Big Spring.

Warnell F. Avants Warnell F. Avants, 70, Big Spring, died Sunday, March 2, 1997, after a long illness.



AVANTS Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Warnell was born on March 7, 1926, in Juan, Texas. He married Jo Ann Bradbury on Nov. 27, 1983, in Big Spring. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He graduated from Dallas Institute of Mortuary Science in 1959. He worked for 20 years for Lamar-Smith Funeral Home, Dallas, later as manager of Wilkerson Hatch Funeral Home, Brady. In Big Spring, he worked at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and later at Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel, retiring in 1986 due to ill health. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, Kiwanis Club and Western Drifters Club.

He is survived by: his wife, Jo Ann, Big Spring; two stepsons and spouses, Gary Bradbury and his wife Chris, Boerne; and Robert Bradbury and his wife Jo, Clear Lake; one step-daughter and her husband, Sherry Purdom and husband Louie, of Hurst; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one brother and his wife, Floyd and Vienna Bell Avants, Temple; one sister, Luena Smith and her husband Bud, Big Spring; and a number of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by six brothers and sisters. The family suggests memorials be made to The American Heart Association; Howard County Division; P.O. Box 1223; Big Spring; 79721-1223. Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel. Paid obituary

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL 24th & Johnson 267-8288 Jessie Martin Cervantes, 75, died Friday. Funeral Mass is 2:00 PM today at Sacred Heart, Burial in Mount Olive Memorial Park. Warnell Avants, 70, died Sunday. Services are 11:00 A.M. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel, with Burial in Trinity Memorial Park. Charlie Easter, 82, died Friday. Services are 2:00 PM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory 906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331 R.L. Powell, Jr., 81, died Monday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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R.L. Powell, Jr. Service for R.L. Powell, Jr., 81, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. He died Monday, March 3, 1997, at his residence.

Court

Continued from page 1 English-only measure is the subject of another challenge now before the Arizona Supreme Court. The state court "may now rule definitively on the proper construction" of the 1988 measure, she said.

"Once that court has spoken, adjudication of any remaining federal constitutional question may indeed become greatly simplified," Ginsburg said. Arizona voters adopted the English-only amendment to their state constitution, but lower courts struck it down. They ruled that the amendment "obstructs the free flow of information and adversely affects the rights of many private persons."

The amendment said English "is the language of the ballot, the public schools and all government functions and actions." It applied to all government officials and employees on government business and said the state "shall act in English and no other language."

There were exceptions — other languages could be used to help people learn English, teach foreign languages, comply with federal laws, protect public health and safety or protect the rights of criminal defendants or crime victims.

The amendment was challenged in 1988 by Maria-Kelly Yniguez, then a state employee. In her job, she helped people who had medical malpractice claims. Many of the people she dealt with were far more comfortable speaking Spanish than English.

When Yniguez sued in a bid to keep speaking Spanish on occasion in her job, she named Arizona as a defendant. The state's attorney general already had interpreted the amendment, however, to allow such use of another language.

Then-Gov. Rose Mofford, a critic of the amendment, did not appeal a federal judge's ruling that struck it down. Arizonans for Official English, a group that had spent lots of money and time as chief promoter of the amendment, intervened and pursued appeals aimed at reviving it.

Yniguez quit her government job in 1990 for reasons unrelated to the legal fight. "At that point, it became plain that she lacked a still-vital claim for prospective relief," Ginsburg wrote.

Ginsburg also cited "grave doubts" as to whether AOE or anyone else had the proper legal standing to continue the appeal once Arizona authorities decided not to.

The court did not definitively resolve the standing question, resting its decision solely on the issue of mootness. Other disputes over the constitutionality of English-only laws are bound to return to the nation's highest court.

The new Congress will consider a law making English the federal government's official language. Such legislation was passed by the House but not the Senate last year.

Circus

Continued from page 1 performers have been involved in the circus all their lives. "Performing is their life, most of them don't know anything else," he explained. "They have been in the circus since they were small children."

The circus caravan consists of more than 50 vehicles and travels in all weather, usually overnight to the next city. Sometimes this involves a distance of 500 to 600 miles.

"The longest distance we have ever traveled after a show was in 1994, from El Paso to Victoria, British Columbia, a 'jump' of 1,500 miles," Ballantine added.

BRIEFS

FORSAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT is taking applications for transfer students for the 1997-1998 school year on Monday from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

New applicants must go to the business office on the Forsan campus to complete the required paperwork and for an interview with the superintendent.

Applicants must bring a copy of the student's record, if possible. For more information, call 457-2223.

TCA CABLE TV OF Big Spring continues to gather surveys to determine what new cable channel will be added to the line-up. Cable subscribers may obtain a survey form at the cable office, 2006 S. Birdwell. If you have already filled out a survey, you may either mail it in, drop it off at the cable office or enclose it with your bill due March 10. Subscribers choose one from the following channels: The Golf Channel, ESPN2, The History Channel, The Cartoon Network, Home and Garden Television, or fill in the blank.

THE BIG SPRING STATE Hospital Volunteer Services Council is sponsoring its 11th Annual Denim and Diamonds Gala, Friday, April 4. A reception and complimentary food and drink will be from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the home of Bob and Carol Scott, 3107 Mountain Shadow, and a dance at the Stampede from 8 to midnight with music provided by Jody Nix. Benefactor \$200 - up, Patron \$100 and sponsor \$50. RSVP by March 3. All proceeds go toward patient needs and special hospital related projects. Donations are tax deductible. For more information call 268-7271.

A SIGN-UP FOR THE Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) begins Monday and ends at the close of business on Friday, March 28. Producers interested in participating in CRP should phone the Howard County Farm Service Agency for an appointment, 267-2557.

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 238, BETWEEN 8 A.M. AND 2 P.M. All Springboard items must be submitted in writing. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; bring it

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

by the office at 710 Scurry; or fax it to 264-7205.

POLICE

•Big Spring Evening Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Jan Noyes, 267-5811.

•Project Freedom, Christian support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.

•TOPS Clubs (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:30 to 6 p.m. weight in and 6 p.m. meeting, Carriage Inn, 501 W. 17th. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.

•Daytime prenatal classes, Texas Department of Health, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Call 263-9775 to register. All expectant parents welcome. Class instructor will be Laurie Burks, BSN.

•Volunteers with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program will assist in the preparation of 1996 income tax returns, 9 a.m. to noon, First Presbyterian Church, 8th and Runnels. This program is available to all senior citizens and others who have income from wages, tips, interest or dividends and who may be able to receive an earned income credit. Bring all W-2's, 1099's and your 1995 tax return. This is a free service. Call 398-5522 or 263-4211 for more information.

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents during a time period from 5 p.m. Saturday to 8 a.m. Monday:

•KENNETH FOY FRENCH, 51, of 500 Aylesford, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.

•JERRY MARTINEZ, 26, of 1002 N. Main No. 24, was arrested for public intoxication and was also issued a criminal trespass warning.

•GENE HERNANDEZ, 17, no address given, was arrested on outstanding local warrants and possession of drug paraphernalia.

•BRYAN THOMAS KLIGORA, 18, of 1803 Wallace, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.

•JOSEPH BALABANIS, 40, no address given, was arrested for public intoxication.

•REYNALDO JUAREZ, 28, of 1217 1/2 W. Sixth, was arrested on outstanding local warrants and failure to identify himself to a peace officer.

•ANGEL ALDRETE, 33, no address given, was arrested for public intoxication.

•JUAN JUAREZ, 29, of 1217 1/2 W. Sixth, was arrested for public intoxication and failure to identify himself to a peace officer.

•DELAND WAYNE SAVELL, 38, no address given, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.

•ROBERT LANG, 41, of 200 11th Place, was arrested for disorderly conduct by using abusive language.

•SANDRA MARTIN MELTON, 34, of 1901 Scurry, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, criminal mischief and outstanding local warrants.

•DONNA LYNN COX, 30, no address given, was arrested for assault/family violence.

•DONALD MYRICK, 42, of 120 Airbase Rd., was arrested for not having a driver's license.

•WILLIAM JAY MCNEW, 38, of 1008 W. Sixth, was arrested for public intoxication.

•ROLANEO CASTILLO, 25, no address given, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.

•MINDY MASON, 19, of 1409 E. 19th, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

•BRICE EDWARD POSTON, 18, of 1718 Purdue, was arrested for public intoxication.

•INVESTIGATING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES in the 3300 block of Fordham, Comanche Trail Park, 500 block of N. Birdwell, 300 W. block of Seventh, 1200 block of Wright, 700 block of 11th Place, 3200 block of E. I-20, 1500 block of Sycamore, 1300 block of E. 11th, 1300 block of E. Fourth, 200 block of Airbase Rd., 1800 block of Gregg, 1400 block of Johnson, 1500 block of Wood, 4100 block of S. Hwy. 87, 3000 block of W. Hwy. 80 and 1000 block of Gregg.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 1500 block of E. Cherokee. The complainant told officers someone punctured the tires and damaged two doors on a vehicle.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in

the 1600 block of S. Main. The complainant told officers someone punctured all four tires on a vehicle causing \$600 in damage.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCES in the 400 block of Ryan, 2000 block of Johnson and 1600 block of Kentucky.

•THEFTS in the 1000 block of Gollad, 2300 block of Wasson and 400 block of Johnson.

•BURGLARY OF A BUILDING in the 1100 block of E. Sixth.

•ATTEMPTED BURGLARY OF A HABITATION in the 2300 block of Roberts.

•ATTEMPTED BURGLARY OF A BUILDING on the east side of town.

•BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE in the 1600 block of E. Sixth. A heater and saw were stolen from a vehicle.

•LOUD PARTIES in the 1200 block of Nolan, 2600 block of Hunter, 3200 block of Drexel, W. Ninth and Anna, 100 block of E. 17th, 3300 block of Auburn.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents during a time period from 5 p.m. Saturday to 8 a.m. Monday:

•CHRISTOPHER RANDLE, 31, of Kermit, was arrested by DPS officers for driving while intoxicated.

•BRANDON KEVIN SHIFFLETT, 19, of Route 3 Box 85, was arrested for public intoxication.

•TONY LEON JETTON, 21, of Coahoma, was arrested for public intoxication. He had also been arrested by police officers on outstanding local warrants during the weekend.

•PHILLIP DALE WIGGINGTON, 18, of 1601 Owens, was arrested for public intoxication.

•MINOR ACCIDENTS in Coahoma and Forsan.

•CATTLE LOOSE near the old Howard County airport.

RECORDS

Sunday's high 63 Sunday's low 39 Average high 66 Average low 36 Record high 96 in 1974 Record low 6 in 1922 Precip. Sunday 0.00 Month to date 0.03 Month's normal 0.00 Year to date 3.61 Normal for the year 1.29 **Statistics not available

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Lott offers changes to win balanced budget amendment vote

WASHINGTON (AP) — With a final vote fast approaching, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott says he is prepared to change the Republican balanced budget amendment to gain the one additional Democratic vote needed for passage.

Lott's statement Sunday that he was willing to make "minor" changes to avert what appears to be a one-vote Senate defeat for the amendment came as Republicans attacked President Clinton's plan to balance the budget by 2002. They said his

numbers do not add up. Republicans have insisted they will not make changes in their proposed constitutional amendment. The proposal would require that federal outlays and revenues be in balance every year after 2002 unless the nation is at war or a three-fifths majority in both houses votes for a deficit.

But the decision last week by Sen. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J., to vote against the plan left Republicans one vote short of the 67 votes needed to approve a

constitutional amendment in the Senate. All 56 Republican and 11 Democratic senators have said they will vote for the measure.

A final vote is scheduled for late Tuesday. Lott, R-Miss., said on CBS' "Face the Nation" that in the closing hours "we're looking at every possibility" for ways to win the deciding vote.

"We are considering making a change perhaps in the numbers that it would take to get out of the balanced budget in a recession or a national security

emergency," he said. Friday, Lott suggested that Republicans would consider some form of capital budget, a system states use that separates long-term construction projects from the general budget.

In the three weeks the balanced budget amendment has been on the Senate floor, Republicans have defeated every Democratic attempt to change their bill — including exempting Social Security from budget calculations, creating a capital budget or making it eas-

ier to lift the budget-balancing requirement in times of economic hardship or national security crisis.

The amendment's chief Senate sponsor, Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said on NBC's "Meet the Press" that two Democratic senators, who he did not identify, potentially could switch in favor of the amendment.

Lott said the amendment was needed as "additional leverage" because of GOP warnings that Clinton's plans to balance the

budget was based on faulty numbers and a net tax increase. He cited predictions by the Congressional Budget Office that the president's plan could fall \$80 billion short of balance.

Clinton has opposed the balanced budget amendment, saying the real work of the White House and Congress is to draw a definite path to balance by 2002. He says the president's plan would result in a \$17 billion surplus by 2002 and give the nation net tax relief of \$22 billion.

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Paper won't print more from confession memorandum

DALLAS — The newspaper that published a purported confession by Oklahoma City bombing defendant Timothy McVeigh says it won't put out any more material from the documents it obtained.

The Dallas Morning News on Friday cited a defense team memorandum that said McVeigh admitted to driving the explosives-laden truck that demolished the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in April 1995. It said he chose a daytime attack to ensure a "body count."

The bombing killed 168 people and injured more than 500. McVeigh's trial is to begin later this month in federal court here. Morning News executives said Sunday they will file a statement with in court today saying they would not report any more information "from material used as the source of the previous articles."

The newspaper said the court would be told that the paper "remains sensitive to the tension between Mr. McVeigh's fair trial rights and the national public interest in this case."

Morning News Editor Ralph Langer said the statement is to answer concerns about disrupting the trial. He said the information already published by the newspaper was of overriding public significance, but "any further articles based on the defense reports would not rise to the same level of importance."

Delivery of care to poor, pregnant threatened

DALLAS — Health officials fear new welfare rules could reduce medical coverage for poor pregnant women and their children.

"We're scared to death; we truly are," said Dr. Gary Cunningham, chief of obstetrics and gynecology at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas.

"I have no doubt that it's a massive threat to the system." Federal welfare reform laws cutting off payment for many medical services for legal and undocumented immigrants were supposed to start in January. But not much has changed because federal regulators have yet to write specific enforcement laws.

Jurors set to resume deliberations in Burzynski trial

HOUSTON — Jurors try again today to do what they say is impossible: reach a verdict in the trial of Dr. Stanislaw Burzynski, the man prosecutors say illegally marketed an unapproved cancer treatment to dying patients.

The jury twice sent notes to U.S. District Judge Sam Lake last week, they were dismissed. Lake pressed them to continue deliberating. By Friday they had spent 33 hours discussing the case over a six-day period.

Palestinians protesting Jewish housing project

HEBRON, West Bank (AP) — Palestinians shut down shops and schools in a general strike today to protest Israeli plans for a Jewish housing project in east Jerusalem, an area the Palestinians claim as a future capital.

Public transportation came to a halt and workers stayed home from their jobs throughout the West Bank, Gaza Strip and east Jerusalem.

Yasser Arafat's police enforced the strike in some areas, including the West Bank town of Hebron and the Gaza Strip. In Gaza City, police pulled over cars and asked motorists where they were headed. Those who didn't have a compelling reason for being out on the street were asked to go home.

Strikes were a common tool of protest during the 1987-1993

uprising against Israeli occupation. They are meant to show Palestinian unity, and have little effect on Israel's economy.

Today's five-hour strike was called by the Palestinian legislative council.

In Hebron, storefronts were shuttered with iron gates and streets were deserted in heavy rain.

Nidal Abu Hadid, a 30-year-old grocery store owner, warned that Israeli construction in east Jerusalem could spark violence on the scale of last September's clashes between Israeli troops and Palestinian police, which killed 80 people. Those protests were prompted by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's decision to open a new entrance to a tourist tunnel along Muslim holy sites in Jerusalem.

"If Netanyahu insists on building in east Jerusalem, this

time there will be more bloodshed," Abu Hadid said.

Netanyahu toured east Jerusalem today to emphasize his government's promise to also invest in housing for Palestinians in the city. "It is well known that we have plans to build for both Jews and Arabs in east Jerusalem," he said.

Israel has imposed heavy restrictions on Arab housing plans in the past to ensure that the number of Palestinian residents not increase beyond 28 percent of the population — about what it was when Israel captured east Jerusalem in the 1967 Mideast war.

Israel decided last week to build 6,500 homes for Jews in an area of east Jerusalem that is called Jabal Abu Ghnaim in Arabic and Har Homa in Hebrew.

Also today, the Haaretz newspaper reported that Israel's defense minister has approved a West Bank construction plan to link the largest Jewish settlement there with Jerusalem. The plan involves the construction of more than 1,000 homes and 3,000 hotel rooms. The ministry would not comment on the report.

Palestinians fear such construction will cut off east Jerusalem from the West Bank, and make it harder to maintain territorial integrity of the eastern sector captured by Israel from Jordan in the 1967 Mideast war.

The strike coincided with Arafat's visit to the United States. The Palestinian leader, who has pleaded for the world's help in stopping the Har Homa project, was to meet with President Clinton today.

Train derails in Pakistan; rescuers say at least 125 dead

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — A runaway passenger train jumped the tracks in Pakistan's eastern Punjab province today, killing at least 125 passengers and crew members.

Another 150 passengers were injured when the brakes failed on the express train a mile outside of Khaniwal, 240 miles southeast of Islamabad, rescue workers said.

Ambulances carried away 125 bodies — including those of 19 children, rescue and hospital workers said. Authorities feared the death toll would increase.

Hours after the accident, many riders remained trapped

inside the overturned railway cars, said Shamshed Iqbal, another ambulance worker. Some of the cars had rolled on top of others, making rescue that much more difficult.

"You can hear the people screaming for help, but we can't reach them," Iqbal said. "We are having trouble getting to them."

The government called in the army to help. Rescue workers used torches to cut their way into the cars.

Zubair and Iqbal, both contacted in Khaniwal, said many of the injured were in critical condition.

Carrying 1,500 people, the 17-

car train was en route from Peshawar in Pakistan's Northwest Frontier province to southern Karachi on the Arabian Sea when the accident occurred early this morning.

The train was apparently ordered to stop to make way for a second passenger train that was leaving Khaniwal, railway authorities said.

When the operator of the train realized the brakes had failed, he drove the train onto a track for runaway trains. It jumped the tracks and the first five cars overturned, rail officials said.

Most of the dead and injured were sleeping in these cars when the accident occurred,

said Iqbal.

Villagers from Khaniwal were some of the first on the scene, pulling the bodies from the overturned rail cars and covering them with white shrouds, witnesses said.

It took at least 15 ambulances to carry the dead and wounded to nearby towns.

"The bodies are still arriving. Many of them are barely recognizable," said Omar Hyatt, a worker at Khaniwal Hospital.

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif took a helicopter to the scene of the accident. He also went to the hospital in Khaniwal, where hundreds of people had gathered to donate blood.

NASA says clear data still coming from 25-year-old Pioneer 10 space probe

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Already having blazed many trails in space, the Pioneer 10 space probe has reached another landmark: 25 years in space.

On Sunday, the Earth's farthest space traveler, showed its stuff by beaming back crystal-clear data to a NASA control room in Northern California.

"I would consider it a good day," said Rick Eagle, a flight operations specialist for the NASA Ames Research Center in Mountain View.

"The deletion rate is zero. Which means we're not missing any of the data the spacecraft is sending out," he said in a telephone interview.

An official celebration was scheduled for today in Washington, D.C. for Pioneer 10's silver anniversary — which is also its last.

The spacecraft's pulse is growing too weak to perform any significant scientific work. It has only enough energy to power one of its 11 original programs.

NASA will stop funding the project on March 31. A few space companies and scientists will periodically monitor Pioneer 10, but NASA will pretty much let it float away.

Eagle, who has worked on the program for more than a decade, admitted that it was tough to think about those ominous three words: end of mission.

"Before, when we just lost

spacecraft, it was kind of business as usual. But now, this is it. This is the last one," he said.

Launched March 2, 1972, Pioneer 10 was the first human-made object to blast out of the solar system and, at 6 billion miles away, is currently the farthest such object from Earth.

Not bad for a probe designed for a 21-month mission to Jupiter.

The 570-pound Pioneer 10 was boosted into space by an Atlas-Centaur rocket 25 years ago and survived its first obstacle, the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter. It also made it through Jupiter's high radiation levels.

In December 1973, Pioneer 10 sent back the first close-up views of the cloud-covered planet.

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OUR VIEWS

Public Schools Week worth celebrating

It's Public Schools Week in Texas and we think that in itself is reason to celebrate.

For decades, public schools have produced educators, industrialists, journalists, doctors, mechanics ... the fact of the matter is that if there is a profession, our public schools have helped train and prepare young men and women for it.

This week is the one when members of the community — particularly parents — are invited into the schools to see what offerings there are in the way of both academics and extracurricular activities.

In Big Spring, the elementary schools and Anderson Kindergarten Center will all have specific activities involving parents and students.

But even if you no longer have a child in public school, we encourage you to take the time to go by a campus and visit.

And while you're there, thank a teacher for the oft times thankless job they do to prepare our youngsters for the world ahead of them.

YOUR VIEWS

Organizers of Christian youth activities say thanks for help

To THE EDITOR:
Thank you for your help in promoting the Friday night R.O.C.K. and Saturday Night concert series Feb. 7-8. We have had a wonderful response from teens and parents and want to share our appreciation for you. Again, we realize that without your community minded support the past concert would not have proved as successful as it was.

R. CRAIG FELTY
Cornerstone Church
Big Spring

Coahoma resident critical of commissioners on VFD bingo

To THE EDITOR:
I have certainly been very disappointed in the county commissioners. You would think when a person gives of his time to be a volunteer, especially a fireman, they would receive praise, not criticism like Mr. Kilgore and Mr. Crooker are giving. I wonder how many nights they have climbed out of bed to go fight a fire. The volunteer firemen do not receive any pay like the commissioners.

I was wondering who gave the order for the dispatchers to call Rescue 10, because every time there is an accident or

fire the dispatcher calls Rescue 10.

We travel a lot and have been in communities where the volunteer firemen, once a week, hold bingo and have food to serve; all the proceeds have gone to buy fire trucks, equipment, supplies for the ambulance. Colorado City firemen had bingo once a week and with their proceeds purchased a truck.

I believe if the commissioners would get out and do some checking they would find out why the Big Spring firemen lost money on bingo.

There is nothing wrong with bingo, every person that goes, does so on his own, nobody twists their arm. Proceeds can be used in many good useful ways.

Of course, when you are an elected official, drawing a "high salary" paid by taxpayer's money, you can really sit up there and be critical. Mr. Kilgore, Mr. Crooker, election time will come around again and maybe the people out in the county of each of these men will remember, they didn't want firemen to earn money through bingo, but had rather use taxpayer's money to buy equipment, etc.

My hat goes off to any person that goes out and fights the fires so our homes out in the country can be safe.

MAXINE HINSLEY
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Let's get sane about our political fund-raising

Editorial writers and ethics monitors, pundits and politicians are in an orgy of moralizing and shedding crocodile tears over the fund-raising tactics of President Clinton and the Democrats.



CARL ROWAN
Syndicated
Columnist

This story of an insecure president approving things that range from ludicrous to loony (and possibly the illegal), all in his desire to pay for his re-election, may turn out to be much ado that changes nothing.

Have you noticed that President Clinton still has a high public approval rating, even though he pushed the idea of rewarding donors of big money with a guest night in the White House Lincoln Room? Perhaps the average American doesn't make much of the fact that Clinton has had 938 overnight guests at the White House, compared to 273 for George Bush, because

there's no such thing as being a little bit crass. Both have entertained big-money givers.

How many fat-cat guests may a president invite to the White House for stroking before it becomes "smelly moneygrubbing," or even illegal?

Among the many Thursday headlines about the fund-raising tempest was one declaring that "GOP Senators Seek to Curb Panel's Fund-Raising Probe." The story said Republicans want Sen. Fred Thompson to limit his investigations of fund-raising abuses to the 1996 presidential campaign so as not to risk unearthing illegal activities by Republican congressional candidates.

Republicans want to continue to exploit the stupidities of the Democratic National Committee, and the now admitted role of President Clinton, without either exposing their own abuses or adding to the clamor for strict new laws to govern campaign financing. Republicans have traditionally raised far more money than Democrats.

Republican nervousness may create a situation in which, despite the current media furor, nothing is done to lay

out clear laws and rules about how much money a candidate can raise from whom — or how it may be raised.

The most serious public concern as of now is that foreign governments such as China and Indonesia may have used political donations to influence U.S. policy. As we await probes into these allegations, we ought to be mindful that the U.S. has systematically used money surreptitiously to try to influence the outcome of elections all over the world. From Japan to the Dominican Republic to Western Europe our CIA has used the labor movement, youth groups and every organization imaginable to try to ensure the elections of people friendly to the United States and democracy.

Should anyone be surprised that other countries are trying secretly to influence U.S. elections?

Another area of Republican highlighting, and of media concern, is that Clinton had aides who specifically targeted Asian Americans, African Americans and other ethnic groups for levels of campaign donations never achieved before. Well, what's wrong with that? Is it morally or legally worse than

Republicans perennially court-titillation and hypocrisy, my profession is lumping what is as American as free political speech with what is sleazy or what may be criminal. A John Huang who merely taps grateful, wealthy Asian Americans to the Democrats' benefit is far different from a John Huang who launders foreign donations or who uses kickback schemes as he shakes down Asians.

Allegations of all these things get written in the same stories and whispered in the same breaths.

A president who signs off on a tacky, smelly invitation list is different from a president who is clearly breaking the law.

The American people ought to let the grand juries and the other enforcers of the laws determine our ultimate judgments, not holier-than-thou posturers, and surely not the politicians who ultimately want to thwart positive changes in our campaign financing laws.

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We lack solutions for our nation's health care system

Sooner or later, despite the timidity of the politicians, the subject of health care will arise again. The system is out of kilter.

Whenever it does intrude itself into the consciousness of our leaders, I hope this time they will address the real problems and do so in a sensible, non-hysterical manner.

The real problem is that the cost of treatment of any serious illness or injury is so high that even prudent people can be wiped out financially, and insurance companies are forced to continue raising premiums and deductibles to the point that a small businessman is hard-pressed to afford them.

It would be silly, and this is one of things we ought to resist, to begin by trying to assign blame. The cost problem is to a large extent systemic. The third-party-payer system, whether private insurance or

government, effectively took the free market out of medicine. The price became not what the patient could afford but what the insurance companies or the government would pay. There was no reason for the doctor and patient to bargain. Nor was there any basis for doctors and hospitals to compete on price.

So that was one factor. Another factor was government regulations, which imposed real costs on hospitals, both capital outlays and personnel costs. There is no such thing as a cost-free regulation.

Still a third factor was technology and advances, especially in what are called heroic surgical procedures — organ replacements, for example, and new machines. All of those also increased the costs, and these costs had to be spread to every patient whether they came in for a heart transplant or an ingrown toenail.

Finally, underlying it all, was monetary inflation. Forget the health care industry for a moment. The U.S. dollar, because of Congress's fiscal irresponsibility and the central bank's actions, has lost its purchasing power. Politicians, to hide that fact, keep changing the base year. But if you mea-

sure the purchasing power of the dollar as it was in 1967, then you need about \$40,000 today to buy what \$10,000 bought in 1967.

In such a situation, those who can — businesses and professionals — raise prices and fees to compensate for the loss of purchasing power. Rather than admit their own culpability in destroying the purchasing power of the dollar, it pleases the politicians to blame the private sector for "inflation."

But it is still true that a doctor, for example, whose income is \$200,000 a year, can buy with that money only what a doctor making \$50,000 a year in 1967 could buy. The \$150,000 difference represents the value stolen by government and central bank inflation.

Naturally, wage earners, particularly those in low-end jobs, and small businesses trying to compete with giant discount houses cannot keep up with inflation. Thus ensues the beginning of a growing gap between the rich and the poor.

Thus ensues the souring of the nation's political and social disposition. Just measured from 1980 to 1992, inflation was 70 percent, and the average income of 90 percent of the families and individuals who

file income taxes rose only 67 percent. During the same period, the average income of the top 1 percent rose 215 percent.

The point is, there is now the situation that about 90 percent of the families and individuals in America, unless they have health insurance, which most can only afford if an employer subsidizes it, run the risk of financial ruin from even a relatively minor accident or illness that involves surgery and hospitalization.

That's the core problem, and unfortunately, free enterprise, which would be my preference, is not politically possible. To get back to free enterprise, one would have to eliminate Medicaid, Medicare and private third-party insurance.

So forget it. It's not going to happen. There are certain Rubicons in the life of a nation that once crossed can never be recrossed.

If I were as arrogant as some in this business, I'd offer a simple solution, but I don't know the answer. All I know is that it will require study and reason, not demagoguery, to find a solution.

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Rally falls short as Hawks drop 17-14 marathon

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Fans at Jack Barber Field Sunday didn't know if they were watching baseball, football or a "Twilight Zone" episode.

The Howard College Hawks threw four pitchers at El Paso Community College, surrendered a total of 16 hits and went into the bottom of the eighth inning down by 10 runs — yet the Hawks had a legitimate chance to win the game.

Allow an explanation. The Hawks' game with El Paso Sunday — which ended in a 17-14 Tejanos' victory that gave El Paso two wins in the three-game weekend series — was a surreal comedy in two acts. Act one involved El Paso tearing through four Howard pitchers en route to 10-leads in both the seventh and eighth innings.

The second half, however, is what had a vocal contingent of Howard fans cheering the loudest. That's when the Hawks rallied for 12 runs in the final three innings, and had the winning run at bat when the final out was recorded.

Thrown in for dramatic ten-

sion were a few controversial umpire rulings and words between opposing players.

If Howard coach Brian Roper had been a critic, he would have given the entire affair a thumbs down — especially where his team was concerned. "We struggled everywhere, in all phases," Roper said. "If I should blame anyone, I should blame myself for not getting the job done. We're a far more talented team than they are, and we struggled in all aspects of the game."

"We don't play the game right, we don't handle the umpires right and we don't

know how to act," Roper added.

The Hawks (8-6 overall, 3-4 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play) were thrown into a deep hole early. El Paso (10-10, 4-6) struck for four unearned runs in the first inning, and gradually expanded that lead to 14-2 heading into the bottom of the seventh inning.

But the Hawks, facing an early exit via the 10-run rule, decided to extend matters. With two outs, first baseman Joey Cole brought the deficit back down to single digits with a three-run home run to right field.

But things got even more interesting after that. El Paso came back in the top of the eighth with three more runs, once again threatening to end the game early, but the Hawks rallied one more time, scoring four runs in their half of the inning to force one more stanza.

That's when Howard almost came up with one of the most improbable victories on record. With two outs, the Hawks sent seven players to the plate, scored three runs and had the bases full when Jason Plumlee, the potential winning run, flied out to center to finally end

Sunday's four-hour marathon.

The Hawks play Tuesday at McMurry University before returning to action at home Saturday and Sunday against New Mexico Junior College.

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Rodriguez, Beich (8), Munoz (8), Durrett (9) and Vargas; McIntyre, Lant (5), Ledbetter (5), Martin (7) and Hawkins; W — Rodriguez; L — McIntyre; Sv — Durrett; LOB — El Paso 8, Howard 9; DP — El Paso 2; E — El Paso (Arrieta, Beich), Howard (Nelson, Absher); 2B — Groomer 2, Runnells, Cole, Absher; 3B — Durrett, Vargas; HR — Solis, Porras, Horton, Cole, Gurule; SF — Porras, Groomer; SB — Solis, Wood; HBP — By Rodriguez (Cole); by Lant (Arrieta, Durrett); by Ledbetter (Solis 2).

NASCAR inspection may ruin Wallace win at Excitement 400

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Rusty Wallace wasn't happy with Jeff Gordon's hard driving at the end of the Pontiac Excitement 400. A short time later, NASCAR wasn't happy with Wallace.

The engine in Wallace's winning Ford Thunderbird failed a critical post-race test, and NASCAR officials said they were taking it for further testing.

"It was marginal on compression, so they're taking it to an environment where they can check it at one of NASCAR's facilities," Robin Pemberton, Wallace's crew chief, told the Richmond Times-Dispatch.

NASCAR spokesman Kevin Triplett released few details about the problem. He said an announcement probably would come today.

Last year, NASCAR limited engines to 14:1 compression on restrictor-plate superspeedways like Daytona and Talladega. This year, the requirement applies to all tracks.

However, drivers found using illegal engines haven't been stripped of victories in the past. Richard Petty was allowed to keep one in 1983, and Mark Martin retained one here in 1990.

In both cases, fines were assessed, crew members punished and Winston Cup points forfeited, but the driver who took the checkered flag remained the winner.

A points penalty against Wallace almost certainly would kill his chances of a second Winston Cup title this year. Wallace, the 1989 champion, stood 10th unofficially in points after the race, 155 behind 1995 winner Gordon.

Wallace also could forfeit \$86,775 in prize money.

For Pemberton, the penalties could be more severe. He was the crew chief on Martin's car when it was found to have an illegal part here, a violation that cost Martin 46 points in the series standings. He lost the 1990 championship by 26 points

MOTOR SPORTS

to Dale Earnhardt.

Before the engine question arose, Wallace said he was annoyed at how Gordon drove at the end of the race.

Gordon, a lap down to the leaders, jockeyed to get ahead of them in case another caution came out. That would have put him fifth in line for the resulting restart, giving him a chance to win an unprecedented third straight event at the start of a Winston Cup season.

"He thought he had a chance to win being a lap down with five to go?," Wallace scoffed. "I don't know. That's pretty tough to do. You've gotta be Houdini, although that kid's pretty good. I don't know."

Ernie Ivan said Gordon ran over the left front of his car, sending him into the wall on the fourth turn with seven laps to go. He was fourth at the time, finished 36th and promised to remember in a future race.

"That is pretty bad when somebody takes it away from you," Ivan said. "But what goes around comes around. A lapped car should not try to dictate what happens at the end of the race. We all earned what we had."

Gordon finished fourth. He blamed the other drivers for not letting him get to his rightful spot in line for two late-race restarts.

"I really thought I could win the race if we got our lap back and the caution came out," he said. "And that's exactly what happened."

Gordon said he would have regained the lap by beating Wallace, Dale Jarrett and Geoff Bodine in a four-wide sprint to the start-finish line, except that he had to dodge Ivan's car after it bounced off the wall.

Ivan's wreck brought out the second caution of the last 19 laps with six to go. Wallace then blew by Jarrett when the race went back to green with

three laps left for his sixth career victory at Richmond. He's now been in the top 10 in 17 of the last 18 races here, and has won six of them.

"The guys told me to get the tires cleaned off real good," Wallace said. "I laid back on the car about a half a length, and just about the time I thought (Jarrett) was going to pick it up, I nailed it. It worked out perfect. It doesn't always work out that way."

Wallace led for 90 of the last 96 laps and seemed primed to run away until the two late cautions. His final surge regained the lead he lost when Jarrett just beat him in the sprint following Ivan's crash.

If Wallace's victory becomes official, it would be his first of the season and 47th of his career.

Bodine passed Jarrett for second, giving Fords a 1-2-3 finish. Gordon was the top Chevrolet finisher, followed by the Pontiac of Bobby Hamilton.

Ricky Rudd, originally declared the fifth-place finisher in his Ford, and Terry Labonte, Bobby Labonte and Johnny Benson were penalized one position apiece for violating NASCAR's rule governing restarts in the final 25 laps.

Wallace, embarrassed by his sixth-place showing here last September, won by .441 seconds at a record speed of 108.499 mph. The late Davey Allison held the old mark of 107.709, set in this race in 1993.

Jarrett, who led 172 laps to Wallace's 135, failed to win for the second straight week after dominating. He's now led for 323 of the 993 laps run in three races, but remains winless.

Gordon, the 25-year-old defending race champion, still leads the points standings with 525. He is 63 ahead of Hendrick Motorsports teammate Terry Labonte, the defending series champion; 76 ahead of Jarrett and 77 ahead of Rudd.

Earnhardt, the seven-time series champion, was not a factor.

UIL crowns five new girls' champs

AUSTIN (AP) — Five new champions were crowned at the girls' state basketball tournament, but most of the teams were no strangers to the annual Final Four in Austin.

Duncanville in Class 5A, Levelland in Class 4A, Mont Belvieu Barbers Hill in Class 3A, all had won titles in previous years, and Poth in Class 2A, while not having won before, was playing in its third straight state tournament.

Only Class 4A champion Whiteface won it all while making its debut in Austin.

It was one of the most lopsided tournaments in recent history. There were no overtime games as blowouts dominated.

The average margin of victory through the tournament's 10 semifinal games was 23 points. The highest margin was 45 (Whiteface 82, Henrietta Midway 37).

Three of the five finals on Saturday were close, including the 5A championship between Duncanville and Allief Elsik.

Led by Tennessee signee Tamika Catchings, who had 19 points and 12 rebounds, Duncanville used its pressure man-to-man defense and an error-free offense down the stretch to defeat Elsik 44-33.

The Pantherettes made history, matching South Oak Cliff in 1980, as the only teams to go 40-0. But it was an emotional footnote that was on the mind of coach Sara Hackerott after the title game.

It was Duncanville's fifth state title, but first since legendary coach Sandra Meadows died of cancer in 1994. Meadows guided the school to state titles in 1976 and 1988-90.

"Every time I've been here, with the exception of 1995 and 1997, it was with her. I'd like to think all the things she passed on and was willing to share with me is part of the reason we won," Hackerott said.

Allief Elsik (37-2) left the state tournament as a disappointed runner-up for the second straight year. The Rams were the favorite to win it all last

BOYS' PAIRINGS

DALLAS (AP) — Pairings for the University Interscholastic League's boys tournament at Austin's Frank Erwin Center on Thursday, Friday and Saturday:

Semifinals
Thursday, March 6

Class 1A

Wortham (25-2) vs. Weatherford Brock (28-8), 8:30 a.m.

Moulton (37-2) vs. Nazareth (31-4), 10 a.m.

Class 3A

Kountze (31-4) vs. Dallas Madison (26-7), 2 p.m.

Tulia (34-2) vs. Sinton (23-14), 3:30 p.m.

Class 4A

SA Fox Tech (34-3) vs. Sweetwater (25-11), 7 p.m.

Dallas Lincoln (30-7) vs. Houston Wheatley (23-9), 8:30 p.m.

Friday, March 7

Class 2A

Vanderbilt Industrial (32-4) vs. Tahoka (29-6), 9:30 a.m.

Woden (34-2) vs. Italy (25-4), 11 a.m.

Class 5A

Galena Park North Shore (33-3) vs. SA Taft (33-5), 3 p.m.

Dallas Kimball (36-2) vs. Duncanville (29-7), 7 p.m.

Finals Saturday, March 8

Class 1A, 9 a.m.

Class 3A, 10:30 a.m.

Class 2A, 2:30 p.m.

Class 4A, 4 p.m.

Class 5A, 8 p.m.

year with a record of 39-0 but lost in the finals in double overtime to Austin Westlake.

In Class 4A, Levelland won its seventh state title in 10 tournament appearances by slowing the pace of the championship to a crawl and wiping out Cedar Hill's running game in a 36-33 victory.

Levelland (32-3), which gobbles up the clock by turning each offensive possession into an event with up to a dozen passes before a shot, replaced its own record for lowest point total by a 4A title winner. The previous mark was 38, set by the Loboettes in 1988.

Levelland disposed of Canyon, the state's top-ranked

4A team, in the playoffs by the score of 24-22 and never considered itself an underdog against Cedar Hill (34-4), which featured Texas signee Jo Ruth Woods.

"They thought all along we were going to win," said Levelland coach Dean Weese, who collected his 10th state title, including three at Spearman. "We had a mountain to climb when we beat Canyon. We had to convince these people we had bigger games ahead."

In Class 3A, Barbers Hill defeated Dripping Springs 66-45, giving the school its first state championship since coach Pennee Hall was a player and led the Lady Eagles to their second straight title in 1983.

"It's a totally different experience," said Hall. "As a coach, you get a lot more nervous because you're not in control like you are when you're a player."

Dripping Springs, winner of the state title in 1994, finished the year 30-10.

In Class 2A, Poth finally got over its totally different jitters and defeated Shallowater 54-50 for the title.

Poth (33-4) didn't get past the semifinals in trips to Austin in 1995 and 1996, but it knocked off top-ranked Gunter in this year's semis and then held off a late comeback by Shallowater (37-4).

"The first time here, it was like, 'Oh my God, we're playing in the Frank Erwin Center,'" said senior Jimmie Jo Conn. "Yesterday when we walked in, though, it was no big deal."

In Class A, Whiteface used its depth and a sophisticated trapping defense to take Celeste out of its offense and claim the title with a 59-39 victory.

"We've played tough defensive teams," said Celeste guard Tessa Davis. "But not a trapping defense like that one."

Whiteface (35-1) won its two state tournament games by an average of 32 points, while Celeste, which lost in last year's finals to Nazareth, finished the year 32-4.

Magic suffer first loss under Aduabato

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Thanks to Gary Payton, the Orlando Magic are no longer undefeated under Richie Aduabato.

Payton scored a season-high 32 points Sunday as Seattle snapped the Magic's six-game winning streak, 109-101.

"I step up when I have to step up," said Payton, who also had seven assists and four rebounds. "When I see we are struggling and we need a lift, then I come in and step up."

Shawn Kemp added 17 points and Hersey Hawkins 16 for the SuperSonics, who have won nine of their last 10.

The Magic had won their first six games under Aduabato, who replaced Brian Hill on Feb. 18.

"We played lackadaisical most of the game until the last six minutes," Orlando's Penny Hardaway said. "We waited that long to put the pressure on ... but it was too late."

The Magic pulled within three points before Payton made a 3-pointer for a 104-98 lead with 1:08 left. Sam Perkins, Hersey Hawkins and Greg Graham hit five free throws down the stretch to keep the Sonics in front.

NBA

Nick Anderson led Orlando with 20 points.

In other NBA games, it was Indiana 101, Los Angeles Lakers 85; Utah 93, Vancouver 86; Miami 79, San Antonio 72; Charlotte 108, Minnesota 96; Detroit 82, Atlanta 75; New York 90, Cleveland 82; Phoenix 109, Dallas 108 in overtime; Denver 109, Los Angeles Clippers 107 in overtime; and Portland 112, Philadelphia 95.

Pacers 101, Lakers 85

At Indianapolis, Mark Jackson had 17 points, 15 assists and 10 rebounds for his third triple-double of the season. Reggie Miller added 27 points for Indiana, which won its third consecutive game. Eddie Jones led the Lakers with 28 points.

Jazz 93, Grizzlies 86

At Vancouver, Bryon Russell scored 20 points, including three 3-pointers, as Utah beat the Grizzlies. Karl Malone added 18 points for the Jazz, ending his streak of six straight games with at least 30. Anthony Peeler led the Grizzlies with 25 points and eight assists.

Heat 79, Spurs 72

At Miami, San Antonio produced its lowest point total of the season for the second straight game and the Heat came up with their best defensive effort since Alonzo Mourning's injury. The injury-ravaged Spurs scored only 73 points Friday at Orlando. The Heat (43-14) set a franchise record for victories with 25 games remaining.

Hornets 108, Timberwolves 96

At Minneapolis, Glen Rice continued his torrid scoring with 39 points as Charlotte snapped the Timberwolves' four-game winning streak. Anthony Mason had 15 points, 14 rebounds and eight assists for the Hornets, who have won seven of their last eight. Tom Gugliotta had 18 points, 15 rebounds and seven assists for Minnesota.

Pistons 82, Hawks 75

At Auburn Hills, Grant Hill had 23 points, 10 assists and seven rebounds as Detroit won for the ninth time in 10 games. The Pistons held the Hawks scoreless for over seven minutes in the fourth quarter to snap Atlanta's three-game winning streak.

SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

Gun and bow safety course to begin March 13

Local hunter education instructor Boyce Hale will teach a gun and bow safety course at the Chamber of Commerce conference room March 13-15, beginning at 5 p.m.

Anyone born after Sept. 2, 1971 is required to successfully complete this course before legally hunting in Texas.

Cost of the course is \$10 and covers a lifetime certification.

For more information, call 267-6957 or preregister at Dibrell's Gun Shop at 1307 Gregg St.

Softball meeting scheduled

The Big Spring Slow-Pitch Softball Association is coordinating men's and co-ed leagues for the spring season.

An organizational meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Fun & Food on 11th Place.

For more information, contact Chuck Martin at 264-9233.

Steers drop two in Levelland

The Big Spring High School baseball team dropped two games at a weekend tournament in Levelland.

The Steers dropped decisions of 9-1 to Lamesa and 5-1 to Levelland. The losing pitchers were Blake Hull and Danny Wilson, respectively.

The Steers return to action today at 4 p.m. when they host Snyder at Steer Park.

Netherlands downs U.S. in Fed Cup

HAARLEM, Netherlands — The Dutch

played Martina Navratilova's game, much to the dismay of the new U.S. Fed Cup captain.

"They just chipped and charged," Navratilova said after the Netherlands knocked the defending Fed Cup champion United States out of the international women's team tennis event on Sunday.

It was that type of offensive-minded game that helped Navratilova win a record 167 tournament titles in her career.

After Miriam Oremans routed Chanda Rubin 6-3, 6-0 and Brenda Schultz-McCarthy beat Mary Joe Fernandez 1-6, 6-4, 9-7, clinching the best-of-5, two-day competition, the U.S. won a meaningless doubles match.

The Netherlands, which lost its only Fed Cup final in 1968, advanced to the July semifinals in World Group I against the Czech Republic, which defeated a weakened German team that was missing Steffi Graf and Anke Huber.

In the other semifinal, Belgium will be home against France. Belgium upset Spain and France downed Japan in other Group I action.

Phoenix downs Mavs in OT

DALLAS — Facing a difficult path to the playoffs, the Phoenix Suns seem to be headed in the right direction.

The Suns won for the third time in four games Sunday night, rallying from a 27-point third-quarter deficit to beat the Dallas Mavericks 109-108 in overtime on Wayman Tisdale's layup at the buzzer.

"Our goal is to get a shot at the playoffs," Tisdale said. "We have to capitalize on these games and hopefully we can be in the hunt down the stretch."

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AVAILABLE 3-1. 2 bd. 1 bt. New carpet/paint, central h/a. \$400/mo., \$250./dep. 263-8742.

SELL/RENT: 4bd, 2bt \$300.; 2bd, 1bt, 150. Owner Finance. 267-3905.

CLEAN 2 bd. on corner lot. Near college. Inquire late evenings 394-4241.

'91 Camper in Super Condition with all the extras 2ft. & sleeps 5 easily. 263-7176 or see at 616 Bucknell.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Public Sale
A Public Sale to satisfy a landlord's lien will be held on March 6, 1997 at 4:30 PM at Park-N-Look Storage, 711 West 4th Street, Big Spring, TX. Bids to be sealed bids on entire content of each unit. Bidder reserves the right to not accept any bid or withdraw property from sale. Property in each unit will be sold unit by unit. Property being sold includes contents of storage unit:
#10 - Beverly Grange - Assorted Household Items
#45 - Mary Barzaza - Assorted Household Items
#46 - Robert Gonzalez - Assorted Household Items
#48 - Esther Zubiate - Assorted Household Items, clothes, tools and miscellaneous items
1283 February 24, 1997 & March 3, 1997

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Howard County Auditor will accept sealed bids until 10:00 A.M. on March 20, 1997 for two (2) New Motorgraders for the Road and Bridge Department. Specifications may be obtained in the Auditor's Office, 300 S. Main, Big Spring, Tx. or by calling (915) 264-2211. Bids will be presented to the Commissioners' Court on March 24, 1997, at 10:00 A.M. for their consideration. The Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Jackie Olson, County Auditor 1282 March 3 & 12, 1997

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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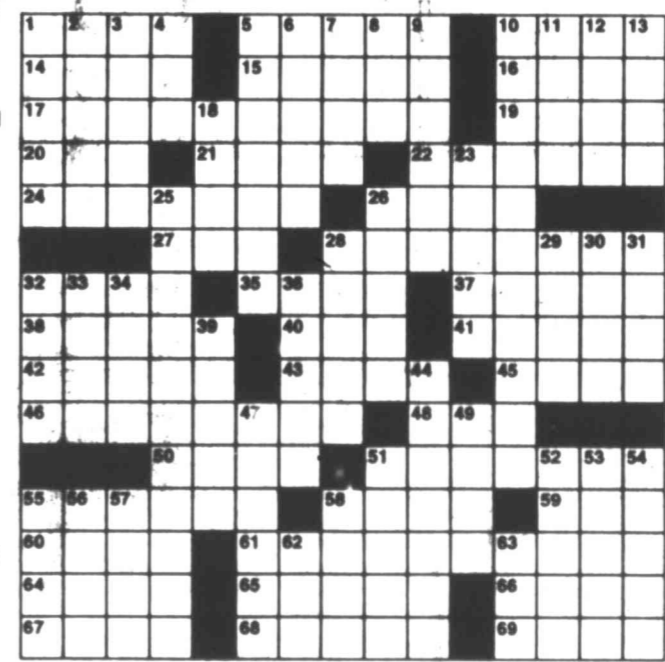
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THE Daily Crossword

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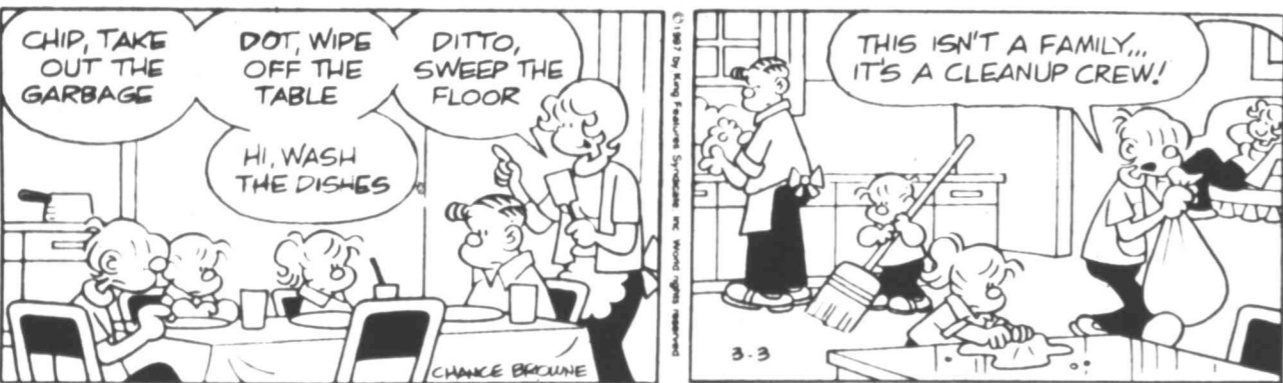
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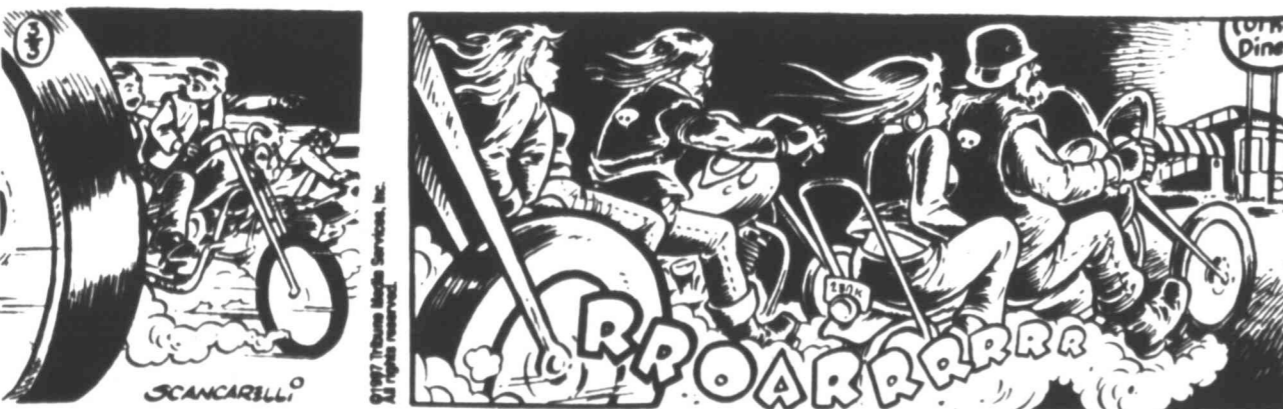
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In 1918, Germany, Austria and Russia signed the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk, which ended Russian participation in World War I. (The treaty was annulled by the November 1918 armistice.) In 1931, "The Star-Spangled Banner" officially became the national anthem of the United States. In 1940, Artie Shaw and his orchestra recorded "Frenesi for RCA Victor. In 1969, Apollo 9 blasted off from Cape Kennedy on a mission to test the lunar module. In 1974, nearly 350 people died when a Turkish Airlines DC-10 crashed shortly after takeoff from Orly Airport in Paris. In 1991, 25 people were killed when a United Airlines Boeing 737-200 inexplicably crashed while approaching the Colorado Springs airport.

In 1991, in a case that sparked a national outcry, motorist Rodney King was severely beaten by Los Angeles police officers in a scene captured on amateur video.

Ten years ago: Comedian Danny Kaye died in Los Angeles at age 74.

Five years ago: In so-called Junior Tuesday political contests, Democrat Paul Tsongas won primaries in Maryland and Utah; Bill Clinton won in Georgia; Jerry Brown in Colorado. Among Republicans, President Bush swept Georgia, Maryland and Colorado. An underground coal mine explosion in Kozlu, Turkey, claimed 270 lives.

One year ago: Israel declared all-out war on the militant group Hamas after a bus bomb in Jerusalem killed 19 people, including the bomber, the third such suicide attack in eight days.

Today's Birthdays: Actor James Doohan is 77. Singer Enzo Stuarti is 72. Lee Radziwill Ross is 64. Singer Jennifer Warnes is 50. Actor Ed Marinaro is 47. Actor-director Tim Kazurinsky is 47. Actress Miranda Richardson is 39. Olympic track and field gold medalist Jackie Joyner-Kersey is 35. Football player Herschel Walker is 35. Rapper-actor Tone-Loc is 31. Rock musician John Bigham (Fishbone) is 28. Actor David Faustino is 23.