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Fraser Industries joining in PalEx

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
News Editor

A new name will soon be added to the list of industries with operations in Big Spring, as Fraser Industries joins two other pallet makers to create PalEx Inc.

While corporate officers of PalEx are forbidden by federal law to discuss specifics of transactions while publicly offering 3 million shares of common stock in the new company, a stock prospectus indicates that the acquisition of Fraser Industries, Ridge Pallets Inc. of Barstow, Fla., and the Interstate Pallet Co. Inc. of Richmond, Va., will create one of the nation's largest pallet firms.

The prospectus indicates PalEx was formed in January of 1996 with the intent of creating a national provider of pallets and related services. However, it also notes that as of the stock offering, PalEx has conducted no operations and generated no revenue.

At the close of the stock offering, PalEx will acquire Fraser, Ridge and Interstate in

separate transactions.

Fraser Industries, one of the leading pallet manufacturers and recyclers in the southwestern U.S., employs more than 800 at 15 plants. In 1996, the company reported revenues of \$49.3 million with net earnings of \$4.6 million.

Ridge, founded in 1967, is a leading manufacturer of pallets in the southeastern U.S. which had 1996 revenues of \$48.3 million and an income from operations of \$4 million. The company currently employs more than 500.

Interstate, founded in 1979, is recognized as an innovator in pallet recycling. It currently has two facilities and employs 60. Its 1996 revenues were \$4.3 million with a net income of \$900,000.

The prospectus indicates that PalEx shares were being offered to the public for \$7.50 at the initial offering. The company is listed on the Nasdaq National Market under the symbol "PALX."

This morning, PalEx shares were trading at a steady \$8 per share with 2,200 shares having traded hands. The stock reached a

high March 25 at \$9.50 per share.

Dan Wilkins of the local Edward D. Jones office noted that PalEx will be like many other new companies in that it's opportunity for growth offers investors an chance for substantial gains that are unlikely to be realized with so-called "blue chip" stocks.

However, Wilkins noted that smaller companies also pose risks less associated with larger, more established firms. "They tend not to have the capitalization of the big corporations and that can make it more difficult for them when they run into a difficult climate."

PalEx will be headquartered in Houston, PalEx's president and chief executive officer is Vance K. Maultsby Jr., who took that position in December. Previously he had been a partner in the Dallas firm of Ernst & Young LLP and managed its corporate finance group. He is a certified public accountant.

Other top officers in the new company include A.E. Holland Jr., chief operating

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PalEx



TROY FRASER, 47:
Troy Fraser's father started what became Fraser Industries in his back yard in Coahoma in 1975. When PalEx was initially offered, Fraser owned 1,417,915 shares of stock valued at \$10,634,362.50. Troy Fraser is the single largest stockholder in the company.



STEVE FRASER, 41:
Steve Fraser began working with his older brother as a teenager. Fraser's financial role in PalEx at the initial offering was 868,111 shares of stock, valued at \$6,510,832.50. He is the fourth largest stockholder in the company.



City's officials seeking funds for Beals Creek

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

City of Big Spring officials are optimistic they can find funding for the increased cost of the Beals Creek project following a recent trip to Austin by City Manager Gary Fuqua and City/County Grant Coordinator Leigh Corson.

The purpose of the trip was to talk to Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission (TNRCC) officials about the project.

The city now has a possible funding option for the project, according to Corson.

Prior to the Austin trip, Corson was working on a grant application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for a Community Development Fund (TDCDF) grant of up to \$345,000 with a \$69,000 match from the city's utility fund.

The city thought it would have to pick either Beals Creek or apply for the funds for the city's ongoing water line improvement project.

According to Corson, this is no longer the case because TNRCC officials have made it a little easier on the city in that the Beals Creek project does not have to be turned down by the TDCDF in order to be considered under the Urgent Need Grant fund.

The city will still apply for the water line grant as well as seek funding for the added costs of Beals Creek.

"There are a variety of activities for which a city can apply for a Texas Department of Community Development Fund grant," Corson said. "This includes the Beals Creek project."

"It was determined in Austin that the Community Development Fund would not work for the project," Corson added. "So, the state is considering the project for funding under its Urgent Need Grant fund."

If successful, the grant would be for up to \$350,000 with a 20

percent match required of the city.

Now that the city has discussed the project with the TNRCC, Corson said the plan is to wait and hopefully the city will know something within a week or so.

Thursday the city sent a letter detailing the project to the TDHCA.

"They will review the project and determine whether it qualifies for funding under the Urgent Need Grant fund," Corson said. "If so, then the city can submit the application for up to \$350,000."

The city began looking for other funding sources for the project after the city council heard a report at its March 25 meeting from Col. Peter Madison of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers updating the status of the project.

The additional amount of contaminated soil is the equivalent of a football field 13 and a half feet high, according to Madison.

The additional contamination was discovered last July, which has suspended construction of the project.

The contaminated soil is not hazardous toxic waste material, but petroleum waste. The challenge has been how to remediate the contamination and reduce the parts per million content.

No one has a solid explanation as to how the additional contamination occurred, but the city is currently acquiring easements for remediation.

The bottom line, according to the Corps, is that because of the additional contamination, project costs have just about doubled for everyone involved.

Instead of the original cost estimate of \$5.73 million — \$4.24 million being the Corps and \$1.49 million the city — the additional contamination has increased the project cost to an estimated \$10,885,800, of which \$2,721,450 would be owed by the city.

According to city estimates, the contaminated soil that has

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HANG ON, BUDDY



Chad Cilburn gets a score of 68 for this bull ride during the Howard College Rodeo Thursday. The rodeo will go on through Saturday. See related story and photo, page 1B.

House committee delaying vote on loan for Texas Eagle service

AUSTIN (AP) A loan that would help continue Texas Eagle passenger rail service in the state was left pending by a House committee.

"I don't feel the need to rush something through that's been given a deadline not self-imposed, but imposed on us," said Rep. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, the chairman of the House Appropriations Committee.

Amtrak is asking Texas for a \$5.6 million loan, payable in a lump sum by August 1999, to keep the Texas Eagle service running and give the company time to diversify its passenger service to include mail and express shipping services.

"I'm trying to turn commercial opportunity into commercial reality," Amtrak Intercity president Mark Crane said Thursday.

The company has already notified the state it will shut down Texas Eagle service May

10, if it does not have support from the state.

Texas has ignored deadlines of March 15 and March 31 as dates in which Amtrak has said a final decision would need to be made on the closure of the Texas line.

Some of the company's 120 employees in Texas will be notified April 9 of a planned closure.

Amtrak's Eagle runs from San Antonio through Austin and Dallas-Fort Worth on to St. Louis, Mo. Its termination would leave Dallas-Fort Worth the nation's ninth largest metropolitan area, without passenger rail and would strip Arkansas of its passenger rail service.

Other affected cities would be Marshall, Longview, San Marcos, Temple and Texarkana. The legislators spent a large part of their debate trying to find out what they would do if the venture failed.

"If I were a betting man, I think we're going to inherit some rail cars pretty quick," Rep. Pete Gallego, D-Alpine, said.

The Texas Department of Transportation could enter into the loan agreement with Amtrak, which would put up as collateral three rail cars with a replacement value of \$2.5 million apiece.

If Amtrak didn't pay back the loan, Texas would get the rail cars. To ensure the state general revenue fund wouldn't be caught short in the upcoming two-year budget period if the rail cars weren't immediately sold, the state highway fund could be used to reimburse the general fund for the loan.

"We don't want these passenger cars, we want the Amtrak service," said Marshall Mayor Audrey Kariel.

Gov. George W. Bush has said he won't oppose the loan as long as it is short-term.

Academy Day set April 13 in San Angelo

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The start of spring usually means landscaping and warm weather wardrobes, but for high school seniors hopeful of being college freshmen in August, spring means making sure academic affairs are in order, especially if those affairs include attending a military academy.

Congressmen Charles Stenholm, Lamar Smith and Henry Bonilla are again sponsoring Academy Day from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 13, at the University Ballroom on the Angelo State University (ASU) campus in San Angelo.

Stenholm aide Jane Schoonmaker said area high school students from these districts with an interest in applying for a nomination to the U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colo.; the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.; the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md.; or the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, N.Y., are invited to the ASU campus.

The primary reason for the orientation is to give interested students a chance to explore the available opportunities at one of the service academies.

"To be eligible to attend an academy, an applicant must be between 17 and 22 years of age, unmarried with no dependents, and a U.S. citizen," Schoonmaker said. "Congressional nominations can be obtained through the U.S. Representative in whose district the applicant resides, from each of the two U.S. Senators from Texas, and from the Vice President of the United States."

According to Schoonmaker, about 80 percent of all academy nominations awarded are through Congressional nominations.

The Academy Day program will allow students to meet Congressional staff members and academy representatives who will be working with them during the nomination process, and will include an explanation of nomination procedures and a videotape of life at each academy.

She said academy selections will be made in mid-December.

Crafts fair, rodeo, Civil War Days top ticket

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.

• Washington Elementary School Science Fair, 2:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. today. Parents are invited to view students' projects on display in the school's library.

• The 11th annual Denim & Diamonds Gala, tonight, 8 p.m. Please see TICKET, page 2A



Daylight Savings Time returns at 2 a.m. Sunday morning. Remember to "spring forward" and set your clock ahead one hour.

Daylight Savings Time will end on Sunday, Oct. 26, when we "fall back."

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TODAY'S WEATHER

73 ▲ Highs 47
Lows ▼

Today: Partly cloudy. High in the lower 70s. Low in the upper 40s.

Saturday: Sunny and windy. High around 75. Saturday night, fair. Low near 40.

Extended outlook: Sunday and Monday, fair. Highs in the lower 70s. Lows in the 40s. Monday, fair. High near 75. Low in the 40s. Tuesday, increasing cloudiness. High in the 70s.

OBITUARIES

Mabel Dean Beene

Mabel Dean Beene, 77, Big Spring, died on Tuesday, April 3, 1997, in a local nursing home. Service will be 10 a.m. Friday, April 4, at the First United Methodist Church, 1001 E. Broadway, with the Rev. Don Green officiating. Burial will be in the Big Spring Cemetery. Friends may call at the church from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday, April 6.



MABEL BEENE

ter, Barbara Ditto, Hermit, one sister, Louella Horn, Hillsboro; 15 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren.

Bernice Sillen

Service for Bernice Sillen, 78, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

She died Thursday, April 3, 1997.

Mary Newell

Mary Newell, 89, Big Spring, died on Thursday, April 3, 1997, in a local hospital. Service will be 2 p.m. Saturday, April 5, 1997, at Nalley Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Kenneth Patrick, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born on Nov. 19, 1907, in Waxahachie, Texas, and married Roscoe T. Newell, Sr. on Sept. 14, 1929, in Greenville, Texas. He preceded her in death on Aug. 5, 1973.

Mrs. Newell was the daughter of J. W. and Minnie Tidwell Frye and moved with her family to Greenville at age six. She attended schools and graduated from high school there. She received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1957 and Master of Arts Degree in 1961 from East Texas State University in Commerce. She taught two years in Fannin County, returning to Greenville in 1935 and then moved to Garden City in 1950. She had worked as assistant clerk to the Glasscock County Clerk. She moved to Big Spring in 1963 where she taught and directed the programs for special children.

She had been a member of First Baptist Church since 1963 and was a member of the Wykita Sunday School Class and had taught Sunday School for many years. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, a member of National State and Local Teachers Association, a member of Retired Teacher's Association and a member of Business and Professional Women's Club.

Survivors include five sons and daughters-in-law: Wesley M. and Helen Newell of Plains, Texas; and Doralee Newell of Garden City, Texas; and Phyllis Newell of Des Moines, Iowa; LaVell K. and Sandra Newell of Hobbs, N.M.; and Donald Duddy and Barbara Newell of Plains, one daughter-in-law, Betty Newell of Dallas, 12 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Roscoe Newell, Jr., and two sons, Clifford and Melvin.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 5, at the Nalley Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

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

W.B. (Pete) Chapman

Services for W.B. (Pete) Chapman, 88, Houston, will be 2 p.m. Saturday, April 5, 1997, in the First United Methodist Church, 1001 E. Broadway, with burial in the Big Spring Cemetery.

He was born on Sept. 7, 1908, in Houston, Texas, and was a member of the Big Spring Chapter of the Elks Lodge.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary, who died on Sept. 10, 1990, in Houston, Texas.

Survivors include four sons: Don, Houston, Texas; Don L., Houston, Texas; Don M., Houston, Texas; and Don N., Houston, Texas.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 5, at the Nalley Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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TICKET

Continued from page 1A until midnight, at the Stampede located on Highway 350. Sponsored by the Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council, admission will be \$25 per couple and \$15 single.

• Big Spring Steers varsity baseball hosts Pecos, 4 p.m. today, at Steer Park.

• High school varsity girls' softball, Big Spring's Lady Steers host Sweetwater at 5 p.m. today at Roy Anderson Park. Coahoma's Lady Bulldogs host Abilene Wylie at 6:30 p.m. today at the Coahoma Softball Park.

• Howard College Rodeo, 7:30 p.m. tonight and Saturday, at the Rodeo Bowl. Athletes from more than 20 colleges will compete against members of the Howard College Rodeo team.

• "Great Texas Trash Off," Saturday morning, sponsored by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and Keep Texas Beautiful Five Adopt-A-Highway groups from Howard County will be participating along with 74 others in TxDOT's Abilene District.

• Big Spring Relays, 9 a.m. Saturday, at Blankenship Field on the Big Spring High School campus. Field events start at 9 a.m., preliminary events start at 11 a.m. and finals start at 3:30 p.m.

• The eighth annual Spring City Arts & Crafts Fair, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Donor's Garrett Coliseum. Admission to the fair is free.

• Civil War Days, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, at the Don Roberts Community Center in Comanche. Trail Park. Admission is free.

• Big Spring High School Key Club Cystic Fibrosis Walk, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Comanche Trail Park.

• Old Southwest Trades Days, all day Saturday and from noon until 5 p.m. Sunday. Downtown Stanton. Admission is free.

FRASER

Continued from page 1A officer and a lawyer. Don L. Fraser, chief development officer and a lawyer, Casey & Fletcher, chief accounting officer, and Stephen C. Stokes, president of Interstate Polymers, a lawyer.

Other members of Fraser's board of directors will include Patrick S. Rowland, currently president of Don Hughes Motors Inc. in Atlanta, John S. Davis, chairman and CEO of USA Music Services Inc., and Sam W. Humphries, currently managing director of Main Street, a merchant banking firm.

Stallard has served as president of Cigna since 1980 and has 20 years of experience in the health industry.

Fraser, who has been president of Fraser Industries since 1978 and currently serves as a member of the Texas Senate, according to the prospectus, has a principal stockholder, he will be the single largest stockholder with 47.95 shares, 24 percent of the company at the close of the current offering.

Fraser currently serves as Hughes' controller and chief financial officer while Stokes founded Interstate Polymers in 1979 and has been its president and CEO from that company's inception.

Stokes, who has headed interstate operations at Fraser Industries, is also among the company's principal stockholders, currently holding 188,111 shares, 6.9 percent of the firm at the current offering's close.

The prospectus indicates that Fraser will operate from 20 facilities in Florida, Texas, Virginia, California, Arkansas, Georgia, Illinois, Mississippi and South Carolina.

TENURED KIWANIS HONORED



The Kiwanis Club honored four long-term members and one new. Pictured are club secretary Billy T. Smith, new member Cary Kyle, Don McGonagill with 25 years, Don Green with 30 years, Ed Corson with 35 years and Robert Stripling with a total of 60 years as a Kiwanis Club member.

BIG SPRING
AROUND THE TOWN

MARKETS

May cotton 72.45 cents a pound, up 13 points. May crude oil 19.62, up 15 points. Cash hogs at \$1 higher at 52.50; slaughter steers at 67; April lean hog futures 73.20, down 77 points; April live cattle futures 67.77, down 30 points.

Courtesy: Delta Corporation.

Non quotes provided by Edward J. Jones & Co.

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Volume 173,460,150

ATT	38 1/2
Amoco	94 1/2
Atlantic Richfield	100 1/2
Ames Energy	24 1/2
Cabot	24 1/2
Chescon	24 1/2
Chrysler	24 1/2
Citrix	1.30-1.34
Coca-Cola	36 1/2
De Beers	57 1/2
DuPont	104 1/2
Excel Comm.	104 1/2
Exxon	92 1/2
Fina	88 1/2
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Goldman Sachs	64 1/2
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Texasaco	30 1/2
Texas Instruments	34 1/2
Texas Utilities Co	27 1/2
Unocal Corp	27 1/2
Wal-Mart	13.50-14.75
Wendy	26.14-27.7
Wynn	24.57-26.37
New Economy	16.51-17.52
New Perspective	18.22-19.44
Van Kampen	14.22-15.38
Prime Rate	3.50%
Gold	347.10-347.50
Silver	4.07-4.10

Texas Lottery

PICK 3: 6, 2, 9
CASH 5: 20, 22, 26, 28, 37

SPRINGBOARD

TODAY
• Spring City Senior Citizens country western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Music by CW & Co. Area seniors invited.
• Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m. Bible study.

• 11th Annual Denim and Diamonds Gala, 6:30 p.m. food and drink at the home of Bob and Carol Scott, 3107 Mountain Shadow, and dance at the Stampede, 8 p.m. \$200 benefactor, \$100 patron and \$50 sponsor.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following arrests between 8 a.m. Thursday and 4 p.m. Friday:

• **SALLY CARLLO**, 47, of 811 E. 16th, was arrested on local warrants.

• **ANGEL LEVARDO**, 17, of 405 Pennsylvania, was arrested on local warrants.

• **STEVEN TIMOTHY SANGFORD**, 34, of 2111 Runnels, was arrested on local warrants.

• **ALVIN HOSCOE FARBER**, 40, no known address, was arrested for public intoxication.

• **JIM BOB WHITE**, 29, of 501 E. 11th, was arrested on local warrants.

• **JOE OLIVIO JR.**, 25, of Fort Worth, was arrested for public intoxication.

• **KEITH GLENN JAMES**, 22, of 515 10th, was arrested on local warrants.

• **KEITH** in the 100 block of Johnson, and the 100 block of 31st.

• **JOHNSTON DISTURBANCE** in the 400 block of Ryon.

• **UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A VEHICLE** in the 1200 block

of Blackmon.

• **THEFT** in the 700 block of Goliad, and the 1100 block of N. Lamesa.

• **FORGERY** in the 500 block of Birdwell.

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The ASSOCIAT

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TEXAS BRIEFS

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Officials won't dismiss drug charges against dead man

ROCKWALL — Robert Staley didn't show up for his day in court again this week, but no one's out beating the bushes for him.

That's because he's been dead for a year. However, the August 1995 cocaine-possession charge against him is very much alive. The county's legal system has kept the case alive, repeatedly resetting pretrial hearings because no death certificate has been received.

Until the death certificate arrives, Staley is officially a bail jumper in the eyes of the law.

"We have to have a death certificate," said Judy Perser, court administrator for state District Judge Sue Pirtle. "Then we will gladly lay him to rest."

18 pickets arrested, brings total to 58 in machinists strike

WICHITA FALLS — Fifty-eight people have been arrested in three days of picketing outside Sheppard Air Force Base as the Machinists union continues its strike against Lockheed Martin Corp.

Eighteen arrests came Thursday, the day before negotiations were to begin concerning the union's demands against Lockheed and JN&C Maintenance Inc., two new aircraft maintenance contractors at Sheppard.

The strike against Lockheed and JN&C began Tuesday. Negotiators from the International Association of Machinists were to begin talks with the companies today about salaries, seniority and the rehiring of 100 machinists who were laid off in the transition.

The arrests came despite a court order directing police to allow union pickets to cross the streets and stand on traffic medians.

Texas Tech to open major historical research center

LUBBOCK — Last week, Texas Tech was playing catch-up with other schools when it broke ground on a new basketball arena.

Today, the school aims for a leadership position with the formal opening of its Southwest Collection research center.

The building will feature literature, art and historical materials on topics ranging from the defunct Southwest Conference to the Vietnam War.

"By June, we would say without fear of contradiction that we've got the best research collection on the Vietnam War in the country," said James R. Reckner, director of Tech's Center for the Study of the Vietnam Conflict. "Especially considering that in 1989 we started with nothing, that's quite an achievement."

In June, Douglas Pike will haul his extensive Indochina Archive from the University of California-Berkeley to the Southwest Collection-Special Collections Library.

Senate approves nursing home bill

AUSTIN — Texas senators, some of whom say pictures of abused and neglected nursing home residents moved them to tears, approved a sweeping nursing home reform bill that would increase penalties for violations of residents' rights.

"There are excellent nursing homes in Texas, but we have also been told of awful situations in specific homes," said Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, sponsor of the bill.

"Awful situations, such as residents who have truly suffered. We saw open wounds on residents of nursing homes that make you cry when you see them. Because of that, we are calling for strict sanctions of violators of our Texas law."

Senate OKs water bill, sends it to House

AUSTIN (AP) — As the rainless days wore on last year, rivers dried up, farmers' fields cracked and nearly all the ground water districts across the state had no plan to deal with the situation.

City councils quickly enacted water use provisions, such as odd-numbered houses sprinkling their lawns on one day and even-numbered houses sprinkling on another.

But those were Band-Aid solutions, temporary fixes for a problem that stood to jeopardize the state's economic viability.

On Thursday, the state Senate took a major step toward correcting the problem by unanimously approving what could become the state's first-ever statewide water conservation

and drought management plan. The bill will now head to the House for consideration.

Texas is one of only three of the 12 Western states without a state drought plan. New Mexico and Wyoming are the others.

The Texas Water Development Board estimates that without planning, shortages could arise that would leave 15 percent of the state's urban water demands unmet by the year 2010. Such a shortage would result in a loss to the Texas economy of up to \$40 billion, the board reported.

Ironically, the bill was approved on a day when rains covered the Capitol and flash flood warnings were in effect.

"Disregard the weather outside and the bountiful rainfall

and think back to last summer, when there was no rainfall," said sponsor Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown, R-Lake Jackson.

"Clean, abundant water in Texas must be a guarantee. There are not any radical provisions to this bill, but it contains several pieces that fit together like a puzzle."

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock has called the bill the most important facing lawmakers this session.

"We have laid the foundation and the framework for a plan that will make sure Texas has enough water to meet both the current needs of our homes and businesses and the demands our growing population will put on the state's water resources in the next century," Bullock said.

Last year's drought, which resulted in federal disaster relief for 95 percent of the state's counties, cost the Texas economy more than \$5 billion.

For decades, lawmakers have been unable to agree on a bill creating a statewide water plan because the regions of the state are so diverse, and drought hadn't directly affected all parts of the state at once until last year. That disaster has mobilized lawmakers into action.

"For those of us in urban areas, water has always seemed plentiful," said Sen. Mike Moncrief, D-Fort Worth. "Whenever you turn on the spigot, the water flowed. It took a disaster to hit us right between the eyes to wake us up."

Hubbell met with Clintons, denied allegations

WASHINGTON (AP) — While his aides were finding work for Webster Hubbell, President Clinton invited the former associate attorney general to his Camp David retreat to ask him whether he was a thief. "I didn't tell him the truth," Hubbell now admits.

Hubbell, a key Whitewater figure, said in an interview late Thursday that the president believed his July 1994 lie. The deception came at a critical time: White House aides were trying to secure financial help for their friend Hubbell, but

said they were unaware he was under criminal investigation for bilking the Little Rock, Ark., law firm where he had been a partner with Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Had they known the truth, Hubbell says the aides would not have helped him land jobs after he left the Justice Department under an ethical cloud. Now those friends, including chief of staff Erskine Bowles and presidential counselor Mack McLarty, face questions by Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr.

Starr wants to know whether presidential pals, aides and supporters tried to buy Hubbell's silence. Hubbell and the White House both deny the jobs were a payoff.

Hubbell's story was in line with remarks by Clinton earlier in the day. The president said McLarty and Bowles had acted "just out of human compassion" and that what they did was entirely proper.

Hubbell spoke to The Associated Press by telephone amid signs that Starr was delving deeper. Among the signs:

— Sources confirmed that McLarty, who helped arrange employment for Hubbell while serving as Clinton's chief of staff, received a subpoena from Starr. Bowles, another who helped Hubbell, also was expected to get a subpoena soon.

— A Texas businessman who hired Hubbell, Bernard Rapoport, was summoned before a Little Rock grand jury.

The grand jury also heard testimony from James McDougal, the convicted former Whitewater business partner of the Clintons.

Survey indicates one-third of teenagers play lottery

AUSTIN (AP) — It's illegal for teenagers under 18 to buy Texas lottery tickets, but that didn't stop one-third of those surveyed in 1995 from playing, according to the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

The study of adult and teenage gambling includes a survey done before the Texas Lottery got started in 1992 and a 1995 followup.

More than 11 percent of Texas teenagers make some sort of bets for money as frequently as once a week or more, according to the study released Thursday.

The percentage of teenagers who gamble didn't increase between 1992 and 1995. But those who do gamble are twice as likely to bet on the lottery now that Texas has its own game and tickets are so widely available.

One-fourth of teenagers surveyed volunteered the information that adults bought their lottery tickets for them. The survey didn't ask that question.

Texas Lottery Commission spokesman Steve Levine said the agency consistently reminds retailers that they can't sell a

state lottery ticket to anyone they know is younger than 18.

"Above all, this is a retailer education issue," Levine said.

Instant-ticket vending machines include warnings that minors may not buy the tickets, he said. In stores within 1,000 feet of a public school, the machines are equipped with remote control switches so clerks can turn them off if those under 18 appear to be trying to buy tickets.

When complaints are received, Levine added, the agency's security division fol-

lows up with telephone calls to gather additional information and remind retailers of the law's requirements.

If an investigation warrants, a retailer's license to sell lottery tickets could be suspended or revoked, according to the agency. A lottery ticket sold to someone under 18 is void.

The Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission's survey of adult Texans found that betting has increased from 49 percent in 1992 to 68 percent in 1995. But 20 percent of adult Texans confine their gambling to the lottery.

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-Alexander Chase

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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:

• **SARAH SANGHAVI**, Rannels Junior High student and winner of the Herald-sponsored Howard County Spelling Bee. Sarah finished as first runner-up in the Regional Spelling Bee in Lubbock.

• **LINDA WALKER**, who recently resigned from her second stint as executive vice president of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce for her efforts and commitment to working on behalf of the growth and betterment of the community.

• **REBECCA RODRIGUEZ**, FRANCIS SALAZAR, LOUISE SCHOCH, LAVARICE "PAT" WEBB, ALFREDO HINOJOS, THEARL J. KINNARD and JO URIBE, local Green Thumb workers recently recognized for their efforts.

• **BIG SPRING LADY STEER SOFTBALL TEAM**, on earning a state playoff berth in its first season in UIL competition.

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.

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OUR POLITICAL GUIDELINES ...

- Each candidate filing for office will receive one story and one mug-size photo.

The story will be approximately 350 words and will be published in a weekday edition on the bottom half of page one.

- In addition, candidate's profiles will run on Sunday, April 27.
- Candidates are responsible for contacting the Herald to schedule the interview and photo for the story.
- We will not publish any letters in support of or opposition to any candidate.



Best of the best is the worst of Hemingway

There's Hemingway... And then there's everything else, including this column. But perhaps the worst of all is imitation Hemingway.

That's how you wind up with titles like "The Old Man and the Internet?"

We know this, of course, because this week's wild and wacky offerings from the Associated Press wire included Jack Schmidt of Ridgefield, Conn., who won a trip for two to Italy for his take on Ernest Hemingway in the information age.

His "Across the Modern and Into the Net" was tops in the Imitation Hemingway Competition.

Rules for the 17th annual contest were simple: "Entrants had to provide one really good page (500 words, typed) of really bad imitation Hemingway. The copy also had to mention Harry's Bar & Grill — nicely."

The contest is sponsored by PEN Center USA West, a group of professional writers that fights censorship — and Harry's Bar & Grill in Century City, Calif.

In all the confusion, cowboy

Schmidt co-wrote his bit with his wife.

It begins: "Then he logged online and it was good. It was not as good as the good days sitting at Harry's Bar drinking Sazeracs and writing the good and true sentences but it was good to be plugged in at home at the keyboard and not have to sharpen pencils and watch the shavings curling into his drink and best of all he could write in his skivvies and did not have to take a bath."

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If people can write such drivel, why not decide that a Kansas City, Mo., steak house would be a good destination for a mock cattle drive.

It wasn't all that bad an idea until more than 100 cattle ran amok in downtown Kansas City as riders attempted to steer them to the Hereford House, which specializes in T-bones, sirloins and ribs.

"We had them under control in the pen before the parade, and in the pen after the parade was done," rodeo cowboy Matt Wansing said following Tuesday's fiasco. "In between, they were in charge."

First, a lone steer trotted into the crowd of about 200 spectators. Then five others headed to the Jones Store Co. department store. The rest ambled a block past a planned turnoff and wound up in the parking lot of the Jackson County courthouse.

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Louisiana swamps a strange place to find Buddha

EVERY ISLAND, La. — This is the land of the unexpected. Of a hill in a swamp, salt in the ground, a Buddha in the woods.

The golden treasure from the Tsung Dynasty sits behind a red Shinto gate and a bamboo fence, high above a mossy pond where you'd expect to see an alligator before you would an Oriental shrine.

"Meditate on nature and man's renewal," the tour brochure suggests. I try. But some believer has brought Buddha a big plate of fruit, and I find myself thinking about supper. What kind of eternal fires await if I swipe one of his bananas?

The best thing about Buddha is his perch — high enough to get a good look around at this place the brochure calls Jungle Gardens. The name pulls me in mind of roadside petting zoos where the animals are half-sick and somebody wants 50 cents for showing you that snake-skins aren't really slick after all.

This place is nothing like

that. There are majestic live oaks bearded with Spanish moss — which, by the way, isn't really Spanish or moss — and hundreds of camellias poised to bloom. There are wisteria arbors and a palm garden. Birds too big for their skinny legs stand about and are not in the least spooked by cars.

It's a lovely place to get married or to honeymoon, if you don't mind telling people that you got hitched where they make hot sauce. We got married in a fever, hotter than a pepper sprout....

For Avery Island is the empire that Tabasco built, and not an island at all, but a salt dome that goes 8 miles deep. The high doloop is surrounded by marsh and swamp and the Bayou Petit Anse.

It was to this plug of salt that naturalist Edward Avery McIlhenny brought his talent and thousands of exotic plants in the late 1800s. (It was his father, Edmund McIlhenny, who first made the famous hot-pepper sauce after the Civil

War. Yankees ran the family off the island and destroyed their sugar-cane plantation and salt business. When the McIlhennys returned, the only thing left growing were hardy pepper plants from Mexican seeds.)

Son Edward became a naturalist, making several Arctic expeditions to study migratory birds. Years later, when he returned to Avery Island, he discovered that a bird closer to home deserved his attention.

The snowy egret, which long had been killed for its plumage, was nearly extinct.

So McIlhenny found seven young egrets and built them an elaborate nesting cage over a pond. (He had learned about the cage in India.) The egrets have been returning every spring since.

They say more than 100,000 birds fly home to Avery Island after wintering in Central and South America. At any rate, there are a whole lot of birds wading the ponds of McIlhenny's garden. And the

natural treasures surround the golden one that Emperor Huitung built. (Friends gave McIlhenny the Buddha in 1937.)

The working end of the island, the factory where the Tabasco is brewed, is closed on Saturday afternoons. So I have to be satisfied with a quick, unauthorized peek at the post office, factory and corporate headquarters.

Tabasco is made of three ingredients: peppers, vinegar and Avery Island salt. The simple recipe is deceptive, however, because the pepper mash is fermented and aged for three years as part of the process. It sounds a whole lot like whiskey-making.

I stand at Buddha and contemplate the lessons of Avery Island. When your sugar is wiped out by the enemy, do something creative with your salt. Protect the birds in your own backyard first. Relish the unexpected.

Or something like that.

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Blooming where you are planted ...

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Gary Smith
Guest
Columnist

years ago, my family and I rode into West Texas, and believe it or not, as the sun was setting on the West Texas Plains, it was gorgeous (even out of the window of a U-Haul moving van)! I had never been to Big Spring, much less West Texas (where I thought the buffalo roamed and the deer and the antelope played). The Lord had led us out of the hiss of Tennessee in 1973, on a journey that has yet to stop. That's the way it is, you know, for many professions,

especially the pastoral ministry. I was a home body, a farm boy, one that was not much for change, and I felt very uncomfortable being very far outside the county line. (I wanted to make sure I could make it back home before night fall). Since then, God's will for me has led me to Florida, Washington, D.C., Iowa, presently, Texas; and soon back to Iowa. No one! And I mean, none, hates moving more than me. But, I have found that God

does some very special things in the lives of those who follow in His steps. One of the very special "things" He does is help you to make something good out of the situation in which you are placed—regardless of how difficult or "ugly." God wants you to take the "lemons" life gives you and make "lemonade." As someone has said, "Bloom where you are planted!" Psalm 18:30 says, "As for God, his way is perfect: the Word of the Lord is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust

in him." Another favorite, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28) I wasn't really sure about settling down in the land of rattlesnakes, scorpions, treeless terrain, and cowboys and Indians. I had never been this way before! But God was leading! My steps were "ordered" (Psalm 37:23)! I know I was in the "will" of God. I knew this was where God wanted me!

Well, it has been 11 years since riding into the sunset. And guess what, it's been the "trip-of-a-lifetime!" We have not been happier and more blessed than in Big Spring, Texas. We would not trade our 11 years for all the gold in Fort Knox. What began as an uncertain journey, has evolved into an experience that we will cherish and forever remember. We will remember the great friends we have made in the business

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CHURCH NEWS

BAPTIST TEMPLE 400 E. 11th Place

Rejoice in Revival at Baptist Temple, 400 E. 11th Place, April 6-9, Sunday morning 10:45 a.m. and nightly 7 p.m. with Evangelist Don Cass and Bill Smith, Jr., music.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST 400 Scurry

"What the World is Waiting For" (1 Thessalonians 4:9-12) is Dr. Ed Williamson's message this Sunday, April 6, at the First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry. The message is about having hope in a seemingly hopeless world. Join us in church at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.

We are on the Internet now with a home page at <http://www.xroadstx.com/user/sfmc/index.htm>.

The First United Methodist Church welcomes all visitors and new residents of Big Spring.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY 1009 Hearn

There will be a workshop for junior high and high school youth, parents and catechists Sunday, April 13, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 1009 Hearn St. with

guest speaker Paul Florez, Diocesan youth director of Lubbock Diocese.

We will begin with a covered dish meal following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please bring salads, vegetables, and desserts. Ham and drinks will be provided by the Religious Education Committee.

Parents, please don't miss this important event.

BIG SPRING GOSPEL OPRY HC Auditorium 1001 Birdwell Lane

The Big Spring Gospel Opry will be Friday, April 11 at 7 p.m. at the Howard College Auditorium, 1001 Birdwell.

The Opry is sponsored by the Grace Victors Gospel Music Group. It was begun for those who enjoy Gospel Music and for those who perform Gospel Music. There are a variety of styles of music using out of town, out of state and local talent. We are always looking for local talent. If you know someone who plays an instrument please call 267-7214.

Admission is free and concessions available.

Church news is due by noon Wednesday for Friday publication.

Contemporary Christian singer to appear

Sheila Swift, a 15-year-old contemporary Christian singer from Houston, will perform on Saturday, April 12, at 7 p.m. at the CrossRoads Community Fellowship at the corner of FM 700 and East 11th Place in Big Spring. There will be no admission charge. She will also sing in the morning worship service on Sunday, April 13, at 10:45 a.m.

An event that changed Sheila's life two and a half years ago strengthened her desire to let others know through her testimony and singing how God has been her support. In November of 1994, she passed out at her home, hitting her head against the wall. After several hours of blurry vision, her mother took her to the doctor for a CAT-scan. A subsequent MRI/MRA confirmed the test that Sheila seemed to have a brain tumor. Many other tests were done and recommendations given all the way to the possibility of a cancerous tumor which could result in death in three to 12 months. A second and then third opinion were performed. The growth appeared to be a benign slow-growing tumor, but any growth would be dangerous and could eventually



SHEILA SWIFT

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LYNN WATSON
Sheila's former
Sunday School teacher

lead to blindness and possibly death.

The family believed from the beginning of this ordeal that they would witness God at work in a mighty way. They didn't know the outcome but trusted fully in God's direction for Sheila's life. They asked for prayer from many churches and friends.

After two arteriograms from yet a third doctor, it was revealed that a twisted artery in her brain with several tangled veins surrounded the

mass. If a biopsy had been performed, as had been recommended by one doctor, it could have punctured any of these veins and been "disastrous." After the second arteriogram, it was suggested that the tumor, or mass, be watched every five months for growth. The family has been warned that if any growth is seen, surgery will be almost inevitable. Again, through prayer and faith in God, the family has been assured that they are on the right track. To date, Sheila has

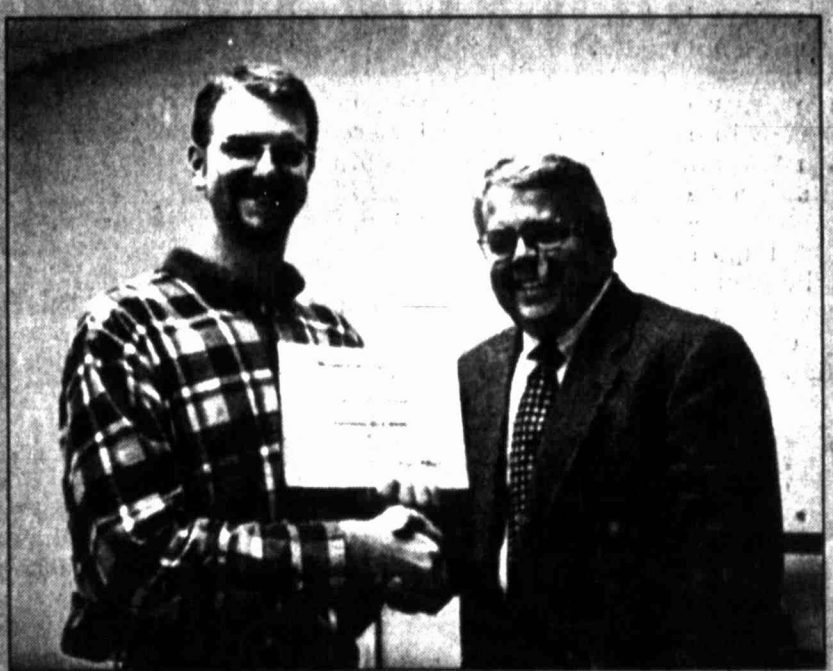
had no chemotherapy, no radiation, and no operations.

On Sheila's 15th birthday, Dec. 3, 1996, the doctor called to say the mass appeared to be in the beginning stages of aging or dying. Sheila was told that she is not "out of the woods" yet, but that her next MRI in May should verify the deterioration. Though Sheila doesn't know the outcome of this ordeal, she does know that God is in control and that all she's asked to do is trust in the Lord and keep on singing.

Damon Shook, pastor of Champion Forest Baptist Church in Houston, where Sheila attends with her family, says, "I gladly recommend to you Sheila Swift. Her testimony of God's grace in the midst of her trials brings glory to her Lord."

Lynn Watson, wife of Wayne Watson, Contemporary Christian Song Artist and Sheila's former Sunday School teacher, says, "It has been a joy for me to see Sheila learn to put her life in the Lord's hands as she faces the uncertainties of the problem with her health. I know that the passion in Sheila's music truly comes from her love and dependence on God."

SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION



Jacob F. Brewer, left, is presented a scholarship certificate by Kenneth Randall, administrator at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Brewer is currently enrolled in the masters of physical therapy program at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. SMMC and the state of Texas are providing Brewer's scholarship funds through the Outstanding Rural Scholar Recognition Program, which assists rural Texas communities in their efforts to recruit and retain the health care professionals necessary to meet their health care needs. Brewer said, "Growing up in this area, I've always thought Big Spring would be an ideal town in which to raise a family. I'm honored to have been chosen for this recognition and am excited at the opportunity to work as a physical therapist for Scenic Mountain Medical Center."

West Texas priests urge parishioners to lay down guns

ABILENE (AP) — Mild-mannered and somewhat soft-spoken Father Joe Uecker doesn't typically preach messages of hellfire and brimstone.

But a series of violent assaults and drive-by shootings among teenagers in a north Abilene neighborhood have caused the Catholic priest to draw a line in the sand.

"We often choose the things that lead to death," Uecker told the faithful recently at St. Vincent Pallotti Catholic Church.

Uecker admonished his parishioners — teens and adults alike — to "turn in their guns, their pistols — to lay them at the foot of the cross."

"I urge you to do it now, to do it at the end of the service, but do it lest they kill anyone else."

"Die to all those things that are opposed to God," he added.

People who depend on guns for protection don't realize they are headed for destruction, Uecker said.

"I hope that people will see the stupidity of relying on guns and knives and on violence itself," he said.

Uecker and his assistant, Father David Matz, became involved in attempting to stop neighborhood violence when a Hispanic community leader asked them to take part in a summit between two battling groups.

The priests returned to their

congregations preaching a message of nonviolence, particularly at St. Vincent where some of the youth involved in the violence attend church.

A similar message has been preached at St. Francis Catholic Church, located on the other side of town. Uecker is priest for both churches.

Uecker and Matz fear that if the violence continues, they will end up burying one of those young people.

Nobody has turned in a gun yet, but Uecker and Matz are praying that people will begin to change in their hearts.

"If I get one, I will consider it successful," Uecker said.

Matz, 34, said he wants to get the point across to parents that their actions might serve to sanction the use of weapons.

"You're not modeling Christian behavior when you place your faith in a gun for protection," he said. "You're putting security in a weapon."

"I asked them, 'Where do you put your security in your pistol ... or in Christ?'"

"It's no wonder to me that

"I buried five murder victims in one year and I got tired of it."

Fr. Joe Uecker

there's a problem with juvenile violence when you've got parents out buying the weapons.

"You're just

telling your kid 'If you're

afraid, it's OK to have a gun.'"

Matz said he vividly remembers delivering the homily at the funeral of Daniel Don, a

teen-ager who was accidentally shot in mid-December.

And unless people heed the

message, more blood will be

shed, he said.

"All I know is that guns are

ruling the day," Matz said in

that homily. "Guns will fasci-

minate us, but in the end, the

fascinating power and beguiling

control they offer won't last."

"And I'll tell you: Guns will

not last. In the end their power

only gives death, but life chal-

lenges us to make some choices

to live like Jesus."

For Uecker, a 29-year-veteran

of the priesthood, it's not the

first time he's called upon peo-

ple to turn in their guns.

The first time was in 1982

when Uecker was in San

Angelo, Texas.

"I buried five murder victims

in one year and I got tired of

it," said Uecker, who moved to

Abilene in 1993 from a church

in Sweetwater, about 40 miles

away.

"I didn't start off as any kind

of a big crusader."

One Sunday in church he told

his parishioners that "if they

couldn't own a gun just for

hunting purposes, then turn it

in and I'd give it to the police."

Somehow the story spread

and Uecker soon received calls

from major news networks and

newspapers interested in the

story.

"It was just all over the

place," said Uecker, a member

of the Society of the Precious

Blood, an organization founded

upon the principles of nonvio-

lence.

Uecker didn't seek notoriety,

but his stand and his message

of nonviolence brought him

into the public view.

"This is totally unlike me,"

he said. "I'm the type of person

that would just as soon stay out

of the limelight."

And Uecker said that it did

seem that the violence did sub-

side due to concerted action

from police and community

officials.

Moreover, about six people

handed over weapons, which he

turned in to the police depart-

ment.

"I didn't have the funerals

like I was having," Uecker

TIPS 'N' TRIVIA

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Lawn care short cuts:

- Prepare your mower - Sharpen your lawn mower blades and service the engine before you use it for the first time this season. With a mower in top shape, you usually mow less often, use less fuel and mow with less effort.
- Leave grass clippings on the lawn - Homeowners usually spend more time collecting grass clippings than mowing! However, clippings actually recycle and return nutrients such as nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium back into the soil. A lawn with clippings needs one-third less fertilizer per year.
- Remove debris from the lawn - Be sure to rake debris such as tree leaves, sticks and dead grass from the lawn to help make the first mowing of the season quicker and easier. Debris does not add any nutrients to a lawn.
- Mow less - Mow only when the grass height reaches three inches, and never remove more than one-third of the leaf surface. Slightly longer grass ensures both shade and cool temperatures for the soil - making it more difficult for weeds to grow.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

CHS presents entertainment

The Coahoma senior class of 1999 is presenting James Milliken and Knights of the West next Thursday. The group provides Branson-style family entertainment. The event is at the high school auditorium at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students and can be purchased in advance at Athletic Supply, Beth Ann's, Joy's Hallmark, and Little Sooper.

Tax assistance available

Volunteers with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program assist in the preparation of 1996 income tax returns at First Presbyterian Church, Eighth and Runnels, each Monday from 9 a.m. to noon through April 14. This is a free service.

THE LAST WORD

Originality does not consist in saying what no one has ever said before, but in saying exactly what you think yourself.

Vauvenargues

I'm a great believer in luck and I find the harder I work the more I have of it.

Thomas Jefferson

Well begun is half done.

Aristotle

The universe is full of magical things patiently waiting for our wits to grow sharper.

Eden Phillpotts

South Texas churches organize fundraising wildflower cycling tour

CUERO — Call them pedaling preachers, celestial cyclists or benevolent bikers.

They ride DeWitt County's backroads weekly, taking in the wildlife and abundant wildflowers, looking for some divine inspiration and getting just some plain ol' relaxation and exercise.

They are three of Cuero's men of the cloth — John Van Deusen, pastor of Grace Episcopal Church; Tad Tadlock, pastor of First United Methodist Church; and Al Hoerig, pastor of St. Marks Lutheran Church.

Twice a week, usually in the mornings, they head out, pedaling their bikes up hills, around curves, and over narrow country roads.

"We head for the backroads mostly because they are less traveled," Van Deusen said. "We know every road in the county."

"That's every paved road," Tadlock is quick to add. "We also know where every cattle guard is." He said there is one

road around Old Clinton community that has seven cattle guards so they have nicknamed it Seven Cattle Guard Road.

Because of their familiarity with the backroads, the pastors have taken turns organizing the annual wildflower cycling tour. For two years Tadlock chaired the event, now it is Van Deusen's turn.

The tour, called Wildflower Cycling Tour and Steeple Chase, will be April 26, beginning at the Episcopal church. Six churches in the county will serve as steeple sag stops.

The length of the routes vary, including 25 kilometers, 50, 75 and 100. So riders can choose how far they want to go.

In addition to wildflowers, bikers will be treated to wildlife that is abundant along the backroads, including deer, wild hogs, and a large assortment of birds.

The ministers' weekly rides vary in direction and length, depending on the direction of the wind that day. They say it

DeWitt County

For wildflower ride info, call 512-275-5272 or 512-275-9604



is easier to ride home with the wind at your back than to peddle into the wind after a long ride.

The rides take them to Yoakum, Westhoff, Bellvue Cemetery, Arnekeville, Meyersville and points beyond.

The three have ridden together since 1995 when Van Deusen came to town. They have all ridden bikes longer than that.

Tadlock, who came to Cuero in 1993, has been riding long

distance since 1983 and is a veteran of many long rides. This summer he and his wife Carla will take on a weeklong bike ride across Ohio.

"I have always liked the outdoors and it's good exercise," Tadlock said.

The other two ministers also ride for exercise and enjoyment. They are always looking for more people to join the rides.

In planning the bike tour,

Van Deusen has used some of their routes so cyclists can view the abundant flowers they have seen for weeks already.

The steeple sag stops add a new dimension to the tour, giving riders a chance to visit over 700 years of church history in the county. The stops will be at Holy Communion Episcopal Church in Yoakum, Stratton Primitive Baptist Church in Stratton, St. John's Lutheran Church in Lindenau, St. John's Lutheran Church in Westhoff and Mount Zion Baptist Church in Edgar.

The Methodist church in Cuero is providing office support for the event.

Prior to the event, a high carbohydrate continental breakfast will be served at the

Episcopal church, beginning at 6:30 a.m. Registration will begin at 7 a.m. followed at 8 a.m. by the tour.

Entry fees are as follows: by April 12, \$16 for individual riders, \$10, riders 14 and under, who must be accompanied by an adult, tandem entries, \$28; after that, individuals, \$20, young riders, \$15, and tandem, \$36. The first 150 riders to register will receive T-shirts designed specifically for the tour. All participants will receive a rider packet.

To register call 512-275-5272 or 512-275-9604 or send registration forms to Wildflower Cycling Tour and Steeple Chase, 301 E. Courthouse, P.O. Box 701, Cuero, 77954.

SMITH

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community: on the ball fields where our son has played; in "care" facilities; and especially in our wonderful Christian community. My church family is the best group of folk I have ever known; we are friends for life! What was supposed to be a "lemon" of life, turned out to be all that we ever wanted or needed to make life pleasant and happy. The blossom of our flower "bloomed" here and we are ever grateful to God for His leading. It has been good!

Now we are faced with another journey. Some of the same feelings are racing back to haunt us. The thought of leaving Big Spring is heart-rending. I wonder how long it will take for us to take the "lemon" we face and make "lemonade?"

How long will it take for us to "bloom" in the next place we are planted? I'm not sure, but I have greater assurance than ever that God is paving the way into "happy hunting grounds." Why? Because we are in His will! It is miserable and even dangerous to be outside God's will!

As we leave Big Spring, we pray for this community the same prayer we pray for the community to which we are going. "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not," Jeremiah 33:3.

"Bloom where you are planted!" Make the difference for good. Set an example for Christ. As we ride into our next sunset, we say to you, "Good-bye for now and 'happy trails!'"

CHURCH AND CLUB NEWS DEADLINES

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

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Big Spring Relays entrants post impressive times

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Big Spring Relays
Saturday, April 5,
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Field events 9 a.m.
Running prelims, 11 a.m.
Runnings finals, 3:30 p.m.

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Track and field fans will not only see some good performances at this weekend's Big Spring Relays, they'll see some of the best performers West Texas has to offer.

The Relays, sponsored by the American Business Club, begin at 9 a.m. Saturday with field events, followed by track preliminaries at 11 a.m. and track finals at 3:30 p.m.

Forty-one teams will compete in four divisions, and track fans are liable to see plenty of good times and distances posted by competitors from those teams.

Based on times posted earlier this season, Big Spring appears to be the favorite heading into Saturday's event.

Leading the way, as he has all season, is Big Spring sprinter Tory Mitchell. The sophomore has an area-best time of 10.29 seconds in the 100 dash, as well as a blazing 21.81 in the 200 dash. Kendall Jones of Lake View, which will compete Saturday, has a time of 22.03 in the 200.

Mitchell, teammate Toma McVae and Coahoma's Aaron Barr are among West Texas' best in the long jump. Mitchell has a best distance of 21 feet, 11 inches, with Barr close behind at 21.10. McVae has posted a

distance of 21-7 3/4 this season.

Big Spring's Marco Torres has been battling a thigh injury of late, but has posted some sterling times in the two long-distance events, the 800 and 1,600 meter runs. His time of 10:07.44 is three seconds better than that of Lake View's Justin Haby, while Torres also has an area-best time of 4:35.90 in the 1,600.

Big Spring and Lake View also are close in the 400 meter relay. The Steers have posted a best time of 42.90 in the event, two-hundredths of a second faster than Lake View.

Where Lake View has had the upper hand this season has been in the middle distance

events. Justin Daniel has posted times of 1:56.73 in the 800 meter run — four seconds faster than Big Spring's Jason Sanderson — and 50.23 in the 400 run. Lake View also has a capable triple jumper in Kendall Jones, who has jumped 5-2 this year.

The girls' division looks like a Big Spring Lady Steers' high-light reel.

On paper, the Lady Steers look every bit the defending District 4-4A and Region 1-4A champions.

Big Spring brings the area's fastest times in all three relays into Saturday's meet. The Lady Steers have been clocked at 48.74 in the 400 relay, 1:45.27 in

the 800 relay and 4:02.03 in the 1,600 relay.

Individually, Nadia Cole has been among the area leaders in the shot put, claiming a distance of 39-9 3/4, while Jaclyn Owusu leads in the triple jump at 37-8 3/4. Keesha Lott is right behind Owusu at 37-6.

The two closest races, based on best times posted this year, appear to be the 800 and 1,600 meter runs. In the 800, Big Spring's Tonya Phifer (2:25.29) has a slight one-second edge over Lake View's Chonna Wright, while the Lady Steers' Bridgette Wilson (5:44.52) holds the same time advantage over Lake View's Crystal Watson in the 1,600 run.

Rangers put Clark on DL

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers hoped to begin defense of their AL West title by piling up wins. Instead, only the injuries are mounting.

So far, the Rangers have more starters on the disabled list (2) than games played (1). Another starter would've missed Thursday night's game against Milwaukee, but it was postponed by rain after one inning.

Texas' John Burkett, who allowed four hits and two runs in the first inning, will be back tonight against Baltimore. The rainout stats don't count.

Cal Eldred, Milwaukee's Thursday night starter, won't be back until Sunday or Monday. Scott Karl will remain on schedule for the Brewers after he flew ahead of the team to Toronto.

Long before the rain began Thursday night, Texas placed Will Clark on the 15-day disabled list with a sprained left wrist and fractured left middle finger. Mike Simms was called up from Oklahoma City to take his place.

Juan Gonzalez, last year's AL MVP, is already on the DL. He's out until May with a torn ligament in his left thumb suffered during winter ball.

Clark was injured last Friday when he tripped over a bullpen mound while chasing a foul ball during an exhibition game against Texas' Triple-A affiliate at Oklahoma City.

Clark nursed the injuries all weekend, then struggled through batting practice Monday. On Tuesday, he said the pain was so intense that for the first time in his life he had to let go of the bat while swinging.

The DL move was made retroactive to March 29, allowing him to miss just eight games thanks to the rainout.

"It's only a delay," Texas manager Johnny Oates said. "We knew he wouldn't play all 162 games. Hopefully he'll be back next Sunday (April 13)."

The good news Thursday for the Rangers was that Gonzalez shed a brace and swung a bat for the first time since being injured. He was given the go-ahead after an examination by Dr. Bobby Wroten, a hand specialist.

Wroten said if Gonzalez felt OK today, he could hit off a tee. If that doesn't hurt, he can begin soft-toss hitting in a few days. He's scheduled to be re-evaluated in about a week.

Thursday's rainout gave lead-off hitter Mark McLemore a chance to heal his bruised right hand, which he injured in Tuesday's opener. Domingo Cedeño was to have replaced him.

Warren Newson was in Thursday's lineup despite a slightly strained calf muscle.

Simms is primarily an outfielder, but he also can back up at first and third bases. He's played 181 big-league games with Houston between 1990-96, hitting .219 with 15 homers and 53 RBIs.

The 30-year-old right-handed hitter, a non-roster invitee to spring training, was the last position player cut after hitting .271 with three home runs and seven RBIs in 24 games.



Howard College's Kenan Ivy tries to hang on during his saddle bronc ride at the Howard College Rodeo Thursday night in the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.

HC cowboys shine at rodeo

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Howard College's rodeo team did their best to make their visitors feel unwelcome Thursday night.

Howard cowboys and cowgirls made a sparse hometown crowd happy with a dominating performance during the first night of the Howard College Rodeo Thursday in the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.

While intermittent rain kept attendance to a minimum, the few who ventured into the Rodeo Bowl Thursday saw some outstanding performances, led by Howard's Chris Bouillion in bull riding.

Bouillion, of Lake Charles, La., drew a bull that was in a dancing mood Thursday. It went into a spin soon after exiting the chute, and just kept spinning.

Despite having to fight both the bull and G forces, Bouillion hung on for the required eight seconds, and impressed the judges sufficiently to earn 82 points for the top bull ride of the night.

He was followed closely by teammates Shawn Mays, who

earned a 79 for his ride, and Jason Brock, who scored 77.

Howard cowboys made their presence felt in other events as well.

Hadley Smith took top honors in calf roping Thursday, recording a time of 11.7 seconds to edge out teammate Pine McQuay, who recorded an 11.9.

Howard's Quinn Campbell barely missed out on the lead in steer wrestling. His time of 5.0 seconds was nipped by a 4.7 posted by Cole Schaffer of Western Texas.

And Bucky Crenshaw and James O'Brien finished second in Thursday's team roping with a time of 9.2.

Howard's cowgirls also posted impressive performances Thursday, led by Shanna Bynum, who had the best time of the night — 16.97 seconds — in barrel racing. Teammate Lori Hudman was close behind with a 17.01.

Jill Freeman of Howard opened the breakaway roping with a 3.1, but that was soon bested by Tevarhee Ray of Vernon Regional Junior College, who posted a 2.6.

The rodeo continues tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Rodeo Bowl.

Bulls to settle for being merely great this season

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The number 73 was sitting out there all season, sometimes unmentionable, but never deemed impossible.

Could the Chicago Bulls actually go one better than last season? Could they finish 73-9 and break the record they set last April when they finished 72-10? The answer finally came Thursday night. And the answer is no.

The Washington Bullets removed the possibility of a 73 by handing the Bulls their 10th loss of the season, 110-102.

With nine games left, Chicago would have to run the table to match what it did a year ago. And with games upcoming against New York (twice), Miami, Detroit, Indiana and Orlando, it seems a longshot that the Bulls will reach 72 again.

"We came into the game looking for a win, not trying to make a statement," Washington coach Bernie Bickerstaff said. "You don't make statements with Chicago. They are the best team in basketball and there is no doubt about it. We were just fortunate tonight."

Washington's victory stretched its winning streak to a season-high six games and moved the Bullets into a tie with Cleveland for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

In other NBA games, the Los Angeles Clippers surprised Orlando 113-94, Seattle defeated Milwaukee 103-80, Miami beat

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Indiana 92-78, Charlotte topped New Jersey 93-87 and Golden State beat Dallas 106-90.

If Chicago wins the East and the Bullets finish eighth, the teams will meet in the first round of the playoffs. Washington lost its previous eight games against Chicago, but this victory could give the Bullets the confidence boost they need to at least make such a matchup competitive.

"It's a confidence boost. We've got to take it in stride and build on it," said Rod Strickland, who had 26 points and 14 assists despite playing with a sprained ankle. "We have to understand that this is only one win."

Washington outrebounded Chicago 46-29 and pulled away down the stretch, overcoming 34 points by Michael Jordan and 26 from Scottie Pippen.

"The difference in the ball game was their offensive rebounding, and we couldn't really stop Rod Strickland penetrating the lane," Jordan said. "We knew we were in a battle."

Clippers 113, Magic 94
At Orlando, Darrick Martin scored 31 points, 23 of them after halftime, and the Clippers came from behind to snap a four-game losing streak.

The loss was the fourth straight for Orlando, which faltered in the second half against a sub-.500 team for the second

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SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

Lady Steers fall to third

The Big Spring girls' golf team found the going rough during Thursday's second round of the District 4-4A golf tournament in San Angelo.

The Lady Steers, who entered Thursday play leading the district field, fell to third place after action at San Angelo's Riverside Golf Course.

Fort Stockton, the preseason favorite, reasserted itself by shooting a team total 339 to take over first place with a two-round total of 691. Andrews slipped by Big Spring to grab second place with a two-round total of 705.

The Lady Steers struggled to a round of 373 to fall 16 strokes behind Andrews.

"Fort Stockton's experience came to the front," BSHS coach Mike Scarbrough said. "They had a great round."

Individually, Big Spring scorers were: Kelly Hollar, 86-172; Alicia Wood, 91-179; Stephanie Waggoner, 92-176; Ashlie Simmons, 104-194; and Tatum Weeks, 105-217.

Big Spring's junior varsity shot a team total 440 for a two-round score of 895. Individual scores were: Pricilla DelBosque, 96-210; Brittany Robinson, 99-210; Lauren Fraser, 119-238; and Jillery Armstrong, 126-246.

"We didn't have a great day, but I still think we're better than Andrews," Scarbrough said. "We've got one round left, and we need to catch them if we're going to make regionals."

The third and final district round will be held April 12 in Pecos.

Borden looking for games

GAIL — Borden County High School coaches are in need of basketball opponents for the next school year.

BCHS girls' coach Clay Stout said the school is looking for opponents to play both its varsity basketball squads Dec. 9 and 19. Also, the school needs teams to fill the roster for its annual basketball tournament Dec. 11-13.

For more information, contact Stout at (806) 756-4313.

Sands FFA holds hunter course

The Sands Future Farmers of America will offer the Texas Mandatory Hunter Education Program and training.

The class will be held at the Sands High School agriculture department April 14, 15 and 17. Cost of the course is \$5.

Students under 17 must have a parent's permission.

For more information, contact Miss Scott at 353-4745 during the day and 353-4264 at night.

Bass club sponsors tournament

The Big Spring Bass Club will sponsor a benefit fishing tournament for the family of Pam Christian Saturday at Lake Colorado City.

Entry fee will be \$20 per person; the tournament will be held from 6:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

All proceeds will go to the family of Christian, the owner of Forsan's Soda Shop who died recently after suffering a heart attack.

Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers. For more information, contact Todd Tubb at 267-3310, Sue Lindsey at 263-7868 or Cindy Klaus at 267-4984.

Big Spring Little League

The Braves downed the Astros 7-0 in American Little League action earlier this week.

Ryan Rodriguez was the winning pitcher for the Braves, striking out 12, while Roy Holland took the loss despite striking out 10.

Richard Martinez of the Astros and Andrew Vizcaino of the Braves each had sterling defensive plays during the game.

No other Little League results were reported to the Herald. Result forms are available at the Herald.

Toms masters Freeport course

NEW ORLEANS — High winds, ice-slick greens and a tough 7,116-yard course did not intimidate the field for the Freeport-McDermott Classic.

David Toms, tied for first with defending champion Scott McCarron and Larry Rinker, took solace from those who scored well ahead of him.

"I saw everybody shooting low and I said, 'Well, let's go do it,'" Toms said.

The trio of Toms, McCarron and Rinker led by a stroke at 7-under-par 65 after Thursday's first round.

"I made a lot of putts," McCarron said. "There's three more days left, so you never know. But it was good to start off strong."

Rinker was one of the three players who jumped from qualifying school into contention.

Rinker earned just \$9,975 in 1995, and hasn't won a tournament since the 1985 Bing Crosby. He tied for second at New Orleans in 1984, before the tournament moved to the Jack Nicklaus-designed course.

"This event has always been nice to me," Rinker said. "And ever since I made it through Q-school it's been a good year for me."

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Molitor, Twins slam Detroit; Rangers rained out

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Paul Molitor, asked to explain his third career grand slam, looked to the stars instead of himself.

"It's not something that I have done very frequently. Maybe it's the comet. I don't know what to attribute it to," he said after Minnesota beat Detroit 10-6 Thursday night, giving the Twins a season-opening three-game sweep.

Detroit took a 3-0 lead in the second inning on an RBI single by Melvin Nieves, a passed ball by Scott Aldred and a ground-out by Brian Johnson.

But Matt Lawton tied it with

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a three-run homer in the bottom of the inning off Willie Blair — a 441-foot drive — and Molitor hit his first slam since July 5, 1994, when he connected at the Metrodome off Dave Stevens while playing for Toronto.

The seven-run inning made a winner of Todd Ritchie, who pitched his first game in the majors.

"They'll remember him getting that grand slam, and I pitched in that game. It's good. I like that," Ritchie said.

With parents Bennett and

Betty watching from behind home plate, Ritchie replaced starter Scott Aldred to start the fourth with Minnesota leading 9-5. He allowed a single on his first pitch and an RBI double on his second pitch, but he allowed only one more hit for the next three innings.

"I was real nervous after the two leadoff hits," Ritchie said. "I didn't let it get to me, but it wasn't what I pictured. But I stayed calm and tried to keep throwing strikes."

In other AL games, Oakland beat Cleveland 5-4, Baltimore beat Kansas City 6-4 and Anaheim beat Boston 2-0. Milwaukee's game at Texas was postponed by rain.

It was the 22nd loss in the last 24 games for the Tigers dating to the end of last season, and pitching was the main culprit again. Detroit allowed eight walks, and 19 in 24 1-3 innings during the series.

"It's really hard to find anything positive," Tigers pitcher A.J. Sager said. "With the way we ended last season, we really wanted to come out and get some wins. During spring training we made improvements, we acquired new players, so this isn't what we wanted."

Dan Naulty got the final out for the save.

Athletics 5, Indians 4
Mark McGwire homered and

Geronimo Berroa broke an eighth-inning tie with his second homer in two days.

Berroa, who also homered Wednesday night in the A's opener, homered into the left-field bleachers off loser Eric Plunk with one out in the eighth at Oakland. Richie Lewis pitched the eighth for the win, and Billy Taylor finished for the save.

Orioles 6, Royals 4

Rafael Palmeiro hit a game-tying homer in the eighth, and Chris Hoiles hit a two-run, two-out single off Jeff Montgomery, who blew a save for the eighth time in his last 16 chances.

The game also included Cal Ripken's first error at third

base since June 22, 1982.

Arthur Rhodes got the win with two innings of scoreless relief at Camden Yards, and Randy Myers got three outs for his second save.

Angels 2, Red Sox 0

Rookie Jason Dickson pitched a five-hitter for his first major league shutout, and Garret Anderson drove in the go-ahead run at Anaheim.

Dickson, who came to spring training hoping to be the fifth starter in the Angels' rotation, became the club's No. 2 starter after a spring training injury to Chuck Finley.

Tim Wakefield allowed two runs and six hits in 7 1/3 innings.

Kile loses no-hitter; Astros lose game

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON (AP) — Tom Glavine has been where Darryl Kile was, and he didn't like it either.

Kile pitched a no-hitter for 6 2/3 innings until Fred McGriff homered in the seventh, and Jeff Blauser and Keith Lockhart hit sacrifice flies in the eighth, rallying the Atlanta Braves to a 3-2 victory over the Houston Astros on Thursday night.

Kile allowed two hits and lost the game. He struck out seven and walked three, but doesn't have a victory to show for an outstanding performance.

"I've been there and it's frustrating, but you have to look at what you did and try to focus on that," Glavine said. "If he throws like that his next 34 starts, he'll win 20 games."

After losing two close games to open the season, the Braves finally got some luck to flow their way as they avoided being swept in their opening series of the season.

"He really had great stuff," Glavine said of Kile. "He really has no reason to hang his head. He really pitched a great game."

Kile, who pitched a no-hitter in 1993, fooled the Braves with a nasty curveball through the first six innings and was bidding for what would have been the earliest no-hitter by date.

Elsewhere in the National League, it was Montreal 9, St. Louis 4, Atlanta 3, Houston 2,

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Colorado 7, Cincinnati 1; the New York Mets 4, San Diego 1; Los Angeles 2, Philadelphia 1; and San Francisco 7, Pittsburgh 5.

With Fernandez pitching, Marlins officials hoped for a sellout, but the crowd fell nearly 10,000 below capacity.

"I can't worry about that," Fernandez said. "Trying to get major-league hitters out is enough for me to do."

The three-game sweep was Florida's first against the Cubs, who managed just 15 hits in the series and were outscored 16-7.

The Marlins are off to the fastest start in their five-year history and are three games above .500 for the first time since May 20, 1994.

"They've brought in some quality guys," Cubs manager Jim Riggleman said. "They've put together one heck of a ballclub."

Alou, who went 3-for-4, singled home Florida's first run in the first inning following a pair of walks. Devon White reached on an infield single, and Conine followed with his third career grand slam to make it 5-0.

"Hitting a home run, there's nothing like it in baseball," Conine said. "There might be nothing like it in sports, especially when the bases are loaded."

Expos 9, Cardinals 4

At Montreal, Shane Andrews, Rondell White and David Segui homered as the Expos completed their first three-game sweep to open a season.

St. Louis, the defending NL Central champion, dropped to 0-3 for the first time since 1988. The Expos have won 11 of their last 15 games against the Cardinals.

Carlos Perez won his first start since Sept. 22, 1995, allowing four runs and seven hits in seven innings. He missed all of last season following shoulder surgery.

Rookie Dimitri Young hit his first major league homer, a two-run drive in the third, and drove in three runs for the Cardinals.

Alan Benes took the loss.

Rockies 7, Reds 1

At Cincinnati, Larry Walker keyed Colorado's first win this season by going 3-for-5 with two run-scoring hits in a six-run fourth inning and a solo homer in the seventh.

Mark Thompson, one of the Rockies' numerous pitching concerns in spring training, scattered five hits in seven innings for the win.

The Rockies, who lost their first two road games to the Reds after going 28-53 away from Coors Field last year, sent 12 batters to the plate in the fourth.

Mets 4, Padres 1

At San Diego, Bobby Jones pitched eight strong innings and John Franco worked the ninth as New York avoided a

season-opening sweep.

The Mets started the season 0-2 thanks to its relievers blowing late-inning leads. But Jones limited the Padres to six hits in eight innings, and Franco closed out the ninth for his 324th career save.

Bernard Gilkey hit a two-run homer in the fifth inning on a 3-0 pitch from loser Fernando Valenzuela.

Dodgers 2, Phillies 1

At Los Angeles, Mike Piazza homered and Todd Hollandsworth hit an RBI double in the sixth inning to back Ismael Valdes.

Piazza opened the sixth with his first homer and Hollandsworth doubled in the go-ahead run off loser Mark Leiter.

Valdes was 2-3 with an 8.72 ERA in 21 2/3 innings this spring. Todd Worrell pitched the ninth for his first save.

Giants 7, Pirates 5

Jeff Kent matched a career-high with five RBIs as San Francisco withstood Mark Johnson's first career grand slam.

Kent hit a two-run homer, a two-run double and added a sacrifice fly to help the Giants snap an eight-game home losing streak against Pittsburgh.

Oswaldo Fernandez went five innings, allowing six hits, including Johnson's slam, to pick up the victory. Giants manager Dusty Baker used three relievers in the ninth, with Rod Beck getting the final out for his first save.

Five share lead at Tradition

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Everyone in the first round of the Tradition had to cope with the weather.

Gil Morgan wore a stocking hat. J.C. Snead used the chill to focus on his resolve not to get greedy.

Morgan, Snead, John Jacobs, Isao Aoki and Simon Hobday coped best, each finishing at 6-under-par 66 Thursday when record cold and intermittent rain stretched the Cochise Course at Desert Mountain.

Jack Nicklaus, who designed the 6,954-yard layout and has won on it four times in seven tries, replaced his 1-iron with a 5-wood and used it four times.

"I haven't used it more than

once in a tournament that I can ever recall," Nicklaus said. "Maybe twice. I mean, I've never used it four times in a round. But I think the golf course played a lot longer."

The high in nearby Phoenix was 58, breaking a 52-year-old record for lowest high temperature, and on the mountainside course, the mercury never got above 50.

"I was just going to try to make a swing and not work the ball all that much, just try to hit it pretty straight and concentrate on making a good swing and try to hit it solid," Snead said. "I didn't hit anything real hard, and I think I only missed one green."

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straight game and saw its lead in the race for the seventh playoff position in the East shrink to two games over Cleveland.

Coach Richie Adubato said Horace Grant (back spasms), Dennis Scott (sore knee) and Rony Seikaly (sore ankle) won't play tonight against the Knicks.

SuperSonics 103, Bucks 80

At Seattle, the Sonics opened a 20-point lead in the first quarter and weren't seriously threatened the rest of the way.

Gary Payton scored 22 points, Sam Perkins 17 and Detlef Schrempf 13 in his first start in more than a month.

Shawn Kemp came off the bench for the third straight game and had just 10 points and six rebounds in 24 minutes. Kemp's benching was supposed to last two games, but it was extended after he was late for a team meeting Wednesday.

"My hope is to start him Saturday against Dallas," coach George Karl said. "We need him to regain his confidence before the playoffs begin. We have no illusions that we can win this thing without him."

Heat 92, Pacers 78

At Indianapolis, Jamal Mashburn scored 23 points, including 10 straight in the fourth quarter, as Miami opened a three game lead in the

Atlantic Division race.

Alonzo Mourning scored 17 points and Voshon Lenard 15 as Miami swept the season series for the first time ever.

Indiana took another step toward missing the playoffs for the first time since 1989 by falling three games behind Cleveland and Washington in the battle for the East's eighth playoff spot.

"We talked about starting the game with toughness, effort and commitment and we didn't do it," coach Larry Brown said. "Obviously, I'm not getting my message across. I feel terrible about it, and that's my responsibility."

Hornets 93, Nets 87

At East Rutherford, N.J., Matt Geiger had 11 of his 18 points in the third quarter when Charlotte outscored New Jersey by 26, and Glen Rice scored 17 of his 24 points in the second half as the undermanned Hornets rallied from a 12-point deficit to win for the 12th time in 16 games.

Warriors 106, Mavericks 90

At San Jose, Calif., commissioner David Stern somehow felt this game was worth his while, and he sat in the stands and watched Latrell Sprewell score 25 points as Golden State sent Dallas to its season-high ninth straight loss.



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In sports, youth must be served

NEW YORK (AP) — In a perfect world, there wouldn't be 18- and 19-year olds playing in the NBA.

But commissioner David Stern knows that with 14-year-old Tara Lipinski the women's world figure skating champion and 16-year-old Martina Hingis as the No. 1 ranked tennis player that youth must be served.

"Of course we'd rather have the players go through college," Stern said Thursday. "But just look at those two young girls. One is 16 and is the world's top-ranked woman tennis player, the other is 14 and is the world figure skating champion."

Stern spoke at a forum sponsored by Madison Square Garden that included NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue and NHL commissioner Gary Bettman.

The discussion covered issues from fan support to finances to franchise movement to player misconduct. But the most compelling subject was the influx of young players, particularly in basketball.

Two of this year's top rookies, Stephon Marbury of Minnesota and Allen Iverson of Philadelphia, left after their freshman and sophomore years at Georgia Tech and Georgetown, respectively. And now high school players are getting in on the act.

Two years ago, Kevin Garnett went directly from high school in Chicago to the NBA draft. Now with the Minnesota Timberwolves, he played in this year's All-Star game.

Last year, Kobe Bryant and Jermaine O'Neal jumped from high school to the NBA. Tracy McGrady, a high school player in North Carolina, intends to enter this NBA draft and Lamar Odom, a New York star, is considering a similar move.

Stern said the NBA has asked the union to consider an age restriction on entering the league.

"We'd like to see a college final Four with Stephon Marbury, Allen Iverson and some of the others who have opted to come into the NBA early," he said. "They're more mature at 23 than they are at 19, there's no question."

"But on the other hand, look who the elder statesman is who's criticizing them — Charles Barkley. I'd like to go back through our records and find out how many times Charles was fined for misbehavior when he was younger."

Tagliabue, whose league allows players to enter the draft three years after they've finished high school, cited studies that demonstrate a player who finishes college has a longer and more lucrative NFL career.

Bettman noted that the NHL has changed its draft age from 18 to 19. And he said it has been trying to work out an agreement with the NCAA that would allow players from Canadian junior hockey to go to college. Currently, Canadian juniors are not permitted to play at U.S. universities.

Asked about disciplinary problems, all three commissioners noted most of their players comport themselves well, in and out of the arena.

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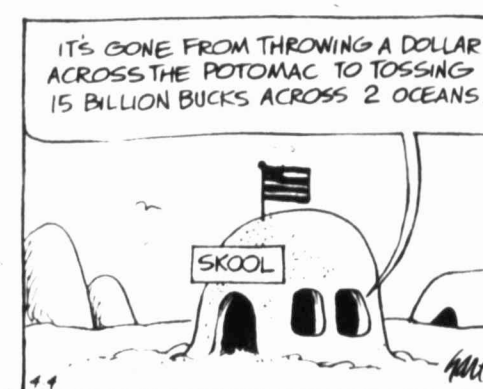
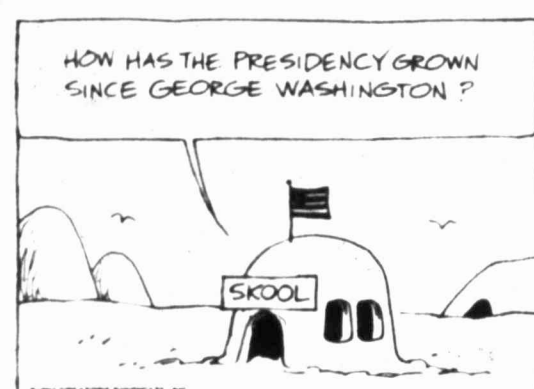
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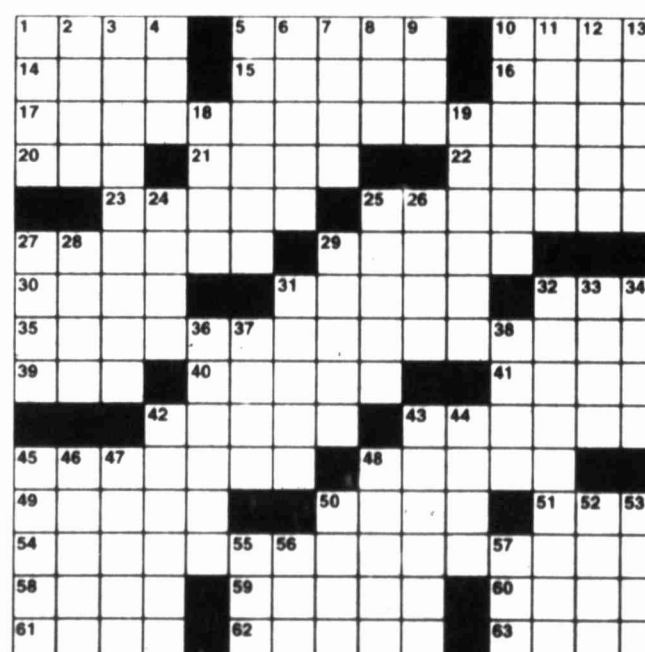
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- 14 Planted
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- 21 — time (immediately)
- 22 Bay window
- 23 Runs in place
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- 27 Explosive
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- 30 Musical work
- 31 Bird of prey. Fr.
- 32 Drive's starting point.
- 35 Film of Hellman play
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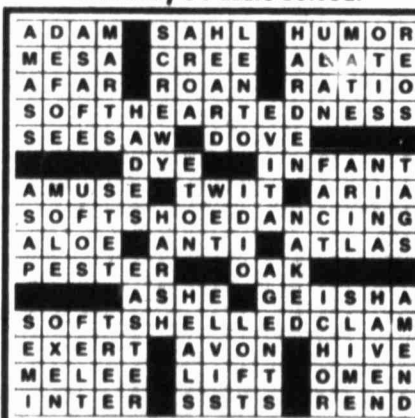
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Henry Harrison succumbed to pneumonia one month after his inaugural, becoming the first U.S. chief executive to die in office.

In 1850, the city of Los Angeles was incorporated.

In 1887, Susanna Medora Salter became the first woman elected mayor of an American community — Argonia, Kan.

In 1902, British financier Cecil Rhodes left \$10 million in his will to provide scholarships for Americans at Oxford University in England.

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. forces liberated the Nazi death camp Ohrdruf in Germany.

In 1945, U.S. troops on Okinawa encountered the first significant resistance from Japanese forces.

In 1949, 12 nations, including the United States, signed the North Atlantic Treaty.

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THE DEVILS OWN (R)

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