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WEATHER

Tonight:



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Concert series slated Sunday in Coahoma

The Coahoma Community Concert series will present folk duo Dave Carter and Tracy Grammer on Sunday.

The award-winning duo from Portland, Ore., will perform at 7 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 205 First St. in Coahoma. Suggested donation for the concert is \$7 per person, \$15 for the immediate family.

Carter and Grammer were winners of a prestigious folk music competition at Kerrville a couple of years ago.

For more information about the concert, call the church at 394-4450.

Fund-raiser to assist Harbour family with bills

A painting by Big Spring city employee Charles Rhodes will be given away as a fund-raiser for the Chad and Cindy Harbour family, who lost their two children to a tragic accident on March 23.

The 18-by-30-inch painting is on display at the First Bank of West Texas. More information on the fund-raiser is available at the bank, Big Spring City Hall or the landfill.

WEEKEND TICKET

TODAY

Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Howard County Scottish Rite Club, 7:30 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 21 and Lancaster, breakfast served.

Old Sorehead Trade Days, downtown Stanton, all day.

Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 9 a.m. until 12 p.m., free used eye glasses for adults, Evening Lions Bingo Building, 1607 East Third.

Used book sale, Howard County Library downstairs, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Dance, 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third. Members and guests welcome.

SUNDAY

Old Sorehead Trade Days, downtown Stanton, noon-5 p.m.

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Library book sale slated from 10 until 4 Saturday

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Romance, mystery, western — books of all types will be available Saturday at the Friends of the Howard County Library used book sale.

The group will host the sale in the library's basement community room from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sales will benefit improvements and equipment for the library.

The group is committed to supporting the library with the "little extras" that the regular budget can't provide. Their past contributions have included chairs for the computer terminals, and helping staff to attend workshops.

"We hope a lot of people will come out and support us by buying some books," said JoAnn Staulcup, president of

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Polly McDaniel, Virginia Davidson, L.D. Grice and Wilma Grice enjoyed the meal Thursday at the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Volunteer Recognition Dinner. RSVP members feasted on barbecue, collected door prizes and earned pins for their years of service.

HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen



Instructor Lynn Walling, right, visits with members of a Sweetwater fifth grade class participating in the "If I Had A Hammer" program at Howard College.

'Hammer' program still a big hit

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

Howard College's "If I Had A Hammer" is alive and well, according to Lynn Walling, an instructor for the program. "The program allows fifth grade students to build their own small-scale house,



WALLING

using lessons they learn in the classroom," said Walling, who is also agriculture instructor for the college. "It's what I would call a model to teach life skills to these young kids."

According to Walling, the objective of the two-hour project is to show students how education benefits them and how important it is to work as a team toward one goal.

"To me, it's like a class outside of a classroom," said Walling. "I will usually ask them, 'How many of you want to work for minimum wage,

because if you drop out of school, that's about the only job you can probably get. Start thinking now about what you want to do in life and begin to prepare for it.'"

Walling said Howard College was the first junior college or trade school to teach the course and others have followed suit. He said last February, he and Dennis Churchwell traveled to Odessa with all the required materials and demonstrated the program for the Permian

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Old Sorehead Trade Days returns to Stanton Saturday, Sunday

By GINA GARZA
Staff Writer

The Old Sorehead Trade Days will happen once again all day Saturday and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday in downtown Stanton.

"We are going to have a huge arts and crafts and antiques show with about 500 vendors," said Kathryn Burch, Martin County Extension Agent — FCS. "There will be all kinds of silver jewelry, rod iron crafts as well as Easter clothes and

things."

There will be rustic furniture made of old barn wood and rusted metal, Easter crafts, handcrafted patio furniture, porch swings, stain glass, candles, rugs, jewelry and Beanie Babies, among hundreds of items available.

Burch said there are two new antique shops in Stanton that will be open for Sorehead shoppers.

"This is a great place to come and shop for antiques," she said. "There will also be a lot of trading junk. One person's throw-away stuff is another person's

treasure."

There will be entertainment Saturday until late afternoon on the courthouse lawn, with several groups performing. On Sunday, there will be gospel singing until 5 p.m.

"On Saturday, we will have a Tejano group performing as well as a group from the Middle East demonstrating belly dancing, an elementary choir and three gospel groups including New Covenant and Homeland, both from Big Spring," said Vallene Cain, entertainment coordinator. "On Sunday, we will

have only gospel groups."

Cain also added this is a great time to come out and hear talents from all over West Texas.

"We have a wonderful bunch of people who are willing to give their time for free to perform for our trade days," she said. "It's a great time to relax and enjoy great entertainment."

There will be several places to get a variety of food. Among the items to eat will be German popcorn, roasted corn,

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Drinking while driving focus for academy crew

Editor's Note: This is the fourth in an 11-week series of articles on the Citizen's Police Academy. Next week: Criminal Investigation.

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

Students donned fatal vision goggles, took a field sobriety test and witnessed a felony stop demonstration during week five of the Big Spring Police Department's Civilian Police Academy.

BSPD Sgt. Tony Everett gave the class statistics on alcohol-related accidents in Big Spring and Texas.

Big Spring had 26 alcohol-related accidents last year that contributed to 33 injuries. One alcohol-related death was

reported. Of the 33 injuries, 11 involved people age 20 and under, 11 involved those between age 20 and 40 and 11 involved people over 40.

That number is in contrast to 1998 figures of 28 alcohol-related accidents causing injury. That year, none were fatal. The breakdown in age groups were four in the under-20 category, 13 in the 20 to 40 group and 11 in the over-40 group.

"It is disturbing to our police force to see the numbers going up so drastically in the age group of 20 and under," said Everett. "We need to get the message out to our youth that alcohol and automobiles don't mix."

The class was put through a fatal vision demonstration. Everyone was allowed to wear fatal vision goggles that when worn give the individual a feeling of being intoxicated. A standard sobriety test of walking a straight line heel-to-toe was

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Civilian Police Academy student Betty Kelley is put through a field sobriety test wearing the "fatal vision goggles" by Sgt. Tony Everett and assisted by CPA alumni Gloria Federsen. Kelley failed miserably, as expected. The students also received information on alcohol-related accidents and witnessed a felony traffic stop demonstration.

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OBITUARIES

Loudell Castle

Loudell Castle, 70, Big Spring, passed away Wednesday, April 5, 2000, at 8:15 p.m. in Midland Memorial Hospital following a long illness.

Graveside service was 10 a.m. today at Mount Olive Memorial Park with Rick Cunningham, minister of 14th and Main Church of Christ, officiating.

Mrs. Castle was born Oct. 16, 1929, in Martin County. She was a lifetime resident of Martin and Howard counties. She married T.J. Castle on Oct. 20, 1945, in Lamesa. She was a member of the 14th and Main Church of Christ.

Mrs. Castle had worked at all three Dairy Queen stores for 17 years and retired in 1998. She had also farmed with her husband.

She is survived by: her husband, T.J. Castle of Big Spring; two grandsons, Jeffery Castle and Jacob Castle, both of Big Spring; a brother, J.B. Motley of Eunice, N.M.; two sisters, Edna Laster of Snyder and Joyce Wright of Colorado City; and a number of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one son, Shelton Castle, on Jan. 30, 1997, her parents, Jim and Myrtle Motley, and two sisters, Mona Faye Bonner and Zelma Jean Motley.

Pallbearers are Kenneth Lane, Alfred Herren, Derwood Blagrove, Kelly Long and Jimmy Airhart.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

Oleta Johnson

Service is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home for Oleta Johnson, 80, of Big Spring. She died Friday, April 7, 2000, at a local hospital.

Myra Lyndell Moody

Funeral service for Myra Lyndell Moody, 91, Mount Pleasant, was 2 p.m. today at Haggard-Heaster Chapel in Jefferson with the Rev. Kip Riley officiating. Burial was to follow at Oakwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Moody died Wednesday, April 5, 2000, in Mount Pleasant.

She was born Nov. 11, 1908, in Mount Selman. She graduated from the Scott & White Hospital nursing program and was a registered nurse. She had also owned and operated Moody's Sandwich Shop for a number of years.

She was a member of First

Baptist Church and a longtime member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Survivors include: two sons, John W. Moody of Mount Pleasant and Robert L. Moody of Big Spring; two half-brothers, Walter Lee Grimes of White Settlement and Jerry Bruner of Taos, N.M.; two sisters, Wilma Simpson of Temple and Inez Yarbrough of Aubrey; and three grandchildren, John Moody, David Moody and Lyndel Moody, all of Big Spring.

Pallbearers are Ed Joseph, Donald Thomas, Dowell Sterrett, Peter Henderson, Wray Youngblood and Winston Lemmon. Honorary pallbearer is Abe Bowers.

Arrangements are under the direction of Haggard-Heaster Funeral Home, Jefferson.

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BOOK SALE

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the Friends. "They can help support the library and enjoy some great reading, too."

Prices at Saturday's sale are likely to range from about 50 cents to \$1 for most of the books, and slightly higher for new, antique, or books in excellent condition.

From children's books to biographies, the sale promises a variety of titles. The books were collected from library patrons and supporters of Friends as well as the community.

"We have had a great response to our request for donations, and we will have a lot of books for sale," said Loraine Redman, librarian. She said the group expects the sale to be profitable and fun.

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given to each member. Most everyone failed the test. Everyone also got the chance to ride a bicycle around a cone-filled course, trying to avoid hitting the cones while wearing the fatal vision goggles.

Everett said the blood/alcohol limit was recently lowered to .08, mostly due to the strong lobbying by Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD). Texas had 26,367 drinking-related traffic accidents in 1998, the latest year statistics are available. Of those, 1,058 were fatal.

Cpl. John Leubner described what officers look for in attempting to ascertain whether a driver is intoxicated.

First, they look for someone not dimming their lights while meeting them. Another tip is the use of excessive speed or driving excessively slow. Hard braking and weaving are other signs the individual might be intoxicated, Leubner said.

"If we suspect an individual has been drinking or is under the influence, if we pull them over, it's a good possibility that they have committed other traffic violations," said Leubner. "Out of the individuals I have brought in for the breath test, none have passed it when it was administered."

When an officer stops someone suspected of driving while intoxicated, three standard sobriety tests are administered to determine if they will be arrested and taken in for a breath test.

The first is the heel-to-toe straight walk. Next comes the tip of the finger to the tip of the nose method. The third is the one-leg stand. In this exercise the individual is asked to lift

his leg six inches off the ground and hold it for a minimum of 30 seconds.

If the individual is able to pass those tests, chances are he is sober and will most likely be released, Leubner said. Otherwise, they are arrested, read their rights and transported to the police station where a blood/alcohol test is administered.

The class was able to witness a scenario of what it is like when police officers go through in a high-risk traffic stop. These type stops involve a minimum of two patrol cars with at least two officers involved. These are safety precautions because when an officer makes these stops, they never know what they may encounter.

HAMMER

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Basin Tech Prep regional conference. It made quite an impression on a lot of regional educators.

"It's a good public relations tool for Howard College," Walling said. "We have schools calling us all the time wanting to know if they could bring their class here for the program. It leaves a lasting impression on the kids."

Walling said he enjoys working with the kids and hopes that they will take what he tells them to heart.

"I work with this project on Tuesdays and Thursdays," he said, "and I especially enjoy this age group."

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turkey legs, funnel cakes, several items of Mexican food as well as homemade ice cream and barbecue sandwiches.

"It will be a great day for shopping and we think it'll be a great time to get out," added Burch. "Visiting is also a big reason to come to Stanton. You know, to see people you haven't seen in a long time."

Boy arrested after four guns found in gym bag

SANTA FE (AP) — An eighth-grader packing three loaded pistols hidden in a gym bag walked into a junior high school classroom here but was arrested after educators learned the weapons were on campus.

The 13-year-old boy remained in custody today at the Galveston County town south of Houston.

The guns were seized after a teacher received a tip that they had been brought to Santa Fe Junior High School, Superintendent Richard Ownby told the Houston Chronicle in today's editions.

Altogether, the boy's gym bag contained four guns: a .38-caliber, a .380-caliber, a .22-caliber and a 9 mm pistol, Cook said. All but the .22-caliber were loaded.

The teen-ager moved into the district less than three weeks ago, Ownby said. It was not known whether the suspect had a motive in bringing the guns to school.

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But a broadcast report said the teen had transferred from La Marque, where other children were picking on him.

A second 13-year-old boy was arrested after he was found with a switchblade that the first youth had provided him, Santa Fe Police Chief Barry Cook told the newspaper.

Neither boy was identified because they are juveniles.

SUPPORT GROUPS

FRIDAY
•Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study.

•Al-Anon support group, noon, 615 Settles.

SATURDAY
•Alzheimer's Association Support Group, second Saturday of the month, Carriage Inn Retirement Center, 501 W. 17th, 10 a.m.

•Family support group for current and former patients and their families, 1 p.m. weekly, Reflections Unit of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Call Beverly Grant, 263-0074.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon, 8 p.m., 10 p.m. open meetings, 615 Settles.

•"So I Forget," Attention Deficit Disorder support group for individuals and couples, first Saturday of the month from 9 to 10:30 a.m., Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas, Inc., Midland. Call the center at (915) 563-4144 or 1-800-329-4144. Cost is \$15.

•West Texans Living with Chronic Fatigue and Immune Dysfunction Syndrome/Fibromyalgia, 1-3 p.m., on different Saturdays of the month, HealthSouth facility at Hwy. 191 and Loop 250, Midland. Call Joann Carney, (915) 686-7977, or Marsha Brunet, (915) 337-4829 to get the correct meeting date.

•NA 10 p.m. candlelight meeting, St. Mary's Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.).

•Open birthday night meets the last Saturday of the month with a covered dish at 7 p.m. and birthday meeting at 8 p.m., 615 Settles. This is to celebrate AA sobriety yearly birthdays.

IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

BRIEFS

THIRD ANNUAL MASTER THE MOUNTAIN at Scenic Mountain begins 9 a.m. Saturday, April 15, with a \$10 event fee that includes entry into the State Park and a free T-shirt for the event. Entry fees will help support the park.

Races include a 5K and 10K run and a 5K walk, and are challenging due to steep terrain at the park.

For reservations, call Ron Alton, Park Manager at 263-4931 or Laurie Phillips at 263-1211. Reservations are not required.

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With sincere appreciation,
the family of Evaristo Lopez Trevino wish to thank all our friends, neighbors and co-workers for being near with comforting words, for your visits & calls, prayers & cards, flowers & food during this difficult time. A special thank you to Debbie Reid of Home Hospice, Patty Kirkpatrick and Sherry Hodnett; SMMC staff and Dr. Carlos Garza for your caring help and support.

Ana Maria Trevino y Familia

TEXAS LOTTERY

Pick 3: 7,9,3

Cash 5: 4,7,19,20,34

Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission.

but recommended.

THE BIG SPRING EAGLES Lodge No. 3188 will host a barbecue to benefit the Harbour family on Saturday, April 15. Barbecue dinners, served from noon to 4 p.m., will consist of brisket, sausage, coleslaw, potato salad, beans and bread.

Dine in and carry-out will be available. The cost will be \$5 per plate.

THE BIG SPRING EVENING Lions Club will have free eyeglasses for all adults Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club bingo building, 1607 East Third.

All adults needing eyeglasses who don't have the income to purchase the exam or glasses are welcome. The recycled eyeglasses are donated by the community as a service project of the Lions.

The Lions group offers the eyeglasses the second Saturday of each month. For more information call Donna Groenke at 393-5298.

CLASS OF 2001 GRADUATION dance is being planned for Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan. There will be a meeting held on Sunday at Comanche Trail Park at 4 p.m. Anyone interested in participating is asked to attend. If you have any questions, please call: Norma Hilario at 267-9421, Pasty Rodriguez at 267-8307 or Junior Moreno at 267-5177.

MARKETS

May cotton 57.05, up 37 points; May crude 25.34, down 35 points; cash hogs \$1 higher at 43 even; slaughter steers steady at 71 even; April lean hog futures 64.57, up 72 points; April live cattle futures 71.92, up 5 points. courtesy: Delta Corporation. Other markets not available by press time.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activities during the 24-hour period that ended at 8 a.m. today:

•**FERNANDO ALVAREZ**, 27, of 611 Aylesford, was arrested on a charge of Class C assault.

•**TARRAH GLASSER**, 28, of 2911 W. Hwy 80, was arrested on a charge of no valid driver's license.

•**ANDREA EPPERSON**, 24, of 900 Lancaster, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.

•**JOSEPH MURLEY**, 21, of 1105 Mulberry, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.

•**SCOTTY BRYANT**, 22, of 1105 Mulberry, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.

•**BRANDON MARTIN**, 20, of San Angelo, was arrested on a San Angelo warrant.

•**PHILLIP KUYKENDALL**,

19, of 600 E. 15th, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.

•**BRENT STEWART**, 40, of Belen, N.M., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

•**BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 1100 block of Gregg and in the 200 block of W. 2nd.

•**CRIMINAL MISCHIEF TO A VEHICLE** was reported in the 800 block of W. Marcy.

•**CLASS C CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1700 block of Morrison.

•**CLASS C THEFT** was reported in the 800 block of E. 12th.

•**ASSAULT** was reported in the 1000 block of North Main and in the 1100 block of East Fifth.

•**THEFT** was reported in the 400 block of East Fourth, in the 2000 block of Gregg, in the 1600 block of Owens, in the 3300 block of Marcy, in the 700 block of East 11th, in the 1100 block of North Lamesa, and in the 1700 block of FM-700.

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports:

THURSDAY

3:27 a.m. — 3200 block Parkway, trauma call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

1:49 p.m. — SMMC, transfer to Lubbock Covenant.

2:52 p.m. — 12th and Young, traffic accident, two patients transported to SMMC.

3:45 p.m. — 1300 block Kindle, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

4:43 p.m. — 200 block W. Second, trauma call, patient transferred to SMMC.

6:51 p.m. — 800 block Caylor, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

RECORDS

Thursday's high 92
Thursday's low 57
Average high 77
Average low 47
Record high 99 in 1972
Record low 22 in 1936
Precip. Thursday 0.00
Month to date 0.49
Month's normal 0.18
Year to date 5.20
Normal for the year 3.03
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PRICE OF GLORY (PG-13)
Daily: 4:00 Sat. & Sun. 2:00
ROMEO MUST DIE (R)
Daily: 7:20 Fri. & Sat. 9:30
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Jack Berry, 67, died Wednesday. Graveside services were at 2:00 PM today at Garden City Cemetery.

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Loudell Castle, 70, died Wednesday. Graveside services were 10:00 AM today at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Garland Green, Sr., 91, died Tuesday. Services are 2:00 PM today at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Oleta Johnson, 80, died today. Services are pending.

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Ana Maria Trevino y Familia

Senators

WASHINGTON
Senate is on the edge of a \$1.83 trillion two-year budget deal that will move a step closer to a son full of President Clinton and taxes.

The Senate will approve the Republican package today, perhaps dozens of similar plan two GOP goal was to pass a compromise next Friday, in makers' spring run.

Even before the plan, the attacking each visions.

"The president a political budget Budget Committee Pete Domenici,

Gasoline

WASHINGTON
Gasoline prices this month and average of \$1.46 a summer, the go Thursday, revisi its previous soaring fuel pri the vacation seas.

While the fore the prospect of regular grade gas high-price areas, motorists still v about 25 percent line this summer the forecast said.

It said the a traveling 12,000 April through likely to pay \$170 this year than last son.

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Senate nears approval of \$1.83 trillion budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate is on the edge of blessing a \$1.83 trillion budget for next year that will move lawmakers a step closer to a campaign season full of battles with President Clinton over spending and taxes.

The Senate was expected to approve the Republican-written package today, after voting on perhaps dozens of amendments. Since the House approved a similar plan two weeks ago, the GOP goal was for Congress to pass a compromise measure by next Friday, in time for lawmakers' spring recess.

Even before senators completed the plan, the two sides were attacking each other's fiscal visions.

"The president has submitted a political budget," Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., said

Thursday of Clinton's fiscal 2001 spending plan, which calls for more spending and smaller tax cuts than Republicans want.

Domenici said Clinton's proposed increase in domestic spending for 2001 was made "either to embarrass us or make us spend precisely what he wants, which is way too much." He wants about \$320 billion, or about 14 percent over this year's total and \$30 billion more than Republicans say they prefer.

Democrats said the proposed GOP tax cut of at least \$150 billion over the next five years would consume virtually the entire budget surplus, not counting Social Security money.

Democrats even introduced the \$483 billion tax cut likely GOP presidential standard-bearer George W. Bush has pro-

posed for 2002 through 2006 and dared Republicans to vote for it. It was rejected 99-0, with Republicans wary that it could drain Social Security surpluses both parties want to leave alone.

Sen. Richard Durbin, D-Ill., who forced the voice on Bush's tax plan, taunted Republicans, saying they should obey "that noted political philosopher, Tammy Wynette," who said, "Stand by your man."

Like Clinton proposed, the GOP budget would trim the \$3.6 trillion publicly held national debt by about \$1 trillion over the next five years; a reduction that most economists say should help the economy by keeping interest rates low. Most of the debt reduction would come from Social Security surpluses.

Republicans would also boost

spending for education, biomedical research and other programs. But such details are really decided in later bills. The budget, which does not require Clinton's signature, only sets overall tax and spending targets for the year.

By voice vote, senators agreed Thursday to add another \$4 billion to next year's defense budget for a total of \$311 billion, or 7 percent above this year and \$5 billion more than Clinton's proposal. The added money would come from next year's projected budget surplus.

The provision, by Sens. John Warner, R-Va., and Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, would compensate for a \$4 billion Pentagon boost the House approved in a separate emergency spending bill that Senate GOP leaders have decided to scuttle.

Confederate flag opponents, supporters rally at Statehouse

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Defenders and critics of the Confederate flag atop South Carolina's Statehouse converged outside the building as lawmakers inside set a date to begin working on resolving the controversy.

Opponents arrived at the south steps of the Statehouse on Thursday after a five-day, 120-mile march from Charleston to protest the banner. Flag supporters demonstrated on the north side.

"We must, as South Carolinians, move forward and get this issue resolved, and we must move the flag from the dome," Democratic Gov. Jim Hodges told an estimated 2,000 people.

Hodges, who has proposed moving the flag to a monument on Statehouse grounds, said he was tired of hearing legislators argue.

The Senate set debate on a bill for Wednesday — the first time this session the Legislature officially will take up the issue.

On the Capitol's opposite side, an estimated 300 supporters, who see the banner as a symbol of Southern heritage that honors Confederate war dead, sang "Dixie" and demanded that it stay.

"There were 200,000 people

who fought for it," said Wayne Gibbbs of Barnwell.

Led by Charleston Mayor Joseph P. Riley Jr. and under heavy security, flag opponents — who see the banner as a vestige of hatred and slavery — began their march Sunday with about 600 people. The group fell to just a few during the week, but swelled to more than 400 Thursday morning.

Hundreds more met the marchers at the Statehouse. Riley told the crowd that an anonymous letter writer threatened that if he marched with blacks through Calhoun County south of Columbia, "I will put you in my gun sights."

That was not about heritage, Riley said. "That is his hate."

Among those joining the march Thursday was former Republican Gov. David Beasley, whom Hodges defeated two years ago.

Beasley's late 1996 proposal to lower the flag was rebuffed the following year by fellow Republicans who control the state House. In 1995, they had passed legislation giving the Legislature sole power to take the flag down.

The flag was raised during the Civil War centennial in the 1960s, though critics have suggested it also was in defiance of the civil rights movement.

Gasoline prices now expected to peak this month

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gasoline prices should peak this month and then decline to an average of \$1.46 a gallon for the summer, the government said Thursday, revising dramatically its previous expectations of soaring fuel prices going into the vacation season.

While the forecast dampened the prospect of \$2 per gallon of regular grade gasoline even in high-price areas, as once feared, motorists still will be paying about 25 percent more for gasoline this summer than last year, the forecast said.

It said the average family, traveling 12,000 miles from April through September, is likely to pay \$170 more for fuel this year than last vacation season.

The Energy Department said Thursday its revised forecast, taking into account the additional oil production announced by world producers last month,

shows the average price nationwide peaking at \$1.52 a gallon this month and then declining.

Gasoline prices already have dropped a bit in some places. The forecast estimates prices averaging \$1.39 a gallon after Labor Day. Still, officials warned that the estimates are national averages and in some areas prices are likely to be higher.

Average gasoline prices in California in March, for example, have been 26 cents a gallon higher than the national average, with the disparity expected to continue into the summer, the report said.

The latest analysis by the Energy Information Administration was in sharp contrast to its forecast a month ago when the agency said that even with increased oil production, gasoline prices were expected to soar to a national average of \$1.80 a gallon. That

prompted widespread fear of \$2 per gallon gas just when millions of Americans hit the road for summer vacations.

"Today's estimates ... are proof that the Clinton administration's quiet diplomacy worked," said Energy Secretary Bill Richardson. "This positive news reinforces OPEC's efforts to bring stability and loss volatility to the markets."

The turn of events was welcomed by motorists.

"Isn't that thrilling," said Sandy Cohen, 51, of Virginia, when told of the latest price predictions as he browsed through maps at the American Automobile Association office near the White House. Cohen said he planned a 500-mile summer trip in the family minivan that "gets horrible mileage" and every penny saved at the pumps helps.

But Joe McNearney, 21, a congressional intern from

Minnesota, said he viewed the forecast with skepticism. "I'm going to wait and see if the prices really go down," he said.

On Capitol Hill, meanwhile, the enthusiasm for giving motorists relief from high gasoline prices seemed to lose momentum. The Senate approved by a 66-34 vote a non-binding resolution opposing a federal gas tax rollback of 4.3 cents per gallon. Rollback critics said it would give little help to consumers while depriving the government of billions of dollars needed for road projects.

The EIA forecast assumed that additional oil would begin hitting the U.S. market by May and June as a result of a decision March 28 by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to boost production by 1.7 million barrels a day. Other non-OPEC producers also would pump more oil.

House passes \$6.9 billion home ownership package

WASHINGTON (AP) — Home ownership could become a reality for millions of American families under a bill approved by the House which would help teachers, firefighters, police officers and other municipal employees buy homes.

The bill, approved by a 417-8 vote Thursday, builds on an already existing government program that awards billions of dollars in block grants to help communities improve home ownership. Lawmakers also gave communities the flexibility to use those grants to target teachers and other workers for home ownership incentives. A similar bill is working its way through the Senate.

"In some sense, our proposal today is the last piece of the housing puzzle," said Rep. Rick Lazio, R-N.Y., the bill's sponsor. "We are trying to give local communities the authority to rebuild their own back yards."

House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., said the measure "brings the dream of home ownership" to American families.

Added Rep. John LaFalce, D-N.Y., also a sponsor of the measure: "This legislation will

improve the lives of ... the public servants who work hard to make our communities safe and livable."

Key to the proposal is a provision that would allow a 1 percent downpayment for Federal Housing Administration-insured home loan mortgages for teachers, law enforcement officers and firefighters.

The bill also would waive any downpayment for individuals with disabilities and police officers living in high crime areas.

Vacant homes that have been in the Housing and Urban Development's inventory for six months or more would be transferred to local governments and offered to teachers, police officers and firefighters at a discounted rate.

"The issue of affordable housing has rapidly reached the level of a national crisis," said Rep. Bernard Sanders, I-Vt. "From one end of this country to the other we have working people, elderly people, low income people who are scrambling hard to find decent safe housing which they can afford. This legislation is a step forward."

New service allows Internet users to estimate retirement benefits

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Social Security Administration is offering a new Internet service for Americans who want to get an online estimate of future retirement benefits.

Three increasingly detailed levels of estimates are available, each requiring the user to type in more information about themselves. The simplest, "quick calculator," asks only for a person's age and current-year earnings. The most sophisticated requires the user to download software onto their

home computer and allows him or her to try out various retirement scenarios.

"Our new Internet service ... will accomplish step one of retirement planning: helping workers to understand the amount of Social Security benefits they can expect in retirement," said Social Security Administrator Kenneth S. Apfel.

President Clinton planned to unveil the new Internet service at the White House on Friday. At the same time, he is sched-

uled to sign legislation repealing a Depression-era law that reduces the Social Security benefits of older Americans who work past age 65.

The new online retirement calculator will not tap into private records that Social Security keeps about individuals' work and earnings histories. They rely solely on information provided by online users.

The Social Security Administration met with privacy concerns raised by Congress

and in 1997 dismantled a service giving people the opportunity to check their Social Security records online.

Starting this year, the agency is providing that information, including official earnings records and benefit estimates based on them, to all Americans over age 25 the old-fashioned way: in annual mailings, via the post office.

Social Security's new retirement benefit calculator: <http://www.ssa.gov/retire>

Overnight house fire in Michigan kills five children, injures four others

ROYAL OAK TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP) — An overnight house fire in suburban Detroit killed five children.

Four other children were injured. Two were listed in critical condition at Children's Hospital in Detroit, Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard said. Two were taken to William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak for observation,

he said.

Dorothea Pullen, who lives next door, said she heard a "popping" noise just before midnight Thursday. She said when she looked outside, the porch of the two-story home was on fire.

"Everything was so intense, it was roaring all the way across the front of the house," Pullen said.

She said neighbors kicked down the back door and pulled a woman and four children from the home. Pullen said the woman and nine children lived in the lower apartment and two people lived upstairs.

Authorities confirmed that the women lived in the home with nine children. Four of the dead children were siblings, Bouchard said. The fifth was

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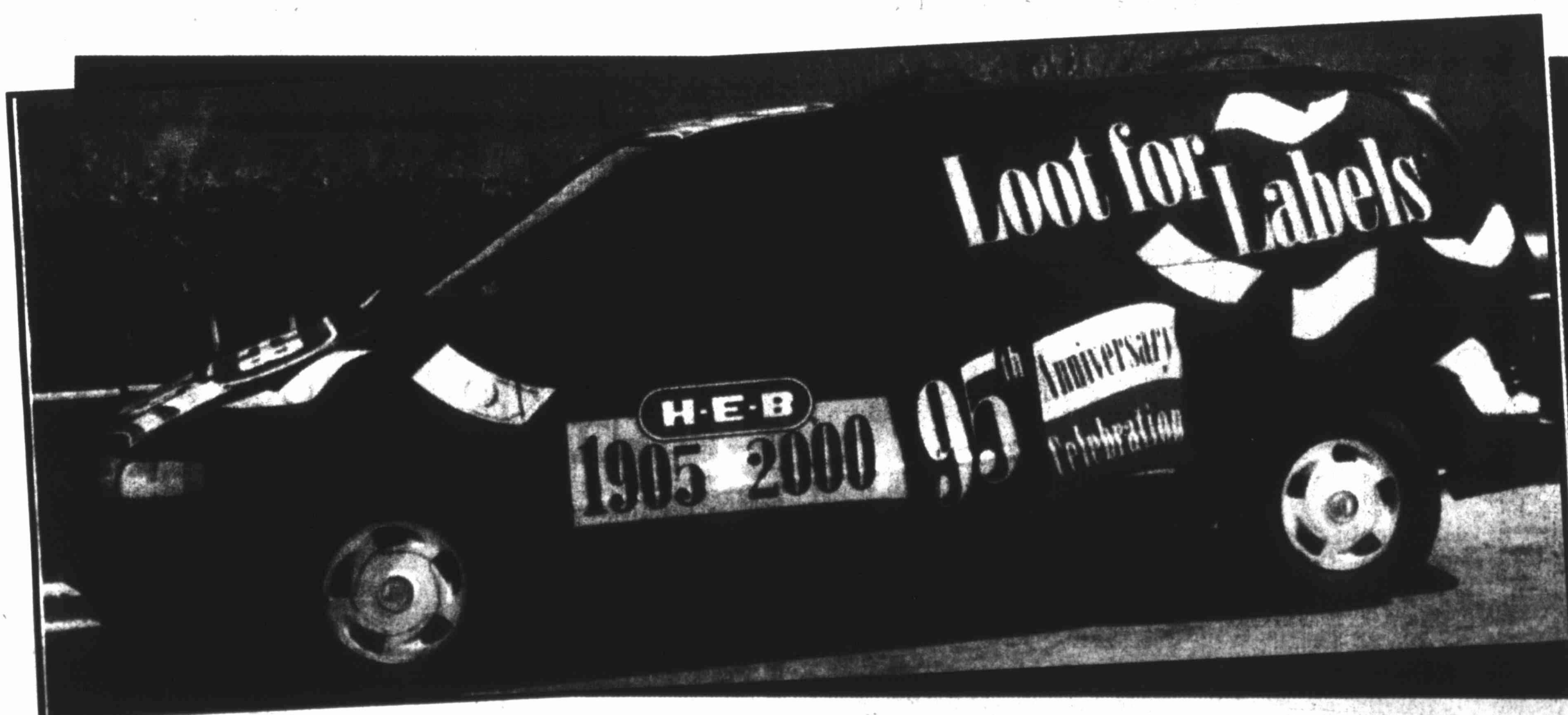
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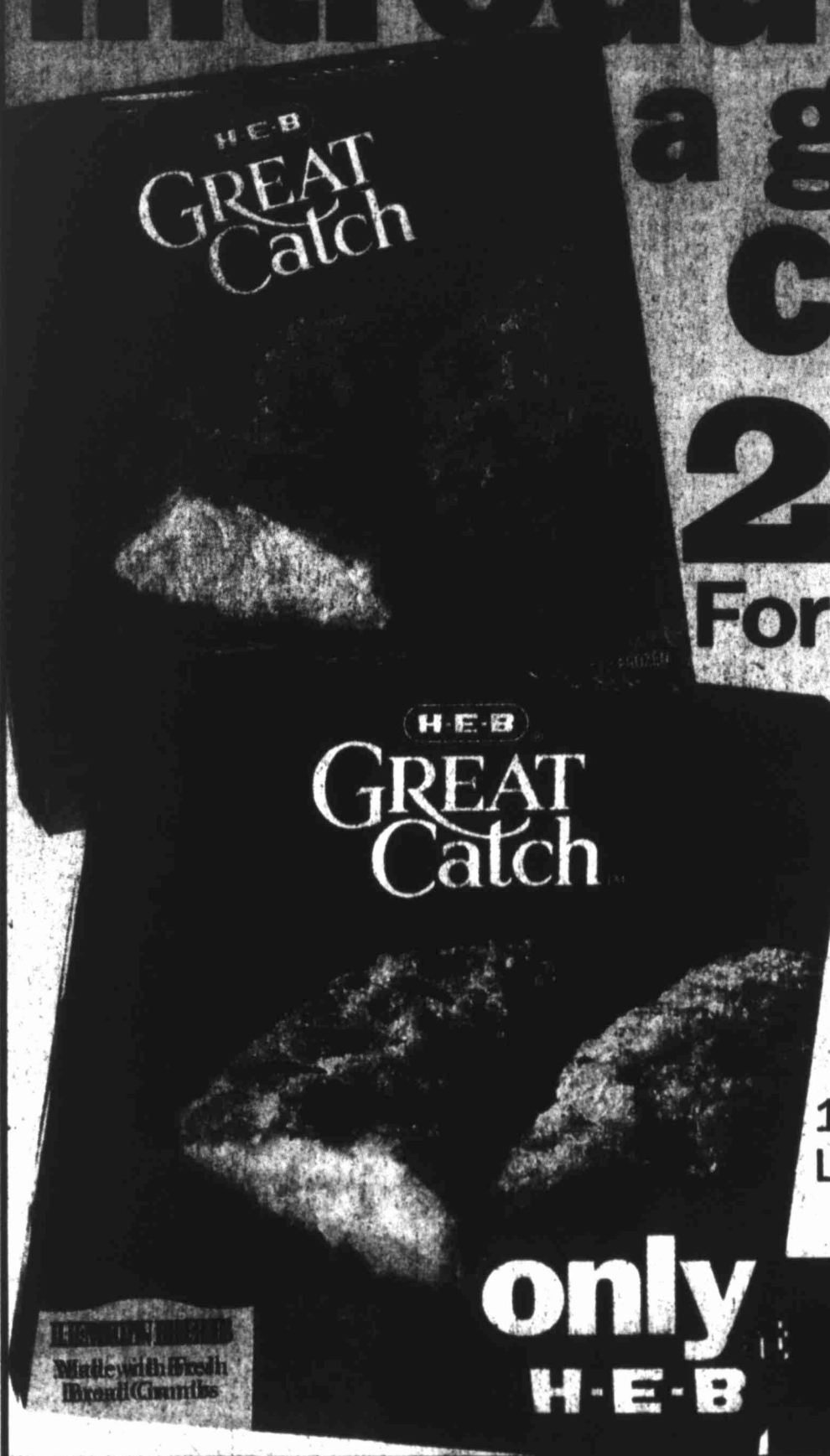
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EDITORIAL

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

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

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

This week we salute:

• **NELDA REAGAN**, McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark administrative assistant, who has been named to the Texas Airport Manager's Association board of directors.

• **SHEILA ABUSAAB**, Big Spring High School Teacher of the Year.

• **WEST TEXAS CENTERS FOR MENTAL HEALTH MENTAL RETARDATION**, on receiving a \$430,805 Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund grant.

• **BETTY LONG**, who retired from Scenic Mountain Medical Center after 39 years in nursing, most of them in Big Spring.

• **THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED** in the Don't Mess With Texas Trash Off, despite cool, rainy conditions, and to **SCENIC MOUNTAIN MEDICAL CENTER** for preparing hot dogs and hamburgers for the volunteers.

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.

OTHER VIEWS

Who's running this country, anyway? The Elian Gonzalez situation got way out of hand long ago. The boy should have been returned to his father in Cuba soon after Elian survived the boat trip that killed his mother and 10 others in November. Instead, he's surrounded by an incipient mob of distant relatives and Castro-hating immigrants who've made it very clear they may never let him go home, regardless of what the U.S. government says.

This is an outrage against international norms — not to mention a threat to American parents whose estranged spouses steal their children and take them to foreign lands. If the United States will decide whether a foreign father can have custody of his child, how can it argue that foreign courts shouldn't decide the fate of American families?

Republicans and Democrats alike ought to stand behind President Clinton and demand respect for U.S. and international law — and the basic right of a father to care for his child. And both parties ought to have the guts to tell the most obnoxious Cuban immigrants that if they don't like it, they can go back to where they came from.

THE FORT WAYNE (IND.)
JOURNAL GAZETTE

Each day that Elian Gonzalez remains in his exclu-

sive limbo sees damage done to the larger world. More Cuban-Americans in South Florida identify themselves using both proper nouns, and more Anglo-Americans do, too.

So much has been polarized in the name of an innocent. Republicans against Democrats, local mayors against federal officials, media watchdogs against Diane Sawyer, culture against culture, and lawyers against lawyers.

Worst of all, the case pits family members against family members. As the government began talking about transferring Elian to his father as Juan Miguel Gonzalez arrives from Cuba, Elian's relatives are calling Mr. Gonzalez an unfit parent. ... Reconciliation seems possible most everywhere except when it comes to Cuba.

It is left to Miami hotheads to kindle the passions of the ancient revolution with a 6-year-old boy cast as the fuse. Only from Little Havana or Union City, N.J., does anyone view the world this way. Every national poll since December has shown that between 65 percent and 75 percent of Americans believe Elian should be returned to his father.

Among South Floridians of Cuban descent, a recent poll found 88 percent believing the child should remain here. ...

THE PALM BEACH (FLA.) POST

Giuliani in trouble over rash of shootings

Last week's polls showed New York City Mayor Giuliani in a statistical tie with Hillary Rodham Clinton in their Senate race after leading by seven points two weeks earlier.

Typically, the mayor said that the shift had nothing to do with the latest police shooting — and his handling of it — but common sense indicates otherwise.

Hillary Clinton, Al Sharpton the race vulture and others who dislike Giuliani have been trying to make an issue of police brutality, but until this incident — the third shooting that recently made headlines — the issue had not gained much traction. In fact, the record of the New York Police Department has been very good as far as shooting civilians is concerned. Last year, there were 11 such deaths. In the final year of Giuliani's predecessor, David Dinkins, there were 28. Yet many in the city are getting edgy.

The case of Abner Louima, a Brooklyn Haitian, was simply awful. He was picked up in a fracas at a neighborhood dive, driven to the station house and, incredibly, was tortured by having a broom handle shoved up his posterior. Not only was he humiliated, but he suffered internal injuries. Everyone who heard about this was disgusted. The perpetrator was tried, convicted and sentenced to a long term in prison. The policemen who are said to have tried to cover up the

crime likewise were tried and convicted.

No one can complain about the way the case was handled.

The next spectacle was more problematical: the shooting of Amadou Diallo, a West African street peddler, by four plainclothes policemen of the elite Street Crime Unit.

Driving in a patrol car and looking for a rapist, the officers saw Diallo from a distance and thought he resembled the suspect and was acting suspiciously on the steps of an apartment house. When they got out of the car and approached Diallo while shouting "police" and showing their badges, he retreated into the vestibule, and for some reason he reached into his pocket and took out his wallet. The leading policeman, an experienced officer, shouted "Gun!" and a second officer fell backward down the front steps and lay on the sidewalk.

At this, the other three officers opened up with their automatic pistols, firing more than 40 bullets, 19 of which hit Diallo.

The four policemen went to trial for second-degree murder. Their defense was that they believed Diallo had a gun and was about to fire at the remaining three. Their attorney held up a wallet and then held up a small automatic pistol. It was difficult to distinguish between them. The jury, which included a black woman as foreman and contained several other black jurors, acquitted the officers. Hillary had called it murder. Sharpton wailed. But no traction.

It was a nasty business, but I myself — and I think most others — agreed that it was an honest mistake, though terrible.

Sharpton and the other usual

suspects, however, had held highly visible protests outside the courthouse; Jesse Jackson had declared that it is now "open season" on blacks, and there were demonstrations against Giuliani outside City Hall.

The timing of the death of Patrick Dorismond, another Haitian, could not have been worse politically. Dorismond, a large and physically impressive man, worked as a security guard in midtown Manhattan west of Times Square. Ironically, he hoped to one day join the NYPD.

On the night in question, he and a friend had a couple of beers in a bar and went outside to hail a cab. At this point they were approached by a plainclothes cop who inquired of Dorismond if he knew where to buy some crack cocaine.

Infuriated, Dorismond punched him near the eye, and a scuffle ensued. Two backup plainclothesmen joined the fray. One pulled out his automatic 9mm. Allegedly by accident, he fired one shot without knowing he had done so. Dorismond died on the sidewalk.

It may or may not be necessary to conduct such plainclothes sting operations. Times Square, now renovated, is a huge tourist attraction, and drug dealers and the crime they bring must be kept at bay. But that gun should not have been drawn. The three policemen should have been able to subdue Dorismond. And, after all, he had some reason to be outraged by the initial approach.

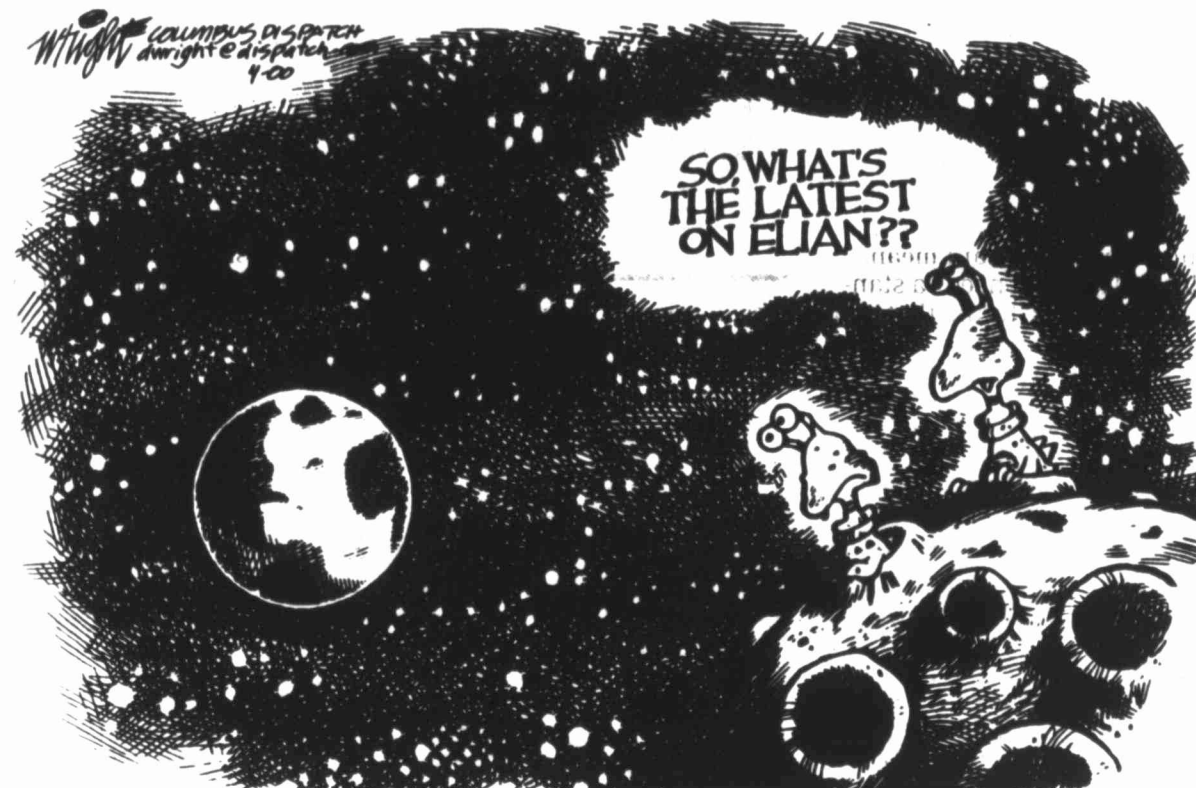
Giuliani would have done well to have advised calm, to have said that a full investigation is under way by District Attorney Robert Morgenthau and to have expressed his condolences to Dorismond's fami-

ly. But no. There were no condolences until a week later. And Giuliani released Dorismond's criminal record dating back to his juvenile days, and, to be sure, Dorismond seemed to have been quick with his fists. "No choirboy," the mayor said. And at Dorismond's funeral, there was a riot in which an American flag was burned, bottles full of urine were thrown, and many police and civilians were injured. Naturally, Sharpton and Hillary went ballistic at the mayor.

I suppose the mayor was stung and defensive by what he called "an orchestrated campaign against the police." And he has become more conciliatory. But it would have been decent to have expressed regrets and condolences. Instead, he played into his enemies' hands by appearing indifferent to the death and attacking the dead man. Even the three plainclothesmen expressed sorrow.

The city can be a rough assignment. Even as I write, the news is that five undercover narcotics detectives fired a hail of bullets at young men on a Brooklyn street Friday night, killing two. The five had tried to stick up the policemen with what turned out to be a toy pistol taped to look real, as well as a pellet gun.

It's realistic to understand that there is a low-intensity war going on between street criminals and the police, that the decrease in crime is due to tough and courageous police work, and that in a war there are going to be casualties, even innocent casualties. But the mayor's reaction to the death of Dorismond was not his finest hour, and it let Hillary and Sharpton out of their stalls.



Free TV solves campaign finance abuse

Vice President Al Gore, in a March 27 speech to Marquette University, presented his plans for campaign finance reform, which included a public endowment to finance election campaigns.

However, he said, if the endowment did not receive enough donations within seven years, as president he would force television broadcasters to allocate air time to candidates as a requirement for the renewal of the broadcast licenses.

The call for free air time for political campaigns has been around for some time, and we have been one of its advocates. Research has found that the majority of the American pub-

lic receives information about political candidates through paid television ads rather than through news programs or even well-publicized debates.

The debate over offering free air time erupted during the 1996 campaign when Paul Taylor, a former Washington Post writer, founded Free TV for Straight Talk, now known as the Alliance for Better Campaigns. That year, the organization paid for an ad in a large New York newspaper calling on broadcasters to offer political candidates free air time. In a Washington Post Online Chat with Free Media, Taylor stated that as of Dec. 15, 1999, the Federal Communications Commission had started an inquiry on public-interest obligations of television broadcasters, including the question of free air time to political candidates.

Then in 1997 President Clinton and Vice President Gore formed a 22-member advisory group to study the question, which resulted in a presentation of recommendations

in December 1998 from the Advisory Committee on the Public Interest Obligations of Digital Television Broadcasters. These recommendations came after the federal government decided to double the spectrum space given to broadcasters to facilitate the transition to digital television. The committee suggested that broadcasters voluntarily give candidates five minutes of free air time a night in the month prior to elections for them to air their views.

There should not be a question of constitutionality, because the government owns the airwaves, just as it owns roads and rivers. So it is really just a matter of will.

Clearly, this Congress and administration are not going to change anything, and it will be up to those leaders who take office next year to take on this effort.

It is an effort that could solve most of the campaign finance abuses that have plagued our system since the advent of television.



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Big Spring Herald

Friday, April 7, 2000

Scouts plant tree to honor friend's battle

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

A routine beautification for a group of Cub Scouts recently became a tribute to a friend facing a battle against cancer.

Coahoma Boy Scout Troop 501 had been planning to plant an Arizona Ash shade tree in the Coahoma City Park. The tree was donated by Johansen's Nursery and was going to be a beautification project for the first graders in the troop.

Two days before the scheduled planting, the Cubs found out fellow member and friend Matt Wynn, also a first grade student, had a rare form of brain cancer.

He had become ill while on a family vacation during spring break and a malignant tumor was found as the cause.

Suddenly, the tree took on a new meaning for the youngsters.

"After we planted the tree, we got together and held hands and said a prayer for our friend Matt," explained Nora Gamble, troop leader for the Cubs. "After the prayer, I heard a



Courtesy photo
Coahoma Cub Scouts, from left, Ronnie Thompson, Hunter Williams, Reagan Reid, Austin Rinard and Michael Smith, pose in front of the small tree that they planted to honor their friend Matt Wynn, who is battling cancer.

couple of the boys say, 'Amen.' It was a touching moment."

Later that evening, Gamble said her son, Hunter Williams,

a Scout in the troop, said "Mom, I think we had better put Matt back in our prayers tonight again."

While Gamble said she doesn't think they boys in Troop 501 really understand what their friend is facing, they will support him in any way they can. If he loses his hair due to chemotherapy, some of the boys say they will shave their heads, Gamble said.

According to a newsletter for friends from the Wynn family, Matt will undergo radiation and chemotherapy treatments for 12-15 months. He has an 85 percent chance of total recovery, and in five years, could be cancer free.

Since his illness, Matt has been away from school, taking classes at home and trying to avoid contact with germs due to a weakened immune system. But on Saturday, he may be allowed to join his friends as the troop plans a nature scavenger hunt.

"The boys are really looking forward to spending some time with him," Gamble said. "We are all looking forward to seeing him."

CHURCH NEWS

Iglesia Bautista La Fe

Revival is planned at Iglesia Bautista La Fe, 408 State St., April 13-16 at 7 p.m. each day. Evangelist is Ed Sena, pastor of Iglesia Bautista Templo of Lubbock.

Special music will be by La Familia Castro en Cristo April 13-14 and Grupo El Libertad April 15-16. Everyone is welcome.

First Presbyterian

The sermon topic for Sunday is "And Forgive Us Our Debts." The scripture is taken from Matthew 6:12. This is the fourth in a series of sermons taken from the Lord's Prayer. Diane Brown, Minister, will deliver the sermon. Worship service begins at 11 a.m. This is preceded by Sunday School at 9:45 and Take Ten at 10:30.

Stew Pot Dinners continue on Wednesday night. Following the dinner, the Rev. Jerry Kelly will be the Lenten speaker at 6:15. Choir Practice and Youth Group follow. The dinner starts at 5:30.

Plans are being finalized for the Holy Week Mid-Day Services. Speakers from five different churches in the community will speak during these services. All members of the community are invited to attend. Lunch will be served by members of First Presbyterian Church.

Mothers Reclaiming Our Children

Mothers Reclaiming Our Children has a new meeting place and time. The monthly meeting will be at 12 p.m. Tuesday at Cornerstone Church. This will be at time of intercessory prayer and sharing of concerns for our children and schools. This time of prayer is open for all who have a burden for children. Come and be a part of this vital ministry as we stand in the gap for the children of this community, state and nation. For more information, call 267-8578.

College Park Church of God

Want a break? Let us care for your child Saturday at College Park Church of God. We will offer Mother's Day Out this Saturday from 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Call 268-1953 and leave a message if you want more information.

East Fourth Street Baptist Church

East Fourth Street Baptist Church will begin revival Sunday morning at 11 a.m. The evangelist will be Dennis Teeters, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lamesa, where he has served for the past six years. The church has experienced tremendous growth under his leadership. Teeters is the son of the Rev. Monroe and Snowy Teeters of Big Spring.

The music leader will be Joe Whitten of Big Spring. Whitten and his wife, Virginia, are involved in prison ministry. They travel all over the United States ministering prisons every year through Joe Whitten prison ministries. The college students who volunteer their time for this ministry are known as "His Children."

Evening services will be at 6 p.m. on Sunday. Services Monday through Friday will be

from noon to 1 p.m., with a covered dish lunch, and 7 p.m.

The church would like to invite everyone to attend these services. There will be a special youth emphasis one evening, which will be announced. Call the church at 267-2291 for information. There will also be a special children's emphasis on Wednesday evening.

St. Paul Lutheran

On Wednesday evening, a number of children began preparation for first Communion classes and will meet for a number of weeks.

On Thursday, members met to discuss various avenues of church improvements.

At 4:30 p.m. today, youth and five adults of St. Paul left for San Angelo to attend the Hot Hearts Youth Conference.

The last Lenten service is scheduled for Sunday evening at 7:15 in the sanctuary.

Palm Sunday services will be 8 and 10:45 a.m. April 16, with Pastor Kohl in charge. The children's Choir, directed by Lana Scholer, will provide special music.

Easter Seder is scheduled for April 20, at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Cindy Carlile and Paula Buske are responsible for the Easter egg hunt which will take place at 10 a.m. on April 20.

Easter Sunrise service is set for 7:30 a.m. on April 23, in the courtyard. Breakfast will be served at 8:15 in the fellowship hall by the youth and their parents. Sunday school and Adult Bible classes follow at 9:30. Pastor Stutz will have the Easter service at 10:45 in the sanctuary.



Chris and Tiffany Smirl, above, and Phillip and Misty Fowler, below, are new ministers at College Park Church of God.



College Park Church of God

The College Park Church of God would like to welcome and introduce our new Youth Pastor and Music Minister. Coming to us from Borger are Chris and Tiffany Smirl who will be serving as our Youth Pastors, and moving from the Ft. Worth area are Phillip and Misty Fowler who will be serving as Music Ministers.

Senior Pastors, Lance and Mary Baker, as well as Children's Pastors Randy and Cindy Rawls, along with our

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Truth is truth, whether we like it or not

If you've ever had the opportunity to write for a newspaper or other periodical, you understand the stress that can be involved in the process of putting together thoughts and ideas. Before beginning, decisions must be made on everything from content to writing style. I often labor for hours before ever typing a single word.

With the weekly pastor's column, the "Herald" gives us great liberty in putting our stories together. I am yet undecided as to whether that is a blessing or a curse. I thought liberty was supposed to "make us free." Why is it so difficult, then, to make a simple decision?

What would really happen if I wrote something totally irrelevant to society, or even grammatically horrific? Would my name be ruined in the community? Would I be fired from the church I serve? Would my congregation suffer great humiliation, or possibly just ignore me for a few weeks? Or, ... would anybody even really notice?

Each week, I stand before those who will come and listen, and share from my heart the necessity of making right decisions. Our society has become so confused that it often celebrates poor choices and even mocks clear, historical, Biblical decisions. The scripture clearly says: Woe to those

who call evil good and good evil, ... Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and clever in their own sight. Woe to those who are heroes at drinking wine and champions at mixing drinks, who acquit the guilty for a bribe, but deny justice to the innocent. Isaiah 5:20-23 NIV

My personal perspective on decision-making is extremely God-Centered. Before you condemn me for being smug, or "wise in my own eyes" (from the above passage), let me explain what I mean. Making a decision is a standard for living that separates our own logic and culture.

If every generation sets their standards simply on the basis of what "they consider" good and relevant, anarchy will soon be the rule of the day. One generation might well determine that rape, incest, lying and even murder are all perfectly acceptable (of course, within reason!) Where would that society be?

God-centered thinking and behavior certainly does not mean perfection. It simply indicates the recognition of an authority and rule for life higher than any individual. In my case, I find God's revealed Word, (the Old and New Testaments of Holy Scripture) to be the revelation of that authority.

I don't have room in this issue to debate this choice over against other holy books or additions to the above, but believe it contains not only "THE TRUTH" concerning life's issues, but also, and of greater significance, "THE TRUTH" for life beyond this one. It clearly teaches distinctives of right and wrong behavior, and can empower those who believe it to make right decisions.

Surely our society doesn't believe in relativism. Truth is truth. Even if I don't personally like it!

When you touch a hot oven you get burned, no matter what you think and teach about the essence of hotness. In my view, if God's Word Says It, That Settles It. Whether I believe it, or not!

I think I've decided on my topic! I hope it makes you think!

Ken McMeans is pastor at College Baptist Church.



KEN McMEANS

CLUB NEWS

Order of the Eastern Star

Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star had their meeting Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge.

Sand Springs Lions

The Sand Springs Lions Club met in regular meeting Monday with Ben Boadle, First Vice-president, presiding.

Jarrell Barbee led the Pledge of Allegiance and Madeline Boadle worded the opening prayer.

After the reading of the minutes and treasurer's report by secretary, Dolores Hurlburt, discussion was had about the program for April 17. Jan Hansen of TXU is scheduled to do the program on the Windmills.

Jarrell Barbee and Phillip

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Historical Society will meet in Big Spring

The Permian Historical Society Spring meeting will be Saturday, April 15, at the Cactus Room in the Student Union Building on Howard College campus.

One should arrive by 9:30 a.m. to visit with the new officers and to meet all visitors before the actual meeting begins. Lunch will be catered at a cost of \$7.95. Reservations are important for this meeting and should be made by Monday to Eileen Welch at (915) 682-0839 or by sending an email to: Ewelch115@aol.com.

Papers on area historical activities to be read at the meeting include:

1. "McCamey, McElroy, and Other Fields of the South Central Basin Platform" by Julia Cauble Smith. This is a part a collection of articles on Permian Basin oil and gas fields. Smith is a past president of the PHS and remains active in its work.

2. "Evolution of Technology in the Natural Gas Processing Industry" by David Screws. Mr. Screws is a Master of Arts -

History student at the University of Texas, Permian Basin. His paper traces advancing technology in the processing of natural gas, an industry important to the Permian Basin.

3. "The Road Show" by Dorothy Jones. In the first half of the twentieth century, before each small town had its own movie theater and when slow transportation isolated farms and small towns, the traveling movie tent show brought the outside world to lonely farm and small-town families. The writer, who lives in Big Spring, became interested in this topic because her family was involved in it.

4. "Pecos Bend: A Terrell County, Texas, Ranch" by Terri Tease. Tease is another Master of Arts - History student at UTPB. Her paper follows the history of Pecos Bend Ranch from 1889 through the Twentieth Century.

Following the luncheon, contributions to the historical preservation in Stanton and Martin County will be recog-

nized. June Redford Reid of Stanton will receive the prestigious Permian Academy of History Award from Permian Historical Society. This award will be presented to Reid for her work to preserve and write Permian Basin history. Her work in Martin County has been remarkable, including leading the drive to raise \$100,000 to build the Martin County Museum in 1977 and serving as curator and president of its board for twelve years. Reid established an archives at the museum that features an oral history collection. She wrote a grant for funding to restore the old jail as a visitors center and office for the chamber of commerce.

Recently, Reid initiated a drive to successfully restore Connell House, an historic pioneer home.

Also at the meeting, the Evelyn Scarborough Lineberry and J. Conrad Dunagan Best Article Award will be presented to the writer of the best paper published in The Permian Historical Annual, 39.

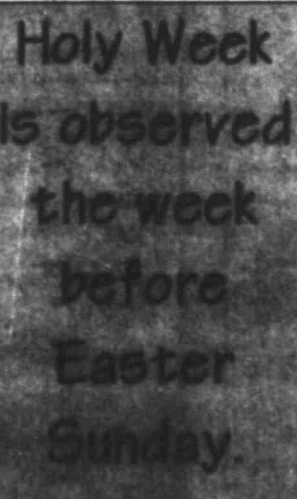
COMMUNITY NEWS

A Holy Week Luncheon Series will be hosted by First Presbyterian Church, 8th and Runnels, April 17-21. The church has invited ministers from a variety of denominations to give a brief meditation centered on the events of Holy Week, observed the week before Easter. A light sandwich lunch will follow, free of charge. Speakers are:

- Monday, April 17, the Rev. Jim Liggett, St. Mary's Episcopal Church.
- Tuesday, April 18, the Rev. Eddie Tubbs, First Baptist Church.
- Wednesday, April 19, the Rev. Jimmy Watson, First Christian Church.
- Thursday, April 20, Maundy Thursday, the Rev. Ed Williamson, First Methodist Church.
- Friday, April 21, Good Friday, the Rev. Steve Stutz, St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Each day's series will begin at 12:05 p.m. and will last about half an hour. Lunch will then be served in the fellowship hall and the whole program should not take more than one hour.

For more information, call First Presbyterian at 263-4211.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

THE BIG SPRING EAGLES Lodge No. 3188 will host a barbecue to benefit the Harbour family on Saturday, April 15. Barbecue dinners, served from noon to 4 p.m., will consist of brisket, sausage, coleslaw, potato salad, beans and bread. Dine in and carry-out will be available. The cost will be \$5 per plate.

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THE BIG SPRING EVENING Lions Club will have free eyeglasses for all adults Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club bingo building, 1607 East Third.

All adults needing eyeglasses who don't have the income to purchase the exam or glasses are welcome. The recycled eyeglasses are donated by the community as a service project of the Lions.

The Lions group offers the eyeglasses the second Saturday of each month. For more information call Donna Groenke at 393-5298.

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Prayer pagers: Hope, good vibes

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — Merle Den Bleyker's pager went off hundreds of times during the months he spent recuperating from a stem-cell transplant to fight cancer.

The buzzings were a blessing, not an annoyance. Den Bleyker's friends used the pager to let him know they were praying for him around the clock.

"It really was an instrument in God's hands," says Den Bleyker, 52, who today is back at his job as a missionary director. "It was simply a message ... that someone cared, that someone was praying for me."

Across the country, groups are turning to pagers to provide 24-hour support to those they believe are in need of prayer. It's the latest example of the ways technology and spirituality come together, says Brenda Brasher, a religion professor at Mount Union College in Alliance, Ohio.

People already use e-mail and Internet chat rooms to pray together, but pagers offer an added benefit. In a society where people frequently live far away from family, a pager's beep or buzz can be a comforting reminder that a person is not alone.

"We live far apart from each other, so when you're ill, to some extent you're facing it alone," Brasher says. "With a pager, there is this concrete evidence that people are praying for you."

Most Pure Heart of Mary Church in Topeka, Kan., set up a prayer pager program after a member read about a similar Texas effort. Since then, the church has distributed more than 40 pagers to ailing parishioners and set up a Web page.

"Some of those people are very ill — they can't necessarily get up to answer a telephone," says Kathy Welch, who helps coordinate the program and herself calls more than three dozen pagers a day after praying.

'This way they don't have to return any phone calls, and they know they are being prayed for.'

Kathy Welch,
program coordinator

"This way they don't have to return any phone calls, and they know they are being prayed for," she says.

Youth Specialties, a business dedicated to Christian education, suggests that youth pastors give their pagers to young congregants to call when they need a prayer.

"It could be, 'Hey, I need to pass this test,' or something more serious," says Rene Howe, a manager with the El Cajon, Calif., company.

In Denver, high school students as well as the ailing carry pagers as part of Third Christian Reformed Church's ministry.

"We've partnered every student with an adult leader. These kids get paged by their prayer leaders," says Pastor Dave de Ridder, who came up with the idea four years ago as a way to let an ill friend in another state know she was in his prayers.

Some efforts are initiated by friends or worshippers just looking for a way to stay in touch. Others are started by youth ministries, church bulletins, Web sites or word-of-mouth.

The pagers also are used differently. In some cases, worshippers punch in a number code that stands for a specific message. Den Bleyker's pager used the numbers "77," which corresponds to "PP" on a phone dial and stands for the "peace prayer."

Under other programs, people dial in a prearranged phone number connected to voice mail, where they've left a message of support.

Cathy Mies of Topeka says

her 87-year-old mother received a prayer pager from the Most Pure Heart of Mary Church during the last months of her life. Again and again, the pager's display would flash "888" — the code the church chose to represent the words "Our Lord Jesus."

"I think she was surprised that people would be praying for her, people whom she didn't even know," recalls Mies. "It was very emotional to know that people were praying ... not only for my mom, but for myself."

She also liked the fact that, as other church members gave the prayer pager numbers to their friends or people read about the pagers online, her mother was paged by worshippers from all faiths.

"It's very ecumenical. A prayer is a prayer, I don't care who does it," she says. "Prayer is one of the most unifying things for all of us."

De Ridder, the Denver pastor, uses the church bulletin to share prayer pager numbers with the 700 members of his congregation. A few have been returned by people who were uncomfortable with the constant buzzing, he said, but most people like them.

Sometimes, family members of those who carried pagers and died make donations to the program in their honor. "The widow or widower will say that was very valuable, please keep this going," he said.

Den Bleyker's "77" pages came at all hours during his treatment for non-Hodgkins lymphoma at a hospital in Ann Arbor, about 120 miles away.

The constant buzzing took a little getting used to, admits Den Bleyker, who had never used a pager before and carried it on his belt or placed on the nightstand next to his bed.

"There was one time when I thought, 'Why can't they let me sleep?'" he recalls, chuckling. "But then I realized what it was about and I thought, 'That's really super.'"

CHURCH

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new ministry team members, and our whole congregation would like to invite you to come out and visit with us at the College Park Church of God.

St. Mary's Episcopal

This year's Lenten Program topic is "The Seven Cardinal Virtues." On Wednesday, the Rt. Rev. Wallis Ohl, Bishop of the Northwest Diocese of Texas, will present a program on "Justice and Prudence" at 6:30 p.m. An all-parish meatless Pot Luck Supper begins at 6 p.m. We will end the evening with a brief service of Compline. The public is invited.

First Baptist Church

Youth, Audio Adrenaline will be here Monday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The concert begins at 7 p.m. For ticket information, call the church office at First Baptist Church, 267-8223, and ask for extension 48.

Parents, Summerama time is getting closer. Children going into the first grade through sixth are invited to participate. The days are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., May 30 through July 27 and limited space is available. Call Jodi Mims at First Baptist to reserve a spot for your child.

See our website, www.fbcbigspring.org for more.

First United Methodist Church

"The Ancient Tribe To Whom Christians Belong" (Daniel 7:13-14) is the title Dr. Ed Williamson's message this Sunday at the First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry. The message is about how believers in Jesus Christ sense

their unity with the historic people of God and live in hope with a vision of God's Kingdom. Worship is at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.

Youth meet on Sunday afternoon with Mid-High youth meeting at 5 p.m. Youth Choir at 6 p.m. and Senior Highs at 7 p.m. Bible study for senior highs is Wednesday night at 434 Edwards. Single Adults have a class all their own, taught by Jackie Henry, on Sunday mornings at 9:40.

We also have a class for adults with special needs and talents, The Kingdom Class, taught by Shelley Smith.

For more information call the church office at 267-6394.

Miracle Revival Center

We invite you to come join us in a celebration of our living God at 600 East F.M. 700. Sunday Worship is at 11 a.m., and Bible class is at 10 a.m. "The Other Issues" youth meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays, ages 13-18. Attention Singles! We invite you to our singles ministry Sunday School at 10 a.m.

Special Easter Activities! 7 a.m. Sunrise Service at the Amphitheater (city wide Easter Communion Service) MRC will be having a fun-filled day at Comanche Trail Park, food, fellowship and Easter egg hunt for the children after services.

This week the School of the Spirit guest speaker is Malcolm Pionton from Christ's Community Church. The topic is "Revival Through Prayer" School of Spirit is held every Thursday at 7 p.m.

Spanky's Coffee & Company will be hosting a Christian Acoustic Punk Band, Saturday April 8, D.C.B.G. will perform at 7 p.m., and all city youth are invited!

CLUB

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Reid will haul trash for the Senior Citizens April 29.

Under new business a nomination Committee was appointed and submitted their first recommendations for officers for the year 2001. The report was approved as follows: President, Ben Boadle; First Vice-president, Phillip Reid; Second Vice-president, Shrylee Reid; Secretary-Treasurer, Dolores Hurlburt; Tail Twister, Mike Hurlburt; Lion Tamer, Jarrell Barbee; two year Director, Betty Franklin; one year Director, Burnis Mason; Mop and Broom Chair, Maurice Wright; Membership Chair, Fred Franklin; and Public Relations, Madeline Boadle.

It was also, voted to bring articles for Isaiah 58 to each second meeting of the month.

The Sand Springs Lions Club meets the first and third Monday of each month at the Sand Springs at 6:30 p.m. All interested parties are welcome to attend.

Big Spring Art Association

Dana Wilkerson is the Artist of the Month for April from the Big Spring Art Association.

Dana has taken art at Howard College and private lessons from Kay Smith at Brushworks Gallery and Studio. Her art is displayed at the Heritage Museum for the month of April.



WILKERSON

BRIEFS

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — "I don't want to see us separate," said the Rev. Robert Edgar, new general secretary of the National Council of Churches, as he opposed a bid by the council's international welfare agency, Church World Service (CWS), to take control of its own finances. Contributions to the welfare arm amount to 88 percent of council income.

The council and its CWS unit are both supported by 35 member denominations with 100,000 local congregations. Edgar, who assumed leadership of the council in January, spoke last week to delegates at a Portland meeting of the committee that governs CWS.

The governing committee decided last year that CWS should seek to manage its own finances. Later, the council asked CWS to pay a special assessment of \$1.4 million to help meet a council deficit of \$4 million for 1999; it also raised the fee it is charging CWS this year for administrative services.

PATERSON, N.J. (AP) — The Paterson school district, the first in the state to close for a Muslim holiday, added a second day off this year.

Paterson schools previously closed for the feast marking the end of Ramadan, the month of fasting. This year the school district added a day off March 17 for Eid al-Adha, the worldwide festival marking the end of the pilgrimage to Mecca.

No other district in New Jersey closes for any Islamic holiday, said a spokesman for the New Jersey School Boards Association.

Muslims comprise 21,000 of 150,000 Paterson residents and about 3,700 school-age children.

Physicist is winner of top religion prize

NEW YORK (AP) — Freeman Dyson, a physicist who has written about the relationship between science and religion, won the annual Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion worth \$940,000.

It was announced late last month.

"I'm not a theologian. I'm not a saint. So I'm baffled" at the honor, said the 76-year-old Dyson, emeritus professor of physics at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, N.J.

The prize was established in 1972 by mutual funds entrepreneur John M. Templeton to highlight a field omitted by the Nobel prizes.

Past winners have tended to alternate between scholars, often those involved with science and religion, and better-known activists such as Mother Teresa, Alexander Solzhenitsyn and evangelists Charles Colson and Billy Graham.

The fact that Dyson is religiously unaffiliated was no barrier to selection by the interfaith panel. More surprising is that the relation of religion and science is only a side issue in books Dyson has written for the general public.

It is, however, of lifelong interest of the British-born researcher, who taught himself calculus at 15.

He first made his mark at 25 by synthesizing three competing theories in quantum electrodynamics.

In prepared remarks, Dyson said "religious creationists and

scientific materialists are equally dogmatic and insensitive. By their arrogance they bring both science and religion into disrepute. The media exaggerate their numbers and importance."

Scientists should realize, Dyson said in an interview Tuesday, that "religion has a much more important role in human destiny than science." He thinks both fields should join forces "to drive the world in the right direction."

"We ought to take advantage of religion to make science something we can be proud of," he said.

He especially wants them to help counteract the gap between the world's rich and poor, and to address perils in biotechnology and human engineering.

In the future, he said, those with money will have the power to control commerce in desirable human genes to give offspring "all kinds of competitive skills."

Dyson thinks of himself as a "follower of Christ," but said that "to me, religion is a way of life, not a belief." He is not a church member but attends a Presbyterian congregation in Princeton. His daughter Mia, of Kennebunk, Maine, was ordained a Presbyterian minister last year.

"In this country, churches are the organizations that hold the community together. They help the poor and youth. The music is wonderful, too," he said.

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'HOG Day' rescheduled by baseball boosters

Due to rains that last Saturday's game at Big Spring's Steers' Angelo Lake Vi baseball booster have rescheduled honor members Harley Owners G.

Members of the now be honored Steers' game at Stockton set for Saturday.

All Harley riders admitted free as baseball boosters.

Teen League baseball registration scheduled for April

Registration for League baseball scheduled for April the American L field.

Sessions will be to 7:30 p.m. each \$50 per player and tificate is required.

For more information Sheri Nichols at 263-2552, or Craig 263-0170.

Softball tournament at Cotton Mize

The "Let's Do softball tournament scheduled for this Cotton Mize Comanche Trail P

Entry fees are \$1 Team trophies. All trophies will An all-tournament be selected and presented to an Golden Glove winner. For more information Amador Rios at 263-0358.

Little League needed for new

Officially the Little League Association say n are needed for the season.

Prior experience essay. For more information Kevin Pirkle at 267-0241.

AREA GA

TODAY HIGH SCHOOL BASE

5 p.m.
• Coahoma Bulldogs
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4 p.m.
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2 p.m.
• San Angelo Lake at Big Spring Steers
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6:35 p.m. — San Giants at Atlanta Bra Ch. 11.
NBA
7 p.m. — New York Orlando Magic, TNT.
9:30 p.m. — Miami Timberwolves at Sacramento Kings, TNT, Ch. 28.
NATIONAL HOCKEY
6 p.m. — Pittsburgh at Buffalo Sabres, ES
9:30 p.m. — Dallas Los Angeles Kings, F

IN BRIEF

**'HOG Day' rescheduled
by baseball boosters**

Due to rains that washed out last Saturday's game between Big Spring's Steers and San Angelo Lake View's Chiefs, baseball booster club officials have rescheduled the day to honor members of the local Harley Owners Group.

Members of the group will now be honored during the Steers' game against Fort Stockton set for 2 p.m. Saturday.

All Harley riders will be admitted free as guests of the baseball boosters.

**Teen League baseball
registration scheduled**

Registration for Teenage League baseball has been scheduled for April 10-14 at the American Little League field.

Sessions will be from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. each day. Fees are \$50 per player and a birth certificate is required for registration.

For more information, call Sheri Nichols at 263-2917 or 263-2552, or Craig Caudill at 263-0170.

**Softball tournament set
at Cotton Mize Field**

The "Let's Do It for Fun" softball tournament has been scheduled for this weekend at Cotton Mize Field in Comanche Trail Park.

Entry fees are \$110 per team. Team trophies and individual trophies will be awarded. An all-tournament team will be selected and awards will be presented to an MVP and a Golden Glove winner.

For more information, call Amador Rios at 263-5955 or 263-0358.

**Little League umpires
needed for new season**

Officials for the Big Spring Little League Umpires Association say new umpires are needed for the upcoming season.

Prior experience is not necessary. For more information, call Kevin Pirkle at 267-5053 or 264-0241.

AREA GAMES

**TODAY
HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL**

5 p.m.
• Coahoma Bulldogs at Plains Cowboys.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

4 p.m.
• Lake View Maidens at Big Spring Lady Steers.

4:30 p.m.
• Coahoma Bulldogettes at Miles Lady Bulldogs.

JUCO BASEBALL

1 p.m.
• Howard College Hawks at Alvin Community College (DH).

JUCO SOFTBALL

1 p.m.
• Howard College Lady Hawks at El Paso Community College Tejanas (DH).

**SATURDAY
HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL**

2 p.m.
• San Angelo Lake View Chiefs at Big Spring Steers.

JUCO BASEBALL

1 p.m.
• Howard College Hawks at San Jacinto College (DH).

JUCO SOFTBALL

1 p.m.
• Howard College Lady Hawks at El Paso Community College Tejanas (DH).

ON THE AIR

Radio

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL
3:45 p.m. — San Angelo Lake View Maidens at Big Spring Lady Steers, KBST-AM 1490.

Television

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
6:35 p.m. — San Francisco Giants at Atlanta Braves, TBS, Ch. 11.

NBA
7 p.m. — New York Knicks at Orlando Magic, TNT, Ch. 28.
9:30 p.m. — Minnesota Timberwolves at Sacramento Kings, TNT, Ch. 28.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
6 p.m. — Pittsburgh Penguins at Buffalo Sabres, ESPN, Ch. 30.
9:30 p.m. — Dallas Stars at Los Angeles Kings, FXS, Ch. 29.

Big Spring teams set to host field for AMBUCS Relays on Saturday

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

Don't be surprised if a number of coaches who've entered teams in Saturday's field for the Big Spring AMBUCS Relays do a little experimenting.

In fact, Big Spring Lady Steers head coach Jay Kennedy is almost guaranteed to use the meet as a chance to fine tune his team for next weekend's District 5-4A meet in San Angelo.

One thing, however, is certain. Nobody will be taking any chances when boys' field events and girls' running event prelims get under way at 9 a.m. at Blankenship Field.

"I don't think anyone's going to do anything that's got a chance of getting anyone hurt," Kennedy said as he looked forward to the meet that will be his last

opportunity to look at different relay combinations and the like before the 5-4A meet.

"We really would have liked to have been able to do a lot of our experimenting last weekend at Andrews," he added. "The weather turned out to be so bad that it didn't make any sense putting the kids on the track."

And with all the top 5-4A girls teams expected to be in attendance Saturday, don't be surprised if the rest of the league's coaches follow Kennedy's lead.

San Angelo Lake View's Maidens, who snapped a string of Lady Steers district championships in 1999, are clearly one of the favorites to win this weekend's girls' division title. So, too, are Levelland's Lady Lobos.

But Kennedy makes it clear he believes the Lady Steers are capable of contending for the team championship,

as well.

"The key for us is depth," he explained. "This bunch of kids doesn't have any real stars and we've got a lot of young kids, but they're all hard workers that give you everything they've got."

"We're not quite where we'd like to be right now, and that's another reason why it hurt us not to be able to run last week," Kennedy added. "We'll get a chance to see where we are and position ourselves for next week."

While Kennedy says there aren't any real stars on his Lady Steers team this season, he quickly notes that veterans Angelica Hinojos, April McGee, Amanda Rubio and Britannia Paradez have stepped up and provided crucial leadership.

"All four of those girls — Angelica, April, Amanda and Britannia — have done a tremendous job, not only per-

forming well in their events, but providing a lot of support and guidance for the large number of freshmen and sophomores we've got on the team."

In addition to Lake View and Levelland, the Lady Steers will be competing against teams from Snyder, Andrews, Frenship and Plainview in Division I girls' events.

The meet's Division I boys' field includes head coach Randy Britton's host Steers, Andrews, Levelland, Frenship and Brownwood.

The girls' and boys' Division II field will include junior varsity teams from the Division I schools, as well as varsity teams from Forsan, Coahoma and Post.

Running events finals are slated for a 3 p.m. start on Saturday.

When asked to pick a favorite in the

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Big Spring infielder Amy Jackson has the ball pop out of her glove as a Monahan bulldog slides into second with a stolen base during their March 13 game. Jackson and her Lady Steers teammates will attempt to get back on track at 4 p.m. today when they play host to San Angelo Lake View's Maidens in District 5-4A softball action at the Big Spring ISD Softball Complex.

Baldwin finally has success
against Rangers in 6-2 win

ARLINGTON (AP) — James Baldwin hasn't had much success against the Texas Rangers. Or in April.

Baldwin, 24 with a 6.65 ERA lifetime against Texas, and 2.5 with a 5.73 ERA in 14 April starts over the last three seasons, retired the first 13 batters and allowed six hits over eight innings as the Chicago White Sox beat Texas 6-2 Thursday night.

"I got some confidence from spring training," Baldwin said. "I had great defense behind me and I had good stuff. My changeup really set the tone."

Baldwin's strong outing was well-timed. Chicago starters gave up 16 runs over 12 2-3 innings in the first three games of the season, and White Sox manager Jerry Manuel was already worried about his rotation.

"That was a real big outing for us," Manuel said. "To shut down a team that had scored a lot of runs against us, it's a huge plus. He has a lot of confidence, and he feels good about his stuff."

Baldwin, who struck out three and walked two, didn't allow a

baserunner until one out in the fifth inning when Ruben Mateo reached on an infield hit. Mateo went to second on David Segui's single, both runners advanced on a groundout, and Mateo scored on Frank Catalanotto's infield single. Tom Evans singled in Segui to make it 5-2.

Baldwin was in trouble in the eighth with runners on first and second and two outs, but struck out Mateo to preserve the three-run lead.

"He worked ahead of us," said Rangers leadoff man Royce Clayton, hitless in four at-bats. "He consistently threw strike one, strike two. When a pitcher is doing that, he's going to work deep into the game. You have to give him a lot of credit."

In the first three games of the series, Chicago starters Mike Sirota, Kip Wells and Jim Parque had an 11.37 ERA and failed to make it out of the fifth inning, putting the pressure on Baldwin.

"We can score runs," Baldwin said. "But we've got to hold the opposition down. If we do that we're going to win some games this year."

Ray Durham homered on the first pitch of the game and Frank Thomas and Carlos Lee also connected for Chicago.

Durham hit Esteban Loaiza's first pitch into the right-field seats to set a White Sox record with his 10th leadoff homer. Tim Lincecum had nine leadoff homers for Chicago.

"I was just trying to get the first pitch for a strike," Loaiza said. "It was a hanging slider that I probably overthrew."

Lee hit a three-run shot in the fourth to give Chicago a 4-0 lead, and Thomas led off the fifth with his first homer of the year. Thomas was 3-for-4.

The White Sox won their second straight for a split of the four-game season-opening series.

"This was a very good win after losing the first two," Thomas said. "This is a good team we beat the last two days."

Thomas, trying to bounce back from a disappointing 1999 season, is off to an 8-for-16 start with four RBIs.

"I've got my focus on," Thomas said. "I'm getting back

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Masters

Augusta National
remains no place
for weak or timid

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Augusta National has no patience for the weak or timid.

Dennis Paulson found that out the first hole he played. Tom Lehman has known it for a long time.

"You're not going to do well here if you play scared," Lehman said.

Not that Augusta National wasn't a scary enough place in Thursday's opening round.

If all the tinkering done to the course wasn't enough, the people who run the Masters got some help from gusty, swirling winds that left the field feeling beat and battered.

Paulson emerged as an unlikely leader in his Masters debut with a 4-under 68, the first time he played the course for real.

But the weirdness didn't stop there. Tiger Woods had a 75 and was behind two 60-something players, while a number of guys who used to win here couldn't even break 80.

"Every shot was scary," said three-time champion Nick Faldo, who gingerly played his way to an even-par 72.

It didn't seem too scary for Paulson, who needed eight tries to get his PGA Tour card and whose claim to fame at the age of 37 is a Nike Tour title and a long driving contest championship from 15 years ago.

At least not until No. 11, when he tried to hit a 5-iron 188 yards into a howling wind to a pin just over the water. For a moment, Paulson blinked and Augusta National got him.

"It's the scariest shot I ever attempted to hit," said Paulson, who put it in the water and made double bogey.

Paulson had a tear in his eye on the first tee and a bogey on his card after the first hole. Then he decided that just being in the Masters for the first time wasn't good enough.

"I said enough reminiscing and nostalgia, you're going to get buried if you don't do some work and play golf," Paulson said. "That was about the last of it."

Indeed it was. Paulson eagled the next hole to get under par, where he remained despite his adventures on No. 11. He was 5-under

on the par-5s, finding the one chink in Augusta National's defenses and overpowering them.

Still, it wasn't until Paulson was in the interview room after his round that he got the lead. Lehman hit his drive into the woods on No. 18, and by the time he 3-putted he had a double bogey that would be the only blemish on an otherwise perfect card.

"It was deep, dark and dumpy," Lehman said of his foray into the woods. "Not a good way to finish, but I played well."

Lehman, who had played well too, but two 3-putts in three holes — the second for a triple-bogey six on No. 12 — put him at 5 over at one point.

He recovered for two birdies in the final six holes, but still trailed 63-year-old Tommy Aaron, who shot 72, and 60-year-old Jack Nicklaus, who briefly brought back memories of 1986 before settling for a 74.

It was the second straight 75 for Woods at Augusta National, where he ended the 1999 Masters with the same score.

"It's a long week and there's a lot of things that can happen out there," Woods said. "I'm not the only one who can make mistakes. I just need to limit my own mistakes to a minimum."

Woods was right. Mistakes were made aplenty, on a day when the average score was 75.6.

Bogeys were being made at nearly twice the rate of birdies, and there were 55 double bogeys. There were 11 scores worse than double bogey, including Craig Stadler's nine on No. 15 when he was in contention before hitting two balls in the water fronting the green.

"I thought I was going to hit the third one in, too," Stadler said.

Lehman, who finished second in 1994 to Jose Maria Olazabal, looked as though he would never make a mistake as he cruised to a front-side 32 and was 5 under after a short birdie putt on No. 16.

He stumbled at the end, but shrugged it off.

"I'm as content as I've ever

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A Sullivan Award first: Kelly and Coco Miller win as an entry

NEW YORK (AP) — Life keeps getting better for Georgia's basketball twins, Kelly and Coco Miller.

Minutes after the identical twins won the Sullivan Award as the nation's top amateur athlete for 1999, their mother was talking about a summer in the city — of Chicago.

"It looks like they will be at one of Michael Jordan's basketball camps after school gets out," Kathy Miller, a recently retired kindergarten teacher, said Thursday night following the presentation at ESPNZone in Manhattan. "And the great thing about it is they have an older sister who lives in Chicago."

What a deal for the 21-year-old guards from Rochester, Minn., who led the Lady Bulldogs to the Final Four in the 1998-99 season and to the final eight this past

season. "We can't believe it," Coco Miller said. "To win an award like this, with all the great athletes that won before ... it's hard to believe it's true."

The 5-foot-10 juniors became the first athletes in the award's 70-year history to be nominated as a joint entry, and gave women's basketball a second straight Sullivan Award winner. Tennessee's Chamique Holdsclaw won for 1998.

The other finalists were Heisman Trophy winner Ron Dayne from Wisconsin; wrestler Stephen Neal from Cal State-Bakersfield; softball player Stacey Nuveman from UCLA; and diver Mark Ruiz from Orlando, Fla.

As their youngest daughters posed for pictures holding the 13-pound bronze trophy of a runner carrying a laurel

branch, Marv and Kathy Miller were beaming.

"They have always given 150 percent," Kathy Miller said. "They are dedicated, determined and very conscientious — on and off the court."

The Miller sisters don't have fond memories of their last game, though, a 59-51 loss to Rutgers in the West Regional final.

"That was one rough game," Kelly Miller said. "They were very physical and we just couldn't get it done."

But they sure got it done the past two seasons.

In 1998-99, they led Georgia (27-7) with a victory of playing for the national title, losing to Duke 81-69 in the Final Four. The Millers combined to average 37 points per game during the season.

This season, the Lady Bulldogs were 32-4, with Kelly being voted the Southeastern Conference player of the year and Coco finishing third. Kelly, selected to the AP All-American team, averaged a team-leading 15.4 points. Coco was at 15.3.

Both major in pre-med and were selected as academic All-Americans the past two years.

Only three other basketball players have won the Sullivan Award, presented by the Amateur Athletic Union — Holdsclaw, Bill Walton (1973) and Bill Bradley (1965).

Former Sullivan Award winners at Thursday's presentation included Joan Benoit-Samuelsson (1985), Greg Louganis (1984), Mary Decker Slaney (1982), and Frank Shorter (1972).

SPORTS EXTRA

NCAA BASEBALL

The Top 25 college baseball teams as determined by the staff of Baseball America magazine with records through April 2 and previous ranking (tie games are not included in records):

Rank	Team	Record
1	Florida State	28-4
2	South Carolina	28-4
3	Texas	28-4
4	Arizona State	28-4
5	Cal State Fullerton	19-8
6	Louisiana-Lafayette	28-2
7	Stanford	21-9
8	North Carolina	28-4
9	Clemson	24-6
10	Louisiana State	21-10
11	Auburn	28-4
12	Houston	22-9
13	Baylor	24-10
14	Southern California	22-10
15	Mississippi State	21-5
16	Miami	24-9
17	East Carolina	28-5
18	Wake Forest	24-9
19	Fresno State	25-8
20	Georgia Tech	23-8
21	Nevada	20-12
22	Long Beach State	20-10
23	Central Florida	26-9
24	UCLA	20-11
25	Georgia	19-10

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Placed RHP Mike Timlin on the 15-day disabled list.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Activated SS Luis Odratz. Sent INF Ray Holbert to Omaha of the Pacific Coast League.
TEXAS RANGERS—Signed RHP Terry Mathews to a minor league contract and assigned him to Oklahoma City of the PCL.
NATIONAL LEAGUE
NEW YORK METS—Claimed LHP Radhames Dykoff off waivers from the Baltimore Orioles and optioned him to Norfolk of the International League.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Signed RHP Brad Cinton to a minor league contract.
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Signed 1B Young-Jin Jung and assigned him to extended spring training.
BASKETBALL
NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS—Signed F Edrice Robinson to a contract through the 2000-01 season.
NEW YORK KNICKS—Placed F John Wallace and C Chris Dudley on the injured list. Activated G David Wingate from the injured list.
VANCOUVER GRIZZLIES—Agreed to terms with Lionel Hollins, coach, on a salary increase.

FOOTBALL
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
CINCINNATI BENGALS—Re-signed LB Adrian Ross to a one-year contract.
DALLAS COWBOYS—Signed K Tim Seder.
GREEN BAY PACKERS—Signed LB Anthony Harris.
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Signed P Toby Ginn. Released P Tommy Barnhart.
NEW YORK GIANTS—Named Bill Smith director of corporate sponsorships.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Agreed to terms with OT Tom Myslinski on a three-year contract.
HOCKEY
NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
OTTAWA SENATORS—Recalled C Vlaslav Butsayev and G Jani Hume from Grand Rapids of the IHL.
PHOENIX COYOTES—Recalled C Wyatt Smith from Springfield of the AHL.

NHL

Thursday's Games
N.Y. Islanders 2, Ottawa 1
Philadelphia 3, Atlanta 1
Buffalo 5, New Jersey 0
Montreal 5, Tampa Bay 1
Today's Games
Pittsburgh at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
Toronto at N.Y. Islanders, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at St. Louis, 6:30 p.m.
Anheim at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Calgary, 8 p.m.
San Jose at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Edmonton at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Boston at New Jersey, Noon
Florida at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Atlanta, 2 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Ottawa at Montreal, 6 p.m.
Edmonton at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Florida at N.Y. Islanders, 11 a.m.
Philadelphia at NY Rangers, 11 a.m.
Buffalo at Washington, Noon
Atlanta at Carolina, 12:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Chicago, 2 p.m.
Phoenix at Dallas, 2 p.m.
Detroit at Colorado, 2 p.m.
Los Angeles at Anheim, 2 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Boston, 5 p.m.

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE			
Atlantic Division			
Team	W	L	Pct
Atlanta	48	26	.649
New York	46	28	.622
Philadelphia	43	31	.581
Orlando	38	36	.514
New Jersey	31	44	.413
Boston	30	45	.400
Washington	27	48	.360
Central Division			
Indiana	50	24	.676
Charlotte	42	32	.568
Toronto	40	34	.541
Detroit	39	35	.527
Milwaukee	36	39	.480
Cleveland	29	45	.392
Atlanta	26	48	.351
Chicago	16	59	.213
WESTERN CONFERENCE			
Midwest Division			
Utah	51	23	.689
San Antonio	47	28	.627
Minnesota	46	29	.613
Dallas	34	41	.453
Denver	30	45	.400
Houston	29	46	.387
Vancouver	21	53	.284
Pacific Division			
L.A. Lakers	64	12	.842
Portland	54	21	.720
Phoenix	48	27	.640
Sacramento	43	31	.581
Seattle	42	32	.568
Golden State	17	58	.227
L.A. Clippers	14	61	.187

Thursday's Games
Miami 76, Charlotte 70
New York 101, Washington 92
Chicago 90, Milwaukee 88
Utah 105, Phoenix 85
Dallas 116, Denver 115, OT
Vancouver 89, Portland 87
Minnesota 112, L.A. Clippers 90
Today's Games
Philadelphia at Boston, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.
Toronto at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Miami at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
New York at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Houston at Seattle, 9 p.m.
Utah at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Vancouver at San Jose, 5 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Ottawa, 6 p.m.
End Regular Season

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Thursday's Games
Kansas City 9, Toronto 3
Tampa Bay 7, Minnesota 6
Baltimore 6, Cleveland 2
Chicago White Sox 6, Texas 2
Seattle 5, Boston 2
Only games scheduled
Today's Games
Detroit (Horn) 0-0 at Kansas City (Suzuki) 0-0, 1:05 p.m.
Detroit (Mickey) 0-0 at Baltimore (Maduro) 0-0, 6:05 p.m.
New York (Wright) 8-10 at Tampa Bay (Guzman) 11-12, 6:15 p.m.
Toronto (Castillo) 0-0 at Texas (Clark) 0-0, 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Petitte) 0-0 at Seattle (Halama) 0-0, 9:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Eldred) 0-0 at Oakland (Heredia) 0-0, 9:05 p.m.
Seattle (Schumek) 0-0 at Anheim (Dickson) 0-0, 9:05 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Detroit (Horn) 1-0 vs. at Baltimore (Mussina) 0-1, 12:35 p.m.
Minnesota (Radke) 0-1 vs. at Kansas City (Suppan) 0-1, 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Hernandez) 1-0 vs. at Seattle (Miche) 0-0, 3:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Sroka) 0-1 vs. at Oakland (Heredia) 0-0, 3:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Burr) 15-9 vs. at Tampa Bay (Trachsel) 1-0, 3:15 p.m.
Toronto (Weis) 0-0 vs. at Anheim (Hill) 0-1, 9:05 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Detroit at Baltimore, 12:35 p.m.
Minnesota at K. City, 1:05 p.m.
Toronto at Texas, 2:05 p.m.
Chicago at Oakland, 3:05 p.m.
Boston at Anheim, 3:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Seattle, 3:35 p.m.
Cleveland at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Thursday's Games
Florida 5, San Francisco 4
St. Louis 13, Chicago Cubs 3
Pittsburgh 10, Houston 1
Montreal 11, Los Angeles 3
Cincinnati 5, Milwaukee 1
San Diego 8, N.Y. Mets 5
Arizona 3, Philadelphia 2, 11 innings
Only games scheduled
Today's Games
San Diego (Maddux) 0-0 at Montreal (Powell) 0-0, 6:05 p.m.
Colorado (Yoshii) 0-0 at Florida (Perry) 0-0, 6:05 p.m.

Friday, April 7

Central Texas at Arkansas
Saturday, April 8
Arkansas at Central Texas, if necessary

Western Bracket

First Round (Best-of-3)
Tuesday, March 28
Lubbock 6, Odessa 2
Corpus Christi 6, El Paso 1
Thursday, March 30
Lubbock 4, Odessa 2, Lubbock wins series 2-0
El Paso 5, Corpus Christi 2
Friday, March 31
Corpus Christi 4, El Paso 0, Corpus Christi wins series 2-1

Second Round (Best-of-5)

Saturday, April 1
Corpus Christi 7, New Mexico 6, OT
Austin 4, Lubbock 3
Monday, April 3
New Mexico 6, Corpus Christi 1, series tied 1-1
Tuesday, April 4
Austin 4, Lubbock 2, Austin leads series 2-0
Thursday, April 6
New Mexico at Corpus Christi
Friday, April 7
New Mexico at Corpus Christi
Austin at Lubbock, if necessary
Saturday, April 8
Austin at Lubbock, if necessary
Sunday, April 9
Corpus Christi at New Mexico, if necessary
Monday, April 10
Lubbock at Austin, if necessary

Rest of Schedule TBA

TEXAS LEAGUE

Thursday's Games
Wichita 10, Arkansas 3
El Paso 6, Round Rock 1
Midland 12, San Antonio 4
Tulsa 9, Shreveport 7
Friday, April 7
Arkansas at Wichita
Round Rock at El Paso
San Antonio at Midland
Shreveport at Tulsa
Saturday, April 8
Arkansas at Wichita
Round Rock at El Paso
San Antonio at Midland
Shreveport at Tulsa
Sunday, April 9
Arkansas at Wichita
Round Rock at El Paso
San Antonio at Midland
Shreveport at Tulsa

LOCAL BOWLING

WEDNESDAY STRIKERS
WEEK 28
RESULTS: Mike Furtado over Dusty Devis. Eye Ball Records split with Spades 4-4. Monstat 5 over Dyer Plumbing 6-2. Metal Mart over Scatter 3-3. Tom Fuchs split with SWKD 4-4. hi sc team series Collins Restaurant 3028, Two Fuels 2983, Parks Agency 3038, Two Fuels 3137, Burgess Automotive 3244, hi hdp team game Collins Restaurant 1171, Two Fuels 1170, Parks Agency 1151, hi hdp series Jackie Lecky 751, Sam Gonzales 741, Jim Gathier 711, hi hdp game Jackie Lecky 284, Jim Gathier 265, Ray Kennedy 264.

STANDINGS

Collins Restaurant 146-94, Two Fuels 144-96, Parks Agency 141-99, O'Daniel Trucking 118-122, Bob Brock Ford 116-124, B.S.I. 116-124, Burgess Automotive 104-140, Mason's Collectable 85-175

WPHL PLAYOFFS

Eastern Bracket
First Round (Best-of-3)
Tuesday, March 28
Tupelo 5, Lake Charles 4, 2OT
Arkansas 5, Monroe 4, OT
Thursday, March 30
Lake Charles 6, Tupelo 5
Arkansas 2, Monroe 0, Arkansas wins series 2-0
Friday, March 31
Lake Charles 5, Tupelo 3, Lake Charles wins series 2-1

Second Round (Best-of-5)

Saturday, April 1
Central Texas 6, Arkansas 3
Sunday, April 2
Arkansas 7, Central Texas 6, series tied 1-1
Tuesday, April 4
Shreveport 3, Lake Charles 0
Wednesday, April 5
Shreveport 5, Lake Charles 0
Shreveport wins series 3-0
Thursday, April 6
Central Texas at Arkansas

Griffey, Sosa, McGwire struggling to hit stride in 'Home Run Central'

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Was all that hype about the Home Run Central a hoax?

No homers, nothing even close so far for Ken Griffey Jr., Sammy Sosa and Mark McGwire. Hardly any balls out of the infield, in fact.

A week into the season — counting the Cubs' opener at the Tokyo Dome — and the three big sluggers are batting a combined .088 with only three RBIs.

"I'm just trying to get adapted," said Griffey, who singled for his first NL hit Thursday night as Cincinnati beat Milwaukee 5-1.

Junior is in a 1-for-14 rut, while Sosa is stuck at 2-for-19. "Like I've said before, I don't play for one week, I play for seven months," Sosa said. "If I'm in this situation in September, then I'll start thinking about it."

"I don't feel comfortable at the plate right now," he said. "I've been missing my pitches, but I have to continue to be ready."

McGwire, who missed St. Louis' first two games because of back trouble, started for the first time Thursday. He fouled out in his only official at-bat as the Cardinals defeated Chicago 13-3.

"We plan on putting him in there tomorrow, yeah," trainer Barry Weinberg said.

McGwire (65), Sosa (63) and Griffey (48) were the top home run hitters in the majors last season.

With all three together in the NL Central this year, fans forecast huge numbers from the start. Instead, they are 3-for-34 with 10 strikeouts.

"Everybody was pressing," Griffey said. "You want to win and put on a good show for the fans and sometimes you try to do too much."

RELAYS

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Division I boys' field. Britton quickly selected Andrews as the team to beat.

"I think you have to say Andrews has the best shot of winning it," Britton explained. "They've got two decent relays, a good hurdler and good people

RANGERS

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to basics."

Chicago added a run in the ninth on Jose Valentin's RBI single.

Loaiza allowed 10 hits and six runs in 8 1-3 innings.

In other National League games, Arizona defeated Philadelphia 3-2 in 11 innings, San Diego stopped New York 8-5, Pittsburgh beat Houston 10-1, Montreal downed Los Angeles 11-3 and Florida topped San Francisco 5-4.

In the American League games Thursday night, it was Baltimore 6, Cleveland 2; Tampa Bay 7, Minnesota 6; Kansas City 9, Toronto 3; Chicago 6, Texas 2; and Seattle 5, Boston 2.

Pirates 10, Astros 1

Francisco Cordova, who combined with Ricardo Rincon on a 10-inning no-hitter against Houston in 1997, held the Astros hitless for 7 1-3 innings at Three Rivers Stadium.

Rookie Mitch Meluskey broke up Cordova's bid with a double off the center-field wall.

Brian Giles went a career-high 5-for-5 with two solo homers and a triple.

Reds 5, Brewers 1

Junior broke out of his 0-for-10 slump with an RBI single in the first inning, sending Cincinnati to its first win of the season.

A crowd of 20,909 at Cinergy Field gave Griffey a standing ovation after he hit a ball out of the infield for the first time with the Reds.

Michael Tucker and Aaron Boone homered for Cincinnati. Milwaukee and new manager Davey Lopes were trying for their first opening three-game sweep on the road since the 1986 season.

Cardinals 13, Cubs 3

J.D. Drew hit a grand slam and a solo home run as St. Louis completed a three-game sweep at Busch Stadium.

Fernando Tatis, Drew and Mike Matheny hit consecutive homers in a seven-run third

third. Drew connected for his first career slam in the fourth as the Cardinals made it 13-2.

Padres 8, Mets 5

Mike Hampton pitched poorly for the second straight start while San Diego's Matt Clement shut down the Mets at Shea Stadium.

Hampton was 22-4 last season for Houston, but is 0-2 for New York. He allowed four runs on five hits and three walks in 5 2-3 innings after walking a career-high nine last week in Japan.

Clement gave up one run in 6 2-3 innings. Ruben Rivera hit a two-run triple and Ed Sprague homered for the Padres.

Diamondbacks 3, Phillies 2

Arizona completed a season-opening three-game sweep when Lenny Harris' broken-bat grounder with the bases loaded drove in the winning run in the bottom of the 11th inning.

The defending NL West champions loaded the bases on three walks by Steve Schrenk. Philadelphia tried to turn a double play on Harris' grounder to second baseman Kevin Jordan, but it was hit too slowly.

The Diamondbacks swept a pair of three-game series from the Phillies last season at Bank One Ballpark. At 0-3, Philadelphia is off to its worst start since going 0-4 in 1987.

Marlins 5, Giants 4

Cliff Floyd hit a two-out, two-run homer in the bottom of the ninth inning to rally Florida over San Francisco.

A record-low crowd of 7,741 in Miami saw Kevin Millar open the Marlins ninth with a single and, two outs later, Floyd homer off John Johnstone.

Barry Bonds and Russ Davis homered for the Giants. Mark Kotsay also homered for Florida.

"Our best bets for winning events this weekend will be Mike (Martinez) and Orlando (Ladesma) in the distance races," Britton, acknowledged, noting that Martinez's finishes in the 1,600 meters and 3,200 meters races have been the brightest spot for the Steers at most meets this season.

"They're more balanced than anybody else in the field," he added. "Probably the only weakness they (Mustangs) have would be in the distances."

Andrews' perceived weakness, is clearly Big Spring's strength going into the meet.

Wife fears telling husband of growing credit card debt

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married 18 years, and we've been through thick and thin. My husband knows all my fears, weaknesses and strengths. So why can't I get advice from him when I need him the most? I'm afraid he will think I am weak, stupid and careless. I'm afraid he will not love me anymore and will leave me.

We have two boys, and it costs a lot to raise a family these days, what with groceries, personal items and clothing. I try to make everyone happy, and it's killing me. What's ironic is that my husband thinks I'm a good money manager. I shop with coupons, etc., and tell him how much I've saved. He thinks it's great. I hate deceiving him.

My problem: We are approximately \$17,000 in credit card debt. My husband is unaware of our financial situation. There is also a \$3,000 loan that he does know about. He thinks \$50 is a lot of money, so how do I begin to tell him we owe \$17,000?

Hiding payments to the credit card companies is so stressful. The funny thing is, I didn't spend any of the money on stupid stuff. The gas cards are used because once everything else is paid, there's no money left for gas for the vehicles. Then there are family birthdays, special occasions, etc. — and no cash for that — so I use the store credit cards. Visa is mostly for cash advances to pay for groceries or to supplement a checking account that has gotten too low. I think, "I'll pay this all off soon and he'll never know." But it doesn't happen, and I'm caught in this mad cycle that never ends.

Abby, I'm going crazy. Please help me with some good, sound advice. I don't want to lose my husband. I love him. I help anyone who needs it and I'm good to my husband's mother and family. I have had to forgive him on many occasions for things he has done in the past. Can he possibly forgive me?

For many months I have gone to bed at night asking God for guidance. I think he told me to write to you. — DROWNING IN DEBT IN LOUISIANA

DEAR DROWNING: Please stop flogging yourself. You haven't done anything that hasn't been done to a lesser — or greater — degree by thousands of other people. The Federal Reserve reports that credit card debt hit \$566 billion in January 1999.

Your husband will be under a lot of upset that you have this information from

him. However, viewed rationally, you and he have far more invested in your 18-year marriage and two children than money.

Stop stalling and tell your husband of your predicament. The secrecy and not reviewing your expenses together are what have allowed this problem to get out of hand in the first place.

You and he can regain control of your finances by contacting the National Foundation for Consumer Credit (NFCC), a non-profit organization that provides education and counseling services on budgeting and credit.

To contact the NFCC member office nearest you, call toll-free from a touch-tone phone: (800) 388-2227. You can also get information from the NFCC Web site: www.nfcc.org. Please don't put this off any longer, because the organization can provide you with a workable solution to your problem.



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Saturday, April 8:

Communication flows this year, though others often challenge your ideas. You enjoy mental exchanges, but you sometimes become frustrated. Your sense of direction encourages you to break new ground. Open up to possibilities. Friends charge your imagination and help you fulfill a long-term dream. If you are single, a relationship could easily develop from a friendship this summer. If attached, keep your long-term goals in mind. Don't sweat over little issues.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
**** Plans change, and you could take it personally. Don't. Confusion and a lack of positive energy mark your interactions. View this as an opportunity to touch base with a friend at a distance and catch up on news. Clear out errands. Tonight: Out at a favorite spot.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
*** Use special care with finances that could be a bit out of whack. Ask for clarification; listen to feedback. Know what you want and expect from others. Your sense of humor comes out with a partner, but he might not get it! Tonight: Dinner for two.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
**** Be careful with a touchy, controlling associate who makes you feel uncomfortable. Feel free to change plans and do something else. Your personality can melt another's resistance. Count on your charisma. Tonight: Just ask.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
** Slow down — you might realize just how tired you really are. Make it OK to take a catnap or two. Lazing around might be just what the doctor ordered. Don't feel compulsive about getting anything done. Make this a "mental health" day. Tonight: Nighty-night.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
**** Bring friends together; enjoy your pals. A child gives you quite a challenge. Realize your limitations where a loved one is concerned. Pull back. Listen to your sixth sense. Above all, take no risks. Surround yourself with happy people. Tonight: Lead the gang.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
*** Pressure marks today's interactions. Know what your limits are with a family member or in a property matter. You cannot push another, so forget about trying. Make time for a must appearance or drop into the office to catch up on some extra work. Tonight: A force to behold.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
**** You might mean well, but someone just doesn't get your message. Understand what is going on, realizing that another could be tense. Take off; meet a friend at a favorite spot. You feel better in a different setting. Tonight: Escape to the movies.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
**** Listen to another. Try to comprehend where he is coming from. You might feel restricted, especially financially. Build understanding with a partner. You know what you would like to see happen. Put out a feeler. Tonight: You're best one-on-one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
**** Others are energized, and you have to do very little. Listen to your intuition. Follow through on an idea, even if it means changing your plans. Others could react strongly to you, but this isn't new. You have a way of triggering people. Tonight: Out and about.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
*** Spend some money on yourself if it makes you feel better. Get a massage or pick up a new item for your wardrobe. A little self-discipline goes far. Once you start shopping, it could be hard to stop. Tonight: Do something relaxing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
**** Playfulness helps you ease tension. You might not be sure about the best way to proceed. Just be yourself. Make others feel at home. A child or loved one obviously adores you. Share your imagination and ideas. "Spontaneity" becomes the byword of the day. Tonight: Flirting up a storm.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
*** Family needs to be a high priority. You know what is important; however, another doesn't see eye to eye with you. Back off from an authority figure. Understand your limits, and be willing to state them. Don't say yes and then do nothing. Tonight: Home is your castle.

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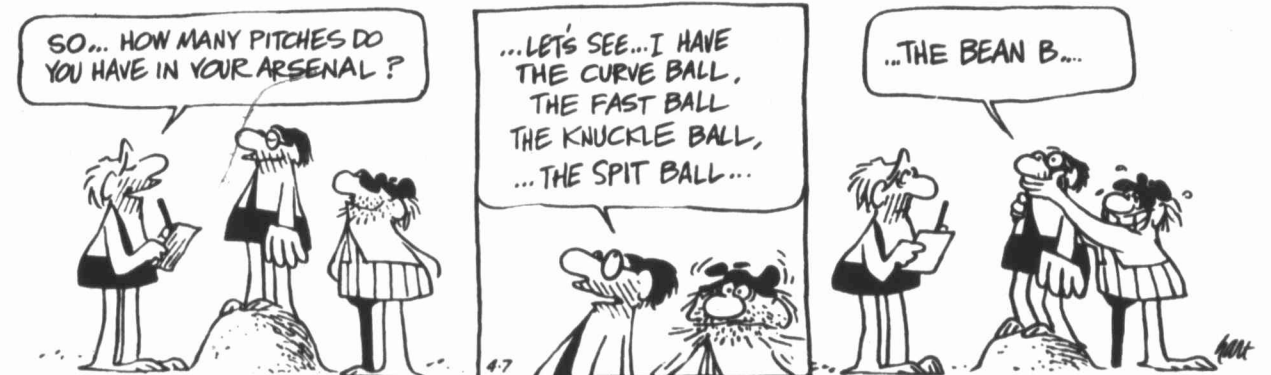
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8:30	Sabrina-Witch Making-Band	Greed: The Series (CC)	Antiques Roadshow	Higher Ground (CC)	Nash Bridges (CC)	Sabrina-Witch Making-Band	Dateline (CC)	Giants at Atlanta	Tres Mujeres	Movie: RocketMan	RollerJam: Teams TBA	Movie: The Naked Gun	Years Later Movie News	Movie: Fair Game (CC)	Richard Roberts	Poirot (CC)	Storm Warning!	York Knicks at Orlando	Golf: The Masters -- Second Round	Good vs. Evil (CC)	Movie: Murder of Innocence	Greatest Thrill Rides
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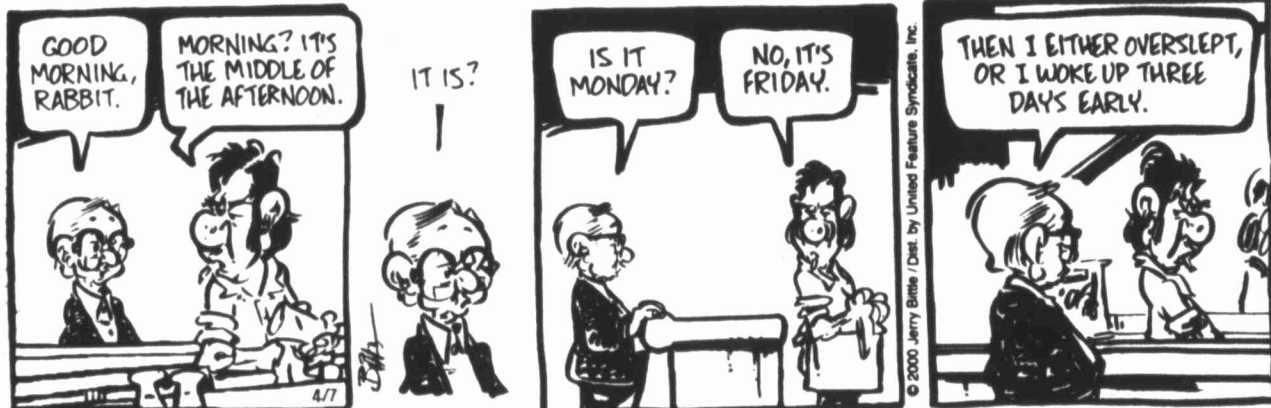
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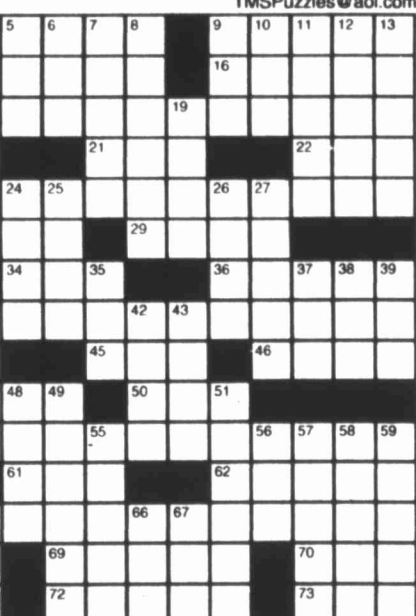
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On this date: In 1862, Union forces led by

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 - A couple
 - House member, briefly
 - Exist
 - Beatty and Bunline
 - Rolls of bills
 - Ark builder
 - Composed
 - Dazed and confused
 - Snacks
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Gen. Ulysses S. Grant defeated the Confederates at the Battle of Shiloh in Tennessee.

In 1939, Italy invaded Albania. (Less than a week later, Italy annexed Albania.)

In 1945, during World War II, American planes intercepted a Japanese fleet heading for Okinawa on a suicide mission.

In 1947, auto pioneer Henry Ford died in Dearborn, Mich., at age 83.

In 1948, the World Health Organization was founded.

In 1949, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "South Pacific" opened on Broadway.

In 1953, the U.N. General Assembly elected Dag Hammarskjold of Sweden to be secretary-general.

In 1957, New York's last electric trolley completed its final run from Queens to Manhattan.

In 1969, the Supreme Court unanimously struck down laws prohibiting private possession of obscene material.

In 1994, civil war erupted in Rwanda, a day after a mysterious plane crash claimed the lives of the presidents of Rwanda and Burundi; in the months that followed, hundreds of thousands of minority Tutsi and Hutu intellectuals were slaughtered.

Ten years ago: Former national security adviser John M. Poindexter was convicted of five counts at his Iran-Contra trial (however, a federal appeals court later reversed the convictions). A display of Robert Mapplethorpe photographs opened at Cincinnati's Contemporary Arts Center, the same day the center and its director were indicted on obscenity charges (both were acquitted). An arson fire aboard a ferry en route from Norway to Denmark killed 158 people.

Five years ago: President Clinton threatened to veto a lengthy list of bills passed by the Republican-controlled House if they were not modified in the Senate. In a prime-time television address, House Speaker Newt Gingrich declared the GOP "Contract with America" was only a beginning.

One year ago: Yugoslav authorities sealed off Kosovo's main border crossings, preventing ethnic Albanians from leaving as the wave of refugees approached the half-million mark.

Today's Birthdays: Actor R.G. Armstrong is 83. Musician Ravi Shankar is 80. Actor James Garner is 72. Country singer Cal Smith is 68. Actor Wayne Rogers is 67. Actor Ian Richardson is 66. Media commentator Hodding Carter III is 65. Country singer Bobby Bare is 65.