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WEATHER

Tonight:



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Early voting poll is open on Saturday

Early voting in the March Democratic and Republican Party primary elections will be held Saturday at the Howard County Courthouse.

The courthouse will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for those interested in casting a ballot.

Early voting will also be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. next week through Friday. Election day is Tuesday, March 12.

As of 5 p.m. Thursday, 67 Democratic and 185 Republican ballots had been cast. The clerk's office had mailed out six Republican ballots and received two back, and sent out nine Democratic ballots, two of which have been returned.

WEEKEND TICKET

TODAY

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

SATURDAY

Gem and Mineral Show, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Howard County Fair Barn. Free admission.

The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Pottin-House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m. A one-time admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens are encouraged.

"Rhapsody in Blue," Big Spring Symphony, 8 p.m., Municipal Auditorium. Tickets \$10 adults, \$8 senior citizens, \$5 students at the door.

Dance 8:30 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. Everyone welcome.

SUNDAY

Gem and Mineral Show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Howard County Fair Barn. Free admission.

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Acclaimed pianist to perform here Saturday with Big Spring Symphony

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

The Big Spring Symphony invites the public to make Saturday a night out to hear guest pianist Cynthia Bauhof perform George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" with the symphony.



BAUHOF

"On behalf of the symphony board, we are extending an invitation to everybody who attends the concert to come to a reception following the performance," said Suzanne Haney, member of the symphony board. "We'll have refreshments and the guest artist Cynthia Bauhof Williams and guest conductor Gary Lewis will be there."

The reception will be held at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church Parrish Hall, ninth and Gregg.

The performance is set for 8 p.m. at the Big Spring Auditorium and will be the third of the symphony's season.

Williams, a free-lance See SYMPHONY, Page 2

Icy temperatures, possible snow forecast for our area

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Thousands of fans will be heading into Big Spring tonight for the Regional I, Class 4A Boys Basketball Tournament just ahead of a cold snap.

Snow flurries, frigid temperatures with lows in the teens and chilly, strong winds are predicted to hit the area by mid-evening.

according to Brian Curran, meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Midland.

"We are looking at a change of weather by tonight," Curran said. "For the rest of today we expect a high of 70 with southwest winds of 10 to 30 miles per hour. Tonight the weather is expected to cool with

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Moss student wins local spelling bee

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Lubbock isn't exactly tropical, but "tropical" is sending Moss Elementary fifth-grader James Bowen to Lubbock.

Bowen, champion of Moss Elementary's school spelling bee, also emerged victorious in the 2002 Howard County Spelling Bee, held Thursday afternoon at Big Spring Junior High School, by correctly spelling the word "tropical."

The 10-year-old will compete March 9 at the Regional Spelling Bee in Lubbock for a chance to participate in the National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C.

"I'm real excited. I didn't think I'd do that good," Bowen said after Big Spring Herald Publisher Ken Dulaney presented him with prizes including a plaque and a dictionary. I was really nervous. When I saw that there were only four people left, I thought I might win."

Eighth grader James Dunn from Big Spring



BOWEN



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Howard County Spelling Bee contestant Jake Hernandez struggles to spell a word as the contest wound down to the final three Thursday. Hernandez, a fourth-grader at Marcy Elementary School in Big Spring, finished third in the contest. James Dunn, left, took second place and James Bowen emerged as champion. Bowen will compete March 9 at the regional spelling bee in Lubbock. United Way Executive Director Cindy Michaelis, right, was the announcer for the event.

Junior High School took second place in the competition. Dunn misspelled "lodging" by placing an "e" before the "ing."

Bowen then had to correctly spell "lodging" before

moving on to "tropical."

"I kind of thought that he probably spelled it wrong," Bowen said. "I probably would have spelled it the way that I did."

The words were, on the

whole, pretty easy, Bowen said.

"I just thought the words would be harder," he said. "I kind of thought they

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Gem and Mineral Show set for weekend run

HERALD Staff Report

More than 50 displays, live demonstrations and interesting and unique wares will greet visitors who make it out to the 33rd annual Gem and Mineral Show at the Howard County Fair Barn this weekend.

The event begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday and again at 10 a.m. Sunday and concludes each day at 5 p.m. Admission is free.

Janice Lamm of Oregon will be exhibiting some rare stones from that area, while J.E. "Swose" Alexander will give demonstrations on making arrow heads out of flint.

Others include Bill Myers of Keller, who will have some manufactured items and a line of polish; Nolen Niabuck of Terra Firma, a Wisconsin company that produces synthetic items that look natural; and John

and Ruth Sparks of Brownfield, of R.J. Wire Rapped Jewelry.

Still others include Melissa Veale, owner of White Buffalo, which features silverwork and unusual items; Ray and Norma Cox of Hobbs, N.M., who sell a general line of items; and a familiar face at the show, silversmith Jay Ross. Dealers offering crystals and other interesting items will also be on hand.

One lucky visitor will walk away with a special prize — a blue topaz cut in the Star of Big Spring cut. There will also be hourly door prizes.

"We'd like to invite everyone to come out. It's going to be a real good show," said Jerald Wilson, show chairman for the Big Spring Prospector's Club.

"It's something for everyone. It's fun and it's educational."

Band students blowing their horns all the way to Austin

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

The Big Spring High School band swept the regional solo and ensemble contest, earning 76 medals and qualifying the largest number of students for state University Interscholastic League competition in recent years.

Fifty-four students qualified at the Feb. 16 competition, either performing a solo or in an ensemble. State competition will be held in Austin on May 27. Students qualified for state by earning a division I.

Three band members earned a division I on their solo. Flutists Chelsea Churchwell and Melody McDaniel will head to Austin along with piccolo player Synda Calobreves. Churchwell also earned a division I and a shot at state for her piccolo solo.

Soloists must memorize their music to be eligible to qualify for state. This year's soloists memorized anywhere from three to 10 pages for their solos.

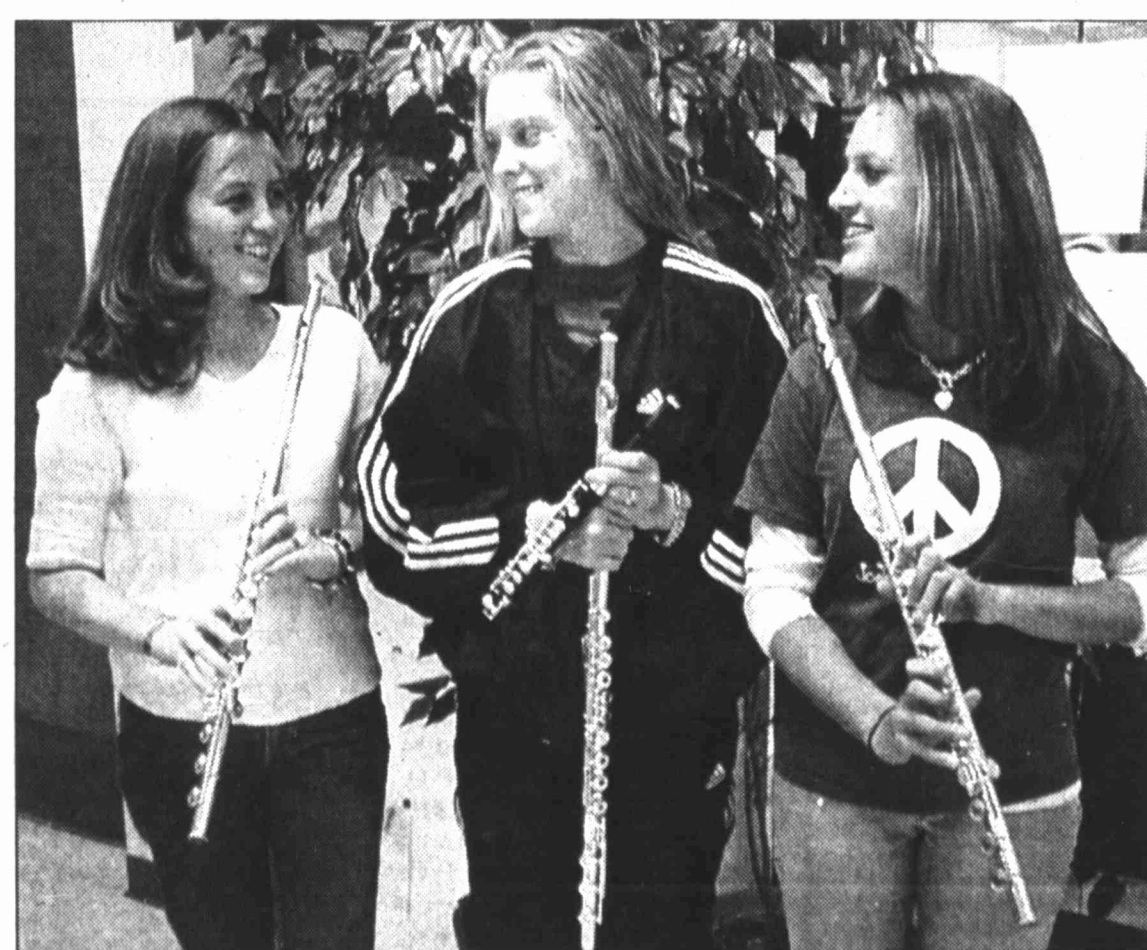
Students who earned a division one for their

ensembles were: Percussion, Lauren Chesworth, Chris Correa, John Giles, Holly Price; brass quartet, Chad Heinis, Neisha Heinis and Mark Lozano.

Four brass, Cierra Butler, Jessica Lewis, Jason Vela, Ryan Vela; saxophone quartet, Ryan Beall, Enchantra Lara, Spencer Roberts, Gabby Sifuentes; tuba/euphonium quartet, Vincente Flores, Shasta Fuqua, Heath Garrett and Adam Partee.

Trumpet quartet, Gracie Acosta, Billy Morgan, John Ontiveros, Ryan Vela; French horn quartet, Tanya Adusumilli, Shelley Fox, Katie Policky, Jessica Ray; trombone quartet, Karissa Gray, Neisha Heinis, Erin Partee and Jeff Stanley.

Four brass, Gwan Ausbie, Michael Barton, Landon Jenkins, Mark Warrington; trombone quartet, Landon Adkins, Josh Barnett, Adam Heinis, Daniel Mata; flute quartet, Synda Calobreves, Melody McDaniel, Laura Olague



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Big Spring High School band members Melody McDaniel, left, Chelsea Churchwell and Synda Calobreves will all be heading to state solo and ensemble contest after earning division I on their solos. The band will be taking 54 members to the state contest held in May, the largest number of students to qualify in recent years.

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OBITUARIES

Maria Everett

Vigil service for Maria "Cuca" Everett, 93, of Big Spring will be 7 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be 10 a.m. Saturday, March 2, 2002, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.



Mrs. Everett died Thursday, Feb. 28, at a local nursing home. She was born Feb. 8, 1909, in Stanton. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. She was a homemaker and a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Alexander Everett.

Survivors include one daughter, Celia Fierro of Big Spring; and one sister, Natalia Romero of Big Spring.

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

Marvin Eugene "Flash" Williams

Marvin Eugene "Flash" Williams, 78, of Big Spring, died on Thursday, Feb. 28, 2002, in a local hospital. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 2, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. David Ring, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.



He was born on July 14, 1926, in Stanton and married Dorra L. Jennings on Oct. 15, 1947, in Big Spring. Marvin moved with his family to Buffalo Gap, where he lived and grew up. His father worked for Santa Fe Railroad for 34 years. He graduated from Wiley High School in 1942 and attended Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. He volunteered to serve his country at 18 years-of-age and served with the United States Navy for four years. He drove trucks for Humble Oil Co., where he won several driving awards. He retired from Cosden Oil Refinery on Feb. 26, 1982, after 22 years of service. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include her husband, Tom Allen of Big Spring; her son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Debbie Edgington of Houston; one grandson, Darrell Edgington of Houston; two sisters-in-law; and two nieces.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Sherry Carolyn Edgington; three brothers, one sister and her parents.

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

Paid obituary

Evelyn L. Cowley

Funeral service for Evelyn L. Cowley, 75, of Forsan will be 2 p.m. Monday, March 4, 2002, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Jeff Janca, pastor of Forsan Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Cowley died Thursday, Feb. 28, at a local hospital. She was born on March 3, 1926, in Casey, Ill. and married Bob Cowley on March 31, 1948, in Forsan. He preceded her in death on Aug. 26, 1985. Mrs. Cowley was a longtime resident of Forsan and her family was the center of her life. She was a member of Forsan Baptist Church. The women of the church met at her house for weekly Bible study.

Survivors include one son, Steve Cowley of Keller; one daughter, Brenda Cowley of Amarillo; and one brother, Wayne Monroney of Snyder.

The family suggests memorials to Texas Polio Survivors' Association, P.O. Box 41325, Houston 77241-1325 or the American Lung Association of Texas, P.O.

Box 26460, Austin 78755-0460.

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

Funeral service for Earline Clanton Lovelace, 78, of Big Spring is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mrs. Lovelace died Thursday, Feb. 28, 2002, in Cypress.

Other than Bowen, Dunn and McDowell, the competition included Rebecca McEndree, seventh grade, Coahoma Junior High School; Eric Welch, sixth grade, St. Mary's Episcopal School; Philip Tackett, sixth grade, Goliad Elementary School; Doporto Leos, fifth grade, Bauer Magnet Elementary School; Ventura Gomez, fifth grade, Washington Elementary School; Jake Hernandez, fourth grade, Marcy Elementary; and Hannah Weber, fourth grade, Kentwood Elementary.

Howard County may be freezing outside this weekend but inside at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum things will be heating up. Four 4A high school boys' basketball teams battle each other for the right to move one step closer to a state championship tonight and Saturday. Action begins tonight at 6.

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

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT: 1
ASSAULT: 3
ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE: 3
BURGLARY OF A BUILDING: 1
BURGLARY OF A MOTOR VEHICLE: 16
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF: 3
DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED: 2
DRIVING WHILE LICENSE INVALID: 2
HARRASSMENT: 1
POSSESSION OF DRUGS: 3
CARRYING A PROHIBITED WEAPON: 1
PURCHASE OF ALCOHOL FOR A MINOR: 1
THEFT: 12
Convenience Store Theft: 12
Beer: 1
Gasoline: 11
UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE: 1
UNAUTHORIZED CARRYING OF A WEAPON: 2
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judges counted McDowell's spelling wrong, since the word in the official list of spelling words is "racket," and removed her from the competition.

All contestants reached the county-wide bee by winning their home school's spelling bee.

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ARREST

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his ex-wife, Walker said. "There was a protective order out on him even though it was expired," the sheriff said. "He had been arrested in Odessa back in November of 2001 for attempted murder on her. So he's out on bond on that, apparently."

Walker added that Howard County will be cooperating with the Ector County Sheriff's office in this case and although Duralia has yet to be arraigned, he will probably be charged with felony kidnapping and assault.

The names of the victim in the case and the quick-acting Star Stop clerk have not been released.

BAND

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and April Ward. Brass sextet, Gracie Acosta, Landon Adkins, John Ontiveros, Adam Partee, Jessica Ray, Sal Rizo; six or more brass, Josh Barnett, John Giles, Adam Heinis, Landon Jenkins, Jeff Stanley, Mark Warrington and David Welch.

Clarinet choir, Ashley Hamm, Chelsea Helsley, Sharissa McMeans, Natalie Nava, Jamie Pineda and Krystal Sawyer; brass sextet, Cierra Butler, Shelley Fox, Heath Garrett, Karissa Gray, Mark Warrington, David Welch; flute trio, Amanda Gray, Amy Hanes and Laura Olague.

Students earning a division II for their ensemble were oboe, clarinet, bassoon trio, Chelsea Helsley, Jamie Pineda and Breck Simmons.

Students who earned a division III for their ensembles were, trombone quartet, Courtney Davila, Josh Islas, Paul Landin, Jennifer Lewis; miscellaneous woodwind trio, Julie Cadenhead, Samantha Newton and Cynthia Padron.

TEXAS LOTTERY

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COLD

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northeast winds about 20 miles per hour. The temperature is expected to drop like a stone.

"By sunrise tomorrow we expect the lows to be in the 20s with wind chills in the single digits to teens," he continued. "Tomorrow we could see some possible snow flurries with northeast winds from 20 to 25 miles per hour."

Cold weather is predicted through Saturday night with lows expected in the teens and warming a little on Sunday, Curran said.

The chilly weather is expected to make a short stay in the Crossroads area as Monday's highs are predicted to return to 50s and 60s.

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POLICE

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

AMBER GUTIERREZ, 26, of 3608 Calvin was arrested to hold for the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

TINA TATE, 24, of 8304 W. Highway 80, was arrested to hold for the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

KOQUISHA CALDWELL, 23, of Killean was arrested to hold for extradition to Kansas.

JAVENIA SUMMERS, 26, of 608 Lancaster was arrested on three local warrants.

HENRIETTA REEVES, 57, of 618 Ridgelea was arrested on capias warrants.

RICKY EDWARDS JR., 17, of 807 E. 16th St. was arrested for 15 local warrants.

DELMA RUBIO, 32, of 1905 Wasson Road was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended license.

ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 2900 block of West Highway 80.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:

- In the 900 block of South Rannels. A green 1994 Ford Taurus reportedly received \$500 damage.

- In the 700 block of Lorilla. A white 1994 Pontiac Firebird reportedly

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SYMPHONY

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musician in the Los Angeles area, performs regularly with members of the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Pacific Symphony and Long Beach Symphony.

Also returning for the second time this season is Lewis, of the Texas Tech University School of Music. Lewis directed the symphony's Christmas program.

Tickets for the performance are \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens and \$5 for students.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Big Spring Symphony Office, 808 Scurry Street; Blum's Jewelers, in the Big Spring Mall; Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, 215 W. Third; Dunlap's, 111 E. Marcy; First Bank of West Texas, 1810 FM-700; Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry; and Faye's Flowers, 1013 Gregg.

BEE

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were easy." Bowen said he's excited about the regional competition.

"I'm kind of nervous but real excited," he said. "I think I have a 50-50 chance."

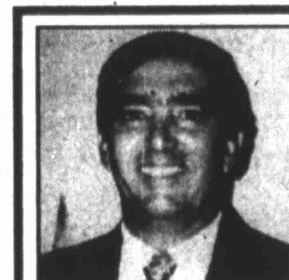
Judges for the bee were Big Spring Junior High School librarian Robin Ritchey, Big Spring State Hospital Director of Quality Oversight Marilyn Clark and Herald correspondent and former features editor Debbie Jensen. The Herald sponsored the event.

"I think it's hard to knock," said Clark of the signal used by the judges to signal a misspelled word. "Even when they miss a word, it's hard to send that kid to sit down."

Announcer Cindy Michaelis said the hardest part of her job was formulating a sentence when asked by the contestants to use a word in a sentence.

"I knew, when I was looking over the list, and there's 'genus,'" she said. "And I thought 'Oh, my word. How am I going to use 'genus' in a sentence that makes any sense at all?'"

A touch of controversy plagued the competition in the first round when Forsan Junior High eighth-grader Victoria McDowell spelled the word "racket" by an alternate spelling, "rac-

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'Shadow government' set up outside Washington in case of attack

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration has activated Cold War-era plans for a "shadow government" consisting of 75 or more senior officials who live and work secretly outside Washington in case the nation's capital is crippled by terrorist attack, a senior government official said Thursday night.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the operation has been in effect since the first hours after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks but has evolved over time.

Originally designed to help the government withstand Cold War nuclear threats, the shadow government plan was activated out of

heightened fears that the Al-Qaida terrorist network might obtain a nuclear weapon. U.S. intelligence has no specific knowledge of such a weapon, but the risk was great enough to warrant the activation of a plan dating to the presidency of Dwight D. Eisenhower, the official said.

Under the classified "Continuity of Operations Plan," first reported by The Washington Post, high-ranking officials representing their departments have begun rotating in and out of the assignment at one of two fortified locations along the East Coast.

The Post said the first rotations were made in late October or early November, a fact confirmed by a

senior government official late Thursday.

Officials who are activated for the duty live and work underground 24 hours a day, away from their families, according to the Post. The shadow government has sent home most of the first wave of deployed personnel, replacing them most commonly at 90-day intervals.

A government official who spoke to The Associated Press said the groups usually number 70 to 150 people, depending on the level of threat detected by U.S. intelligence. He said Bush does not foresee ever needing turn over government functions to the secret operation, but believed it was prudent to implement the long-standing plan in light of the gathering war on terrorism and persistent threats of future attacks.

The team, drawn from every Cabinet department and some independent agencies, would seek to prevent the collapse of essential government functions in the event of a disabling blow to Washington, the official said.

The underground government would try to contain disruptions of the nation's food and water supplies, transportation links, energy and telecommunications networks, public health and civil order, the Post reported. Later, it would begin to reconstitute the government.

The government-in-waiting is an extension of a policy that has kept Vice President Dick Cheney in secure undisclosed locations away from Washington. Cheney has moved in and out of public view as threat levels have fluctuated.

As next in line to power behind President Bush, he would need help running the government in a worst-case scenario.

"We take this issue extraordinarily seriously, and are committed to doing as thorough a job as possible to ensure the ongoing operations of the federal government," Joseph W. Hagin, White House deputy chief of staff, told the Post, though he declined to discuss details.

Preliminary agreement reached on plan to increase ethanol use

WASHINGTON (AP) — A proposal calling for major changes in the nation's gasoline is being worked out in the Senate, a compromise plan that resolves longstanding differences between oil companies, farmers and environmentalists.

The tentative agreement would require a tripling of the amount of ethanol to be used in gasoline, a boon to the farming industry, while it also would ban the additive, MTBE, which has been blamed for fouling lakes and

streams in a number of states.

And it would end the requirement that gasoline in areas of serious air pollution contain a certain amount of oxygen, a rule the oil companies say is outdated because they can blend fuel to meet air quality requirements.

While some details remained to be worked out, Senate negotiators — and the unusual alliance of frequently feuding interest groups — have reached general agreement on the plan,

several participants in the discussions said Thursday.

The role of ethanol in gasoline and the future of MTBE, the fossil-fuel based additive under attack from New England to California for polluting waterways, has been the subject of intense political jockeying in Congress for years.

But now, barring any unforeseen glitches, a proposal to address both issues is likely to attract broad bipartisan support when it is considered as part of a far-reaching Senate energy

bill probably next week, congressional sources said.

When the government in 1995 required a minimum level of oxygen in gasoline to help the fuel burn more cleanly, most refiners turned to MTBE, although some — largely in the Midwest — used ethanol as an oxygenate.

Farm-state lawmakers' attempts to increase the requirements for ethanol, mostly made from corn, repeatedly failed because of opposition from oil interests and the methanol industry.

Attempts to ban MTBE also has stalled, although the Environmental Protection Agency urged phasing out the additive nearly three years ago. Oil companies, fearing the growth of ethanol use, said they would not accept a ban unless the overall oxygenate requirement also was scrapped.

But many environmentalists feared that an across-the-board lifting of the oxygen requirement would increase pollution.

The stalemate continued right up to last summer

when attempts to include an MTBE ban and a provision for more ethanol use as part of a House energy bill never gained traction.

Not so in the Senate, where Majority Leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota, a state with ethanol plants, demanded a provision boosting ethanol use from the current 1.7 billion gallons to 5 billion gallons over the next decade.

But that wouldn't fly unless the oil companies and environmentalists also got something.

Three people killed, child wounded

DALLAS (AP) — Police are looking for two men as suspects in a triple homicide Friday at a house in southwestern Dallas.

Investigators checking a burglary report at the house about 12:30 a.m. Friday found a man and two women shot to death and a child wounded. The child was taken to Children's Medical Center in Dallas. Police said the child's wounds were not thought to be life-threatening.

The child was one of three children found in the house with the bodies, police said. The front yard of the white frame house was found strewn with children's toys.

Investigators said officers pursued a van spotted nearby, but the two men inside stopped the vehicle and fled on foot.

Police withheld identities and possible motives in the case.

High fees drain money sent by Hispanics to families back home

WASHINGTON (AP) — People from Latin America working in the United States send more than \$20 billion a year to their families back home, but \$3 billion of that is eaten up in transaction fees and other charges, according to Senate testimony Thursday.

Immigrants trying to support relatives in their home countries are subject to "hideous, and often hidden, practices in the international money transmitting business," Rep. Luis Guterres, D-Ill., told the Senate Banking Committee.

Guterres and others said that lower income immigrants, some in the country illegally, are particularly susceptible to higher fees because they do not have bank accounts and must go

through smaller, sometimes less reputable transfer companies.

On average, he said, Latin American migrants wire home around \$250 a month, but with transaction fees and losses through unfair exchange rates, their relatives may receive as little as \$200.

Manuel Orozco, author of a report on remittances commissioned by the Multilateral Investment Fund of the Inter-American Development Bank, said the average fees have declined in recent years for those countries where there is market choice. He said it costs an average \$11.60 in local currency fees to send \$200 to Mexico, but for Cuba, where there is little competition, the price is \$25.58. The actual

cost of sending money is about \$6, he said.

Sergio Bendixen, who conducted a survey last year for the Inter-American Development Bank on the remittance issue, told the panel that 69 percent of Hispanic immigrants send money back to their relatives, and those making less than \$20,000 a year are more likely to send cash remittances than older, more middle-class immigrants.

About two-thirds are unaware that their families receive less than they send because of additional commissions, fees and exchange rates and only 46 percent of non-citizens have bank accounts.

Orozco said that in 2001, immigrants sent \$9.2 billion to Mexico.

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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:

• **HOWARD COLLEGE AND LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN COLLEGE**, on their partnership to offer a general business degree program at the Big Spring campus.

• **Big Spring High School students NATHAN SMITH, WOLFGANG ROBINSON, AMANDA SHEEDY, BRITTNEY BARROW AND HOLLI COBB**, who are entering state forensics competition today.

• **JAMES BOWEN**, winner of the *Big Spring Herald*-sponsored Spelling Bee. The Moss Elementary student is the son of James and Alma Bowen.

• **HOWARD COLLEGE DENTAL CLINIC STUDENTS AND FACULTY** who put on another successful children's dental fair last weekend.

• **CROSSROADS AREA CITIZENS** who have taken the time to cast a ballot during the early voting period of the Democratic and Republican Party primary elections.

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

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to thank some very special people who live in our town because they make it a better place to live for everyone, for they truly go out of their way to help others in need. They help those that aren't able to ask for help and must depend on others to help them.

Many of the ones that they help aren't wanted by society. Some have no place to call home, many have been mistreated and abused because they are animals.

I've seen the tears that filled their eyes at the sight of a tiny half-starved puppy or kitten. I've also seen their happy smiles at the sight of a formerly unwanted dog or cat finding a new home—a home where it will never again know the pain of being unwanted or abused or know the pangs of hunger.

These special people who make life better for God's little four-footed angels are Mr. and Mrs. John Rheinscheld, Tim Davis, Margaret Lloyd and all the other caring staff members

at the Howard County Humane Society.

I would like to ask that anyone who reads this and can afford to do so please make a donation to the Humane Society so that it can continue to help animals in need of a little kindness.

LANA F. AGUIANO
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the Big Spring Christian Home Educators, I want to thank the hospitality at the *Big Spring Herald* office this morning as Carlos Gonzalez and Edwin Vela led our students and parents on a tour of the newspaper office.

We found the field trip to be very informative and interesting. Our children always benefit from opportunities to learn about the workings of various businesses and agencies in our community. Thank you so much for taking the time during the busiest part of your day to show us around the paper.

SUZANNE HANEY
BIG SPRING

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Pollution controls and the media today

Behind the ostensible government sits

enthroned an invisible government owing no allegiance and acknowledging no responsibility to the people. To destroy this invisible government, to befool the unholy alliance between corrupt business and corrupt politics is the first task of the statesmanship of today. — Theodore Roosevelt.



MOLLY IVINS

It's hard to think how this could be any clearer: The headlines are "Bush Proposing Policy Changes on Toxic Sites: Taxpayers Would Bear Most Cleanup Costs." "Bush to Shift Toxic Cleanups to Taxpayers."

Katherine Seelye of The New York Times reports the Superfund was founded in 1980 under the slogan, "The polluter pays." Industry was to clean up its own messes, and special corporate taxes were used to fund clean-ups at "orphan sites, where the responsible party could not be identified or could not pay. The taxes were reauthorized under President Ronald Reagan and again under Mr. Bush's father. They expired in 1995, and while President Bill Clinton

sought to have them reinstated, the House of Representatives, by then under Republican control, refused."

Congress let the taxes expire "under" pressure from the chemical and oil industries. Without them, the trust fund dwindled from a high of \$3.8 billion in 1996 to a projected \$28 million next year. President Bush did not reauthorize the taxes last year in his first budget, and his proposed budget for 2003 explicitly states he will not do so. ... Chemical and oil companies and other businesses had long complained that the taxes were burdensome."

Actually, being poisoned is quite burdensome, too. And if the oil and chemical industries find the tax burdensome, I suspect Bubba and Bubbette aren't going to be dancing in the street.

Does this make any sense at all? Industry creates some godawful mess that harms people, walks away and leaves it, and now we have to pay to clean it up. We didn't make the mess, we didn't make piles of money off making the mess, and the mess is killing our children. So exactly why is that our responsibility? They poison you, and you have to pay for it?

Industry claims the Superfund has not been run efficiently or effectively. Of course, there is an anti-Superfund PAC that has contributed millions to congressmen on the right committees. You can read a

study of these contributions on the U.S. PIRG website.

"Under pressure from the oil and chemical companies ... 'I'd like to see Congress come under some pressure from the people."

Environmentalists have long argued that we have no true estimate of the cost of industry because industry can pollute the air, the water and the land — not to mention kill off critters — without having to pay for it. But we sort of drew the line at poisoning humans for profit. The administration has also decided to designate fewer sites for cleanup. Do you know how close to one you live?

Following the theme of invisible government, The Wall Street Journal reports on the growth of oligopolies, the market condition that exists when there are few sellers who can then greatly influence price and other market factors — a semi-monopoly. The trend is everywhere from cable television, to college textbooks, to defense contractors, to telecommunications.

The Journal attributes it not only to market forces, but to weakened antitrust laws: "Regulators and judges seem less antagonistic toward bigness. Just last week, a federal appeals court opened the door to another round of media mergers by striking down rules that in effect barred cable companies from buying broadcast networks."

While noting that oligopolies are not always avoidable or undesirable, the

Journal also says: "An oligopoly can allow big businesses to make big profits at the expense of consumers and economic progress. It can destroy the competition that is vital to preventing firms from pushing prices well above costs and to forcing companies to change or die." If competition is the genius of capitalism, why are we allowing, even encouraging, it to die out?

The aforementioned decision encouraging another round of media mergers gives me a chance to plug a deliriously funny new book by Carl Hiaasen, "The Basket Case." It's not only a dandy mystery and romance, but it's also the best description of what is wrong with American journalism I have ever read.

The trouble with working for a giant media oligopoly isn't that anyone ever calls from corporate headquarters and says, "You can't say that." No one at corporate headquarters knows or cares what you're saying — their bean-counters just want to know if you're a profit center and, if so, does your rate of return meet the expectations of some 25-year-old whiz on Wall Street who never wrote a news story in his life.

The best way to increase profits at a news organization is to cut down on the number of people gathering news. Hiaasen's ground-level accounts of how this works out in terms of city council coverage are both hilarious and miserably true.

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Politicians should leave athletes alone

Can athletic competition lead to military confrontation?

On July 14, 1969, a four-day conflict broke out between El Salvador and Honduras in what came to be known as the Soccer War.



JACK ANDERSON

Tensions had been building between the two nations because more and more people from overpopulated El Salvador began moving into underpopulated Honduras. But it took the World Cup soccer matches in June of that year to inflame the passions and ignite the war.

National athletic contests evoke national pride, but pride — as the Soccer War demonstrated — can erupt into hostility. In the just-completed Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City,

Utah, the win-at-any-price mentality combined with jingoism to produce the usual rounds of doping and trade-off judging that have been present to one degree or another in all of the modern Olympics.

This year, however, the Russians vehemently protested and threatened to walk out of the games. The Russian press weighed in, claiming a North American bias in the judging. Vladimir Putin, president of the Russian Federation, said, "North American athletes receive a clear advantage," and his country's teams had been "subjected to unfair and biased judging." Following suit, Russia's lower house of parliament, the State Duma, voted 359-3 to boycott the remainder of the games.

Though the Russians finally decided to remain, Russian public opinion is displaying a latent anti-American hostility that has been bubbling beneath the political surface ever since the Soviet Union's defeat in the Cold War. It is a case of

a national inferiority complex.

It is also the opposite of the Olympic ideal, which is to bring nations together on what Gen. Douglas MacArthur called "the fields of friendly strife." But when the leader of a nation such as Russia intervenes so visibly, camaraderie and sportsmanship are supplanted by antagonism and nationalism.

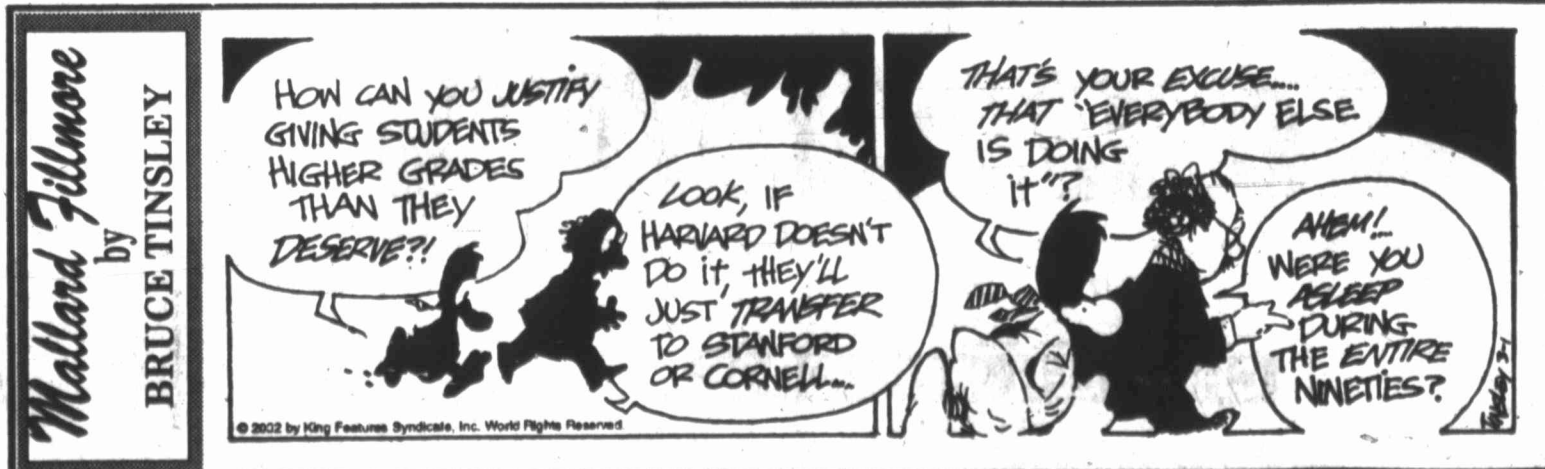
This is the problem with national teams and international competitions. It is one thing for people to identify with a school, a city or a state team. In those instances games really are only games. But when national teams compete and national passions are raised, games can take on the aura of foreign policy. This is why it is so important for national leaders and national legislatures to stay out of it.

If the Russian athletic organizations, news organizations and public choose to protest a result, the dispute remains in the realm of sports. When political leaders and institutions do

so, they are escalating an athletic dispute into an international crisis. And not all crises are immediate. There is such a thing as simmering resentment that builds and builds until it explodes.

Anti-Americanism needs to be calmed, not exacerbated. Putin and the Duma need to be answered by American leaders who tell them to leave athletics to the athletes and athletic organizations. They need to be told to follow the examples set by most of the athletes, especially by the Canadian and Russian co-gold medal figure skating champions who have displayed nothing less than sportsmanship, friendship and goodwill.

The Olympic ideal is predicated upon the belief that individual camaraderie can overcome the faceless antagonisms between nations. The Olympics only work as foreign policy from the bottom up, one person to one person. As Putin and the Duma will soon realize, they don't work the other way around.



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CHURCH NEWS

St. Mary's Episcopal

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The Altar Guild will have a meeting on Saturday 10 a.m. in the church office.

The Episcopal Church Women will have their meeting this coming Sunday 11:45 a.m. in the Library.

The 2002 Lenten Program continues this Wednesday. The theme this year is "Christian Mission and Ministry in our Diocese, our Parish, and our Lives." We will begin, as is our custom, with a meatless potluck dinner in the Parish hall at 6 p.m. The program will begin at 6:30 and child care will be provided. Our speaker will be Deacon Dana Wilson, Archdeacon of the Diocese of Northwest Texas.

Stations of the Cross will be observed every Friday during Lent. Please join us March 7, 12:05 p.m. in the Church.

St. Mary's Church will host the Deanery meeting on March 9, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

First United Methodist

"Does Suffering Have A Place?" will be the topic of Dr. Dave Ring's sermon on Sunday. The sermon is based on John 12:20-28. In addition, Holy Communion will be observed.

Rehearsals continue for Palm Sunday's special musical "God So Loved The World" at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday. The Children's Choir also rehearses on Sunday's at 4 p.m.

Kids Club is Tuesday afternoons after school. This is a special program for grades one through five, including a Bible Lesson, arts and crafts, and music. For information about Kids Club, contact the church office.

The Youth Group will leave during spring break on a mission trip to Mexico while an adult group will be traveling at the same time with Dr. Ring to El Salvador on a mission trip.

The Worship Committee is planning a special Sunrise Worship on Easter, March 31, at 7 a.m. in the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater, followed by breakfast prepared by the Methodist Men in Garrett Hall at 8:15 a.m.

First United Methodist Church is located at 400 Scurry. For more information on any of the programs at First United Methodist Church, call the church office at 267-6394.

First Assembly of God

Everyone is invited to hear Tom Jacob, missionary from India this Sunday morning at 10:40 a.m. at First Assembly of God.

In the evening service at 6 p.m. Pastor R. T. Havener will be speaking on "Atmosphere." The message will be taken from Romans 8.

The congregations of First Assembly invited you to join them in this outstanding day of worship at Fourth and Lancaster.

First Presbyterian

David Marx, interim minister will speak on March 3, the third Sunday in Lent, on the topic "On Accepting the Gift". Worship service is held at 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School begins at 9:45. "Take Ten" will be held at 10:30. Sunday School for all ages is available. A nursery is provided.

Other opportunities for the week include Soul Food Dinner on Wednesday night at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This is followed by a youth group meeting and choir practice at 7:00 p.m.

Please join us for any of all of the previously mentioned activities. First Presbyterian Church is located on Runnels between 7th and 8th. Everyone is always welcome at First Presbyterian Church.

CLUB NEWS

Might Oaks Senior Adult

The Mighty Oaks Senior Adult Club of East Fourth St. Baptist Church met at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 19, in the Church Fellowship Hall for their monthly business meeting, covered dish lunch and program. Twelve members attended including two new members, Theda Perez and Joyce Harris. Ten visitors, plus Pastor Dudley Mullins also attended.

An announcement was made about a Senior Adult Rally to be held at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene March 1, beginning at 9:30 a.m., featuring a Men's Gospel Quartet from Branson, Mo.

Cost for the entire program including the concert and lunch would be \$10.00 per person.

Joyce Walker, Club Program Chairman, introduced Annette Roberts, guest soloist, and Howard County Sheriff, Dale Walker, guest speaker.

Big Spring Morning Optimist

"The Department of Public Safety is the most prestigious organization in Texas, if not the nation," Trooper Mark Couch stated Wednesday morning at the Optimist Club. "That's why I wanted to be a part of it." "We've experienced some changes since 9-11," Couch

continued. "Our criminal intelligence operation has been re-vamped. We're in the "interdiction" business; we want to prevent crime from happening."

"We're the eyes and ears of the nation at DPS," Couch explained. "The best way to know a counterfeit is to study the real thing. We deal mostly with ordinary citizens, good people. When we stop them, we ask them simple questions like where they're coming from, where they're going, when is the last time they stopped for fuel. These questions should be easily answered, and when they're not, that's our cue that something may be out of the ordinary."

Couch passed along a short form on yellow paper.

"At DPS, we are always in the process of changing and molding our organization according to what the people want. We track and log incidents by the information on the tickets we write. We've had mobile video in our units for about five years already, and it's just now being required."

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The Optimist Track Meet is scheduled for Saturday, March 28.

TOPS TX 21

Members of TOPS TX 21 met for their regular Monday night meeting on Feb. 25 at 6 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third. Eleven members answered roll call. Sue Rinkenmeyer was the TOPS

best loser and Lynne Criswell was the best loser of KOPS.

Members were reminded of election of officers next week.

Anyone interested in TOPS can call 1-800-932-8677 or locally you may call 263-0391 or 263-1758 for more information.

Sands Springs Lions

The Sand Springs Lions Club met Feb. 18, with President, Phillip Reid, presiding.

Old Business: Shyrlee Reid will continue to check on facilities for the prospect of a chili supper in the future.

New Business: Shyrlee Reid passed out tickets to be sold with proceeds going to the Western Texas Eye Bank Alliance.

President Phillip Reid appointed a Committee on Nominations to get new officers to serve 2002-2003.

The Committee will be Jarrell Barbee, Chair, Fred Franklin and Neil Squires.

Coahoma Lions

The Coahoma Lions Club would like to invite everyone to our annual Pancake Supper on March 7th. We will have it in the Coahoma Elementary Cafeteria. We will be serving delicious pancakes with the trimmings, sausage, bacon, and drinks from 5 p.m. through 7 p.m. All you can eat for the low price of \$3.50 for Kindergarten and up. It is still Free for all Preschoolers.

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IN BRIEF

Hawks win, but fall short of region berth

Howard College's Hawks closed out Western Junior College Athletic Conference play Thursday night with an 81-76 win over New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell.

However, the Hawks saw their season end when Midland College managed a win over Clarendon, dashed Howard's chances of qualifying for the Region V tournament in Lubbock.

The Hawks finished the season with a 20-10 record, going 8-6 in WJCAC play.

Campbell gets ace at Comanche Trail

Buddie Campbell recorded a hole-in-one on Feb. 24 at the fourth hole on the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Campbell used a 3-wood to record the ace which was witnessed by Mark Thompson, Tim Strain, Rex Pollard and Gary Burton.

Little League sign-up scheduled

Boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 12 interested in playing on a Big Spring Little League team can sign up from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. today at the Big Spring Mall.

A final session will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday.

Players must bring their birth certificate.

Lady Steers Boosters set Monday meeting

The Big Spring Lady Steers Boosters will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the BSHS Athletic Training Center meeting room.

Parents of all Lady Steers athletes are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Debbie Churchwell at 267-7538 or Penny Phillips at 263-4847.

Little League umpires needed

Anyone interested in umpiring Little League baseball is encouraged to contact David Roman at 263-1631 or 263-4688 after 6 p.m.

A meeting will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday at the American Little League Field.

Coahoma LL slates registration, draft

Boys interested in playing on a Coahoma Little League team can still sign up from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday during the draft.

Fees will be \$25 for Pee-Wee, Minors and Major Leagues, while the Pony League fee is \$65.

Parents should bring a copy of each child's birth certificate.

Hunter education course scheduled

A hunter education course, sponsored by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

Class sessions are set for 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Steve Pointevint and Boyce Hale will be instructors.

Any hunter born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, is required to successfully complete the TP&WD course by state law.

For more information, call 7891 or Pointevint at 267-7891, 264-7033 or 267-6957.

Cowboys cut Stepnoski, Teague, Harris; near Woodson deal

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys cut center Mark Stepnoski, safety George Teague and tight end Jackie Harris on Thursday, and reportedly moved closer to a deal to keep veteran safety Darren Woodson.

Stepnoski, Teague and Harris were cut primarily because of salary cap reasons. Stepnoski and Teague were exposed for last week's expansion draft but weren't chosen by the Houston Texans.

"This is a difficult decision involving three players who played a big part in helping us get things headed in a positive direction last year," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said. "These moves were necessary at this time, but by no means does

this mean we have closed the door on any of these players being a part of our organization in the future."

Woodson, who along with Emmitt Smith are the only players left who played on the three Super Bowl championship teams of the 1990s, becomes a free agent Friday.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram and Dallas Morning News both reported Thursday that Woodson had agreed to a five-year deal worth \$20 million, including a \$5 million signing bonus.

Team officials, however, refused to confirm those reports. They said no announcement on Woodson's status was planned Thursday.

Stepnoski, a five-time Pro Bowl selection, has spent nine of his 13

NFL seasons in Dallas. He was drafted in 1989 in the third round, after the Cowboys selected Troy Aikman and Daryl Johnston.

Stepnoski, at 35 the oldest player on the team, spent the first six seasons of his career with the Cowboys and was on two teams that won Super Bowls. He went to the Houston Oilers-Tennessee Titans as a free agent in 1995 and returned to Dallas four years later.

Stepnoski, whose contract was through 2003, would have counted more than \$4 million against the Cowboys' salary cap next season when his actual salary would have been \$2.75 million. He was due a \$250,000 roster bonus Friday.

Teague, a nine-year veteran who

had two more years on his contract, played five seasons in Dallas (1996, 1998-2001). He was due a \$300,000 roster bonus and was to make \$700,000 next season, when he would have counted \$1.1 million against the salary cap.

Harris, 34, spent the last two seasons with the Cowboys and was set to make \$600,000 next season. He has been in the NFL for 12 seasons, and was a Pro Bowl pick while with Green Bay in 1992. He also has played in Tampa Bay and Tennessee.

If Stepnoski and Harris don't return to the team, the oldest player on the roster this coming fall would become Smith, who will turn 33 in May.

Regional boys' tourney opens

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald

Fort Worth Dunbar is the lone returnee to this weekend's Region I, Class 4A Boys Basketball Tournament at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

But one of the deans of Texas high school basketball, long-time Dunbar coach Robert Hughes, hopes his team doesn't experience a repeat of last year's early exit.

Canyon Randall's Keenan Hooker won't be there to drop three-point bombs, but neighboring Canyon's Eagles will be more than eager to duplicate Randall's history with Dunbar.

Third-ranked Dunbar tips off with Canyon at 8 p.m. Friday. Lubbock Estacado meets Fort Worth Polytechnic at 6 p.m.

Canyon, ranked No. 23 by Texas Hoops, is headed by Tim Webb, who has been a head coach for five years. This is his deepest journey into the playoffs with Canyon, a school where he served as an assistant before taking his first head job at Class 2A Wellington in 1998.

District 4-4A representative and No. 18-rated Estacado is coached by Tim Thomas, who has become known for rebuilding programs, like he did at Amarillo Palo Duro and Estacado. This is Thomas' first trip to the regionals.

He'll have good company with Alfred Jones — the newest kid on the block. Jones, the head man at No. 13-ranked Polytechnic, has emerged from the shadow of his former mentor, godfather and father figure Leo Jones who left this year to coach at Arlington Lamar.

Five years out of college, Jones is in the regional playoffs. The last time the Parrots made it this far was three years ago before falling to Lancaster.

Counter Jones' youthfulness with Hughes, who has made so many trips to Austin with Dunbar (10), that when pressed, he can't remember how many state final games he has coached. He's won four state championships at Dunbar — the last one in 1993.

The Wildcats, the highest ranked team in the regional tournament, suffered a 71-64 loss to Canyon Randall last year.

"I don't know what happened," Hughes said. "We didn't get off the bus. I think our guys stayed on the interstate. I think I'm going to get one of those conductors this time and get everyone off the bus."

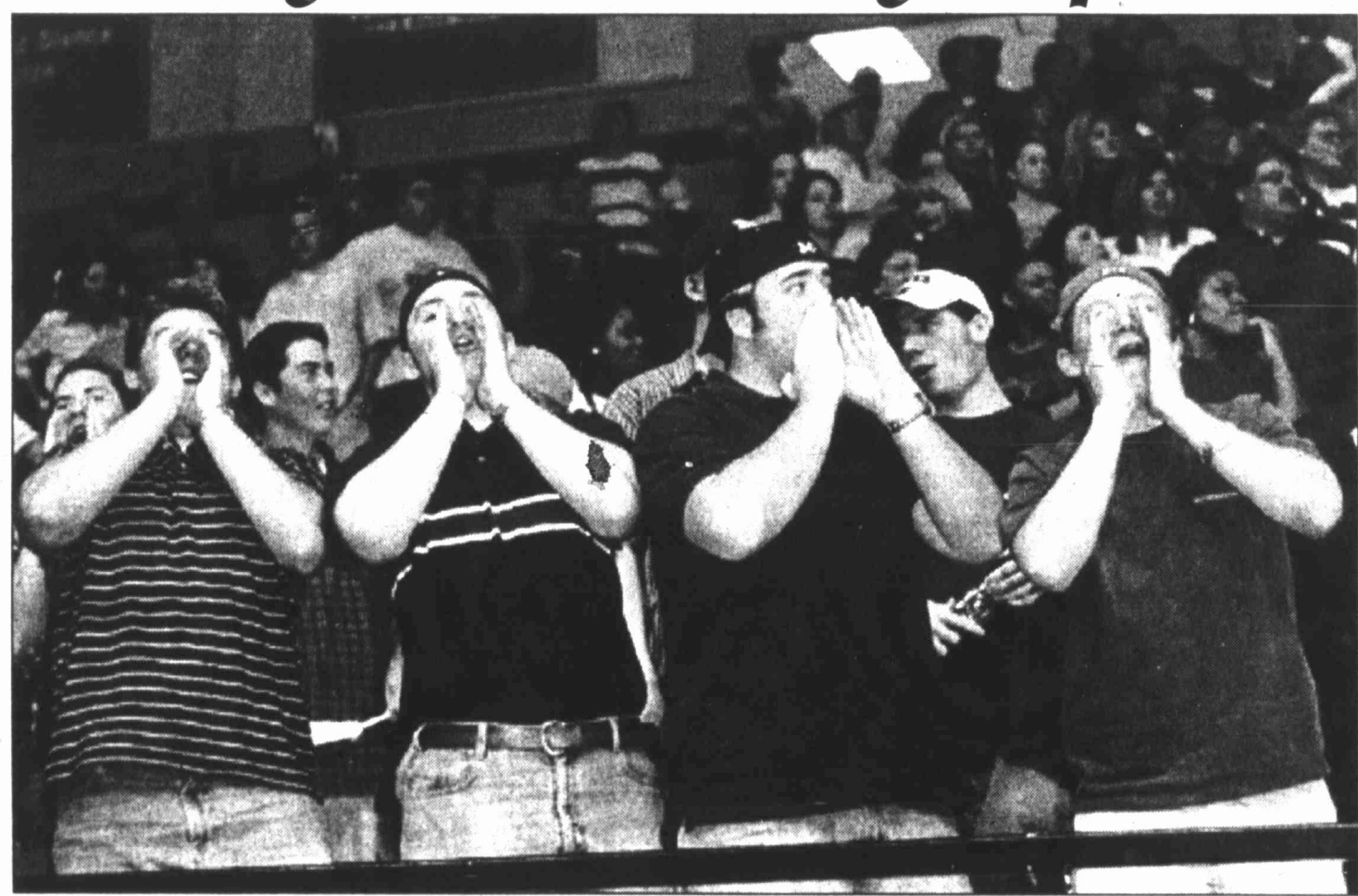
And if Canyon's uniform colors look familiar, it's because their female counterparts took the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum floor last week, reaching the regional finals before bowing to Plainview.

Polytechnic and Estacado will not be satisfied just to make it to the regional tournament.

"This team has had a lot of firsts," Thomas said. "Everything they've done this year has been a first, so nothing they've done surprised me."

And Jones said his players aren't looking past Friday night's game for a head-to-head contest with District 7-4A rival Dunbar. Dunbar eked past Polytechnic by three points in a district contest.

"They're in our way to a state tournament championship, but so is Estacado," Jones said. "Our motto



Large and enthusiastic fan followings, such as these students who backed Plainview's Lady Bulldogs last week, are expected to fill Dorothy Garrett Coliseum this weekend as the Region I, Class 4A boys' basketball tournament gets under way.

this year is 'We Gon' Make It.' The games:

Lubbock Estacado vs. FW Poly 6 p.m. Friday

Both teams rely on their defense to win games — Estacado has been holding opponents to 46 points per game.

In his second year at Estacado, Thomas has pulled together back-to-back district championships, a feat few coaches have ever pulled off before at the school.

After losing 10 seniors off last year's District 4-4A championship team, Thomas was left with a blank slate in which to work. Two returning players had varsity experience — only one started for Thomas part-time.

The Mats are making their first trip to the regional tourney, but the lack of experience isn't fazing Thomas and his players. "We've probably played 15 Class 5A schools," Thomas said. "We made it to the championship of the Caprock Tournament and won back-to-back district championships. This team thrives on doing things for a first time."

Estacado is paced by 5-9 junior guard Charlie Knighten (13 points); senior forward 6-6 Ashanti Jones (12 points, 6 rebounds and 2-3 blocked shots); senior Jonathan Lee, a 6-2 forward/guard (11 points); and Darryl Wilkerson, a 5-9 junior guard (7 points, 4 rebounds).

"We play a lot of guys," Thomas said.

The second-year Estacado coach said Polytechnic is an athletic and disciplined team with a strong point guard running the offense.

"We're going to have to play good defense. They have size, so we're going to do what we do and go out and defend them and execute on offense and take care of the ball. We also have to slow down the guys inside as well."

Thomas is referring to 6-7 senior

Terry Tucker, who his coach describes as a "hoss on the boards."

"He's a slender kid, who's athletic and quick," Jones said. Tucker (14 points and 13 rebounds), who is being heavily recruited fits into Jones' plan well. "We look at the game. If we want to push it, we will. We're not going to run down and jack up some shots. We are very disciplined. That's what's winning the games for us — our defense. We're man-to-man, full-court."

Tucker gets strong back-up from a bench full of players. Senior Dezmon Harris (17 points, 7 rebounds) and 6-8 junior Nirada Sanders (8 points, 7 rebounds). But beyond those three, it's anyone's guess who will lead scoring that night.

"We have different players who step up," Jones said.

Estacado suits out a team that is very similar to Polytechnic, Jones said, but the Parrots do have one advantage — their bench.

"They don't have the bench that we have. They don't have people who can score and defend off the bench like we do."

Polytechnic is going to continue doing what got them to the regional tournament in the first place, Jones said.

"We're not going to divert from our game plan. We're going to stick with it and exploit any mismatches on the floor."

Canyon vs. FW Dunbar 8 p.m. Friday

Canyon hopes to combat Dunbar's fast-paced frenetic style of play with their well-known half-court game.

"We're a slow, half-court, deliberate shooting team," said Webb. "We like to take good shots, high-percentage shots."

It must be working because Canyon is shooting 51 percent from the floor. But Canyon is not a low-scoring team. The Eagles have scored in the 80s behind leading

scorer Tate Lombard, a 6-3 guard, good for 17.7 points per game.

Seniors Jay Roberts (8 points, 4.9 rebounds, 3.6 assists), Jay Hartman (7.8 points, 5.9 rebounds), Cody Lovorn (7.6 points, 3.8 assists) and 6-6 junior Danny Storey (10.5 points, 8.6 rebounds) provide a taller than average line-up.

The group of seniors has played under Webb for the past three years.

Canyon will not be intimidated by Dunbar's fast pace and legendary place in Texas high school basketball history. "They are seniors and they've been to national tournaments in AAU and played against Randall over and over. We played Hereford who went to state last year. They've played Estacado and Clovis. They've been there. They know what the situation feels like."

Dunbar's Hughes said his team didn't play their game last year. "Maybe Randall took us out of our game. We were out there like we were on a picnic. Hopefully, we'll go out there to play this time."

"The only thing we did right last time was we all put on the same uniform."

In his 40-plus years of coaching, Hughes said last year's semifinal game "was in the top 10 of my most frustrating games."

Dunbar is led by 6-4 senior post UT-Arlington signee Steve Thomas (17 points) and Jeremis Smith, a 6-5 sophomore post, who averages 16.

"We're going to push it up the floor and probably run a motion-type offense," Hughes said. "We're basically a man-defensive team, and we'll probably go to the basket pretty hard."

Dunbar's fast-paced style is one fans enjoy, Hughes said. "We're one of those schools with a large fan base. We think they come because we are constantly in motion," he noted.

"You won't be able to read the fine print on the basketball."

Plainview advances, Nazareth extends dynasty in Class 1A

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tojtinay Thompson hit four 3-pointers in a 28-point effort to lead defending champion Plainview past Dripping Springs, 76-59, in one of two Class 4A UIL state girls' basketball tournament semifinals Thursday at the University of Texas at Austin's Erwin Center.

The Bulldogettes' victory, which improved their record to 34-1, sets up a rematch of the 2001 championship game when Plainview beat

Dallas Lincoln 51-40.

Lincoln (24-5) earned another shot at the title with a 69-53 semifinal victory over Angleton. Tiffany Jackson led Lincoln with 20 points.

Plainview, however, appears fully capable of defending the title after hitting eight 3-pointers and forcing 21 Dripping Springs turnovers.

Thompson, who averaged 11 points during the season, had 15 by halftime as Plainview led 37-25 lead after two quarters.

Dripping Springs (31-6) committed

11 first-half turnovers to diminish 11-of-18 shooting from the floor. Three straight turnovers played a big part in a 15-3 Plainview run to close the first half.

After the hot shooting start, Dripping Springs cooled off in the third. Dripping Springs missed its first five shots of the quarter, Thompson swished her fourth 3-pointer and Plainview's lead quickly ballooned to 42-25.

Alesha Robertson scored 21 points for Plainview.

The perennial full-court juggernaut from Nazareth continued its dynasty in the division for the state's smallest schools.

The Swiftettes won their 16th state title Thursday with a 67-42 victory over Dodd City in the Class 1A, Division II championship game.

Stephanie Thiel, a University of Texas signee, scored 23 points and grabbed 12 rebounds for Nazareth (33-2) which has appeared in 20 state tournaments. Jeana Wilson led Dodd City with 16 points.

What does the cross mean in our lives? Jesus died for us, but what is the meaning of the cross in this way, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it" (Matthew 24:25).

If anyone is a follower of Jesus, the cross of Jesus intersects one's life. Jesus' cross in one's life there is a change. The cross symbol of death Jesus said, "If I follow Me, you will have to die. If you follow Me, you will have to die."

But die in what? To be a follower means one must have a moral sense. "I who belong to Jesus have crucified with its passions and desires" (Galatians 2:20). The life that in passions and desires has been shaped by the world and its going to have death.

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The Barna Research Group recently the result of a study of Americans were asked who believe that the moral truths are absolute and universal or that moral truths are relative to the situation. Researchers found that 64 percent of adults believe that moral truths are absolute and universal.

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When teenagers asked the same question, 83 percent said truth is relative. Truth is relative to those who said they were born again. 76 percent claimed moral truths depend on the situation.

I must admit, not at all surprised by the data for the total of people who viewed for themselves both believers and non-believers. However, percentages for claimed to be born again to Jesus Christ are troubling.

How do we as such a high proportion of believers who do not believe in absolute truth? It is clear that for a large number of the cross has not intersected their lives.

You see, when of Christ intersects in our lives, it is clearly what it really is was God's verdict. Sin is what Jesus is going to do and it is sin that renounce if we want to live. "He has our sins in His hands, the cross, so that might die to sin to righteousness" (2:24).

The cross comes all time that the moral truth is absolute and universal. When the cross intersects life, embrace God's love and unchanging truth.

Then, the ugliness of sin is clear and we are no longer able to sin in our own

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The meaning of the Cross

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Russ Mullins

If anyone is going to be a follower of Jesus, then the cross of Jesus will intersect one's life. Where Jesus' cross intersects one's life there will be tension and there will be change. The cross is a symbol of death, and so Jesus said, "If you want to follow Me, you are going to have to die. If you want life, you are going to have to die."

But die in what sense? To be a follower of Jesus means one must die in a moral sense. "Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires" (Galatians 5:24). The life that indulges the passions and desires and has been shaped by the world and its values is going to have to be put to death.

Sadly, to a great many people there is no such thing as sin. To many, following Jesus holds promises of life without making any moral demands.

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How do we account for such a high proportion of believers who reject absolute truth? It seems clear that for an increasing number of believers the cross has not really intersected their life.

You see, when the cross of Christ intersects life, sin is clearly seen for what it really is. The cross was God's verdict against sin. Sin is what moved Jesus to go to the cross and it is sin that we must renounce if we want eternal life. "He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness" (1 Peter 2:24).

The cross confirms for all time that there is a moral truth that is absolute and unchanging. When the cross truly intersects life, we will embrace God's absolute and unchanging moral truth.

Then, the ugliness and shame of sin will become clear and we will no longer be able to deny the sin in our own lives.

Russ Mullins is pastor of Coahoma Church of Christ.

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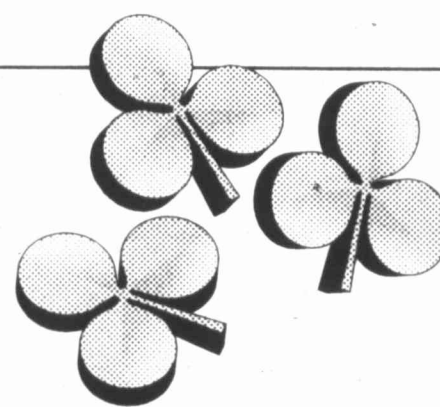
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NOTICE OF RELOCATION OF RESIDENTS OF NURSING HOME

David O. Crowson, Court Appointed Trustee over Big Spring Care Center, hereby gives notice of the relocation of the residents of the facility which is effective February 25, 2001, and will continue through March 4, 2002, with no services to be provided after that date. Trustee Crowson was appointed by the Court in cause number GV200682, State of Texas v. Managed Care, L.C. doing business as Big Spring Senior Care, L.C. doing business as Big Spring Care Center, which case is pending in the 200th Judicial District Court of Travis County, Texas. This notice is given pursuant to 42 C.F.R. § 489.52. #3467 February 27, 28 & March 1, 2002

PUBLIC NOTICE

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

OIL AND GAS DOCKET IN RE: CONSERVATION AND PREVENTION NO. 84-0230359 OF WASTE OF CRUDE PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS Austin, Texas February 6, 2002

NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE APPLICATION OF SCHLACHER OPERATING CORPORATION TO CONSIDER UNITIZATION AND SECONDARY RECOVERY AUTHORITY FOR THE CRAWFORD - STRAIN UNIT SHARON RIDGE (1700) FIELD.

MITCHELL COUNTY, TEXAS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the public and to all interested persons that under the legal authority and jurisdiction of Title 3, Oil and Gas, Subtitles A, B, and C of the Texas Natural Resources Code, Chapters 26, 27 and 29 of the Texas Water Code, and TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. art. §5, 2001 et seq. (2002), the RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS will hold a hearing on MARCH 15, 2002, at 9:30 a.m. at the William B. Travis State Office Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. This hearing will be conducted in conformity with the TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. art. §5, 2001 et seq. (2002). For room assignment, on the date of the hearing, please check the bulletin board in the 1st Floor lobby. Persons planning to attend this hearing are urged to contact the applicant (see service list) immediately prior to the hearing date to be sure that the hearing will proceed on the scheduled date.

This hearing will be held to consider the application of Schlacher Operating Corporation for unitization and secondary recovery authority for the Crawford - Strain Unit, Sharon Ridge (1700) Field, Mitchell County, Texas. Applicant states that over 70% of the royalty in the proposed unit signed up and 100% of all the working interests.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Joe D. Amazeus, at (214) 692-1567. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Railroad Commission, Office of General Counsel, at (512) 463-6946. IF A CONTINUATION IS NECESSARY, this hearing will proceed at the William B. Travis State Office Building, Austin, Texas, and, to the extent possible, on subsequent working days. The room number and exact time of the continuation will be announced on the record in this proceeding and recorded with Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, Railroad Commission of Texas. PURSUANT TO SAID HEARING, the Commission will enter such rules, regulations, and orders as in its judgment the evidence presented may justify.

ANY REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT of this hearing must be received no later than five (5) working days prior to the scheduled date shown above. Copies of such request must be forwarded to all parties shown on the service list.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, March 1, 2002:

You enter one of the most important years of your life. Expect many changes in your day-to-day life. On your birthday, Mars moves into a position where all year you'll find yourself unusually busy, sometimes a bit blunt and often overwhelmed. Organization opens the door to success. Also, consider not rushing around quite as much! Jupiter activates this year, adding to your potential creativity, ingenuity and romantic possibilities. If you are single, stop thinking as "one." You are about to become a couple, if it hasn't happened yet. If you are attached, the two of you will enter one of the most romantic years of your life. Let go and enjoy! You will add to your bond materially, emotionally or literally. L[BRA understands you.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) **** You decide to spend some funds in order to make some. You're remarkably driven. Your family and home take precedence. Prepare to focus on a domestic or personal issue. Unusual communication comes through Aquarius. Tonight: Go along with plans.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) **** Mars moves into your sign, adding an unusual vitality or direction. Recognize what you want, and zero in on that. Make your first priority your day-to-day life. After that, take a hard look at what you want. A parent or boss shares his or her perspective. Tonight: Mosey on home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) **** Use your creativity. Expenses could go out of whack if you're not careful. You have a devil-may-care

attitude right now, which could be fun, but later it might be problematic. Listen to someone's opinion. Tonight: Do exactly what you want.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) **** Jupiter goes direct in your sign. You might want a little more control, but right now an impetuous attitude takes over. Take action in the next few days on a long-desired goal. Your timing works. Do listen to a partner's feedback. Tonight: Happy at home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) **** You enter a cycle where you can clear out many of the negatives in your life that have gone on far too long. You might not opt to take action today, but in the next few months. You enter a new life cycle in August and will want to jump on many opportunities. Tonight: Join friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **** Finances preoccupy the Virgin. In the next few weeks, something you really want could become a reality. Don't kid yourself about funds. Create a money reserve. Carefully review a problem with others in a meeting. Tonight: Do errands first.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **** You're empowered by the moon. You could be heading in every direction, especially at work. A career option appears on the horizon. Be ready to jump on it. An emotional opportunity also could appear. Tonight: Wind down with friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ** Slow down first. How you see a situation could change as a result of someone's overwhelming reaction. Remember this. Get insight into this person and what he or she is about. Review a personal matter with care. Don't leap to any conclusions. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) **** Where a partner or associate has been reticent, his or her tune will change today or in the near future. Don't ask how,

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why or what. Just accept your good fortune and run with the ball. Gather others together in an important meeting. Tonight: Celebrate the good luck that is heading your way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) **** You finally make the impact you desire with a group or one specific person. Instead of getting the "deaf ear," now you find a highly responsive person. Move on a career matter right now. Charge more creativity into your thinking. Tonight: Someone awaits.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **** Detach from the immediate and eye the long

His sexual needs not in tune with hers

Dear Ann Landers:

I have been living with "Lorena" for six months, and we are planning to be married soon. Lorena likes to walk around wearing only a top

and nothing else. Naturally, this turns me on. If I approach her, she will kiss me passionately and then — nothing. She will giggle and walk away, letting me know she has no interest in pursuing the matter. We have sex less than once a month.

When I discuss this with Lorena and ask her to be more accommodating or less revealing, she laughs it off and says there's nothing wrong. I'm beginning to wonder if there might be a problem with our sexual compatibility down the road. Please give me some advice, Ann. I am — Frustrated and Sexless in Dallas

Dear Frustrated: Lorena is a tease. She likes the reaction she gets from you, but has little interest in consummating the act. Don't let her innocent act fool you. She knows exactly what she is doing.

I strongly urge you to get counseling and work this out before you marry. While sex isn't everything in a marriage, it is extremely important to most couples. Your sexual needs are not in tune with hers right now, and the situation isn't likely to improve after marriage.

Dear Ann Landers: I hope you can help me. My husband's father is wedding himself into the middle of our marriage, and I can't take it anymore.

"Chris" and I work long, hard hours, and we have precious little time together. As soon as we sit down for dinner, the telephone rings. His father calls every night to say nothing. He calls during dinner, after dinner and before bedtime. He calls to tell us he'll be calling later. This is in addition to the many times he calls Chris at work during the day or stops by the office.

My father-in-law never wanted us to marry. He managed to leave our wedding before we exchanged vows. I think his relationship with Chris is unhealthy, and his intrusiveness is driving me insane. Chris loves his father and doesn't want to hurt his feelings, but I've had it. Any suggestions? — Desperate in Maryland

Dear Desperate: Your father-in-law is too involved in your life, and he needs to back off. Unfortunately, unless Chris is willing to speak up, nothing will change.

Is your father-in-law married? If not, he may be lonely and expect Chris to be his constant companion. Introduce him to some available females, and involve him in community activities. It sounds to me, however, as if he is trying to control his son. Chris needs to set some limits before Dad destroys your



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term. Your decisions have an impact on your career and well-being. Don't take someone for granted. Recognize what is happening here. Add more lightness to a situation involving a family matter. Tonight: Follow the music.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **** You might be more abrupt than you realize, drawing a strong reaction from someone. You also might not be sure of what to do. Jupiter goes direct involving your romance, creativity and risk-taking. Go with spontaneity. Tonight: Play along with a loved one.

marriage. Tell him I said so.

Dear Ann Landers: Please help me convince my daughter to stop buying me things I don't need. I am 67 years old, own my house and live alone. My daughter has bought me more fishing equipment than I can use in a lifetime. I have closets full of shirts, sweaters and ties — some in their original boxes. I have every gadget imaginable. For my last birthday, I asked my daughter to make me some of her terrific cookies as a gift. She ignored the suggestion and bought me a pair of gardening gloves. I already have a dozen.

I am not trying to sound ungrateful, Ann, but she is wasting her money and her efforts. If she doesn't stop, I will have to buy a bigger house. — Dad in Kentucky

Dear Kentucky: Most older folks are not interested in accumulating things. They prefer gift certificates, homemade treats, tickets to a play, and offers to run errands or fix things around the house. If your daughter refuses to listen to your pleas, accept her gifts graciously, and donate them to a homeless shelter or the Salvation Army. I'm sure someone there will be thrilled to have them.

Dear Ann Landers: You were right to tell "Looking for Work in California" to take a lesser job and work his way up.

My husband was a successful lawyer. He speaks eight languages. Many years ago, he lost his job and hit the streets looking for work. He was offered only menial legal work in small firms, for which he was extremely overqualified. He decided to swallow his pride and began doing legal translations from home. It took several years of struggle, but he now has a successful business. The best part is, he is his own boss and can make time for me and the kids. — New York Wife

Dear New York Wife: I'm glad your husband had the talent and ability to forge a new career for himself when his old one petered out. Not everyone is so fortunate. The important lesson is don't give up. You never know what is around the corner.

Dear Ann Landers: I had to laugh when I read about the man who changed into his pajamas in order to let guests know they had stayed long enough.

My father had his own method. When guests stayed too long, Dad would go to his room and come back with an old windup alarm clock. He would set it for 6:30 the following morning and place it on the coffee table where everyone could see it. This always worked in our house. — Springfield, Mo.

Dear Springfield: Your father sounds like a true original. Thanks for writing.

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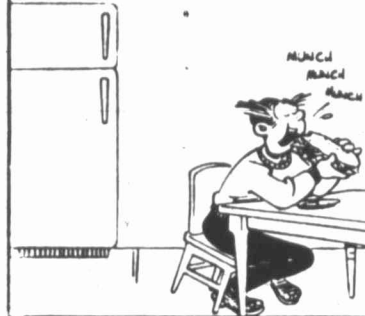
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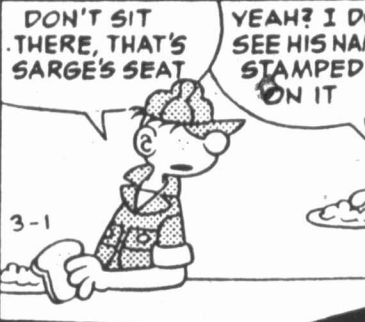


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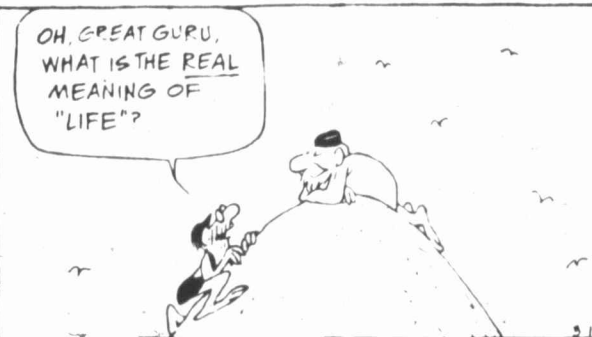
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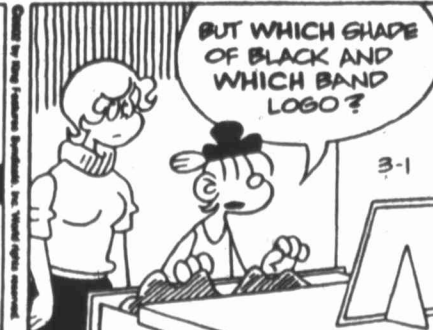
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THIS DATE
IN HISTORY

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Today is Friday, March 1, the 60th day of 2002. There are 305 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On March 1, 1932, 20-month-old Charles A. Lindbergh Jr., the son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh, was kidnapped from the family home near Hopewell, N.J. (Remains identified as those of the child were found the following May.)

On this date:
In 1781, the Continental Congress adopted the Articles of Confederation.
In 1790, Congress authorized the first U.S. Census.
In 1845, President Tyler signed a congressional resolution to annex the Republic of Texas.
In 1864, Rebecca Lee became the first black woman to receive an American medical degree.

from the New England Female Medical College in Boston.

In 1867, Nebraska became the 37th state.

In 1872, Congress authorized creation of Yellowstone National Park.

In 1940, "Native Son" by Richard Wright was first published.

In 1954, Puerto Rican nationalists opened fire from the gallery of the U.S. House of Representatives, wounding five congressmen.

In 1961, President Kennedy established the Peace Corps.

In 1981, Irish Republican Army member Bobby Sands began a hunger strike at the Maze Prison in Northern Ireland; he died 65 days later.

Ten years ago: Sen. Brock Adams abandoned his reelection campaign after eight women accused him in a Seattle Times report of sexual abuse and harassment.

Five years ago: Severe storms hit Ohio, Kentucky,

Tennessee and Mississippi, and spawned tornadoes in Arkansas blamed for two dozen deaths. Rescue teams fought snow, high winds and wild dogs as they tried to bring help to an earthquake-devastated region in northwest Iran, where the death toll was estimated at 3,000.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Robert Clary is 76. Singer Harry Belafonte is 75. Former U.S. Solicitor General Robert H. Bork is 75. Actor Robert Conrad is 67. Author Judith Rossner is 67. Rock singer Mike D'Abo (Manfred Mann) is 58. Sen. John Breaux, D-La., is 58.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

BIRDPLAY by Patrick Jordan
Edited by Stanley Newman

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1 Iditarod vehicle
5 He may write "Happy Birthday"
9 Cartography collection
14 Airport fleet member
15 Kojak, to pals
16 The elder Judd
17 Neck and neck
18 "Misbehavin'"
19 Stuck together
20 Tropical bird's favorite actor?
23 April forecast
24 Legendary loch
25 Mauna
28 Food Network chef
31 Limo rider
34 Took a curving path
36 Antonio's Evita role
37 Swing music
38 Tropical bird's gear?
42 Exhausting walk
43 Tool-shed tool
44 More competent
45 Psychic talent
46 Tamper (with)
49 Self starter?
50 Oven output
52 Norway's patron saint
54 Tropical bird's morning greeting?
60 Wire
61 Alleviation
62 Boxer Spinks
63 Pipe material

- 64 1987 Oscar Actress
65 Mental fog
66 NYSE memberships
67 Attila's army
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11 Churchill
12 Shout of agreement
13 Your Show of Shows name
21 Kid to find in kiddie lit
22 Auto-racing family name
25 Expire
26 Language exams?
27 Skydiving impediment
29 Felt sore
30 That girl
32 Trellis climbers
33 Nectar sources
35 Bit of work
37 Quick punch
39 Frat letter
40 Okra holder

- 41 Like Fran Drescher's voice
46 Check writers, in legalese
47 Relax, as restrictions
48 Clan patriarchs
51 Brilliance
53 African grassland
54 Part of TLC
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56 Pearl Harbor's island
57 Precious
58 Move like maple syrup
59 Binary-code digits
60 48 Hours network

