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Stenholm, 'Blue Dogs' offer congressional campaign reform

HERALD Staff Report

The "Blue Dogs" are taking aim at congressional campaign finance reform.

Congressman Charles Stenholm this week unveiled what he called "common sense legislation to reform the way campaigns for congressional offices are financed."

The legislation was advanced by Stenholm and the "Blue Dog Coalition," a group of moderate and conservative Democrats. Stenholm said the bill will allow the Supreme Court to reconsider a 1976 decision which held that cam-



STENHOLM

me, that is not the free speech envisioned by our First Amendment. This legislation strikes to the heart of the

campaign spending limits violate the Constitutional guarantee of free speech.

"The current campaign finance system provides an amplifier to interest groups and political parties, while ordinary citizens have virtually no voice," Stenholm said. "To

problems in the current campaign finance system."

Under the Blue Dog proposal, all contributions to political campaigns greater than \$1 shall be reported.

Other features of the bill include:

- A \$700,000 inflation-indexed spending limit per campaign, with a 20 percent increase when a runoff is required. That figure can increase by 50 percent when the general election candidate wins by less than 15 percent.
- If campaign spending exceeds 105 percent of the limit, candidates can be hit with penalties equaling 300 percent of the excess spending.

- Contributions from political party committees could not exceed \$5,000 per election cycle for House candidates.
- Independent expenditures made in connection with a congressional election would be limited to \$25,000 per election cycle. Any independent expenditure made within 10 days of the election would be disclosed.
- National parties would be prohibited from soliciting, receiving or spending "soft" money.
- Contributions from special-interest groups would be treated as independent expenditures and subject to current campaign finance laws and disclosure requirements.

Stenholm said that what sets the Blue Dog proposal apart from other campaign finance reform proposals is that it aggressively targets independent expenditures and campaign advertisements which avoid current campaign laws.

"An advertisement paid for by a special-interest group which specifically names a candidate is a campaign advertisement," Stenholm said, "and it should be subject to restrictions, disclosure requirements and spending limitations like other campaign expenditures."

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RAPT AUDIENCE



A number of children rivet their attention on the puppet show at the Dora Roberts Howard County Library. The puppet shows, which have been held every day this week in honor of National Library Week, bring laughter and applause during each performance.

HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

Polly Mays honored during Heritage board meeting

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Polly Mays has spent the past several years chronicling and preserving this area's history, and the Heritage Museum decided a thank you was due.

Mays was honored by the museum's trustees during their annual meeting at the Morgan Ranch Thursday evening.

Museum Curator Angie Way

said Mays was presented with a plaque and a book in recognition of her efforts at historical preservation.

"It was recognition from the trustees for her role in helping the museum and her contributions to the community, especially in the area of historical research," Way said.

Mays has been active with restoration of the Potton House, as well as being a noted Howard

County historian. She was instrumental in heading an effort in 1991 that defeated a bond election which would have resulted in the demolition of Runnels Junior High, which was constructed in 1916.

Also during the meeting, the museum's executive committee and board of trustees were elected for the coming year.

The executive committee will be Susan McLellan, president;

Robert Moore, first vice president; Vera Hyer, second vice president; Katie Grimes, treasurer; the Rev. Flynn Long, secretary; R.H. Weaver, legal advisor; and Kyle Choate, past president.

Trustees Long, Janice Rosson, Lanelle Witt and Jake Glickman had terms renewed. New trustees will be China Long, Richard Wright, Richard Logan and John Walker.

City to buy Phillips Tire

HERALD Staff Report

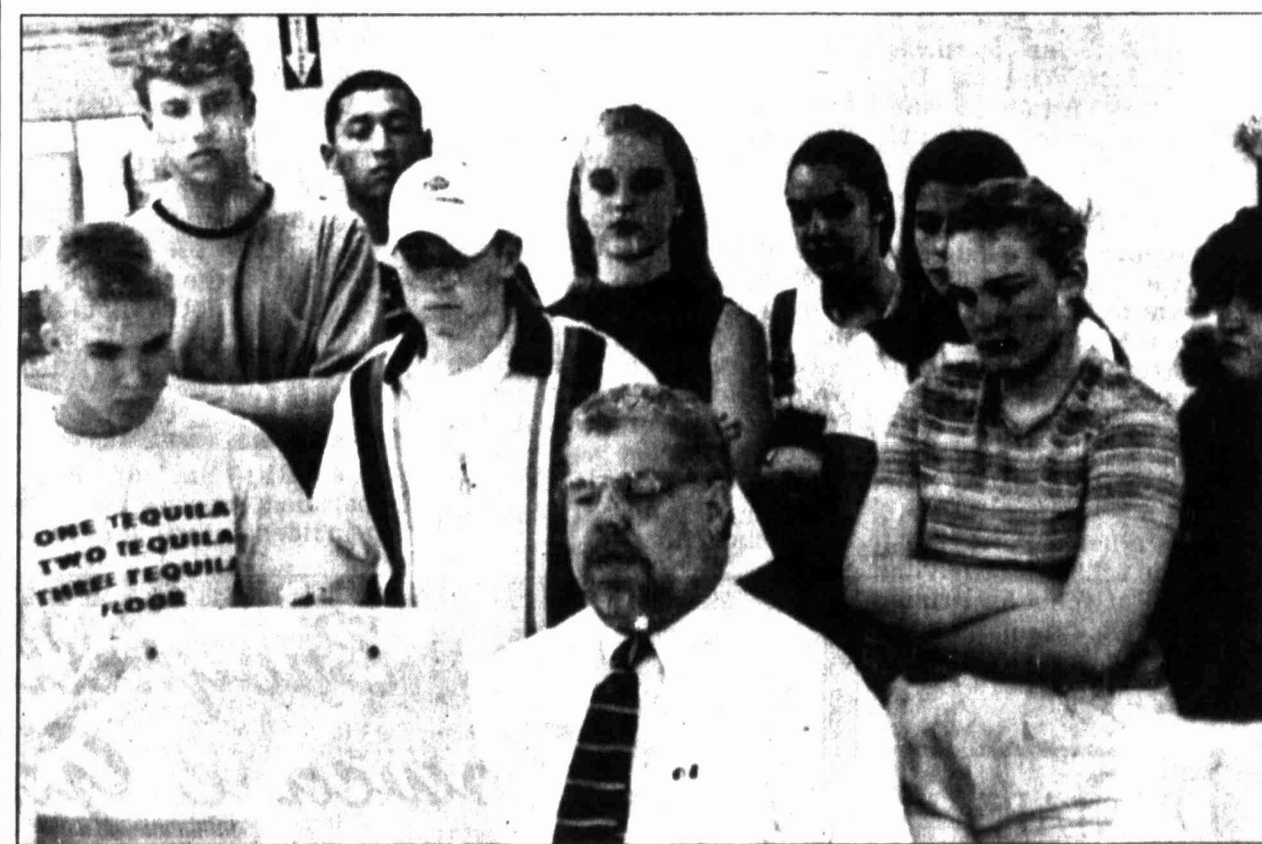
In an effort to increase available parking space for the municipal auditorium, the city of Big Spring is negotiating to purchase the Phillips Tire Co. Building on Fourth and Johnson streets.

If the sale goes through, the city would purchase the building, located just west of the city council chambers and eventually turn the site into a parking lot for the municipal auditorium, City Manager Gary Fuqua confirmed.

City negotiators have been discussing the sale with Phillips management since receiving a go-ahead from the city council during its April 8 meeting.

The building has a tax value of \$35,649, while the land is valued at \$2,500, according to Howard County appraisal office 1997 estimates.

JUNIOR LEADERSHIP TOUR



Participants in the Chamber of Commerce's Junior Leadership program watch as Herald Managing Editor John Walker shows how photos are scanned into the computer.

HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

Yater resigns under pressure as DRRC chief

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
News Editor

John Yater, director of the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, has resigned the post he held for eight years after being asked to step down by the center's board of directors.

Yater said he was informed April 11 by the board's executive committee that a called directors meeting was held the previous day and that the board had voted to request his resignation.

Board president Cliff Cunningham said the decision was made because "we just thought the center needed a little different direction."

Cunningham noted that declining patient populations at the center were one of the key factors in the board's decision.

"Basically, we were seeing a decline in the numbers (of patients)," he explained. "We've got to realize that the reason the center was established in the first place was to serve the community."

"There was some question as to whether we were doing that," Cunningham added, stressing that there was no misconduct

on Yater's part. "We just felt it would be easier to make the changes we felt were necessary with a different director."

Cunningham said the board will now create a search committee to seek a replacement and that no timetable has been set for filling the position.

"We'd like to be able to name a new director as soon as possible," he said, "but we'll want the search committee to do its homework and give us the best possible candidate."

The decision, reached when just 11 of the board's 21 members were present has Yater in a self-described state of shock.

"I'm just trying to get over the shock before figuring out what I'm going to do," he said Thursday afternoon. "I think it ... the way the resignation was forced ... was grossly mishandled. I should have been told specifically what I was doing wrong months ago. Then I would have been able to change those things."

Saying that the last thing he wanted to do was hurt the rehab center, Yater admitted being additionally frustrated because the board had not provided him

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CBS program tonight focuses on murder of Christie Proctor

By KELLIE JONES
Features Editor

Eleven years after the granddaughter of a Big Spring couple disappeared, the search for her abductor and killer continues and a new CBS program hopes to shed new light on the case.

The pilot program of "Cold Case" airs at 7 tonight on KOSA, Channel 7, and will focus on the case of Christie Proctor, granddaughter of Lynette and the late Ralph Brooks. Christie's mother, Laura, is the Brooks' daughter.

Christie disappeared shortly before her 10th birthday on Feb. 15, 1986, in Dallas and her remains were found two years later in Plano.

Lynette said the Plano Police Department was contacted by CBS producers who were searching for a case that is considered still open but the leads are considered cold at this point, thus the name of the



CHRISTIE PROCTOR

show. Police officials then contacted the family members for permission to do a story about the girl's disappearance.

"The story was filmed in Dallas about two months ago. They used actors and actresses

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Health Fair, Moore Community Reunion in spotlight

HERALD Staff Report

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

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

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

WEEKEND TICKET

Big Spring, 79721.

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

- Spring City Senior Center dance, tonight, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Spring City Senior Center. Music will be provided by CW & Co. All senior citizens in the area are invited.
- High school baseball, Big Spring's Steers host Fort Stockton, today, 5 p.m. at Steer Park.
- Teenage League baseball tryouts for those 13-15 years old, 6 p.m. until dark today and 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Saturday. The league's draft will take place following Saturday's tryout session.
- Heritage Museum, today

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

- Health Fair Fun Run, 8 a.m. Saturday, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Late registration begins at 6:30 a.m.
- Health Fair, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The theme for this year's fair is "Health on the Horizon."
- The 34th Moore Community

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TODAY'S WEATHER

78 ▲ Highs 54
Lows ▼

Today: Mostly cloudy. Chance of showers and thunderstorms. High in the upper 70s. Low in the lower to mid 50s.

Saturday: Partly cloudy. High in the mid 80s. Low in the lower 50s.

Extended outlook: Sunday through Tuesday, a slight chance of mainly afternoon and evening thunderstorms. Highs from the upper 70s to the mid 80s. Lows from the upper 40s to mid 50s.

OBITUARIES

Norberta Ruiz

Rosary for Norberta Ruiz, 71, Big Spring, will be 7 p.m. Friday, April 18, 1997, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be 10 a.m. Saturday, April 19, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with Rev. Jerry McCarthy, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in Trinity Memorial Park.

Ms. Ruiz died Tuesday, April 15, at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa.

She was born on June 6, 1925, in La Costa. She moved to the Big Spring area in 1940. She was a homemaker and had worked in the community and also served as a midwife. Ms. Ruiz was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

She is survived by: four sons, Manuel D. Chavarria, Ricky Ramirez, Joe Gomez, and Ernest Gomez, all of Big Spring; two daughters, Martha Fowler and Herlinda Franco, both of Big Spring; two sisters, Lilly Longoria, Corpus Christi, and Irene Christensen, Odessa; 20 grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and several nieces and nephews.

The family will be at 1105 Mesa in Big Spring.

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

Ester Lee Sandell

Service for Ester Lee Sandell, 91, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Saturday, April 19, 1997, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Bill Ballard, pastor of Airport Baptist Church, and Rev. John McCullough, pastor of Fitzhugh Baptist Church, Dripping Springs, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mr. Sandell died Wednesday, April 16, in a local hospital.

He was born on Sept. 11, 1905, in Anacoco, La., and married

Nancy Davis on March 9, 1927, in Anacoco, La. She preceded him in death on April 11, 1996, after 69 years of marriage. He came to Big Spring in 1950 and had owned and operated gasoline service stations across West Texas. He retired in the early 1970's and then enjoyed fishing and hunting. He was a member of Airport Baptist Church.

Survivors include: three daughters, Verma Enfield, Big Spring, Virginia E. Meek and Alfreida Bailey, both of Horseshoe Bend, Ark.; one brother, Ralph Sandell, Odessa; 13 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

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

John W. Sledge

Service for John W. Sledge, 92, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He died Thursday, April 17, 1997, in a local hospital.

Jessey Lloyd Brown

Service for Jessey Lloyd Brown, 79, Kerrville, formerly of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He died Thursday, April 17, 1997, in a Kerrville nursing home.

Verna Mae Noggler

Funeral service for Verna Mae Noggler, 58, Roby, formerly of Big Spring, will be Saturday, April 19, 1997, in Cameron, Mo.

Mrs. Noggler died Wednesday, April 16, in Fisher County Hospital.

She was born on Dec. 31, 1938, in Cameron, Mo. She married Dennis L. Noggler on Dec. 29, 1971, in Hereford. They moved to Big Spring and then to Roby in 1994. She was a homemaker and a member of the Catholic Church.

Survivors include: her husband, Dennis L. Noggler, Roby; two daughters, Sherry Salmon, Kansas City, Mo., and Anna Marie Eskridge, ST. Joseph, Mo.; six sons, Larry E. Huff, Silver City, Mo., Vernon Ray Huff, Big Spring, Billy Joe Huff, ST. Joseph, Mo., Michael Lee Huff, Dalhart, Dennis Wayne Noggler, Big Spring, and Daniel Lee Noggler, Souix City, Iowa; two step-daughters, Margaret Chapel, Los Angeles, Calif., and Theresa Fangman, Adrian, three step-sons, Dennis James Noggler, Wildorado, John Mark Noggler, Hereford, and Donald Ray Noggler, Brownfield, and 23 grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Poland-Thompson Funeral Home, Cameron, Mo.

SHOW

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for a re-enactment Laura met with the producers and actors," Brooks said.

Laura Proctor is the founder of the Texas Association for Stolen Children, a non-profit organization that works to locate missing children.

Police were never able to find a suspect who kidnapped the girl near her north Dallas home. A Plano resident collecting cans in the south part of town discovered part of a skull in a field.

Her death was ruled as undetermined homicidal violence because it was impossible to determine from the remains how or when she died.

A female truck driver had reported to authorities she had seen Christine at a truck stop in California a few months after the abduction.

According to a Herald report, the driver said a young girl came up to her at an Ontario, Calif. truck stop and said her name was Christine and she was from Dallas. The truck driver also said the girl kept bothering her and the child was with a couple and two other children.

At one time, authorities also had thought a Columbus, Ohio, criminal may have been involved but an investigation concluded he had no ties to the crime.

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TICKET

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Reunion, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, 14th and Main Church of Christ. All current and former residents, teachers, ex-students, their descendants and members of their families are invited to attend.

YATER

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with a written evaluation of his performance in the last 1 1/2 to 2 years.

He countered the board's concerns over declining patient populations saying increased competition from two new physical therapy clinics had to impact the DRRC's patient load.

"I feel that in the eight years I was director, significant progress was made," Yater continued. "I really believe we had the best cardiac rehabilitation staff anywhere. We'd doubled the size of the facility in the last couple of years, and that was a direct result of support from the community."

While almost half of the board's membership did not attend the April 10 meeting, Cunningham noted that each member had been notified of the meeting.

"In my discussions with the members of the board who were not able to attend that meeting, I'm certain there would still have been a majority asking for John's resignation if they'd all been there," Cunningham added. "We did what we thought was best for the center, but at the same time wanted to do what was best for John. We don't want to damage his reputation."

BRIEFS

THERE WILL BE A home furnishing shower for Pat and Marion Savell, who lost their home to a fire earlier this week, Sunday, April 20, at the Anderson Street Church of Christ at 7:30 p.m.

A FORUM FEATURING CANDIDATES running for seats on the Big Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees has been scheduled for 7 p.m. April 22 at St. Paul Lutheran Church by the Big Spring chapter of Concerned Women for America.

The forum's moderator is Rev. Carroll Kohl. The forum's format calls for the candidates to be presented with a number of prepared questions before fielding questions from the audience.

THE HOWARD COUNTY FEED & Supply, along with Purina, will host a seminar on Thursday, April 24, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Days Inn. Speakers will be Dr. Joe Neff, DVM, Dr. Bobb Cobb, DVM, and Susan Whittingslow, horse specialist for Purina.

STUDENTS IN THIRD, FOURTH and fifth grade are taking the mandated Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test April 29 (math) and April 30 (reading). School officials emphasize this is an important testing period and are asking parents to help their children by making sure your child has a good night's sleep, providing a healthy breakfast at home or school and having your child at school on time. Also, send No. 2 pencils with your child the days of the tests.

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TODAY
•Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Music by CW & Co. Area seniors invited.

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m. Bible study.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. Big Book Study.

•Teenage League baseball tryouts for 13-15 year olds, Roy Anderson Complex, 6 p.m. to dark.

•G.F.M.I.C. and G.L.I.C. meeting, 11 a.m., Golden Corral.

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

•Teenage League baseball tryouts for 13-15 year olds, Roy Anderson Complex, 9-11:30 a.m., the draft will follow after tryouts.

•Health fair, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. This year's theme is "Health on the Horizon."

•Big Spring State Park Fun Run fund raiser, 8 a.m. Fun Run entry fees help support the park. Participants can compete in a 5K or 10K fun run or a 5K walk. For reservations, call 263-0211, 1-800-734-7641, 263-7641 or 263-4931.

SUNDAY
•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.

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

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

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

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

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

•Big Spring Howard Co. Retired Teachers Association, 10:30 a.m. coffee and social hour and 11:30 a.m. lunch, Howard College Cactus Room.

•Encourager's support group, 6 p.m., Herman's Restaurant. For more information call 398-5522 or 399-4369.

•Lady Steers Booster Club meeting, 7 p.m., Big Spring High School library.

Texas Lottery

PICK 3: 6, 1, 7
CASH 5: 4, 13, 15, 29, 31

by chamber of commerce. This is for newcomers to Big Spring as well as those wanting to attend.

WEDNESDAY
•Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Archie Kountz, 267-3821.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. 12&12 Study.

MARKETS

May cotton 71.10 cents a pound, up 35 points; May crude oil 19.79, up 37 points; Cash hogs steady at \$2 higher at 57.50; slaughter steers \$1 lower at 68; June lean hog futures 84.90, up 55 points; April live cattle futures 69.15, up 20 points.

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Volume 156,883,380	
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Norwest	47% -
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Thursday's high 72
Thursday's low 52
Average high 81
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Record low 32 in 1921
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Month to date 0.79
Month's normal 0.66
Year to date 4.96
Normal for the year 2.80
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POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents during a 24-hour

period ending 8 a.m. Friday:

• VERNOR HILARIO GARCIA, 26, of 1901 Runnels, was arrested for not having a driver's license.

• ROBERT MORENO MARQUEZ, 28, of HC 69 Box 185, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.

• PAUL ALEXANDER KELLY, 40, of 1000 W. Fourth, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

• VINCENT IFRAIA ALVARADO, 17, of 1216 Lloyd, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia.

• THEFTS in the 2500 block of Wasson, 800 block of E. Interstate 20, 400 block of Johnson, 2500 block of Gregg, 600 Steakly, 1700 block of E. Marcy and 2000 block of Merrill.

• INVESTIGATING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES in the 1200 block of W. Sixth, 1000 block of N. Main and 200 block of Union.

• CRIMINAL TRESPASSING WARNING/THEFT UNDER \$50 in the 500 block of Birdwell.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE in the 4000 block of W. Highway 80.

• CRIMINAL TRESPASSING/CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 4000 block of W. Highway 80.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCES in the 500 block of N. Second and 1000 block of Lancaster.

• FORGERY in the 1100 block of E. 11th.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 2800 block of Coronado and 800 block of Owens.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents during a 24-hour period ending 8 a.m. Friday:

• KIMBERLY GALE WHITE, 25, of 1309 Scurry, was sentenced to two years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

• ANDREW AGUILAR, 28, of 1615 Canary, was arrested for contempt of court.

• MAXWELL RICHARD WALKUP, 46, of P.O. Box 2691 Old Gail Highway, was arrested on a Tom Green County warrant for theft. He was later released on a \$5,000 bond.

• ROBERT CARLOS GONZALES, 32, of 404 N.E. 10th, was transferred to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for revoking his probation.

• MICHAEL BOLTE, 45, of 435 Hillside, was released from jail after serving time for possession of marijuana under two ounces.

• DARRIN JAY CROOKS, 37, of 4200 Bilger, was transferred to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice after being found guilty of driving while intoxicated in February.

• BRADLEY O'NEAL WILLIAMS, 31, no address given, was arrested for not having liability insurance, expired registration and driving with an invalid license.

• CIVIL STANDBY at residence on North Wasson Road.

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Norberta Ruiz, 71, died Tuesday, Rosary 7 PM Friday, Myers & Smith Chapel with Rosary Mass 10 AM Saturday, Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Interment to follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Leaders from all sides of Vietnam War confer in West Texas

LUBBOCK — Twenty-five years ago, Bui Tin would have made a prime target for many of the veterans attending this weekend's Teaching Vietnam Conference here.

These days, he's a mentor. Tin, the former North Vietnamese colonel who accepted South Vietnam's surrender in 1975, said it's important to keep talking about the various scars the war caused.

"We will speak about reconciliation between Americans and Vietnamese, between Americans and themselves and between Vietnamese and themselves," said Tin, who rejected his country's hard-line ways in 1990 and moved to Paris, leaving a wife and daughter behind.

Once the editor of Vietnam's Communist Party daily newspaper and an associate of leader Ho Chi Minh, Tin on Friday is to join a panel with retired U.S. Adm. Elmo Zumwalt and former South Vietnamese prime ministers Nguyen Cao Ky and Nguyen Khanh.

50's era blood-pressure drug may show new promise

DALLAS — A study is prompting some doctors to consider dusting off a 40-year-old drug that may be able to treat high blood pressure complications as well as modern drugs — but at a fraction of the cost.

Researchers concluded that extremely small doses of hydrochlorothiazide (HCTZ) can be effective, while avoiding the side effects that led doctors to phase it out in the 1960s.

If cardiologists are willing to give the drug another chance, some patients could save thousands of dollars.

"The general impression is that you get what you pay for. But that's not true in this case," said John Gottdiener, a cardiologist and professor of medicine at Georgetown University who is lead author of the study.

The research was coordinated by the Department of Veterans' Affairs Cooperative Studies Program Coordinating Center in Hines, Ill.

Schools would start on Sept. 1 under bill

AUSTIN — Public schools in Texas could not start classes before Sept. 1 unless they obtained a waiver from the state under a bill approved by senators.

The bill by Sen. Eddie Lucio, D-Brownsville, is backed by the tourism industry, which wants to leave families free to travel to vacation spots such as South Padre Island and amusement parks through the Labor Day holiday.

Lucio said the bill, approved 25-6 Thursday and sent to the House, would also allow more time for students to earn money from summer jobs and enable teachers to enroll in summer college courses.

The measure would make Sept. 1 the starting date for classes unless a school district asked the commissioner of education to begin earlier.

House panel passes bill on second mortgages

AUSTIN — Texans could take out a second mortgage on their homes for almost anything they want under a proposal OK'd by the House Financial Institutions Committee.

A similar measure already has passed the Senate. "For the first time in the history of Texas we will have the same rights as other Americans to use our own property as we see fit for financial planning," said Rep. Debra Danburg, a sponsor of the legislation that now goes to the full House for consideration.

"Texas will recognize that the equity in a home is the property of the homeowner, and the government will not stand in their way of using it as they choose," Danburg, D-Houston, said.

Parents concerned over illnesses at middle school

EL PASO — Reacting to parents' fears, school officials have promised to keep looking for possible hazards at a school where staff members have fallen ill with cancer and students complain of headaches and nausea.

State and county health officials have conducted several tests at Indian Ridge Middle School in recent months and say they've found no environmental conditions that would cause cancer or other serious health problems.

But parents continue to cast wary glances at Indian Ridge and several say the Ysleta Independent School District has not done enough in response to reported problems.

"We want them to physically go out there and check everything," said Rosalinda Chavez, who has children at Indian Ridge. "They need to do something."

Coalition says tax bill needs work

AUSTIN (AP) — A bill heralded by many as offering Texans significant school property tax cuts needs a lot of work before it will be acceptable, according to a coalition of liberal and moderate lawmakers.

Rep. Kevin Bailey, D-Houston, head of the Legislative Study Group, on Thursday joined several lawmakers in announcing their concerns about the bill, which cleared a House committee Wednesday. The bill would cut local school property taxes by about 50 percent.

To pay for the cuts, the bill would raise some state taxes, apply the state sales tax to more goods and services, expand the state business tax and dedicate \$1 billion in additional state funds and lottery proceeds to education.

Lawmakers concerned about the proposal said the expanded taxes meant to pay for the property tax cuts could hit low- and middle-income Texans hardest.

"If it does, we will have a problem," Bailey said. Some of the key issues for the coalition include:

— Provisions assuring that all renters share in the property tax cuts.

— That the expanded sales taxes and other taxes won't force poor and middle-class Texans to pay more.

— That all Texans pay a fair share of the cost of education.

The coalition, which represents about 70 of the House's 150 members, is not opposed to the bill but is not supporting it.

The bill needs a simple majority of lawmakers to pass, but an

accompanying constitutional amendment needs at least 100 votes to pass.

Rep. Glen Maxey, D-Austin, said the coalition will determine its position on the bill after a so-called tax equity note is completed. That document, required by law, will tell lawmakers how the plan affects people of various income levels. It must be released before the full House can debate the bill.

The bill contains a provision forcing landlords of rental property with four or more units to share their tax cut savings with their tenants for three years.

Rep. Hugo Berlanga, D-Corpus Christi, said that provision leaves out more than half of Texas' millions of renters. Most of them, Berlanga, said live in single-family rental homes and

duplexes.

"Those individuals get no benefit," he said, adding that they still would have to pay some higher and new taxes to pay for the property tax cuts.

Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-Houston, said the main concern is how average people would be affected.

"Do Texans end up with more in their pockets?" Turner said.

Rep. Paul Sadler, D-Henderson, chairman of the committee that approved the bill, said the state's tax system will continue to be unfair to poor and middle-class Texans. He said the proposed changes will make it better, not perfect.

Bailey said the coalition isn't looking for perfect, but doesn't want something even more unfair than the current system.

School choice bill may be dead in Senate

AUSTIN (AP) — Democrats in the Texas Senate contend they have enough votes to kill a bill that would make up to 60,000 students in low-performing public schools eligible for a tax-funded transfer to private schools.

The Senate Education Committee on Wednesday voted 6-4 for the bill by its chairman, Sen. Teel Bivins, who said it scales back his earlier proposal that would have affected an estimated 238,000 public school students.

But 13 of the Senate's 14 Democrats on Thursday said they were set to vote against the bill. Such a move would keep the bill from getting the 21 votes necessary — two-thirds of the 31 members — to bring up the measure for consideration. There are 17 Republicans in the

Senate.

"I'm just going to keep working to get the votes to pass the bill," Bivins, R-Amarillo, said. "As long as we're in session, the bill's not dead."

When asked if the bill was gravely sick, Bivins said, "It's not in the hospital, it's just got a cold. Any kind of condition like that could become terminal. But right now it's treatable."

Democrats opposing the bill said they want to focus their efforts on open enrollment charter schools, public school that don't face many of the requirements faced by traditional public schools.

The Texas Education Agency has granted all 20 of the state's current charters but another 291 groups have said they would apply for charters if given the

chance.

Legislation has been introduced to expand the number of charter schools.

"As a policy matter, most of us think we ought to expand charter school concepts and I think the Senate's pretty much agreed on that," said Sen. David Cain, D-Dallas, who opposes Bivins' bill. "We want to wait and see how that works before we get into alternative forms."

Under Bivins' proposal, students who fail the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test and attend a school deemed low-performing by the TEA would be eligible for a so-called tuition voucher to attend private school.

A school is classified as low-performing if less than half the students perform satisfactorily on the TAAS reading, writing

or math sections for three straight years.

Some religious leaders have said the voucher program would hurt public education and could be dangerous to the autonomy of religious private schools.

But several parents of children in low-performing schools launched a letter-writing campaign to lawmakers Thursday, attempting to change the Democrats' minds.

"In its present form, this bill simply offers failing students trapped in failing schools the opportunity for a better education," said Jimmy Mansour, chairman of Putting Children First. "We're offering hope to those children who are not making the grade right now."

The organization backs vouchers.

Judicial selection proposal may be finished

AUSTIN (AP) — Legislation to change the way appellate judges are selected in Texas may be dead after minority lawmakers refused to support the proposal and the measure's sponsor rejected a compromise.

At issue is a proposed constitutional amendment to set up a system under which appeals court judges would be appointed, then subject to election to keep their seats. Currently, appellate judges are elected.

Minority lawmakers oppose the measure, sponsored by Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, because they say it does not address ethnic and racial disparities in the judiciary.

Ninety percent of the state's appellate judges are white, while 88 percent of the district court judges are white.

Thursday, black and Hispanic legislators repeated vows to kill

Duncan's proposal unless lawmakers also consider a plan to change how district judges are selected.

"What we want to do is make sure there are people who look like us in the judiciary. It ought not remain all white," said Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston.

Ellis has proposed legislation that attempts to boost minority

representation by having district judges run in nonpartisan elections and, in the largest counties, be elected from smaller districts.

However, Ellis said he doesn't have enough support for his proposal to be considered by the Senate. Duncan says he does have enough support to pass his measure, but Ellis has threat-

ened to filibuster the proposal if a compromise is not reached.

On top of that, minority House members promised to kill Duncan's measure.

"This plan is going to meet very stiff resistance because it does not address the whole problem; it is only piecemeal," said Rep. Hugo Berlanga, D-Corpus Christi.

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Democrats attack Gingrich loan, Republicans say nightmare over

WASHINGTON (AP) — Speaker Newt Gingrich's \$300,000 loan from former Sen. Bob Dole — already under attack from Democrats and facing an ethics committee review — finally puts the Gingrich case to rest, Republicans say.

Democrats called the loan, which does not require any principal or interest payment until 2005, a sweetheart deal that average Americans could never hope to get from a bank or other lending institution.

But Republicans, even those who withheld their support when Gingrich was re-elected speaker in January, insisted Thursday that he found the right legal and political plan to pay an unprecedented ethics sanction.

The decision to ante up personal funds, they said, should enable Gingrich to shed the baggage of an ethics case that has hung over him — and the House — for more than two years.

"One of the messages of the Bible is grace. It's time for grace. It's time for forgiveness," said Rep. Frank Wolf, R-Va., who did not back support Gingrich for a second term as speaker but who supported the Dole loan and its terms.

But a group of Democrats who have hounded the speaker as unethical resumed their offensive.

House Minority Whip David Bonior, D-Mich., asked, "What average American could walk into their local bank — take out a commercial loan for \$300,000 with no collateral and no payments due until 2005?"

"And on top of that, he wants to borrow the money from a former politician who recently signed on with one of the largest lobbying firms in Washington" — a reference to Dole's new law firm.

Gingrich attorney J. Randolph Evans told reporters before Bonior's statement that the speaker would indeed

have to put up collateral — "whatever ... is required by a commercial institution."

Bonior apparently was correct, however, that lending institutions would not normally approve a loan that required no payments until the final due date — in this case eight years from now. A number of bankers told The Associated Press that at the very least, interest payments would be required.

Evans said that if Gingrich does not make payments before the loan matures, interest would compound and the speaker would owe about \$640,000 by the maturity date.

House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri said the "unusual loan arrangement" should be reviewed by the ethics committee — a process that Gingrich's office said already was under way.

But Gingrich's office released a letter from the ethics panel saying a person

al loan was a "permissible option," and the terms of the Dole loan "are currently under review."

With his wife, Marianne, looking on from the House gallery, Gingrich stood solemnly before the House to tell lawmakers that he had a "moral obligation" to make the payment from his own money.

With most Republican seats occupied and most Democratic seats empty, the speaker said he and his wife decided that "whatever the consequences, we had to do what was best, what was right, morally and spiritually."

"Therefore, I have arranged to borrow the money and to pay it back," he said.

Rep. Scott Klug, R-Wis., who did not back Gingrich in January, said if the speaker "would have gone to the bank he would have been criticized" because financial institutions have an interest in legislation.

Klug said his constituents will now

say "he paid the fine and paid the fine personally. There's a sense that Dole is a figure of stature who is seen as statesmanlike."

Another non-supporter in January, Rep. Linda Smith, R-Wash., said it was not unusual — especially for people running businesses — to get loans from friends, with a lag time in payment.

Dole, who was Senate majority leader before he quit the Senate last year to run unsuccessfully against President Clinton, now works for a law firm that lobbies for a long list of corporate clients. But he is not a registered lobbyist and should become one, the agreement would be replaced with a commercial loan.

"I wanted to help the Republican party and to help Newt Gingrich get this behind him ... and move ahead with the Republican agenda," Dole told reporters. He said the money would come from his own savings.

White House concessions anger party faithful

WASHINGTON (AP) — In what one Democrat calls a "near revolt," Senate Democrats have angrily told White House officials that the Clinton administration should make no further concessions at budget talks until Republicans reciprocate.

The lawmakers' unhappiness, described Thursday by Democrats who spoke only on condition of anonymity, could make the already tricky task of striking a bipartisan budget compromise even tougher. Republican negotiators have demanded additional spending and tax cuts from the administration.

"We can't be negotiating with ourselves," said one participant in Thursday's meeting between White House officials and Democratic lawmakers, held in the office of Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D.

"That was the bottom line" message delivered to the administration, the participant said.

It was not the first time President Clinton has run into problems with congressional Democrats over his efforts to strike a compromise balancing the budget by 2002 and cutting taxes.

Last month, House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., rebelled when the administration seemed close to announcing support for a plan for slowing the growth of Social Security benefits by changing the way inflation is measured.

Joining Daschle for the lunchtime session were nine of the 10 Democrats on the Senate Budget Committee. Also present were White House budget chief Franklin Raines; Gene Sperling, chairman of Clinton's Council of Economic Advisers; and chief White House lobbyist John

Hillel. The meeting was requested by the senators.

According to participants in the session, some senators insisted that the GOP should be forced either to produce its own budget or make major concessions in exchange for not writing one. Clinton submitted his own budget-balancing plan in February, but Republicans have not written one this year, fearing a replay of last year's Democratic attacks on GOP spending cuts.

"This is a party so deeply committed to balancing the budget that they were willing to amend the Constitution over it," said one participant. "They should put a plan on the table."

Other lawmakers at Thursday's meeting were angry that when budget talks began last week, White House bargainers offered to add \$18 billion to their proposed Medicare sav-

ings without receiving anything in return from Republicans.

Administration officials said it would probably be a short-term political advantage for Democrats if there were no negotiations because the pressure would be much stronger on the Republicans to produce their own plan.

But the White House said a better deal could be reached by bargaining now, when Republicans seem divided over questions like tax cuts, than by giving them a chance to unify.

According to one Democrat, Daschle told the administration officials they should not expect to reach an agreement "and expect Democrats to follow whatever deal they want" without more input from rank-and-file lawmakers.

Budget bargainers from the two parties completed their eighth day of talks Thursday.

Netanyahu's political backing begins to crumble

JERUSALEM (AP) — Political support for Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who faces possible indictment in an influence-peddling scandal, began to fray today.

Even so, Israeli newspapers carried reports suggesting he was unlikely to be charged.

The leader of the Third Way, a centrist party in the ruling coalition, said that whether or not charges are filed, Netanyahu may have to resign to restore the government's now-tainted image.

"If it becomes clear there are serious improprieties as far as democracy and the public are concerned, we won't be able to support the government and will call for early elections," said Yehuda Harel, leader of the

four-seat party in the Knesset.

While the loss of the Third Way alone would not affect Netanyahu — who has a ruling alliance of six parties that control 66 of the 120 seats in parliament — there were signs that other members of his coalition were uneasy.

Natan Sharansky's Immigrants Party, which controls seven seats and has broad influence in the Russian immigrant community, called a meeting this afternoon to decide whether or not to support the prime minister.

Despite the rumblings, though, Netanyahu retained the backing of a majority of right-wing parliament members.

The opposition Labor Party said Netanyahu had lost the

moral basis to rule and should resign.

A decision on whether to indict the premier on charges of fraud and breach of public trust is expected on Sunday.

The daily Haaretz newspaper quoted legal sources as saying prosecutors were divided on whether to charge Netanyahu

and that expectations were that he would not be indicted.

The Yediot Achronot newspaper filed a similar report.

Police have recommended that charges be filed against Netanyahu, his political aide Avigdor Lieberman, Justice Minister Tsachi Hanegbi and Arie Deri, the party's head.

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Why not take the time to say 'I love you' to spouse

By BERNIE DONATO
Guest Columnist

During the days when couples welcomed many children in their homes, to help tend large family spreads, a dear wife had almost everything she wished for. Except one. It seemed that since they got married, her husband has stopped saying to her, "I love you."

Yes, he was a fine man and a good provider. But, thinking perhaps that "action speak loud-

er than words," there was no necessity of saying them; especially since they had already 10 lovable children.

But how that good woman longed to hear those sweet words from her dear husband, even just once.

Then one evening, while all 10 children were with her in their cozy living room, the husband came home, pushed the door open, and for a moment stood at the threshold. Scanning the living room, he

counted, "One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, 10..." Slowly, he counted again. Suddenly, he thundered, "Where is EVERYBODY!"

The wife, who was mending a shirt behind the door, and who was not seen by her husband, realized then that, indeed, he loved her! She was "EVERYBODY."

But why not say it when you feel it, or even when you don't? Yes, how many thousands of homes and marriages would

not have been broken if only a husband or a wife did not neglect to say, "Dear, I love you." Is it really hard to say those simple but very important words?

Unfortunately, the fact is, in many homes today those words are seldom spoken. Instead, harsh and unloving words predominate. Too many things crowd the mind that it seems there is no time at all to say, "I love you." How many a husband, wife, son or daughter,

would stop what unfortunate thing he or she intends to do if only he or she could hear those words spoken sincerely and tenderly. As a boulder can be eroded by slowly falling drops of water, so can a hard heart be softened by well-timed expressions of love.

Even God Himself spared not to say those words to fallen man, in spite of sin. The Bible, in Jeremiah 31:3, says, "I have loved thee with an everlasting love; therefore, with loving

kindness have I drawn thee."

So, say, "I love you." It can heal many a broken heart, and it can drive sadness and sorrows away.

A children's song says, "With Jesus in the family, happy, happy home...With Jesus in the heart, happy, happy day." Indeed, when Jesus is in the heart, love is there, too, because "God is love" (1 John 1:9). And when love is in our hearts, it is easy to say, "I love you."

Benedictine sisters put down roots in West Texas

CANYON — Tucked away on a quiet street corner lies one of Canyon's best-kept secrets.

Two white, wood-frame houses serve as home for the sisters of the St. Benedict Monastery, allowing the three professed and two novice members to escape the distractions of day-to-day life so they can concentrate on their relationship with God.

"I feel this is another world," said novice Sister Ana Teresa Cortinas of the Order of St. Benedict. "This is not a rat race."

The Order of St. Benedict began sending Catholic nuns from Fort Smith, Ark., on missions to the South Plains area in 1915.

The sisters taught school in Nazareth and elsewhere and worked in hospitals. In 1971, some of those nuns decided to put down roots on the South Plains.

"Five of us sisters wanted a community to live together and live the monastic life rather than (work outside the monastery)," said Sister Mary Hawkins, the superior and one of the founders of the Canyon monastery. "Our main work is living the monastic life."

The Encyclopedia Britannica calls the order's founder, St. Benedict of Nursia, "the patriarch of modern monks."

St. Benedict founded the order with which he is associated during the sixth century in what is now Italy and established the way of life that nearly all Western monasteries observe.

The Rule of St. Benedict, which says God may be glorified in all things, is still in use 1,400 years later. It includes a strong respect for the individual, combined with an emphasis on monastic community life, which includes hard work, prayer and Scripture reading.

That life also includes practicing the Divine Office, also

known as the Liturgy of the Hours. It also means settling in one place rather than going from mission to mission.

"Putting down roots is a concept important to Benedictine life," said Sister Judy Varga. "To be a part of a community, especially in present times, where people are constantly on the move... The stability frees us to be more responsive to God."

The sisters grow fruits and vegetables in their backyard garden as well as sunflowers for birdseed. They currently are involved in an "ongoing war with the squirrels" that raid the birdfeeder.

Also out back is a hermitage, a guest house for visiting priests or a place for one of the sisters to have some time to herself.

In addition to the yard, the monastery consists of the two neighborhood homes joined by a connecting corridor, which serves as the library. The buildings contain rooms for the sisters, guest rooms, kitchens, a dining room, a small office and a chapel where a visiting priest holds Mass two or three times a month.

Although a monastery is traditionally associated with monks, the nuns chose to call their community by that term because it reflects their goals.

"We're leading a monastic life together," said Sister Marcella Schmalz. "A monastery is where monastics live."

The sisters begin their day with hour-long prayers at 6 a.m. and pray six more times each day. Their evening ends in prayer at 8 p.m., and the nuns remain silent until the next morning's prayers.

The sisters' days are not all work and no play. They watch television — mostly news and weather — practice needlepoint, work on jigsaw puzzles, play cards and dominoes or just

sit together talking and laughing while they mend clothing.

Becoming a full-fledged member of the monastic community takes almost five years. Aspirants first visit the monastery, spending about a week with the sisters.

Some aspirants decide on their first visit that the monastic life is not for them. Those who remain interested spend a six-month probationary period at the monastery as a postulant.

"We're not just taking young girls, but mothers and grandmothers," said Sister Cortinas, who has three children and several grandchildren. "They were willing to accept me at 58."

Sister Cortinas said she always had wanted to become a nun, but instead got married and had children. She later divorced her husband, who has since died. She said her children weren't too enthusiastic at first about her desire to join a monastery.

"When I first mentioned it to them seven years ago, one of them said that's a crazy idea," she said, adding that her son eventually drove her to the monastery for her visit.

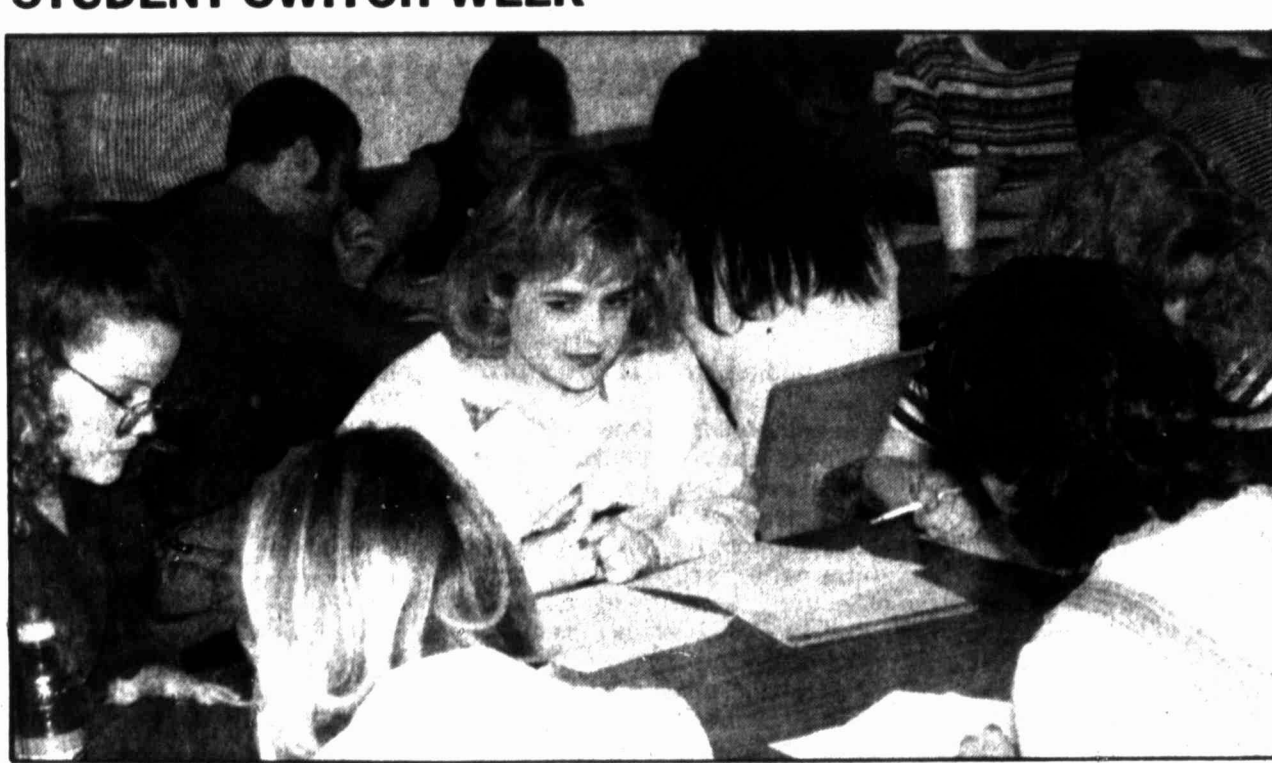
Aspirant Susan Hensen of Florida recently spent a week with the sisters of St. Benedict and decided to become a postulant. She said the Canyon monastery attracted her the most of all the Benedictine communities to which she wrote.

After the trial period, the postulant becomes a canonical novice for a year and gains the title of sister.

During that time, the novice is not allowed to work outside the monastery.

At the end of her time as a novice, the sister makes her vows and becomes a temporary professed member. Three years later, she makes her final monastic profession.

STUDENT SWITCH WEEK



Terri Newton, director of communications for Howard College, takes a test for student Marsha Boren as part of Student Switch Week at the college. April is Community College Month and during the last several weeks, there has been a variety of activities taking place to show the community what Howard College has to offer. Please see this Sunday's life! section for more details.

Cookbook is reflection of Rio Grande Valley life

HARLINGEN — "Mesquite Country" is a cookbook with a personality all its own.

"It's more than a cookbook. It's like an album of the Valley, that's why I think it's appealing to so many people," said Jackie Nirenberg, public relations officer of Hidalgo County Historical Museum and committee member for the museum's new cookbook.

The concept was to compile recipes for cooking with native plants and old-fashioned recipes. Some were taken from the museum's 15-year-old cookbook, but new recipes were also requested from clubs and individuals.

A fascination of "Mesquite Country" is the native plant section. Valley botanist and chemist Benito Trevino has compiled his own recipes, background information and botanical drawings for the enjoyment of nature enthusiasts and cooks alike. It retails for \$19.95 and is also available for wholesale purchase. To order, call (210) 383-6911.

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1 cup yellow cornmeal
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1 tsp. salt
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1 egg
1 T. baking powder
1 tsp. baking soda
1/4 cup vegetable shortening, melted

Combine cornmeal, flour and salt. Mix thoroughly. Add, without mixing, buttermilk and remaining 4 ingredients. Stir thoroughly and pour into well-greased and heated muffin tins. Bake at 450 degrees for about 15 minutes. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

From Lynn Wright Parker

TEXAS CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

They say everything is big in Texas. A Texan's idea of a chocolate chip is a Hershey's Kiss.

1 stick butter, softened
1/2 cup packed dark brown sugar

1/4 cup granulated sugar
2 T. wheat germ
1/4 tsp. salt
1 tsp. vanilla
1 egg
1/2 tsp. baking soda
1 cup plus 1 teaspoon all-purpose flour
1 cup pecan halves or chunks
2 cups Hershey's Kisses, with or without almonds

Combine butter and next 4 ingredients in a bowl. Mix with a wooden spoon until creamy. Add vanilla, egg and baking soda and blend until smooth. Mix in flour until smooth. Add pecans and Kisses. Cover and chill several hours.

Use 2 heaping tablespoons of dough to make 1 cookie. Drop dough onto foil-lined baking sheets, 4 to 6 cookies per sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 to 12 minutes. Cool slightly on pan. Transfer cookies to paper towels to finish cooling. Makes 12 to 15 cookies.

Note: Doubling this recipe is not recommended.

From Mariella Gorena

CLUB NEWS

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

Big Spring-Howard County Teachers Association

Members of the Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College April 21. Coffee and fel-

lowship hour is 10:30 a.m. and lunch served at 11:30 a.m.

Guest speaker is Margie Thompson, County Juvenile Probation Officer, who will speak on "Problems of our juveniles."

The business meeting, chaired by Billye Grisham, president, will include reports by chairman of the standing committees.

On April 29, the officers elected for 1997-98 and committee chairmen will attend the District XVIII Spring Leadership Training Conference in Odessa, at the Radisson Hotel.

All retired personnel are invited to attend the April 21

West Texas Republican Women's Club

The West Texas Republican Women's Club met Thursday, April 10, at the Big Spring Country Club. After lunch, Frances Wheat introduced Heidrun Covington who gave a very interesting account of her life and her long road to becoming a United States citizen. Heidrun was born in East Germany and after Germany was divided she (at the age of eight) and her mother escaped to West Germany. Her father had escaped a year earlier after being imprisoned by the

Russians for three and a half years.

Heidrun met her husband, a soldier in the U.S. Army, in Germany and after much red tape, she was able to come to the United States. She became a U.S. citizen in 1996 and is very proud of that. She ended her talk by saying she hoped this country would never have to go through a war in our land the way Germany did and she wished she could tell every American how thankful they should be for the freedoms and blessings.

Dene Sheppard presided over a short business meeting. Members had been urged to bring guests. Katherine Perry

was awarded a gift for having the most guests present. The president urged everyone to vote in the upcoming election and to vote early, if possible.

The next meeting is Thursday, May 8 at noon at the Big Spring Country Club.

Big Spring Prospector's Club

The Big Spring Prospector's Club met in regular session April 10 at the club house at 606 E. Third. Jerald Wilson, president, presided. A program was presented by Carol Hanes

entitled "Prisms of 97." She explained the programs they are trying to get started for children aged three to 12. It will be a hands-on educational and fun type on arts, crafts and science. The first session is at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Oct. 4, 1997. Booths will be set up by various clubs and all clubs in town are urged to participate; no charge to the club. Each club is responsible for its own display and/or instruction. The Prospectors voted to set up a booth concerning rocks, minerals and lapidary exhibits. Theirs will be more for information but there will be some things children can hold and examine.

First United Church

"A Light on the Hill" (Luke 24:13-35) will be the theme for the First United Church, 400 S. Sage is about Emmaus. Join 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.

Visit our Internet site at <http://www.xro.com/fumc/index.htm>. The church Sunday School, youth, adults, youth visitors and Spring are welcome.

First Baptist Church

The First Baptist Church is having a Revival April 23. Rev. Mon doing the preaching. James Kinman music. On Sunday the church is having a luncheon on Sunday are 6 p.m. and on Wednesday at 7 p.m. is invited to a service. Rev. Rob pastor.

Baker's Church

Baker's Church is having a Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Dinners consist of one meat (brisket, chicken or sausage), salad, red beans and rice. Dinner donation meat plate or portion. You can pick up at 911 N. I delivery, call 24

14th and of Christ

Ron Sellers, of Carl Street in Big Spring is preaching a Church of Christ, Jeff, is a ciliate minister.

Sellers is at the high school about a mission this summer. During the evening at 10 a.m. on a mission, high school students, parents, follow him at 11 a.m. hall. Plans for to Houston during lunch. Visitors are part of this service to the Lord.

Calvary Church

The Calvary Church 1200 W. Fourth personal invite hundreds of new Christians start again. Members of Calvary. Sunday 9:45 and 11 a.m. Bible study Wednesday. He the pastor.

United Methodist Church

The United Methodist Church is having a gathering Mo. April 10-11. This gathering is for leaders from Beirut, Lebanon. Rev. Christopher the Church. Those attending Spring were sent. Not Conference U Women and Men representing U Conference U Church Board Ministries. Board a leadership for Health Chairpersons start of the GLE.

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- Fill celery stalks with cream cheese and sprinkle with raisins for a satisfying lunch time snack.
- Offer pretzels or whole wheat crackers as a healthier alternative to potato chips as sandwich accompaniments.
- Add apple chunks and one-half cup shredded cheddar cheese to a basic oatmeal cookie recipe for a tasty dessert.
- Individually pack sliced natural cheese and whole grain crackers. Serve with cut up fresh vegetables and a piece of fruit.
- Pack several pieces of string cheese for a fun snack.
- For a quick after-school snack, microwave popcorn; toss with grated Parmesan cheese.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Symphony Pops '97 on May 3

The Big Spring Symphony closes its season with Symphony Pops '97 on Saturday, May 3 at 8 p.m. in the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium. Program theme is "Music from the Old West" and featured guests include Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys, Tumbleweed Smith and the Big Spring Symphony Chorus.

Tickets are available at Blum's, Dunlap's, the chamber or at the door.

Relay for Life May 16-17

Persons interested in taking part in the 1997 Relay For Life event on May 16-17 should contact Judi Johnston at 267-1014 (work) or 267-1904 (home). The committee needs help with on-site events.

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Montesquieu

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Mark Twain

CHURCH NEWS

First United Methodist Church

"A Light on the Sunset Road" (Luke 24:13-35) is Dr. Ed Williamson's message Sunday at the First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry. The message is about the walk to Emmaus. Join us in church at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.

Visit our internet site at <http://www.xroadstx.com/users/fumc/index.htm>.

The church has several Sunday School classes for adults, youth and children. All visitors and residents of Big Spring are welcome.

First Baptist Church of Ackerly

The First Baptist Church of Ackerly is having its Spring Revival April 20 through April 23. Rev. Monroe Teeters is doing the preaching and Bro. James Kinman is leading the music. On Sunday, April 20, the church is having a covered luncheon at noon. Services on Sunday are at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. and on Monday through Wednesday at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend these services. Rev. Robert Moore is the pastor.

Baker's Chapel Methodist

Baker's Chapel AME Church is having barbecue dinners Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dinners consist of choice of one meat (brisket, pork ribs, chicken or sausage), potato salad, red beans and bread. Dinner donation is \$5 for single meat plate or \$6 for combination. You can pick your dinners up at 911 N. Lancaster or for delivery, call 267-7158.

14th and Main Church of Christ

Ron Sellers, former minister of Carl Street Church of Christ in Big Spring from 1969 to 1972, is preaching at 14th and Main Church of Christ Sunday. His son, Jeff, is currently the associate minister at 14th and Main.

Sellers is scheduled to talk to the high school class at 9 a.m. about a mission trip to Houston this summer and then preaching to the entire congregation during the worship hour beginning at 10 a.m. A pot luck luncheon, specifically planned for high school students and their parents, follows after the service at 11 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Plans for the mission trip to Houston will be discussed during lunch. All members and visitors are encouraged to be a part of this special day in service to the Lord.

Calvary Baptist Church

The Calvary Baptist Church, 1200 W. Fourth, is extending a personal invitation to the many hundreds of non-church attending Christians who desire to start again and join the members of Calvary in their services. Sunday school starts at 9:45 and worship service at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Prayer and Bible study is 6 p.m. on Wednesday. Herb McPherson is the pastor.

United Methodist Global Gathering

The United Methodist Global Gathering was in Kansas City, Mo. April 10-13. The theme for this gathering was "Whose Child is This?" and Bible study leaders were Dr. Mary Mikhael from Beirut, Lebanon and the Rev. Christopher Duraisingh of the Church of South India. Those attending from Big Spring were Sue Born, representing Northwest Texas Conference United Methodist Women and Madeline Boodle, representing Northwest Texas Conference United Methodist Church Board of Global Ministries. Boodle also attended a leadership training event for Health and Welfare Chairpersons previous to the start of the Global Gathering.

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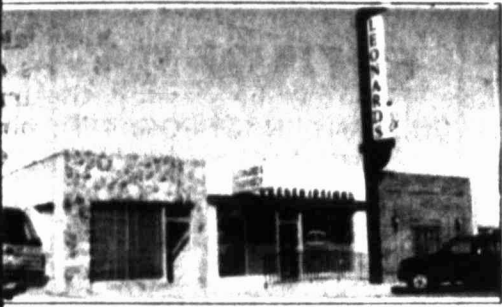
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This year, Leonard's Pharmacy will once again be performing free medication counseling and drug interaction warnings as well as taking blood pressures, demonstrating the ThermoScan thermometer and giving Ipicac to qualified families.

Leonard's Family of Pharmacies hopes you will be able to stop by and see them at their booth and give them a chance to help you stay healthy.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center



Scenic Mountain Medical Center will be attending this year's Health Fair with a special focus on their new "Special Delivery" unit. This new Obstetrics unit features state-of-the-art care for mothers and babies. Our portable ultrasound will be on hand for exhibits and ultrasounds. Visitors may see our new unit through an exhibit of photos, visit with our OB nurses and a registered dietitian, and sign up for a car seat to be given away.

Our radiology department will be on hand with breast cancer information, reminder cards, and a breast cancer awareness exhibit. Visitors may also register for a free mammogram to be given away. Scenic Mountain Home Health will be on hand for information about home health services and to do free blood pressure screening. Dr. Mercado and Dr. DeLaVega from Scenic Mountain Medical Clinic will be at the health fair and their staff will provide free blood sugar screenings. Please visit us at the Scenic Mountain Medical Center booths!

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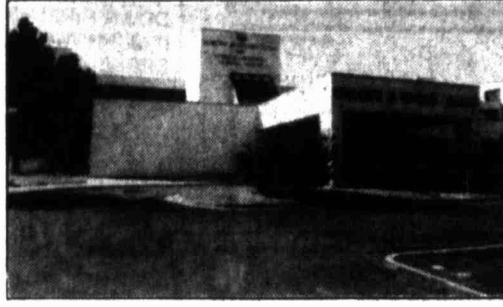
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This \$6 million facility has a 250-bed capacity and brings visitors to Big Spring on a daily basis.

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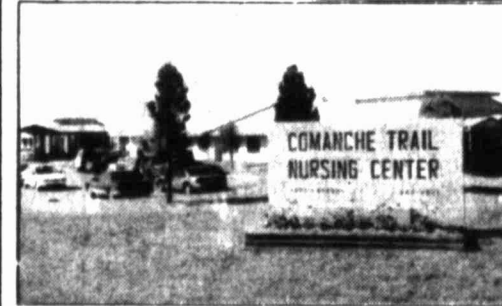


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NFL Draft '97: New York's punchless Jets trade away first pick

NEW YORK (AP) — For the last three months, Bill Parcells has been the NFL's central figure — at the Super Bowl, in his fight to escape from New England, and, with the Jets, holding the first pick in the draft.

Parcells has finally stepped out of the spotlight. When the NFL draft begins at noon on Saturday, the focus will shift to Orlando Pace, the 340-pound tackle from Ohio State who is easily the best player available. The Jets on Thursday traded the No. 1 pick to the St. Louis Rams, who almost surely will take Pace.

"It's a no-brainer decision in terms of ability," said John Becker, the Rams' personnel director.

"This guy's a great player. He's the kind of guy that when you're at a school and you're not even looking at him, your eyes constantly go back to him because he has that kind of ability."

Rams coach Dick Vermeil suggested that the only thing that might keep him from taking Pace would be contract demands. Pace's agent, Carl Poston, did not endear himself to NFL coaches and executives by holding Tshimanga Biakabutuka out of Carolina's training camp last season.

"I'll be excited about it because I know him personally," Vermeil said of Pace. "But if it doesn't end up being the best business decision for this organization, we'll go in another direction. I don't know how it's going to end up."

Assuming that St. Louis makes Pace the first offensive lineman taken No. 1 overall since Minnesota chose Ron Yary in 1968, the pick will have a ripple effect throughout the first round in a draft weighted toward defense.

"There's more opportunity to get a good defensive player than there's been in a while," says Bill Polian, whose draft picks and signings helped get the Carolina Panthers into the NFC title game in their second season.

It's also a deep draft.

"It's quite strong from 20-100," says Gil Brandt, the former Dallas personnel director who's now the NFL draft consultant. "It's probably not as important to pick high this year."

That's one reason the Jets made the trade — other than Pace, the top 10 players are rated pretty even, depending on need.

The Jets picking sixth now, probably will take a player like Texas cornerback Bryant Westbrook or Alabama linebacker Dwayne Rudd.

They also have reclaimed from the Rams the third- and fourth-round choices they had to give to New England when commissioner Paul Tagliabue ruled they owed the Patriots for signing Parcells. The Jets got a seventh-round pick from the Rams, too.

If the Rams pick Pace, other teams will be forced to change plans.

The Oakland Raiders, who traded into the sec-

ond spot hoping for Pace, are now looking at cornerback Shawn Springs. Pace's Ohio State teammate, and defensive tackle Darrell Russell of Southern California.

And it leaves Seattle, which traded to No. 3 for Springs, settling instead for Russell or Florida State defensive end Peter Boulware. Baltimore, which chooses fourth, originally wanted Boulware but now may trade the pick away.

Then Detroit probably will have a choice between Westbrook and Rudd with the Jets getting the other.

Parcells' trade may have done a big favor for the Giants, whom he coached to Super Bowl victories in 1986 and 1990. They'll probably get a crack at the player they want, offensive tackle Walter Jones of Florida State.

Then comes the second tier — wide receivers Yatil Green of Miami and Rae Carruth of Colorado; linebackers James Farrior and Jamie Sharper of Virginia; running backs Warrick Dunn of Florida State, Antowain Smith and (perhaps) Corey Dillon of Washington; quarterback Jim Druckenmiller of Virginia Tech; and a slew of corners like Tom Knight of Iowa, Michael Booker of Nebraska, Chris Canty of Kansas State and Sam Madison of Louisville.

Druckenmiller and Dillon are two of the more interesting players available. Druckenmiller could be a "reach," drafted too high because of

the shortage of quarterbacks, and Dillon could be a bargain, falling into the second round because of a history of arrests as a teen-ager.

Druckenmiller is 6-foot-4, 223 pounds, the prototypical size for an NFL quarterback. But while some scouts question his accuracy, he'll probably go by the middle of the first round.

The other two first-round possibilities are Jake Plummer of Arizona State and Pat Barnes of California. Barnes has the size and the arm strength but Plummer, "the Snake," will probably go before him because he has the intangibles that scouts love.

"He could go two for 10 with three interceptions in the first half," says John Butler, the Buffalo general manager. "Then he'll win the game all by himself in the fourth quarter."

Then there's Danny Wuerffel of Florida.

Like Heisman-winning quarterbacks before him like Charlie Ward and Ty Detmer, he's no sure thing. His arm isn't considered particularly strong, he's not very mobile and detractors say he benefited in college from Steve Spurrier's offense.

But he's not forgotten.

"He will be drafted, he will make a team and eventually he will start and play very well," says Jerry Angelo, Tampa Bay's scouting director.

That, of course is what makes the draft. Everyone has a different opinion.

Nick Price leads MCI by 1 stroke

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. (AP) — Nick Price put together a Tiger Woods-style run of five straight birdies and took a one-shot lead in the MCI Classic on Thursday.

Price was four behind Brad Faxon, Tom Lehman and Rick Fehr through 13 holes. But then he got it going like the Masters winner, with on-target irons that left him putts of 20 feet or less.

He tapped in a 3-foot birdie putt on his last hole, the ninth, and took the lead with a 65.

"You feel like if you hit it within 20 feet, you are going to have a chance," Price said. "That's what I did when I played so well in '92, '93 and '94. I never had any pressure on myself to hit the ball close."

Price won five tour events, including the PGA, in 1994 and has gone winless since.

Lehman and Faxon said they used Woods' double-digit Masters' victory last week as motivation, drawing on the young superstar's intensity and enthusiasm to shoot 66s.

Lennie Clements and Hal Sutton were two shots back and Phil Mickelson and Tom Watson led a group at 68.

Price said coming to Harbour Town was a refreshing change from the pressure cooker of Augusta National. That tournament, he says, is like going 15 rounds with Mike Tyson and not landing a punch.

"But Tiger didn't think so," Price added.

Others up top said they were affected by Woods' amazing performance, including Lehman, the 1996 PGA player of the year, and Faxon, who won at New Orleans two weeks back.

"I think what he did at the Masters is going to help me more than what I did at New Orleans," said Faxon, who won the Freeport-McDermott Classic by three strokes. "You could see his concentration, but at the same time you could see I want to be here. There's a lot of times I don't think everybody wants to be there."

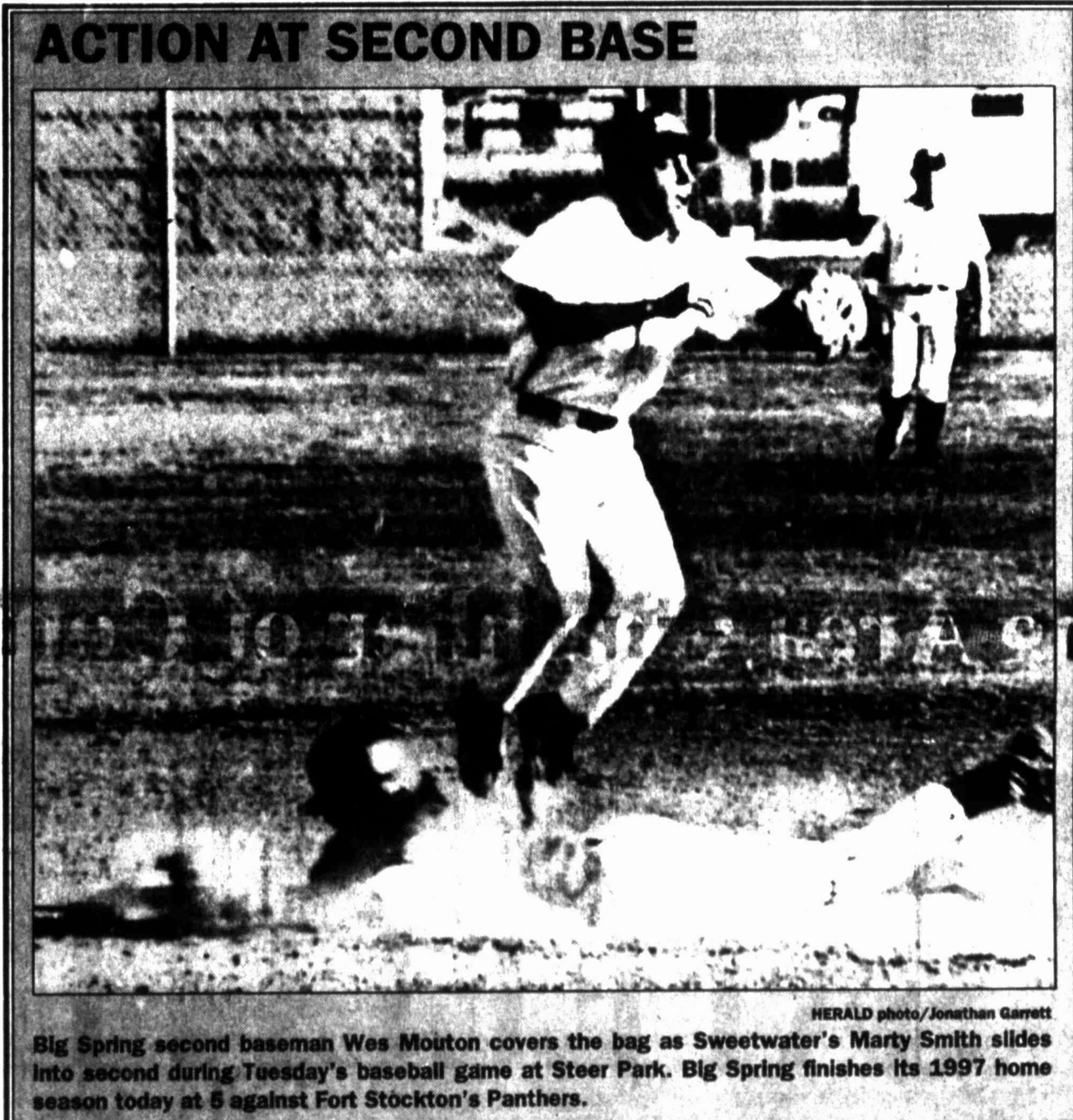
Lehman, who won The Tour Championship in a six-shot walkover last year, says Woods teed off each day like he deserved the Masters' green jacket.

"If you don't have the same mindset, he is just going to kill you," Lehman said. "I am personally not ready to get killed like that every time."

A nifty 12-foot birdie putt on his 10th hole got Price going. He chipped to two feet to start his closing run, then canned birdie putts of 12, 10, 20 and 3 feet.

Faxon had the death lock early, shooting a record 6-under 29 on his first nine holes. But he put his approach on the eighth hole into the water and needed a closing birdie for 66.

Fehr had a chance for 64 and a two-stroke lead with a simple par on the Lighthouse hole at No. 18. However, he drove the cart path and took double bogey.



ACTION AT SECOND BASE

Big Spring second baseman Wes Mouton covers the bag as Sweetwater's Marty Smith slides into second during Tuesday's baseball game at Steer Park. Big Spring finishes its 1997 home season today at 5 against Fort Stockton's Panthers.

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Rangers' Marc Sagmoen making history

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Television crews and baseball historians would be smart not to let Marc Sagmoen out of their sight.

Everywhere the rookie outfielder goes in this first week of his major league career, history finds him.

While the Texas Rangers were beating the Royals 5-1 Thursday night for their first-ever sweep in Kansas City, Sagmoen became one of the few men in baseball history to get an inside-the-park home run for his first major league hit.

Moreover, fate picked Tuesday night for Sagmoen to make his major league debut while wearing, of all things, No. 42. On that same night in New York, baseball honored Jackie Robinson on the 50th anniversary of his groundbreaking debut and announced it was retiring No. 42 forever in honor of the man who broke the color barrier.

"Oh, my goodness. I can't believe it," Sagmoen said Thursday night. "First being called up — now this. It's really special."

"I don't know if he set a record, but he surely tied one," Texas manager Johnny Oates said.

The outfielder became at least the fourth player ever to get an inside-the-park home run for his first major league hit.

Sagmoen, in his ninth at-bat for Texas, lifted a towering shot to right in the fifth inning. The ball hit the wall on a fly and Joe Vitiello, a DH-first baseman pressed into duty for injured outfielder Jermaine Dye, let the carom get past him as it rolled back toward the infield.

By the time Vitiello caught up with the ball, he had no chance to stop Sagmoen from speeding home with the tying run.

"I knew I had a third," Sagmoen said. "When I got to third and saw (third base coach Jerry Narron) waving me, the adrenaline kicked in and I thought, 'Oh, boy, the first one's going to be an inside-the-parker.'"

"When I got to the plate I saw the catcher was just kind of standing there, so I knew I had it. The guys were laughing and saying good job. I think they were as excited for me as I was."

Sagmoen was randomly assigned No. 42 when he was called up from Triple-A Oklahoma City. After the Jackie Robinson tribute retiring No. 42, he gave up the number because he said he did not "feel worthy" to wear it.

Now wearing No. 37, he was asked what noteworthy milestone he planned next.

"How about a hit off Roger Clemens tomorrow night?" he said with a wide grin. "That would be nice. But actually, I just want to keep contributing to the team."

The victory was the fourth in a row for the Rangers, who entered the game hitting just .210. Texas had never swept a series of any length at Kauffman Stadium, which opened in 1973 as Royals Stadium.

In the next inning after Sagmoen's shot, Royals manager Bob Boone replaced Vitiello, who was hitting right-handed against left-handed Texas starter Darren Oliver. He said he had planned to make the

move anyway.

"The reason for Vit is to get his bat in there," Boone said. "We've got at least four tough left-handers coming up. I'm aware, he's aware that we're a little short defensively with him out there."

Oliver (1-1) gave up five hits in eight innings, striking out four and walking one.

Tim Belcher (1-2) gave up seven hits and four runs in eight innings, with one walk and four strikeouts. He retired 13 straight batters before Sagmoen's home run.

Belcher cringed when told the inside-the-parker had been Sagmoen's first hit.

"It was?" he said. "Go figure. I've given up more first hits than anyone I know, probably at least 30."

The Elias Sports Bureau said pitcher Butch Henry of Houston had an inside-the-park homer for his first hit on May 8, 1992. Johnny LeMaster of San Francisco in 1975 and Brian Downing of the Chicago White Sox in 1973 also did it.

"I think Marc's home run gave the whole team a lift," Oliver said. "Has anybody ever done that before?"

Told that it was rare, but not unknown, the Texas pitcher just shrugged.

"Well, it's giving me ideas for when I go to bat for the first time this year in interleague play."

Notes: Six of Texas' 17 inside-the-park home runs have been hit in Kansas City. Two have come at home. ... The last Rangers player to hit an inside-the-park was Greer on July 23, 1994 in Toronto. ... The Rangers' betting slump has been so bad, their 5-9 hitters have not produced an RBI since opening day. ... The Royals grounded into three double plays after grounding into two the night before.

Newcomers lead Texas Tech to torrid season

LUBBOCK (AP) — Just two months after a "roster of relative unknowns and no-names" opened the season with a blowout loss, those same Texas Tech Red Raiders are on top of the world.

Despite beginning the season with eight new starters and a reconstructed pitching staff, Tech has vaulted to a 34-5 record and a No. 1 ranking this week in Collegiate Baseball magazine.

At 14-4 in Big 12 play, Tech holds a 13-game margin over traditional power Oklahoma.

"It's a great opportunity for our team, the community and all those things," said coach Larry Hays, who earned his 1,100th and 1,101st career victories this week with thrashings of Grand Canyon. "If we handle it well, it'll be better."

A collection of freshman and junior college transfers hopes to take the Raiders further than they went last year, when a star-studded team faltered first in the Southwest Conference tournament, then an NCAA regional.

Both disappointments came at home.

"I'm surprised everything has worked out so quickly," said first baseman Joe Dillon, the only returning starter. "I expected this time of year we'd be as good as we are; I just didn't know how fast we'd come along."

In addition to a roster filled with new players, Tech opened the season without seven men suspended by Hays for breaking team rules, prompting the "relative unknowns and no-names" reference by the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.

Since then, opponents have gotten to know the Raiders all too well.

Tech wins by an average

score of 11-4, has out-homered foes 78-31, hits .362 and carries a staff ERA of 3.65. The Raiders have hurled four shutouts, a mean feat against aluminum bats.

On Wednesday, Dillon hit his 23rd and 24th homers to tie a 13-year-old school record for most home runs in a season. Leadoff hitter Keith Ginter, among the nation's top hitters with a .476 average, also hit two homers in a 21-3 victory over Grand Canyon.

Ginter, a California junior college transfer, said the experience he and other juco players brings has been key to the Raiders' meteoric development.

"It gives kids a chance to play junior-college ball, which isn't much different from Division I ball," said Ginter. "It gives you that collegiate experience, playing against top-notch pitchers."

For Tech backers, the success is especially uplifting after more than a year of an NCAA investigation, allegations of improprieties and eligibility goofs in the football and men's basketball programs.

"They taunt us with 'What's your GPA?' or 'Do you go to class?' Stuff like that," Dillon said. "We kind of get it pretty much everywhere we've gone. When it's on SportsCenter at night, it's pretty hard to hide it."

Injuries and a lack of pitching depth blunted Tech's run at a first College World Series appearance last season. While the injury bug remains a problem here and there, the pitching has come to life.

"If we continue to get good pitching, we'll continue to play well," Hays said. "If it goes south, we'll be in trouble."

Pirates cool off torrid Cincy at chilly Three Rivers Stadium

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Just what the Cincinnati Reds didn't need: more snow, more cold and one more road loss.

On the same weekend the Padres and Cardinals will play the Paradise Series in Hawaii, the Reds and Pittsburgh Pirates are staging the subarctic series. Gloves are mandatory, and not just for the players.

"It was so cold, it attacked you," winning pitcher Esteban Loaiza said after the Pirates braved snow flurries and near-freezing temperatures to beat the Reds 3-2 Thursday night. "It was just like winter."

It probably felt that way to the estimated 2,000 fans, who ignored wind-chill readings in the 20s and light snow to watch Jermaine Allensworth drive in all three Pittsburgh runs with a bases-loaded double in the fifth.

In the only other NL game, Florida beat St. Louis 2-1. Montreal's game at Philadelphia was rained out.

First baseman Kevin Young preserved Pittsburgh's victory by catching Barry Larkin's game-ending line drive with runners on first and third in the ninth.

"Barry couldn't hit the ball any better than that," Reds manager Ray Knight said. "Kevin made a great play. That's a triple and we go ahead. The ball was behind him (Young) and it hit and shot up into his glove. That was a great reaction play."

It also was another road loss for the frostbitten Reds, who played earlier in Denver with five inches of snow outside Coors Field.

These days, the Reds aren't sure from day-to-day which will be lower: the temperature or their batting average with runners in scoring position. They were 0-for-6 Thursday.

"The one thing that surprised me is the way we've struggled offensively," Knight said.

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2701 LARRY Sat. 8-12:00. Gun cabinet, table & chairs, sofa, curtains, dishes, clothes, books, etc.

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4008 VICKY. Sat. 8:00-2:00 collectibles, glassware, antique settee & dining table, large w/bookcase, filing cabinet, wicker bathroom set, art deco statues, country decor, coffee table, prom dresses.

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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)

Hold on to your wallet and checkbook. A friend or loved one might make a plea for funds. You find it especially difficult to say no. You are in the midst of a few projects you would like to complete. Pace yourself, and make progress. Tonight: Head out and about.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

You don't have the whole story. Seek out answers. You have a question about work. If you don't feel comfortable with what is happening, say so. A

change in plans is in order. Respond positively to another's flirtation. Tonight: Play to your heart's content.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Think through the role of a key partnership in your life; you might be deceiving yourself about it. News from a distance throws you off. There are many ways of looking at a situation. Use instincts more often. Tonight: Nap, and then go out.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Reach out for another. You make a big difference in what goes on. For once, don't be subtle. Allow yourself to answer the questions you are seeking guidance about. You are more grounded than you know. A financial decision might be unstable. Tonight: Meet at your pad.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Much financial activity is unacceptable in the long run. You might feel like changing a work or personal partnership. What is going on could be uncomfortable. Stay focused. Direct your energy positively. Tonight: Make a late-night appearance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Use your personality to mellow out a problem. Others are high-strung, and you are a bit uptight as well. Reach out to another who is at a distance. Take off as soon as you can.

Pick up travel brochures, and consider making vacation plans. Tonight: Have a ball.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Center on what is happening. You feel out of sorts and tend to take it out on others. Be careful with a loved one. Understand what is going on within. Pull back, and think about your needs and desires. Tonight: Hook up with a best friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Don't hesitate to connect with another. Stay centered. Spend time with a loved one who needs you. The unexpected occurs at home, and communications are vague. You are in the mood for celebration. Tonight: Go where the party is.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Responsibilities seem overwhelming. You have key personal matters to handle. Communications are out in left field, and you feel baffled by them. You sense a change coming that you'll need to deal with. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You feel off-balance and somewhat threatened. Stay on top of discussions. A last-minute travel plan throws you into a tailspin. Stay in touch with your feelings, yet look at the big picture. The unexpected occurs

with finances. Let your creativity flow. Tonight: Find good music.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Much is out of whack. Carefully think through what is happening. You are put out by a partner or a change in plans. Remember, your spontaneous, off-the-wall behavior throws others off, even though it works for you. Consider a home project. Tonight: Try something new.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Defer to others, and don't take a stand now. Much is out of control. Getting a clear picture might be next to impossible because of your own personal issues. Keep conversations flowing, even if you don't agree. Make plans to be with a dear friend. Tonight: Ask for a foot rub.

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BOWLING

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Rawls and Robert Beaty, 214 and Tony Shankles, 626; hi hdp game and series (man) Johnnie Rawls, 260 and Tony Shankles, 674; hi sc game and series (woman) Irene Jackson, 194 and 488; hi hdp game and series (woman) Trace Lindsey, 228 and 605; hi sc team game and series, Carlos, 766 and 1971; hi hdp team game and series, Carlos 875 and Jr's Body Shop, 2326.

TUESDAY COUPLES

RESULTS - Fred's Contracting over Ups & Downs, 8:0; Big Spring Instrument over Vogue Beauty Salon, 8:0; Federal Oil over Neal's Sporting Goods, 8:0; Strike Force Four over Big Spring Mobile Home Park, 8:0; White Motor Co. Stanton over Parks Agency, Inc., 8:0; Double R Cattle Co. over KC Steakhouse, 6:2; Cowboy's over The Four of Us, 6:2; The Bold & The Beautiful tied A Timeless Design, 4:4; hi sc game and series (man) O.D. O'Daniel, 248 and 629; hi hdp game (man) O.D. O'Daniel, 273; hi hdp series (man) Terry Beeler, 720; hi sc game and series (woman) Joyce Davis, 247 and 635; hi hdp game and series (woman) Teresa Kilpatrick, 295 and 794; hi sc team game and series, A Timeless Design, 770 and KC Steakhouse, 2181; hi hdp team game and series, A Timeless Design, 977 and 2631.

STANDINGS - Double R Cattle Co., 152:96; KC Steakhouse, 143:105; Ups & Downs, 143:105; White Motor Co. Stanton, 140:108; Fred's Contracting, 140:108; Strike Force Four, 135:113; Parks Agency, Inc., 130:118; A Timeless Design, 129:119; The Bold & The Beautiful, 129:119; Cowboy's, 123:125; Federal Oil, 119:129; The Four of Us, 109:139; Neal's Sporting Goods, 108:140; Big Spring Mobile Home Park, 100:148; Big Spring Instruments, 93:155; Vogue Beauty Salon, 91:157.

GUYS & DOLLS

RESULTS - Federal Oil over Fifth Wheels, 6:2; Big Spring State Park over A Bye, 6:2; Jim's Again over Hester's Mechanical, 6:2; Headhunters Beauty Salon over Lucky Braves, 6:2; hi sc game and series (man) Jim Gauthier, 213 and Ace Carter, 555; hi hdp game and series (man) Jim Gauthier, 241 and Ace Carter, 648; hi sc game and series (woman) Betty Gibson, 192 and Velma Campbell, 480; hi hdp game and series (woman) Betty Gibson, 226 and Kathrine Smith, 593; hi sc team game and series, Headhunters Beauty Salon, 655 and 1915; hi hdp team game and series, Federal Oil, 808 and Headhunters Beauty Salon, 2323.

STANDINGS

Headhunters Beauty Salon, 185:87; Big Spring State Park, 158:114; Jim's Again, 158:114; Fifth Wheels, 157:115; Lucky's Braves, 144:128; Federal Oil, 140:132; Hester's Mechanical, 116:156.

WEDNESDAY NITE TRIO

RESULTS - Fifth Wheels over Nothing But Trouble, 6:2; TEP split with Walmart Fun Bowlers, 4:4; Saunders Company split with Three Spares, 4:4; Conoco over Snow Starters, 6:2; Western Auto over Snyder ESP, 8:0; Golden Corral over Big Spring Music, 6:2; Western Auto split with Golden Corral, 4:4; Jan's Place split with Arrow Refrigeration, 4:4; Bowling Stones over Security State Bank, 6:2; Charlotte's Raiders over Powder Pistols, 6:2; hi sc game and series (man) Billy Hicks, 248 and Jackie LeRoy, 646; hi hdp game and series (man) Eric Chartier, 297 and Mark Rogers, 746; hi sc game and series (woman) Sadie Wallace, 211 and Patricia Hill, 527; hi hdp game and series (woman) Sadie Wallace, 269 and 684; hi sc team game and series, Charlotte's Raiders, 615 and Security State Bank, 1705; hi hdp team game and series, Bowling Stones, 747 and 214.

STANDINGS

A Timeless Design, 142:96; TEP, 141:99; Saunders Company, 140:98; Western Auto, 137:107; Charlotte's Raiders, 138:102; Powder Pistols, 136:102; Golden Corral, 135:103; Jan's Stars, 132:108; Arrow Refrigeration, 132:107; Conoco, 124:121; Bowling Stones, 127:111; Security State Bank, 127:111; Big Spring Music, 124:124; F.M. Wheels, 113:127; Snow Starters, 113:127; Jan's Place, 106:134; Snyder ESP, 112:138; Three Spares, 98:144; Walmart Fun Bowlers, 97:139; Nothing But Trouble, 12:228.

LADIES MAJOR BOWLING LEAGUES

RESULTS - Amigos, 0-8; Clime Construction, 8:0; Pack N Senders, 2-6; Neighbors Aut Sales, 6-2; Toy's 2-6; Just Us 4-1; 6-2; Pin Blasters, 2-6; E.P. Driver Insurance, 6-2; Here Comes Trouble, 6-2; Green House Photography, 2-6; Mitchell Co. F.C.U., 6-2; Rocky's, 2-6; Day & Day Builders, 2-6; Max L. Tires, 6-2; Tank Saffy Gauge & Inc., 8-0; Unearned points, 0-8; Federal Oil, 6-2; Burchell Farms, 2-6; Big Spring Music, 6-2; Barber Glass & Mirror, 2-6; K.C. Kids, 4-4; Gene's Dream, 4-4; Campbell Cement Construction, 2-6; Adventures By Gail, 6-2; hi sc team game and series, Pin Blasters, 788 and Big Spring Music, 2288; hi hdp team game and series, Federal Oil, 969 and Rocky's, 2683; hi sc game and series, Renee Can, 268 and Joyce Davis, 761; hi hdp game and series, Shirley Lee, 296 and Paige Griffin, 753.

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PINPOPPERS

RESULTS - Kuykendall over Alley Cats, 5-3; Dixie Chicks over 10, 8-0; VW over Health Food Store, 6-2; Petty Farms tied A & B Farms, 4-4; Federal Oil tied Guy's Restaurant, 4-4; hi sc game and series, Dena Zant, 209 and Bernadine Seely, 492; hi sc team game and series, VW, 651 and 1809; hi hdp game and series, Dena Zant, 273 and 645; hi hdp team game and series, Dixie Chicks, 854 and 2386.

STANDINGS - VW, 145-87; Health Food, 134-98; A & B Farms, 132-100; Guy's Restaurant, 123-109; 10, 121-103; Kuykendall, 116-116; Petty Farms, 116-116; Alley Cats, 95-137; Federal Oil, 88-136; Dixie Chicks, 82-150.

WEDNESDAY STRIKERS

RESULTS - Team Six over Quality Glass, 8-0; Joe's Crew over A & J, 8-0; Budweiser over Magic Painting, 8-0; hi sc game and series, Jerald Burgess, 246 and 692; hi sc team game and series, Team Six, 948 and 2712; hi hdp game and series, Jerald Burgess, 251 and 707; hi hdp team game and series, Team Six, 1047 and Joe's Crew, 3081.

STANDINGS - A & J, 148-92; Joe's Crew, 145-95; Team Six, 134-106; Budweiser, 124-116; Quality Glass, 114-126; Magic Painting, 44-185.

VA COUPLES

RESULTS - Team Eight tied Team One, 4-4; Team Eleven over Team Seven, 6-2; Team Two over Team Three, 6-2; Team Twelve over Team Nine, 6-2; Team Ten tied Team Five, 4-4; Team Four tied Team Six, 4-4; hi sc team game and series, Team Nine, 649 and Team Two, 1882; hi sc game and series (men) Richard Rowden, 235 and 588; hi sc game and series (women) Bella Wilson, 191 and Karen Albano, 514; hi hdp team game and series, Team Ten, 849 and Team Six, 2363; hi hdp game and series (men) Jerry Heall, 255 and 635; hi hdp game and series (women) Bella Wilson, 236 and Salena Dornieden, 603.

STANDINGS - Team Two, 162-78; Team One, 153-87; Team Eleven, 134-106; Team Eight, 128-112; Team Twelve, 122-118; Team Seven, 117-123; Team Three, 116-124; Team Five, 109-131; Team Six, 105-135; Team Ten, 105-135; Team Nine, 104-136; Team Four, 79-161.

MENS MAJOR

RESULTS - Parks C.C. over B.B.B.S., 8-0; Hull's Ranches over O'Daniel Trucking, 8-0; Trio Fuels over Team Fifteen, 6-2; B.S.I. over Fina Engineers, 6-2; Bob Brock Ford over Team sixteen, 8-0; Fred's Contracting over Rocky's, 6-2; Parks Agency over Mason Roofing, 6-2; Walker L.P. Gas over Hagen TV Repair, 6-2; hi sc game and series, Joe Rodriguez, 257 and Terry Ward, 685; hi sc team game and series, Parks Agency, 1008 and 2963; hi hdp game and series, Sam Lewis, 291 and Joe Rodriguez, 767; hi hdp team game and series, Fred's Contracting, 1163 and 3331.

STANDINGS - Parks Agency, 184-56; Fred's Contracting, 154-86; O'Daniel Trucking, 152-88; Team Fifteen, 151-89; Walker L.P. Gas, 140-100; Rocky's, 135-105; Trio Fuels, 124-116; Hagen TV Repair, 124-116; Mason Roofing, 122-118; Parks C.C., 121-119; Hull's Ranches, 114-124; B.S.I., 104-136; Fina Engineers, 103-137; Bob Brock Ford, 88-152; B.B.B.S., 72-168; Team Sixteen, 0-240.

WEDNESDAY STRIKERS

RESULTS - A & J over Budweiser, 6-2; Quality Glass over Magic Painting, 8-0; Joe's Crew over Team Six, 6-2; hi sc game and series, Richard Rowden, 245 and 631; hi sc team game and series, Team Six, 974 and Quality Glass, 2737; hi hdp game and series, Allan Johnson, 252 and John Oliva, 672; hi hdp team game and series, Team Six, 1071 and Quality Glass, 3124.

STANDINGS - A & J, 154-94; Joe's Crew, 151-97; Team Six, 136-112; Budweiser, 126-122; Quality Glass, 122-126; Magic Painting, 55-193.

VA COUPLES

RESULTS - Team Ten over Team Seven, 6-2; Team Light tied Team Twelve, 4-4; Team Nine over Team Four, 6-2; Team One over Team Six, 8-0; Team Two over Team Eleven, 6-2; Team Three over Team Five, 8-0; hi sc team game and series, Team Twelve, 700 and Team Nine, 2027; hi sc game and series (men) Junior Barber, 246 and 632; hi sc game and series (women) Irene Jackson, 223 and 594; hi hdp team game and series, Team One, 845 and 2415; hi hdp game and series (men) Junior Barber, 254 and 656; hi hdp game and series (women) Irene Jackson, 255 and 590.

STANDINGS - Team Two, 168-80; Team One, 161-87; Team Eleven, 136-112; Team Eight, 132-116; Team Twelve, 126-122; Team Three, 124-124; Team Five, 119-129; Team Ten, 111-137; Team Nine, 110-138; Team Six, 109-139; Team Five, 109-139; Team Six, 105-143; Team Four, 81-167.

MENS MAJOR

RESULTS - O'Daniel Trucking over Walker L.P. Gas, 6-2; Hull's Ranches over Parks Agency, 8-0; Mason Roofing over B.B.B.S., 6-2; Fred's Contracting over Bob Brock Ford, 6-2; Hagen TV Repair over Rocky's, 6-2; Trio Fuels over B.S.I., 6-2; Fina Engineers tied Parks C.C., 4-4; Team Fifteen over Team Sixteen, 8-0; hi sc game and series, Ray Kennedy, 247 and Emmitt Barte II, 666; hi sc team game and series, Parks Agency, 998 and 2909; hi hdp game and series, Russell Parks, 276 and Emmitt Barte II, 762; hi hdp team game and series, Trio Fuels, 1141 and Hull's Ranches, 3311.

PINPOPPERS

RESULTS - Guy's Restaurant over Dixie Chicks, 6-2; Kuykendall over Petty Farms, 6-2; A & B Farms over Federal Oil, 6-2; Alley Cats tied VW, 4-4; 10 over Health Food Store, 6-2; hi sc game and series, Kathrine Smith, 188 and Bernadine Seely, 505; hi sc team game and series, VW, 628 and 1781; hi hdp game and series, Kathrine Smith, 234 and Betty Daily, 614; hi hdp team game and series, A & B Farms, 811 and VW, 2276.

STANDINGS - VW, 155-93; A & B Farms, 142-106; 10, 141-107; Health Food Store, 140-108; Guy's Restaurant, 133-115; Kuykendall, 128-120; Petty Farms, 120-128; Alley Cats, 101-147; Federal Oil, 92-156; Dixie Chicks, 88-160.

Breaking up is hard to do with boyfriend's parents

DEAR ABBY: For the last seven months, I was involved in a serious relationship with "Rocky." I became close with his parents as well. I baked cookies with his mother, watched television with his father and was considered part of the family.



Abigail Van Buren
Columnist

Rocky and I began having difficulties. In the middle of one of our "breakups," his mother called me and told me how much she missed me. Even considering

our young ages (16 and 17), she confessed she had hoped to see us marry one day. Her concern for my well-being touched me and I was grateful for her attention.

My relationship with Rocky has finally ended. It was my decision because I think he has a lot of growing up to do, and I don't see myself in his immediate future. But I miss the bond I had with Rocky's parents. Am I expected to remain friends with them, or do I now ignore their existence? I would appreciate any advice you can give me. — C.F. IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR C.F.: You may find that as time passes, you will not be so eager to spend time with Rocky's parents. However, in the meantime, there is nothing to prevent you from maintaining a friendship with them if everyone is comfortable with the arrangement. Ask them how they feel about staying in touch with you.

DEAR ABBY: Why aren't you more honest with your readers and tell them why so many men are nervous about marriage? It's because the price of marriage is simply too high for most men. The majority lose 50 percent of their assets and 100

percent of their children when they divorce. They are the ones who pay child support. They are the ones who pay alimony. Men are the defendants in 70 percent of divorce cases and are blamed for most of the problems in a relationship.

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For the sake of readers, please publish my letter. — WISER IN WISCONSIN

DEAR WISER: Anyone who considers marriage a "foolhardy commitment" should stay single. Most people enter into marriage thinking it will work, and when it doesn't the fault is rarely one-sided.

DEAR ABBY: I recently came across a book my beloved late wife had stored away. It is called "Tell Me a Story," written by the late actor Charles Laughton. The book contains 60 short pieces which he read aloud to audiences for many years. The next day I read your column on the response to the grassroots literacy project Rolling Readers. How fitting!

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8 PM	Sabrina-Witch Step by Step	Millennium (CC) (80895)	Rough Guide (CC) (93383)	Rescue 911	Cold Case (CC) (57825)	Sabrina-Witch Step by Step	Dateline (CC) (93741)	Major League Baseball: Atlanta Braves at Colorado Rockies	A Traves del Video	Kids of the Round Table	SuperTruck 125 & (45638352)	(3354128) Movie: Days of Thunder	Outer Limits: The Legacy Movie: The	Quarley (CC) (458296)	Praise the Lord (CC) (61708)	Princess (909383)	Adventures: 20th Century	Spurs Inside-NBA	Jays at Texas Rangers	Quarterfinal Game 2	Story (CC) (378499)	
9 PM	20/20 (CC) (2673)	Star Trek Voyager	Rough Guide (CC) (13147)	700 Club (260031)	Nash Bridges (CC) (77789)	20/20 (CC) (37789)	Homicide: Life on the Street	Rockies (CC) (139944)	P. Impacto Noticiero Uni	(9483012) (35) Real	Dallas (122128)	Misery (24509302)	The Legacy Movie: The	Quarley (CC) (458296)	Praise the Lord (CC) (61708)	Princess (909383)	Adventures: 20th Century	Spurs Inside-NBA	Jays at Texas Rangers	Quarterfinal Game 2	Story (CC) (378499)	
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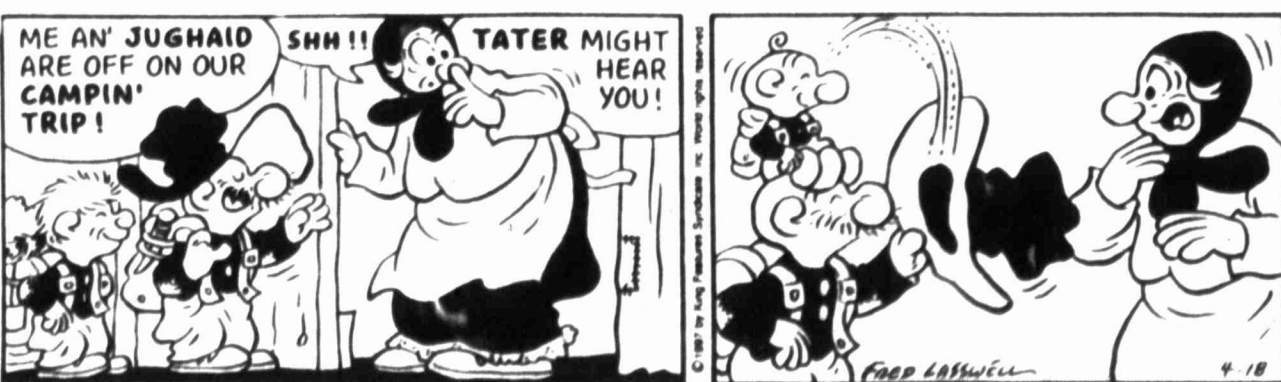
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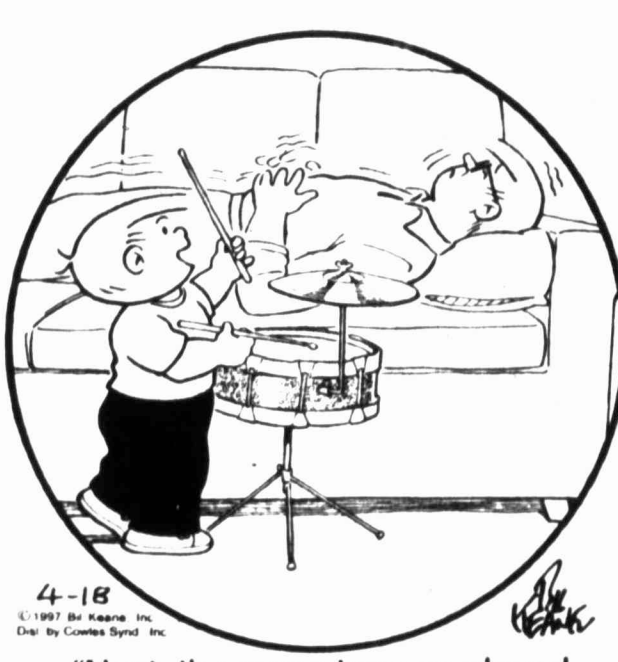
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THIS DATE
IN HISTORY

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Today is Friday, April 18, the 108th day of 1997. There are 257

days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On April 18, 1775, Paul Revere began his famous ride from Charlestown to Lexington, Mass., warning American colonists that the British were coming.

On this date: In 1906, a devastating earth-

quake struck San Francisco, followed by raging fires. About 700 people died.

In 1921, Junior Achievement, created to encourage business skills in young people, was incorporated.

In 1942, an air squadron from the USS Hornet led by Lt. Col. James H. Doolittle raided Tokyo and other Japanese cities.

In 1945, famed American war correspondent Ernie Pyle, 44, was killed by Japanese gunfire on the Pacific island of Ie Shima, off Okinawa.

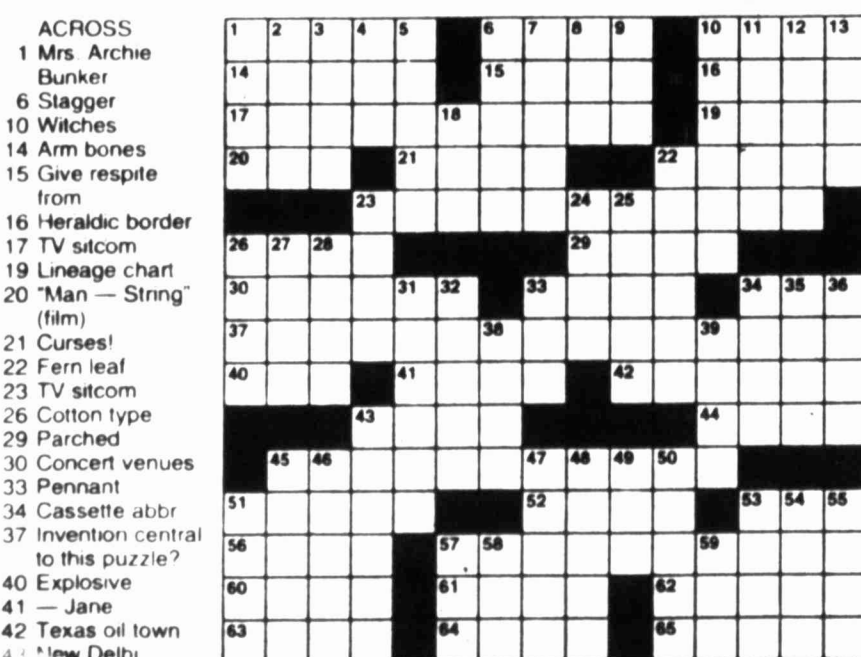
In 1946, the League of Nations went out of business.

In 1949, the Irish republic was proclaimed.

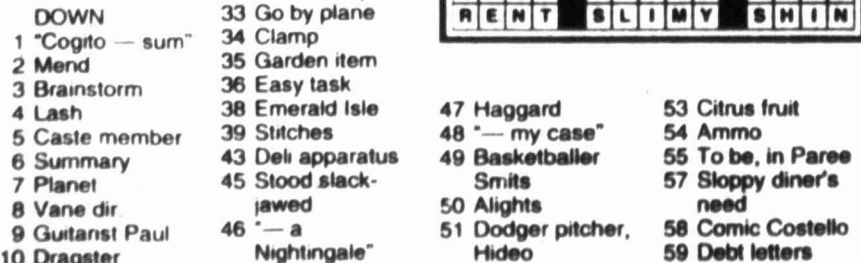
In 1955, physicist Albert Einstein died in Princeton, N.J.

In 1956, actress Grace Kelly married Prince Rainier of Monaco in a civil ceremony. (A church wedding took place the next day.)

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