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BSSH will stage volunteer awards lunch Wednesday

Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council Annual Awards Luncheon will be held Wednesday.

The luncheon will begin at noon in the Big Spring State Hospital Allred Building for all Big Spring State Hospital volunteers. More than 150 people are expected to attend. State Rep. David Counts will be the guest speaker.

Pins will be presented to 26 volunteers who have worked a certain number of hours in their lifetime. During the luncheon, the Jack Y. Smith Award will be presented to a volunteer who has demonstrated exemplary service.

In addition, two Texas Department of Mental Health Mental Retardation "Star Awards" also will be presented to two volunteers who have provided outstanding service and contributed to a special project.

Businesses alerted to questionable solicitations

Crossroads Area residents are receiving what are known as "look alike" solicitations and the Better Business Bureau of the Permian Basin wants citizens to be sure and read them closely.

The latest edition is from a company called "Yellow Pages Company" of Orange County, Calif.

Though the company uses a telephone as part of its logo, close scrutiny of the solicitation indicates it is for the Internet. In fact, on the back, it reads: "Yellow Pages, Inc. is an independent publisher not affiliated with any telephone company."

"Most of the soliciting firms of this nature publish a directory of sorts, but the value and circulation of these publications may be questionable," said Dick Rowland, president of the Better Business Bureau of the Permian Basin.

WHAT'S UP...

WEDNESDAY

Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room.

Senior Circle Big Spring Mail walkers meet 9:15 a.m. in front of movie theater box office.

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SWCIDfest to celebrate institute's 20th anniversary this week

By GINA GARZA
Staff Writer

SWCIDfest 2000 is planned for Thursday through Sunday with many activities scheduled. Former and current students of South West Collegiate Institute for the Deaf (SWCID)



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are encouraged to attend.

"We are all excited about this and we believe it's a great opportunity to bring alumni and former professors and staff together to see our progress out here," said Ron Brasel, SWCID Provost.

Thursday will feature tours of the campus and residence halls, as well as the Student Union Building/Multipurpose Center tour from 9:20 to 11:30 a.m. Speakers are also planned. From 5 to 6 p.m. there will be a pizza party in the Student

Union Building and entertainment by SWCID students in the Multipurpose Center from 6:15 to 9 p.m.

On Friday, there will be a ribbon cutting at 3 p.m. for the Multipurpose Center and at 3:30 p.m., an opening ceremony. Dinner will be at East Fourth Street Baptist Church from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

A special theater production Friday night is planned with deaf comedienne C.J. Jones in the city auditorium from 7 to 9 p.m., and a rock music concert

breaks in the new Activity Center from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., featuring the talents of a former SWCID student Shawn Dale Barnett, who founded his self-named band.

On Saturday, at 9 a.m., there will be a softball tournament at the SWCID Softball Field, located on the east side. From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. there will be SWCIDfest Booth Fair, white elephant sale and the silent auction as well as fun day for the kids. Bowling will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Bowl-A-

Rama and then a barbecue dinner from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Finally, there will be a dance from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center and closing ceremonies take place from 11 p.m. to midnight.

"We have included such a variety of activities that we are sure there will be something special for everyone. We've scheduled a white elephant sale,

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Some 25 late books were returned to the Howard County Library Monday, according to Vickie Sanchez, circulation clerk. During this amnesty week, the library will not charge a late fee for returned overdue books. The amnesty will last until Saturday at 1 p.m.

Sheriff's office to get new phone system

By GINA GARZA
Staff Writer

The Howard County Sheriff's Office was approved to get a new phone system by the Howard County Commissioners Court on Monday.

Commissioners also rescinded the county-wide outdoor ban on burning, citing significant recent rainfall.

The court had previously asked two companies, Southwestern Bell and ATS Telcom, to make a presentation concerning a phone system for the sheriff's office.

Southwestern Bell made a bid of about \$18,000 with voice mail and \$14,344 without. ATS Telcom had bid \$7,520 without voice mail and a total of \$9,970

with. Commissioners approved ATS with voice mail. The system will include eight outside lines and 32 stations with a one-year warranty on parts and labor.

Commissioners also approved a resolution for the West Texas Narcotics Enforcement Task Force. The agreement states Howard and Ector Counties will file a joint grant application with the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor for the State of Texas for funding in the amount of \$1,493,355 for the Narcotics Task Force. Howard and Ector counties have agreed to contribute a \$205,736 in matching funds. Howard County's portion will be \$20,736. The agreement begins June 1 and goes through May 31, 2001.

In other business, the Howard County Tax Office was approved for four computers and three printers. Gateway made a bid of \$6,524 for the computers and software, and Insight made a bid of \$5,568 for the printers. Both were accepted Monday.

The court approved the sale of the old jail pickup and the purchase of another one for the county agent's office. The agent's office will in turn give its current pickup to the sheriff's office. The bid went to Darrell Dudley for \$4,350.

David Goff, of Copeland — a deferred compensation provider — made a presentation to the commissioners. The court made a resolution to allow county

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City council

Personnel policies, grant for McMahon/Wrinkle Airpark among tonight's agenda items

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

Personnel policy amendments are among the topics Big Spring City Council is expected to address during a meeting set for 5:30 p.m. today.

Other items on the lengthy agenda deal with a grant pertaining to improvements at McMahon/Wrinkle Airpark, council elections, annexation, home-stead exemptions and delinquent taxes.

Council members will be considering a more stringent personnel policy in dealing with worker's compensation. City officials had come to the council with a change in the policy two weeks ago, noting there is no defined limit to how long an employee can get full salary while out with an injury. The revised policy would give employees up to 90 days, and then they would go on worker's comp. Also, if the employee is still on worker's comp after six months, they would be terminated.

However, council members



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tabled the revised policy, noting that they might want to see other changes.

"The council at our last meeting felt like it (the revised policy) was still too lenient. So they are going to look at it again tonight and see if they want to make further changes," said Emma Bogard, assistant city manager.

Under new business, the council is expected to request a \$750,000 grant with the Texas Department of Transportation for improvements to the runway lighting system at the Airpark. If approved, the city's portion of the grant would be \$75,000.

The upcoming council election, set for May 6, has two seats up which are uncontested, and the council is expected to declare District 2 councilman Oscar Garcia and District 4 councilman Tommy Tune as elected to office. The city will have to hold an election to determine the District 6 seat because incumbent Greg Biddison is behind challenged by Tom Guess, Judy Robertson and Brenda Weatherby Davis.

Also on tap is a bid for completing renovations at the Municipal Auditorium — specifically, a new lighting and

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118th District Court jury seated, begins hearing double murder case

HERALD Staff Report

A 10-woman, 3-man jury was selected Monday in the trial of a Big Spring man accused of murdering two individuals last summer.

The 12-person jury — there is one alternate — began hearing testimony today in 118th District Court in the trial Michael Eugene Schubert.

Schubert is accused in the June 18, 1999, shooting deaths of Francisco Xavier Navarro, 21, and Antonia Miguel Armijo, 20. The bodies were discovered outside Schubert's

home after neighbors called the police shortly after 3 a.m. to report shots had been fired.

An autopsy indicated the men had more than twice the league limit of blood alcohol content in their bodies.

Schubert was indicted on Aug. 4 and has been free on \$75,000 bond.

Attorney Robert Miller is defending Schubert. The case is being prosecuted by District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson.

If found guilty, Schubert faces from five to 99 years or life in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000, or both.

Benchmark insurance homeowners rate drops 6.6 percent statewide

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

Some Big Spring homeowners could find a slight drop in their insurance rates, following a move by the Texas Insurance Commissioner on Monday.

"In this, my first benchmark ruling since becoming commissioner last year, I am pleased to announce even further decreases," said Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor.

Statewide, the rate was cut by an average of 6.6 percent. The benchmark, which insurance companies use to set their rates, was cut at a slightly higher rate than the 6 percent that had been predicted.

Exactly how it will impact local homeowners is not yet clear. There are several factors that come into play. First of all, insurance companies are allowed to set their rates from 30 percent above to 30 percent below the benchmark. However,

noted Montemayor, lowering the benchmark normally results in an insurance rate decrease.

Secondly, the rates affect only rate-regulated companies. Currently, they represent only about 11 percent of the residential property insurance market

across the state.

According to information from the Texas Department of Insurance, Big Spring residents who are impacted by the drop could see rates drop \$30 to \$40 a year. The statistics are based on \$80,000 in coverage, a \$250

deductible, \$32,000 contents coverage, \$25,000 personal liability and \$500 medical.

Rates are broken down into brick veneer homes and frame homes. According to the Texas Department of Insurance, rates on the above-mentioned insur-

ance plan for a frame home in Big Spring would drop from \$1,297 to \$1,258. Rates on a brick veneer home would drop from \$1,081 to \$1,048.

The new benchmark rates will

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INSURANCE RATES AT A GLANCE

The following is based on a homeowner policy (dough by 95 percent of policyholders), \$80,000 in coverage, a \$250 deductible, \$32,000 contents coverage, \$25,000 personal liability and \$500 medical.

BRICK VENEER			FRAME HOUSE		
Cities	Current Benchmark	New Benchmark	Cities	Current Benchmark	New Benchmark
Big Spring	\$1,081	\$1,048	Big Spring	\$1,297	\$1,258
Fort Stockton, Pecos	\$561	\$565	Fort Stockton, Pecos	\$673	\$677
Midland	\$1,009	\$978	Midland	\$1,214	\$1,178
Odessa	\$1,030	\$997	Odessa	\$1,236	\$1,197
San Angelo	\$1,030	\$997	San Angelo	\$1,236	\$1,197
Sweetwater	\$1,081	\$1,048	Sweetwater	\$1,297	\$1,258
Abilene	\$691	\$696	Abilene	\$833	\$837
Lubbock	\$732	\$745	Lubbock	\$881	\$898
Plainview	\$747	\$761	Plainview	\$897	\$914
Amarillo	\$928	\$845	Amarillo	\$1,113	\$1,012

Source: The Associated Press

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OBITUARIES

Hubert Henley

Service for Hubert A. Henley, 76, Lubbock, will be 2 p.m., Wednesday, April 12, 2000, in Sanders Memorial Chapel. Officiating will be the Rev. Dr. Michael Passmore, pastor of First Christian Church. Burial will be in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park.

Mr. Henley died on Monday, April 10, in Heritage Oaks Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

He was born on Jan. 3, 1924, in Hermeligh and graduated from Hermeligh High School.

He was a veteran of World War II. He married Martha Lou Holmes on July 2, 1949, in Snyder. She preceded him in death on April 13, 1991. He was a charter member of Oakwood Baptist Church. He retired in 1985 from Rainbow Bakery.

Survivors include: a son, Jim Henley of Lubbock; a daughter, Lynette Carpenter of Lubbock; a brother, Jesse Henley of Abilene; two sisters, Venita Joy Courtney of Midland and Delma Dallefeld of Big Spring; and seven grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Sanders Funeral Home, Lubbock.

Doyle Robinson

Service for Doyle Robinson, 66, Odessa, formerly of Big Spring, was 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 11, 2000, at Temple Baptist Church Chapel with the Rev. Randy Unruh officiating. Burial was in Sunset Memorial Gardens, Odessa.

Mr. Robinson died on Saturday, April 8, at Medical Center Hospital.

He was born Sept. 27, 1933, in Big Spring. He married Clara Dolflo on March 21, 1957, in Seminole. He served in the U. S. Army and retired from Rowan Drilling Co. after 37 years of service. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include: his wife, Clara Robinson of Odessa; two sons, Brad Robinson of Dripping Springs and C.W. Tolliver of Odessa; four daughters, Phoebe McDowell, Deanie Kennedy, Kay Kendall and Jo Gray, all of Odessa; two sisters, Goldie Fair of Garner, N.C., and Melba Sandinge of Nikolski, Alaska; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Arrangements are under the direction of Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home Inc.

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sound system.

"We requested some funding from Dora Roberts Foundation and they granted that request," said Bogard. "Finishing the lighting and sound will really finish that project off."

The bid that came in is a little higher than grant, so the council will have to determine if we just want to do a portion of that project, or if we can come up with enough money to fund it."

In other business, the council will consider annexing two tracts of land - one, 3.739 acres and the other, 3.824 acres - of the Highland Hills Subdivision.

On first reading, the council will consider an ordinance providing for an additional 15 percent penalty to defray costs of collecting delinquent taxes.

In other business the council

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will consider:

- approval of a proposed budget for the county tax assessor-collector,
- intervention by the city in the TXU Electric transmission and distribution rate case,
- an agreement with the Men's Church Softball League,
- granting a partial residence homestead exemption for the tax year 2000.

An executive session to discuss hiring a city attorney will also be held.

Council members were to have met in a work session on Monday night. That session had to be scrapped when a discrepancy was discovered in the posting of the open meeting.

COUNTY

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employees a choice in deciding where to put their money. The county employees presently have only one choice - Nationwide.

Eddy Jameson, of the Texas Department of Transportation, reported that most of the county roads were in good shape considering the amount of rain received several weeks ago. He also proposed a seal-coating project for Howard College, but the commissioners denied the project.

Jameson also made a recommendation to make a plan to budget money to fix the Old Gail Highway ditch which has caused flooding in one residence's yard.

WHAT'S UP

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□ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park.

□ Eagles Lodge Ladies, Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third.

THURSDAY

□ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. U42060, Hermans, 7 a.m.

□ Big Spring Senior Citizens Center Art Classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older.

□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Christmas in April, Board of Directors, noon, Lions Bingo Building.

□ Friends of the Library, noon, Howard County Library.

□ American Legion Auxiliary, 7 p.m.

□ Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

FRIDAY

□ Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

□ The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

□ AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Restaurant.

□ College Park Church of God, 5 p.m. until 8, chicken-fried steak dinner, meal includes chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes with cream gravy, vegetable, dessert and dinner roll, adults \$5, children 12 and under \$3. Order taken on Friday from 1 until 8 p.m., call 267-8593. To place orders prior to Friday, call 267-2975. Free delivery.

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Revival
Is Coming
April 16-21
7:00 PM
David Bank - Evangelist
Mike & Karen Anderson - Music

□ Third Annual Master the Mountain, 9 a.m., Scenic Mountain, \$10 event fee includes entry into the State Park and a free T-shirt of the event. Event includes a 5K and 10K run and a 5K walk races. Races are challenging due to steep terrain at the park. For reservations, call Ron Alton, Park Manager at 263-4931 or Laurie Phillips at 263-1211. Reservations are not required but recommended.

□ Big Spring Shriners meeting, 6:30 p.m. for meal and meeting to follow.

□ Eagles Lodge Pot Luck Supper, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third.

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

□ Big Spring Squares call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

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take effect June 15. Companies must file new rates within 30 days.

Montemayor said the benchmark rate decreased in 19 of the 23 residential property rating territories in Texas.

The biggest cuts were in 16 counties south of Fort Worth, 14 percent; Galveston County, 12 percent; and Tarrant County, 11 percent.

The largest increase was 2.1 percent for the sprawling, 29-county rating territory that runs south of Amarillo to north of Big Spring in Northwest Texas, including Lubbock.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

SWCID

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a silent auction, bowling and a softball tournament." Beverly Buchanan, dean of student services, said. "The funds for the white elephant sale and silent auction will be used to benefit student scholarships at SWCID."

On Sunday there will be a pancake fellowship in the student union building from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and then a Sunday service in the auditorium from 10 a.m. to noon.

"It's a busy time and we're a team and worked together to make this an exciting weekend for everyone," said Brasel. "It's going to be a full, fun weekend and we've been planning this for a long time and expect to see a good turnout."

SUPPORT GROUPS

TUESDAY
•Support for MS and Related Diseases, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Canterbury South. Public invited. Call Leslie, 267-1069.

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.

•Compassionate Friends support group for parents who have experienced death of a child, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday in February, April, June, August, October and December in the Family Life Center Building, First Baptist Church, 705 West Marcy. Enter by southeast door. Call 267-2769.

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AROUND THE TOWN

Dr. Ronald Meyer, D.Min., LCDC, LMFT, specializing in individual and marriage counseling, Attention Deficit Disorder and chemical dependency, available for clients in Midland. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

•Big Spring Christian Home Educators meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 1:30 p.m. at the Family Life Center at First Baptist Church. Recreation is available for the kids and networking for the parents. For more information, contact Suzanne Haney at 263-7147.

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

BRIEFS

COAHOMA'S 22ND ANNUAL KINDERGARTEN STICK HORSE RODEO, April 18, at 9 a.m., in the Coahoma Elementary Gym. Everyone is welcome.

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

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

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

Races include a 5K and 10K run and a 5K walk, and are challenging due to steep terrain at the park. Participants enjoy running on the park road which follows the edge of a 200 foot bluff at the Northern limit of the Edwards Plateau.

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

PLANS ARE IN THE WORKS for the annual dog show sponsored by the Big Spring Kennel Club. The event is set for April 29-30 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Judging will begin Saturday morning, and spectators are always welcome to attend. There is no admission fee.

There will also be opportunity to talk with dog breeders and owners, exhibitors and vendors.

THE PERMIAN BASIN AREA Foundation announced that applications for the Marie Hall Scholarships are available for distribution to students in the following counties: Andrews, Borden, Crane, Dawson, Ector, Gaines, Garza, Glasscock, Howard, Kent, Loving, Lynn, Martin, Midland, Mitchell, Scurry, Sterling, Ward and Winkler.

Scholarship awards, ranging generally from \$250 to \$1,500 per semester, are available to students of any academic pursuit. Recipients of the scholarship must attend one of the fol-

TEXAS LOTTERY

Pick 3: 3,5,7

Cash 5: 6,10,11,15,30

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

lowing colleges or universities: Angelo State University in San Angelo, Howard College in Big Spring, Midland College, Odessa College, Sul Ross University in Lubbock, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Midland, Odessa or Lubbock and University of Texas of the Permian Basin in Odessa.

Applicants may request an application by contacting the financial aid office of one of the above educational institutions. Completed applications are to be returned to the financial aid offices by May 31.

55 ALIVE/DEFENSIVE DRIVING class, taught by state certified instructors, is a two day course of four hours each session. You must attend both days to receive a certificate which will be accepted by most insurance companies for a reduction in the premiums for a three year period.

The cost is \$10 per person. It will be at the Senior Citizen Center, Industrial Park, May 8 and 9 from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. Call 267-1628 to preregister for the class.

MARKETS

May cotton 55.50, down 49 points; May crude 24.15, up 30 points; cash hogs \$2 higher at 46 even; slaughter steers steady at 71 even; April lean hog futures 66.42, up 35 points; April live cattle futures 72.70, up 35 points. courtesy: Delta Corporation.

Other markets not available at press time.

CORRECTION

According to Justice of the Peace Bennie Green's office, Johnny Deleon should not have been included on the April bad check list.

FIRE/EMS

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

MONDAY
2:19 a.m. - VA Medical Center, transfer to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

9:00 a.m. - 500 block W. Eighth, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

10:14 p.m. - 300 block NE Seventh, grass fire, extinguished by responding units.

1:25 p.m. - 1700 block Lancaster, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

10:58 a.m. - SMMC, transfer to Lubbock Covenant.

11:58 a.m. - 3400 block E. 11th, trash fire, extinguished.

2:17 p.m. - 400 block Hillside, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

4:34 p.m. - 3200 block Swords, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

6:21 p.m. - SMMC, medical call, transfer to Lubbock Lakeside.

10:58 p.m. - 1100 block East 12th, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

11:25 p.m. - 1800 block W. I-20, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

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POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Monday through 8 a.m. today:

•**EDWIN DEAN**, 1306 Lamar, was arrested on a charge of violation of protective order.

•**CHAD CAMP**, 33, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

•**WILLIAM BUDLONG**, 43, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

•**JOSE MARTINEZ**, 21, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

•**MANUEL BETANCOURT**, 21, of 611 Lark, was arrested on a charge of no driver's license.

•**KIMBERLY MOORE**, 36, of 2406 Merrily, was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass.

•**LARRY DEAN**, 52, no address given, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

•**THEFT** was reported in the 400 block of Birdwell, in the 200 block of W. Marcy, in the 300 block of Owens.

•**ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON** was reported in the 400 block of E. 4th.

•**CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 500 block of Birdwell and in the 1300 block of Snyder Highway.

•**BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 2000 block of Johnson.

•**CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 500 block of Birdwell.

•**CRIMINAL MISCHIEF TO A VEHICLE** was reported in the 2400 block of W. 16th and in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King.

•**BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1400 block of 6th St. and in the 2300 block of Cindy.

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SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activities between noon Saturday through 8 a.m. today:

•**JAMES CURTIS HAYES**, 37, of 602 Holbrook, was arrested on charge of assault causing bodily injury.

•**DAVID JUAREZ**, 23, was arrested on charges of unlawful carry of a weapon, driving while license suspended, and carry of prohibitive weapon.

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Aetna legal settlement prohibits fines on doctors who exceed budgets

DALLAS (AP) — A legal settlement with Aetna U.S. Healthcare, described as a landmark in the industry, prohibits rewarding or penalizing doctors over whether they limit patients' health care.

Texas Attorney General John Cornyn and Aetna today were to announce the settlement that could become a model for other health maintenance organizations.

"The bottom line is this settlement places medical decision-making in the hands of doctors and their patients, and Texans can rest assured that doctors won't be penalized for elevating patient needs above HMOs," Cornyn said.

He said in a draft of a letter to state lawmakers that Aetna has agreed to settle the lawsuit and take steps that will end any financial incentives to limit needed care to HMO members.

Cornyn's predecessor, Dan Morales, sued Aetna and five other HMOs last year, accusing them of illegally compensating doctors who limited patients' medical care and penalizing those who didn't.

Aetna, under the settlement, is prohibited from fining doctors who exceed medical budgets or giving them bonuses for staying within limits.

The state's largest HMO also will

have to report if doctors' groups in its plan do give financial incentives, under the agreement.

The settlement was expected to quickly become a role model in other states, said Rocky Wilcox, chief counsel of the Texas Medical Association.

"It'll get all over the country real fast," said Wilcox.

The settlement contains no finding of fault, fines or penalties. And Aetna denies any wrongdoing in the agreement that ends its involvement in the 1998 lawsuit.

Morales had sought to fine Aetna \$10,000 per violation for offering financial incentives for the medical care

that physicians provide their patients. "A lot of what is embodied in the agreement is not new business practices," Arthur Leibowitz, Aetna's chief medical officer, said. "This is partially the attorney general's desire to solicit other plans to fit within this business model."

Cornyn said he would use the agreement as a model. If the other HMOs named in the lawsuit do not agree to the terms, the attorney general said, he will try them in Travis County state district court.

The HMOs are Humana Health Plans of Texas, PacificCare of Texas, NYLCare Health Plans of the

Southwest and NYLCare Health Plans of the Gulf Coast.

Aetna said it decided to settle the lawsuit and accept state regulatory oversight because it will help restore the public's trust in managed care, said David Simon, the company's chief legal counselor.

The company has 960,000 Texans in its HMO and 2.4 million members enrolled in all of its health-care programs.

"We felt like if we could achieve this landmark settlement with Aetna, then Aetna's competitors would then know this would set the standard for them as well," said Cornyn.

House declares American GI person of the 20th century

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House on Monday declared the American GI the "person of the century," saying American soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines had led the struggle for freedom and democracy from World War I to the NATO efforts in Kosovo.

The resolution, introduced by Rep. Robin Hayes, R-N.C., passed 397-0.

"It's more than fitting that the Congress of the United

States recognize our nation's men and women in uniform for their contributions," said Rep. Ike Skelton of Missouri, top Democrat on the Armed Service Committee. "The American GI changed the course of world history in helping defeat fascism and communism."

"There's not a region of the world whose people have not benefited from the presence of the American GIs in the 20th

century," said Rep. Mike Thompson, D-Calif.

Thompson, who served in the Army during the Vietnam War, also sponsored a resolution, passed 399-0, honoring members of the Armed Forces and federal civilians who served in Vietnam during America's 1961-1975 involvement in the conflict.

The resolution, marking the 25th anniversary of America's withdrawal from Vietnam,

urges the nation to recognize the service and sacrifice of the 3 million American military personnel who were stationed in Southeast Asia.

This recognition is needed, said Rep. Steven Kuykendall, R-Calif., a Marine during the Vietnam war, because "our veterans became an easy target for those who questioned our participation in Vietnam and as a country we turned our back on them."

Ramseys say detective is 'inexperienced moron'

DENVER (AP) — JonBenet Ramsey's parents lashed out at a former police detective who investigated their daughter's slaying, saying his theory that the mother killed the girl in a fit of rage is "a disgrace."

John and Patsy Ramsey called former investigator Steve Thomas "an inexperienced moron" in a Denver Post interview published today. It was the Ramseys' first public response to Thomas' new book, "JonBenet: Inside the Ramsey Murder Investigation."

Thomas is the first person officially connected to the case to write about it in detail, and the first to name a suspect.

According to published summaries of the book, Thomas theorizes that Patsy Ramsey accidentally killed JonBenet because of bed-wetting, and then wrote a ransom note to make the death look like a botched kidnapping.

Thomas claims John Ramsey knew his wife was involved when he read the ransom note but immediately began covering for her.

"It's so insane it would be laughable if it weren't so tragic," John Ramsey said during an interview at his suburban Atlanta home.

He said he would not have covered up for his wife.

"Your love for your child is unconditional. Your love for your spouse is conditional; you murder my child, I don't love you anymore," he said.

JonBenet was found beaten and strangled in the basement of her family's upscale Boulder home on Dec. 26, 1996. John Ramsey found his daughter's body several hours after Patsy Ramsey called police and said she found the ransom note demanding money for JonBenet's safe return.

Thomas wrote that he thought it was strange the Ramseys never asked exactly how JonBenet died.

The couple said if Thomas had children of his own, he would not have found it so odd. "I don't ever really want to know those details," Patsy Ramsey said.

John Ramsey was less charitable. "That's the word of an inexperienced moron without children," he said.

Thomas has accused prosecutors and police of bungling the investigation, but the Ramseys blamed Thomas for detectives' failure to arrest anyone.

Thomas is "one of the single biggest reasons this whole investigation failed," John Ramsey said.

Thomas quit the Boulder Police Department in 1998, accusing District Attorney Alex Hunter of kowtowing to the Ramseys and saying police weren't aggressive enough.

Hunter has denounced Thomas for "pecking at the bones of a poor little dead girl" for money and for publicly discussing an ongoing investigation.

Gas tax rollback one of many tax issues before Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Senate vote on whether to temporarily roll back federal gas taxes is among many issues Republicans are raising in this week's income tax finale on Capitol Hill to shine a spotlight for voters on the GOP's tax cut and tax reform priorities.

The GOP-led Congress traditionally uses the week before the annual income tax filing deadline for tax votes, anti-tax rallies and committee hearings on issues both substantive and symbolic. This year's deadline is midnight April 17, because April 15 is a Saturday.

First up was the Senate vote scheduled today on a bill sponsored by Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., to roll back 4.3 cents of the federal gas tax for the rest of the year and suspend the entire 18.4-cent tax if average prices exceed \$2 a gallon. Lott needs 60 votes to end debate on the bill and move toward final passage.

Republican backers say the measure is a modest but important response to spiraling gas

prices, but it also serves a political purpose as a way to criticize Vice President Al Gore, the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee, who cast a tie-breaking vote in the Senate in 1993 to approve the 4.3-cent tax increase.

"When you're a blue-collar worker, a few dollars more a week in the price of gas does make a difference," Lott said Monday. "Maybe prices will come down and maybe stay down. But I'm concerned they could go back up."

In a nonbinding test vote last week, 66 senators voted against Lott's rollback, primarily out of the fear that it would take \$6 billion a year out of highway, bridge and mass transit projects. Lott insists the money would be replaced from the budget surplus, but Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota said the bill is unlikely to pass.

Lott, Daschle said, has indicated that he's not really looking for a victory. He just wanted to have a debate.

Later today, the House was expected easily to pass bipartisan legislation intended to improve protection of tax information against computer hackers, give taxpayers several new rights in dealings with the Internal Revenue Service and enact new breaks on IRS penalties and interest.

Other tax highlights on tap in Congress this week:

—Votes in the Senate on legislation cutting income taxes by \$248 billion over 10 years for millions of married couples, including the 25 million who now pay more than they would if single. The bill also would ensure that taxpayers could claim personal credits such as the \$500-a-child tax credit permanently without running up against the complex alternative minimum tax.

—Symbolic House votes on a measure that would scrap the tax code after five years and a proposed constitutional amendment requiring a two-thirds vote of Congress to enact most tax increases. Another planned

vote would put the House on record against the package of tax increases in President Clinton's fiscal 2001 budget, including a 25-cent cigarette tax increase.

—Three days of hearings at the House Ways and Means Committee on alternatives to the income tax, including a flat tax and a national sales tax. The panel's chairman, Texas Republican Bill Archer, has long advocated scrapping the income tax but is retiring this year without making the change.

—Consideration of the Senate Commerce Committee of a bill to extend by five years a moratorium on new Internet taxes, sponsored by the panel's chairman, Arizona Republican John McCain.

A federal commission chaired by Gov. Jim Glimmer, R-Va., also will formally present its majority report that recommends the extension as well as repeal of the 3 percent telephone tax and a permanent ban on Internet access taxes.

Lockheed prepared for long strike

FORT WORTH (AP) — With machinists walking picket lines outside, Lockheed Martin planned to resume some production work today on its mile-long assembly line with salaried, non-striking workers.

Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Co. officials say they expect to deliver four F-16 fighter jets on time this month, regardless of how long the nearly 2,500 hourly wage-earning machinists remain on strike.

"Obviously, it would not be honest to say that the strike is having no impact at all," said Joe Stout, the company's spokesman. "But we don't think we will have any problem making scheduled deliveries for April, even if the strike went on."

Things are less certain after that, especially with no new contract talks scheduled.

Leaders of Local 776 of the International Association of Machinists say the walkout could be lengthy. The union's strike began at 12:01 a.m. Monday after its three-year contract expired.

Union president Pat Lane said the company's proposal included a 10 percent pay raise over three years and made changes in insurance benefits but didn't address the union's concerns about job security, cost-of-living adjustments and equality with plants doing the same work.

"We are trying to stop the bleeding primarily, and the

company's offer puts us farther behind after three years than we currently are," Lane said.

"If the company wants to get right and get fair, we can settle this today," he said. "If they don't, I'm predicting that it is going to be a fairly long strike. It could go into months."

Lane said only five union members crossed the picket line and reported to work Monday.

The plant, which has about 11,000 employees overall, is Lockheed's primary manufacturer of F-16 fighter jets.

Stout said that during negotiations, the company did a survey of salaried employees to determine skills that would be useful in production. About 200 to 300 had such skills and some will report to the assembly line today.

In addition to its work on the F-16, the Fort Worth operation

is the only Lockheed plant that produces part of the fuselage for the F-22 fighter and parts for the Japanese F-2 fighter.

Lockheed has made several major sales during the past two years, most notably 80 planes to the United Arab Emirates, 50 each to Israel and Greece, and 24 to Egypt. It is a finalist for several other contracts, including sales to Norway and Chile.

Pierre Chao, an analyst for Credit Suisse First Boston, said the impact of the strike depends on how long it lasts.

"If it lasts only three to four weeks they should be able to get back on track in relatively short order. You shouldn't see it show up in numbers," Chao said.

The walkout is the third in the history of the 59-year-old plant. Strikes also occurred in 1946 and 1984.

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EDITORIAL

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."
—FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

Congratulations on 20 exciting years, SWCID!

A special event is coming up this week as the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf stages SWCIDfest — a get-together held each five years. This one is even more exciting, however, because it will mark SWCID's 20th anniversary.

Activities will be going on Thursday through Sunday, both at SWCID and other locations around Big Spring. Tours will highlight activities for the general public on Thursday, following opening remarks at 9 a.m.

On Friday, a ribbon cutting for the institute's new \$900,000 Activity Center will be held, followed by special ceremonies. Comedienne C.J. Jones will bring out the smiles that night in the Municipal Auditorium. Later in the evening, former SWCID student Shawn Dale Barnett will have everyone rocking to music at the Multipurpose Center.

On Saturday, activities will be going on all day, beginning with a softball tournament east of the campus and a booth fair, white elephant sale and silent auction in the Multipurpose Center. A dance will be held at Dora Roberts Community Center, followed by a closing ceremony and awards.

That doesn't end the activities, however. A pancake fellowship will be held in the Student Union Building Sunday morning, followed by worship services.

Bowling, social times, a pizza party and other activities have been scheduled as well.

SWCID has invited former students from across the country back to Big Spring to see how the campus is growing. Many SWCIDfest events are also open to the general public — in particular, the tours and ceremony for the Activity Center.

We congratulate SWCID on its 20th anniversary and extend a welcome to all those attending SWCIDfest 2000.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

In a matter of public interest, since April is "Child Abuse Prevention" month, I feel this letter will be of great interest to much of the public.

Nearly a year ago a young mother had set a goal to try to make a home for herself and her 9-year-old son who had previously resided with his grandparents. But sadly, after several months, all her efforts failed.

At the time, the little boy's grandparents were driving a truck cross-country. So instead of tracking them down and pulling them off their job, she turned to the social system for help, at which time the 9-year-old boy was placed in foster care in the Big Spring area.

As soon as the grandparents found this out (about a month later), they gave up their trucking job, got a regular job and rented a two-bedroom home in the Big Spring area and started making plans to bring their grandson back home since he had lived with them for eight years prior to this.

The grandparents did everything the system advised them to do, followed all the rules. They've had their private lives invaded by social workers, had computer checks run on them and came up "squeaky clean."

These people are good, clean, quiet, church-going citizens. They cause no trouble, have never been in trouble. Their idea of fun is to go to the truck stop and have coffee with their friends or to have a "cook out" at home with all their children and grandchildren.

They've expressed many

times how much they love this little boy who is now 10 and wish to have him back in their home. The little boy has told everybody he just wants to go back home to "Nanny and Papa." He says "that's where I'm happy."

Now, after several months of planning and after three painful court hearings the system says "No", that the state is going to put the little boy up for adoption!

Their reason is because three of the grandparents' five children have been in trouble with the law, incidents which took place after they were grown.

The system even commented that the little boy will probably have to undergo extra therapy for six months or more due to grieving over the detachment from his family, and he already has ADHD.

Last week, this little 10-year-old boy asked me, "Nanny, why don't they care about my feelings — why won't they just let me come back 'home' to you and Papa? That's where I belong."

You see, I am this little boy's grandmother. To me, this is the worst kind of abuse that can be inflicted on a child. When a child has lived a happy, safe life for nearly eight years with his grandparents and has expressed that that's the only place he has ever wanted to be, then that is where he belongs.

There's never been any abuse in this home — just a lot of love. It worked before and it could work again if they'd just let our boy come home. They should listen to the child!

LOYDUN MINCE
BIG SPRING

The British interview went downhill fast

"This is Michael at the BBC in London," purred the voice on the telephone.

"London?" I said, rather stupidly, as if I'd never heard of such a town, or didn't know that trans-Atlantic phone calls were possible.

Understand, I come from a long line of folks who never "traveled abroad," though some were "sent overseas." There's a huge difference.

It's still a big deal to me to venture outside my own region, or to talk to someone on a different continent. I recently paid the government \$10 just to keep my old passport as proof that I have done so.

So, when the BBC called out of the blue from London, I stammered and repeated myself a lot.

"London?" I said. "In England?"

Now, I make it strict policy never to accept invitations to do broadcast interviews. Not that I'm in great demand and it's a daily decision.

But the death of Charles Schulz has meant renewed

interest in my 1989 biography of the cartoonist. Until the BBC called, I'd sweetly, but firmly, refused all but a few print interviews.

For I have seen myself on TV, and, believe me, nobody's reminded of Katie Couric. I look ancient, Gloria Swanson in "Sunset Boulevard," and I sound like Smurfette on helium.

The British Broadcasting Corp., however, has always been my idea of a first-class media outlet. The reporters all come off as extraordinarily smart; even the street subjects they round up at random sound brilliant.

Nobody answers a BBC reporter's questions with monosyllabic mutters. They are expansive and erudite. Every last bloke who sidles up to the mike speaks in clear, complete sentences.

(You can understand why big-time executives in this country often hire assistants from England. First impressions are everything, and a secretary or receptionist who speaks the King's English in a British accent lends instant class to the joint.)

Anyway, I agreed to discuss the book in a radio interview. Next thing I knew I was sitting alone before a microphone in an Atlanta public radio station, wearing headsets and talking with a "presenter" named Steve in London. Michael, the producer, had set it up.

"Rheta? Rheta? Are you

there?" Steve said. Except when he said my name, it sounded different and exotic, like the name of a storybook princess with organdy drawers.

It sounded like this:

"Ray-tuh? Ray-tuh? Are you there, love?"

"This is Ray-tuh," I said, instant ape.

I'm not sure exactly what happened to me. The strangest words began to tumble out of my mouth. I spoke in an accent part Scarlett O'Hara, part Dame Maggie Smith. I instantly adopted his British way of talking, as if I were scared of Steve and the world wouldn't understand me otherwise.

I said "keen" three times before we'd gotten started good, as in, "Mister Schulz wasn't keen on doing a book." I have no idea where that came from. I have never said such a weird thing before.

I worried that at any moment I'd start going on about lifts and lorries and ironmongers. I tried to slow down, to think about my answers before my lips moved. It didn't work.

"And so," smooth Steve said, "Charles Schulz was, then, an extremely private individual?"

That's when I said it. I used the word I hate above all others, the most useless, overused, pretentious word there is.

"Indeed," I answered. Only one way it could have been worse. I might have said, "Forsooth."

I never recovered after that.

The hoity-toity "indeed" hung there in that bare little studio room like a chandelier in a chicken coop.

It reverberated through the headset, and I couldn't even hear the rest of the questions, much less frame intelligent answers.

"Indeed," I moaned to myself.

"Oh, no." I might just as well have said one of the "V" words I've scorned in the past — viable, vis-a-vis, veritable, virtually. Those trendy, empty, fancy-pants "V" words that are only in the dictionary to keep "U" and "W" from bumping. Maybe it's not, after all, the fault of all those silly TV people who punctuate every sentence with "Indeed." Maybe anyone will lapse into British-speak whenever she wants to sound informed and intelligent. Maybe it's only natural. But it sure doesn't sound right in an American accent. Especially mine.

On the other end, across the waves, Steve and Michael whispered between themselves for a brief while about more questions, but I was too rattled to eavesdrop. I wanted to bolt from the room, hide in the restroom and rinse my mouth out with Coca-Cola. I sat and stewed.

"I think that should just about do it," Steve finally said.

"It was fine. A very lively interview. Thank you very much, Ray-tuh."

A lively interview. Fancy that.

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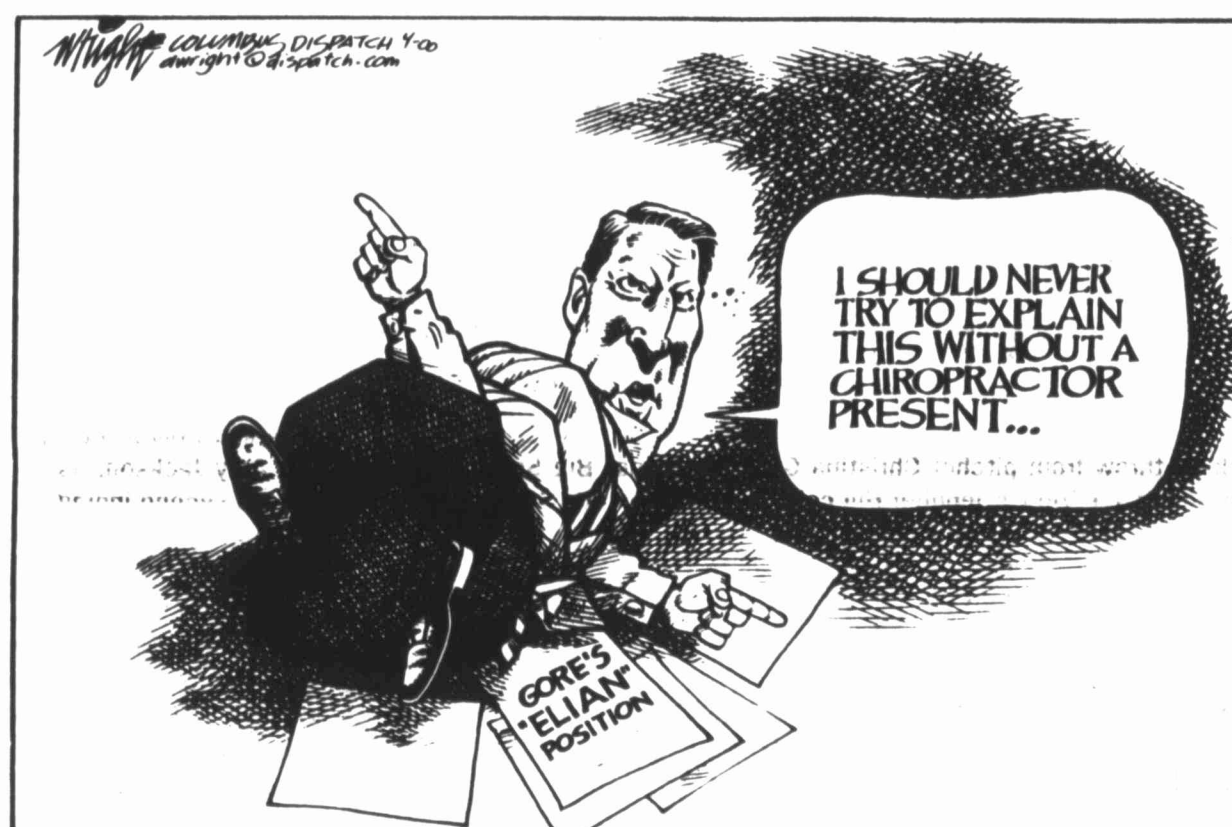
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Antitrust laws make no sense in Microsoft case

I'm trying to figure out how Microsoft hurt me. I'm a consumer, and U.S. District Judge Thomas P. Jackson says that Microsoft is a monopoly and that its practices harmed consumers.

I must have been asleep. I do recall that, when I bought my first computer, I had a choice between an IBM clone, using a Microsoft operating system, or an Apple, using an Apple operating system. There might have been others, for all I know, but how can consumers who have a choice between competing operating systems be harmed by one of them? And how can Microsoft be a monopoly when it has competitors?

At any rate, I chose the clone system and have used MSDOS and the subsequent Windows

operating systems. I'm happy with them. They do pretty much what they say they do, and the cost is reasonable.

But aha, says the judge. Microsoft "unlawfully" linked its Web browser to Windows. Well, so what? What's unlawful about packaging software programs? Maybe the judge doesn't realize that lots of software companies do that. The last time I bought Quicken, it included Netscape, one of Microsoft's competitors.

I might agree with the judge if Microsoft had designed its Windows to work only with Microsoft software. It didn't, though. Any software works on it. In fact, that was one of the original selling points: More software worked on the Microsoft system on IBM clones than worked on the Apple system.

Despite all that, the good judge is certain that if Microsoft had not succeeded so well in pleasing its customers, an untold number of other wondrous programs would have appeared. That is, as they say, very problematic. It is pure speculation, without any

foundation in fact.

And that's the trouble with the antitrust laws. They have strong elements of fiction in them, they are used very selectively, and they never make sense. The old-fashioned definition of a monopoly is a business that has 100 percent of the market and, as a result, gouges its customers. That has never been the case with Microsoft. It has never controlled 100 percent of the market, and it has never gouged its customers.

As for Microsoft being a fierce competitor, hey, I'm a Coca-Cola kid. My dad worked most of his life for the soft-drink giant, and it was and is rabidly competitive, and, no doubt, if possible, Coca-Cola would grind its competitors into the dust.

So how is an American entrepreneur who develops a good product, markets it successfully and is fiercely competitive to know when he or she is breaking the law? I suggest the entrepreneur will know only when he or she fails to contribute enough money to the right politicians and gets attacked by his or her own

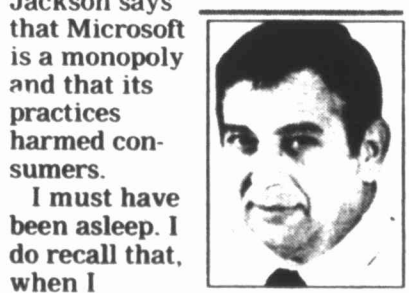
government.

America desperately needs more Bill Gateses and fewer Janet Renos and that gaggle of cheap, political hacks who are state attorneys general, trying to get in on the kill.

Gates has created thousands of jobs, made tremendous innovations in his chosen field, made hundreds of honest millionaires, contributed a fortune to his chosen charities — and done it all without costing the taxpayers a red cent.

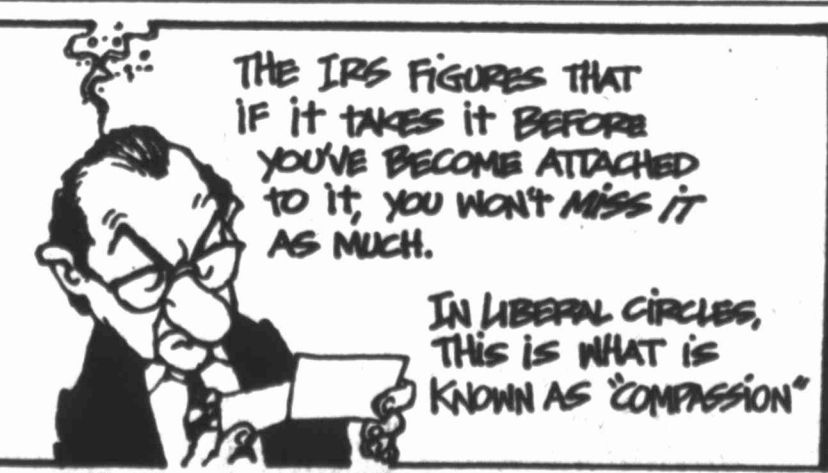
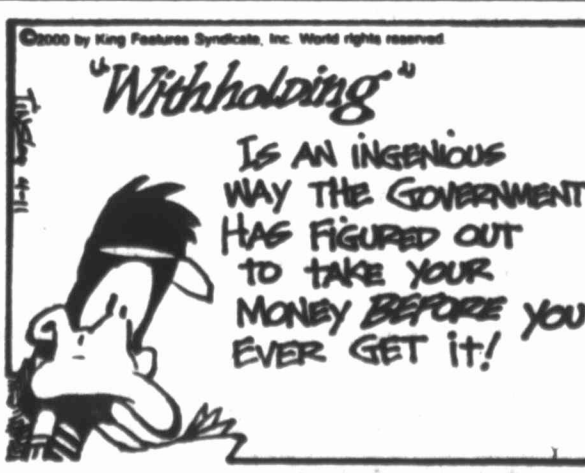
And what has Janet Reno done? Well, let's see. Oh, yes, she oversaw the destruction of a group of religious people in Waco, Texas. There are not many military snipers who can claim as many kills as Reno. Otherwise, her contribution to America is just about bloody zilch.

If the politicians are really interested in monopolies, I suggest they look at the shrinking defense industry, aircraft industry and the media-entertainment industry. Americans can choose among three computer-operating systems, but most of them are stuck with one daily newspaper.



CHARLEY REESE

Mallard Fillmore
by
BRUCE TINSLEY



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Stewart wins ba

at Region III co

Stephanie Stewart, member of the Big Spring Sidewinders gymnastics team, posted a 9.7 score on uneven parallel bars Saturday at the Gymnastics Regional Championships in Hurst.

A toe injury that McEwen feared would keep her from competing did create several events, but concern on her disbar.

While Stewart failed in any of the events — balance beam and floor exercise — she scored enough to overall and qualify for a straight trip to the Junior Olympics Championships in Lansing, Mich.

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IN BRIEF

Stewart wins bars event
at Region III competition

Stephanie Stewart, a member of the Big Spring YMCA Sidewinders gymnastics team, posted a 9.7 score to win the uneven parallel bars competition Saturday at the USA Gymnastics Region III championships in Hurst.

A toe injury that coach Russ McEwen feared would keep Stewart from competing at the meet did create problems in several events, but was only a concern on her dismount from the bars.

While Stewart failed to place in any of the other three events — balance beam, vault and floor exercise — she scored enough to finish sixth overall and qualify for a fifth straight trip to the AAU Junior Olympics Gymnastics Championships set for May 7 in Lansing, Mich.

Bulldogettes continuing
roll through 2-2A play

Coahoma's Bulldogettes head into today's District 2-2A game with Winters' Lady Blizzards after just a couple of days rest from a three-game weekend swing that saw league wins over both Wall and Miles on Friday and a Saturday extra-innings affair in Hobbs, N.M.

Both Friday games were 5-inning, run-ruling wins, as the Bulldogettes posted a 10-0 win over Miles behind a no-hit pitching performance by Kenny Kay Buchanan.

The Bulldogettes then traveled to Wall and rolled to a 17-3 win over the Lady Hawks, as Amber Bingham threw a four-hitter and outfielder Brandi Hart drove in seven runs with a double, triple and grand slam home run.

On Saturday, both Buchanan and Bingham were needed to face Hobbs, as Courtney Kemper and Karen Sterling joined Buchanan and Bingham with a pair of hits apiece.

The game-winning run came on a Hobbs throwing error in the top of the eighth inning.

4-H shooting sports
practice begins Saturday

Howard County 4-H shooting sports will have its first trap and skeet practice at 9 a.m. Saturday in Knott.

The practice session is open to all youngsters between the ages of 9 and 18.

For more information, call Van Gaskins at 353-4598 or Larry Romine at 353-4893.

Men's slowpitch softball
league now being formed

Plans are currently under way to create a 12-team men's slowpitch softball league in Big Spring this summer.

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5 p.m. — Winters Lady Blizzards at Coahoma Bulldogettes.

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7 p.m. — San Antonio Spurs at Sacramento Kings, TNT, Ch. 28.

7:30 p.m. — Portland Trail Blazers at Dallas Mavericks, FXS, Ch. 29.

Inclement weather has Yankees delaying home opener again

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Yankees had an extra day to reflect on the news that cancer has hit their team again.

Anticipating bad weather, the Yankees postponed their home opener Monday, 18 hours before the game was scheduled to be played.

With rain and possibly some snow expected today, the game against the Texas Rangers was rescheduled for Wednesday.

A year ago, manager Joe Torre was recovering from prostate cancer surgery and missed opening day. Today, pitching coach Mel Stottlemyre will begin treatment for multiple myeloma, cancer of the bone marrow.

David Cone has New York's home opener pitching assignment for the fourth straight year, facing Darren Oliver and the Texas Rangers. But, for-

give the Yankees if they're a bit distracted after Stottlemyre's announcement of his condition on Sunday.

Multiple myeloma is a type of cancer formed by malignant plasma cells. When normal plasma cells are produced at an abnormal rate, they can cause tumors, anemia and fatigue. Roger Neilson, coach of the NHL Philadelphia Flyers, is currently undergoing treatment for the same disease.

Stottlemyre, 58, was diagnosed a year ago but doctors decided treatment was not necessary at that time.

"This is the treatment that was discussed when I was originally diagnosed," he said. "Now is the time to attack this thing."

The pitching coach, whose 11-year-old son, Jason, died from leukemia in 1981, tried to stay optimistic.

"They have mentioned the word 'cure'

to me," he said. "That's encouraging. This is a disease there's not a lot known about. My prognosis is good. I can't say much more than that. It is a cancer, and that's the ugly thing about it; that's the word everybody hates to hear."

It was the third time the Yankees have had to deal with that diagnosis during their run of two straight World Series triumphs and three over four years.

Before Torre was stricken, slugger Darryl Strawberry underwent colon cancer surgery in October, 1998. Hall of Famers Joe DiMaggio and Catfish Hunter died last year and three players, Paul O'Neill, Scott Brosius and Luis Sojo, lost their fathers during the season.

"It makes you think Yankee Stadium is cursed," pitcher Jeff Nelson said.

Texas may be beginning to think so. The Rangers have dropped nine straight postseason games to the Yankees, who

will be raising their 25th World Series banner.

"Yankee Stadium is always a tough place to play," Texas manager Johnny Oates said. "Celebrating another world championship ... this will be the first time being exposed to something like this for a lot of our players."

Pitcher Rick Helling, in his seventh season, has never seen anything like it.

"I don't know what I'll be thinking," he said. "It'll be neat to watch. That stadium has a ton of history as it is. This just adds to it."

Nobody does pomp and circumstance better than the Yankees, perhaps because they have so much experience with it. Hall of Famer Yogi Berra will throw out the first pitch and old heroes Reggie Jackson, Phil Rizzuto and Don Larsen will participate in pregame ceremonies.



A pick-off throw from pitcher Christina Gwynn gets past Big Spring third baseman Amy Jackson, as San Angelo Lake View's Jennifer Hill collides with the Lady Steers infielder during the second inning of Friday's District 5-4A softball game. Hill scored the Maidens' only run of the game on the play, as the Lady Steers rolled to a 7-1 win. Today the Lady Steers head to Snyder for a 5 p.m. showdown for sole possession of first place in the 5-4A standings.

McGwire homers
in 35th ballpark,
as Astros fall, 8-7

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mark McGwire has a chance to set a different kind of home-run record this year.

The single-season record holder with 70 two years ago, McGwire is still 230 short of Hank Aaron's career record. But he can set a record for major league ballparks homered in.

After homering Monday night in the St. Louis Cardinals' 8-7 win over the Houston Astros at Enron Field, McGwire had connected in 35 big league ballparks.

That's one short of the record held by Tampa Bay's Fred McGriff, and McGwire has visits to the two ballparks that were to open today — Pacific Bell Park in San Francisco and Comerica Park in Detroit.

McGriff goes to Detroit this weekend, but the Devil Rays don't play at San Francisco.

McGriff didn't want to talk about his homer, saying "too many other guys on this team had great games tonight."

That's because Edgar Renteria and Ray Lankford hit consecutive homers off Jose Lima (1-1), and J.D. Drew also homered. In Enron Field's fourth game, the teams combined for eight home runs, two more than the previous record for a major league game in Houston.

"In my opinion, this is a beautiful field, but it's worse than Coors Field for pitchers," Lima said. "You can see the smiles on the hitters' faces when they come up to the plate. A lot of those home runs, in other major league stadiums would be routine fly balls."

In other National League games, Colorado beat Cincinnati 7-5, Milwaukee edged Florida 4-3, Chicago defeated Atlanta 4-3, Arizona beat San Diego 8-4 and Philadelphia defeated New York 9-7.

In the only American League games, California blanked Toronto 6-0, Kansas City beat Minnesota 6-5 and Cleveland defeated Oakland 9-4.

Daryle Ward had his first career multihomer game for Houston, and Craig Biggio and Richard Hidalgo also homered.

Before 36,234, about 6,000 short of capacity, Jim Edmonds went 4-for-4 for the Cardinals, matching his career high for hits.

"It's a hitter's park. What can

you say?" Edmonds said. "I got some pitches to hit today and they fell in. This is a great team. With this lineup, you'll see some pitches. It's a good win, but we've got 150-something left."

Pat Hentgen (2-0) allowed three runs and four hits in six innings, and Dave Veres got three outs for his second save.

Rockies 7, Reds 5

At Coors Field, Ken Griffey Jr. became the youngest player to hit 400 career homers. At 30 years, 141 days, Griffey beat the previous mark, set by Foxx, who was 30 years, 248 days old.

Mike Lansing and Todd Helton hit two-run homers in the home opener for the Rockies, who have just 10 players remaining on the roster from last year's opener. Rolando Arrojo (1-0) pitched six innings, becoming the first Rockies starter to win this season.

Steve Parris (0-2) lost and Stan Belinda got the final out for his first save.

Brewers 4, Marlins 3

Geoff Jenkins homered and Milwaukee's bullpen had another strong outing in County Stadium's second final opener.

A crowd of 53,509 braved game-time temperatures in the 40s and biting winds. Miller Park, rapidly approaching completion 100 feet behind the current field, will open in 2001, a year behind schedule following a crane accident last July 14 that killed three iron workers.

Jimmy Haynes (2-0) allowed three runs — two earned — and seven hits in six innings, and Bob Wickman pitched the ninth for his second save.

Cubs 4, Braves 3

Shane Andrews hit a game-tying three-run homer off Kerry Ligtenberg (0-1) in the ninth inning of the Wrigley Field opener and pinch-hitter Jeff Reed singled in Damon Buford.

Mark Guthrie (1-1) got the victory in Don Baylor's debut as Cubs manager at Wrigley. Andres Galarraga hit his fourth homer, and Chipper Jones also connected.

Diamondbacks 8, Padres 4

Erubiel Durazo hit two home runs, including a three-run shot, and Jay Bell, Steve Finley and Kelly Stinnett also connected to match the club record of five.

Bucks narrow gap for final playoff spot
to one game with 104-87 win over Magic

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Milwaukee Bucks gained the tiebreaker edge against the Orlando Magic, and a serious dose of confidence.

Ray Allen hit the baskets and Sam Cassell provided the bravado Monday night as the Bucks played an unusually physical style and handled the Magic 104-87 to pull within one game of eighth-place Orlando in the Eastern Conference standings.

Cassell, who guaranteed the Bucks would win, loudly goaded the Magic all game on a night when shoves, stares and technical fouls were in abundance.

"It was something that we had to do," said Cassell, who had 18 points and eight assists. "It wasn't a bold statement that I made. I was just saying that we can't have any slip-ups now."

Allen scored 33 points on a string of jumpers.

"Tonight we just came out hitting," Allen said. "We know the hype that has been around Orlando, and we wanted people to take notice of us."

Milwaukee (38-39) has won all three games against Orlando (39-38) this season, and they square off again next Monday at Orlando.

The Magic shot just 35 percent from the field.

Tempers flared repeatedly. Cassell and referee Bennett Salvatore engaged in a shouting match, and both coaches worked the officials aggressively.

John Amaechi and Ervin Johnson exchanged angry words in the third quarter, as did Ben Wallace and Scott Williams. Cassell, Williams and Tim Thomas, who shoved Pat Garrity after the two tangled under the basket, all received technical fouls.

It wasn't the only NBA game Monday with referees in the spotlight.

In New York, Patrick Ewing redirected Larry Johnson's off-target 3-pointer into the basket with 21.7 seconds left on a play officials later admitted should have been ruled offensive goaltending as the Knicks beat the Eastern Conference-leading Indiana Pacers 83-81.

"I screwed the play up," lead official Joey Crawford said. "We just watched it. The tape doesn't lie."

And Minnesota's 102-100 victory over Detroit featured 60 fouls, three foul-outs, five technicals, one ejection — and a

blocked free throw, of all things.

Elsewhere Monday, Philadelphia beat Miami 96-80, Toronto downed Cleveland 112-103, Charlotte edged Washington 107-105, Portland held off Utah 90-86, the Los Angeles Lakers got past Seattle 106-103 in overtime, and Boston beat Atlanta 99-94.

At Milwaukee, the contentious atmosphere seemed to bring out the best in the Bucks, who shot 54 percent in the first half and had seven players with at least seven points.

"They have the tiebreaker now, but we're still in good shape," Garrity said. "Now is not the time to panic."

Orlando closes the season with games against Boston, New Jersey, Miami and Toronto in addition to the meeting with Milwaukee.

The Bucks play Cleveland, Charlotte and have two games with Washington.

Knicks 83, Pacers 81

After the Johnson-Ewing 3-pointer, Indiana's Reggie Miller tied it 81-81 on two foul shots with 15.7 seconds left. Ewing then hit a fadeaway with two seconds left to win it.

Griffey youngest to hit 400 homers in Major League history

DENVER (AP) — Ken Griffey Jr. has a way of giving inexpensive, but meaningful birthday presents to his father.

Eleven years ago on his father's birthday, Griffey hit his first major league home run. On Monday, he helped celebrate his father's 50th birthday with another homer, a historic 400th.

The Cincinnati Reds star became the youngest player in history to hit 400, doing it at 30 years and 141 days, beating Jimmie Foxx, who was 30 years, 248 days old when he did it.

In the fourth inning at Coors Field, Griffey sent a 2-0 pitch from Colorado's Rolando Arrojo into the left-field seats. It was his second homer of the season and second in as many days.

He was cheered by the Coors Field crowd as he rounded the bases, then was

high-fived by teammates and hugged by his father, Reds coach Ken Griffey Sr., in the dugout.

In all, it marked the fourth time Griffey homered on his father's birthday.

Griffey is now fifth on Major League Baseball's career homer list among active players, trailing Mark McGwire (525), Barry Bonds (447), Jose Canseco (431) and Cal Ripken Jr. (403).

"I haven't really had a chance to think about it," Griffey said of No. 400.

"The biggest thing is, I tell my dad it's a cheap way of not buying him a gift on his birthday. So he'll get this ball. My mom got 399, and he's got 400."

"But it's on his birthday, so it's a special moment for both of us, especially that I can do it in front of him. I don't

think I started smiling until I got to the dugout and looked at all the guys sitting there waiting for me to come in. That was pretty special."

Asked where his 400th homer puts him in baseball history, Griffey said, "I don't know. Over my last 12 years of playing baseball, I think the No. 1 thing is that I played with my father. I got to call him a teammate. He got to take me out to lunch and things like that."

Reflecting on his career, Griffey said, "I started when I was 19, which is not normal in this time and age. And I've stayed pretty healthy and somewhat consistent over the years and that helps. But I don't really think about the numbers. I just think about helping the ballclub. If I hit a home run, I hit a home run."

"The only numbers I really want to see

are the ones in the win column."

During lengthy postgame interviews, Griffey yelled to his son, "Hurry up, I don't want you to be late for my birthday."

Griffey's homer was caught by Rockies season ticket holder Jay Wissot, who attended the game with his wife, Alyn Park, of Denver.

They requested an autographed hat, glove and warmup top, all of which they promised to donate to charity.

They also requested a \$1,000 donation be made in the name of Junior's mother, Alberta, to the Conflict Center of Denver.

"This is like the fourth glove I've lost this year," Griffey said. "I'll have to call and have a glove sent in. It was my game glove."

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By virtue of a separate and distinct Writ of Execution issued out of the Justice Court of Howard County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said Court on March 19, 1992, in favor of BILL POLLARD and against LONNIE OR PHYLLIS PITTS, in the case of BILL POLLARD vs. LONNIE OR PHYLLIS PITTS. No. 870 in said Court, and by virtue of a separate and distinct Writ of Execution issued out of the County Court at Law of Tom Green County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said Court on April 21, 1992, in favor of NATHAN JEWELLERS, INC. vs. LONNIE D. PITTS. No. 14049 in said Court.

The undersigned do on the 07 day of April, 2000, at 3:48 o'clock p.m. levy upon the following described real estate lying and being situated in Howard County, Texas, as the property of said LONNIE D. PITTS:

Three (3) acres out of Section 43, Block 31, T-1-N, as more completely described in a Memorandum filed of record at Volume 671, Page 589 in the Deeds Records of Howard County, Texas.

160 acres in the NW/4 Section 11, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, as described in an instrument filed of record in the Deeds Records of Howard County, Texas at Volume 686, Page 702.

You are further notified that on the 2nd day of May, 2000, being the first Tuesday of said month, beginning at 10:00 a.m. on said day, at the courthouse door of said county, all the right, title and interest of said LONNIE D. PITTS in and to the above described property will be offered for sale and sold at public auction, for cash.

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Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$484.28, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against BERNICE COATES, ET AL as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the 23 day of FEBRUARY, 2000, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL vs. BERNICE COATES, ET AL for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas. 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is T-90-02-94495.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of the delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, including interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law thereon, may set up their tax claims against said property, and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 8th day of May, 2000 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, the 24 day of March, A.D. 2000. 2699 April 11 & 18, 2000

CANCER (June 21-July 22) *** Your finances need to be studied. Take charge, deal with another and find out more about what is happening at work. Ask questions; sign up for a class using new technology. Make meetings. Schedule in a leisurely lunch if you can. Tonight: Order in.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** Friends have strong opinions, and you are going to hear them! Keep communication flowing. Negotiate what you want, knowing full well what that is. Your intuition is right on. Try to organize your thoughts. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) *** Your finances need to be studied. Take charge, deal with another and find out more about what is happening at work. Ask questions; sign up for a class using new technology. Make meetings. Schedule in a leisurely lunch if you can. Tonight: Pay bills.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** Use your charisma and energy. Zoom in on and clear out problems with bosses, associates and close ties. Others seem unusually responsive to your efforts. Listen to a friend's message. Good news surrounds long-distance communication. Tonight: Another is only too happy to help you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** Take your time when making a decision. Another might not see eye to eye with you. Feel free to make needed moves. Discuss a problem. One-

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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) *** Others find you inspired and ready to approach life in a different, more productive manner. You have a lot of irons in the fire. Though you are clear, another might not be. Keep talking flowing. Brainstorm. Know where you are heading. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *** Listen carefully, as a partner does when you speak. Family plays a big role in your decisions. Your mind could be working overtime. Quiet your inner thoughts. Take a walk. A family member chimes in with yet another point of view. Tonight: Order in.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** Friends have strong opinions, and you are going to hear them! Keep communication flowing. Negotiate what you want, knowing full well what that is. Your intuition is right on. Try to organize your thoughts. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) *** Your finances need to be studied. Take charge, deal with another and find out more about what is happening at work. Ask questions; sign up for a class using new technology. Make meetings. Schedule in a leisurely lunch if you can. Tonight: Pay bills.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** Use your charisma and energy. Zoom in on and clear out problems with bosses, associates and close ties. Others seem unusually responsive to your efforts. Listen to a friend's message. Good news surrounds long-distance communication. Tonight: Another is only too happy to help you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** Take your time when making a decision. Another might not see eye to eye with you. Feel free to make needed moves. Discuss a problem. One-

DEAR ABBY: The letter about nurses and doctors not washing their hands before touching a patient is so true. I got a severe cut on my hand, which required a trip to the emergency room. I was placed in a cubicle next to another patient, with only a drape in between. The doctor examined the person next to me and I heard him say, "Boy! That's some rash you have."

I said, "Would you please wash your hands before you touch me?" He did. Abby, why did I have to tell him?

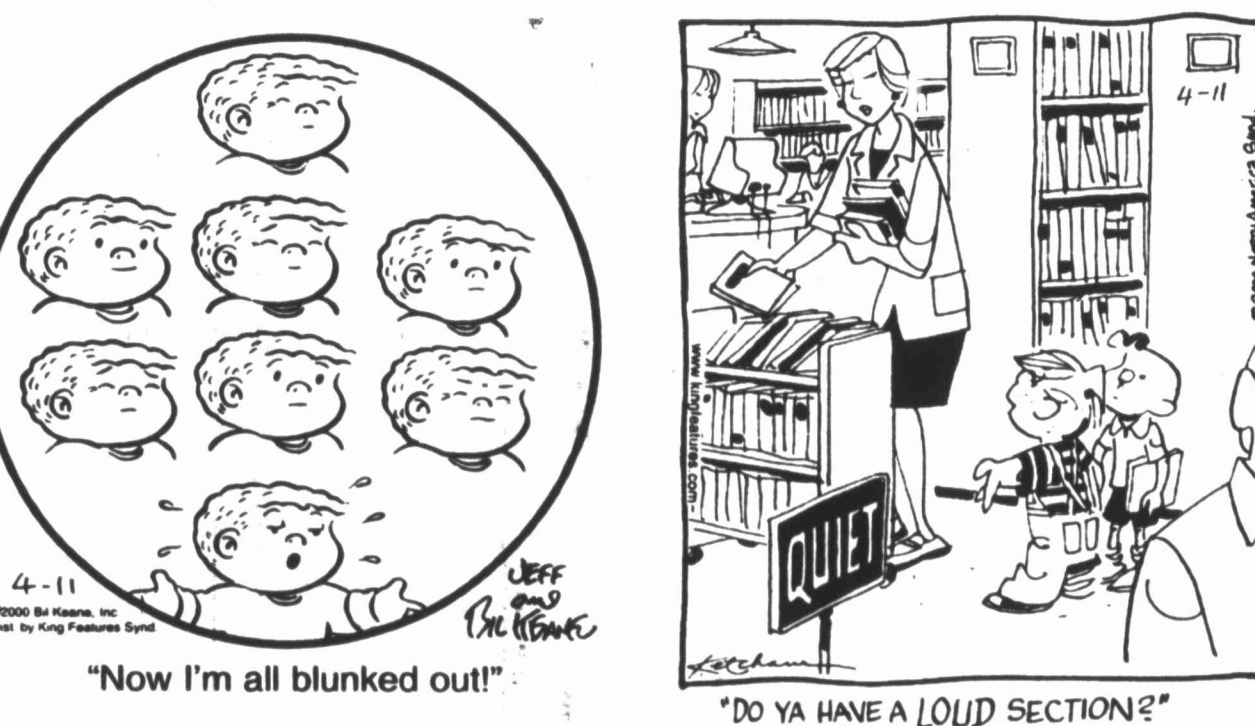
Thank you for the article. I hope everyone reads it - especially doctors and hospital personnel. - MADELINE IN NEWARK, N.J.

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8	PM Dharma-Greg Talk to Me	Family of Five (CC)	American President	Milk Carton **	60 Minutes II (CC)	Dharma-Greg Talk to Me	Will & Grace Just Shoot Me	Josey Wales	Tres Mujeres	(105) Copz and Robber-	Manitou Country (CC)	Movie: The Inheritors	Movie: The	Movie: The	**	L.A. Detectives - Inside Story	New Detectives	Ionio Spans at Sacramento	Idiotard Trail Dog Sled	Xena: Warrior Princess	Movie: For the Love of	Operation
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10	PM News (CC) Nightline	Jerry Springer (CC)	News-Leher (CC)	700 Club (CC)	News (35) Late	News (CC) Nightline	News (35) Tonight	Movie: Mad Love Beyond	P. Impacto Labor Union	and Steps Movie: Videos	Matt Houston (CC)	Sins of Devils	(45) Movie: Sopranos (CC)	News Life in Words	Law & Order (CC)	On the Inside	Movie: Friends Cowboy	Movie: Urban Cowboy	Walker, Texas Ranger (CC)	Potenzist: The 13th Year	Golden Girls	Trauma: Life in the ER
11	PM Politically Inc. (38) Meany	Newsradio (CC)	India: Land of the Tiger	Who's Boss? Partridge	SBC (CC) (37) Late	Ent. Tonight Politically Inc.	7:30 Late	Thunder-	Wagner a Univ.	Zoro (CC) Mickey Mouse	Outdoor World (CC) Synapse	(10) Movie: Gods and Sins: Slaught	Dennis Miller (CC)	Dwayne Sheriff Chalk	Biography (CC)	New Detectives	**	**	Ranger (CC)	Fri. the Legacy Series	Designing Despairing	Operation
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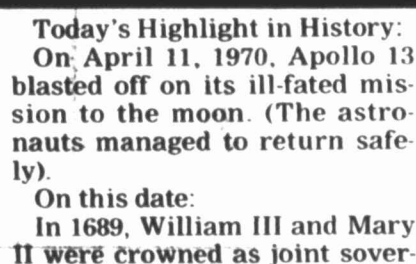
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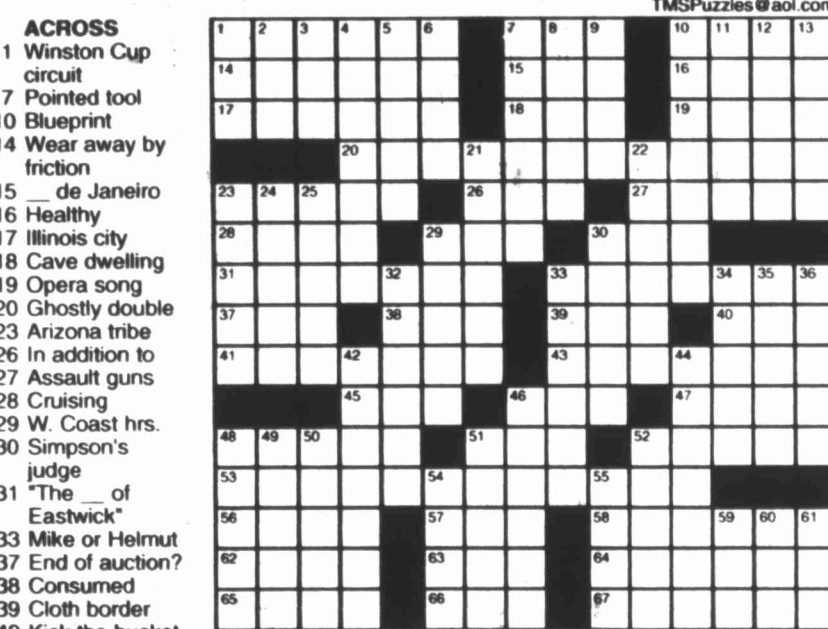
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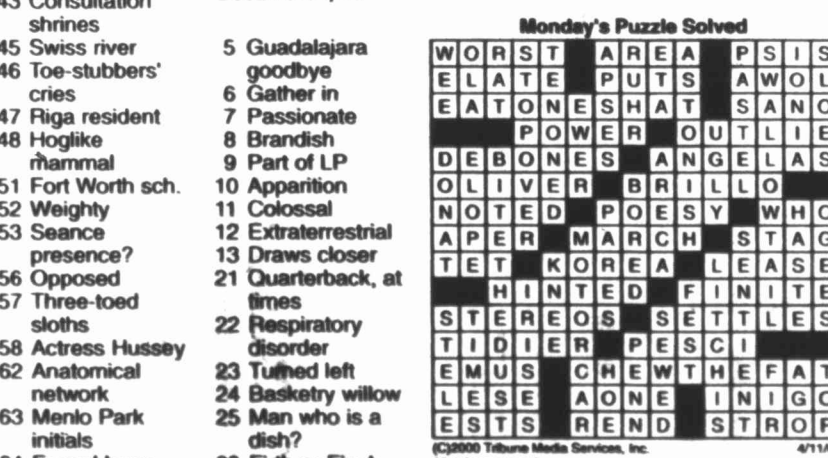
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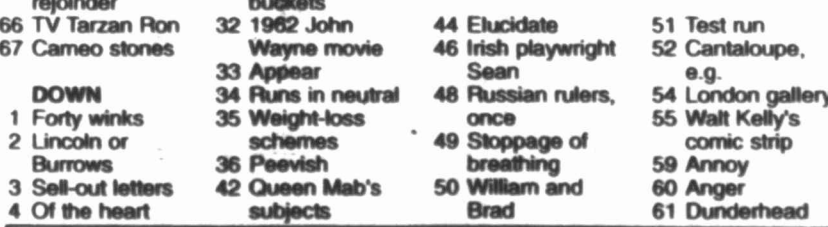
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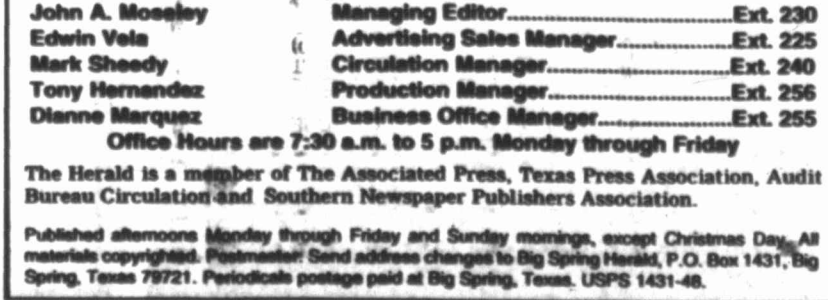
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In 1814, Napoleon Bonaparte abdicated as emperor of France and was banished to the island of Elba.

In 1898, President McKinley asked Congress for a declaration of war on Spain.

In 1899, the treaty ending the Spanish-American War was declared in effect.

In 1921, Iowa became the first state to impose a cigarette tax.

In 1945, during World War I, American soldiers liberated Buchenwald, the notorious concentration camp in Germany.

In 1951, President Truman relieved Gen. Douglas MacArthur of his commands in the Far East.

In 1968, President Johnson signed into law the Civil Rights Act of 1968, a week after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr.

In 1979, Idi Amin was deposed as president of Uganda as rebels and exiles backed by Tanzanian forces seized control.

In 1980, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission issued regulations specifically prohibiting sexual harassment of workers by supervisors.

Ten years ago: Funeral services were held in Indianapolis for AIDS patient Ryan White, who had died three days earlier at age 18. Among the 1,500 mourners were first lady Barbara Bush and singers Elton John and Michael Jackson.

Five years ago: President Clinton expressed sympathy for Pakistan's anger over the blocked sale of American fighter jets, telling visiting Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto that it was "not right" for the United States to keep the planes and refuse to give the money back.

One year ago: The Justice Department reported that more than one-third of the women in state prisons and jails said they were physically or sexually abused as children. Jose Maria Olazabal won the Masters by two shots over Davis Love III.

Today's Birthdays: "Brenda Starr" creator Dale Messick is 94. Fashion designer Oleg Cassini is 87. Movie producer Howard W. Koch is 84. Former New York Gov. Hugh Carey is 81. Ethel Kennedy is 72. Actor Johnny Sheffield is 69. Actor Joel Grey is 68. Actress Louise Lasser is 61. Syndicated columnist Ellen Goodman is 59. Movie writer-director John Milius is 56. Actor Peter Riegert is 53. Actor Bill Irwin is 50. Country singer-songwriter Jim Lauderdale is 43. Songwriter-producer Daryl Simmons is 43. Actor Lucky Vanous is 39. Country singer Steve Azar is 36.