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## Heckler hearing rescheduled for May 5, moved to Big Spring

By KELLIE JONES  
Features Editor

A hearing involving Red Barn Auto Sales owner Danny Heckler has been rescheduled for May 5 in a Howard County courtroom.

Heckler is accused by the Texas Department of Transportation of rolling back a car's odometer and for printing hundreds of improper dealer's license plate tags. Heckler has vehemently denied these charges.

The hearing was originally scheduled for today in Austin but state officials requested the hearing be moved



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to Big Spring. The case will be heard by Administrative Law Judge Molly Singletary and will be conducted similar to a court trial.

When the story was first reported in February, James Anderson of Austin was Heckler's attorney but he has been replaced by Rick Hamby. Hamby served as the 118th District Attorney for a number of years before going into private practice

in January.

A call was placed to Hamby's office Thursday morning and the attorney said he had no comment about the case and hung up. Several attempts were made to contact Heckler for a comment but were unsuccessful.

Elvis Schulze is the attorney for the state and is with the TXDOT's Motor Vehicle Division, Enforcement Section which is responsible for the conduct and licensing of automobile dealers who sell new or used cars.

If Heckler is found guilty, he could be fined and/or lose his dealer's license.

Heckler said in a February article he

didn't roll back the odometer on a 1982 Volvo. He said odometer readings aren't recorded on titles of vehicles that are 1988 models or older because they are exempt.

However, Jack Durham, also an attorney with the Enforcement Section, said Thursday, "Regardless of exemption or the age of the car, rolling back the odometer is a federal offense. It is listed specifically with the state under the Deceptive Trade Practice Act. It is a fraud committed on consumers under our statutes. The exemption is a popular claim by dealers."

Heckler also claimed he did not improperly use paper buyer tags that

are given to car buyers to use until their license plate comes in. He had a dealership at one time and was issued a dealer number.

He then had to shut the business down for a while, and when he reopened it, the state had to issue him a new number. He claimed the printing company kept using his old number rather than his new one when making the temporary tags between January 1994 and February 1996.

When people who had bought cars from him were pulled over by officers on routine traffic stops, officers dis-

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## City survives hail this time

NWS admitting storm's strength was unexpected

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

This time, Big Spring weathered the storm just fine.

For the first time since last May's devastating hail storm, severe weather hit Big Spring in the form of thunderstorms and hail that reached almost an inch in diameter in some areas.

Unlike last year, however, Wednesday's storm was comparatively mild-mannered. The hail, which hit Big Spring, Sand Springs and Forsan Wednesday, caused moderate damage to cars and homes, but nothing like the havoc wreaked by last May's storm.

According to the Midland office of the National Weather Service, the storm was one of a string of severe weather cells that developed along a cold front which pushed through the area Wednesday.

Michael Young of the Midland NWS office said the front gained unexpected strength when it received a "kick" from warm temperatures Wednesday.

NWS received a report of hail five miles north of Big Spring at 6:15 p.m. The storm deposited pea to quarter-size hail in Big Spring, Sand Springs and



Wednesday afternoon's sudden hail storm caught many Big Spring residents off guard and sent the owner of this small pickup truck scrambling for cover.

Forsan over the course of the next hour, Young said.

The most intense storm which developed along the cold front left 1.75-inch diameter hail northeast of Lamesa. Portions of Scurry County also reported damaging hail, Young said.

The Department of Agriculture's research station

north of town reported receiving .65 inches of rain, but some parts of the Big Spring area, particularly to the south and southwest, reported no rain or hail at all.

There might be unexpected benefits from the storm. Research center official J.D. Billbrough said that hail striking vacant farmland can serve

to pack the soil down, making it less susceptible to erosion.

While heavy rain can erode farm soil, especially if it is not level, hail is much more likely to be absorbed into the soil, Billbrough said.

"Hail is frozen rain, which melts slowly," Billbrough said.

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## Commissioners' constable plans nixed in Austin

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

Streamlining government has always been something easier to talk about than accomplish. That was a lesson the Howard County Commissioners Court learned all too well.

The commissioners learned recently that efforts to abolish the county constables' offices — efforts the commissioners wholeheartedly supported — were quashed by the state legislature.

Commissioners have long wanted to do away with the constables' positions, saying that those duties are being taken care of more efficiently by the sheriff's department.

Constables are elected peace officers who have limited arrest power. In most counties, their main function is to serve subpoenas and warrants.

"They really don't have a lot of duties," Precinct 4 Commissioner Sonny Choate said. "Everything they do is cov-

ered by the deputies."

This leaves constables J.B. Hall, Joe Sasuer and Stan Hughes with few official functions.

With limited official duties and an almost nonexistent budget — the combined budget for the three constables, including salaries, is a mere \$1,236 this fiscal year, according to county auditor figures — the constables' offices were ripe for extinction.

Or so the commissioners thought.

The commissioners enlisted the support of State Rep. David Counts, who introduced a bill — House Joint Resolution 99 — to abolish the constables' office in Howard County.

The legislation was referred to the House's County Affairs Committee before it hit a roadblock. Counts told the commissioners by letter that the chairman of the committee, Rep. Ron Lewis, D-Mauriceville, that the committee would not consider

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## FCI inmates convicted on 1996 riot charges

HERALD Staff Report

Two inmates at the Big Spring Federal Correction Institute face more time in prison after their conviction on assault charges in Lubbock federal court Tuesday.

Jaime Estrada and Jose Valenzuela were convicted on federal assault charges for their part in a riot at the prison Dec.

22, 1996.

The duo, currently held at the Lubbock County jail, probably will be sentenced within a month, federal prosecutor Tanya Pierce said.

Estrada and Valenzuela were convicted of assaulting an FCI officer during the riot. Testimony showed that the officer, who was not identified by FCI officials Wednesday, was accosted by Estrada first, then,

while fighting off that attack, was assaulted by Valenzuela.

The officer received injuries to his arms and back during the assault.

Max Brown, acting warden at the Big Spring FCI, said Estrada was serving a 10-month sentence for illegally re-entering the country after deportation, while Valenzuela was serving a 37-month sentence for possession of cocaine with intent to

distribute.

It is unknown if the two will be returned to Big Spring after their assault sentencing.

Pierce hopes the conviction sends a message to the federal prison population that attacks on personnel will not be tolerated.

"We want them to know that if they assault someone, there's someone at the Lubbock courthouse who will prosecute them."

## Senate bill compounds tough week for tobacco industry

AUSTIN (AP) — Minors who smoke would be held criminally responsible under legislation that sailed through a Senate committee and compounded a tough week in Texas for the tobacco industry.

On Monday, bills were approved in a House committee that would make it easier to sue tobacco companies and make the ingredients of tobacco products public information.

On Wednesday, a House committee approved a plan to lower local school property taxes that includes a boost in cigarette taxes from 41 cents to 61 cents per pack. It also would raise taxes on cigars and other tobacco products by 50 percent.

And the Senate Health and Human Services Committee voted 11-0 in favor of a bill that would give Texas one of the toughest laws in the country

aimed at keeping children from smoking.

"I think Joe Camel today got a KO, at least in this committee," said Sen. Mike Moncrief, D-Fort Worth. "Whether we can keep him down and from returning to the ring will depend on just how vigilant we are on the Senate floor."

Minors found in possession or using tobacco products would be guilty of a misdemeanor. As punishment, they would be required to attend a tobacco awareness program or face suspension of their driver's license.

Currently, the only penalties are for retailers who sell to minors.

"We have been fighting to protect kids from tobacco for 70 years. This is the bill we've been waiting for," said Mary Duty, of the Texas Parent Teachers Association.

"Placing the responsibility on the minor is part of growing up. We do it with alcohol, as far as possession and consumption. Tobacco just kills 30 years later," Duty said.

Additionally, retailers would be required to pay fees to sell

tobacco as well as face new penalties for selling the product to minors.

The bill, sponsored by several senators, was given unanimous approval by the committee and sent to the full Senate despite around-the-clock lobbying efforts against the bill by the tobacco industry.

Sen. Chris Harris, R-Arlington, who has received more money from tobacco interests than any other member of the Health and Human Services Committee, said it wasn't difficult to support the bill.

"Any lobbyist can tell me what he thinks, but I'm going to do what I think is right. And what we did on this bill was right," Harris said.

Walker Merryman, a spokesman for the Tobacco Institute in Washington, said he hadn't seen the bill, but added that the tobacco industry "is committed to reducing youth access to tobacco."

"We ... continue to support both voluntary and legislative efforts to ensure that Texas laws regarding the sale of tobacco products are observed," he said.

## DEDICATION

BUCK TURNER DR 2200



Buck and Odell Turner pose under a Buck Turner Drive street sign Wednesday following dedication ceremonies for the street named in his honor. The street runs north and south on the east side of Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf.

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TODAY'S WEATHER	
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	▼ Lows

Today: Mostly cloudy. Chance of showers and thunderstorms tonight. High in the upper 70s. Low in the lower 50s.  
Friday: Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. High in the upper 70s. Low in the lower 50s.  
Extended outlook: Saturday through Monday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs around 80. Lows in the lower 50s.

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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 1946. 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 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 Mead in Big Spring. Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

Ester Lee Sandell

Service for Ester Lee Sandell, 91, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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

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City bills for hearings that abolish any office.

This decision was based on a bad experience with a bill during the last session, Counts explained in his letter.

The decision left Choate and the rest of the commissioners feeling flabbergasted.

"I think it's ridiculous," Choate said. "They're saying they don't have time to do what the county wants them to do. To me, that's ridiculous."

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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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covered the dealer number wasn't registered to Heckler but to some other dealership. Heckler said that was because the state must have issued his old number to someone else.

Schulze said Heckler was issued a dealer number (P21782) that he used from April 1986 to March 1989. Then in April 1990, Heckler was issued a new number (P15774) he is currently using. Schulze said, "From Jan. 1, 1994 to Feb. 7, 1996, Mr. Heckler ordered from West Printing 300 red buyer tags using the number P17774 which he was never authorized to use. He also ordered 100 red buyer tags using P21782, a number he had not been authorized to use for seven years. He is claiming the printer made the mistake in using his old number. However, he didn't throw them away and they were being used for two years. On six separate occasions, people were pulled over for having fictitious tags."

STORM

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"And the soil is more likely to absorb it than rain."

There were no immediate reports from the Colorado River Municipal Water District of runoff totals from Wednesday's storm, nor were there any weather-related incidents reported by the Big Spring Police Department or Howard County Sheriff's Office.

BRIEFS

THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION in conjunction with Midland College presents Alzheimer's Disease: Treatment and Management for the Health Care Professional and the Family. May 6 and 7 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, 4300 West Highway 80, Midland.

Cost is \$75 for professionals and \$25 for family or caregiver. Preregistration is required. To register mail or fax to Midland College, Continuing Education, 3600 N. Carlfield, Midland, 79705, or fax to (915) 688-6412. Registration must be received by May 1.

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 format calls for the candidates to be presented with a number of prepared questions before fielding questions from the audience.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PATIENT care and office work at Family Hospice. Volunteer training begins Thursday and continues through May.

THE RSVP VOLUNTEERS AT Malone & Hogan Clinic gives free blood pressure checks from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 2 to 4 p.m.

COMANCHE TRAIL PARK is having a walk through on Tuesday, April 22 at 10:45 a.m. sponsored by the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce.

This is for newcomers to Big Spring as well as those who would like to attend.

AN OPEN HOUSE is scheduled for June 1 from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Big Spring Humane Society. This is to showcase to the public all of the recent renovations done to the building including new paint and tile.

THE JUVENILE DIABETES FOUNDATION is having their annual Walk-a-thon in Midland at the Chapparral Center on May 3. We are trying to raise money for research to find a

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cure. If you would like to participate in the walk or like to make a tax deductible donation contact Karen Davila at 264-7988 or Laurie Churchwell at 263-0087.

THE 34TH MOORE COMMUNITY REUNION, Saturday, April 19, 1 to 4 p.m. at the 14th and Main Church of Christ, enter from north side of 14th or from front on Main Street.

All current and former residents, teachers, ex-students, their descendants and members of their families are invited to attend.

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.

THE STATE PARK IS having a Fun Run fund raiser Saturday starting at 8 a.m. Participants can compete in a 5K or 10K run or a 5K walk. Entry fees help support the park. Late registration starts at 8:30 a.m. the day of the race. Event leaders are Park Manager Ron Alton and Cavan and Donna McMahon. The event fee is \$5 for those with a State Park pass or \$8 for non-state park pass holders.

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 Choral.

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

THE ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR is Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. This year's theme is "Health on the Horizon."

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 Whittinglow, 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.

WOMEN OVER 40 WHO have never had a mammogram and can't afford one. American Cancer Society has provided a grant for a free mammogram for women who reside in Howard and Glasscock Counties. Come to the Texas Department of Health in the College Park Shopping Center.

THE STATE PARK WILL have Nature Walk and Sunset Tales with nature walks starting at 8 p.m. and stargazing at 9 p.m. every Saturday in June. Meet at the upper picnic pavilion/playground area. The cost is \$2 (park admission for adults 13 years and older).

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT INA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 238, BETWEEN 8 A.M. AND 2 P.M. All Springboard items must be submitted in writing. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79729; bring it by the office at 710 Scurry; or fax it to 264-7295.

TODAY - Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has ser-

ices 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

-Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free food for area needy, 10 a.m. to noon.

-Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classed, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 55 and older.

-Support Group for Depression, 7 p.m., Dora Roberts Rehab Center, Third and Lancaster.

-Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria.

-Alcoholics Anonymous, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles. 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria.

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Texas Lottery PICK 3: 7, 9, 7 LOTTO: 4, 6, 8, 16, 37, 47

Survivors of Suicide, Memorial Hospital and Medical Center, 7:30 p.m. Prerak Doctor, M.D., will speak on "Grief and Depression." For more information please call 915-685-1566.

O'Neal-Kunkle Unit No. 47 DAVA meeting, 6:30 p.m., VAMC room 212. Election of officers.

Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster. Call Preston Harris, 263-7136.

Rackley-Swords Chp. 379 Vietnam Veterans of America, 7 p.m., 124 Jonesboro Road.

American Legion, Post 506, 7 p.m. Call 263-2084.

Friends of the Library, 7 p.m., H.C. Library. If you are a member of the Friends of the Library or interested in becoming one, please attend this very important meeting. Refreshments will be served.

St. Mary's Episcopal School open house in conjunction with National Library Week, 6:30 p.m. The theme is "Camp Read-A-Lot" and hot dog supper follows at 7:30 p.m. for \$2 a plate. Call 263-0203 for details.

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

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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.

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

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.

Encourager's support group, 5 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.

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POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents during a 24-hour period ending 8 a.m. Thursday:

FRED RUBIO, 31, of 621 Sgt. Paredes, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.

JAMES HOUSEHOLDER, 43, of 2513 Central, was arrested for assault/family violence.

LOUD PARTY/NOISE in the 2600 block of Hunter.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 4000 block of W. Highway 80.

CRIMINAL TRESPASSING in the 1200 block of Frazier.

BURGLARY OF A HABITATION in the 700 block of Dallas.

BURGLARY OF A BUILDING in the 3000 block of W. Highway 80.

DOG BITE in the 1500 block of W. 11th.

THEFT OF GAS in the 2300 block of Wasson.

THEFT OF SERVICE in the 600 block of Caylor.

THEFT in the 1700 block of E. Marcy.

ASSAULT in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE in the 100 block of Airbase Road.

INVESTIGATING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES in the 400 block of Douglas, 400 block of Scurry, 700 block of E. Marcy and at intersection of Avion and Lark.

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

WILLIAM JEROD FRANKS, 20, of 2511 March Circle, was transferred from the police department after being arrested for evading arrest, criminal trespassing, and robbery. He remains in jail on bonds of \$2,000 for evading arrest, \$3,000 for criminal trespassing and \$10,000 for robbery.

PERCY KIDD GRAYSON, 35, of Las Vegas, Nev., was transferred from the police department after being arrested for driving with an invalid license and later released on a \$1,500 bond.

JESSIE CUELLAR, 26, of 702 Douglas, was transferred from the police department after being arrested for driving with an invalid license and later released on a \$1,500 bond.

JESSE RAY JONES, no age given, of Sand Springs, was transferred from the police department after being arrested for burglary of a vehicle and later released on a \$3,000 bond.

ACCIDENT ON Highway 350.

STRANDED MOTORIST on North Highway 87. A deputy assisted a woman having car trouble.

MARKETS

May cotton 71.19 cents a pound, up 31 points; May crude oil 19.56, up 21 points; Cash hogs steady at \$1.25 higher at 55.50; slaughter steers \$1 lower at 69; June lean hog futures 85.35, up 190 points; April live cattle futures 69.27, up 47 points.

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SHERIFF

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

WILLIAM JEROD FRANKS, 20, of 2511 March Circle, was transferred from the police department after being arrested for evading arrest, criminal trespassing, and robbery. He remains in jail on bonds of \$2,000 for evading arrest, \$3,000 for criminal trespassing and \$10,000 for robbery.

PERCY KIDD GRAYSON, 35, of Las Vegas, Nev., was transferred from the police department after being arrested for driving with an invalid license and later released on a \$1,500 bond.

JESSIE CUELLAR, 26, of 702 Douglas, was transferred from the police department after being arrested for driving with an invalid license and later released on a \$1,500 bond.

JESSE RAY JONES, no age given, of Sand Springs, was transferred from the police department after being arrested for burglary of a vehicle and later released on a \$3,000 bond.

ACCIDENT ON Highway 350.

STRANDED MOTORIST on North Highway 87. A deputy assisted a woman having car trouble.

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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.

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.

Encourager's support group, 5 p.m., Herman's Restaurant. For more information call 398-5522 or 399-43

# Money motivates tobacco industry to talk settlement

MIAMI (AP) — For decades it seemed tobacco companies were unassailable. They spent millions fiercely defending themselves against lawsuits, and gave no indication of ever giving in to legal, political and public health pressure against tobacco.

So why the change of heart?

Analysts say it just made good business sense for the nation's two largest tobacco companies and tobacco litigants to enter into secret settlement talks, which were acknowledged Wednesday.

The threat of huge judgments, legal setbacks and jittery stock prices — not a recognition of smoking dangers — may be the straw that broke Camel's back.

"They are paying lawyers some \$300 million a year," said Marc Cohen, a tobacco analyst with Goldman, Sachs & Co. in New York. "There is risk attached to all of this litigation. ... That is sound motivation for the industry to try and seek a resolution."

The industry's tactic of fiercely defending against any lawsuit served cigarette makers well for four decades. Lawsuits met with little success despite mounting evidence of smoking's addictiveness.

But now the industry faces a mountain of litigation, from individuals as well as nearly half the attorneys general in the United States.

Even shareholders have sued, claiming stock prices were overvalued

because the companies failed to disclose damaging information on smoking hazards. Revenues were \$45 billion last year, but stock prices were jumpy nonetheless.

It was under these kinds of financial and legal pressures that Philip Morris Cos. and RJR Nabisco Holdings Corp. began talks of a settlement with eight of 22 states seeking to recover smoking-related health costs.

A settlement would give companies blanket protection from smoking-related lawsuits. In return, the companies would pay billions into a compensation fund and agree to cut back on advertising.

Public health officials and the states see the talks as a breakthrough. Others

see them as a smokescreen for avoiding the terrible costs of their product.

Giving companies immunity from lawsuits would violate the due process rights of thousands of people, Miami attorney Stanley Rosenblatt said.

"That has always been the goal of the tobacco industry and that would be a disaster for the American people," said Rosenblatt, who represents thousands in smoker class-action suits. "It's a good business deal for them and a lousy deal for the American people."

The settlement reportedly could cost as much as \$300 billion over 25 years and require the industry to restrict its advertising, including the end of characters like Joe Camel and the Marlboro Man.

A sticking point is whether the Food and Drug Administration would get the right to regulate the nicotine levels in cigarettes, making them less addictive, two sources close to the talks told The Associated Press.

On Wall Street, the news sent Philip Morris stock rising \$4.12 to \$43.12. RJR Nabisco rose \$3.25 to \$33.50 per share.

Representatives from Philip Morris, RJR Nabisco, Lorillard, and Brown & Williamson met at undisclosed locations with attorneys general from Minnesota, Florida, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Wisconsin and Arizona. The White House monitored the talks, which ended for the week on Wednesday.

## TEXAS BRIEFS

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### Middle school dean arrested in prostitution sting

DALLAS — The dean of students at a Plano middle school was among those arrested in a prostitution sting, police say.

Melvin Kevin Ott, 42, an educator at Schimelpfenig Middle School, was released Wednesday from Lew Sterrett Justice Center on \$500 bond.

He's charged with offering to pay an undercover police officer for sex. If convicted, he could be fined up to \$2,000 and sentenced to as much as six months in jail.

Officers said Ott was arrested near a northwest Dallas motel. Ott has a previous record on a charge of soliciting prostitution, a police spokesman said.

Ott could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

### Former death row inmate in cop killing case returns home

HOUSTON — The day began with Ricardo Aldape Guerra a Texas prison inmate and ended with him returning here.

The man who spent 15 years on Texas' death row for a murder he says he didn't commit returned Wednesday to Mexico, where he was received by cheering countrymen at the border.

Hundreds of people crowded Monterrey's international airport to watch the jet plane touch down an hour later. Hundreds more lined the highway to the airport, enduring a chilly drizzle.

Wearing a nervous smile, Aldape Guerra, 35, told reporters that he always knew he would be freed and return to Monterrey with his family.

"I never thought they would kill me, because I owe nothing to no one," Aldape Guerra said.

### Prison escape artist executed for 1983 North Texas killing

HUNTSVILLE — Convicted killer and escape artist Kenneth Gentry, crying while strapped to the death chamber gurney, asked for forgiveness before his execution for a 1983 slaying.

Gentry, 36, had an unsuccessful escape attempt from death row among several attempted jail breaks in a relatively short but busy criminal history. On Wednesday evening, however, there was no escaping his punishment.

"I'd like to thank the Lord for the past 14 years to grow as a man and mature enough to accept what's happening tonight," he said in an emotional final statement.

Gentry was executed for the fatal shooting of Jimmy Don Ham, a hitchhiker he had befriended and whose identity he hoped to adopt.

Ham's mother, sister and two brothers watched through a window as Gentry received his punishment. In an adjoining room, Gentry's brother and sister were among five people he selected to view the execution.

### Military voting at issue in border election dispute

DEL RIO — Military service members from across the nation who voted by mail in their border town are at the center of a legal feud over where they may cast election ballots.

The court case, set to go before a state district judge Monday, pits two Hispanic Democrats against two white Republicans who won county elections last November with the help of 800 mail-in ballots cast mostly by out-of-town military personnel.

One of the Republican candidates, Air Force retiree Murry Kachel, turned out to be a former Ku Klux Klansman.

Ultimately the election battle playing out in state and federal courts could determine what military families may list as a legal residence and where they can mark ballots for local races.

"The concern is that the people who live in a community want to be able to have control of the decision-making process," said Judith Sanders-Castro, an attorney for one of the Democrats challenging the November balloting.

### Senator scales back voucher bill

AUSTIN — Sixty thousand Texas public school students could get tax-funded private school tuition under a proposal aimed at giving pupils who aren't doing well a way to transfer out of low-performing campuses.

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.

That's the population at campuses where less than half the students performed satisfactorily on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills reading, writing or math section for three straight years.

The number would be reduced by making the so-called tuition vouchers available only to students at such campuses who themselves failed the TAAS, Bivins said. There are 3.7 million students in Texas public schools.

# Gingrich willing to pay from own pocket

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bidding to put a lingering controversy to rest, House Speaker Newt Gingrich is planning to pay his \$300,000 ethics penalty from personal funds rather than solicit donations from supporters.

Republican sources, speaking to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity, said Wednesday night the speaker was taking out a loan to make his payment — a \$300,000 sanction he agreed to in December while admitting he violated House ethics rules.

The Republican rank and file was called to a closed-door morning meeting today for Gingrich to explain his decision. The Georgia Republican then was expected to make a formal statement on the House floor.

"There is a decision and it will be announced tomorrow morning," Christina Martin, Gingrich's press secretary, said late Wednesday. She declined to provide details.

The Republican sources said

Gingrich had decided on a personal payment the course that some advisers and fellow Republican lawmakers had told him was the only way to avoid a bruising political struggle that could threaten his hold on power.

It was not clear whether Gingrich's loan would be for the full \$300,000 or only a portion of it. Several Republican officials said the speaker had been in contact with the ethics committee to make sure the arrangement passed muster under House rules designed to prevent members of Congress from benefiting from sweetheart financial arrangements.

The GOP leadership seemed certain to praise Gingrich's decision, and the speaker drew praise from one Republican lawmaker in advance of his announcement.

"I admire that," Sen. John McCain of Arizona said of Gingrich's decision. "I've said all along it's the right thing to do," McCain said while departing from a dinner Wednesday

night hosted by President Clinton.

Gingrich has been plagued by ethics charges — filed by Democrats — since he assumed the speakership in 1995. After nearly two years of denials, he admitted in December to violating House rules. In what amounted to a political plea bargain, he said he had failed to seek proper legal advice on using tax-exempt projects to advance his political goals and that inaccurate statements "in my name and over my signature" had been submitted to the ethics committee.

Several aides and GOP House members said at the time Gingrich had acted to put the ethics case behind him and assure his election to a second term as speaker. Even so, nine Republicans refused to back him and his agreement to pay the \$300,000 immediately touched off a controversy over the method he would select for payment.

For their part, Democrats signaled in advance they probably

would seek a vote in the full House if Gingrich decided to seek donations from supporters to make his payment. That would force Republicans to take a stand for or against their leader's decision.

Gingrich is not a wealthy man, although he earns \$171,500 as speaker. Much of his family's holdings are in joint accounts with his wife, Marianne, or are in her name. Mrs. Gingrich has been cool to use of personal funds to make payment to the House that results from a political issue. But an associate of Gingrich said his wife was prepared to be supportive if he chose to take out a personal loan.

As one of the nation's most recognizable public figures, Gingrich presumably would be in a position to earn large amounts of money from writing, speeches and other ventures after his retirement.

Under rules put in place by the new Republican majority, he is permitted to serve only four terms as speaker.

# Netanyahu rejecting calls for his resignation

JERUSALEM (AP) — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, facing a new call for his resignation, has no plans to step aside even though police say he should be indicted in an influence-peddling case, his aides said today.

The decision on whether to prosecute the premier is expected within 48 hours and could determine if new elections are called.

Opposition leader Shimon Peres said Netanyahu will be forced to quit if he is indicted, while other Labor Party members called for the prime minister's immediate resignation.

Peres had been vigorously pushing for a joint Likud-Labor government to negotiate with the Arabs. But Labor officials now say that plans to form such

a "peace coalition" to rescue the Israeli-Palestinian peace process can't go forward while the government is under threat of criminal charges.

Still, Netanyahu's aides rejected suggestions that he would be forced to resign and call new elections after only 10 months in office.

"In Israel, there is a strong prime minister who is continuing to work on political matters," said Shai Bazak, his spokesman. "He is not talking about resignation."

Wednesday's surprise revelation by the police further imperils peace talks just as U.S. envoy Dennis Ross arrived to try to restart negotiations that have been frozen since mid-March.

In the Gaza Strip, Yasser Arafat said the scandal was an

"internal affair" for Israelis, and Palestinian negotiator Nabil Shaath said the development's impact on the peace process was uncertain.

Whether he is indicted or not, Netanyahu's government has been tainted in a way that will make it difficult for him to wield the clout necessary to make concessions to the Palestinians.

All eyes are now on Edna Arbel, the taciturn state attorney, and Attorney General Elyakim Rubinstein, who have the job of deciding whether to charge Netanyahu with breach of trust and fraud in the appointment of a crony as attorney general.

Under Israel's new electoral law, Netanyahu, 47, the country's first directly elected pre-

mier, would not be obliged to resign even if convicted. He could be removed if 61 members of the 120-seat Knesset agreed.

But several allies already have hinted they may bolt the ruling coalition and deprive Netanyahu of his majority in parliament. The coalition now has 66 of 120 seats.

Netanyahu aides have suggested the scandal is being blown out of proportion by Israel's leading business and legal figures who supported Peres overwhelmingly in May 1996 elections.

Other Netanyahu supporters said the evidence in the case depended too heavily on one disgruntled source — Dan Avi-Yitzhak, who was passed over for the attorney general post in Netanyahu's government.

# Senator sees problem in House's property tax plan

AUSTIN (AP) — A central part of a House plan to lower local school property taxes will face opposition in the Senate, according to a key lawmaker.

House members cheered a special committee Wednesday after it voted 11-0 on a bill lowering local school property taxes about \$2.5 billion a year.

To pay for the tax cuts, the House committee voted to expand the state business tax, increase some other taxes and add about 30 goods and services to the list of those subject to state sales taxes. It also would use \$1 billion in additional state funds and proceeds from the lottery for schools.

Another provision would

replace local school taxes on business property with a state business property tax.

But a state property tax would pose a problem, said Sen. Ken Armbrister, D-Victoria, and chairman of a special Senate committee that would consider the plan if the full House approved it.

"It's not the rate, it's not the amount, it's where you take all of a district's commercial property and pool the levy off of that commercial property into Austin to be redistributed out to a statewide basis. School dis-

tricts don't like losing that," he said.

Rep. Paul Sadler, D-Henderson, chairman of the House committee, said the state business property tax is a key part of the bill because it gets rid of the so-called Robin Hood school funding system.

Approved in 1993, Robin Hood requires 91 school districts with an abundance of taxable property to share their tax income with poorer schools.

"You can't cut property taxes without getting rid of Robin Hood," Sadler said.

Reaction was mixed.

Dick Busby, president and owner of Busby Maintenance and Construction Co. in Dayton, said his firm would fare well.

"My understanding is that the governor and the Legislature are trying to do something revenue neutral," he said. "If that is true, you're probably going to end up with a net (tax) decrease for the average Joe," he said.

"Some people are going to pass this on and someone is going to have to pay for it. But what we had before has tended to be unfair," Busby added.

## Schwarzenegger to fully recover from procedure

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Arnold Schwarzenegger's doctors expect him to make a full recovery from elective heart surgery to replace a faulty valve.

Schwarzenegger, 49, opted to have an aortic valve replaced Wednesday even though it wasn't causing him any problems, his spokeswoman Catherine Ollm said.

"I've never felt sick or had any symptoms at all, but I knew I'd have to take care of this condition sooner or later," Schwarzenegger said in a statement. "I said to the doctors, 'Let's do it now, while I'm young and healthy.' They agreed this was the way to go."

Schwarzenegger was not expected to be prescribed any medicine or alter his lifestyle.

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# EDITORIAL

### Quote of the Day

"There is no real difference between worldly and heavenly wisdom. For religion consecrates daily life."  
-John Lubbock

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### OUR VIEWS

## Rev. Smith's leaving 'their gain, our loss'

Sunday is the Rev. Gary Smith's last day to preach as the minister of First Church of the Nazarene in Big Spring. He has decided to return to Iowa after having ministered in Big Spring for almost 11 years.

He had ministered at the Nazarene church in Iowa for five years before moving to West Texas in June of 1986.

Smith brought so many things to the people of Big Spring. He brought the idea of the drive-through Nativity that is now the largest in Texas. He helped start Promise Keepers, a group for men who want to lead their community and families as Christians. His church sponsors the Christian radio station 91.5 FM and last summer, the church sponsored a mission trip to the Amazon to build a church.

He has ministered to many people not only by his words but by his actions. Smith always has a kind word and smile for those he meets. He is truly a man of God. This community will miss his presence and caring nature.

Smith said he wrestled with this decision for six weeks. At first, he fasted and prayed for three weeks. Then he would eat only one or two meals and pray constantly for three more weeks before God showed him what his talents are and how they can be used to benefit the church in Iowa.

If you have ever heard one of Smith's prayers, whether it's at a church service or praying for an individual, he always knows the needs of those for whom he is praying.

Some church members have said Smith is one of the most knowledgeable men when it comes to knowing the Scriptures and that is evident in his prayers.

The saying, "Our loss is their gain," could never be more true than at this time.  
We'll miss you Rev. Smith.

### YOUR VIEWS

To the Editor:

We would like to take this opportunity to bring attention to a local business. Gillihan Paint and Body Shop located at 821 West Fourth Street exemplifies the best in customer service and satisfaction.

We have been in the process of restoring an older model pickup for several years. Gary and his staff painted the truck for us and did an outstanding job; however, we noticed a "flaw" in the paint and took it back to Gary for his inspection. Gary could have taken the attitude that the job was complete and we accepted it "as is." After all, we selected he paint and some time had passed since we had accepted the job as complete. Gary stood behind his work and told us he would "make it right." He could just have easily taken the opposite stance. Being a wise and honest businessman though, he most definitely did an outstanding job in "making it right."

If all local businesses would take a page from Gary and Glenda Gillihan's book, shopping Big Spring first would be a pleasure!

Thanks, Gary! We appreciate you.

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property if you have not "improved" the surface. This is again money out of your pocket without any tax break.

My grandmother walked around her block and counted seven homes with only dirt driveways (no improvement) in one square block. Much of this is low income housing or retired people in a decent neighborhood. I would like to remind people that the largest employer in the city has granted one 3 percent pay raise in the last five years. Your "beautify Big Spring" campaign is nice but how do you expect working people to pay for the "improvements" you feel are necessary? Are you going to grant them a tax break this year so they can pave a driveway? Is the street department going to donate their men and materials to put in the driveways? No? All you are going to do is cause as many working people as possible to move out into the county or into another county. People are already leaving Big Spring for medical care in record numbers. Now they can leave to get away from restrictive city ordinances.

ELIZABETH TREECE  
BIG SPRING

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To the Editor:

Picture a place where owning or renting property not only obligates you to city taxes, but you must, by law, volunteer hours per year to clean city property or utility company property (alleys and easements). This is without any tax break or pay for these services. Failure to provide these uncompensated jobs leaves you liable for fines up to \$500. Never happen, you would have passed this little jewel now wish to pass a second ordinance forbidding you to park your vehicle on your

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## Are suspicions reasonable or unreasonable?

By JAMES KILPATRICK  
Syndicated Columnist

Lenin M. Jerez and Carlos M. Solis turned up in Milwaukee in September 1994. They fit a pattern known to police: They were driving a two-door sedan with Florida license plates. They were staying near the Milwaukee airport.

Did these elements add up to a "reasonable suspicion" that the two men were trafficking in illicit drugs?

No provision of the Constitution has aroused more controversy in criminal law than the Fourth Amendment. It protects us from "unreasonable" searches and seizures by law enforcement officers. How would you call the incident in Milwaukee? Reasonable? Or unreasonable? This is what happened.

Deputy sheriffs Donald Hurrle and Daniel Lent were assigned to drug interdiction at the airport. Early on this September evening, they spotted a two-door Honda with Florida plates at a nearby Quality Inn. They ran a computer check-out through Miami and learned that the car was registered in Solis' name. Further, Solis once had been charged with attempting to smuggle "contraband" into the Dade County jail. The charge had not been prosecuted. A little after 11 o'clock, they

went to Room 161 and began knocking on the door. No answer. They kept on knocking for a period of roughly three minutes. Still no answer. One of the deputies called out, "Police! Open up the door! We'd like to talk to you." No answer.

Deputy Hurrle then went around to the window of Room 161, rapped repeatedly on the window, and shone a flashlight through the blind. He saw one of the men — it turned out to be Solis — clad only in his underwear.

The two deputies again identified themselves as police and resumed knocking on the door. Finally Solis admitted them. The deputies saw a marijuana cigarette in an ashtray. They asked, "What are you doing in Milwaukee?" Solis said they had come to visit relatives. Who are these "relatives"? Solis made no answer.

Then came the crux of the case. The deputies asked, "May we look around? May we search your luggage?" Solis nodded. The two officers found three kilos of cocaine. Hurrle and Lent drew their weapons, ordered the two men to lie on the floor, placed them in handcuffs, read them their Miranda rights, and charged them with possession with intent to sell.

Jerez and Solis came on for trial in U.S. District Court. Their attorney moved to sup-

press the evidence as the fruit of an unreasonable search. Judge Thomas J. Curran denied the motion. He ruled that the deputies' suspicion was "reasonable," and that the defendants had voluntarily consented to the search. Judge Curran sentenced each of them to 57 months in prison.

The two men appealed to a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit. Voting 2-1, the panel reversed Judge Curran and remanded the case. Judge Kenneth F. Ripple emphasized two factors: The motel room was a "dwelling," and the knocking commenced "in the dead of night."

The silence of the two suspects amounted to a refusal to engage in a confrontation, said Ripple. The persistence of the officers transformed what might have been a consensual encounter into an investigative stop or seizure — and such an investigation requires "reasonable suspicion supported by articulable facts." There was nothing inherently suspicious in a two-door sedan from Florida, parked near an airport. The "contraband" could have been money or cigarettes.

"Simply stated, this is a case in which the law enforcement officers refused to take 'no' for an answer. ... The totality of the circumstances surrounding this encounter makes clear

that a seizure took place. The record simply will not support the conclusion that a reasonable person in defendants' position would have felt free to ignore the deputies."

Judge John L. Coffey filed a book-length dissenting opinion. His colleague's reasoning was "founded on quicksand." Ripple had created out of whole cloth a new and unrecognized interpretation of the Fourth Amendment. There had been no "seizure," and the permission to search had been given without coercion or intimidation.

Judge Coffey added: "While we as judges must vigorously protect an individual's constitutional rights, including those guaranteed by the Fourth Amendment, we must not wear blindfolds and disregard the ever-growing cancer of drugs on humanity or ignore the potential impact our decisions have on good-faith efforts of law enforcement officers to eradicate the cancer."

The government will ask for reargument before the full 7th Circuit. Meanwhile, every citizen may voice an opinion: Would you admit the evidence or throw it out? I would throw it out. If the cops want to beat on the door of my home at midnight, let 'em have a warrant in their hands.

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## Hoop skirts and bleached muslin in Natchez

NATCHEZ, Miss. The imposing, three-story brick house was built in 1841 a block from Main Street. It would be an eye-catcher in most small U.S. towns.

Put this in Natchez, where the exquisite antebellum mansions of obscenely rich men are laid out like bonbons in a satin box for all of us Forrest Gumps to sample. Architectural competition is stiff.

So if not for the small sign telling of its historical significance, you might stroll by the family home of William Johnson and not know you've passed one of the most interesting abodes in fabled Natchez.

The breeze along the bluff is strong with wisteria's perfume and charter-bus diesel. This

must be Spring Pilgrimage.

To tell the truth — as glorious as the millionaires' mansions are, surrounded by boat-sized bouquets of fuchsia azaleas, their porches glistening beneath milky new coats of Sherwin-Williams — paying to be part of the herd that stampedes Natchez this time each year always bothers me.

More than a few times I've toured a couple of the grand houses, but then, without warning, along about my twelfth imported crystal chandelier, I start to feel silly, like a third-rate actress who has forgotten her lines.

Hoop skirts are not my heritage; bleached muslin is. A journalist friend who once lived and worked here listened patiently to my misgivings about the whole Pilgrimage scene and went right to his bookshelf. He loaned me a worn copy of "The Barber of Natchez."

The biography of the late William Johnson, freed slave, businessman, barber and diarist, reveals far more about the town than do magnolias

and motel-lobby mammy dolls, my friend said. The late Hodding Carter Sr. once wrote of Johnson's diary: "It is no over-statement to say that this is the most unusual personal record ever kept in the United States."

The biography is based on the diary, 2,000 pages written between 1835 and 1851.

Johnson's details reflect a surprisingly complex Natchez society where a freed slave became a prosperous businessman, landlord and, yes, slaveowner. The wealthy barber also owned land, livestock and several barbershops, including a really fancy one on Main Street.

But this wouldn't be life if there weren't a few canyon-sized complications. The Horatio Alger story falls apart one June day in 1851 when Johnson, making his rounds, stops his horse to light a cigar. A neighbor ambushes and kills him. Johnson and the other man had been embroiled in a long legal dispute over a property line.

The town was shocked by the death of one of its most popu-

lar citizens. "DREADFUL MURDER IN NATCHEZ," the first of many headlines read.

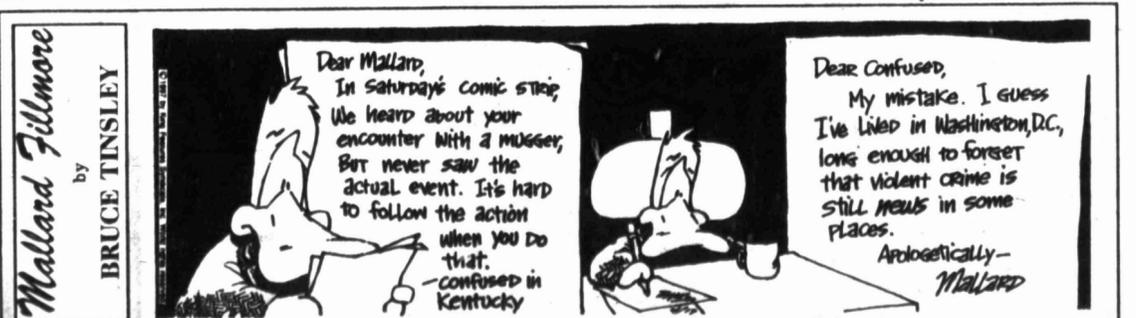
There were witnesses, but they were black like Johnson. And in 1851 Mississippi law did not allow the testimony of blacks against whites.

The prosecution tried its best in three trials to prove Baylor Wynn was a mulatto so that black witnesses could be heard. But to the dismay of all Natchez, the accused went free.

The Johnson story shows there was far more to old Natchez than master and slave, rich and poor, white and black. There was a complicated, intricate caste that is inadvertently outlined in Johnson's diary, published after its discovery in the attic of the family home in 1938.

Eventually a restored William Johnson house will be open for tours. And that ought to reveal a wrinkle in Natchez society that most visitors miss.

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## SCHOOL NEWS

Editor's Note: articles were written in Big Spring or area schools. Each different group of contributors to the "School News" column to report on activities at their campus appears each week.

### Forsan High

Students from School recently competed in University Interscholastic League District competition for The students won for their performance in the Down Stairs.

The all-star cast included Kathleen Mead, Riley. The honorees included Alexander.

Other Forsan students recently competed in the meet in Winter. The winners were Lincoln-Douglas, Nicole Johnson, Riley, second place.

Number 1 Humphreys, first place. Number 2 Humphreys, David and Blaine Roman.

### Castoff

FAIRFAX, Va. was a pitiful case. Joan Ziembra caught her behind the house.

Bone-thin and the cat had problems in the w Ziembra, an adult George Mason U. Dozens of cats at the end of the sprawling 24,000 student Washington, I. Some animals do find new owners.

The rest join colonies of semi-inhabit the woods buildings. "College camp nation have this Ms. Ziembra, who lovers has formed rescue program Mason.

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## QUICK TRIVIA

◆ Here's a useful way to wrap a gift for a baby shower: instead of using wrapping paper, wrap your present in a diaper or receiving blanket and fasten it with diaper pins.

◆ The first skyscraper was the Home Insurance Co. in Chicago in 1885. It had 10 floors; two were added later.

Do you have a good story idea for the *life!* section? Call 263-7331, Ext. 235.

## SCHOOL NEWS

**Editor's Note:** The following articles were written by students in *Big Spring* or submitted by area schools. Each week, a different group of schools will contribute to the "School News" column to report on various activities at their campuses. The column appears each Thursday.

### Forsan High School

Students from Forsan High School recently competed in the University Interscholastic League District 8 2A regional competition for One Act Play. The students won third place for their performance of "Up the Down Stairs."

The all-star cast included Kathleen Meadors and Dan Riley. The honorable mention cast included Ashley Alexander.

Other Forsan students recently competed in the UIL district meet in Winters. The individual winners were:

- Lincoln-Douglas debate - Nicole Johnson, second place
- Editorial writing - Dan Riley, second place

- Number sense - Joy Humphreys, first place
- Number sense team - Joy Humphreys, David Trowbridge and Blaine Roman, second

place

- Spelling and vocabulary team - Mandy Lozano, Derek Tant and Kadi Spargo, second place.

### Moss Elementary

This month we interviewed the fifth graders about how they feel about going to Goliad. We also interviewed the Morris Brothers, "Homer" and "Rupert," who came to Moss to share their interesting message.

We interviewed two fifth graders about what they think about going to Goliad. Brandee Johnson said she was really excited about going to sixth grade because she thinks it will be fun, but it might be hard. Zach Angel said he is curious to see how he will be meeting new friends and see how different the discipline is. He is also curious about meeting new teachers and learning new things. The fifth graders are going to visit Goliad to see what it is like on May 7.

On Monday, April 7, the Morris Brothers, "Homer" and "Rupert" came to Moss to do a motivational program. We asked them why they go to schools. They said that they used to be nerds and they were working on a secret formula, and it exploded and turned them into super heroes! Now they travel around and spread their message which is: "It's not what you look like, but how

you feel about yourself that's important." They also said that if you start making good decisions now, it will help you when you grow up.

During the program, they sang songs, did funny skits and they also picked children to come up and sing and dance with them on the stage. They also told us what "nerds" and "team" meant to them. The letters in "nerd" stand for "Never Ending Radical Dudes" and "team" meant "Together Everyone Achieves More."

Written by Amanda Appel, fourth grader; Brandon Boling, fourth grader; Keri Green, third grader and Anthony Rodriguez, fourth grader.

### Grady Independent School District

Congratulations to the girls and boys tennis teams and Coach Tracy Britten on being the 1997 District 15-A team champions.

This is the third year in a row for the boys' team and the second year in a row for the girls' team.

- Girls' singles - Cheyenne Romine, second place and Sarah Rivas, third place.

- Girls' doubles - Tarah Schuelke and Alison Cooper, first place and Caroline Madison and Rebecca Robles, second place.

- Boys' singles - Jonathan Robles, first place and Anthony



Several Big Spring High School students received certificates for academic excellence from the Texas Education Agency. They include front row (left to right): Kelly Hollar, Alison Woodall, Josna Adusumilli and Angela Sturm. Back row: Jeff Moss, Michelle Steward, Chrissy Atkerson, Ashley Burson, Melissa Mouton and Srinand Mandyam.

Swift, fourth place.

- Boys' doubles - Gregory Gibson and Jim Bob Haggerton, first place and Jedediah Hinojosa and Cody Wells, third place.

Congratulations also to Brad Cox who was named to the 1997 Texas Six-Man Coaches Association First Team all-state basketball selection.

Sheree Rivas, Alison Cooper, Michael Madison and Brian Tubb were all named as 1997 Cap Rock Electric youth tour

essay/public speaking contest finalists.

The junior high and high schools recently voted on the cheerleaders and mascot. The junior high cheerleaders are: Audra Cooper, Jamie Madison, Daisy De Lucas, Lacey Cox, Misty Christon and Frances Clark as an alternate.

The high school cheerleaders are: Jessica Holloway, Baillie Greenhaw, Meagan Mims, Cheyenne Romine, Sherra Wells, Haley Madison (alter-

nate) and Kristyn Hambleton as mascot.

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## Castoff student pets become campus colonies of wild cats

FAIRFAX, Va. (AP) — Ginger was a pitiful creature when Joan Ziemba caught sight of her behind the college field house.

Bone-thin and ragged, the little cat had probably spent two months in the woods, says Ms. Ziemba, an administrator at George Mason University.

Dozens of cats are "set free" at the end of each semester at the sprawling campus with 24,000 students in the Washington, D.C., suburbs. Some animals die. A lucky few find new owners.

The rest join proliferating colonies of semi-wild cats that inhabit the woods around campus buildings.

"College campuses across the nation have this problem," says Ms. Ziemba, who with other cat lovers has formed a feeding and rescue program at George Mason.

"The kids think it would be a neat idea to have a pet during

the year, and then there is nowhere for the pet to go when classes end," Ms. Ziemba says. "They think the cats will do fine outdoors."

Alley cats are ubiquitous in big cities, and the neighborhood stray is a common sight elsewhere. But animal welfare workers say problems such as George Mason's can be easy to overlook.

"People probably are surprised to learn there are colonies of feral animals living in places like college campuses, and summer resort communities," says Stephen Zawistowski, vice president of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Feral animals are domesticated animals living in the wild. Estimates of the number of feral or stray cats nationally range from 30 million to 60 million, but no one really knows the extent of the population,

says Becky Robinson, director of a clearinghouse called Alley Cat Allies.

Feral cats are in danger from starvation, cold, disease, cars, other animals and one another. Left alone, cats become territorial and fight frequently.

While many of the feral cats were former pets, most were born wild. Feral cats breed quickly.

A female can produce two to three litters annually, and an average of 2.8 kittens per litter survive to reproduce. Two freely breeding cats can be responsible for about 70 animals in one year, as offspring breed and then those offspring breed again.

The feral cats also harbor diseases such as rabies and distemper. Feline leukemia and an immune disease similar to AIDS are incurable and highly communicable.

Students or people who get jobs at summer resorts and

leave their pets behind when it's time to go often have a misguided notion about the cats' abilities to adapt to the wild, Zawistowski and others say.

"A lot of people don't see it as abandoning the animal," Ms. Ziemba says. "They think they're giving the cat its freedom."

An estimated 200 feral cats roam the 670-acre George Mason campus, eating handouts, rodents and garbage. Ms. Ziemba's group, the Mason Cat Coalition, traps the animals and has them spayed or neutered.

Friendly animals such as Ginger can be adopted. But cats born in the wild are usually too afraid of people to make good pets. Animals that can't be tamed are released.

Ginger, now gaining weight and recovered from an eye infection, has found a comfortable home with another university employee.

## CAREER CORNER

### PARALEGAL DUTIES:

They work under the supervision of a lawyer and usually perform research for lawyers. Currently they handle many of the routine duties performed by lawyers. They help lawyers write contracts, stock agreements, stock option plans, and bankruptcy papers. Some states allow them to give legal advice.

**WORKING ENVIRONMENT:** They work in law and business offices. Paralegals may work long hours and have to travel many miles to do the necessary research for a case.

**HELPFUL HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES:** College preparatory, English, history, economics, computers, journalism, government, speech, business law,

and foreign language.

**CONTINUING EDUCATION/TRAINING:** Junior college or technical school

Some sources of training or education: Howard College-Midland College, South Plains College or El Paso Community College.

**CERTIFICATION/LICENSES:** The National Association of Legal Assistants has established a program for voluntary certification.

**SALARY:** Experienced paralegals earned \$35,000 to \$50,000 a year in 1994.

**JOB PROSPECTS:** Good to excellent. Because the average salary for a lawyer in 1993 was \$115,000 a year, they are being replaced in some businesses by paralegals.

It has been proposed in some state governments to allow paralegals to work as independent practitioners.

## Being angry about violence in America, time for change

**QUESTION:** Would you comment on the violence in our society at large, and the forces which are propelling it? What do you think can and should be done about it?

**DR. DOBSON:** There are few subjects that cause me greater concern than the exposure being given to crime and violence in America today.

A squadron of Los Angeles police cornered a desperate gunman in a residential area of the community.

The fugitive had barricaded himself in a small house, and held three juvenile hostages inside. Television crews were on hand to photograph one of the children, a teenage boy, as he was forced outside and then shot in the head by his abductor.

The young victim died on the sidewalk in a pool of his own blood. I sat stunned,

literally sick to my stomach, while the drama was broadcast in full color.

A flood of emotions ran through my mind as I gazed into the immobile, unfocused eyes of the dying adolescent.

Mixed with deep pity and remorse was a sudden outpouring of indignation—a revulsion that had been accumulating for years.

I was angry at the profiteers who have nurtured violence in our society, and at those millions who seem to thrive on it. I was angry at movie producers

like Sam Peckinpah, who have smeared blood and guts all over the silver screen. I was angry at theater patrons for demanding a dozen disembowelments per hour in their visual entertainment. I was angry at television networks for giving us continuous police stories, with their guns and silly automobile chases and karate chops and SWAT teams.

I was angry at the Supreme Court for legalizing 1.5 million abortions by American women last year. And I was particularly angry at the pathetic system of American justice which makes crime so profitable and punishment so improbable.

But my indignation will change nothing, and the wave of violence and lawlessness will continue unabated. We have become so desensitized to human suffering and exploitation that even the most horrible events are accepted as part of

our regular evening "entertainment" on the tube.

I think it's time that millions of decent, law abiding citizens rise up with one voice to oppose the industries that are profiting from violence.

A valiant campaign of this nature was waged in 1977 by the National Parent Teacher Association, directing their efforts at television networks and companies that support the most damaging programs. Of course, this pressure from the PTA brought an anguished cry of "foul play" from the greedy profiteers whose pockets were lined with blood-stained money.

Nevertheless, Sears Roebuck, Union Oil and other large companies pledged to sponsor no more violent programs on television.

This form of economic sanction is the most powerful tool available to influence our free enterprise system, and we

should use it. We have sat on our hands long enough!

**QUESTION:** How common is the desire for extramarital sexual encounters in men, even among those who would never be unfaithful to their wives?

**DR. DOBSON:** Dr. Robert Whitehurst from the Department of Sociology at the University of Windsor, Ontario, was once asked this question: "Do most men at some point have extramarital desires?"

His reply, published in the journal "Sexual Behavior," included these comments: "...All men from the first day of marriage onward think about this possibility, although these tendencies toward extramarital sexual activity diminish in later middle age and beyond, they never entirely vanish or disappear in normal men." These strong statements leave

little room for exceptions, but I'm inclined to agree with their conclusions. The lure of infidelity has incredible power to influence human behavior.

Even men who are involved in a church and are committed to their wives must deal with the same sexual temptation.

These questions and answers are excerpted from the book *Dr. Dobson Answers Your Questions*.

Dr. James Dobson is a psychologist, author and president of Focus on the Family, a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of the home.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Dr. James C. Dobson's "Focus on the Family" appears each Thursday as a cooperative effort of Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the *Big Spring Herald*.

Letters to Dr. Dobson may be sent to P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, Colo., 80903.

## TIPS 'N' TRIVIA

### Solutions for unexpected guests

(NAPS) - Tips:

- Frozen mini puff pastry shells become fast, elegant canapes. Just bake and fill with tuna salad, caviar and sour cream, berries or any favorite filling.
- Keep a variety of beverages in the pantry. You won't waste fridge space because now there's a device that actively chills a bottle of wine (or other drink) in just five minutes. "Rapid Ice" is a gel-filled foil sleeve you keep in the freezer. Slip a bottle into the sleeve and it will be icy cold by the time you get out the glasses. Look for it at Williams-Sonoma and housewares departments.
- For an instant, edible centerpiece, fill a hollow pineapple with fruit yogurt and decorate with skewered pineapple chunks, grapes and other fruit.
- Drape a runner diagonally across the dining table, sideboard or coffee table; place canapes down the center, plates and utensils on one side and beverages on the other.
- Stock up on paper plates, glasses and napkins in festive patterns and holiday designs when they go on sale and keep on hand.
- For a fast dip, combine one can crabmeat (with two tablespoons liquid), eight ounces of cream cheese and Worcestershire sauce to taste. Place in small dish, bake for 25 minutes at 350. Serve with crackers or veggies.



## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Health fair and fun run

The annual health fair is Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. This year's theme is "Health on the Horizon."

The Big Spring State Park is having a Fun Run fund raiser Saturday starting at 8 a.m. in conjunction with the health fair.

Participants can compete in a 5K or 10K run or a 5K walk. Entry fees help support the park. Late registration starts at 6:30 a.m. the day of the race.

Event leaders are Park Manager Ron Alton and Cavan and Donna McMahon. The event fee is \$5 for those with a State Park pass or \$8 for non-state park pass holders.

For reservations, call 263-0211, 1-800-734-7641, 263-7641 or 263-4931. Several prizes will be awarded to the winners.

## THE LAST WORD

A pessimist is a man who looks both ways before crossing a one way street.

Laurence J. Peter

If a nation values anything more than freedom, it will lose its freedom; and the irony of it is that if it is comfort or money that it values more, it will lose that too.

William Somerset Maugham

An artist who theorizes about his work is no longer artist but critic.

H.G. Wells

The time to be happy is now, the place to be happy is here, the way to be happy is to make others so.

Robert Green Ingersoll

**READ ALL ABOUT IT**

By The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Test your reading comprehension by reading the story then answering the questions that follow.

Levi pays big bucks for jeans

NEW YORK — Levi Strauss & Co. paid \$25,000 for an approximately 100-year-old pair of jeans, believed to be one of the two oldest pairs of Levi's in existence.

The pair — apparently once owned by a coal miner in Colorado — was hand-delivered to the Levi Strauss museum in San Francisco, where it will be exhibited near one almost the same age, but in poorer condition.

"One reason this pair of jeans is so important is that we lost everything in the 1906 earthquake and fire and the first 50 years of our history were destroyed," company historian Lynn Downey said.

"I knew this would be a treasure that everyone in the company would want us to have, so there was no question."

The jeans, which have a single back pocket and a leather patch on the waistband, were found in remarkably good shape in November by someone combing an old mine. The pair dates from 1886 to 1902, when the jeans cost around \$1.25, Downey said.

The person who found the jeans sold them for \$10,000. Another investor paid \$15,000, and the owners of What Comes Around Goes Around, a vintage apparel store in Manhattan, paid \$20,000.

"The biggest market for vintage jeans is Japan, but I wanted to keep them in the country," said Seth Weisser, co-owner of the store. "I called Levi's and overnighted them pictures. They seemed overwhelmed with happiness. They probably would have paid \$40,000."

Use information from the story to answer the following questions:

1. Levi Strauss & Co. recently paid \$25,000 for a pair of vintage (old) jeans. Why were the jeans so high-priced?
2. How much money did the Manhattan store owners make on the sale of the Levi's treasure?
3. Why do you think that the rare clothing item was hand-delivered to the Levi Strauss museum in San Francisco?
4. Where were the old jeans found? Who probably owned them?
5. The jeans are said to date from 1886 to 1902. Why might it be difficult to find out the exact year in which they were made?
6. About how much did a pair of Levi's cost 100 years ago?
7. How might the condition of the pair of jeans affect its value? Explain.
8. Name two features of the approximately 100-year-old pair of jeans that were mentioned in the story.
9. What is Levi planning to do with its new possession?
10. How were clothing items from the company's first 50 years in business destroyed?

Answer key (wording may vary):

1. The jeans are so valuable because they are one of the oldest pairs of Levi's in the world.
2. The owners of What Comes Around Goes Around sold the jeans for \$5,000 more than they paid for them.
3. Answers will vary.
4. The vintage pair was found in an old mine. The jeans were probably owned by a Colorado coal miner.
5. Answers will vary.
6. In the late 19th century, a pair of Levi's cost about \$1.25.
7. Answers will vary.
8. The Levi's were described as having one back pocket and a patch of leather on the waistband.
9. Levi Strauss & Co. is planning to put their treasure on display near another pair of almost the same age.
10. The company lost everything in the 1906 San Francisco earthquake and fire.

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By BETTY DEBNAM

Meet the Author/Illustrator  
**Newbery Winner E.L. Konigsburg**



The John Newbery Medal is awarded each year to the author of the most outstanding children's book. This year's winner was E.L. (Elaine) Konigsburg for her book "The View From Saturday."

In 1968 she won the Newbery Medal for "From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler." That same year she also won an Honor Book award for "Jennifer, Hecate, Macbeth, William McKinley, and Me, Elizabeth." She is the only author to have received two Newbery awards in the same year.



E.L. Konigsburg has written 16 books and also illustrated her three picture books.

**Winning the medal**

E.L. Konigsburg says: "This award will give me again, as the last award did, the courage to try new things. If you look over the list of my books, you will not find one that is like another, although they may all treat the same themes."

**Her background**

Before she became a writer, E.L. Konigsburg worked as a chemist and a science teacher. She became a writer when her children entered school.

"I had three children, and I wanted to write something that reflected their kind of growing up. Because as I was growing up in a small mill town in Pennsylvania, I never met anyone like me in a book."

Two of her five grandchildren modeled for her picture book illustrations. Her three children posed for pictures in her other books.

She and her husband, David, a retired psychologist, live in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. She works in a studio overlooking the ocean, and often plans out her books while walking on the beach.



In "The View From Saturday," an amazing team of sixth-graders and their partially paralyzed teacher win victory after victory in Academic Bowl competitions.

**Advice to kids**

"Finish! I believe there are many, many people with talent. I think that the difference between being a person of talent and being a writer is the discipline it takes to apply the seat of your pants to the seat of your chair, to get over the next transition, to get to the next paragraph, to get to the next chapter, and to finish."

**Some favorites**

**Food:** chocolate  
**Children's book:** "Charlotte's Web"  
**Place to read:** the beach in summer and in bed before going to sleep



In "From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler," two children run away to a famous museum. There they find a mystery about a statue.

**Meet Joey Zimmerman**



Joey Zimmerman plays Eric Kipper on the show "Bailey Kipper's P.O.V." Eric is Bailey's younger brother.

Although he is only 10, Joey has been acting for most of his life. He has been in movies; plays, including one by Shakespeare; and TV shows, including "Earth 2" and "The Mommies." He was also in several TV movies.

Joey was born in New Mexico and now lives in San Diego. He has a brother and a sister.

In his free time, Joey likes writing science fiction, in-line skating and playing with his computer.

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**MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes**

**WHAT DOG PLAYS FOOTBALL?**  
**A: A hot dog!**  
(both sent in by Dusty Fohey)

**Q: Where should a 300-pound space alien go?**  
**A: On a diet!**  
(sent in by Joshua Perkins)

**Rookie Cookie's Recipe**  
**Champion Cheese Potatoes**

**You'll need:**

- 2 baking potatoes
- 2/3 cup cheddar cheese, grated
- 1/3 cup onion, grated

**What to do:**

1. Pierce potatoes with a fork several times.
2. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven 1 1/2 hours.
3. Cut in half lengthwise and scoop out insides into a medium bowl.
4. Mash with a fork.
5. Add cheese and onion. Mix well.
6. Spoon equal amounts of mashed potato back into the skins.
7. Return to oven and bake 10 minutes. Serves 2.

**LIBRARY TRY 'N FIND**

Words about libraries are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find LIBRARY, BOOK, READ, STUDY, INTERESTS, RESEARCH, SHELVES, CHAIRS, TABLES, COMPUTER, TITLE, AUTHOR, SUBJECT, LEARN, QUIET, BORROW, CARD, DEWEY, GLOBE, MAP.

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**Mini Spy ...**

Mini Spy and her friends love to go to the library. See if you can find:

- yardstick
- sword
- football
- letter H
- question mark
- key
- bird
- word MINI
- letter L
- bell
- number 8
- lima bean

**Meet Caldecott Winner David Wisniewski**

The Caldecott Medal is presented each year to the illustrator of the most distinguished picture book for children. This year's winner is David Wisniewski (wis-NES-key) for "Golem."

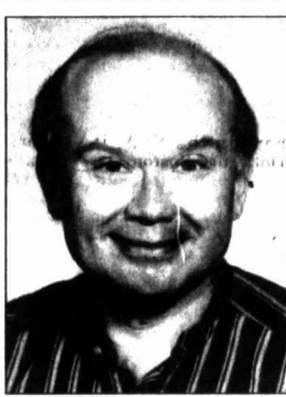
**Winning the award**

David Wisniewski said: "I went to bed Sunday night, woke up on Monday morning and thought, 'Oh well, maybe next year.' Then I got a call at 8:30 saying I'd won."  
"No one knows if he's even being considered. I was really surprised. It's just so satisfying."  
"You feel like, OK, I came into this business sort of untrained, as a self-taught artist and basically a self-taught writer. I didn't have enough money to go to college. I'm a high school graduate and read a lot."  
"It's awesomely satisfying to be recognized for work like this."



**Advice to kids**

"There is no big secret to writing and drawing other than doing it. You draw and draw and draw or write and write and write."  
"It's like me with hockey (a sport he's recently taken up). The puck comes at me ... and I miss and swing and fall down. Yet how am I going to get better at this? There aren't going to be magic potions. It's going to be getting out on the ice and doing it until I do get better."



David Wisniewski, 43, has written and illustrated seven books. He lives in Frederick, Md.

**His background**

David was a clown for Ringling Brothers Circus for two years, and for a smaller circus for one year. "After that I wanted to run away home from the circus."  
He got a job working with shadow puppets. His boss, Donna Harris, trained him to make them.  
Six months later he and Donna were married. They traveled around to schools putting on puppet shows.  
After taking a one-day class on picture books, he started working on a book. He sold his first book the very first time he met with a publisher.



David and Donna Wisniewski wrote "Worlds of Shadow" to teach teachers how to work with shadow puppets.

**How he works**

Before he starts writing a story, he spends a lot of time doing research. "You have to make sure the customs and habits of a people don't get in the way of the story-telling, or the story-telling gets in the way of a culture."  
After writing the story, he does sketches for the illustrations. Then he cuts out every single part of his artwork with a special knife. He pastes the art onto a page. The pages are then photographed.

**Family**

**Wife:** Donna  
**Kids:** Ariana, 15, and Alex, 11  
**Dogs:** Labrador husky named Sky, and an elkhound named Kilinka (Russian for snowflake)  
**Cats:** Asher, Amber and Jim



**Some favorites**

**Color:** reds and blues  
**Sports to play:** ice skating, ice hockey, in-line skating  
**TV show:** "Mystery Science Theater 3000." ("I'm so suspicious of TV.")  
**Children's illustrator:** Floyd Cooper  
**Music:** orchestral film scores  
**Place to read:** in the bathtub before the water gets cold

**American Library Week is April 13-19. This year's theme is "Kids connect @ the library."**

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## Lady Steers must travel to El Paso

Big Spring puts 22-6 record up against Bowie

By JOHN H. WALKER  
Managing Editor

Wes Overton was hoping for Carlsbad, N.M. — Alpine at the worst.

He didn't get his wish. Instead of a neutral site, Big Spring's Lady Steers (22-6) will head 350 miles west to face El Paso Bowie's Lady Bears (7-12) in the UTL state softball playoffs.

The games will be played at Montwood High School, located on El Paso's east side.

The first game is scheduled for a 2 p.m. (Big Spring time) start with the second scheduled to begin 30 minutes after the first. A third game, if necessary, would be played at 11 Saturday morning.

Unlike Big Spring, Bowie had to fight to get into the playoffs — beating Burgess and Riverside in a pair of playoff games to make the playoffs.

Big Spring relies on the pitching of sophomore Angie Phillips and freshman Jessica Sisneros along with the hitting of second baseman Honey Balew, third baseman Melisa Martinez and designated hitter Juanita Valdez.

Defensively, catcher Jessica Cobos and centerfielder Stephanie Kennedy help lead the Big Spring attack.



Big Spring shortstop Brenda Austin and her teammates face El Paso Bowie in a Friday doubleheader. If needed, a third game will be played Saturday morning. The games will be played at Montwood High School, off of Lomaland Drive at the Lee Trevino exit on I-10.

## Jones says Dallas may trade away first-round pick

IRVING (AP) — Cowboys owner Jerry Jones says chances are 3 to 1 that Dallas will trade out of the first round of the NFL draft for the fourth time in five years.

He said Wednesday he has spoken with 10 teams about moving up in the draft and expects to talk with every club before Saturday.

Jones cited the salary cap and a lack of potential starters in the first round of this week-end's draft. He said he'd like to trade the team's 25th overall selection for picks in the second and middle rounds.

The 25th spot is the Cowboys' highest draft spot since 1992, when they moved up to acquire cornerback Kevin Smith at No. 17.

"It's difficult to see a first-rounder worth moving up for who could start for us, that's why I say there's a 75 percent chance we'll be moving out," Jones said.

He indicated the club will concentrate its efforts on free agency.

"You can take the same amount of money (for an unproven first-round pick), go out in free agency and get a starter," Jones said.

He said wide receiver and linebacker are the team's top priorities.

Although Jay Novacek is expected to retire, tight end is not high on Dallas' list, Jones said.

"We think we've got our starter at tight end in Eric Bjornson," Jones said.

Jones is the only one in the Dallas camp who's talking about draft day. Everyone else is under a strict gag order. Jones doesn't want any secrets finding their way to NFL rivals.

Pressed about the matter, personnel director Larry Lacey coyly drew his finger across his lips like they were zipped close.

"One would assume the Cowboys could use a wide

receiver, a linebacker, an offensive lineman, help in the secondary and, of course, kickers to replace punter John Jett and placekicker Chris Boniol," a questioner said.

"You may assume all of the above," Lacey responded.

Indeed, the Cowboys are talented but depth shy. They can use help in just about every area.

They've already signed free agent kickers Richie Cunningham, Danny Kight and Marshall Young seeking a replacement for Boniol.

Dallas scouts took quarterback Troy Aikman on one of their forays to see if he saw any receivers he liked. Aikman threw to some receivers one day in California, then tackled Pebble Beach where he and Lacey won a few bets off unsuspecting opponents.

Did Aikman find anything he liked?

"Yes," was all Lacey would say.

Dallas does need a receiver to help take the heat off Michael Irvin.

The Cowboys drafted Stepfret Williams last year and he wasn't much help. He wasn't a disciplined route runner and his hands left something to be desired.

Deion Sanders was a bust as a receiver, catching only one touchdown pass and driving Aikman to distraction with his poor routes.

Sanders will be only used as a spot receiver this year because he'll miss training camp as he tries to revive his baseball career with the Cincinnati Reds. Aikman would love to have Alvin Harper back if he gets cut by Tampa Bay.

Look for the Cowboys to sign a veteran receiver if they can't find one in the draft.

They also will have to sign another linebacker because of the possible losses of Darrin Smith and Jim Schwantz to free agency.

## Washington, Cleveland vie for final East playoff spot

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The race for the final NBA playoff spot is down to two teams, Washington and Cleveland. And it might not be settled until the final day of the regular season.

The Bullets and Cavaliers both won Wednesday night, leaving Washington one game ahead with two to play. If both teams win on Friday — Washington plays Orlando at Landover, Md., while Cleveland meets Detroit at Auburn Hills, Mich. — the playoff berth will be determined Sunday when the Bullets visit the Cavs.

"I just feel like we're playing good ball right now. Our destiny is in our own hands," said Washington's Chris Webber, who had 20 points and 12 rebounds in a 103-90 victory over Indiana that knocked the Pacers out of playoff contention.

Cleveland kept pace with Washington by beating Orlando 78-63. If the Cavs and Bullets finish in a tie, Cleveland would get the final playoff spot because it has a better record against conference playoff teams.

"Now we have Detroit on Friday night, and we have to play the same way so it all comes down to Sunday afternoon," Cavs coach Mike Fratello said.

Indiana's loss officially ended the Pacers' seven-year playoff run.

"For 80 games, we never took the extra pass and we played like strangers at key times," coach Larry Brown

### NBA ROUNDUP

said. "When we have to compete at our highest level, I don't see a sense of urgency out there."

Elsewhere in the NBA, it was Charlotte 108, Boston 102; New York 96, Atlanta 92; Philadelphia 113, New Jersey 105; Detroit 92, Milwaukee 85; Miami 102, Chicago 92; Dallas 92, Minnesota 77; and Portland 107, Denver 63.

#### Bullets 103, Pacers 90

At Landover, Rod Strickland had a season-high 34 points and 13 assists for the Bullets, who never trailed in the second half. Juwan Howard added 25 points and Chris Webber, playing at center for the injured Gheorge Muresan, had 20 points and 12 rebounds. Dale Davis led Indiana with 20 points.

#### Cavaliers 78, Magic 63

At Cleveland, Tyrone Hill had 19 points and 10 rebounds as the Cavs held the Magic to their second-lowest point total of the season. Orlando played without center Rony Seikaly, who got a chance to rest two sprained ankles after the Magic clinched the seventh Eastern Conference playoff berth on Monday. Orlando's other starters sat out most of the fourth quarter.

#### Heat 102, Bulls 92

At Miami, the Heat won their 60th game and denied Chicago its 70th victory. Jamal Mashburn scored 23 points for Miami, while Tim

Hardaway had 22 and Alonzo Mourning 21. Scottie Pippen scored 28 points for Chicago, and Michael Jordan added 26. The Bulls have one more chance to reach 70 wins for the second straight season. They close their regular season at home against New York on Saturday.

#### Hornets 108, Celtics 102

At Boston, Tony Delk scored 17 of his 18 points in the second half as Charlotte won a franchise-record ninth straight game. Glen Rice scored 25 points and Anthony Mason had 15 points and 12 rebounds for the Hornets, who remained fifth in the Eastern playoff race, one game behind New York and Atlanta. Antoine Walker had 23 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists for Boston's first triple-double of the season.

#### Knicks 96, Hawks 92

At New York, Patrick Ewing scored 24 points, including his team's final six, as the Knicks moved into a tie with Atlanta for the No. 3 seed in the East. New York won the season series with the Hawks, so the Knicks would get the third seed if the teams finish in a tie. Steve Smith led Atlanta with 33 points.

#### Pistons 92, Bucks 85

At Auburn Hills, Theo Ratliff had a career-high 25 points and season-high 12 rebounds, and Aaron McKie just missed a triple-double as Detroit won without injured star Grant Hill. McKie finished with a season-high 18 points, a career-high 12

rebounds, and eight assists. Glenn Robinson led the Bucks with 25 points.

#### Mavs 92, Timberwolves 77

Michael Finley scored 16 of his 19 points in the second half as Dallas ended a two-year losing streak against the Timberwolves. Shawn Bradley added 18 points and A.C. Green had 14 points and 14 rebounds for the Mavericks, who broke a seven-game skid against Minnesota. Kevin Garnett had 16 points and nine rebounds for the Wolves, who lost their third straight at home.

#### Sixers 113, Nets 105

At East Rutherford, rookie Allen Iverson's streak of 40-point games ended at five, and Philadelphia ended an eight-game losing streak. Jerry Stackhouse scored 20 of his 34 points in the first quarter, and Iverson added 27 after missing some time because of a third-quarter collision. Kerry Kittles led New Jersey with 26 points.

#### Blazers 107, Nuggets 63

At Portland, the Trail Blazers held Denver to its lowest point total ever. Denver's previous low came in a 105-65 loss to the Blazers earlier this season. Kenny Anderson had 16 points, 10 assists and five steals in 27 minutes for the Blazers, who set a team record for fewest points allowed. Tom Hammonds scored 14 for the Nuggets, who lost their ninth straight overall and eighth consecutive game to the Blazers.

## Perennial World Series winner Taiwan drops out of Little League

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The crowds in Williamsport, Pa., used to boo when the team from Taiwan took the field for another Little League World Series championship run.

Now, after 12 championships in 23 years and numerous blowout victories during that span, Taiwan is quitting Little League baseball over a rule dispute.

"I think that Taiwan looks to it as a symbol of pride," said David Tsai of the Center for Taiwan International Relations in Washington. "Whichever team made it to the World Series — it has a lot of prestige for that school or county. This is a loss."

Little League officials announced on Wednesday that Taiwan would not return to defend its title. Officials said Taiwan broke league rules by drawing its players from an area

with too large a population, even though they came from a single school.

Representatives from the Chinese Taipei Baseball Association, the governing body in Taiwan, met with Little League officials April 1 to discuss other alleged violations, but ended up focusing talks on the population issue.

League rules restrict teams from drawing players from areas with a population larger than 20,000. Since 1992, high-density areas have been able to tie their leagues to school populations; one league is permitted per 1,000 students in grades kindergarten through seventh grade.

In Taiwan, single leagues were pulling from schools with more than 3,000 children, said Lance Van Auken, a spokesman for Little League Baseball.

"They said they would have great difficulty in making that stick," Van

Auken said. "When they left, they said they wanted to go home and basically think about it."

On Wednesday, CTBA faxed notice of its withdrawal to Williamsport.

"We cannot deny that LLB has played a very important role in popularizing and prospering Taiwan's development of baseball in the past years," the fax read. "However, due to the diversity of society status and culture, we have difficulty in implementing completely in compliance with LLB's regulations."

There was no answer Wednesday at the CTBA headquarters in Taiwan.

"Cultural differences. Those are the words they used," Van Auken said. "They simply didn't want to have three leagues in that one school. That in itself gives them a distinct competitive advantage."

Since they joined the league in 1969, Taiwan has dominated World Series play. Last year the champi-

onship game was stopped in the fifth inning after Taiwan built a 10-run lead — the most allowed — over a team from Cranston, R.I. Before that, they outscored opponents 49-6.

Despite their overpowering success, the Taiwan players were universally quiet and respectful. They would salute umpires and bow to the crowd after victories.

"We do appreciate the openness of the CTBA in making this decision," said Stephen D. Keener, president of Little League Baseball. "As with any group ... willing to abide by (our) rules and regulations, we welcome the leagues in Chinese Taipei to return to their affiliation with Little League at any time."

Van Auken said he did not know if Taiwan broke the rule before. In 1993, Taiwan and several other teams from the Far East tournament were declared ineligible because players were drawn from outside league

areas.

In previous years, some teams complained that the Taiwan players, many of whom were much taller than their competitors, were older than the league limit of 12. Van Auken said the allegations were investigated and the team cleared.

"It's an inherent danger," Van Auken said. "We have to depend on people at the local level to follow the rules. Everybody is presumed innocent until something comes up to show they are not."

Taiwan fielded 35 leagues last year, a tiny percentage of the more than 7,500 programs chartered throughout the world. Nearly three million baseball players in all 50 states and 83 countries compete each year.

"I think this might even peak people's interest. If you take them out of the mix, it might make other people think they have a chance," Van Auken said.

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LOCAL BRIEFS

**MIDLAND** — Three Big Spring golfers placed in Wednesday's Permian Basin Women's Golf Association Tournament, played at Mission Dorado County Club in Odessa.

Cornie Fowler's 92 was good for 2nd gross in the Second Flight while Patsy Sherneck's 71 was good for 1st net. Lane Reynolds' 71 was good for 2nd net.

No Big Spring Little League results were reported to the Herald for today's edition. Game report forms are available at the front desk of the newspaper.

ELSEWHERE

**SAN DIEGO (AP)** — Making what could be a final push to

trade the rights to Japanese pitcher Hideki Irabu, San Diego Padres president Larry Lucchino met this week with the owners of the New York Yankees and Mets.

The Yankees and Mets are among four teams who have made strong offers for Irabu, whose fastball has been clocked at 100 mph. San Diego obtained his major league rights from Chiba Lotte, but he has refused to negotiate with the Padres, saying he has always wanted to play for the Yankees.

**SANFORD, Fla. (AP)** — With the nation honoring Jackie Robinson as America's first black major leaguer, Sanford wants to apologize for a long-standing stain on its soul.

More than 50 years ago, city officials forced Robinson out of an exhibition game between the Brooklyn Dodgers and its farm team to keep him from playing on the same field with white players.

City commissioner Whitey Eckstein and other officials aren't certain how or when an

apology will be made. Eckstein suggested inviting Robinson's widow, Rachel, to Sanford as soon as possible and express remorse publicly.

**BASKETBALL**  
**NEW YORK (AP)** — A city cop who arrested Anthony Mason last summer was stripped of his gun and badge while investigators check charges that he tried to shake down the Charlotte Hornets star for \$100,000.

The officer, Thomas Fursa, 34, a probationary sergeant at the time, helped handcuff the former New York Knicks player last July when the forward scuffled with about 10 police officers after getting a parking ticket.

Fursa allegedly called one of Mason's lawyers in September offering to change his testimony against Mason for \$100,000, according to charges brought Tuesday by the police internal affairs division.

**CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP)** — North Carolina forward Antawn Jamison said he will remain in

school and forego the NBA draft. He averaged 19.1 points and 9.4 rebounds as a sophomore, and was a second-team All-America selection.

**VILLANOVA, Pa. (AP)** — Tim Thomas is leaving Villanova after only one season to enter the NBA draft, according to published reports. The forward averaged 16.9 points as a freshman.

**WINSTON-SALEM (AP)** — Daryl Hardy, a junior center for Winston-Salem State, said he will make himself available for the NBA draft. Hardy averaged 18.8 points and 10.6 rebounds last season.

**FOOTBALL**

**ASHBURN, Va. (AP)** — Unless a deal is made by Saturday, the New Orleans Saints will likely have to wait until the eve of opening day to pry quarterback Heath Shuler from the Washington Redskins.

The Redskins are demanding a third-round draft choice for Shuler, who has agreed to a

four-year contract with the Saints for \$7.6 million. Washington general manager Charley Casserly said he is considering to leave Shuler on the roster until the 1997 salary cap kicks into effect Aug. 31.

**MINNEAPOLIS (AP)** — Robert Smith, an unrestricted free agent running back coming off a knee injury, agreed to a one-year contract with the Minnesota Vikings that could pay him more than \$1.6 million in 1997.

The deal includes a base salary of \$1 million and another \$100,000 in roster bonuses if Smith plays more than eight games. He also will have a chance for about \$500,000 incentives, with the top-end dollars coming with 1,300 yards and trips to the Pro Bowl and Super Bowl.

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Atlanta Falcons safety Patrick Bates was arrested after his former girlfriend accused him of breaking into her home and beating her with a pistol while she was feeding their 3-week-old baby.

Bates, 26, was charged with aggravated assault, kidnapping

and child endangerment, said Capt. Donald Cook of the Fulton County Police Department. He was held pending a hearing today.

**TAMPA, Fla. (AP)** — The Tampa Bay Buccaneers ended their search for a backup quarterback when Steve Walsh signed a two-year, \$1 million contract to play behind Trent Duffer. Walsh, 30, spent last season with St. Louis, and also has played for Dallas, New Orleans and Chicago.

**HORSE RACING**  
**LONDON (AP)** — The \$25 million claim against Cigar's infertility will be paid May 3, leaving only the question of publicity rights unresolved.

The insurance policy with Assicurazioni Generali required Cigar be bred to 20 mares twice and get at least 60 percent of them in foal to be considered fertile. None of the 34 mares bred to Cigar is with foal. Assicurazioni Generali said publicity rights are still owned by Allen Paulson.

of the two-time Horse of the Year who still has a quarter share of the stallion. Coolmore Stud, a 75 percent stakeholder, will receive a \$18.75 million payment and Paulson will get \$6.25 million.

**BOXING**

**SANTA TERESA, N.M. (AP)** — Former Australian heavyweight champion Craig Peterson was found dead in his New Mexico home Tuesday, and authorities have not ruled out the possibility of foul play.

Born in New Zealand, Peterson grew up in Brisbane, Australia. He had a professional record of 22-6-1. His last fight was Jan. 28 at Auburn Hills, Mich., where he was stopped in the sixth round by unbeaten Chris Byrd.

**TENNIS**  
**BARCELONA, Spain (AP)** — Sweden's Magnus Larsson upset second-seeded Yevgeny Kafelnikov of Russia 3-6, 6-2, 6-3 in the second round of the Open Seat Godo clay-court tour-

also advanced, beating fifth-seeded Marcelo Rios of Chile 7-5, 7-6 (7-3).

TEXAS LEAGUE

East Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arkansas	7	4	.636	—
Shreveport	6	6	.500	1 1/2
Jackson	6	7	.462	2
Tulsa	5	7	.417	2 1/2

West Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
El Paso	8	4	.667	—
San Antonio	6	2	.750	—
Midland	4	8	.333	4
Wichita	2	6	.250	4

Wednesday's Games

Arkansas 6, Jackson 1  
Tulsa 10, Shreveport 6  
San Antonio 3, Midland 2  
Wichita 10, El Paso 7

Tonight's Games

Arkansas at Jackson  
Shreveport at Tulsa  
San Antonio at Midland  
Wichita at El Paso

Friday's Games

Arkansas at Jackson  
Shreveport at Tulsa

# Suspected bookie proclaims innocence in connection with Fresno State scandal

**MADERA, Calif. (AP)** — Federal authorities, who portray Kirk Vartanian as a bookie, are looking at his financial records as part of a point-shaving probe involving Fresno State basketball games this season.

Vartanian depicts himself as an average fan, who pays for the privilege of being close to the action and who bets just once a year — on the Super Bowl.

So as federal officials expanded their probe into allegations of illegal gambling involving Jerry Tarkanian's team, Vartanian called a news conference at his brother's used car lot to try to clear his name.

"I was never involved with any point shaving. I'm not a bookie. I have not done anything wrong," Vartanian said Wednesday. "There's nothing to it, that's the real story. There's no point shaving whatsoever."

A federal grand jury is looking into the point shaving allegations, and The Fresno Bee reported Wednesday the Internal Revenue Service has joined the FBI in investigating the case.

The Bee has reported that at

least five people have been subpoenaed by the grand jury looking into the allegations of shaving points — trying to keep a game's margin below the point spread to favor certain gamblers.

The federal investigation began after Vartanian and associates began sitting in seats behind the Fresno State bench at home games. Vartanian said he paid \$3,000 in cash to Tarkanian's business agent, Jose Elgorriaga Jr., for the seats.

The probe intensified after Vartanian was seen talking with Fresno State point guard Dominick Young in the Eclipse night club on Feb. 20 after the Bulldogs defeated Wyoming 76-68, but failed to cover the point spread.

The point spread was 10 in that game, and Young played poorly in the closing minutes.

Young swore out a statement in early March denying he was the guest of Vartanian at the night club or that he received a five soft drink from Vartanian Tarkanian and Fresno State athletic director Al Bohl later said Young's statement was inaccurate.

Vartanian said Wednesday

he talked with Young for five to 10 minutes at the Eclipse on Feb. 20, but "I don't remember what the hell I was telling him."

Vartanian said he met Chris Herren, another Fresno State guard whose scholarship records have been subpoenaed as part of the federal probe, about a week later at the Eclipse.

Vartanian said he has no relationship with Tarkanian, who has not been suspected of any wrongdoing in the point-shaving allegations.

"I never met Jerry Tarkanian in my life," he said.

Vartanian said he has not been subpoenaed in the case. But Vartanian's attorney, Thomas Nast, said a subpoena was issued recently to Vartanian's bookkeeper.

"I can conclude the grand jury is interested in looking at Mr. Vartanian's books," said Nast, who stressed that does not mean his client has engaged in any wrongdoing.

Vartanian, 27, said he has never bet on Fresno State basketball games. He accused The Bee of a vendetta against him and charged federal authorities are focusing on him because of

his flashy lifestyle. "Because I drive nice cars and wear nice clothes, they feel I must be doing something wrong," he said.

The Bee said federal subpoenas seek to find out what Tarkanian does with the 90 free tickets he has received for each home game since becoming Fresno State coach two seasons ago.

The Bee has reported that Vartanian received 42 tickets from Elgorriaga. Tarkanian has said he provides Elgorriaga with four to six tickets per game, but does not know what happens to them.

Tarkanian said the situation is "totally different" from problems he had with the IRS while coaching at UNLV. In 1995, the IRS tried to collect back taxes from Tarkanian and his wife for up to 216 season tickets he received each year between 1987 and 1991.

The Las Vegas Review-Journal has reported the IRS claimed the Tarkanians owed \$148,895 in back taxes. The Tarkanians settled the case by agreeing to pay the IRS \$32,123, telling a U.S. Tax Court that he gave away most of the tickets and did not profit from them.

# Thanks to Tiger, more want to know about Ted

**NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)** — Thanks to Tiger Woods, people want to know more about Ted Rhodes, the first black to play in a PGA-sanctioned event. Rhodes' daughter says they would find a man very similar to Woods.

Pages of the good next to Ted's bad swings would be very similar, Peggy White said Wednesday. "He was known for his swing and he was focused on hitting golf."

Woods' fathered Rhodes as one of the black golf pioneers following his father's victory. But a golfer who got off Wednesday at the Nashville course, Rhodes' son had never heard of Rhodes. "Ted Rhodes who?" he said.

Unlike Woods, Rhodes' face is Rhodes' small.

He had only a few chances to play against white players thanks to the PGA Tour's "Amateur Only" rule, which was rescinded in 1967. He said the PGA with Bill Spiller and Madison Bumgarner in 1948 only to see tournaments changed to an invitation-only format.

Rhodes finally broke through in 1961 when the PGA recorded his 71 in the Phoenix Open.

But Rhodes, who died in 1969 at age 35, spent most of his time on the black tour where he won more than 150 tournaments in the United Golf Association between the late 1940s and his retirement.

He accepted it, his daughter said by telephone. "He was very mild-mannered, a soft-spoken gentleman. He went and played where he was able to play. He knew if he had the chance, he could stand up out there to anyone."

He just continued to play golf. He made a living at golf the best way he could.

Charlie Stifford, the first black to regularly play the PGA Tour, called Rhodes the "black Jack Nicklaus." Rhodes' swing earned him the nickname "Straight Arrow." He taught golf to boxing champion Joe Louis and in the 1960s tutored Eldon who in 1975 was the black invited to the Masters.

He was one of the greatest players during that time before integration, said Joe Stimpson.

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**FISHING REPORT**

**AUSTIN (AP)** — Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for April 17:

**CENTRAL**  
**BASTROP:** Water fairly clear; 70 degrees; black bass up to 6 pounds are good on white and chartreuse spinners and Carolina-rigged worms; crappie are fair to good on shiners and small jigs fished over brush; catfish are fair on stink bait and Mike King's Punch Bait.

**BELTON:** Water clear; 9 feet high; 65 degrees; black bass up to 5 pounds are fair to good on small spinners, lizards and crank baits; crappie are good on minnows fished around marinas; catfish are fair to good on cheese bait.

**BROWNWOOD:** Water stained to clear; normal level; 64 degrees; black bass to 8 pounds are good on Slug-gos and Carolina-rigged lizards and worms; hybrid stripers are good on live bait and spoons; catfish are fair on night crawlers and shrimp.

**BUCHANAN:** Water clear; lake full; 63 degrees; black bass up to 6.2 pounds are good on dark colored spinners; striped bass are very good to 12 pounds on live shad; crappie are slow; white bass are good on jigs and trolling baits fished on the upper end of the lake; catfish are good on fresh shad fished on trotlines on the upper end of the lake.

**CANYON:** Water off-colored; 61 degrees; very few fishermen out.

**FAYETTE:** Water fairly clear; normal level.

**STILWELL:** Water fairly clear; 14 feet high; 65 degrees; black bass and smallmouth are fair to good on Carolina-rigged worms; crappie are good on minnows fished over baited holes; catfish are good on Bob's Cheese Bait.

**SOMERVILLE:** Water off-colored; normal level; black bass are fair to good; white bass are good on minnows; crappie are good on minnows fished around the marina; catfish are good on stink bait.

**TRAVIS:** Water clear; lake high; 65 degrees; black bass up to 9 pounds are good on jerk baits, Carolina-rigged worms and lizards; striped and white bass are fair on live bait; crappie are fair to good on minnows and fished around boat houses; catfish are good on shiners, crawfish and prepared bait.

**WACO:** Water murky; 3 feet high; very few fishermen out.

**WHITNEY:** Water off-colored; 2 feet high; black bass up to 9 pounds are good on Carolina-rigged worms and spinners; striped bass are fair to good on live bait; white bass are good on cut bait and crank baits; crappie are fair on minnows.

**NORTHEAST**  
**ATHENS:** Water fairly clear; normal level; black bass are fair on watermelon colored centipedes; no report for other species.

**BOB SANDLIN:** Water fairly clear; normal level; 67 degrees; black bass up to 10 pounds are good on Carolina-rigged worms and lizards fished in 2 to 15 feet of water; catfish are fair to good on cheese bait and cut shad.

**FORK:** Water murky; pool level; black bass are slow to fair; crappie are slow; no report for catfish.

**LAKE O THE PINES:** Water murky; 6 feet high; black bass to 8 pounds are good on Carolina-rigged worms and lizards; catfish are fair to good on cut bait and night crawlers.

**LEWISVILLE:** Water murky; 3 feet high; black bass to 4 pounds are good on Hart Spinner Baits and Carolina-rigged worms; striped bass are fair to good on crank baits; catfish are good on cut bait and shrimp.

**RAY ROBERTS:** Water murky; 3 feet high; black bass are fair to good on Carolina-rigged lizards and slingshot whacky worms; white bass are good on shad fished on the main lake points; crappie are spotty; no report for catfish.

**RICHLAND CHAMBERS:** Water fairly clear; normal level; 65 degrees; black bass are good on fire tiger spinners and black & blue Carolina-rigged lizards fished in shallow water; white bass are good on slabs fished in 15 to 25 feet of water under the birds on points and in the mouths of creeks; crappie are good on minnows fished in 2 to 4 feet of water in the backs of creeks; catfish are good on live perch and cut bait fished on jugs and trotlines fished in creeks with rod and reel catfish being cut on night crawlers fished on windy banks.

**TEXOMA:** Water fairly clear; 1 foot high; 65 degrees.

**TYLER:** Water clear; lake full; 64 degrees; black bass up to 8.24 pounds are good on Carolina-rigged pumpkinseed and Tennessee Shad colored crank baits fished in 0 to 15 feet of water; crappie are spotty on minnows fished around deep water boat docks; white bass are very good on jugging spoons and Hellbenders fished in 18 feet of water around main lake points with some action under the birds; catfish are fair to good on setlines baited with live perch with some channel catfish caught on liver and cheese bait fished in shallow water.

**WRIGHT PATMAN:** Water murky; 17 feet high; black bass are slow; white bass are very good on live minnows, spoons, slabs, spinners, Roadrunners and topwaters; catfish are good on night crawlers and shnd.

**SOUTHEAST**  
**B.A. STEINHAGEN:** Water murky; 1 foot low; no report available.

**CONROE:** Water off-colored; slightly above normal level; 70 degrees; black bass are slow to fair on Carolina-rigged pumpkinseed and Junebug colored worms and Tennessee Shad colored crank baits fished in 0 to 15 feet of water; crappie are spotty on minnows fished around deep water boat docks; white bass are very good on jugging spoons and Hellbenders fished in 18 feet of water around main lake points with some action under the birds; catfish are fair to good on setlines baited with live perch with some channel catfish caught on liver and cheese bait fished in shallow water.

**HOUSTON COUNTY:** Water fairly clear; normal level; 70 degrees; black bass are good on live minnows and water dogs fished around the islands, Golden Acres and close to the dam; crappie are slow to fair on minnows fished in 12 to 15 feet of water; catfish are good on trotline and rod and reels fished in 5 to 12 feet of water.

**LIVINGSTON:** Water murky; 1 foot high; 63 degrees; black bass are fair to good; crappie are slow to fair on minnows; flat-head catfish are good on live bait.

**RAYBURN:** Water murky to stained; 4 feet high; 67 degrees; black bass are good on Carolina-rigged water and watermelon/chartreuse lizards fished in 14 to 16 feet of water where the grass line meets the hydrilla and on Slug-gos and whacky worms fished in the Buck Brush; crappie are fair to good on jigs fished on points in 6 to 8 feet of water; catfish are slow.

**TOLEDO BEND:** Water fairly clear; lake full; 68 degrees; black bass are fair to good on spinners and topwaters fished early and late with pumpkinseed and watermelon whacky worms and Carolina-rigged worms fished during the mid-day; crappie are fair

to good on minnows fished on baited holes; catfish are good on live perch fished on the bottom in Buck Creek and Mill Creek fished in the eddys.

**SOUTH**  
**AMISTAD:** Water clear; very low; 64 degrees; black bass are slow; striped bass are slow; catfish are fair to good on rod and reels baited with shrimp and cut bait fished in very deep water.

**BRAUNIG:** Water stained; normal level; black bass are slow; striped bass are good on chicken liver with most fish in the 18 to 20 inch range; catfish are slow.

**CALVERAS:** Water murky; normal level; no report available.

**CHOKO:** Water murky; 29 feet low; 66 degrees; black bass are slow; white bass are spotty; catfish are fair to good on cut bait and cheese bait.

**COLETO CREEK:** No report available.

**WEST**  
**ARROWHEAD:** No report available.

**O.H.IVIE:** Water clear on main lake, murky in upper end and tributaries; black bass are good on crank baits and spinners; white bass are slow; crappie are very good on shiners and small crank baits fished in 3 to 4 feet of water.

**POSSUM KINGDOM:** Water clear; 2 feet low; 65 degrees; black bass are good on spinners and Carolina-rigged worms; striped bass are good on live bait fished on the main lake; crappie are fair to good on minnows; channel catfish are slow.

**COASTAL**  
**NORTH SABINE:** Redfish are slow to fair on shrimp drifted in Coffee Ground Cove; trout are slow; flounder are very good on live mud minnows and glow and chartreuse colored jigs fished in Bridge, Madame Johnson and Willow Bayous, catfish are slow.

**SOUTH SABINE:** Redfish are fair to good on shrimp and Shrimp Tails fished at the jetties, Keith Lake and on the reef at Blue

Buck Point; trout are fair on wild fire tiger and salt & pepper with chartreuse tailed Culprit worms fished on the reef on incoming tides; flounder are good live mud minnows and white and chartreuse jigs tipped with shrimp fished on the Louisiana shoreline from Green's to Madame Johnson Bayou.

**EAST GALVESTON BAY:** Redfish are fair to good on cut bait and live shrimp; trout are fair on live shrimp; flounder are slow; live bait is available.

**WEST GALVESTON BAY:** Redfish are fair to good on live bait; trout are fair on live shrimp; live bait is available.

**TEXAS CITY:** All fishing is slow.

**FREEPORT:** offshore fishing has been good for snapper on bucktail jigs and cut bait fished from 18 miles on out with most fish suspended in 35 plus feet of water with sows elusive.

**MATAGORDA BAY:** Very few fishermen out.

**PORT ARANSAS:** Very few fishermen out.  
**BAFFIN BAY:** Redfish are good on live shrimp fished under a popping cork; trout are good on live shrimp fished under a popping cork and on a motor oil and pumpkinseed colored Gambler lure; flounder are slow; live bait is available at \$9-11 a quart.

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** Very few fishermen out.

**SOUTH PADRE:** Redfish and trout are good on live shrimp fished around three islands; offshore fishing has been fair to good for bonito and king mackerel; live bait is available.

**PORT ISABEL:** Redfish and trout have been good on live shrimp fished in South Bay; live bait is available.

**TRANSACTIONS**

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**DETROIT TIGERS**—Designated OF Vince Coleman for assignment. Activated INF Phil Nevin from the 15-day disabled list.

**MINNESOTA TWINS**—Activated OF Roberto Kelly from 15-day disabled list. Optioned OF Brent Brade to Salt Lake of the Pacific Coast League.

**TEXAS RANGERS**—Assigned OF Warren Newson to Tulsa of the Texas League on injury rehabilitation assignment.

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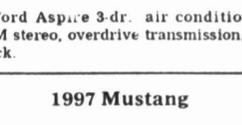
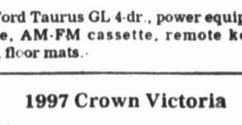
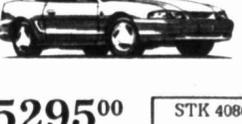
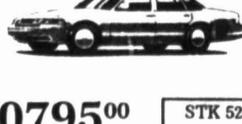
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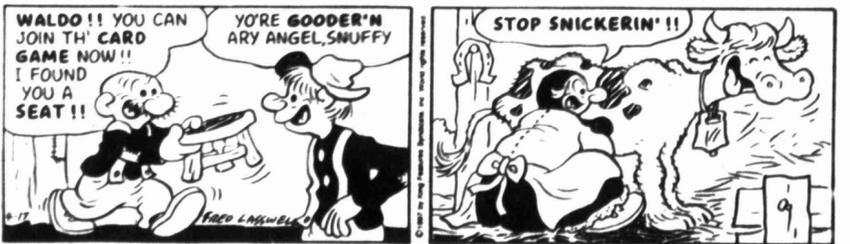
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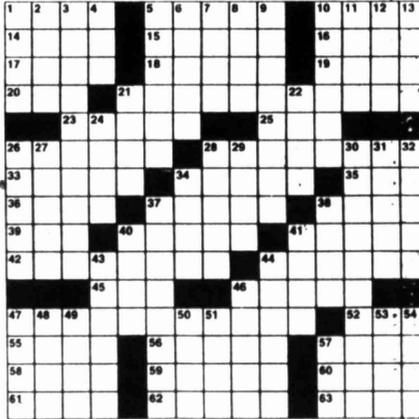


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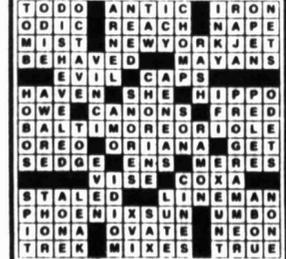
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by Frank R. Jackson 04/17/97

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Ferdinand and Queen Isabella, giving Columbus a commission to seek a westward ocean passage to Asia. In 1524, Giovanni da Verrazano reached present-day New York harbor. In 1790, American statesman Benjamin Franklin died in Philadelphia at the age 84. In 1861, the Virginia State Convention voted to secede from the Union. In 1941, Yugoslavia surrendered to Germany in World War II. In 1964, Ford Motor Company unveiled its new Mustang model. In 1964, Jerrie Mock of Columbus, Ohio, became the first woman to complete a solo airplane flight around the world. In 1969, a jury in Los Angeles convicted Sirhan Sirhan of assassinating Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. In 1969, Czechoslovak Communist Party chairman Alexander Dubcek was deposed. In 1970, the astronauts of Apollo 13 splashed down safely in the Pacific, four days after a ruptured oxygen tank crippled their spacecraft. In 1975, Phnom Penh fell to Communist insurgents, ending Cambodia's five-year war. In 1986, the bodies of American librarian Peter Kilburn and two Britons were found near Beirut; the three hostages had been slain in apparent retaliation for the U.S. raid on Libya. Ten years ago: President Reagan slapped \$300 million in punitive duties on imported Japanese computers, television sets and power tools, in retaliation for Japan's alleged violation of a computer chip trade agreement. Five years ago: Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan told the Senate Banking Committee the modest pace of economic expansion wasn't adequate, a remark interpreted as a signal he might cut interest rates further. One year ago: Seeking to calm Pacific security jitters, President Clinton and Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto signed a joint declaration establishing new U.S.-Japan ties for a "stable and prosperous" Asia. A jury in Los Angeles opted to spare Erik and Lyle Menendez the death penalty, recommending that the brothers instead serve life in prison without parole for gunning down their wealthy parents. Today's Birthdays: Rock promoter Don Kirschner is 63. Composer-musician Jan Hammer is 49. Actress Olivia Hussey is 46. Rock singer-musician Pete Shelley (Buzzcocks) is 42. Actress Lela Rochon is 33.