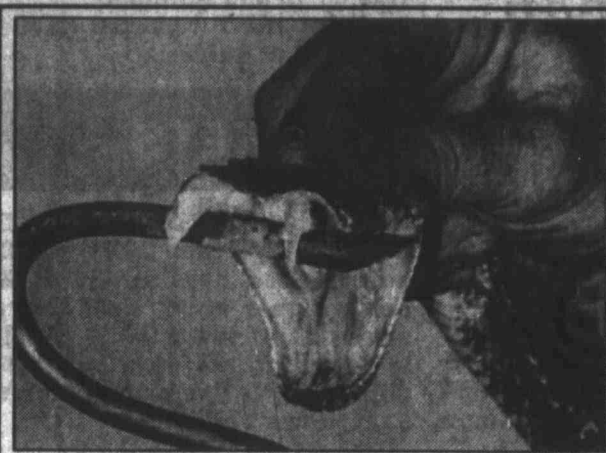


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A local snakehandler displays the fangs of a rattlesnake in preparation for this weekend's AMBUCS Rattlesnake Roundup.

Great Texas Trash Off gaining ground as April 4 nears

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Several area churches, schools, clubs, organizations, civic groups, businesses and individuals have committed to participating in the largest single-day cleanup event in the nation on April 4 — the Great Texas Trash Off.

The trash off is part of the "Don't Mess With Texas" litter prevention campaign.

"Keep Texas Beautiful and the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) are partners in this event," Big Spring Coordinator Pat

Simmons said. "This is the 13th annual event and last year it involved more than 4,000 Adopt-A-Highway groups and Keep Texas Beautiful affiliates across Texas."

More than 112,000 volunteers also participated last year to help rid Texas of more than eight million gallons of trash.

"We have asked businesses, organizations, churches, schools and individuals to participate in this year's cleanup," Simmons said. "More than 500 letters were mailed out several weeks ago and the response have been slow, but there is still time to sign up."

Residents wanting to participate in the trash off may contact Simmons at 263-4607.

"We asking all citizens on this day to be responsible for their own property," Simmons added. "If there is a corner, vacant lot or area that needs cleaning, please lend a helping hand and take care of it."

On April 4, participants are asked to take their trash bags to the landfill or to the large dumpster that will be placed on Eighth Street between Main and Scurry.

"If this is not possible, call 263-4607 and we will have someone pick your trash up," Simmons said.

For people who do make it to the landfill, they should be sure to tell officials there that they are participating in the trash off and the trash will be weighed and reported to Keep Texas Beautiful.

Some of the groups committed to participating include First Baptist Church, First Church of the Nazarene and Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in the church category.

Businesses committed to working during the trash off include Bent Tree Apartments, City of Big Spring.

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Change in law creates permit snafu

By KATHY GILBERT
Staff Writer

A local veteran was surprised when his application for a handicapped placard for his car was rejected last month. With a doctor's approval, and his forms properly completed, he expected the request to sail through the system.

Instead, Howard County Tax Assessor-Collector Kathy Sayles denied the permit. According to a law passed in the last legislative session, she said, a doctor without a Texas license cannot approve a handicapped permit.

When contacted by the disgruntled veteran, Big Spring VFW Commander Leo Welch took matters in hand. It turns out, Welch discovered, that many of the doctors at the Big Spring Veterans Administration Medical Center are not state-licensed. They don't have to be. As doctors in a federal government operated system, many are properly licensed outside the state they currently work in.

Veterans receiving services at the local VA hospital were thus forced to contact outside doctors to duplicate their medical check-ups in order to receive their handicapped placards. The cost for one veteran would have been about \$200-300, Welch estimated.

Welch decided something needed to change. He contacted Rep. David Counts (D-Knox City) and quizzed him about the situation.

Counts agreed to check with the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) and see what could be done.

Soon, Counts was on the phone with Sayles, letting her know that military doctors were now allowed to sign off on the permits.

"The rules have been changed," Sayles said. "David Counts called me to see what I was following, which were the previous rules from the division office in Austin. He then called again to say that new rulings had been proposed and they were waiting for public comment."

Sayles said she was "anxiously awaiting" the final version of the new rules, which should be out in late April. In the meantime, she is processing permits as if the new rules were already in place.

"There was quite a bit of abuse in the state of Texas," Counts said, explaining why

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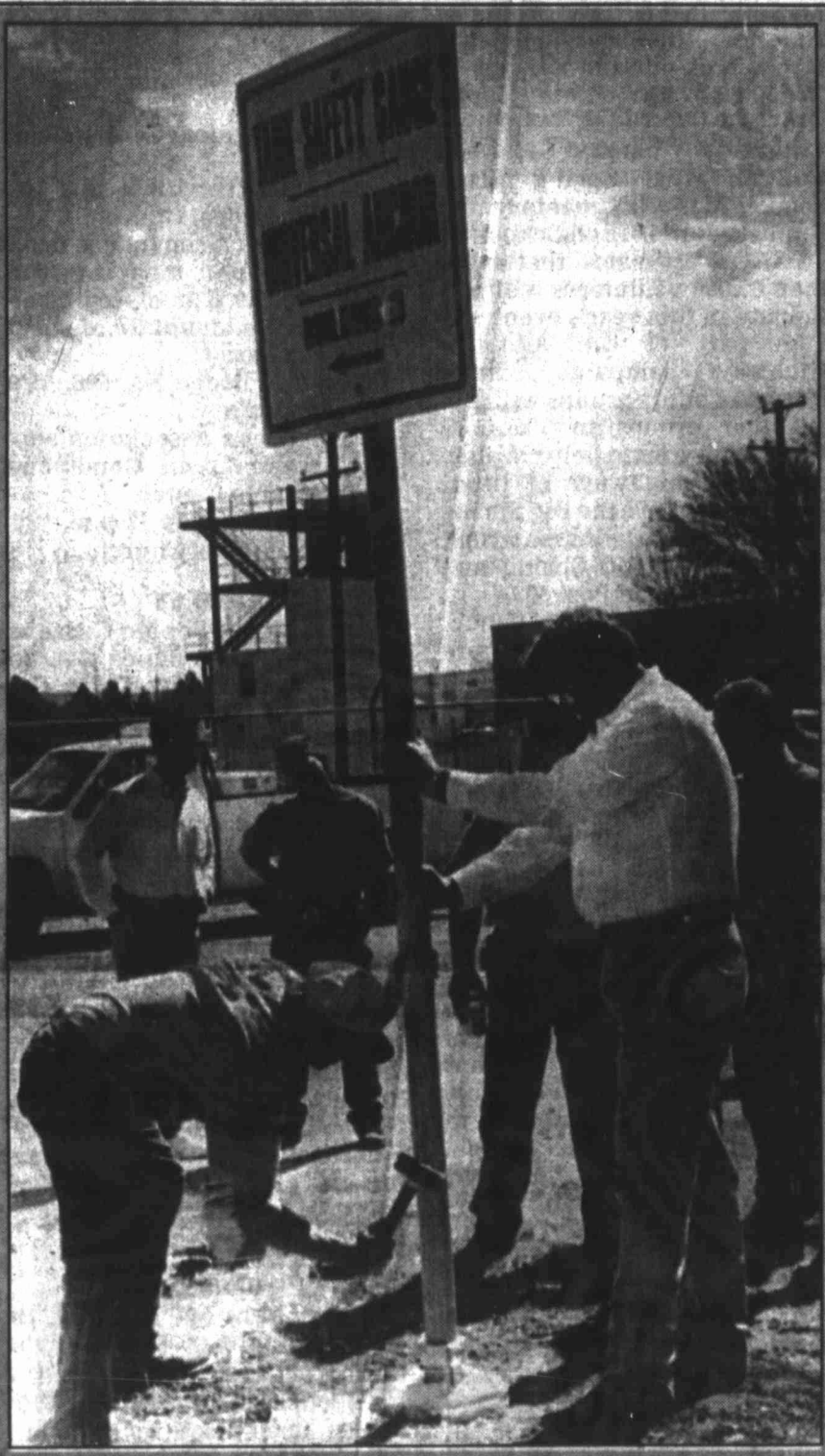
Mike Conner (with hammer) shows how solid a new, urethane foam that can be used as a foundation for highway signs can be.

The foam was unveiled Wednesday by HwyCom at its McMahon/Wrinkle Airpark location.

Company president Stan Partee holds a sign set in the foam while representatives from TXDOT and the City of Big Spring look on.

Partee said one of the advantages of the foam is that it sets in 15 minutes instead of several hours or, depending on weather conditions, several days.

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Sealcoating 27 miles of streets in plan, although none of them dirt

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The city of Big Spring has had a lot of success with its sealcoating program, which calls for coating the city's streets at least once every seven years.

Tuesday, Assistant City Manager Emma Bogard told city council members that the program is planning to sealcoat approximately 27 miles of city streets this summer as it has done in previous years, but there are no significant plans to pave any of the remaining dirt roads in town.

Councilman Oscar Garcia said he has talked to many of the residents in his district and their primary concern is what will the city do to help them get their streets paved.

Councilman Chuck Cawthon said despite there not being any plans to pave dirt roads this year, the matter is something that the city should pursue it anyway.

Garcia suggested the city could look into the availability of grant that can be used for street improvements.

"Street paving grants are not a priority as they once were," Bogard told council members.

As the city begins its seal coat program this summer, officials will also pick put out various roads to double-sealcoat, accord-

ing to Bogard, but that will depend on the number of residents in an area willing to participate by paying half the cost.

"Double-sealcoating is much less expensive than paving," Bogard said. "It does last a few years, but paving is a major, major cost and we just don't have the money."

"What we may do is look at some grant funding or possible more bond funds, but not right now," Bogard added.

This summer's plan is to continue the program as in the past, but with a slight variation.

"If we feel there is a need to go out of district and sealcoat targeted areas, we have the leeway to do that now," Bogard said. "We have identified the College Height area and will start there this summer because we just completed the waterline improvement project there and that's where we have a lot of torn up roads."

The city's most recent project involving street repairs was completed this past fall at a cost of just over \$800,000 and was possible because of bond money approved in 1993 by Big Spring voters.

With the addition of a mid-project change order the project cost was adjusted to \$817,994.60

Part of the change order See STREETS, Page 2A

Big Spring Housing Agency looks at Genesis Camps

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

One of today's hottest issues at the local, state and national levels is getting people off welfare and back to work. One of the ways to make sure young people don't repeat a cycle many of their adult family members have gone through or are currently locked into is Genesis Camps.

The Big Spring Housing Agency is no different, according to Director Mark Gentry. The agency provides housing for 364 Big Spring families, representing a population of 1,099 people including 453 children up to age 12 and another 153 young people over the age of 12. "Every adult on welfare was once a child," Gentry said. "Many of them represent a system that failed to equip them to make responsible choices and prepare them for the future and consequently, we are all paying

a great price now."

"One of our objectives as a housing agency is to ensure that we do not fail another generation," Gentry said. "We are committed to making every effort to provide our children and youth with the necessary options so they can make the best choices for their future."

Genesis Camps is one approach agencies like the Big Spring Housing Agency can use to help accomplish this goal, according to Gentry.

The program began as a prevention strategy six years ago at San Marcos Baptist Academy with 110 students and has turned into a multifaceted camp program with a projected registration of 1,000 students this summer.

Genesis Camps is a statewide program and this summer would be a first time participation for the Big Spring Housing Agency if it can get at least 10 youths with sponsors signed up for the camp. The camp is

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scheduled for July 27 through July 31.

"In cooperation with Drug Resources Inc., the office of Housing and Urban Development will subsidize about \$325 of the \$500 cost of the week-long camp," Gentry said.

"As this would be our first year to participate, we plan to send middle school youth," camps are offered for elementary students, grades three through five; middle school, grades six through eight; and high school, grades 9 through 12.

Genesis Camps are staffed by community volunteers of older high school students, college students and adults. An important component of the camp is the presentations given by successful community leaders.

"The theme for the camp is 'Focusing on the Future,'" Gentry said. "The idea is simply that your future is determined by the choices you make and there is no one to blame for future failure but you."

According to Gentry, the methods for the camps are carefully selected activities to promote interdependency and build team relationships.

"As we do not have public housing, the Big Spring Housing Agency cannot be a recipient of a Drug Elimination Grant which would normally be used to fund youth participation," Gentry said. "The housing agency will pay for transportation and the expenses of a housing agency sponsor to accompany the campers who may have

to participate in several fund raising events in route to the camp."

Big Spring's housing office will also seek sponsors for its Genesis Camps participants through either full or partial scholarships for students who have met academic and community service requirements, according to Gentry.

Each scholarship is \$175; half scholarships are \$87.50 with the total cost being \$2,100 to fund 10 campers and two community volunteers.

"Next year we would want to expand the program to all age groups and as many children as we can sponsor to attend," Gentry said.

The housing agency has only until April 3 to schedule its reservations for attending Genesis Camps. Residents seeking additional information should contact Gentry at 264-2520 or Family Self-Sufficiency Coordinator Sharon Nieto at 264-2521 or 264-2522.

Campaign planned for Sexual Assault Awareness Month

By KATHY GILBERT
Staff Writer

Sexual assault is the fastest growing violent crime in the United States.

One in three women, and one in eight males (excluding the prison population) will be sexually assaulted in their lifetimes. Sexual assault victims represent a cross-section of society. Nearly everyone has been effected by sexual assault.

For these reasons and more, Governor George Bush has declared April as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month."

Next month, Big Spring's Rape Crisis/Victim Services Center (RC/VS) is launching a campaign to "make a change in

someone's life," Director Gail Earls said.

Canisters will be posted at area restaurants and convenience stores to accept donations of "loose change." Area residents are also asked to place green ribbons on their antennas or lapels to symbolize they are aware of the effects of sexual assault.

In all, they hope to raise \$1,000, Shann Thomas, RC/VS Victim Services Coordinator, said.

Forty-three sexual assaults were reported to the Big Spring Police Department in 1997, departmental records show. Of those, 31 were classified as offenses. Due to reluctance on the part of the reporting parties to prosecute, no arrests were made in the remaining 12 cases.

"I have a couple of friends who have been sexually assaulted," said Angela Dorland, Spanky's Coffee & Company co-owner, explaining why a canister will be placed by their cash register in April. "I have a good idea of what that's like, so I think this is a good cause."

Community awareness is very important, Linda Martin, manager of Denny's Restaurant in Big Spring said.

"(Sexual assault) is a horrible thing. It's important to make people aware of how often it happens and how much damage it can do. People aren't always treated fairly when it does happen. People need to be

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WEATHER

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Fri:

Sat:

Sun:



Tonight, chance of thunderstorms. Otherwise partly cloudy with lows 45-50. Friday, mostly sunny and breezy. Highs in the 70s. Friday night, fair. Lows 45-50. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs around 80. Sunday and Monday, breezy. Slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows, lower to mid 50s. Highs, mid 70s to the lower 80s.

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OBITUARIES

Marie Coffman
 Service for Marie Coffman, 78, Stanton, will be 2 p.m. Sunday, March 29, 1998, at the Vera Baptist Church in Vera with Rick Denson officiating. Burial will follow in the Vera Cemetery.
 Mrs. Coffman died Wednesday, March 25, in Stanton.
 She was born on June 30, 1919, in Vera and graduated from Vera High School. She attended Decatur School of Cosmetology. She married Anthony Kevill Coffman on July 27, 1940, in Seymour. He preceded her in death on Nov. 16, 1984. They lived in Stamford for many years. Mrs. Coffman moved to Midland in 1984. She was a member of the Northeast Community Church in Midland.
 Survivors include: two sons, Leonard Melton Coffman of Midland, and John Timothy Coffman of Snyder; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.
 Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home, Stanton.

Emilio Diaz, Jr.
 Rosary for Emilio Diaz, Jr., 63, Odessa, will be tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Odessa Funeral Home Chapel, and rosary will also be said on Friday, March 27, 1998, at 7:30 in Big Spring. Funeral mass will be 10 a.m. Saturday, March 28, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Big Spring.
 Mr. Diaz died Tuesday, March 24, at his residence.
 He was born on May 22, 1934, in Big Spring. He married Estella Jones on Nov. 6, 1976, in Odessa.
 Survivors include: his wife, Estella Diaz of Odessa; one son, Robert Diaz of Odessa; one daughter, Isabel Diaz of New Orleans, La.; his mother, Nicolasa Diaz of Big Spring; three brothers, Ambrosio Diaz of Odessa, Jose Diaz and Cruz Diaz, Sr., both of Big Spring; three sisters, Paula Franco of Big Spring, Juanita Cuellar of Odessa, and Maria Diaz of Greeley, Colo.; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.
 Arrangements under the direction of Odessa Funeral Home, Odessa.

STREETS

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 called for stripes to be added on several streets involved including Birdwell, Goliad and Wasson.
 Specifically, the late change order included the addition of pavement markings to Birdwell from Fourth Street to 25th Street, Goliad Street from Fourth Street to Highland Street, Wasson from FM 700 to Randolph Street and 66 linear feet of curb and gutter at the Kentucky Street and Purdue Street intersection.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL
 24th & Johnson 267-8288
 Floyd Leland Piko, 68, died Monday. Services will be 4:00 PM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel, with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home
 Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
 906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331
 Lee Turner, 76, died Monday. Services were at 2:00 PM Thursday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment followed at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Specific areas in the fall paving project included the Rebecca & 25th intersection; Settles and Sixth to Ridgeroad; Douglas Street in front of McDonald's, the intersection of 18th and Scurry; Johnson and Third to Fourth; and the Second and San Jacinto intersection.
 Other areas receiving some much-needed repairs included streets that had been in need of repair for quite a while: the Kentucky and Purdue intersection; Goliad and N.E. 10th to N.E. 12th; N.E. 11th and Nolan to Goliad; Fourth and Lancaster intersection; Hearn and Hwy 87 to Vicki; Main and First to Sixth; Lincoln and 11th to a half block south (east branch of Lincoln); West 19th and Lancaster to Gregg; West 20th and Lancaster to Gregg; Eighth and Owens to State; Johnson and Second to Third; West Ninth; and Gregg to Scurry; Young and 16th to 18th; and the N. Second and Benton intersection.

Bogard and city officials expect a life of about 15 to 20 years on the streets that were repaired during the project, which means they won't have to be in the city's seven-year seal-coating cycle for another 10 years.

CAMPAIGN

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 aware of these things."
 Local businesses sponsoring cashiers include Spanky's, Cowboys Steakhouse & Restaurant, Denny's, DJ's Fun & Food, Herman's Restaurant, Hutan Restaurant, Brandin' Iron Inn, Dairy Queen, Seven-11, Adventures by Gail and the Sparenburg Building.
 RC/VS served 551 people in Howard, Martin, Borden, Mitchell, Martin and Glasscock Counties in 1997, according to agency records. RC/VS advocates are available 24-hours a day, 365 days a year, to provide crisis intervention, accompaniment to the hospital, police department, and court. An assault does not have to have occurred recently to receive services.
 During April, sexual assault programs across the state will intensify their efforts to promote awareness of sexual assault issues. Citizen involvement and the need for increased community support for agencies providing sexual assault crisis and educational services. The Texas Association Against Sexual Assault and the Office of the Attorney General are co-sponsoring the event.
 The RC/VS is a non-profit, independent, community-based program serving victims of crime, including, but not limited to violent crimes of assault, sexual assault and domestic violence.
 For more information, call 262-3312.

PERMIT

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 legislators tightened up the rules on handicapped placard applications last year. "We had good intentions. We just went a little bit too far."
 Veterans are entitled to see veterans doctors, Counts said, so being required to visit and bear the expense of an outside doctor was "a real hardship."
 As it happened, the need for a military doctor exemption in the new handicapped placard rules had been noticed by TxDOT, spokesman Mike Craig said.
 "When the law was first enacted, we quickly found out military facilities with non-Texas licenses didn't qualify. We immediately saw a problem, an oversight on the part of the sponsors.
 "So we sent initiated a set of administrative rules that said we would allow any licensed

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physician on a military base in Texas (to sign off on the applications).
 Public comments are still being tallied. TxDOT spokesman Mike Viesca said. At all times, but especially until final rules are in place, county tax collectors are free to use their discretion on a case-by-case basis, he said. "The decision rests with them."

TRASH OFF

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 Crossroads Communications, Faye's Flowers, Fiesta Dodge, Fina, First Big Spring Banking Center, Franklin and Son Tire, H-E-B, Carrot Patch, Norwest Bank, Clyde McMahon Concrete, Newpark Envelope Service, Pizza Inn, Simpler Pleasures, State National Bank and TU Electric.
 "Groups are also welcome to challenge each other during the trash off," Simmons said. "I want any and everybody to participate in this event."
 Organizations and schools committed to participating in the trash off include the Masonic Lodge, Boy Scouts of America, Boy Scout Troop 409, Boy Scouts of Sand Springs - Troop 25, Phi Theta Kappa (Howard College), Spanish Church Women, Howard College, Big Spring High School, Marcy Elementary and Runnels Junior High School.
 TxDOT estimates that more than 82,000 volunteers will participate in this year's event.
 As part of the Adopt-A-Highway campaign, three Howard County groups will join 51 other groups in TxDOT's Abilene district to help rid state roads and highways of litter. Those groups are the Big Spring Model Aircraft Association, Boys Club of Big Spring and American Legion Post 506.
 Adopt-A-Highway District Coordinator Mary Beth Kilgore said the district is expecting an abundant crop of wildflowers this year and is encouraging each of its highway groups to participate in the trash off.
 "This way, when motorists travel Texas roads to see the bluebonnets and wildflowers we're so proud of, their view won't be obscured by litter."
 The trash off and other litter prevention programs in Texas have reversed a trend in the increase of litter on Texas highways, resulting in a 72 percent reduction in litter and a cost saving of between \$2 million to \$4 million per year.
 Howard County Adopt-A-Highway groups wanting to participate in the trash off should contact TxDOT's Howard County maintenance section office at 267-8691 or Kilgore at (915)676-6806.

BRIEFS
BIG SPRING WOMAN'S CLUB four-person scramble charity golf tournament is Saturday, April 4, at Big Spring Country Club starting at 8:30 a.m.
 Entry fee is \$50 per person and teams will be based on handicaps. Call Julie Wolf at 263-7664 or Big Spring Country Club Pro Shop to register by April 3.
AREA AGENCY ON AGING needs volunteers for its ombudsman program at local long-term nursing facilities. Ombudsmen monitor the quality of care and quality of life of our elderly. For information, call Bob Stokes, 563-1061.

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 238, BETWEEN 8:30 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 79720; bring it by the office at 710 Scurry; or fax it to 264-7205.

Texas Lottery

Man given 10 years for sex assault of child
HERALD Staff Report
 A Big Spring man was found guilty of sexually assaulting a child Tuesday.
 Anthony Thomas Magruder, of 1000 Runnels, was sentenced to 10 years in prison and fined \$5000 on second degree felony charges stemming from an April 8, 1997 offense against a female under the age of 17 living on the west side of Big Spring.
 Magruder pled not guilty in 118th District Court and was tried by Judge Robert H. Moore III.
 At least 10 witnesses were summoned to the trial, including the victim, which began Monday March 23 and ended March 24.
 Magruder was indicted by a Howard County grand jury on November 19, 1997.
 He was credited with serving 53 days in the Howard County jail toward his 10-year sentence. He began his confinement Feb. 1, 1998, court documents show.

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MARKETS

May cotton 68.85 cents, down 21 points; May crude 16.81, up 33 points; Cash hogs steady at 50 cents higher at 36; cash steers steady at \$1 lower at 62; April lean hog futures 50.82, down 37 points; April live cattle futures 63.57, down 37 points.
 courtesy: Delta Corporation.
 Other markets were not available at press time.

RECORDS

Wednesday's high 85
 Wednesday's low 62
 Average high 72
 Average low 42
 Record high 92 in 1989
 Record low 19 in 1955
 Precip. Wednesday 0.00
 Month to date 0.83
 Month's normal 0.57
 Year to date 2.71
 Normal for the year 1.87

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. Thursday:

- SANTOS A. MENDOZA, JR., 35, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and failure to appear-child support.
- JOE OLIVAS TREVINO, 33, was arrested for revocation of probation/possession of a controlled substance.
- JOHN ROMAN, 28, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, 3rd offense or more.
- CRESENICA MARY CASTILLO, 35, was arrested for public intoxication.

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports:
 Wednesday
 7:38 a.m. - 900 block Goliad, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
 12:32 p.m. - 400 block Goliad, automobile fire, out on arrival.
 1:08 p.m. - 3000 block Webb Lane, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.
 5:05 p.m. - 2900 block Old Highway 80, grass fire, extinguished by responding units.

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Appeals court hears arguments in insurance redlining lawsuit

AUSTIN (AP) — Insurers fighting to keep secret detailed records about where they sell auto policies don't want Texans to know they deny coverage in parts of the state, a consumer advocate seeking access to the documents says.

A former official at the Texas Department of Insurance said Wednesday records he is trying to get from the department — which insurers have sued to keep him from obtaining — clearly show companies are not offering policies in poorer and minority-dominated parts of the state.

The illegal practice is called redlining.

Birny Birnbaum, formerly of TDI, said if insurers succeed in keeping the records secret, the public will not be able to hold the TDI accountable. He also said the decision could have wide impacts on other people getting records from other state agencies.

But an attorney for the insurers says the records shouldn't be released because other companies could use them to gain an upper hand in the competition for customers. He would not speculate on the broader effect of keeping the records closed.

A state district judge in Austin last year agreed the

insurance records contain trade secrets. Judge Peter Lowry blocked the release of quarterly reports each insurer in Texas submits to the TDI.

The records detail, by ZIP code, the number of cars insured, the prices charged, the number of policies canceled and the reasons.

Birnbaum on Wednesday asked the 3rd Court of Appeals to reverse Lowry's decision. The court did not immediately rule.

"This is highly embarrassing information," Reggie James, head of Consumers Union in Texas, said of the reports. "These aren't trade secrets."

James and other consumer advocates said companies aren't afraid of competitors getting the information. "They don't want Birny Birnbaum getting the information," he said.

Birnbaum is recognized as an expert in analyzing insurance reports. Consumer advocates used a study he did in 1997 to show that companies are illegally redlining in the state.

"If the public is unable to get that information, they are going to be unable to hold the agency accountable," said D.J. Powers, Birnbaum's attorney.

Insurers, represented in the case by the National Association for Independent

Insurers, have said if there is redlining, the department has the power to deal with it.

But Powers and Birnbaum have said the agency hasn't taken care of the problem. They said consumers need the information to press the department to action.

TDI spokesman Lee Jones said the department is working on examinations of individual companies and has referred two to its legal division for disciplinary actions. He said he could

not say which companies could be punished for unfair conduct.

Jones said in addition to looking at companies, the department reviews the conduct of individual agents and has taken action against some that have worked unfairly.

"We've had a permanent task force for months that meets regularly and looks into the problems of low-income people steered into markets they don't belong," Jones said.

Must employer pay damages if unaware of harassment?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hearing cases of crude and outrageous sexual behavior, the Supreme Court struggled Wednesday with two sex-harassment disputes of enormous importance to American workplaces and schools.

The court must decide whether a company or school district can be forced to pay victims even if it did not know the harassment was occurring.

Freeing unaware employers from liability "rewards ostrich-like behavior," said William R. Amlong, the lawyer for a former Florida lifeguard sexually harassed by her supervisors. "It's hear no evil, see no evil, pay no lawsuit."

But the lawyer for a Texas school district where a teacher lured a ninth-grade girl into a sexual relationship argued it would be unfair to make employers legally responsible when they don't know.

"There were no rumors, no gossip," about the teacher's seduction of a 14-year-old girl,

said lawyer Wallace Jefferson. The teacher eventually was barred from teaching and jailed for sexual assault.

"From an employer's perspective, trying to find out sexual harassment of the subtle variety ... is nearly impossible," said Harry A. Risetto, the lawyer for Boca Raton, Fla., where Beth Ann Faragher worked as a lifeguard.

"What is subtle about what is described here?" responded Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Faragher says she was tackled, slapped on the rear end and subjected to sexual comments about her body.

Many women fear retaliation if they complain about sexual harassment, Amlong said. Boca Raton had a sexual harassment policy, but it was not circulated and there was no complaint procedure.

However, Justices Antonin Scalia and Sandra Day O'Connor questioned the need for such a policy.

"Don't you think every

employee in the country knows that if they're mistreated they can complain to somebody higher up the ladder?" O'Connor asked.

In the Texas case, Alida Star Gebser is asking the justices to revive her lawsuit against the Lago Vista Independent School District in Travis County over a sexual relationship she had with a teacher in 1992 when she was 14.

Gebser said the man used his position as a teacher and mentor to lure her into the relationship. She acknowledged she did not tell her family or school officials about it.

School officials said they could not be held responsible unless they had "actual knowledge" of a risk of sexual harassment. A federal appeals court agreed and threw out Gebser's lawsuit.

Gebser's lawyer, Terry Weldon, told justices the board should not escape liability for teacher Frank Waldrop's "concerted campaign to seduce her."

Questions and comments by the justices focused repeatedly on the court's need to determine when districts can be held accountable.

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OUR VIEW

Snakes, gymnasts take over town this weekend

There are two major events in town this weekend... one, the 37th annual Big Spring Rattlesnake Round-up, is a community veteran while the other, the USA Gymnastics Level 9/10 State Championships, is brand new to our community.

Both events will draw a large number of visitors into our community.

The rattlesnake roundup, now sponsored by AMBUCS, provides funding for AMBUCS scholarships for physical therapy, as well as for a variety of other projects the club funds.

During the roundup, held at the Howard County Fairgrounds, there will be a number of educational exhibitions to make people aware of the things they need to do to protect themselves from the snakes.

On the other side of town, in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on the campus of Howard College, the state gymnastics meet will bring several hundred of the top gymnasts in the state to town to compete for the right to advance to the national meet.

In addition to the gymnasts, this meet attracts a large following of family and friends and gives Big Springers the opportunity to showcase our community as well as our West Texas hospitality.

Every available motel room in town has been reserved for months for this meet. The restaurants and stores and service stations will remain busy during the weekend as the meet continues.

Both the AMBUCS as well as the Sidewinders Parents Association are to be saluted for their efforts to educate and entertain us, all the while helping benefit our community's economy as well.

We encourage you to take the time to visit both events this weekend.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I wish to comment on the canned food drive and reception honoring Big Spring's own Ronna Reeves held Feb. 20.

A lot of canned food was collected with the always, helpful, gracious staff of the Heritage Museum. I believe the winners in the drawing for a pair of Ronna's boots (Auriel LaFond) and a Statler Brothers Show script (Sue Burrow), both autographed by Ronna, were very pleased.

The turnout was very nice both at the museum as well as at the reception held at the Chamber of Commerce. Ronna said it was wonderful and as she had hoped, she got a lot of visiting in while she was here.

Thanks go to everyone involved in the project and in publicizing it.

Without all of you it would not have been such a success.

Thanks to the city for presenting Ronna with a beautiful proclamation naming Sept. 21 (her birthday) as "Ronna Reeves Day" in Big Spring and the key to the city to which Ronna said, "I plan on using this, believe me!"

Again, thanks to everyone who participated and or helped.

We know it can work, so maybe we can get another one of our many celebrities who are native to the area to return home for a visit.

NELA ALLEN
Big Spring

TO THE EDITOR:

It was good to visit with you when you folks came to Midland for the Region V Women's Basketball tournament.

During my 54 years of involvement in sports activities in West Texas, I've been fortunate to participate, coach, administrate, officiate, and be a spectator in many exciting events. I was extremely impressed with the fan support the wonderful people in the Howard County "community" gave the Lady Hawks during their three games here in Midland. The enthusiasm, vocal response, and sportsmanship was most impressive. I believe that it is this type of support that causes athletes to rise to the occasion and play at their very highest level.

The fans, coaches administrators, and boosters of Howard College all should be congratulated for a truly outstanding season. The third place finish in the N.J.C.A.A. National Women's Basketball Tournament is a high honor for all of you folks, and much deserved!

DELNOR POSS
Midland

(EDITOR'S NOTE — A former Big Spring resident, Poss currently serves as golf coach at Midland College. His reputation was as one of the best basketball officials in West Texas.)

Diversity: The cat that comes back

Sooner or later the Supreme Court will have to clear up the whole business of "diversity" in public education. In the case of Yvette Farmer and the University of Nevada, a suitable test case may be at hand.



James J. Kilpatrick
Covering the Courts

The question has its complex ramifications, but the principal element may be stated simply: In the hiring and promotion of state employees, or the making of state contracts, may a state give preferential treatment to a minority applicant in order to achieve racial diversity?

The question arises in many contexts, but it regularly recurs in public education. The high court was to have tackled the question in January in the highly publicized case of Sharon Taxman and the Piscataway (N.J.) High School. Piscataway's board of education, faced with declining enrollment, felt compelled to reduce its staff of instructors in secretarial studies. It kept Debra Williams, who is black, and laid off Sharon Taxman, who is white. Their qualifications were substantially identical, but Williams offered a clinching asset: She would provide "diversity."

Before the case could be argued, the litigants settled out of court, and a prime opportunity for a clear-cut decision was lost. The pending petition of Yvette Farmer in Nevada is not as crisp as the lawsuit in Piscataway, but it may provide a vehicle for a court that is ready to ride.

The facts are not greatly in dispute. In 1990 the University of Nevada needed a teacher of sociology. The top candidates were Farmer, a white graduate of the University of California, and Johnson Makoba, a black emigrant from Uganda. He had a better record of publication, but she appeared to be a better teacher. The trial court found that the two applicants were "equal in most respects."

At the time, the faculty was roughly 89 percent white, 1 percent black, and 10 percent Asian or Hispanic. In deciding between Farmer and Makoba, the university opted deliberately for diversity. Thus it hired Makoba at \$35,000 a year with a \$5,000 raise on completion of his dissertation. A year later Farmer was hired to teach the same course at \$31,000 with the promise of a \$2,000 raise.

The university defends its decision not only on diversity but also on elementary principles of the marketplace. Makoba

had scheduled interviews with Brandeis and Northwestern universities, and Nevada wanted to win a bidding war. The university makes the further point that, unlike the pink slip given to Taxman in Piscataway, in Nevada no one was laid off so that a minority candidate could be hired.

Farmer sued under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act. A jury found the university guilty of discrimination by reason of race and sex, and awarded her a judgment of \$40,000. In January 1997 the Nevada Supreme Court reversed the trial court, 3-2, and in late December Farmer petitioned the U.S. Supreme Court for review.

Nevada's chief justice, Thomas L. Steffen, writing for the majority, accurately described the high court's jurisprudence in discrimination cases as "schizophrenic." The permissible boundaries of preferential treatment, he said, are "blurred." The chief justice was stating the situation mildly.

In what is known as the Bakke case of 1978, the high court authorized a little discrimination. In the Weber case of 1979, the court confessed its inability to draw a line of demarcation between permissible and impermissible discrimination. Nineteen years have passed, and the court hasn't found the line yet.

The Bakke and Weber cases

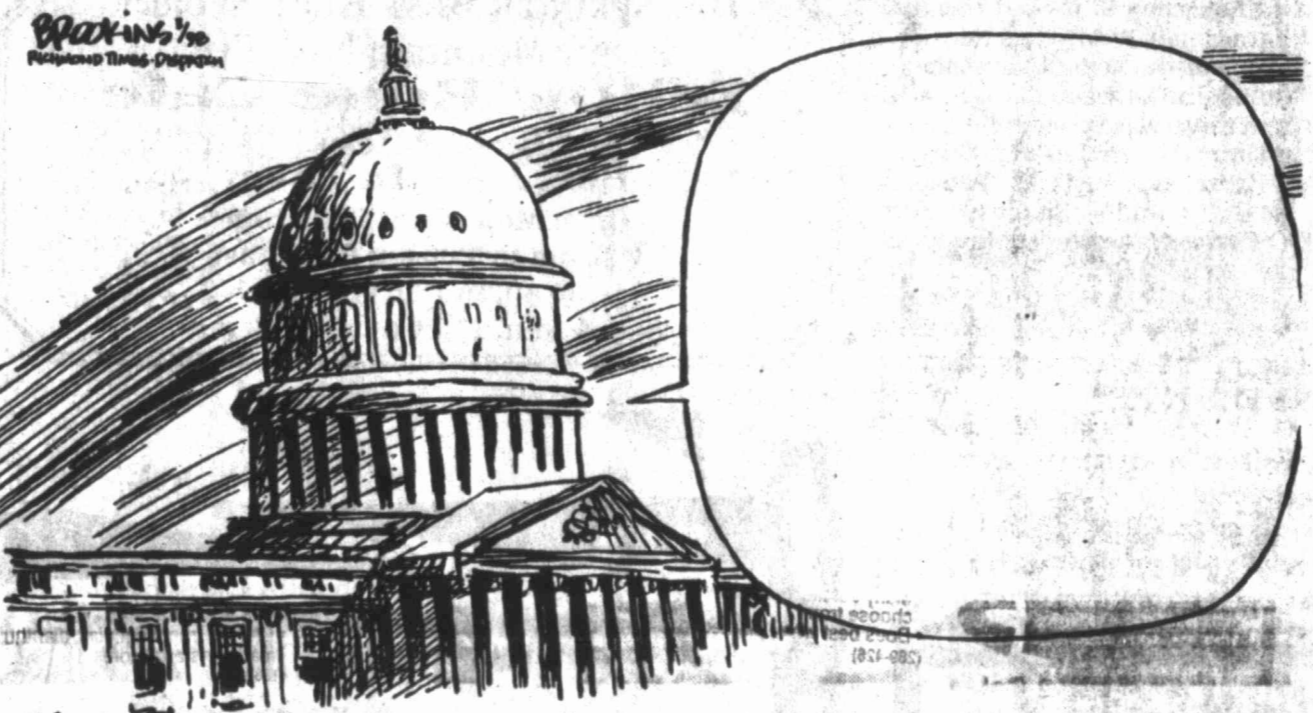
were followed by Fullilove in 1980, in which the court looked warmly upon discrimination. In 1981 the court looked coolly upon favoritism in Richmond v. Croson. In the Metro Broadcasting case of 1990, the court turned warm again, but in the Adarand case of 1995 the court overruled Metro and once more proved as cold as the slopes of Nagano. Blame it on El Nino.

Meanwhile, the federal circuit courts have divided sharply on the justification, if any, for preferential treatment. Some judges would allow consideration of race in state hiring. Others say flatly, no way.

In my own view, a bright line can be drawn: Except to remedy specific acts of patent discrimination, there should be no preferential treatment at all. In the Nevada case there was no allegation of prior discrimination. Even if there were, remarked dissenting Justice Charles E. Springer, "it is difficult to see how hiring a recent emigrant from Africa would be an appropriate remedy for prior discrimination against black Americans."

I hope the high court will take the Farmer case, but I am assured of this: "Diversity" is a cat that comes back. The issue will return. If not now, soon.

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The sound of Democrats defending Bill Clinton

Men's fashion: An oxymoron for most

Men's fashions for spring and summer are out, and once again, fashion-wise, I am out of it, too.

It's not that I can't afford a \$2,750 cashmere sports jacket with nipped waist and ticket pocket — I can't, of course, but I might be able to afford a time-share on the ticket pocket. Still, I have no idea where I would wear it.

My bible on these matters, Men's Fashions of the Times, suggests the theater, but at the early show of "Titanic" you have the choice of sitting on the garment for three hours and 14 minutes or slinging it over the seat back where the adolescents behind you will sob into it. Either way, your jacket is now a Bergdorf Goodman dog blanket. Better just to wear the hooded cashmere sweater with drawstrings and hope you don't sob into it because you paid \$1,250 for what is basically a sweatshirt.

A popular new look is suits that shine, rather like finely aged polyester, and even glimmer. One ad shows a model, who looks like his electroshock treatment was only

partly a success, wearing an iridescent purple suit (\$1,480) and an iridescent shirt made, we're assured, of acetate. Acetate is what we had before we had plastic; 78 rpm records were made of it.

The ad copy boasts that these clothes "give high visibility throughout the day and into the night," which is great if you're working the night shift paving the interstate. "I'd like to wave the flag, boss, but I'm wearing this \$460 shirt that will shatter if I bend my arms."

The problem with all of these clothes is that you get the feeling that if "Seinfeld" lasted another 20 years Kramer would be wearing them.

I think I can get through the spring and summer without the accessories too.

The new look calls for these big, wraparound sunglasses with chartreuse lenses that make a simple statement: Insect from Outer Space. The shoes are these clunky sandal-like things with no buckles or sharp edges that look like the footwear you'd be issued in an institution where people were prone to hurt themselves.

And you wonder who the stores are selling this stuff too. One ad for a wristwatch with lots of teeny-tiny dials and numbers says the watch is "designed for the implacable world of air combat." By the time you figured out the time in an F-18 the war would be over and so would you. Maybe

these guys fight in gliders or hot air balloons.

The current Men's Fashions also has an advice column on the numerous grooming supplies the serious workout stud needs to keep from shriveling up like the Emperor in "Star Wars." Among the products: Cellmen from Cellap Laboratoire, which boasts of containing "animal cells and extracts" and costs \$125 for 1.1 ounce.

Maybe I go to the wrong gyms. I can't see shouting across the locker room, "Hey, Bruno! Try some of this Moisturizing Body Lotion with Shea Butter from Krismark. That way your knuckles won't chafe when they drag across the pavement."

Bruno or somebody like him must have set up the Men's Fashions photo shoot in a quarry. Imagine explaining to the foreman of a rock-crushing plant that you want to pose a male model on a gravel pile to illustrate the \$950 suede blouson worn with a \$450 linen polo shirt and \$325 unstructured silk blend pants.

These clothes are not only expensive; they could be dangerous.

I'll look for my spring and summer wardrobe where I always do — on the floor in the back of the closet where I threw it last fall.

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The boys: From church and computer games to jailhouse

JONESBORO, Ark. (AP) — There are two suspects in the bloody rampage at Westside Middle School. Or are there four?

There is Mitchell Johnson, 13, the choirboy who pulled chairs out for girls and went to church when his parents didn't. There is Andrew Golden, 11, attentive gun-safety student and avid computer-game player.

Then there is Mitchell the would-be gang member, and Andrew an "evil-acting" little thug who bragged of wanting to use his hunting rifle on fellow students. The boys stand accused of donning camouflage from head to toe and cutting down classmates and teachers in a well-planned kill zone in the courtyard outside Westside Middle School.

"That was not the boy," Terry Woodard said of Mitchell, his stepson. "That was totally out of context for him. I don't know what happened. I wish I did."

"I thought when they were talking about the camouflage clothes, he must have more camouflaged on the inside than what we could see on the outside," Janice Holt, the pastor's wife who taught Mitchell at the Bono Revival Tabernacle, said. "He seemed like such a neat young man."

Authorities say that "neat young man" may have masterminded the ambush during a fake fire drill, allegedly angry at being dumped by his girlfriend. The pair skipped school Tuesday, and Mitchell took his stepfather's van without permission, state police said.

Four girls and a teacher were killed in the shower of bullets from the wooded hillside overlooking the rural school. Eleven others were wounded with shots from a Ruger .44-caliber rifle and a 30.06 hunting rifle.

Wednesday afternoon, the boys were ordered detained until an April 29 hearing. They have been charged with five counts of murder and 10 counts each of first-degree battery. Police did not provide the name of the 11th wounded person, who was not hospitalized. The boys entered no pleas.

To hear people describe Mitchell, he might have been two separate boys.

Melinda Henson, 13, considered Mitchell, who'd moved from Minnesota in the last couple years, one of her better friends. She remembers him holding chairs for her and other girls at church. She says he talked about basketball, never guns.

"He was always a really good friend to me," the seventh-grader said. "I mean, I could tell him anything, and he wouldn't say anything to anybody."

But in almost the same breath, she said her friend also spoke about wanting "to hurt people" and claimed to be part of a gang.

"He always had some type of red on every day, because he was in the Blood Gang," she said.

And on Monday, he told her something bizarre.

"He said, 'Tomorrow you all find out if you live or die,'" she said. "And I said, 'What's that supposed to mean?' ... And he said I'll find out tomorrow."

That's not the boy Mrs. Holt remembers from Christian games and study at her home.

Mitchell came alone to church and to youth group meetings, and Pastor William Holt would drive him home to a rundown frame house in nearby Herman.

"The thing that stood out the most was his conduct," Mrs. Holt said. "He was one you never had to call down, say 'Get quiet, let's don't do that.' You never had to do Mitch that way. He was always so polite, so well-mannered."

Her husband said Mitchell had become introspective, talking frequently about missing his father. Then, two weeks ago, Mitchell stopped coming to church.

Chris Perry, the youth minister at Central Baptist Church in Jonesboro, also knew Mitchell. Perry was counseling students at the school Wednesday.

"Talking to students here who know him," Perry said, "they said he was kind of getting an attitude the past month or two. Talking big and bad. You know — adolescent boys have little cold wars and little competitive scrapes all the time."

Assessments of Drew Golden are slightly less schizophrenic.

Lloyd Brooks lives five ranch houses down from the Golden

home on a quiet, dead-end street not far from downtown. He said he'd warned his 12-year-old daughter, Jenna, to keep away from the sandy-haired boy often seen running around the neighborhood in camouflage gear.

"I wouldn't let her play with this kid because — it's mean to say — he was so demented," Brooks said. "He was always threatening people. ... Just evil-acting."

Jenna Brooks was wounded in the thigh. Her cousin, Natalie Brooks, also 12, was killed.

Drew learned marksmanship

from his father, Dennis, the registered representative for a local gun club, the Jonesboro Practical Pistol Shooters Association.

Terry Crider, the pistol group's former secretary-treasurer, said Golden trained his son to use rifles and shotguns and had recently started teaching him "practical shooting," handgun competition in which shooters get points for hitting targets.

"I have seen Drew shoot," Crider said. "He was not very accurate and he wasn't very fast."

Crider insists the older Golden

was always focused on safety.

"I've been with Dennis before when he was teaching him firearm safety, and Drew was very attentive. He paid attention and never handled anything in an unsafe manner. That's one reason why this is so appalling," Crider said.

Crider recalled a boy who loved deer hunting and computer games: "I can't personally, knowing Drew, imagine him taking another person's life like this ..."

"Drew struck me more as the child who, when he found out about this, would have told his

father that this guy was going to do something wrong, rather than tag along."

Dennis Golden, a strongly built man with graying hair, emerged briefly from his stone-and-wood home Wednesday but declined a reporter's interview request.

"I appreciate your cooperation. It's a hard time for us," said Golden, the postmaster at Biggers, a small town north of Jonesboro. His wife, Patricia, is postmaster at Walnut Ridge.

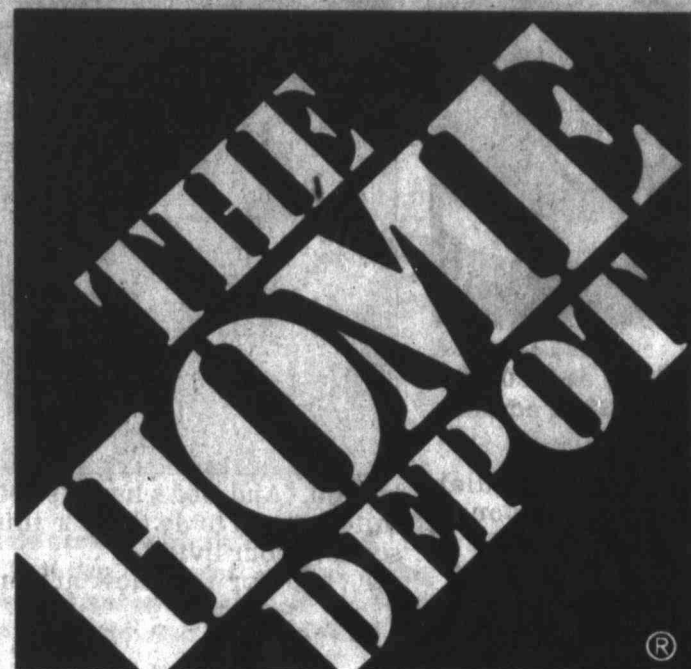
State prosecutors say the boys will likely be tried as juveniles, although there is talk of harsher

federal prosecution. Brooks said it's not fair the boys may get to start their lives over again in a few years.

"These are coldblooded, evil children and I don't care how bad that sounds," he said. "These kids (the dead) don't get to start over. Yesterday was their last day."

But Holt is not giving up yet. He saw Mitchell's parents Wednesday.

"He's asking for me to come visit him," Holt said, his voice breaking. "He wanted to see me — as quick as I can."



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Christian rock, pop groups set concert Friday at auditorium

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

The Christian rock group that brought more than 400 fans to Comanche Trail Amphitheatre in August is returning to Big Spring this weekend.

Skillet, a trio of high-energy alternative rockers will perform Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Big Spring's Municipal Auditorium.

This time, the group will be joined by another popular Christian band, Wilshire, which features young married couple Micah and Lori Wilshire.

"The Skillet concert (in August) was so popular that we wanted to do this again if it was possible," said Cherise Felty, of Cornerstone Church. The church and "Friday Night Alive" are sponsoring the concert.

"Bringing Wilshire in with Skillet was very lucky," Felty said. "A lot of people want to see them."

Wilshire's sound is described as "high-energy pop." Both are veteran Nashville studio singers who signed with Michael W. Smith's label Rocketown.

The two share a wide variety of musical taste, both crediting their families for exposure to music from Motown to Mozart and Bach to the Beatles.

"Skillet" is made up of drummer Trey McClurkin, lead singer and bass player John Cooper, and Ken Steorts, guitar player. The group's sound is described as like mainstream groups Bush and Candlebox.

Their message, however, is clearly about their faith.

"I think artists, musicians tend to sing and write about what they know, what matters in their lives," said drummer McClurkin in an interview last August. "As Christians, we sing and write about our relationship to God, the Bible and the revelation that God has given us."



Above, Wilshire, and right, Skillet, will perform Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium. Tickets are \$8 in advance at Spanky's and the Karat Patch, or \$10 at the door.

McClurkin said he and the other two band members see themselves as "called" to spread the gospel through their music,

which is especially popular among teenagers and young adults.

"God has given us this talent,"



he said. "And God's hand is definitely on us to do this for this season in our lives."

Tickets for the show are on sale now at the Karat Patch and Spanky's. In advance, they are \$8 each. At the door, tickets will be \$10 each.

1-year-old needs only gentle discipline

QUESTION: Please describe the best approach to the discipline of a 1-year-old child.

DR. DOBSON: Many children will begin to test the authority of their parents as they approach their first birthday. The confrontations will be minor and infrequent at first, yet the beginnings of future struggles can be seen.



Dr. James Dobson
Columnist

My own daughter, for example, challenged her mother for the first time when she was 9 months old. My wife was waxing the kitchen floor when Danae crawled to the edge of the linoleum. Shirley said, "No, Danae," gesturing to the child not to enter the kitchen. Since our daughter began talking very early, she clearly understood the meaning of the word "no."

Nevertheless, she crawled straight onto the sticky wax. Shirley picked her up and set her down in the doorway, while saying, "No" even more strongly as she put her down. Seven times this process was repeated until Danae finally yielded and crawled away in tears. As far as we can recall, that was the first direct confrontation of wills between my daughter and wife. Many more were to follow.

How does a parent discipline a 1-year-old? Very carefully and gently! A child at this age is easy to distract and divert. Rather than jerking a wrist-watch from his hands, show him a brightly colored alternative - and then be prepared to catch the watch when it falls. When unavoidable confrontations do occur, as with Danae on the waxy floor, win them by firm persistence but not by punishment. Have the courage to lead the child without being harsh or mean or gruff.

Compared to the months that are to follow, the period around 1 year of age is usually

a tranquil, smoothly functioning time in a child's life.

QUESTION: My daughter is 5 years old and has been having some very scary nightmares lately. She wakes up screaming in the middle of the night, but she can't tell us what frightened her. The next morning, she doesn't seem to recall the dream, but something is obviously troubling her. My wife and I are worried that she may be developing psychological problems that are being expressed in these terrible dreams. Is that possible?

DR. DOBSON: I think your daughter is all right. She is probably having a "night terror" rather than a nightmare. Let me describe the difference between the two. Nightmares occur primarily in what is known as "stage three" sleep, and are often remembered if the dreamer awakens. They are sometimes linked to emotional distress during waking hours and may play a role in "working through" those disturbing experiences. A person can often talk about a nightmare and recount its scary story.

Night terrors, by contrast, usually occur in "stage four" sleep, which is even deeper and further from consciousness. In this physiological state, the body-mechanisms are reduced to a minimum to sustain life. Breathing, heart rate, metabolism and every other function go into super-slow motion. Some children experience strange dreams during this phase, which cause them to sit up and scream in terror. However, when adults come to the rescue, they find that the child is unresponsive. The eyes are open, but the boy or girl is obviously not awake. And the next morning, there is no memory of what was so deeply disturbing.

This appears to be what you are describing with your daughter. You'll be encouraged to know that there seems to be no connection between night terrors and psychological stress. It is not predictive of any known health problems or

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Runnels: Music is in the air this spring

Band, choir busy preparing for contests; former students remember Torchy's days

This month of March at Runnels has been one of testing and preparing for competitions. Choir and band are preparing for contest in April, TAAS

Writing was given, and a group of students were even inducted into the National Junior Honor Society. And in the midst of all this, we even had time for a spring break.

On March 5, approximately 80 students were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society in a ceremony in the Runnels gym. Students were recognized for their hard work required to maintain their averages of 90 or higher. In the ceremony, talks were given by faculty members and former Runnels students, and the inductees were given certificates and pins.

When we returned from Spring Break, it was time to take the writing portion of the TAAS test. This was composed of the Mechanics and Usage portion, (spelling, capitalization, punctuation, etc.) and the creative writing section where we were required to write a paper on any given prompt. This year I wrote a full page front and back. I hope I did well.

The choir and band have both had a busy month. The choir has been preparing for contest coming up on April 25. According to Mr. Felty, the choir director, the girls will be singing music entitled "Jubilate," "Sourwood Mountain," and "Hush My Babe." The mixed choir will sing "Gloria Festival," "Sing We and Chant It," and "The Turtle Dove." He also talked to me about what the choir room at the new junior high would be like.

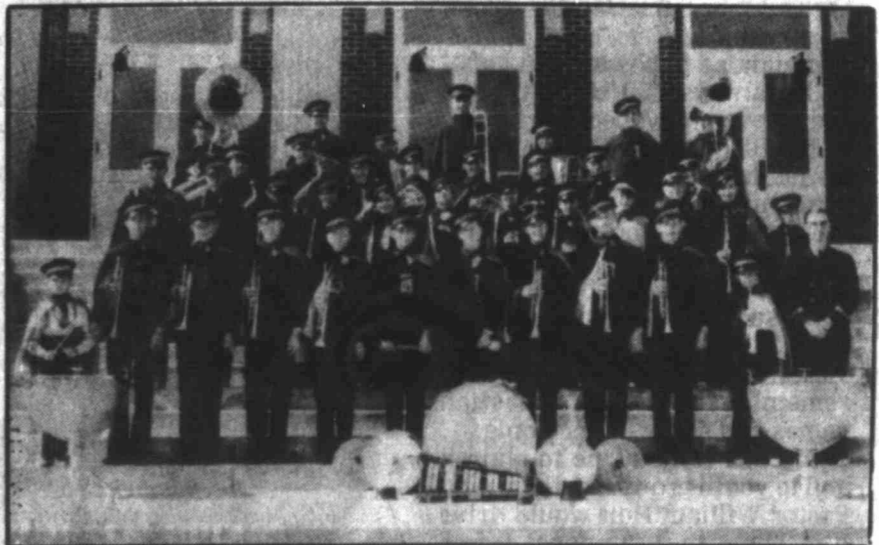
Although it will be smaller than the one here at Runnels, it will be designed to fit the choir's needs. Unlike the choir room here, no pillars will run through the middle of it. It will



HERALD photo/Linda Choate
Above are today's Runnels Junior High School band members who recently qualified for all-region honors. Shown are, front row, left to right: Billy Morgan, Landon Atkins, Athens Hale, Chris Correa, Jamie Pineda; second row, Ashley Thomas, April Ward, Tejal Patel, Reagan Phillips; back row, Nathan Smith, Rebecca Rodriguez, Monica Garcia, Chelsea Churchwell, Erica Ybarra, Jessica Woodward, Chelsea Halsey, Holly Price and Shasta Fuqua.

be better equipped with two practice rooms, and music library, an office, and seated risers.

The band has begun preparing for our UIL Concert contest too. This will be held April 24, in Odessa. We will be playing "Caprice," "March of the Netherlands," and "Two English Dances." Like Mr. Felty, Mr. Truex is looking forward to being in the new building. Our current band hall, built in 1937, was originally used for the school administrative and tax office. The administrative offices were later moved to its current location in the early '60s when the old building was converted into a "band hall" and choir rooms.



Courtesy photo
Above is the 1936 Runnels band shown in a photo from that year's yearbook, courtesy of Jack Cook, class of 1936.

Unfortunately, the main problem with the building is what holds the roof up! Yes, it's those columns that support the ceiling where the original walls once stood. Mr. Truex often has to try to dodge the columns while trying to be able to see the whole band. Also, the acoustics aren't the best a band could have, so he is anxiously awaiting the new band hall. The new building will be well lighted, have better acoustics, practice rooms, lockers, new carpet, and no columns.

Mr. Jack Cook, class of 1936, recalled being part of Runnels'

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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The 36th Annual Rattlesnake Roundup, including an Arts & Crafts Show & Flea Market will be at the Howard County Fairbarns Friday through Sunday. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children ages 4-11. There is free admission to the Arts & Crafts Show.



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Unusual mailboxes sought

Do you or does someone you know have an unusual, artistic or just plain strange mailbox? If your mailbox shows your personality, showcases your hobbies or interests, the Herald wants to know for an upcoming feature. If you know of any unusual mailboxes, call Linda Choate or Debbie L. Jensen at 263-7331.

Religious history speaker

Concerned Women for America of West Texas will welcome David Barton, nationally recognized speaker on American history, April 16 at 7 p.m. in Big Spring High School Auditorium. He will speak on "America's Godly Heritage," an uncensored view of American political and religious history. For information, call 263-0140.

THE LAST WORD

The only factor becoming scarce in a world of abundance is human attention.
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To love what you do and feel that it matters — how could anything be more fun?
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Goliad Middle School Sixth Grade winners of awards in the 1997/1998 Substance Prevention Media Fair pose at the school Tuesday. From left, standing, and moving clockwise, are: Dallen Anderson, Cliff Green, Ryan Beall, Landon Jenkins, Mark Shoody, Mallory Gerhardt, Jesse L. Grossman, Crystal Wingert, Samantha Newton, Erica Stewart, Katie Policky, and David Welch.

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red hair. Mr. Cook also recalled marching in parades down Runnels and Main Street and even performing in the historic Settles Hotel. Mr. Dan Conley was the beloved band director then and directed the high school band for many years to come.

In conclusion, I'd like to thank Mr. Jack Cook, and assistant principal, Mr. Craig Fisher, for helping me with historical information about the school. By the way, we have a great Big Spring High School Museum located in the BSHS library. It has annuals dating back to 1913, school papers from 1934, old school sweaters, and lots of items concerning the school. Go by and visit it!

By the way, I have only two more monthly articles to do on this school year. If you have any memories of Runnels that you would like to share, please let me know by notifying the newspaper office.

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emotional disruption. Nor do we know what causes them.

The good news is that your little girl is apparently fine. The bad news is that you may have to deal for a time with her midnight terrors that drag you

from your own stage-four sleep.

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.

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Study says gossip harms the talker

By NEIL D. ROSENBERG
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Your mom was right when she told you not to gossip because it isn't nice.

But a new study suggests a different reason: The talkers, rather than the talked-about, end up being perceived as the bad guys.

The researchers speculate that their findings might explain why special prosecutor Kenneth Starr is bombing in public opinion polls concerning the White House sex scandal, and why President Clinton's stock is soaring.

The official term for the phenomenon is spontaneous trait transference.

Put more simply, if you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all.

"For example, when Kenneth Starr accuses Bill Clinton of perjury, Starr himself may be seen as more deceitful," said John J. Skowronski, associate professor of psychology at Ohio State University, who conducted the research with colleagues from Purdue and Indiana universities.

Similarly, he said, "When Linda Tripp claims that

Monica Lewinsky had sex with the president, Tripp herself may be seen as more promiscuous."

Simple enough, except that it took four studies, over two years, before the boomerang effect in interpersonal communications was teased out, he said. The results were published in the Journal of Personality and Social Psychology.

For the studies, student volunteers were exposed to photograph or video vignettes that a presenter described. The students then were asked to rate traits of the presenter.

For example, Skowronski said, a man would describe a woman as someone who disliked animals and who kicked a dog to get it out of the way. When the students were asked to rate the man on a cruelty index, they ranked him higher than the woman.

"This is perfectly in line with contemporary research on interpersonal relationships and how we perceive other people," said Stephen Franzoi, associate professor of psychology at Marquette University.

A person who has developed

a positive image of someone does not want that image disputed, because it will create awkward and embarrassing moments in future communications, Franzoi said. So it's logical for the listener to want to ascribe any negative traits to the gossipier rather than to the individual with the positive image.

This trait linkage to the speaker occurred even when the volunteers were explicitly told there was no connection between the speaker and the statements he made, according to the research.

That led to the researchers' other conclusion: The phenomenon they describe is irrational and occurs outside conscious awareness.

And the trait transference works the same with positive statements. Thus, the knowledgeable gossipier, who understands the concept, can use it to his or her advantage by describing positive behavior.

"Critics who praise artists may themselves be perceived as talented," was the way Skowronski put it. But in the end, it is the negative that can play havoc with the gossipier.

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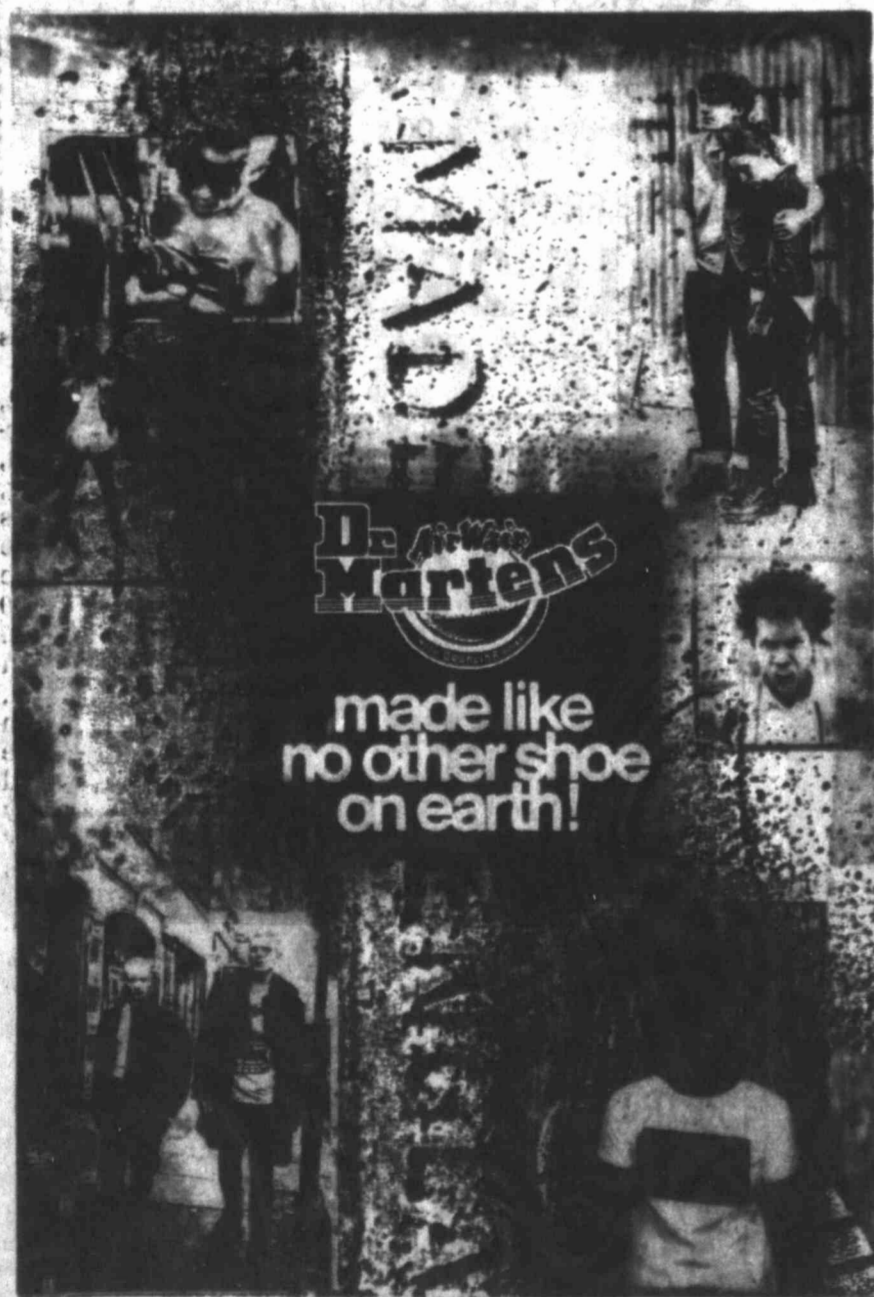
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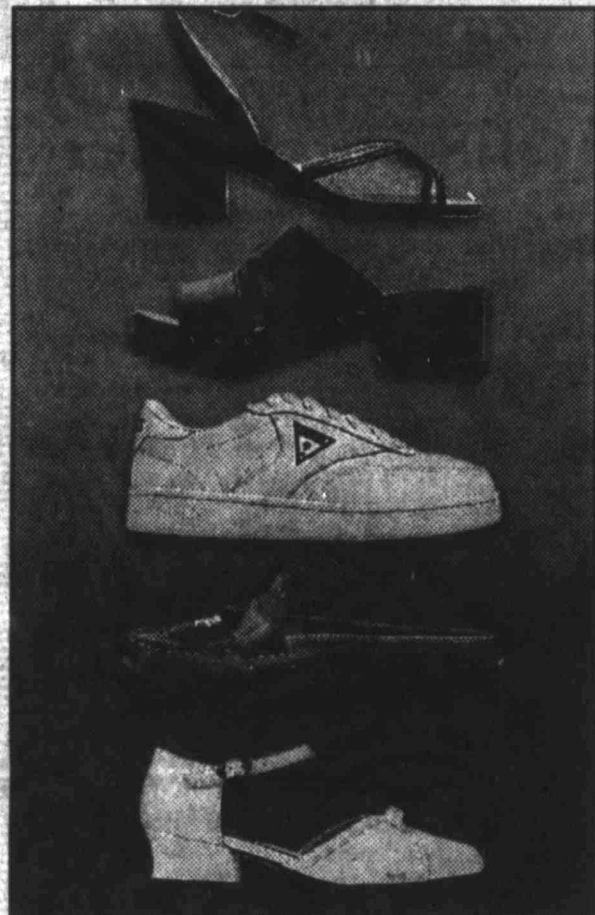
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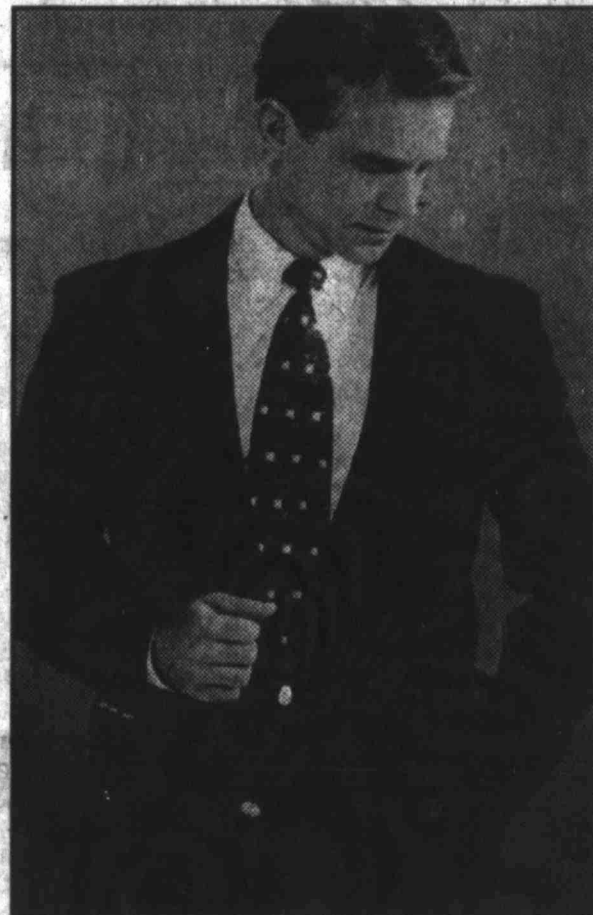
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NFL's old guard once again does in proposal for instant replay

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Once again, the NFL's "old guard" did in instant replay.

"Look at the teams that have been voting against it every year," commissioner Paul Tagliabue said Wednesday after the owners kept replay out of the NFL for the seventh straight season.

"I think they've had the same ownership for a total of 400 years."

Indeed, the "solid seven" were the heart of the anti-replay vote — the New York Giants, Arizona, Cincinnati, Buffalo, Chicago, Kansas City and Tampa Bay, all of them regular opponents of replay.

Oakland and San Diego joined in and

replay came up two votes short of the 23 it needed.

"Once again — down in flames," said Green Bay coach Mike Holmgren, co-chairman of the competition committee and one of the main replay lobbyists.

The fire was predictable.

This year's version, which would have allowed coaches two challenges per game to disputed decisions, got 21 votes, one more than last year, but two short of the 23 needed for enactment.

One defector was the New York Jets, who voted for it this year after being a regular "no" voter.

That was in large part because they

were hurt by perhaps the year's most controversial play — an end zone interception by Detroit's Bryant Westbrook in last season's final game that appeared to be out of bounds. The play played a major role in putting the Lions in the playoffs and knocking the Jets out.

But overall, the vote raised the question of whether it's time to give the replay debate a rest. Even amending the proposal to make it a one-year experiment couldn't get the votes.

"I don't know," Holmgren replied, when he was asked if taking more time to devise a system might help it get passed.

"It's like a game. You win some, you lose some and when you lose you get the wind knocked out of your sails. I still think we need a system to eliminate all the bad calls we can. But there are some teams that believe in all good faith and for their own good reasons that they don't want it."

Tagliabue just shrugged.

"It could be," he said. "Those people who have been in the game so much certainly have a feel for it."

The system voted upon Wednesday was relatively simple. It would have applied to possession and out-of-bounds plays, just like the 1986-91 system, which included a sepa-

rate replay official in a booth to stop play on questionable calls and make the final decisions.

Under this plan, coaches would have had to challenge a questionable play.

They would have gotten two challenges per game, and the referee would make the decision by looking at a monitor on the field. If the call was upheld, the challenging team would forfeit a time out.

"This system was too cumbersome," Tampa Bay coach Tony Dungy said. "I'd probably have had to hire a new assistant just to watch the monitor and let me know when I had a sure reversal."

Sidewinders hosting state championships

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

Some 50 teams and 241 of the state's top young gymnasts will flock to Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on Saturday and Sunday when Big Spring's Sidewinders play host to the USA Gymnastics Level 9/Level 10 State Championships.

While taking on the type of competition they'll face this weekend is nothing new to the Sidewinders, it will be the likes of nothing Big Spring has ever hosted.

"It's kind of unusual to have the state championships in this small a community," explained Russ McEwen, who along with Chris Connor coaches the Sidewinders. "Last year this meet was held in Dallas. We've held state-wide qualifying meets before, but nothing along these lines."

"But from our experience at hosting those meets, USAG officials know we're able to put on a good, quality meet," he added. "That's why we were able to put in a bid for the championships and get this meet."

McEwen explained that Level 10 competition is the next to highest level of competition in all of gymnastics.

The kids that will be here this weekend are extremely skilled ... just below the elite level of competition," he explained. "We'll have teams and individuals from the top gyms in the state. These kids are going to be very, very good gymnasts."

As is the case with Olympic competition, that which most people are familiar, each of the meet's participants will take a rotation on each of four apparatus — the vault, balance beam, uneven parallel bars and floor exercise.

The Sidewinders, the defending YMCA national gymnastics champions, will be represented

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Saturday's schedule
Session 1 — Level 9 Junior B
8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., Stretch and bar set-tings
8:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m., March-in.
8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., Warm-up and competition.
12:15 to 12:45 p.m., Awards ceremony.

Session 2 — Level 10 Junior A and Senior B
12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m., Stretch and bar set-tings.
1 p.m. to 1:15 p.m., March-in.
1:15 p.m. to 5 p.m., Warm-up and competition.
5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Awards ceremony.

Session 3 — Level 10 Junior B and Senior A
5:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m., Stretch and bar set-tings.
5:45 p.m. to 6 p.m., March-in.
6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Warm-up and competition.
9:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., Awards ceremony.

Sunday's schedule
Session 4 — Level 9 Junior A
8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., Stretch and bar set-tings.
8:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m., March-in.
8:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., Warm-up and competition.
12:45 p.m. to 1:15 p.m., Awards ceremony.

Session 5 — Level 9 Senior A & B
12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m., Stretch and bar set-tings.
1 p.m. to 1:15 p.m., March-in.
1:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m., Warm-up and competition.
5:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m., Awards ceremony.

by a three-girl team in the Level 10 small team competition, one of four team championships to be contested.

Additionally, the three Sidewinders — Stephanie Stewart, Brooke Lawrence and Mikelle Farris — will compete for individual honors in a bid to qualify for the USGA Regional Championships set for April 18-19 in Wichita, Kan.

Top performers at the regional level will advance to the Junior Olympics national gymnastics championships in Seattle on May 9-10.

In addition to the Level 10 small team competition, titles will also be awarded in Level 10 large team, Level 9 large team and Level 9 small team divisions.

The Sidewinders will be competing for team honors follow-



The three members of the Big Spring Sidewinders' Level 10 small team entry pose during a break in their Thursday practice routine. From left are: Brooke Lawrence, Stephanie Stewart and Mikelle Farris. The Sidewinders will be the host team for this weekend's USA Gymnastics State Championships at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

ing a one-year hiatus. Stewart and Lawrence both took part in Level 10 competition in Dallas last year, both eventually reaching the Junior Olympics nationals.

But the Big Spring team did not have a third Level 10 participant in 1997 — falling short of the three-person minimum required for small team competition.

Farris, who is moving up from Level 9, allows the Sidewinders an opportunity to try and match or better their

1996 finish when they finished second in the Level 10 small team division.

McEwen noted that both levels of individual competition are also divided into age groupings. Lawrence, 13, and Farris, 12, will be competing in the Junior A division of Level 10, while Stewart, a 15-year-old, will be in the Junior B division of Level 10.

The meet will be divided into five sessions. The first session will see 46 athletes in Level 9 Junior B compete Saturday

morning. That afternoon the Level 10 Junior A and Senior B athletes, 49 of them, will take the floor, while the evening's session will see competition among 46 gymnasts in the Level 10 Junior B and Senior A divisions.

Sunday's schedule calls for 50 youngsters in the Level 9 Junior A division to compete in the morning, while the final session will see 46 gymnasts in Level 9 Senior A and Level 9 Senior B divisions close out the meet.

Lawrence, Farris bring different experiences into meet

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

For Big Spring's Sidewinders gymnastics team this weekend's USA Gymnastics Level 9/Level 10 State Championships will be an opportunity to showcase their three top individual athletes — Stephanie Stewart, Brooke Lawrence and Mikelle Farris.

While all three are familiar with championship competition, having been key components in the Sidewinders march to the YMCA national team gymnastics championship in 1997, they recognize the level of competition they'll face Saturday will be stiffer than that they encountered in San Diego a year ago.

All of them took part in last year's USGA Level 9/Level 10 meet in Dallas.

However, Lawrence and Farris — the two Odessa girls' on the Sidewinders Level 10 small team entry — bring different experience into the state champi-

onships. What's more, the Sidewinders will need strong performances by both if they are to repeat or surpass the state runner-up award the Big Spring team won two years ago in the Level 10 small team division.

Stewart, a 15-year-old Big Spring High School student, has spent much of the season out of action — having undergone surgery to remove bone chips from an elbow.

Lawrence, the 13-year-old reigning YMCA all-around individual champion, took part in last year's USAG Level 10 Junior A competition and advanced to the Junior Olympics national championships.

As a result, Lawrence is familiar not only with the level of competition, but the individual athletes entered in her division.

A member of the Sidewinders squad for almost three years, Lawrence says having reached the USAG nationals a

year ago and winning the YMCA individual title doesn't mean she has anything to prove this weekend.

"Some people might see it as if there are higher expectations, but I don't really see that as pressure," the 13-year-old explained during a break from her training schedule Wednesday. "You just have to go out there on the floor and do the best you can do."

"The thing I expect from myself is to be a little better than I was the meet before ... just improve each time," Lawrence added. "So, if I can do a little better than I did in San Antonio two weeks ago, I'll be happy."

Lawrence finished the San Antonio Invitational meet tied for first in the vault, her favorite event; fifth in the balance beam; and fifth in the all-around. She failed to place in both the uneven parallel bars and the floor exercise.

The floor exercise is her least favorite part of the four-apparatus rotation. "It's

just so exhausting ... at least it is when we're practicing. When you're at a meet, the crowd gets excited and you start getting into your music and the adrenalin starts pumping. It's a little easier then."

Farris, on the other hand, is in her first year of Level 10 Junior A participation, having moved up from Level 9 last season. The personable 12-year-old, in her third year as a member of the Sidewinders program, admits advancing to the higher level has not been easy.

"Moving up has been difficult," she explained. "I'm having to add harder moves to my routines than I did last year because there's a lot of difference in the quality of competition between Level 9 and Level 10."

"I didn't do the greatest in Level 9s last year," Farris added. "I guess you could say I did good ... it just wasn't great."

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What of a change ... coaches making Final Four debut in San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Kentucky and North Carolina regularly reach the Final Four. Stanford and Utah haven't been here for decades.

All four teams, however, have something in common: They have a head coach leading a team into the Final Four for the first time.

"For me, it's probably a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," Utah coach Rick Majerus said. "I'm so thrilled for our players and our university, the city of Salt Lake and the state of Utah."

The Utes (29-3) defeated defending champion Arizona 76-51 to reach the Final Four for the first time since 1966. Utah faces North Carolina on Saturday in the Alamodome.

Kentucky meets Stanford in the other semifinal. The winners play Monday night for the championship.

Tubby Smith, who took over as Wildcats coach this season after Rick Pitino left for the Boston Celtics, reached the Final Four when Kentucky overcame a 17-point second-half deficit Sunday to beat Duke 86-84.

It's the third straight year Kentucky (33-4) has made the Final Four. Seven Wildcats were members of the team that lost to Arizona in the final last year. Five were on the 1996 championship team.

Despite following in Pitino's footsteps, Smith said he didn't feel pressure to reach the Final Four. If any-

thing, he said, the pressure was off because he was a new coach.

"The expectations of fans and people, I think, around the country were, 'They've got a good team, but there's no Rick Pitino there to lead them,'" said Smith, who took Tulsa (1994-95) and Georgia (1996-97) to the NCAA tournament.

Smith has sought advice from Pitino. "I'm very close to Rick, and we've talked about just how to maintain your sense of focus," Smith said.

"We need to be hitting on all cylinders in order to compete with what I consider a very outstanding and very deep Stanford team," he said.

Stanford (30-4) erased a 6-point deficit

in the final minute to beat Rhode Island 79-77 as Arthur Lee scored 13 of his 26 points in the final 2:04. The victory sent Stanford to its first Final Four since 1942.

Cardinal coach Mike Montgomery said other coaches have given him advice on coping with distractions.

"They just mentioned that it's almost as if you don't have time to prepare your team like you normally do and that you have to be selfish, you have to say 'No,'" Montgomery said.

Though North Carolina coach Bill Guthridge experienced the Final Four as an assistant to longtime coach Dean Smith, entering the event as a head coach has opened his eyes.

"Everybody's coming out of the woodwork wanting tickets and needing this and needing that. It happens so fast, it's not anything that you can plan in advance for," Guthridge said.

North Carolina beat Connecticut 75-64 to win the East Regional and reach the Final Four for the 14th time. It's the second consecutive Final Four appearance for North Carolina and the team's third trip in four years.

Guthridge said he doubts nervousness will be a factor Saturday.

"I was scared at our first practice and then I was scared our first exhibition game, our first regular game, our first road trip," he said. "But I think I have that all out of the way now."

SPORTS EXTRA

NCAA-MEN

EAST REGIONAL

Regional Championship Saturday, March 22

North Carolina 75, Connecticut 64

SOUTH REGIONAL

Regional Championship Sunday, March 22

Kentucky 96, Duke 84

MIDWEST REGIONAL

Regional Championship Sunday, March 22

Stanford 78, Rhode Island 77

WEST REGIONAL

Regional Championship Saturday, March 22

Utah 76, Arizona 53

THE FINAL FOUR

At The Alamodome San Antonio

NATIONAL SEMIFINALS

Saturday, March 28

Kentucky (33-4) vs. Stanford (30-4) 4:42 p.m.

North Carolina (34-3) vs. Utah (29-3) 30 minutes after first game

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Monday, March 30

Semifinal winners, 8:18 p.m.

NCAA-WOMEN

EAST REGIONAL

Regional Championship Monday, March 23

N.C. State 60, Connecticut 52

MIDWEST REGIONAL

Regional Championship Monday, March 23

Louisiana Tech 72, Purdue 65

MIDWEST REGIONAL

Regional Championship Monday, March 23

Tennessee 76, North Carolina 70

WEST REGIONAL

Regional Championship Monday, March 23

Arkansas 77, Duke 72

THE FINAL FOUR

At Kemper Arena Kansas City, Mo.

NATIONAL SEMIFINALS

Friday, March 27

Louisiana Tech (30-3) vs. North Carolina State (25-6) 6 p.m.

Arkansas (22-10) vs. Tennessee (37-0) 30 minutes after first game

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday, March 28

Semifinal winners, 7:30 p.m.

NIT

Third Round

Wednesday, March 25

Penn State 75, Georgia Tech 70

Minnesota 73, Marquette 71

Thursday, March 26

Georgia 79, Vanderbilt 65

Fresno State 85, Hawaii 83

At Madison Square Garden New York

SEMIFINALS

Tuesday, March 24

Minnesota (18-15) vs. Fresno State (21-11) 6 p.m.

Fresno State (18-12) vs. Georgia (19-14) 8:30 p.m.

THIRD PLACE

Thursday, March 26

Semifinal losers, 4 p.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP

Thursday, March 26

Semifinal winners, 6:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Placed 2B Carlos Garcia on waivers for the purpose of giving him his unconditional release.

DETROIT TIGERS—Purchased the contract of RHP Doug Bochler from the Oakland Athletics. Assigned RHP Denny Harner and RHP Eddie Gilliland to their minor-league camp. Placed C Marcus Jensen on waivers for the purpose of giving him his unconditional release.

NEW YORK YANKEES—Optioned RHP Orlando Hernandez and RHP Mike Jerzembeck to Columbus of the International League.

SEATTLE MARINERS—Placed INF Pat Listach on waivers for the purpose of giving him his unconditional release. Optioned INF Dan Rohlfmeier to Tacoma of the PCL. Waived INF Aaron Hober. TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Released OF Dwight Smith. Placed INF Herbert Perry on the 15-day disabled list. Assigned RHP Rick White, RHP Mark Eichhorn, C Tim Laker and INF Scott McClain to their minor-league camp. Assigned OF Luis Polonia to Mexico City of the Mexican League.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Signed SS Juan Bell and OF Patrick Lennson to minor-league contracts with Syracuse of the International League.

ATLANTA BRAVES—Waived RHP Brad Clark.

CINCINNATI REDS—Placed OF Melvin Nieves on the 15-day disabled list. Assigned C Guillermo Barria to their minor-league camp.

FLORIDA MARLINS—Sold the contract of INF-OF Eric Owens to the Milwaukee Brewers. Optioned OF Todd Durwood to Charlotte of the International League. Reassigned INF Kevin Miller and Chris Cisneros to their minor-league camp.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Sent OF Billy Ashley to Albuquerque of the PCL. Agreed to terms with OF Thomas Howard on a one-year contract.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Sent INF Eddy Diaz, INF Pablo Martinez, INF Eddie Zosky, INF Antonio Williamson and RHP Brad Woodall to their minor-league camp.

NEW YORK METS—Assigned RHP Rick Trickett and OF Rick Parker to their minor-league camp. Placed RHP Armando Reynoso and RHP Paul Wilson on the 15-day disabled list.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Placed C Darby Shaffer on waivers for the purpose of giving him his unconditional release.

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Placed LHP Ed Vosburg on the 15-day disabled list. Optioned 3B George Aris and RHP Doane Wait to Las Vegas of the PCL. Assigned RHP Archie Corbin to their minor-league camp.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

NBA—Fined Washington Wizards G Rod Strickland \$5,000 for verbally abusing officials and failing to leave the court in a timely manner following his ejection from a March 24 game.

BOSTON CELTICS—Signed F Reggie Miller to a 10-day contract. Placed G Bruce Bowen on the injured list.

DENVER NUGGETS—Named Dan Issel general manager.

GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS—Signed G Gerald McDine for the remainder of the season.

PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZERS—Signed G Gary Grant for the remainder of the season.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

CAROLINA PANTHERS—Declined to match the New Orleans Saints' offer sheet for LB Andre Royal.

DETROIT LIONS—Acquired LB Rob Frederickson from the Oakland Raiders for a 1998 fourth-round draft pick.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Declined to match the New York Jets' offer sheet for RB Curtis Martin.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Named Vernon Cheek director of publications.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

BUFFALO SABRES—Loaned D Jacob Holund to Rochester of the AHL.

CAROLINA HURRICANES—Recalled LW Bates Battaglia, D Nolan Pratt and G Mike Fountain from New Haven of the AHL and G Trip Tracy from Richmond of the ECHL.

FLORIDA PANTHERS—Recalled C Steve Washburn and LW Peter Worech from New Haven of the AHL. Returned G Todd MacDonald to New Haven.

NEW YORK ISLANDERS—Recalled LW Sean Haggerty from Kentucky of the AHL.

NBA

Wednesday's Games

Miami 106, Boston 91

Houston 86, Indiana 81

New Jersey 91, Philadelphia 86

Detroit 103, San Antonio 94

Chicago 85, Orlando 70

Dallas 106, Denver 94

Minnesota 90, Phoenix 97

Salt Lake 123, Washington 109

New York 77, L.A. Clippers 76

L.A. Lakers 114, Sacramento 91

SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

Country Club slates charity scramble event for April 4

A four-person charity scramble golf tournament, sponsored by the Big Spring Woman's Club, has been scheduled for Saturday, April 4, at the Big Spring Country Club.

Teams will be composed of players with handicaps of A, B, C and D. Entry fees are set at \$50 per player plus cart rental. Mulligans will be optional.

The deadline for entries will be noon Friday, April 3.

The tournament will get under way with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start.

For more information or to register, contact Julie Wolf at 263-7664 or the country club's pro shop at 267-5354.

Coahoma extends softball, T-ball sign-ups to Saturday

Registration and tryouts for Coahoma T-ball and softball leagues have been extended for one week.

Those wishing to play may register at the ballpark concession stand from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. through Friday and from 8 a.m. until noon Saturday.

Tryouts for T-ball and

Division I softball will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, followed by Division II tryouts at 3 p.m.

For more information, contact Troy Kerby at 394-4748.

Runnels girls finish second in their own track meet

Runnels' Lady Yearlings finished second behind Andrews' young Lady Mustangs during the Big Spring Junior High Track Meet.

The Lady Yearlings started building their 187-point total in the field events when Amber Mayes took a first-place finish in the shot and was second in the discus.

Trisha Rollins and Chelsea

Churchwell provided big points in the high jump and long jump, while Brittany Bryant and Melissa Ray placed in the triple jump.

Ray, Tejal Patel and Taylor Kennedy finished second, third and fourth in the 800 meters, while Churchwell won the 100 meters. Shelby Tissue and Tracy Padilla finished fifth and sixth.

Meghan Pudliner added a third in the 400 meters, while Nikki Leyva and Ray were fifth and sixth.

A first-place finish in the 400-meter relay, plus second-place finishes in the 800- and 1,600-meter relays also helped build the total.

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She did perform well enough to advance to regional competition and take part in the USAG nationals.

While Lawrence favors the vault, Farris says her favorite apparatus is the beam. "That's probably my strongest event, so I guess you'd have to say it's my favorite," she explained. "There's no question that my least favorite is the bars."

According to Russ McEwen, one of two coaches who train the Sidewinders' Level 10 program, it takes tremendous dedication on the part of the three members of the team.

And for Lawrence and Farris, who must travel one hour to and from Big Spring five days every week for 3 1/2-hour practice sessions, it's even more time consuming.

"It's basically become a way of life for them," McEwen explained, noting that all three of the Sidewinders' athletes began competing around the age of 6. "They are here from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 9 a.m. to noon every Saturday."

"On top of that, this is a 52 weeks a year sport ... there's no offseason for these girls," he added. "When they reach this level of competition, they have to workout year round because the people they are running up against at every meet are working every week of the year."

Farris, though, says it's something that's come naturally.

"I've always liked tumbling around ... that kind of thing," she explained. "One day I was flying around doing flips and that kind of thing in the front yard at my grandmother's house. She told my mom that she ought to enroll me in gymnastics. My mom enrolled me in the Tiny Tots program at OC (Odessa College) and I've just progressed from there."

Forsan golfer records first ace of career

Jason Anderson, a member of Forsan High School's Buffaloes golf team, chalked up the first hole-in-one of his career March 3 during a practice round at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Anderson recorded the ace on the 170-yard, par 3 No. 4 hole using an eight iron.

Those witnessing the shot were Forsan teammates Blake Lansprey, Logan Gamble, Logan Stanley, Kyle Newton and Adam Andrews.

FISHING REPORT

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for March 26:

CENTRAL BROWNWOOD: Water fairly clear; 59 degrees; black bass up to 5 pounds are good on Carolina-rigged centipedes and lizards fished in the shallows. Deep-water bass are taking Rat-L-Traps and crank baits. Hybrid stripers are fair to good on live bait and crank baits. Crappie are fair on live shiners fished over brush and around boat docks in fairly deep water. Channel catfish are good and reels baited with crawfish and cheese fished in the shallows.

SOUTH AMISTAD: Water clear; lake level 1083; black bass up to 9 pounds are good on Carolina-rigged worms and Texas-rigged worms and lizards and on crank baits.

WEST ARROWHEAD: Water clear; black bass are fair to good on shiners. White bass are fair to good on live bait. Crappie are slow to fair on shiners. Channel catfish are fair to good on rod and reels baited with shrimp.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water off-colored; clear; bass are fair on spinners and small jigs fished in shallow water. Catfish are fair on cut bait.

FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water off-colored; black bass are fair on Sluggos and on spinner baits. Some bass have also been caught on worms and on spinner baits. Hybrid stripers are fair to good on live bait and spoons. No report for catfish.

MEREDITH: Water clear; Smallmouth are good on spinners and on crank baits. Walleye are good on Flie-fies tipped with minnows and on count-down Rapalas fished along rocky banks. Catfish are fair to good on cut baits.

O.H.I.V.E: Water clear on main lake, murky in upper end and tributaries; 58 degrees; black bass up to 9 pounds are fair to good on spinners and lizards fished in 1 to 5 feet of water. Crappie are fair to good on minnows fished in the river channel. Blue and channel catfish are fair to good on trotlines baited with cut shad and prepared bait. Yellow catfish are fair to good on trotlines and jugs fished with live perch.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water fairly clear; black bass to 7 pounds are fair on Carolina-rigged lizards and wacky worms fished in the fairly shallow water and around drop offs. Striped and white bass are fair on live bait. Crappie are fair on minnows fished around baited boat docks. Catfish are fair on rod and reels baited with cut bait around docks. A few yellow cats have been caught on live bullheads and perch fished on jugs in the river.

SPENCE: Water fairly clear; black bass are fair to good on spinners and Texas or Carolina-rigged worms fished on points and in the shallows. A few bass are coming on jigs. Striped bass are fair to good on live bait. No report for catfish.

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The Mini Page Especially for kids and their families

By BETTY DEBNAM

The Hero's Journey The Magic of Myth

Once upon a time there was an imaginary story so wonderful it lived for years and years. People thought about this story so much it became a powerful part of their lives. It became a myth.

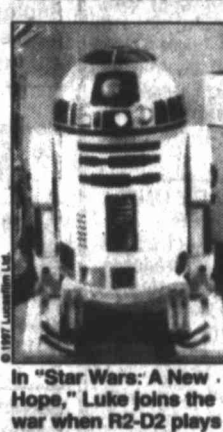
Myths show people ways of dealing with scary adventures. They show ways to solve problems. They help explain things people don't understand.

When we think of myths we usually think of ancient stories from the Greeks or Romans. But there are modern myths, too. People are still inventing timeless, powerful stories.

One of the main types of myths tells of a hero's journey. Certain themes appear over and over in many such myths. For example, "Star Wars" and "The Wizard of Oz" are two modern versions of this very old kind of story.

A hero's journey myth might include these themes:

The call to adventure: The hero's journey begins with a "call to adventure." Usually this call comes from a humble messenger such as an animal. In the first of the three "Star Wars" movies, it comes from the droid R2-D2.



In "Star Wars: A New Hope," Luke joins the war when R2-D2 plays Leia's message.

Battle between forces of good and forces of evil



Luke Skywalker, as a force for good, and Darth Vader, a force for the dark side, duel in "Return of the Jedi," the third "Star Wars" film.

Dangerous trials: Partway through the hero's journey, he or she must endure a long and dangerous path of trials, tests and ordeals. These trials bring important understanding to the hero.

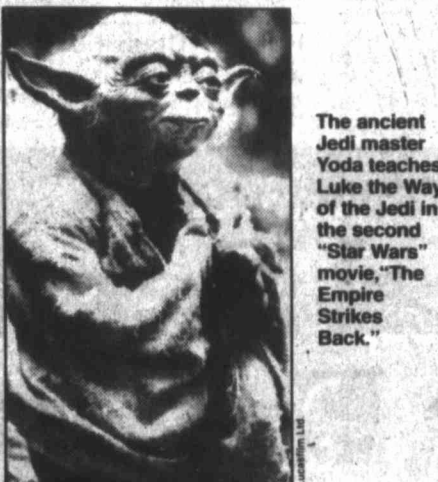
Again and again along the way, the hero must slay monsters and pass over barriers. The hero must finally make a scary journey into darkness.



In "The Wizard of Oz," Dorothy, the Tin Man and the Scarecrow must fight the Wicked Witch. In doing so, they learn much about themselves.

The wise and helpful guide: A hero must meet "threshold guardians," or beings who block the way to adventure.

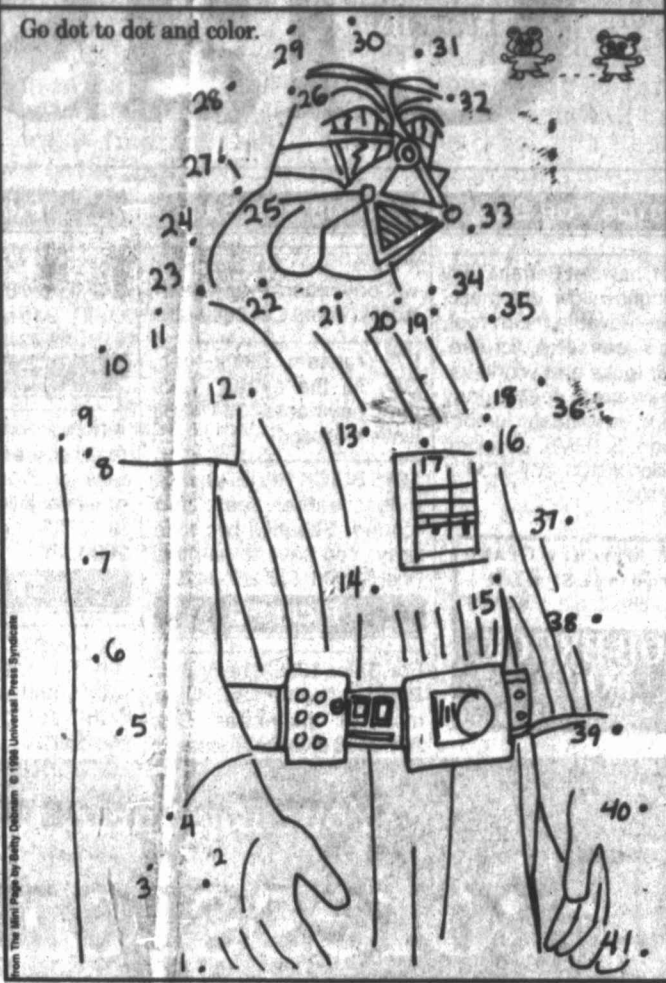
Often the inexperienced hero finds he or she needs supernatural aid, in the form of a wise and helpful guide. The guide gives advice and might offer magic charms.



Meeting the monster: The hero might be captured by a huge monster. Heroes can escape only after they have gained the strength to become better, wiser people.

The movie "King Kong" has become so popular that it could be called a modern myth. In it, an actress grows into a stronger person after being terrorized by a giant ape.

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Rookie Cookie's Recipe R2-D2 Delight

- You'll need: 1 pound ground beef, 1 10-ounce box frozen peas, thawed, 1/2 cup mushrooms, chopped, 1 can cream of mushroom soup, 2 tablespoons milk, 1 tablespoon soy sauce, 1/2 onion, chopped, 1/2 cup cheddar cheese, grated. What to do: 1. Cook ground beef in a skillet over medium heat for 10 minutes or until browned. Drain well. 2. Combine beef, peas and mushrooms in a casserole. Mix well. 3. In a medium bowl, combine soup, milk, soy sauce and onion. Mix well. 4. Add soup mixture to casserole. Mix well. 5. Sprinkle cheese evenly on top. 6. Bake in a preheated 375-degree oven for 30 minutes. Serves 6.

MYTHS TRY 'N FIND. Words about myths are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward. See if you can find: MYTHS, HERO, ADVENTURE, TRIALS, POWER, IMAGINARY, GOOD, EVIL, FORESTS, JOURNEY, MONSTERS, MAGIC, GUIDE, HELP, FORESTS, SAVE, MASKS, STORY, DANGER. A D V E N T U R E S B M D M X I M A G I N A R Y C N Y A Y D M A G I C D Z G G P G T N F T P J O U R N E Y U O Q H G E R S T S E R O F I U J O S E V I S S R E T S N O M J D D R I A A S E C R O P P L E H E O L L V O R E H W S K S A M K V U B S E L R E H O P S T O R Y S W C

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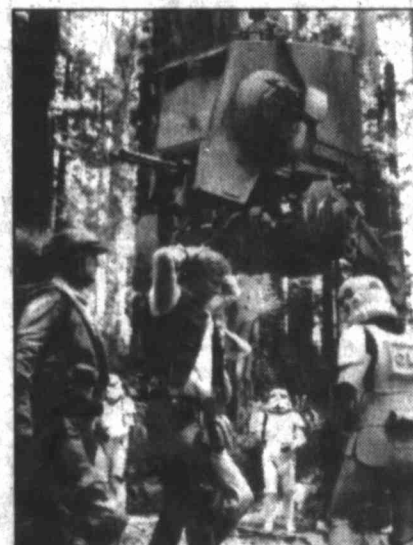
Mini Spy and her friends are on a movie set with R2-D2. See if you can find: banana, peanut, heart, letter J, toothbrush, apple, screwdriver, letter D, bell, letter E, word MINI, letter A, candy cane, feather.

Parts of a Myth

Here are some other themes that might appear in a myth about a hero's journey.

The enchanted forest: Sacred forests represent a place where the hero is changed. Many ancient peoples believed trees were filled with magic.

Forests are often homes to sorcerers and enchanters. The creatures who live there can be both dangerous and helpful. The hero must know the right magic to call up the creatures' protection. In the woods, the hero might discover secrets or have to face frightening memories or feelings.



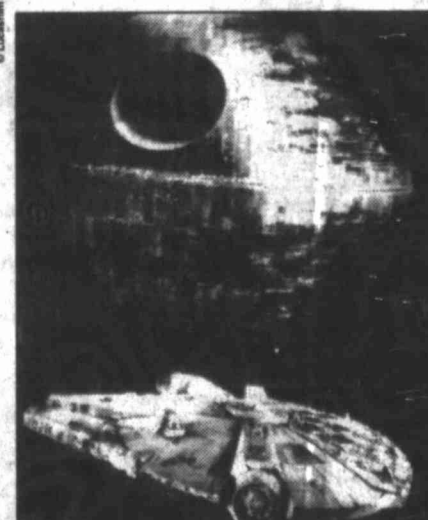
The evil imperial Stormtroopers capture Han and Leia in the forests of Endor in "Return of the Jedi."

The hero's return: This may mark the end of the road of trials. Heroes must return from their adventures with a way to help their people.



You can find parts of myths in other stories. For example, in "Toy Story," Woody and Buzz Lightyear return from a mean boy's house after saving their fellow toys.

The return of evil: Sometimes the hero's journey might not be over after one adventure. Evil forces may rise again, even stronger than before.



In "Star Wars," Princess Leia is willing to face torture or death to keep the rebels' secrets safe from the imperial forces.

Stronghold of evil: Heroes must go onto the villain's home ground, where the evil is the strongest.



In "The Wizard of Oz," Dorothy is not able to defeat the Wicked Witch until she fights her in the witch's castle.

Masks: Masks are often part of a mythic ritual. They can frighten enemies, or call up ancestors and supernatural beings.



In the "Star Wars" series, Darth Vader's mask made him even more terrifying. In the end, his spirit is saved when he sacrifices himself to save his son.

Final victory: Physical force or brains are not always enough to destroy evil. There is always the hope that people who have turned evil can be saved.

This issue is based on the exhibit "Star Wars: The Magic of Myth" at the National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. George Lucas studied Joseph Campbell's books about myths before writing "Star Wars" and built upon many of Campbell's ideas. This show will run through October 1998.

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Look through your newspaper for a TV show that features a mythical character.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 27:

You are unusually creative this year, able to come up with unique solutions and head in a new, dynamic direction. Others appreciate your high energy. Intuition is strong, especially concerning friends. You'll instinctively know which way to go. If you are single, you have a difficult time understanding other people's agendas. You tend to see things only from your point of view. Learn to empathize more. Someone you meet provides illumination. If attached, relationships flourish as long as you let your partner express and act on his feelings as you do. Time together is precious. ARIES is there for you.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) A new beginning is possible. Be careful with any contracts that you sign today; you could discover a problem later. Your high energy helps you see the big picture. Explore inspired ideas, look to new frontiers and experience life to the ultimate. Tonight: A ball of fire!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Take risks, and open up to change. Romantic innuendoes are likely, but you are still in control. Make choices accordingly. Be careful with money; you could inadvertently slip.

Think before you leap. Tonight: Be mysterious about plans.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You are out of kilter, as your ruling planet, Mercury, goes into retrograde. Still, it is as if the world lies at your feet. Grab an opportunity, and run with it. A partner helps you make good things happen. Network, and expand your boundaries. Tonight: Party with friends.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Accept a stronger role at work. Others don't seem to understand. A partner might be vague but is there for you. Discussions about new beginnings are promising; they could go on for a while. A change in your work style is imminent. Tonight: A force to behold.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You are a bundle of energy, and virtually unstoppable. A loved one piques your imagination about what could be. Break past barriers with your thinking. Be innovative and open. Accept an invitation. Tonight: Do what feels right.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You are out of what and need balance. Take a deep breath, and try not to react. Bosses and partners push you, but a friendly associate means well. One-to-one relating helps you realize what you want. Let your creativity roam freely at work. Tonight: Quiet night for two.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Don't overdo or push too hard. Your perspective changes once you open up. A loved one can be enchanting. Enjoy the rosy haze around a relationship. You might find out that what you wanted isn't what you want. Tonight: Let another charm you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You have a feeling that something is out of the ordinary. A friendship is subject to change with information that comes forward. Listen to a family member who has inspirational ideas. Make plans for a low-key few days. Tonight: Whatever relaxes you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Fun and games erupt, and you have a good time no matter where you are. New beginnings happen in a key endeavor; let your imagination roll. It might be time to launch an important project. Confusion surrounds a partner and work. Tonight: Be where the fun is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Prioritize; you have a lot to accomplish. It seems that another is not getting a message. Don't stand on ceremony, but stay on top of demands and long-term domestic goals. Pace yourself, take your time and decide to not get upset. Tonight: Happy with health and home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Express your feelings, and get to the bottom of chronic problems. Your creativity and sense of direction might be thrown off. One-to-one relating might not resolve what you hoped it would. Communications are accelerated, and your flirtatious ways set the tone. Tonight: Do what works for you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Partners throw you off with their odd behavior. You might not be sure what is best to do, and you can't seem to find the answers. Handle what you need to, and manage finances. Resolutions can be made to stick right now. You are more in control than you have been. Tonight: Treat yourself.

BORN TODAY Football player Randall Cunningham (1963), auto racer Cale Yarborough (1940), actor Michael York (1942)

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Going fishing with wife puts new cast on husband's hobby

DEAR ABBY: In reference to the letter from "Waiting With Baited Hook," I am a 47-year-old, happily married fisherman. I have had the loveliest fishing partner in the world for the past 14 years and have enjoyed every minute of it. There's nothing like sharing the outdoors with your soul mate, teaching her and sharing

but I'm also not a carp. So much for fishing to catch a man. - "THE HAPPY HOOKER" FROM NEW YORK

DEAR HAPPY HOOKER: Most of the readers I've heard from verified the experience of "Waiting With Baited Hook." Perhaps you should be casting your lure in other waters.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have been married for more than 30 years. Ours has been a very happy marriage. However, every night before going to bed, she puts her hair up in curlers. Now she keeps asking me why I don't kiss her goodnight when we go to bed.

Abigail Van Buren

Abby, how would you like to make love to a porcupine? She says she wants to look good for me the next day.

How would you suggest I solve this problem? - FRANK B. IN CHICAGO

DEAR FRANK: Ask her to please wear a shower cap when she retires, or use hot rollers in the morning.

CONFIDENTIAL TO "CLUMSY IN VERNON, B.C.": "Every beetle is a gazelle in the eyes of its mother." - Moorish proverb

DEAR TERRY: You'll be pleased to know that my desk has been swamped by a tidal wave of letters carrying similar sentiments. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Waiting With Baited Hook" brought to mind my daughter and son-in-law. They met 10 years ago at a dance. After they'd been dating a few months, we invited him along on a deep-sea fishing trip. When he discovered that our daughter not only enjoyed fishing, but could bait her own hook with live anchovies, he was really impressed. They have been married for nine years and are expecting their first baby in a couple of months.

I'll bet that baby will be fishing as soon as he or she can hold a fishing pole. - FISHING GRANDMA, BURBANK, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: In response to "Waiting With Baited Hook in Nevada," please let me assure you that just because a woman knows how to fish is no guarantee that she'll be attractive to men.

I am a single middle-aged woman who is addicted to fishing. I own several kinds of boats and enough tackle to sink one.

DEAR ABBY: Perhaps it was your lucky day. Enjoy the warm memory.

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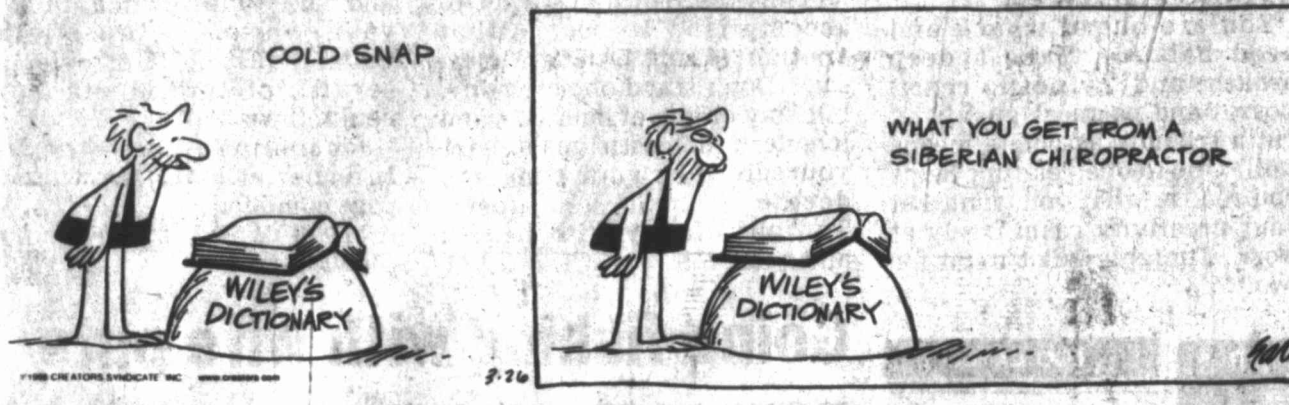
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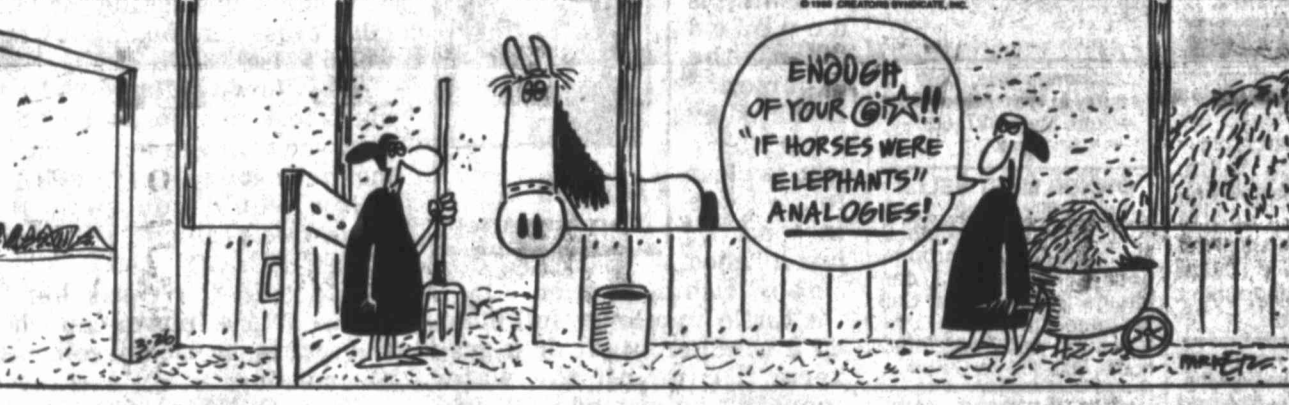
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, March 26, the 85th day of 1998. There are 280 days left in the year.

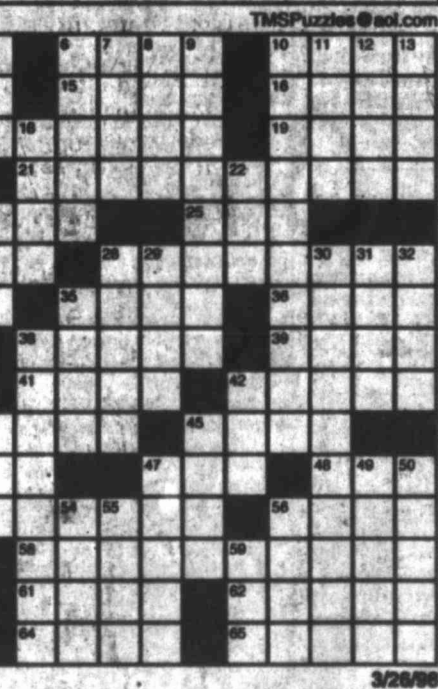
Today's Highlight in History: On March 26, 1979, the Camp David peace treaty was signed by Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat at the

White House. On this date: In 1804, the Louisiana Purchase was divided into the Territory of Orleans and the District of Louisiana. In 1827, composer Ludwig van Beethoven died in Vienna, Austria. In 1875, poet Robert Frost was born in San Francisco. In 1885, the Eastman Dry Plate and Film Co. of Rochester, N.Y., manufactured the first commercial motion picture film. In 1892, poet Walt Whitman died in Camden, N.J. In 1911, playwright Tennessee Williams was born in Columbus, Miss. In 1958, the U.S. Army launched America's third successful satellite, Explorer 3. In 1964, the musical "Funny Girl" opened on Broadway. In 1971, East Pakistan proclaimed its independence, taking the name Bangladesh. In 1982, groundbreaking ceremonies took place in Washington, D.C., for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. In 1992, a judge in Indianapolis sentenced former heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson to six years in prison for raping a Miss Black America contestant. Tyson ended up serving three years. Ten years ago: Jesse Jackson stunned fellow Democrats by soundly defeating Michael S. Dukakis in Michigan's Democratic presidential caucus. Five years ago: President Clinton promised a "full-court press" against Bosnian Serbs to secure their agreement to a United Nations peace plan endorsed by Bosnian Muslims and Croats. One year ago: The bodies of 39 members of the Heaven's Gate techno-religious cult who'd committed suicide were found inside a mansion in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif. Former drug counselor John G. Bennett Jr. pleaded no contest in Philadelphia to charges stemming from a \$100 million charity fraud.

THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

- ACROSS
- 1 Flower part
 - 6 Be up and about
 - 10 Muscle spasms
 - 14 Texas mission
 - 15 Sea eagle
 - 16 Chile and fever
 - 17 Become a priest
 - 19 Honshu port
 - 20 French religious fig.
 - 21 Accept punishment
 - 23 Still
 - 24 Boggy ground
 - 25 Varnish ingredient
 - 26 Singer Redding
 - 28 Victimizer
 - 33 Tabernacle table
 - 35 Salaried sportsman
 - 36 Speak indifferently
 - 37 Plumbing problem
 - 38 Amalgamates
 - 39 Scraped (by)
 - 40 Let up
 - 41 Besides
 - 42 Movers and shakers
 - 43 Set afire
 - 45 Loony in London
 - 46 Golf peg
 - 47 Totality
 - 48 Paddle
 - 51 Choose a side
 - 56 Deterious beginner?
 - 57 Opera solo
 - 58 Become the rule
 - 60 Bowler's targets
 - 61 Inter-
 - 62 Occupation
 - 63 Stimish
 - 64 Allow to use
 - 65 Partners of rods



- DOWN
- 1 Victimized one
 - 2 Ovary
 - 3 Reprimand
 - 4 Iowa college town
 - 5 Old card game
 - 6 Family car
 - 7 "Star"
 - 8 Concerning
 - 9 Never still
 - 10 Tend to
 - 11 Stravinsky or Sikorsky
 - 12 Oscar-winner
 - 13 Ooze
 - 16 Hwy. abbrev.
 - 22 Possessed
 - 24 Evergreen
 - 27 Relax
 - 28 Common writing
 - 29 Part to play
 - 30 Conserve as
 - 31 Finished
 - 32 Scarlet
 - 33 On the sheltered side
 - 34 Low-fat
 - 35 Survey
 - 38 Statue's base
 - 42 Beaver project
 - 44 Teachers' org.
 - 45 Weekend cowboy
 - 47 Slamm'n' Sammy
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 - 50 Religious practices
 - 51 Bandage
 - 52 Parched
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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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