

## City running out of patience, Moore running out of time on Permian Building

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Big Spring residents were just a little bit surprised last April 29 when the east wall of the Permian Building collapsed, but the bigger question now is what owner Al Moore plans to do with the downtown structure.

The future of the Permian Building was thought to be cleared up somewhat last May when then Chief Building Official Todd Darden received a letter from Moore saying he would re-brick or plaster the east wall of the building.

"We also requested by phone that Moore give us a detailed schedule as to how he proposed to repair the building," Darden said.



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Last May 9, was when Moore left a handwritten letter at Darden's office stating that he would re-brick or plaster the wall, but no detailed schedule of the work was included.

"Basically he indicated he would be replacing the fire wall with some type of fire-rated material," Darden said.

In response to Moore's letter, Darden sent him a second letter asking him to present the city with a more detailed schedule of the planned work with realistic dates for completion.

In a report to the Big Spring City Council last summer, Darden said he had received a response from Moore in regard to how he planned to repair the building.

"Mr. Moore did recently obtain a permit for repairing the building and the expected completion date of repairs to the firewall is around Nov. 27," Darden told council members. "It will probably take an additional year to complete repairs to

the exterior of the building."

As of last year, Moore was also making delinquent tax payments to the city for back taxes owed on the building.

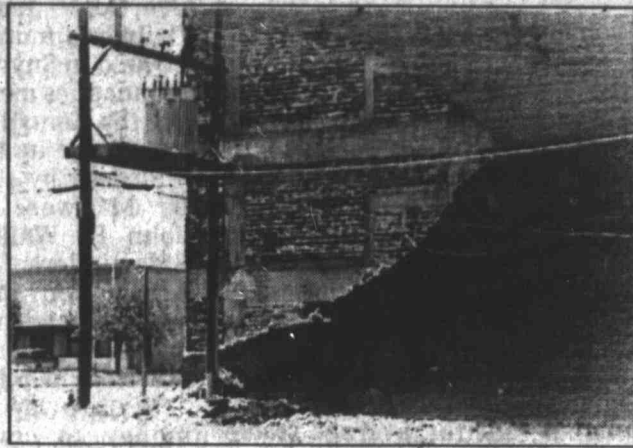
Darden told the council that he believed Moore had good intentions where the repair and renovation of the building was concerned.

Should Moore not fulfill his obligations where the building is concerned, the city has several options as to how it can handle the situation.

"Those options include filing a complaint in court and, as a last resort, the city itself can secure the building and file a lien against it," Darden said.

Basically, what the city is saying is that this situation is a health and safety hazard as well as a hazard to what's left of the building, according to Darden.

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HERALD file photo  
A large area of the interior wall on the Permian Building was exposed when the brick fascia fell off last April.

## BSHS students competing in VICA meet

By KATHY GILBERT  
Staff Writer

Students are shifting gears from school to work this weekend as nine Big Spring Independent School District students compete in the annual Vocational Industrial Clubs of America district competition at Midland College.

Skills speed contests, leadership contests and project exhibits in a wide range of career and technology areas will be held Friday and Saturday. Loren Spencer, Career and Technology Administrator for the Big Spring Independent School District and District VICA Chairman said.

"VICA offers extra help in preparing for the world of work and can be a real asset in the work environment," Dee Highley, metal trades and industrial cooperative training instructor at Big Spring High School said. "Students get a chance to participate in not only skill contests, but equally important is the leadership contest."

Highley is bringing four students to the competition this year. Ed Ornales is practicing at Phillips Fabrication, Inc. for the welding speed skills contest. The exact skills to be tested are not revealed until the contest takes place, Highley said.

David Parrish, 18, a senior, will demonstrate grease packing a bearing and assembling a wheel hub. "It has to be something you can do in five-to-seven minutes," he said, "so it has to be small and feasible." John Reed will give an extem

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## Gymnastics meet is economic boon to city

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Sports Editor

This weekend's USA Gymnastics Level 9/Level 10 State Championships at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum is not only an opportunity for Big Spring's Sidewinders to showcase their talent in front of a home crowd, but promises to be an economic boon for the community.

With more than 240 individual competitors and the state's 50 best teams taking part, Sidewinders coach Russ McEwen says the meet will bring a large number of people to Big Spring.

"It's kind of unusual to have the state championships in this small a community," McEwen explained, noting that last year's state meet was staged in Dallas. "But we've shown in the past that we're capable of putting on a good, quality meet by holding several statewide qualifying meets."

"As a result, we were able to make a bid for this meet and were lucky enough to get it," he added. "A lot of the credit for our being able to get the meet goes to the (Big Spring Area) Chamber of Commerce's Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB). They have helped out immensely ... not only with providing us with seed money, but with helping block out motel rooms and that sort of thing."

Almost every one of the meet's 240-plus competitors will have several family members traveling to Big Spring, McEwen noted. Many, in fact, are probably already here today.

"With that many kids competing and 50 teams here, you're talking about a lot of motel rooms, lots of restaurant meals

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#### SATURDAY'S EVENTS

Session 1  
Level 9 Junior B  
8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., Stretch and bar settings.

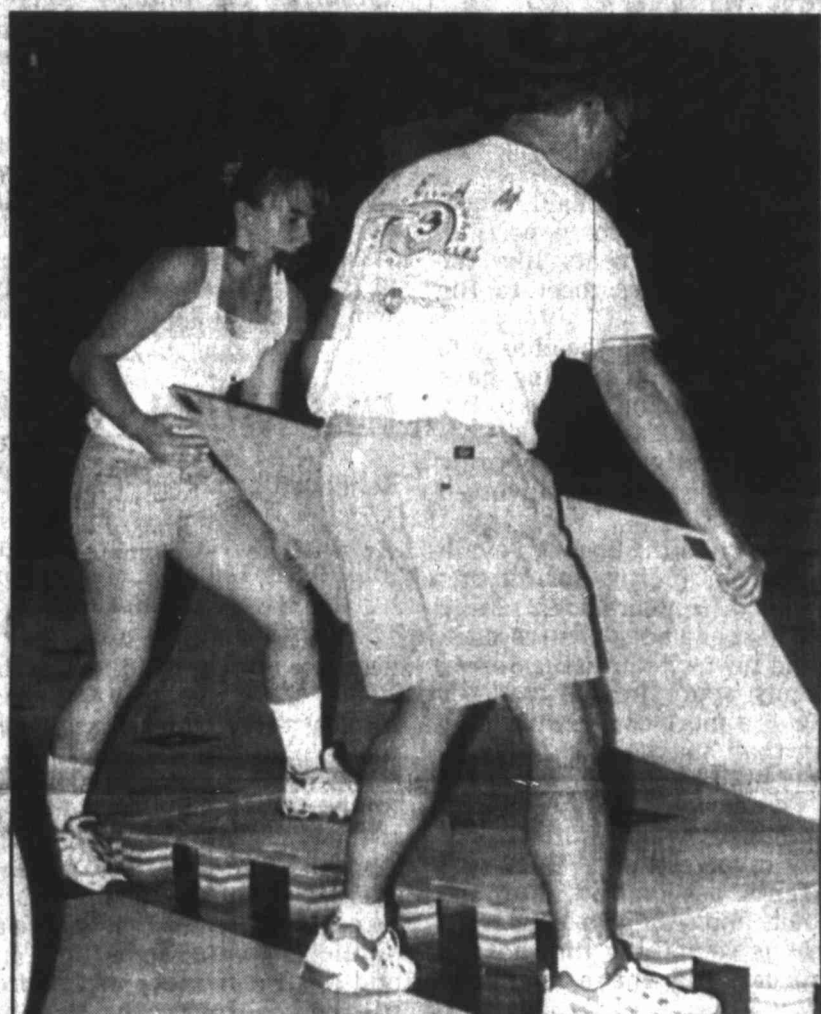
8:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m., March-in.  
8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., Warm-up and competition.  
12:15 to 12:45 p.m., Awards ceremony.

Session 2  
Level 10 Junior A and Senior B

12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m., Stretch and bar settings.  
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 settings.  
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.



HERALD photos/Linda Choate  
Sidewinders member Stephanie Stewart (top photo) and coach Russ McEwen put down flooring Thursday night in preparation for this weekend's state gymnastics meet at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. In the bottom photo, Sidewinders parents and team members work on the flooring.

## Rattlesnakes a'plenty at Fairgrounds

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Mention snakes to most people and you won't waste much time getting a dirty look, but for adrenaline enthusiasts, this weekend's American Business Clubs (AMBUCS) Rattlesnake Roundup should bring nothing but smiles.

Members of the Big Spring Chapter of AMBUCS began buying snakes from hunters early this afternoon as preparations continue for the roundup Saturday and Sunday at the fair barns at the Howard County Fairgrounds.

The roundup will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday and continue until 7 p.m., and will resume at noon Sunday and conclude at 6 p.m.

AMBUCS member Wayne Pierce said as people enter the fairgrounds, there will be an arts and crafts fair as well as a flea market and a carnival.

"Snakes will be in the last barn and admission there is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children ages four to 11," Pierce said. "Children under four years get in free."

As for what interested people can expect to see, Pierce said skinning and milking demonstrations always draw interest.

As in past years, professional handlers will also put on demonstrations each hour on topics like how to handle snakes and how to handle bites.

"There are an incredible number of myths about snakes," Pierce said. "We try to answer those."

"It's nice to be able to tell people that if a snake looks them in

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## Genesis session included demographic survey of youth in local housing program

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Housing Agency recently participated in a planning meeting for Genesis Camps in conjunction with Drug Resources Inc., which included a demographic survey of the youth in Big Spring's housing program.

Housing Agency Director Mark Gentry



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said he would like to hold such a camp if sufficient interest could be found in the community.

The most significant needs of youth in the Big Spring housing program were listed as playground equipment; daily structured activities; constructive activities; wholesome recreational, educational, cultural activities; leadership; role models; letting them know adults care; youth activities; and programs to teach leadership skills.

Other needs listed include conflict resolution; drug education; recreational programs; employment opportunities; structured program like basic education and behavior modification; sta-

bility within the home and neighborhood; belief in themselves; motivation; discipline; hope, an expanded version of what they can be; youth activities and a focus on family education.

Where various issues involving youth were concerned, youth were ranked in the following nine areas on a scale of one to five with one being weak and five being strong (on a percentage basis):

- Academic performance — 31 percent, two; 46 percent, three; 23 percent, four.
- Financial success — 25 percent, one; 42 percent, two; 25 percent, three; 8 percent, four.
- Family relationships — 30 percent, two; 38 percent, three; 23 percent, four; 7 percent, five.
- Future prospects — 23 percent, two; 46 percent, three; 23 percent, four; 7 percent, five.
- College plans — 15 percent, one; 15 percent, two; 62 percent, three; 8 percent, five.
- Leadership development — 15 percent, one; 30 percent, two; 39 percent, three; 8 percent, four; eight percent, five.
- Capacity to remain drug free — 15 percent, two; 38 percent, three; 38 percent, four; 8 percent, five.
- Sports opportunities — 8 percent,

two; 30 percent, three; 46 percent, four; 15 percent, five.

• Entertainment options — 38 percent, two; 30 percent, three; 15 percent, four; 15 percent, five.

Where Genesis Camps are concerned, the housing office see it as important because the camps would offer youth in the program the out of town experience; increased self esteem; offer academic skills; teach life skills; youth can bond with like-minded youth; leadership skills would be learned; youth are allowed to dream big; attain more cultural awareness;

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### WEATHER

Tonight:



Sat:



Sun:



Mon:



Wind advisory in effect today. Tonight, mostly clear. Lows in the upper 40s. Saturday, partly cloudy and breezy. Highs in the lower 80s. Saturday night, fair. Lows 50-55. Sunday, breezy. A chance of thunderstorms, Highs 75-80. Monday, breezy and a little cooler. Lows near 50. Highs around 70.

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## State gymnastics meet, Rattlesnake Roundup on tap

HERALD Staff Report

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

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

To submit your activity, send it to "Weekend Ticket," Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721.

You may also fax your listing to 264-7205 or bring it by the Herald offices at 710 Scurry. No information will be taken over

### WEEKEND TICKET

- High school baseball, Sweetwater at Big Spring, 4 p.m., Steer Park.
- High school softball, Loraine vs. Coahoma, 4:45 p.m., Coahoma Softball Park.
- Country and western dance, tonight from 7:30-10:30 at the Spring City Senior Citizens Center. Music will be provided by CW & Company.
- The Heritage Museum, today from 9-5 and Saturday from 10-5 at 510 Scurry.
- The museum is also the site of the world's largest collection of longhorns as well as an

extensive doll collection.

• 37th annual Big Spring Rattlesnake Roundup, Howard County Fairgrounds, Saturday and Sunday.

Activities include snake handling exhibitions, arts and crafts and the Matt Armstrong Carnival. The carnival is also open tonight.

• USA Gymnastics Level 9/Level 10 State Championships, Saturday and Sunday, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Three sessions Saturday run from 8 a.m.-12:45 p.m., 12:30-5:30 and 5:15-10. Two Sunday sessions run from 8 a.m.-1:15 p.m. and 12:30-5:45 p.m.

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OBITUARIES

Brooks G. Bedell

Service for Brooks G. Bedell, 76, Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

He died Wednesday, March 25, 1998, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Albuquerque, N.M.

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Continued from Page 1 the eye that they're not dead," Pierce added.

AMBUCS can never tell how many snakes hunters will be able to provide for a roundup, but Pierce is guessing that between 1,000 pounds to 3,000 pounds of snakes will be part of this weekend's roundup.

"You may have snakes that weigh only a few ounces or some that weight six or seven pounds, but the average snake will weigh in at one and a half pounds to about one and three quarter pounds," Pierce said.

AMBUCS is an organizations founded in Alabama in 1922. The Big Spring chapter was founded in 1934 and the annual Rattlesnake Roundup serves as the fundraiser for the local AMBUCS chapter.

AMBUCS chapters use proceeds from their fundraisers for scholarships to train physical therapists.

"Our main thrust is to provide scholarships to train physical therapists," Pierce said. "We found that in the past a child with physical disabilities could drain all of a chapter's funds, but one therapist can help a ton of people."

At last count, AMBUCS nationwide had provided more than \$6 million in scholarships for physical therapists, according to Pierce.

"We're proud of what we do and we're proud of the fact that the average civic social club will donate \$5 per member during its fundraisers and AMBUCS averages \$58 per member," Pierce said. "Yes, we take what we do very seriously."

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Continued from Page 1 and lots of gasoline being bought that wouldn't normally be sold this weekend," he added.

According to Best Western Motel general manager Jan Graham, the meet's host motel, every available room in the city has been booked for the weekend.

"We're booked solid ... have been for a while," Graham said, noting that she and her staff have long since been forced to

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Frances Floth, 92, died Wednesday. Services will be 10:30 AM Monday at Warren-Bohlender Funeral Home Chapel in Fort Collins, Colorado.

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refer people to motels and hotels in Snyder and Midland.

"We've got 153 rooms here at the Best Western and 75 percent of them have been booked by people coming in for the gymnastics meet this weekend," she added.

"The rest of them are tied up with our corporate clients or people that are here for the (AMBUCS) Rattlesnake Roundup."

In fact, Graham said the Best Western and several other local motels are almost booked solid through the month of April.

"We're already getting the overflow from the Little Dribblers tournament that will be held in Snyder right after the gymnastics meet and then we've got the Kennel Club's dog show coming on its heels."

Pleased by the praise offered by McEwen, CVB chairman John H. Walker credited the Sidewinders Parents Association, the meet's official sponsor, with providing an excellent proposal for his committee to help fund.

"We provide them with seed money to cover some basic expenses ... publicity and a variety of fees they had to have money up front for," Walker explained. "But I want to give the Sidewinders Parents Association a lot credit. By law, we have to be presented a complete plan before we can offer our help. The one they brought to us was as complete a plan as we've ever seen."

"They'd done all the legwork," Walker added. "It was at the point where all they needed was some seed money and we were glad to be able to provide that kind of assistance."

The CVB, Walker said, it continually looking for opportunities to bring events like the USA Gymnastics meet to Big Spring.

"We were given the charge to work with people trying have events that bring people to Big Spring," he explained. "This meet is exactly the type of thing we're supposed to be involved in."

"They're filling up every available room in Big Spring this weekend," Walker added, noting that the chamber figures each out-of-town visitor to Big Spring spends approximately \$45 per day — a more conservative figure than the \$70 per day estimate used by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

"This becomes a community-wide effort. It not only involves the CVB and the parents association, but the motels and restaurants, as well. This is something that has an impact on the entire community."

"I imagine we've got some of these people that came in here Thursday," he explained. "And a large part of them are people who can easily afford to spend two or three nights in a motel. We've got 450 motel rooms, so we're looking at upwards of 2,000 bed nights (at four persons per room) alone just off this meet this weekend."

The coordinated effort produced by the coliseum's staff, the chamber, the parents association and local businesses, Walker said, could result in more gymnastics events of this nature being staged in Big Spring.

"Everything they (parents association) have done is first class," he noted. "People are going to go out and see this meet and think it just happened because it's going to happen so smoothly. It will come off that way because of all the preliminary work that has been done."

"And if it goes as smoothly as I think it will," Walker added, "we'll be hosting more big championship events in the future."

poraneous speech during the leadership competition. Chris Perry, 17, a senior, who started working with his father at Lone Star Aviation when he was 13, will be competing in the aviation maintenance skills contest. The only entrant in the category, Perry has a guaranteed win. "That's the hard part about it, that I don't get to compete," he said. He will be demon-

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Continued from Page 1 strating an unknown aspect of aviation maintenance and will automatically move to competition at the state level.

"I've been studying," senior Brian Ward said, as he described his preparations for the automotive technology skills speed test. Ward hopes to earn a \$500 scholarship to help him attend Universal Technological Institute in the Houston area next year. He plans to become an auto mechanic. Ward also submitted an automatic transmission for the projects exhibition, Automotive Technology Instructor Doug Wagner said.

Law enforcement instructor Big Spring Police Department Corporal Carlos Diaz has been drilling his students since January. "I have a lot of confidence in them," he said. "I've tried them on a lot of different crime scene scenarios. There's not a lot I can do now to trick 'em."

On average Diaz and his students have met for three-to-four hours five nights a week since Feb., and about twice a week in Jan., he explained.

"I'm ready. But I'm kind of nervous," junior Naomi Arguello said. Taking a suspect into custody is the easy part. Remembering to ask all the questions during an investigation was more challenging, she said.

Walmart is donating khaki uniforms for juniors Angela Phillips, Arguello, and Jacob Flores and senior Jason Cerda, Diaz added.

Contest registration takes place in the Chaparral Center at Midland College on Friday. Leadership contests will be held at 7 p.m. Friday while skills speed contests are on Saturday at 8 a.m. An awards assembly will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday.

Thursday, Darden, now community development director for the city of Big Spring, said Moore did not meet his Nov. 27 deadline nor the deadline established after the city granted him a three-month extension that expired in February.

"I'm asking Building Official Kenny Davis to take the matter to the Board of Adjustments and Appeals (the city board that oversees substandard structures)," Darden said. "It will be a public hearing sometime in mid-April at which Mr. Moore will be required to be present and give the board his intentions as to what he will do about the structure."

"If the board accepts his plan, it will become an official order of the board and a deadline will be established," Darden added. "If he does not comply, the city will follow any order handed down by the board, which could very well be a condemnation order."

Moore will have 20 days, following the board's decision, to

make career choices; be exposed to a positive environment; develop a vision for a better life; and offer information youth need for success.

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 scheduled for July 27 through July 31.

Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1 for students.

District 4-4A girls golf, Saturday at 8:30 a.m. Big Spring hosts first round of play at Big Spring Country Club.

F-4E Phantom jet work day, Saturday at 9 a.m., Hangar 18 in McMahon/Wrinkle Airpark.

Your opportunity to get involved in preparing the Vietnam-era fighter for permanent static display at the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial.

Community-wide Job Expo, Saturday, 9:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at Dora Roberts Community Center.

Sponsored by Moore Development for Big Spring and the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

Coahoma Bulldog Relays, Saturday at 10 a.m., Bulldog Stadium.



HERALD photo/Kathy Gilbert Big Spring High School seniors Jason Canales (left) and Brian Ward prepare to compete in the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America's automotive technology speed skills competition, to be held at Midland College Saturday.

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

appeal to a court of competent jurisdiction if he feels he was wronged by the board.

The east brick wall of the Permian Building collapsed the afternoon of April 29 causing a one block area of downtown to be roped off as officials investigated the situation.

Part of the remaining wall had a large section of bricks that seemed to just be hanging without any support.

City officials said at the time it didn't appear that the foundation of the Permian Building was affected, just the exterior.

At the time of the collapse, Moore said he had not experienced any problems with the bricks on the east end of the building.

According to Moore, the building was purchased as is when he took ownership several months prior to the east wall collapsing.

Moore wouldn't go into what plans he had for the building last summer, but did speculate that the new face on the east wall of the building would probably be metal or something similar.

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Texas Lottery PICK 3: 2,9,4 CASH 5: 5,11,20,26,28

Finals of 3,200 meters at 10 field events and running prelims at 11 and running finals at 3:30.

Free admission. Sands Mustangs Relays, Saturday at 10:30 a.m., Mustang Stadium.

Running prelims and 3,200 meter finals begin at 10:30 with field events at 12:30. Running finals begin 30 minutes after completion of field events.

Free admission. The Potton House, a restored historic home, Saturday from 1-5 p.m. at 200 Gregg.

MARKETS

May cotton 69.78 cents, up 27 points; May crude 16.77, down 6 points; Cash hogs steady at \$1 lower at 35; cash steers steady at 62; April lean hog futures 51.70, up 40 points; April live cattle futures 63.72, up 45 points.

Table with market data including Index 8833.44, Volume 185,508,250, and various commodity prices like Amoco, Atlantic Richfield, etc.

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

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FIRE/EMS

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

Thursday 11:30 a.m. — 3300 block W. 80, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

12:35 p.m. — Scenic Mountain Medical Center, emergency transfer to Lubbock Methodist.

8:28 p.m. — 3000 block W. Highway 80, traffic accident, patient transported to SMMC, service refused by three.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. Friday:

ANTHONY INGRAM, 30, was arrested for public intoxication.

JUDITH PUGA, 54, was arrested on local warrants.

ALBERT ORTEGA, 30, was arrested on local warrants.

JOHNNY PUGA, 57, was arrested on local warrants.

DOMINGO GALAVIZ, 36, was arrested on a blue warrant.

JOSE SAENZ, 21, was arrested for assault/family violence.

ADA HUTCHESON, 31, was arrested on local warrants.

GEORGE GANDER, 33, was arrested on local warrants.

JUAN RENTERIA, 48, was arrested for public intoxication.

HELENE reported in the 1100 block of N. Lamesa; the 400 block of Birdwell; the 1200 block of E. 11th Pl.; the 1700 block of E. Marcy; the 3600 block of E. 11th Pl.; and the 900 block of Willa.

FORGERY reported at the police station.

ASSAULT reported in the 4200 block of Walnut.

FOUND PROPERTY reported in the 1800 block of Young.

RECORDS

Thursday's high 80.1; Thursday's low 52; Average high 70; Average low 42; Record high 92 in 1956; Record low 18 in 1931; Precip. Thursday 0.00; Month to date 0.83; Year to date 2.71; Normal for the year 1.87

Consumer Notice!

The carpet and flooring industry is undergoing some significant changes. One involves pricing carpet and sheet vinyl in units of square feet vs. traditional units of square yards.

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# Ag Secretary urges feds block Union Pacific traffic embargo to Mexico

WASHINGTON (AP) — Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman urged federal regulators Thursday to block Union Pacific Railroad from temporarily suspending rail shipments to Mexico through its Laredo gateway.

The nation's largest railroad, which has been struggling for months to resolve congestion in Texas and elsewhere, announced Tuesday that it would stop accepting some new shipments for delivery into Mexico through Laredo until the gridlock is ended.

Glickman pronounced himself "dismayed" by the move and urged the federal Surface Transportation Board, which has oversight of the nation's railroads, to block the action.

"While there are undoubtedly occasions when, for safety or operational reasons, it is necessary to embargo traffic, no carrier should have the ability to unilaterally restrict the international trade of the United States as the ... (railroad) now threatens to do," Glickman said in papers filed with the board.

The railroad, a unit of Dallas-

based Union Pacific Corp., said it will embargo all new shipments traveling southward through Laredo, except automobiles and auto parts, starting Saturday. More than half the railroad's traffic to and from Mexico moves through Laredo.

"The embargo for us was a last resort," said railroad spokesman Mark Davis, declining to estimate how long the action is expected to last.

The railroad, which typically has 3,000 rail cars going south through Laredo, now has 5,500 cars in the pipeline — some

stalled as far north as Oklahoma and Kansas because of the Mexican congestion.

The main products affected by the embargo are chemicals, agricultural goods, coal and industrial products, Davis said.

Union Pacific, which is operating under an emergency service order imposed by the Surface Transportation Board, reported to the regulators this week that the Laredo congestion "has become a major transportation emergency for UP and its shippers."

The railroad blames the grid-

lock on a Mexican railroad that connects with the Laredo gateway.

Glickman disputes Union Pacific's contention that an embargo is necessary, saying "other carriers involved dispute the need for an embargo."

But, said Davis: "Once you get congestion in the pipeline, you don't want to keep building on that because it will spread across your entire system."

Union Pacific's woes began last summer with gridlock in the Houston area that quickly rippled throughout the rail-

road's 36,000-mile network, harming shippers from the West Coast to the Gulf Coast.

After the railroad proved unable to solve its intractable problems quickly, and with shippers, the Texas Railroad Commission and others complaining bitterly about mounting economic losses, the federal board last October put in place emergency measures designed to lessen the congestion.

The board's March 15 days of hearings next week will focus on competition and access issues.

## Senate upholds certification of Mexico in drug war

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate voted 54 to 45 Thursday night to uphold President Clinton's certification of Mexico as being "fully cooperative" in the fight against drugs, even though critics sharply berated Mexico's performance in stemming drug traffic or pursuing drug kingpins.

The vote represented another installment in an annual battle. A 1961 law requires the president to certify each year that drug-producing countries have cooperated with U.S. drug control operations — or face trade and aid sanctions.

The vote rejected a resolution by Sens. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., and Paul Coverdell, R-Ga., that would have overturned Clinton's March 26 certification.

Feinstein told the Senate that Mexico had cooperated on the political level with the United States but not at the law enforcement level. She compared Mexico's drug control efforts to "an inflated balloon — impressive to look at but hollow at the core and easily punctured."

She and other sponsors claimed that Mexico failed to take serious action against the

three major drug cartels that dominate the drug trade in the country or to expedite drug traffickers to the United States.

Opponents said decertification would be counterproductive with a country that shares a 2,000-mile border with the United States. The process regularly offends Mexican officials, who call it an insult that infringes on their sovereignty.

Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., called the effort to revoke Clinton's certification "misguided anger, misguided frustration" and said it would cause "untold complications" in U.S.-Mexican relations.

And Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., told reporters that decertification is "not just a signal we're sending. This would be a collapse of the relationship" between the two neighbors.

Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, said he had supported presidents for 12 years on certifying Mexico, but was voting this time to revoke certification this year because "the strategy we've followed has failed."

Under the law, presidents must certify to Congress by each March 1 that drug-producing countries have "cooperated fully" with the U.S.

## Study finds heavy toxic waste in farm fertilizers

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than 271 million pounds of toxic waste was shipped to farms and fertilizer makers from 1990 to 1995 and could have been spread on farm fields nationwide, an environmental group said Thursday.

Although there is no proven health or environmental risk to the practice, a soil scientist said it raises numerous questions about the long-term impact of substances such as methanol, lead, cadmium, arsenic and dioxin.

"It does not make sense to spread toxic materials at whatever level out on the land that is producing our food and fiber," said William Leibhardt of the University of California, Davis.

The Environmental Working Group, a Washington-based organization that frequently studies farm issues ranging from pesticides to air pollution, reached its fertilizer toxic waste total by examining federal data reported by companies that produce the waste. The study followed a groundbreaking series last year on the issue by the Seattle Times.

The group found that 600 companies in 44 states — including 29 in Texas — shipped 69 kinds of toxic waste to farms or fertilizer companies over a six-year period beginning in 1990.

The Texas firms shipped near-

ly 17 million pounds of waste, according to the report. Meanwhile, Texas farms and fertilizer makers received 15 million pounds of such material during the same time.

The material received in Texas consisted mostly of phosphoric acid, which is toxic to humans only in high doses. The acid, however, is harmful to fish and other aquatic life. Those animals can be exposed to the fertilizer toxins through runoff into lakes and rivers.

Nationally, the steel industry accounted for about 30 percent of all of the toxics distributed, led by Nucor Steel of Norfolk, Va., at 26.2 million pounds. Other leading sources were electronics manufacturers and the chemical industry.

Fertilizer companies in California, Nebraska, New Jersey, Washington and Georgia received more than 143 million pounds over the six years, more than half the national total.

The toxic waste is usually shipped along with some other substance that fertilizer makers covet such as zinc, which is an

important corn nutrient. Yet there are no federal regulations on the other substances, nor are there any labeling requirements on fertilizer for them — only for the beneficial ingredients.

"You've got all these toxic riders coming along and nobody has a sense of how much, what form they're in, whether they move up the food chain," Leibhardt said. "We know very little about this."

Ken Cook, president of the Environmental Working Group, said there are three legal loopholes that allow the toxins to flow into fertilizer. One allows steel companies to sell their smokestack ash with no tests, while another permits use as fertilizer if the material is considered safe for landfills.

Finally, companies can transfer waste directly to farms if it can be safely rendered harmless on land.

Cook said those loopholes need tightening and government should require all raw fertilizer materials be tested for toxic content. In addition, he said fertilizer labels should include such substances and

farms that use them should be monitored.

"People have complained about this for a long time," Leibhardt said. "But it's only in Washington state that we've been the first to propose a maximum level for many toxic substances in fertilizer. It's been a very difficult battle to win. It's a good thing that law is now in place and it shows the industry's unwillingness to do what's right."

"We've got to do something," he said. "We've got to do something, for example, to require testing of fertilizer materials before they're used on land."

The Justice Dept. lawyer, who has approved a lawsuit to acknowledge the problem, said the industry's "unwillingness to call for more regulations to be 'scientific, health risk based and uniform' is a major problem," is the Justice Dept. lawyer, Kathy Mathers said.

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## OUR VIEW

# We salute:

Each Friday, the *Herald* salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play.

This week we salute:

- The **HOWARD COLLEGE LADY HAWKS**, on their third place national finish at last week's National Junior College Athletic Association women's championship tournament in Salina, Kan.
- **SHAWN TA JOHNSON**, of Howard College's Lady Hawks, on being selected to the All-National Tournament Team.
- **MARK REEH**, Forsan High School industrial technology teacher, on being named the outstanding Regional Association Industrial Technology Teacher for 1998.

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

## OTHER VIEWS

The dreadful shooting spree in Jonesboro, Ark., has naturally enough spurred a search for causes. How could it happen that two boys, one just 11 years old and the other 13, could dress up in camouflage fatigues and fire semiautomatic hunting rifles into a crowd at their school, killing four girls and a teacher and wounding 15 others? One proffered answer — and what strikes us as a spurious one — is that it all has something to do with peculiarities of rural Southern culture.

The issue here is not what's transpiring in one section of the country. It isn't what small-town Southern culture has wrought. The issue is what American culture is bringing about. The thought might be uncomfortable to many, for instance, but is it possible that the breakdown of the American family has something to do with rendering youthful violence more likely? One of the youths arrested in Jonesboro, who had moved from Minnesota (not exactly a Southern state) to Arkansas with his mother a few years ago, was said to have been distraught by his parents' divorce.

Any number of factors are no doubt at play in the commission of violent acts by young people. The constant drumbeat of violence on TV — America's favorite baby-sitter — may also contribute, and the reach of TV into virtually every home in the land may be one reason why rural areas are less immune to youthful violence than once they were. It's an evasion, though, and a dangerous one, to think that the horror of kids killing kids is the unholy preserve of rural Southerners. Americans need to look squarely at the national culture, including aspects of it that they may ordinarily endorse as at least acceptable, if they want to make headway toward the truth.

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# Winning isn't the only thing, trying is ...

By PAUL STONE  
Palestine Herald-News

PALESTINE — To some people, a casual question asked by a 5-year-old boy to his mother at an area "field of dreams" a couple summers back meant little more than a strong whisper.

To me, however, it spoke volumes about the society in which we live.

The question — a simple one posed by a young lad who had spent the previous hour running, smiling and having fun during a T-ball game — was simply, "Mom, did we win?"

Mom first explained to the young boy that score "officially" was not kept at such a contest. That was not good enough for the boy, however. He knew there were number of grown men keeping track of the score as if their own success or failure hung in the balance.

"But mom, who scored the most?" the youngster shot back, not satisfied with his mom's prior evasiveness.

"Well, the other team scored the most runs, but that doesn't really matter," mom told son. "So, they really won," said the boy, seeking absolute veri-

fication of his newfound greatest fear.

Mom nodded her head hesitantly and slowly, while the boy, smiling and full of life just 20 seconds earlier, was near tears and looked like the weight of the world had been cast on his tiny shoulders.

The moral of this summertime tale should be obvious. Society's fascination with "winning isn't everything, it's the only thing," has permeated all levels of the populace. Even the "pre-K" segment has caught on.

And to at least one person, it is awfully ugly.

Somewhere along the way we have lost sight of the true meaning of competition. Which should be to give one's honorable best and accept the outcome gracefully. Prepare with determination, push the throttle to the limit and exit the arena knowing there was nothing left to give.

It takes few social skills and virtually no home training to handle winning gracefully (although some fall short in this area, too). Losing, however, is a much more bitter pill to swallow.

Having covered sports and news for a few summers and

falls now, I have witnessed the whole range of emotions — from gold-medal ecstasy to seemingly earth-shattering defeat.

And I have always maintained that the true measure of an individual's class, or lack thereof, is how they react to a negative outcome. Especially when circumstances appeared ripe for a positive one.

Do we hold our heads high, with chins firm, and face the music head on without implicating others?

Or do we deflect the blame to those on the fringe and seek to excuse ourselves from the ultimate result?

Losing is part of life. We lose loved ones, we lose at business, we lose our car keys. To live in fear of losing is to live in fear of life itself.

Fear of falling short could prevent many young persons (and older ones) from attempting a task or sport. Michael Jordan, perhaps the greatest basketball player the planet Earth has known, was "cut" from his ninth grade basketball team.

Originally told he was not quite up to par, Mr. Jordan was apparently moved on and recovered from his temporary

setback.

Some people like to sit back and point out the failures of others, while conveniently never attempting any endeavor with any potential downside themselves.

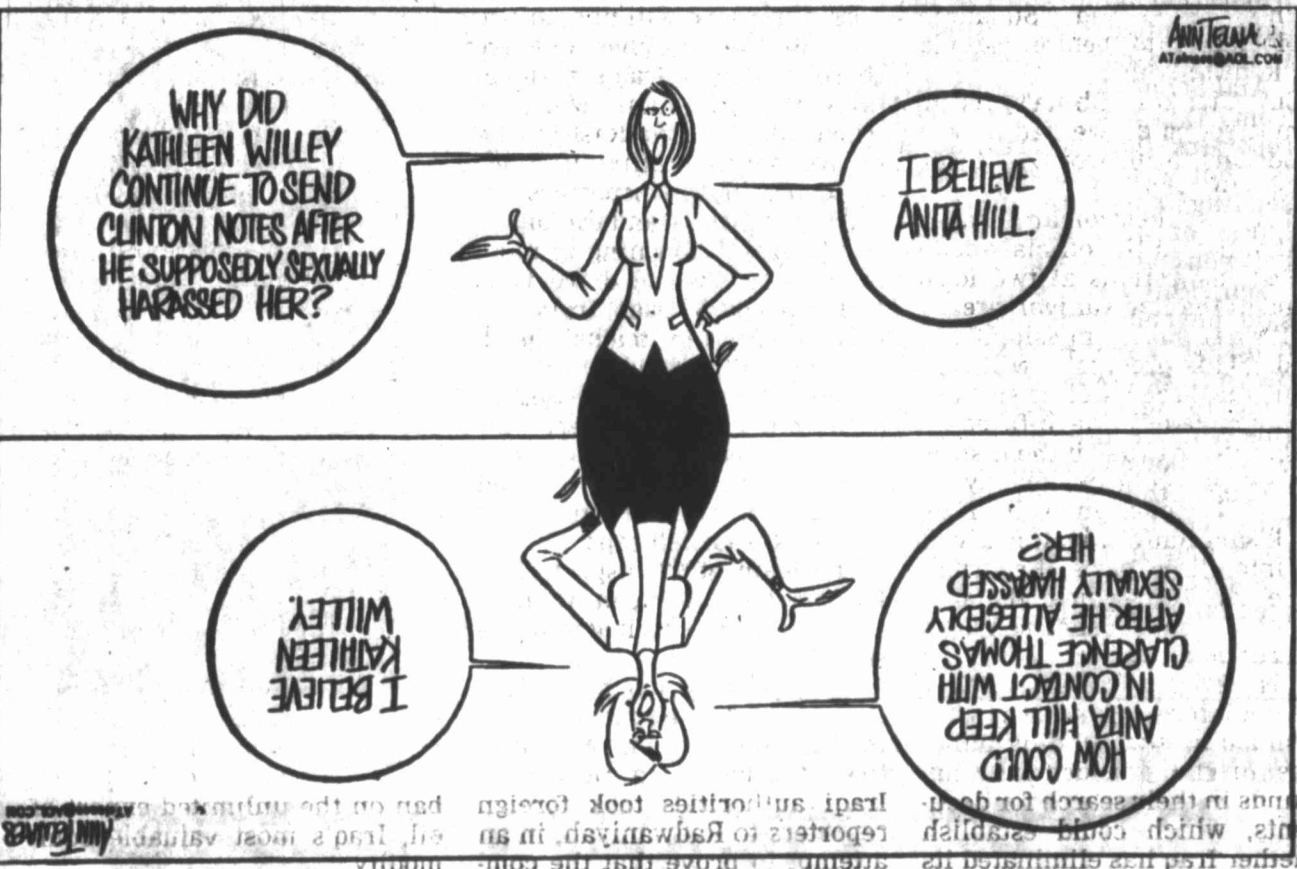
Through the years, I have lost the handwritten sheet of paper, but a quote from former President Theodore Roosevelt goes roughly like this: "It is better to have lost daring greatly than to be among those weak and timid souls who have tasted neither victory or defeat."

Do not be afraid to proceed with your dreams whether it be to play middle school football, play the piano, run your first marathon or run for a local political office. If you fall short of your expectations, do it giving your best, with pride and dignity.

If you attain your goals, be an example to others and accept victory humbly and graciously.

After all, the sun doesn't shine on the same dog's rump every day.

In other words, victory is temporary. Sooner or later — if we are really pursuing all life has to offer — we all experience defeat.



# Numbed by dumb ideas? Polls work OT

By ANN McFEATTERS  
Scripps Howard News Service

WASHINGTON — Dumb ideas. That's our topic this week as we look at some of the incredible plans that lately have popped out of the minds of Washington politicians, including the president and vice president.

If you saw the TV footage of the mob scene in Ghana, you will know that President Clinton was truly frightened when some women in front of him were being trampled by a surging crowd of Africans that numbered at least 500,000. The rage and urgency on his face as he yelled at them to "back off" to help the women were clear. Thankfully, no serious harm was done.

So what did he do next? He said he'd give the Ghanaians \$500,000 to learn about crowd control. Say what? Clinton lives in a city where the parking meters don't work, which has one of the highest crime rates in the world and where the percentage of babies born out of wedlock is astronomical. And he wants to spend half a million dollars of U.S. taxpayer dollars so that police in Ghana can control a crowd that showed up only because he was the first sitting American president ever to visit Ghana.

If he'd given everybody in the crowd \$1 each, he would have given them about one-sixth of their weekly income and they'd be infinitely more grateful than they are going to be after their police ostensibly get the latest training in crowd control.

Another dumb idea was hatched by Vice President Gore

who said he woke up in the middle of the night, sat bolt upright and conceived of an All Earth All the Time cable TV channel. Yes, there would be high-definition satellite pictures of the earth broadcast 24 hours a day: "As the Earth Turns."

Even though cynics said it would be about as exciting as watching grass grow or concrete harden or water drip, Gore was inspired enough to think Congress would appropriate as much as \$50 million to get the idea off the ground, so to speak. That's going to wow the voters on the campaign trail to Election 2000.

The inimitable Senate just spent days marching up the mountain and back down. It voted, on the urging of Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., to make Lake Champlain the sixth Great Lake because Leahy wanted money for ecological research for the lake. Since Lake Champlain is nowhere near the size of the five Great Lakes, there was a tidal-wave of outrage.

Leahy argued vociferously that while Champlain is small in comparison, it is significant because "the pivotal Battle of Valcour in 1776" helped win the Revolutionary War and the "turning point" in the War of 1812 was the Battle of Plattsburg. Nonetheless, when geographers raised their collective eyebrows, Leahy said as long as Vermont got its money, he'd be willing to let Champlain return to its old status and the Great Lakes would remain five.

Moral crusades are often good things and the anti-smoking campaign for young people is

certainly one of the most worthwhile. Nonetheless, Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, came up with a remarkably mindless scheme. He wants to expel students for six months if they are caught smoking or with cigarettes in their possession. If they didn't stop their disgusting, addictive behavior, would they then be expelled again?

At any given time, 4.5 million students could be out on the streets, wandering around looking for something to do (get into trouble) while getting further and further behind in their studies. Instead of scoring 14th in the world on math tests, American students could score even lower as they smoke their little lungs out hanging out with their noses pressed against the schoolhouse window panes smoking their admittedly illegal cigarettes.

The Senate Judiciary Committee already has approved that idea, proposing to deny federal money to schools that don't go along with expulsion, and another just as strange. The pending juvenile justice bill provides authority to put children who skip school in adult jails for automatic 24-hour sentences. That would surely teach them the value of an education, if they could still walk. The same bill also would let colleges have access to police records of college applicants so that a youthful indiscretion could ruin a life forever.

And you thought all politicians do is go to fund-raisers and hire interns and run for re-election. (Ann McFeatters covers the White House for Scripps Howard News Service. E-mail: mcfattersa@shns.com.)

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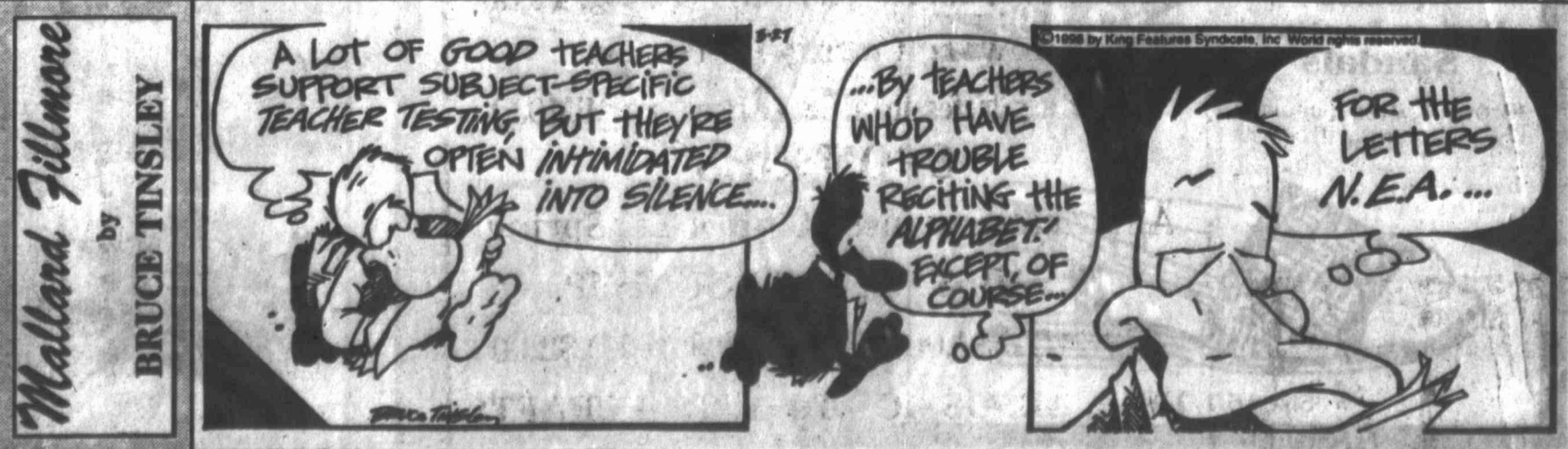
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# Students return to school where classmates, teacher died this week

JONESBORO, Ark. (AP) — The first thing they did Thursday at Westside Middle School was disconnect the fire alarm — the same one that lured four students and one teacher to their death in a barrage of gunfire.

Classes resumed with nervous parents taking their frightened children to school — buses were mostly empty — and crisis counselors urging students to talk about their grief and confusion.

Students wore white ribbons as they filed past red and white bouquets that lined the walkway where the victims were gunned down Tuesday. A flowered cross hung from the flagpole, and the flag flew at half-staff.

No lessons were taught, and all outdoor activities were canceled, including recess. Students made cards for the 11 people who were wounded, including the five who remained hospitalized

Thursday. Still, twice as many children as normal in the 250-student school stayed home. Erica Swindle, 12, who watched a friend die, said she wasn't ready to face her demons just yet.

"It scares you real bad," said Erica. "I could have been shot in the back."

Tristian McGowan, 13, one of the wounded and a cousin of one of the boys arrested, returned with his arm in a sling.

Colby Brooks, 12, said he didn't see the point in putting it off. "It's just going to be as bad Monday as it is today," he said. "Life goes on, and from there we're going to start a new beginning."

Two students — Mitchell Johnson, 13, and Drew Golden, 11 — are being held on five counts each of murder and 10 counts of battery.

Police say the two, dressed head-to-toe in camouflage and armed with rifles and handguns, ambushed a group of classmates and staff members who had left the school because of a fake fire alarm.

Drew's grandfather, Doug Golden, said Wednesday that his grandson had confessed to pulling the alarm and to stealing guns and ammunition from his house.

Mitchell's stepbrother, Monty, a fifth-grader, didn't go to school Thursday, but his teachers came to his house with a letter from his classmates saying they still liked him and wanted him to return, Monty's father said.

Minnesota, said Thursday that his son had expressed remorse. "My son is not a monster," he told "NBC Nightly News" and ABC's "World News Tonight."

"I don't have an explanation for any of this. Nobody does," he said. Before students arrived, high-powered spray guns were used to clean the walkway of blood and the fire alarm was turned off.

Principal Karen Curtner acknowledged the issue of balancing fire safety against the fears of students if the alarm went off would have to be addressed. But she said she ordered the alarm shut off "so we wouldn't have any of those problems today."

The day began with an hour-long counseling session in the cafeteria. Counselors paid particular attention to the class of Shannon Wright — the teacher who was killed protecting one of her students.

Her pupils asked "very good questions about what are we going to do, and that's going to be difficult," said Scott Poland, a psychologist with the National Organization for Victim Assistance. "And we talked in terms of how important it is for children to express their emotions."

Mary Savage, a therapist from Arkansas State University, said children in the adjacent elementary school expressed their fears by drawing pictures.

A lot drew themselves "like they were the ones and their teachers were the ones that got killed," she said. Cory Hallett, 9, held his mother's hand Wednesday as she talked with reporters. The third-grader said he overheard

the boys say they were "going to kill people." "He was afraid to go to sleep," said his mother, Holly. "He felt guilty 'cause he was able to go to sleep."

Today was already scheduled off, so children won't get back to academics until Monday. But Superintendent Grover Cooper said counseling sessions will continue as long as necessary.

Colby Brooks stayed close to his mother, but he expressed hope that things would return to normal soon. "I'm a little bit nervous about going back to school," Colby said. "But I know the teachers protected us well — and I'm sure they'll do it again."

# U.N. inspectors search Saddam's palace

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — In the first test of a U.N. agreement forged to avert a military strike against Iraq, weapons inspectors spent eight hours Thursday going over parts of a presidential estate previously declared off-limits.

One diplomat, Horst Holthoff of Germany, described Iraqi cooperation as "fantastic, absolutely positive."

"I am personally really impressed by the spirit of cooperation. The team saw everything (it) wanted to see," Holthoff said, without elaborating.

Accompanied by diplomats from 20 countries, U.N. arms inspectors visited President Saddam Hussein's Radwaniyah Palace, a complex estimated to be about 6.9 square miles and comprising at least a dozen villas, five artificial lakes, and streets lined with palm trees.

The palace is the largest of eight presidential sites from which Iraq previously had barred inspectors, claiming them to be symbols of national sovereignty. Saddam once used it to host dignitaries.

Inside Radwaniyah, the inspectors and diplomats broke into several teams for their search, Holthoff said. Thursday's visit was the first test of the Feb. 23 agreement that Iraq signed with U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, pledging to open the sites. The agreement averted the threat of military strikes by the United

States and Britain. "It's an important mission in implementing the agreement ... (an) extremely important mission for the international community," Saeed Sad, a Sudanese diplomat, said before leaving for Radwaniyah.

Cui Tiankai, China's representative, said "we had a very good start to our work ... It was interesting."

U.N. spokeswoman Janet Sullivan said the officials completed inspections at two locations in the Radwaniyah area. "It was a survey mission," she said. "This process ... will continue until the baseline surveys are complete."

She refused to elaborate or to say if the inspections would continue Friday. A U.N. spokesman in New York said Radwaniyah is divided into three parts. Reporters were not allowed near the site, which is located near Baghdad's international airport.

U.N. officials have said they are not interested in the palaces as much as surrounding buildings in the presidential compounds in their search for documents, which could establish whether Iraq has eliminated its lethal weapons and the means to make more.

Until the inspectors certify that Iraq is rid of all its weapons of mass destruction, the U.N. Security Council will not lift economic sanctions

imposed after Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait. Under the U.N. agreement, the weapons inspectors must be accompanied by the diplomatic observers, who will not participate in the searches but are there to ensure Iraq's national dignity.

Iraqi Oil Minister Amer Mohammed Rashid and other senior officials also accompanied the inspectors. The inspectors and diplomats left Thursday morning in more than 20 four-wheel drive vans and two minibuses from the U.N. inspection teams' headquarters in Baghdad.

The 20 diplomats, dressed in suits, did not talk to reporters as they headed off on their mission. Inspectors were dressed casually in pants, T-shirts and blue U.N. baseball caps.

The team of 58 inspectors is headed by American Charles Duelfer, who participated in the search Thursday. Radwaniyah is one of the sites over which the dispute between the United Nations and Iraq first developed. In December, Iraqi authorities took foreign reporters to Radwaniyah, in an attempt to prove that the compound contained no weapons.

It was not clear when other palaces would be inspected or what the experts expected to find given that the Iraqis have known that the searches were coming since last month.

## McD's changes tactics — again

CHICAGO (AP) — After years of gimmicky flops, McDonald's has decided its biggest problem is some customers just don't like warmed-over burgers.

The hamburger chain plans to install new computerized and partially robotic kitchens in all its U.S. outlets by the end of next year that can deliver fresher, made-to-order Big Macs, Quarter Pounders and new items that would slow down the old kitchens too much. Heat lamps won't be needed.

Some franchisees cook McDonald's burgers earlier in the day, then reheat them. And adding a couple of pickles or skipping the special sauce can mean another 15 minute wait.

With the new "Made for You" system, Oak Brook, Ill.-based McDonald's said it hopes to put the "fast" back in fast-food as it works to lure new customers in and snare old customers away from the competition.

McLean Deluxe, Arch Deluxe, last year's Campaign 55, even pizza haven't been the overwhelming attraction to bring in new customers and drive profits higher. Through all the attempts at new menu offerings, complaints about the quality of the food persisted.

The new kitchens will remember, for instance when the lunch rush starts at a particular store and whether Quarter Pounders with cheese have been particularly popular lately. The computer will alert the staff to start making burgers just before the rush usually starts.


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## 'Encouraging' church enjoys life at the crossroads

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN

Features Editor

Located at the corner of FM-700 and 11th Place is a church that finds itself at a crossroads in more ways than one.

Members of Crossroads Church, led by minister Jeff Janca, are learning to be patient. The four-year-old church is going through another of several times of transition in its short life.

"I'm excited about what's happening," said Janca, who is not paid to be the church's minister, and has another full-time job. "But I know we have to be patient and see what the Lord has in store for us."

Janca said he relies on the words of Jeremiah 11 for comfort. "For I know the plans I have for you, plans for good and not for evil," he quotes scripture. "That's what we're counting on."

Called by the church as pastor in November, Janca had been serving as worship leader. He is the church's third minister.



Jeff Janca is pastor for non-denominational Crossroads Church.

Crossroads considers itself non-denominational and non-traditional in some ways. Although members most closely ally with the Baptist Church, Janca said. "I hope to see our church

becoming 'the encourager church' to those who are hurting and without hope," he said, "loving people where they are and allowing the Lord to do the changing."

Crossroads does not expect its congregation to dress in their best for services, Janca said.

"Many people in the city cannot afford nice clothes," he said. "We want them to feel comfortable and at ease however they are."

Janca said he told the church board Crossroads won't need "fancy programs," just love for everyone.

In keeping with that philosophy, the church is distributing free Bibles to anyone who wants one, and gospels to the residents of the neighborhood near the church. They also plan to start a prayer ministry for anyone who needs prayer, Janca said.

"We want to really become an encouragement to people," he said. "Many people say they don't feel welcome in churches. We want them to feel welcome

here."

Some non-traditional aspects of Crossroads include its sanctuary decoration.

There are the flags of 24 different countries, along with that of the United States, on display. The flags were donated to the church, and make a colorful decoration, Janca said.

Crossroads also loans out the flags to local groups.

Another unusual aspect is the church's method of collecting offering. No "passing of the plate" here. Instead, a collection box is left by the door so members can drop in their offerings as they arrive or leave.

"It has worked for us," Janca said. "We never seem to want."

Sunday school is at 10 a.m., followed by worship at 11 a.m. On alternating Tuesday evenings, men and women of the church conduct Bible studies.

A special praise and worship musical program will be part of worship Sunday.

For more information about Crossroads, call 264-0734.

## Thankful hearts: A divine spark

Romans 1:20 and 21 declares: "For since the creation of the world, His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature have been clearly seen, being understood through what He has made, so that they are without excuse. For even though they know God, they did not honor Him as God, or give thanks; but they became futile in the speculations and their foolish heart was darkened."

A thankful heart is a life giving heart. But according to this passage, even those that "know God," that is, those who profess to be Christians, when they don't "honor God or give Him thanks," their mind becomes full of foolish speculations and their heart becomes dark.

Think about it! A thankful heart honors God. Thankful people are happy people, and they are refreshing to be around. They are grateful people. One of the most pervasive and evil influences in the people of God and throughout our nation today in the spirit of ingratitude.

Did you realize that in I Corinthians 10:10 Paul reminds us of the demise of the Jews who "grumbled and were destroyed by the destroyer?" The truth really is that every time we open up to grumbling and complaining, the quality of our life, our homes and families, our churches, our workplaces, our city, and every place we are is reduced proportionately — a destroyer is bringing our life to ruin!

Praising God and thanking Him from our hearts is not always easy, especially when we are hurting with physical or emotional pain. This kind of thanksgiving truly is a sacrifice, but there is no other gateway into the Presence of God. Psalm 100:2 proclaims: "I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart, I will enter His courts with praise."

Psalm 50:23 shouts aloud "he who offers a sacrifice of thanksgiving honors Me; and to him who orders His conversation aright, I show the salvation of God." I believe it is time for the believers of the city of Big Spring to begin to thank God that He is Almighty God, He is the Great God. He is good, and He is a Faithful life giving God.

It is time to sprinkle the land with thankful hearts and the thankful heartfelt, heaven sent praises of His people. It's time to bless the Spring! It could just be that the praises of His people could be the spark that brings an outpouring, heaven sent revival in this our land!

Let's give Him a shout of thankfulness and praise for He is good and His mercy endures forever! Our other option of ungratefulness gives power to the destroyer, strips

Please see BASKIN, page 7A.

Paul Baskin  
Guest columnist

## CHURCH NEWS

### East Fourth Street Baptist Church

The Victory Street Gospel Quartet will be at East Fourth Street Baptist Church Sunday at 6 p.m.

The Victory Street Gospel Quartet was formed in the fall of 1985 in Burkburnett.

The original group consisted of just four members who sang four-part harmony and played their own instruments. There are six members, five men and one woman. Instruments consist of rhythm guitar, lead guitar, mandolin and bass.

Members of the "quartet" are: Bud Tarlton, sings and plays bass; Pete Jones, lead guitar and songwriter; Betty Jones, alto singer; Larry Huckabee, lead singer; Lance Collier, tenor singer, plays fiddle, mandolin, harmonica; and Lloyd



Members of the Victory Street Gospel Quartet are shown. They will perform Sunday at 6 p.m. at East Fourth Street Baptist Church.

Dilbeck, who plays rhythm guitar.

For more information about their performance, call the church at 267-2291.

### St. Mary's Episcopal Church

St. Mary's Inquirers' Class continues on Tuesday, March 31. The class starts at 5:30 p.m.

in the parish library, 1001 Goliad St.

St. Mary's Lenten Program is Wednesday, April 1 at 5:30 p.m. There will be Evening Prayer, a Potluck Supper and a special presentation on Christian Ministry by Mr. Roe Fulgham and Dr. John Marshall.

There will be a Quiet Day at St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church, 2900 Princeton, Midland on Saturday, April 4. They will begin the program at 9 a.m.

### Baker's Chapel AME

Baker's Chapel AME will have barbecue dinners Saturday at 911 N. Lancaster from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Dinners will consist of one meat (brisket, pork ribs, chicken or sausage), potato salad, red beans, dessert. Dinner donations are \$5, \$6 or \$7 plates. Call 267-7188 for delivery. You may call Friday to place an early order.

### First Christian Church

The youth of First Christian Church will meet at their regular meeting. Please see CHURCH, page 7A.

## CLUB NEWS

### 1905 Hyperion Club

The 1905 Hyperion Club met at 3 p.m. March 19 at the Potton House for the regular monthly meeting. Fifteen members attended. Members enjoyed a tour of the historical home built in 1901, led by Tammy Burrow.

It was announced that the mannequin "Ann" is now in place at the library. "Ann" was formally used by Hemphill-Wells and was donated to the library by the 1905 Hyperion Club for use in children's story telling. Co-hostesses for the meet were Pasty Kaue and Bobbie Thomas.

### Elbow FCE Club

The Elbow Family and Community Education Club met on March 19, in the home of Mildred Carlson. The devotional from Philippians 2:3 was read by Mildred Carlson. Roll call was answered by each one giving a household hint. Eight members were present. The thought for the day, "One reason that a dog is such a lovable creature is that his tail wags instead of his tongue" was presented by Francis Walker.

A discussion was held concerning the mailout brochure, "The Family Focus" from Dana Tarter, C.E.S., plus the Ag Expo being held on March 19.

It was announced the program for the next meeting will be a presentation on "Medicare Update" by Elice Flores, L.V.N. of Comanche Trail Nursing Center. The public is invited to attend this meeting. For more information on the time and place call 263-6819 or 263-2233.

Members enjoyed a potluck salad luncheon followed by games.

### Mighty Oaks Senior Adult Club

The Mighty Oaks Senior Adult Club of East Fourth St. Baptist met Tuesday, March 17, at 10:30 a.m. in the church fellowship hall for their regular monthly meeting. The 16 members and one guest went out to the Senior Citizen Center for lunch. Guest was Malvie Harrison.

Ida Belle Bankston, president. Please see CLUB, page 7A.

## Two take top honors in bus poster contest

Winners have been announced in the 1997-98 School Bus Safety Poster Contest.

This year's theme was "Stop on Red — Kids Ahead." Winners were chosen city wide, and their entries will go to the regional level of judging April 22 in Odessa.

Division 1, for the school district (K-3 grades) the winners are:

1st-Justin Villereal, Kindergarten, Mrs. Villarreal's class  
2nd-Ryan Tannehill, 3rd grade, Moss, Mrs. Gibb's class  
3rd-Nadia Garcia, 2nd grade, Bauer, Mrs. Simmons' class

Division 2, for the school district (4-5 grades) the winners are:

1st-Kim Burgess, 4th grade, Marcy, Mrs. Gallagher's class  
2nd-Corey Green, 5th grade, Bauer, Mrs. Grave's class  
3rd-Whit Bryant, 4th grade, Marcy, Mrs. Armstrong's class

Local school winners included:

Washington, division 1 (1-3 grades):  
Grade 1 Mrs. Drake's class  
1st-Bianca Mireles  
2nd-Ryan Klaasen  
3rd-Guillermo Barraza



Justin Villereal, left and Kim Burgess, were first place winners for the school district in Division 1 and Division 2, respectively, of the 1997-98 School Bus Safety Poster Contest.



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Washington, division 2 (4-5 grades):  
Grade 5, Mrs. Simmons Class  
1st-Clayton Birmelin  
2nd-Patricia Franco  
3rd-Nicholas Rivera  
Moss, division 1 (1-3 grades):  
Grade 3,  
Mrs. Gibb's Class 1st-Ryan Tannehill  
Mrs. Ferrell's Class 2nd-Tanner Churchwell  
Mrs. Schooler's Class 3rd-Katie Junkin

At Moss in division 2 (4-5 grades) the winners are:  
1st-Randi Gross, 5th grade, Mr. Phillips' class  
2nd-Jennifer Garza, 4th grade, Ms. Willett's class  
3rd-Heather Vanderslice, 5th grade, Mr. Phillips' class  
At Bauer in division 1 (1-3 grades) the winners are:  
1st-Nadia Garcia, 2nd grade, Mrs. Simmons' class  
2nd-Bernadette Flores, 3rd grade, Mrs. Wallace's class

3rd-Steve Arista, 1st grade, Mrs. Lowery's class  
At Bauer in division 2 (4-5 grades) the winners are:  
5th grade  
1st-Stefani Scott, Mrs. Grave's class  
2nd-Corey Green, Mrs. Grave's class  
3rd-Chris Guillen, Mrs. Evans' class  
At Kindergarten Center.  
Please see POSTER, page 7A.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Marriage seminar this weekend

"Keys To A Successful Marriage," a help seminar for marriages, is presented Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the First Church of the Nazarene. Ray and Trisha Thompson, Regional Directors for Marriage Ministries International, formerly Nova Shalom, a marriage help and reconciliation ministry, will be the speakers. They have been with this ministry since 1984.

There is a \$25 charge for the conference, which includes all materials and lunch on Saturday. Times for the conference are Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday at 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. Some of the topics to be covered include: Intimacy In Your Marriage, Love Languages, Selfless Love, and Intimacy with God as Partners. The church is located at 1400 Lancaster. For more information or to reserve child-care, call 267-7015.

Come worship with us on Sundays at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. We have Bible studies for all ages on Sunday at 9:40 a.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m.



RAY AND TRISHA THOMPSON

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### 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.

### 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.

## THE LAST WORD

Good communication is as stimulating as coffee and just as hard to sleep after.  
Anne Morrow Lindbergh

If you can't excel with talent, triumph with effort.  
David Weinbaum

Plans are only good intentions unless they immediately degenerate into hard work.  
Peter F. Drucker



**CHURCH**

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lar time, 4:30 to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Members of the First Christian Church extend an invitation to the community to join them on Wednesday at 6 p.m. for the Vespers Service from 6 to 6:30 p.m. This mid-week service offers spiritual refreshment and an oasis of peace. Choir practice and the Weigh Down Workshop will both meet immediately after Vespers.

The Christian Women's Fellowship will meet at noon on Thursday, April 2, for a covered dish luncheon and to hear the very special message that Kaki Morton, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, is planning to share with them.

The ladies of the church will be preparing enough food for the luncheon so that those who work need NOT bring a dish. Kaki will begin her program about 12:15 p.m. so that those with limited noon hour may eat and hear the program to its conclusion.

**First United Methodist Church**

"Spiritually Poor, Spiritually Rich" (Genesis 6:9-14, 9:8-13) is

Dr. Ed Williamson's message this Sunday at the First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry. The message is about becoming rich on God's terms. Worship is at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.

Many activities are planned for Holy Week. On Palm Sunday, April 5, a processional lead by a presentation of Jesus on the donkey, with families and all Sunday School classes invited, is to begin at 10:30 a.m. in front of the church office.

The evening of April 5 there will be a special Palm Sunday Drama/Musical presented at 7 p.m.

Everyday, April 6-10, community pastors as well as our own pastors, will lead a noon service from 12:30 to 1 p.m., and a luncheon will be provided at noon to accommodate working schedules. The Maundy Thursday Service and Communion, April 9, will begin at 7 p.m. Please call the church office for more details, 267-6394.

**Baptist Temple**

Pearly Gates is in concert on Sunday at 6 p.m. at Baptist Temple Church, 400 11th Place. A love offering will be received. The public is invited.

**CLUB**

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dent, opened the meeting with roll call. Each member was given a green St. Patrick Shamrock with their name on it as they registered.

Ida Belle Banksdon presented plans for the Hill Country Tour, April 6-7. Members will meet at the Church parking lot at 8:30 a.m. and leave at 9 a.m. Overnight staying will be in the SAVE Inn Motel in Johnson City, \$45 per night, and four to a room. Members will be responsible for paying for their food and motel. Everyone was asked to pack lightly.

The bus will pickup members who wish to attend the Elbow Birthday Banquet on April 3. Meeting was adjourned.

**1948 Hyperion**

The 1948 Hyperion Club held its March meeting at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Continuing the program study for the year world religions, program leader Lillian Valdez introduced Dr. Ed Williamson, pastor of First United Methodist Church, who gave an

interesting and inspirational talk on Christianity. Tracing the Christian movement from its beginning, citing the fulfillment of prophecy and looking into the future was the basis of Williamson's talk.

Jan Foresyth presided at the brief business meeting which followed the program. Cohostesses Kate Irons and Merle Wasson served refreshments to 20 members and two guests, Dr. Williamson and Bee Zinn.

**Mary Jane Club**

Nan McKinney and Janie Phinney, cohostesses, took Coahoma's Mary Jane Club members down memory lane for their March meeting in which the club's 48th anniversary was celebrated.

Held in the Phinneys country home, those in attendance were greeted with the presentation of a numbered theater ticket and ushered into rooms filled with movie theater type posters and scrapbooks featuring club activities and events of the past.

The group then gathered for a showing of old home movies which had been made at the Christmas party and a play written and presented by the club in the early 50's.

At the conclusion of the showing, a lucky ticket was drawn for a door prize. Refreshments were served to 12 members.

**Newcomer's Club**

The Big Spring Newcomer's Club welcomes newcomers and those who've moved in the last year or two to our activities which includes couples' outings, dinner club, craft groups, bridge, walking group and our monthly luncheon.

We meet at the Big Spring Country Club the second Thursday of the month at 11:30 a.m. for social and noon for our program and short meeting. Our next luncheon will be April 9 and our speaker will be David Kight of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Please call Pam at 267-7683.

**POSTER**

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Division 1 (K-3) the winners are:

Kindergarten, Mrs. Villarreal's class  
1st-Justin Marcus Villereal;  
2nd-Aaron Tatad; 3rd-Richard Anthony Perez, Special Division IV: 1st-Stefan Elliott;  
2nd-Katy Cook. At Marcy, division 1 (1-3 grades) the winners are:

Grade 2, Mrs Berringer's class: 1st-Eugene Franco; 2nd-Bradley Settler; 3rd-Adam Nieto

At Marcy, division 2 (4-5 grades) the winners are

4th grade  
1st-Whit Bryant, Mrs. Armstrong's class  
2nd-Kim Burgess, Mrs. Gallagher's class  
3rd-Valerie Garcia, Mrs. Evans' class.

**BASKIN**

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the church of her effectiveness and leaves the world stumbling in the darkness. Yes, it's time for the church to rise up and bless the Spring! Our God is so very Faithful to all of His word! He will come!

Paul Baskin is pastor at Wesley United Methodist Church.

**Need sleep? You're not alone**

By MICHAEL DOUGAN

San Francisco Examiner

Like hypnosis subjects in a campy old movie, Americans are getting sleepy — very, very sleepy. Meanwhile, they blithely work and drive as if they were well refreshed. The consequences are predictable.

So say the savants at the National Sleep Foundation, which has released a study revealing that 64 percent of people in the U.S. sleep less than the recommended eight hours a night, while 32 percent log fewer than six hours of shut-eye.

And how do they feel when awake? Tired, according to the report, based on a nationwide survey of sleeping habits.

More than a third said they were drowsy during the day. Nearly that many said it inter-

fered with their on-the-job performance (a figure that rose to more than half for night-shift workers).

Of special concern, said experts at the foundation in Washington, D.C., is that people drive when deprived of sleep.

Lack of sleep also can cause less obvious health hazards, said Clete Kushida, of the Stanford University Center for Human Sleep Research.

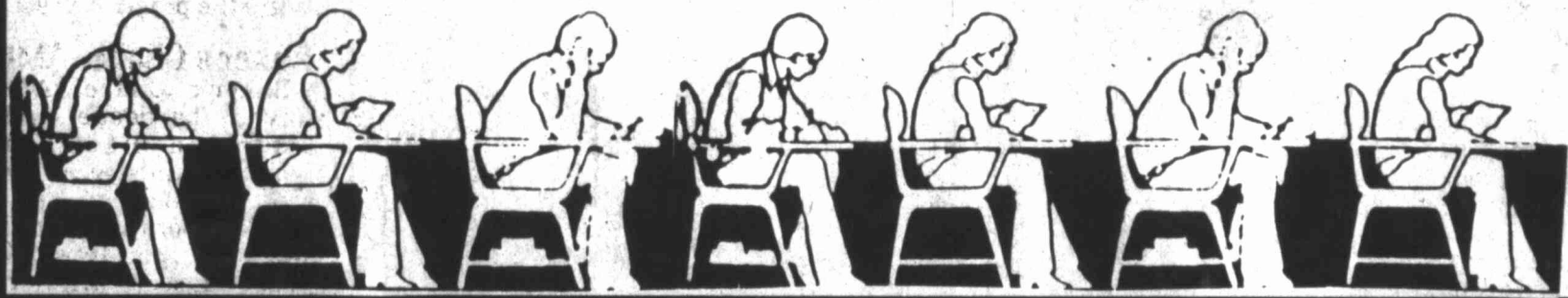
Professional competence is also a victim of short sleep hours, Kushida added. "Your work performance deteriorates significantly," he said. "You become irritable. You have short-term memory problems and concentration difficulties."

Just one night of sleep deprivation can bring on these symptoms, Kushida said.

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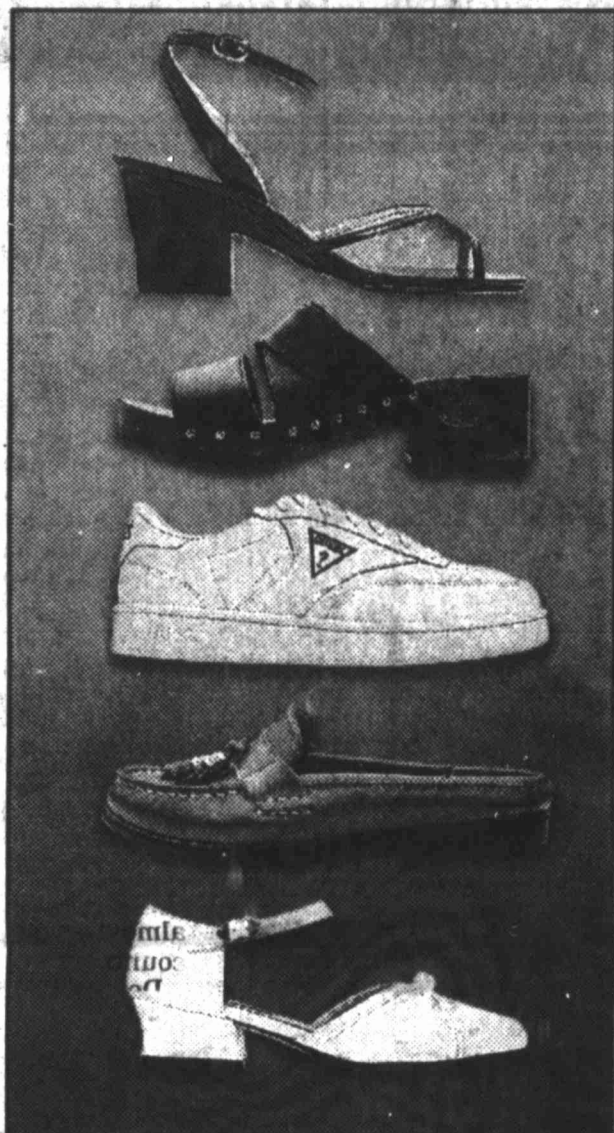
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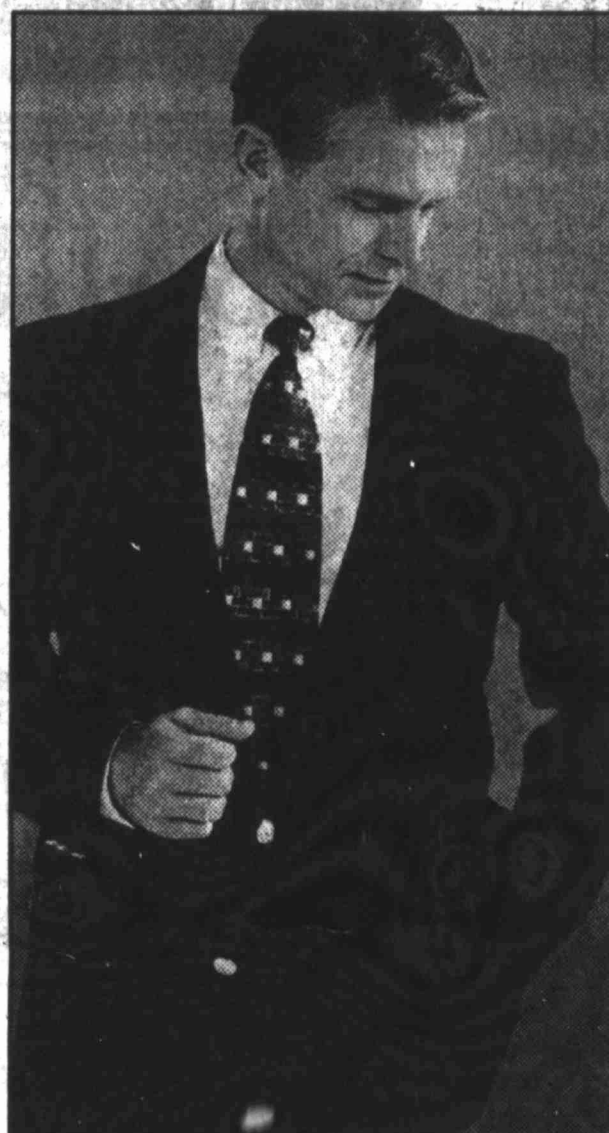
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High School Baseball  
Sweetwater Mustangs at Big Spring Steers, 4 p.m.  
Cochoma Bulldogs at Winters Blizzards, 4:30 p.m.

Local  
High School Softball  
Big Spring Lady Steers at Pecos Lady Eagles, 5 p.m.  
Lorraine Lady Bulldogs at Cochoma Bulldogettes, 4:45 p.m.

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## Lady Steers host first round of 4-4A tourney

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Sports Editor

The showdown awaits. Big Spring's Lady Steers and Andrews Lady Mustangs figure to be the favorites Saturday when the opening round of the District 4-4A girls' golf tournament gets under way at the Big Spring Country Club.

The Lady Steers and Lady Mustangs have played in several of the same tournaments this spring and both have had their days, according to Big Spring coach Mike Scarbrough.

"I really think it's going to be a dogfight between us and Andrews with Fort Stockton as a possible darkhorse," Scarbrough said. "We've run into Andrews at several tournaments and

we've played better than they have a little more than they've played better than us.

"I really feel you'd have to say we're the favorite, but not enough of one to say we're a lock on the district championship," he added.

The three-round district tournament opens at 8:30 a.m. on the BSSC's 5,455-yard, par 74 layout.

While Scarbrough said he doesn't expect Fort Stockton to really challenge the two front-runners for the 4-4A championship, they will have an opportunity to play one of the district rounds on their home course.

"That's a tremendous advantage," Scarbrough explained. "At least we're hoping it will be a tremendous advantage, because we're playing the first round on our course this year and none of the rounds will be played at Andrews."

Following Saturday's first round, the teams will play at Fort Stockton on April 4 and close the district tournament on April 18 in Sweetwater.

Scarbrough says the Lady Steers have the added edge of having three seniors — Kelly Hollar, Stephanie Waggoner and Alicia Wood — who have played on the varsity for four years.

Rounding out the Lady Steers' five-girl varsity squad will be sophomore Ashlie Simmons and junior Pricilla Del Bosque.

"We have experience in our corner this year and that could be doubly important, because the winds are really supposed to blow Saturday," Scarbrough explained. "The mental aspect of this game is so important... and seasoning makes a difference. That's always true, but especially when the weather conditions are not favorable."

## Cable customers again have baseball package

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring television viewers will again have an opportunity to see Texas Rangers and Houston Astros games that normally wouldn't be seen on television as a result of a package developed by TCA Cable TV of Big Spring.

"It's part of our added value package," cable manager Archie Kountz said of the package that includes 55 Rangers games and 20 Astros games. "It's a package TCA developed with Fox that's in addition to the games that will be televised on Fox and Fox Sports Southwest. It will be on cable channel 93."

The first game in the package will be the Rangers' opener on April 4.

## Stewart rebounding from injuries

### USA Gymnastics state championships just second outing since arm surgery

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Sports Editor

As recently as Tuesday evening, Big Spring's Stephanie Stewart wasn't sure just how healthy she'd be for Saturday's USA Gymnastics Level 9/Level 10 State Championships at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

A season plagued by injury seemed destined to continue through what was supposed to be a chance for the 15-year-old Big Spring High School student to showcase her talents in front of hometown fans when she twisted an ankle during a workout session earlier the day before.

The frustration was etched on Stewart's face and coach Russ McEwen's concern was obvious.

"Right now, we don't know whether she'll be able to compete this weekend or not," McEwen explained Tuesday evening after having taped Stewart's ankle in an unsuccessful attempt to allow her to take part in workout sessions with the Spring Sidewinders teammates Brooke Lawrence and Mikelle Farris.

For Stewart, the 1996 YMCA individual all-around national champion who also played a key role in the Sidewinders' team championship in the 1997 YMCA championships in San Diego, the ankle injury was clearly aggravating.

"Right now, I really don't like my floor (exercise) routine much, because of all the pain," she explained, noting that the injury is also debilitating in her best event — the balance beam.

Just 24 hours later, however, she was leaping and tumbling through her floor exercise routine, saying the injured ankle felt much better.

"The ankle feels a lot better today. That's good, because it's been kind of a frustrating year," Stewart said, explaining that she really doesn't know what to expect Saturday evening when she and 45 other gymnasts step onto the coliseum floor for state competition in the Level 10 Junior B division.

"I haven't been able to compete much this year," she added, noting that she's been sidelined most of the season after undergoing elbow surgery on Feb. 11 and that Monday night's ankle injury was the second she's sustained in five weeks.

"I'd pounded my elbow so much, it chipped the bone, and

### SCHEDULE

**Saturday's schedule**  
Session 1 — Level 9 Junior B  
8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., Stretch and bar settings.  
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 settings.  
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 settings.  
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 settings.  
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 settings.  
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.



HERALD photos/John Moseley

Stephanie Stewart leaps into a split (top photo) during her floor exercise routine and finishes (above) with a graceful pose during Thursday's workout in preparation for this weekend's USA Gymnastics Level 9/Level 10 State Championships at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

they had to go in and take the chips out," Stewart continued. "Then I hurt my ankle pretty bad a little over a month ago, so Saturday will only be the second competition I've been in since the surgery."

Taking part in the San Antonio Invitational Gymnastics Meet on March 14, Stewart reached the finals in the balance beam.

"After a month off, that was great... because you had to be one of the top 10 performers from all of the age groups," Stewart explained. "There's always that feeling that I could have done better, but I was pretty pleased with doing that well after having been out of action as long as I was."

Competing in the Level 10 division, the next to highest level in all of gymnastics, means there's no way to really make up for time lost to injuries.

"When you're competing at the level these girls are, you have to be able to work year round, because everyone else is," McEwen explained. "It takes absolute dedication. If you're not able to work for a week or two, it's a week or two everyone you're going to come up against has had to improve."

"That will show even more this weekend than it does at the YMCA nationals," he added. "It's not so much that the girls

Stephanie, Brooke and Mikelle will be competing against are any more skilled than the best girls that were in San Diego last year, but there will be a lot more of them at that level. The teams that will be here this weekend have much more depth than the teams we face in YMCA competition."

The Sidewinders' success — both in YMCA competition and at USAG meets, Stewart was a member of the 1996 Big Spring squad that finished second in the USAG small team division and joined Lawrence in reaching the Level 10 nationals in Orlando, Fla., last year — provides added pressure.

"It's not just that you and your coaches expect you to do more and do everything better," Stewart explained. "There are also a lot of people out there trying to beat you. They push themselves to get better and better, so you can't afford to slack off."

"As a result, the routines you have to do get more difficult and you have to work harder and harder."

However, continually pressing oneself to do more and perform it better is a two-edged sword.

"The only problem with that," Stewart explained, "is that as you continue to make your routines more complicated and push your body to do them better, you increase the chance that you're going to get hurt."

Having apparently dodged a bullet by Stewart overcoming Monday's ankle injury, McEwen says he believes the Sidewinders are prepared to acquit themselves well.

"The girls are looking awfully good right now," he noted. "We just have to go out there and put it all together Saturday. They've worked really hard to be ready for this weekend and we'll just have to see how it works out."

## Scandal arrives at Northwestern during Final Four

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — On the eve of the Final Four, college basketball's worst nightmare is rocking the sport once more.

The latest point-shaving charges came from Chicago, where Northwestern ballplayers were indicted on allegations of fixing three games — just months after players from Arizona State pleaded guilty in a similar case.

"To have an announcement like that come out as we are going into our Final Four is something we would prefer not to have," NCAA executive director Cedric Dempsey said in supreme understatement at the Alamodome, site of this year's Final Four.

"On the other hand, I think there's a positive to this. Part of this is education, part of this is to make people aware that it not only happens in public schools, it's not regionalized. It exists on almost every campus in this country."

Dempsey said gambling is as widespread an addiction on college campuses as alcohol.

Two former Northwestern players, Dion Lee and Dewey Williams, were indicted on charges of shaving points in games played during the 1994-95 season.

"It's a bomb ready to explode. It can happen to anybody. You wouldn't even know it until it happened," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "Kids know their classmates are gambling. There is gambling in fraternities and there are office pools. Everybody plays with a bomb that doesn't explode on them."

Still, there are three games this weekend that will draw the attention of the entire sporting world.

In Saturday's opener, Stanford plays Kentucky before top-ranked North Carolina and Utah play in the second game, with the winners meeting Monday night for the national championship.

Each semifinal has a team that reached the Final Four for the first time in a long time just one year after losing one of the best players in school history. They'll play teams that have made the Final Four a familiar place the last few years.

Stanford (30-4) is in the Final Four for the first time since winning its only national championship, in 1942. The Cardinal

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### AT A GLANCE

**NORTH CAROLINA**  
Record: 34-3.  
Road to San Antonio: Beat Navy 88-52; beat North Carolina Charlotte 93-83, 0T; beat Michigan State 73-58; beat Connecticut 75-64.  
Last Final Four: 1997.

Hot player: Antawn Jamison had a double-double in each of the four tournament games, averaging 19 points and 12.8 rebounds. In the past month, he has been chosen ACC player of the year, ACC tournament MVP and East Regional MVP.

Positive note: The Tar Heels broke a string of reaching the Final Four during the '90s only in odd-numbered years and are looking to cap coach Bill Guthridge's rookie season with the school's fourth national title.

Negative note: Just as during the season, the Tar Heels' depth has come into question with six players accounting for almost all of the minutes in the four tournament games.

**UTAH**  
Record: 29-3.  
Road to San Antonio: Beat San Francisco 85-68; beat Arkansas 75-69; beat West Virginia 65-62; beat Arizona 76-51.  
Last Final Four: 1966.

Hot player: Andre Miller averaged 17 points, 6.3 rebounds and 7.3 assists in the four NCAA tournament games, capping the run with the first triple-double in school history. The junior guard had 18 points, 14 rebounds and 13 assists in the upset of top-seeded Arizona in the West Regional final.

Positive note: Coach Rick Majerus has become the chalkboard genius of the tournament for his triangle-and-2 defense against Arizona as the Utes continued a three-year run of advancing at least one more round in the tournament.

Negative note: Not only are the Utes an inexperienced team in the Final Four, the roster has only two seniors and one junior, and the last time Majerus was here was as an assistant on Marquette's 1977 national championship team.

**KENTUCKY**  
Record: 33-4.  
Road to San Antonio: Beat South Carolina State 82-67; beat Saint Louis 88-61; beat UCLA 94-68; beat Duke 86-84.  
Last Final Four: 1997.

Hot player: Wayne Turner started an impressive postseason run in the Southeastern Conference tournament and continued through the NCAA, earning South Regional MVP honors. He averaged 10.8 points, 6.3 assists and only 1.3 turnovers in the four games, including 16 points and eight assists in the regional final against Duke.

Positive note: The Wildcats have won 11 straight games and lost only one game all season away from Rupp Arena, the third game of the season to Arizona.

Negative note: Kentucky has been outrebounded only four times this season but two have been in the NCAA tournament, by Saint Louis 41-34 and UCLA 51-41.

**STANFORD**  
Record: 30-4.  
Road to San Antonio: Beat College of Charleston 67-57; beat Western Michigan 83-65; beat Purdue 67-59; beat Rhode Island 79-77.  
Last Final Four: 1942.

Hot player: Arthur Lee almost single-handedly advanced the Cardinal to the Final Four with his impressive offensive and defensive performance at the end of the Midwest Regional final against Rhode Island. Lee is averaging 19.3 points and 5.8 assists in the NCAA tournament and has made all 26 free throws he has attempted.

Positive note: The Cardinal are the biggest and most physical team in the Final Four and have outrebounded their opponents in the NCAA tournament by almost 12 per game.

Negative note: As well as Lee has played, guard Kris Weems has struggled with his shooting, going 24-for-68 (35 percent) in the tournament, including 7-for-22 (32 percent) from 3-point range.

## Minnesota coach: NIT win bigger thrill than NCAA bid last year

NEW YORK (AP) — Clem Haskins strode into the interview with a smile on his face and a net draped around his neck.

After losing most of his Final Four team from a year ago, Minnesota's coach could have never envisioned the 1997-98 season ending like this for his Gophers — as NIT champions.

Kevin Clark overcame a flu bug to score a career-high 28 points and Sam Jacobson had 23 Thursday night, leading Minnesota to a 79-72 win over Penn State in an all-Big Ten final.

"This is a bigger thrill for me than getting to the Final Four," said Haskins, who was named national coach of the year last season after leading Minnesota to a 31-4 record. "Because we weren't expected to be here."

Quincy Lewis added 19 points for Minnesota (20-15), which figured to

rebuild this season. Instead, after getting off to a shaky start, the Gophers won 11 of their last 14 games to win their second NIT title in six years.

The all-Big 10 final was the first for the NIT since 1979 when Indiana beat Purdue, and it provided a distraction for the conference in the wake of two indictments handed down against two former Northwestern players for alleged point shaving during games in the 1994-95 season.

Clark, a junior who had 58 points, 11 rebounds in two games at Madison Square Garden, was the tournament's MVP.

"I was sick before the game, but I knew I had to put it behind me," Clark said. "I was taking medication all day and feeling real tired. There was no way I was missing this game, though."

Playing in its first men's basketball championship game, Penn State (19-13)

was hoping to shed its image as a football-only school. But the Nittany Lions couldn't rally after falling behind by 10 points in the second half.

Calvin Booth led Penn State with 14 points and eight rebounds. Senior Pete Lisicky, the second-leading scorer in school history, was just 3-for-12 from the field.

"I was forcing some and they were playing tough," said Lisicky. "They were able to do some things defensively against us that non-conference teams couldn't."

Haskins and Penn State coach Jerry Dunn, as well as players from both teams, addressed the Northwestern situation during postgame interviews.

Penn State's game against Northwestern is one of the ones named in the indictments handed down Thursday in Chicago.

"If in fact it is true," said Dunn, "it

shows that nobody is exempt. None of us are immune from this stuff."

Dunn said he didn't recall any specifics about the game.

"In '94? '95?" Dunn asked. "You know, the only thing fishy I remember about games is if we're not doing things well, I want to know why."

Leading 39-37 two minutes into the second half, Lewis scored all 10 points — two field goals, a 3-pointer and a three-point play — in a 10-2 spurt that put the Gophers ahead 48-39 with 15:15 left.

"I think we picked it up defensively," said Lewis. "I got a steal and that got us going."

Penn State, which rallied from 10 points down in the second half to beat Minnesota in the schools' first meeting this season, stormed back with a 9-4 run. But Lewis made a 3-pointer and Clark scored two layups as the

Gophers pushed their lead to 62-53 with 6:12 remaining.

Penn State, hung tough, though, and closed to 64-60 on a 3-pointer by Titus Ivory with 3:03 left.

However, Lisicky missed a 3-pointer and freshman point guard Joe Crispin committed a costly turnover, forcing Penn State to foul to stop the clock. Minnesota responded by making 13 of 16 free throws.

Lewis and Clark scored 27 of Minnesota's first 29 points in the second half, and combined with Jacobson to score 70 of the Golden Gophers' points for the game.

In the consolation game, G.G. Smith made a school record nine 3-pointers and Georgia hit 19 3s in a 95-79 win over Fresno State.

Smith made six 3-pointers in the second half, including three in a 3:10 span when Georgia pulled away.



SPORTS EXTRA

NCAA-MEN

EAST REGIONAL

Regional Championship Saturday, March 22 North Carolina 75, Connecticut 64

SOUTH REGIONAL

Regional Championship Sunday, March 22 Kentucky 85, Duke 84

MIDWEST REGIONAL

Regional Championship Sunday, March 22 Stanford 79, Rhode Island 77

WEST REGIONAL

Regional Championship Saturday, March 22 Utah 76, Arizona 51

THE FINAL FOUR

At The Alamodome San Antonio

NIT

National Invitation Tournament Saturday, March 23 Kentucky (33-4) vs. Stanford (30-4), 6:30 p.m.

North Carolina (34-3) vs. Utah (29-3), 9:00 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 70, North Carolina 70

WEST REGIONAL

Regional Championship Monday, March 23 Arkansas 77, Duke 72

THE FINAL FOUR

At Kemper Arena Kansas City, Mo.

NIT

National Invitation Tournament 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 Sunday, March 23 Semifinal winners, 7:30 p.m.

NIT

Semifinals Tuesday, March 24 At Madison Square Garden New York

Minnesota 91, Fresno State 89, OF Penn State 60, Georgia 60

Third Place Thursday, March 26 Georgia 95, Fresno State 79

Championship Minnesota 79, Penn State 72

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

BALTIMORE Orioles—Named David J. McGowan public address announcer.

BOSTON RED SOX—Signed 2B Mark Lemke to a minor-league contract.

Released INF Mike Gallego. Options LHP Ron Mahay and OF Michael Coleman to Fairfield of the International League.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Acquired RHP Marty Weymouth from the Seattle Mariners for RHP Ian Ballinger.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Claimed RHP Danny Rios off waivers from the New York Yankees.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Fired Bob Clark, pitching coach. Named Rick Peterson pitching coach. Options RHP Arrel Friedel to Edmonton of the PCL.

SEATTLE MARINERS—Claimed RHP Jose Paniagua off waivers from the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. Assigned INF Aaron Holbert outright to Tacoma of the PCL.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Released RHP Corey Feige. RHP Alan Meinershagen and OF Scott Bullett.

CHICAGO CUBS—Options INF Jason Henthley to Iowa of the PCL. Assigned RHP Davis Stevens to their minor-league complex. Placed OF Robin Jennings on the 15-day disabled list.

FLORIDA MARLINS—Assigned RHP Hector Ramirez and LHP Jesus Martinez outright to Charlotte of the International League. Sent Martinez to Indianapolis of the International League to complete the March 21 trade with the Cincinnati Reds for INF OF Eric Owens.

NEW YORK METS—Options C Todd Pratt to Norfolk of the International League. Assigned INF Shanon Gilbert to their minor-league complex. Voted the contract of INF Chad Fowlie due to a preexisting injury.

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Sent RHP Paul Maholm to Las Vegas of the Pacific Coast League.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association CHARLOTTE HORNETS—Waived G Tony Farmer.

SACRAMENTO KINGS—Suspended C Oskan Polynice for two games and fined him an undisclosed amount for conduct detrimental to the team.

FOOTBALL

National Football League DETROIT LIONS—Re-signed LB Ben Hanke and S Ryan Stewart. Signed LB Phillip Ward.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Traded QB Paul Justin to the Cincinnati Bengals for an undisclosed draft pick.

OAKLAND RAIDERS—Signed S Anthony Newman.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Signed RB Rodney Riley to a one-year contract. 1-

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Announced the retirement of LB Winston Motis to become defensive quality control coach.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

DALLAS STARS—Activated LW Dave Reid and D Sergei Zubov from the injured reserve list.

DETROIT RED WINGS—Assigned C Steven Clopper and D Duane Joyce to Detroit of the IHL. Assigned D Tim Murray and LW Rob Paterson to Adirondack of the AHL.

NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Assigned RW Bobby House to Syracuse of the AHL.

NEW YORK ISLANDERS—Assigned D Jeff Labey to Hartford of the AHL.

PHILADELPHIA FLYERS—Returned RW John Duce to Philadelphia of the AHL.

PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Assigned C Serge Aubin to Hershey of the AHL.

ST. LOUIS BLUES—Signed D Matt Smith.

SAN JOSE SHARKS—Assigned G Jamie Ram to Utah of the IHL.

VANCOUVER CRUICKS—Returned G Corey Hirsch to Syracuse of the AHL.

WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Signed LW Brian Belfrage.

NBA

Thursday's Games Cleveland 97, Toronto 96 Charlotte 94, Milwaukee 80

Portland 108, Vancouver 102 Golden State 98, Seattle 91

Friday's Games Charlotte at Indiana, 6 p.m. Boston at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m. San Antonio at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.

Milwaukee at Miami, 6:30 p.m. Chicago at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m. Detroit at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m. Houston at Orlando, 7 p.m. Utah at Dallas, 7:30 p.m. Golden State at Denver, 8 p.m. Washington at Phoenix, 8 p.m. New York at Vancouver, 9 p.m. Minnesota at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games Portland at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m. L.A. Lakers at Utah, 8 p.m. New York at Seattle, 9 p.m.

Sunday's Games Houston at Miami, 11:30 a.m. San Antonio at Indiana, 11:30 a.m. Detroit at Atlanta, 2 p.m. Orlando at Toronto, 2 p.m. Charlotte at Cleveland, 2 p.m. Vancouver at Phoenix, 2 p.m. Minnesota at Sacramento, 7 p.m. Philadelphia at Philadelphia, 5 p.m. Portland at Golden State, 7 p.m. Minnesota at Sacramento, 7 p.m. Dallas at L.A. Clippers, 8 p.m. Washington at L.A. Lakers, 8:30 p.m.

NHL

Thursday's Games Boston 4, Philadelphia 2 Carolina 4, N.Y. Rangers 1 N.Y. Islanders 4, Pittsburgh 3 Florida 5, Montreal 4 Anaheim 3, Detroit 3, St. Louis 3, Tampa Bay 2 Toronto 1, Dallas 0 New Jersey 2, Colorado 0 Calgary 3, Washington 2 Buffalo 5, Vancouver 2 San Jose 5, Los Angeles 2

Friday's Games Ottawa at Chicago, 7:30 p.m. Buffalo at Edmonton, 8 p.m.

Saturday's Games Florida at Boston, 2 p.m. N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh, 2 p.m. Carolina at Philadelphia, 2 p.m. Detroit at St. Louis, 2 p.m. San Jose at Dallas, 2 p.m. Anaheim at Colorado, 2 p.m. Los Angeles at Calgary, 5 p.m. Tampa Bay at Montreal, 6:30 p.m. N.Y. Islanders at Toronto, 6:30 p.m. New Jersey at Phoenix, 8 p.m. Washington at Vancouver, 9:30 p.m.

UT officials say Longhorn program investigation could wrap up today

AUSTIN (AP) — University of Texas officials were hoping today to conclude an investigation into the release of a basketball player's grades to the media. A high ranking university source told The Associated Press that coach Tom Penders won't be back as coach next year, adding that if Penders doesn't decide to leave voluntarily, he'll be reassigned. Penders, who has four years remaining on a contract that pays him roughly \$550,000 per year, said Thursday he hasn't heard anything about his job status. Patricia Ohlendorf, vice president and counsel to the UT president, said she expected the probe into the release of freshman guard Luke Axtell's grades to a local radio station to be concluded today and for findings to be made public. Texas assistant coach Eddie Oran has taken responsibility for releasing Axtell's grades, an apparent violation of federal laws protecting student privacy. Penders is the winningest coach in Texas history with a 208-110 record, eight trips to the NCAA tournament in 10 seasons and three conference championships. He said Thursday he didn't plan to step down but repeated

that he would agree to be reassigned if that's what the university wanted. "They can do that at any time — if I get a technical foul or if they don't like my tie, they can reassign me," Penders said. "I would do anything for the university." Yolanda Chevannes, mother of Vohn Hunter, a Texas signee and one of the top high school players in New York City, said her son probably would reconsider if Penders wasn't the coach. "Coach Penders came to our home in the Bronx, and Vohn just fell in love with him," Chevannes said. "We got a sense of family from him and his coaching staff. If Coach Penders isn't there, I don't think my son would want to go there." The high-ranking university source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, cited Penders' confrontational stance surrounding UT's probe into the release of freshman guard Luke Axtell's academic progress report. The fact that four starters, including Axtell, went to the home of Texas athletic director DeLoss Dodds on March 8 and said they no longer wanted to play for Penders also was a major factor in deciding the

coach should go, the source said. "It wasn't just one player, it was four players," the source said. Axtell's attorney, Sherry Rasmus of Austin, said Thursday, "Whether Penders stays or whether Penders goes, Luke's privacy was violated." "We are looking for some formal action, and I don't know what that is, to show that Luke was wronged," Rasmus said. "This was never a thing where we were out to get Penders." She said she has advised Axtell not to comment. "Unequivocally, he has been smeared, as well as his family," Rasmus said. "At this time, the only way we can combat this is to not respond to the ridiculous stuff that's being said out there." Dodds' office on Thursday reiterated that the athletic director won't comment until the completion of an investigation into the release of Axtell's academic progress report, an apparent violation of federal law protecting student privacy. In the past 18 years, Penders has taken teams to the postseason 15 times — five NIT berths at Fordham, an NIT and NCAA berth at Rhode Island and eight NCAA berths at Texas.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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 to 8 tonight 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.

Sands teams second, third at Grady junior high meet

Sands young Mustangs and Lady Mustangs finished second and third, respectively, in the team standings of the Grady Junior High Track Meet. Borden County took the meet's boys' and girls' championships. Midland Trinity managed nine more points than the Lady Mustangs to take second place in the girls' division. Grady's host teams finished seventh in the boys' division and fifth in the girls'. Gilbert Ibarra gave Sands its first points in the boys' field with a win in the high jump, while Grady's Bryan Creech and Eric Tunnell were tied for fifth. Dusty Floyd took a win in the shot put for Sands, while teammate Lee Casas was second. Grady's Joseph Gaskins was sixth. Sands' foursome of Carlos Plata, Ibarra, Floyd and Chance Nichols won in the 400-meter relay.

Industrial Softball League now taking team entries

Teams are now being accepted for the the Big Spring Industrial Softball League's 1998 season. The deadline for registering a team is Wednesday, and all rosters and entry fees must be submitted no later than Monday, April 6. For more information, contact David Cruz at 267-2364 or Jessie Rios at 264-6129.

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are also here the year after star guard Brevin Knight graduated. "A lot of times with a dominant player they overshadow what others might be able to do given the opportunity, and that's the case with us with Arthur Lee," Stanford coach Mike Montgomery said of the guard that led his team to victory in the Midwest Regional final against Rhode Island.

Ibarra added another win in the 300 meter hurdles and Floyd was second in the 100 meters. The best finish for the young Wildcats came from Ky May's second-place clocking in the 110-meter hurdles. The young Lady Mustangs got most of their points in the distance events — taking a first, second and third sweep in the 2,400 meters by Mary Varela, Roxanne Castro and Stacey Bodine. Kim Hagins added a second in the 800 meters, finishing just behind Grady's Corina Torres. Sands pulled off another sweep of the top three finishes in the 1,600 meters with Hagins taking first in front of Bodine and Castro. Other than Torres' win in the 800, the best Grady could muster was Misty Christon's second in the 100 hurdles and third in the 200 meters.

Lady Wildcats win title while playing meet host

Grady's Lady Wildcats piled up 146 points to win the girls' division of the 1998 Wildcat Relays, while their male counterparts finished fourth. The Lady Wildcats got first-place finishes from Sheree Rivas in the triple jump, Caroline Madison in the 800 meters and Kim Johnston in the 100 meters. Madison and her sister, Haley, teamed with Rivas and Johnston to win the 800-meter relay. Grady also got second-place finishes in the 200 meters, 1,600 meters, 100 meters, 3,200 meters, 400-meter relay and high jump in piling up the total. The Wildcats' best finish in the boys' division was Brady Peugh's win in the pole vault and P.J. Pruitt's second. Jose Ramirez finished third in the 800 meters for more points, while Peugh, Frankie Garza, Pruitt and Ramirez teamed for third in the 400-meter relay.

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Kentucky (33-4) is in the Final Four for the third straight year, failing to repeat as national champion last year with the overtime loss to Arizona in the title game. Five of the current Wildcats were on the 1995 national championship. "We've had great leadership all year long from guys like Jeff Sheppard, Cameron Mills and Allen Edwards," first-year Kentucky coach Tubby Smith said.

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# Tennessee's Holdsclaw, Summitt top AP honorees

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Tennessee coach Pat Summitt will be forever grateful that Mickie DeMoss refused to give up on Chamique Holdsclaw.

Like everyone else who had watched her, Summitt was enamored when she saw Holdsclaw play in a summer tournament. Then she checked to see where the lean, fluid high school star lived.

"When I saw she was from Astoria, N.Y., I just went, 'Golly, I'll never get to coach her,'" Summitt said, figuring a New Yorker wouldn't want to play at Tennessee. "But my assistant, Mickie DeMoss, said, 'We're going after Holdsclaw. We're going to get Chamique Holdsclaw to at least visit the University of Tennessee.'"

Holdsclaw did, she signed and on Thursday the 6-foot-2 junior was named The Associated Press player of the year. Summitt was honored as the coach of the year at the same ceremony after both were overwhelming choices by AP newspaper and broadcast members nationwide.

The two — the demanding coach and the graceful, multi-talented player — have taken the Lady Vols on a magical ride this season. They're 37-0, the most victories ever for a women's NCAA team, and two wins from a record third straight national championship.

"It's been a great year in a lot of ways," Summitt said. "When you have a player like Chamique, you appear to be a lot smarter, a lot better under pressure, and you win a lot more."

Summitt, of course, did just fine before Holdsclaw arrived. She won three national championships without her, and at 662-143 in 24 seasons, Summitt is second all time in victories and winning percentage (.822).

But with Holdsclaw and an outstanding freshman class, Tennessee has turned it up several more notches this season with a fast, all-out, crowd-pleasing style of play.

"I think this team will be remembered, whether we win two more games or not, as a team that had a big impact on the tempo and intensity level that women's basketball will have in the future," Summitt said. "They've made a great breakthrough in that."

Summitt said this team not only has made her a better coach, but a calmer one. She remembers how much cajoling she had to do with last season's team, which, until the NCAA tournament, was too laid back to suit her style.

That hasn't been necessary this season.

"I've enjoyed not having to do that," she said. "I have a lot more energy today than I had a year ago at this time."

It helps having someone like Holdsclaw to set the tone. Holdsclaw plays with a calmness that carries over to her teammates and, like all the great players, leads the way in big games.

Every season she has played since her freshman year in high school has ended with a championship — four state titles in New York, two NCAA crowns at Tennessee. Yet the honors, expectations and comparisons to other players never seem to weigh on Holdsclaw, who leads the Lady Vols in scoring (23.4), rebounding (8.3), field goal percentage (.551) and steals (108).

"I just go out there and play basketball," she said. "God's given me the ability. The only thing I can do is go out and play. Everyone is like, Chamique is used to winning championships. It's like I'm expected to go out and win."

"But I don't worry about all that. I'm a laid-back person. I just take care of business and let this team's game and my game speak for itself."

Her game speaks volumes. Holdsclaw can do just about anything that has to be done on the court, from bringing the ball up the floor to posting up inside.

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## You're Rich If You're Healthy

While talking with a friend about a mutual acquaintance who was quite ill, my friend remarked that "a person is rich if they are in good health". This never means too much to us in our younger years, especially if we are in good health. However, as we get older, time may take its toll on us and soon we may begin experiencing little aches and pains that were not there just a few short years ago. There are many people in the world who would probably trade whatever riches they have, if only they were healthy and pain-free. It is so easy to take the many blessings that we have for granted, and it seems that we never quite appreciate something until we lose it. God honors those who are faithful to Him, and being appreciative of His love and realizing how good He is to us is a blessing.

My dear friend, I pray that everything may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as I know you are well in spirit.  
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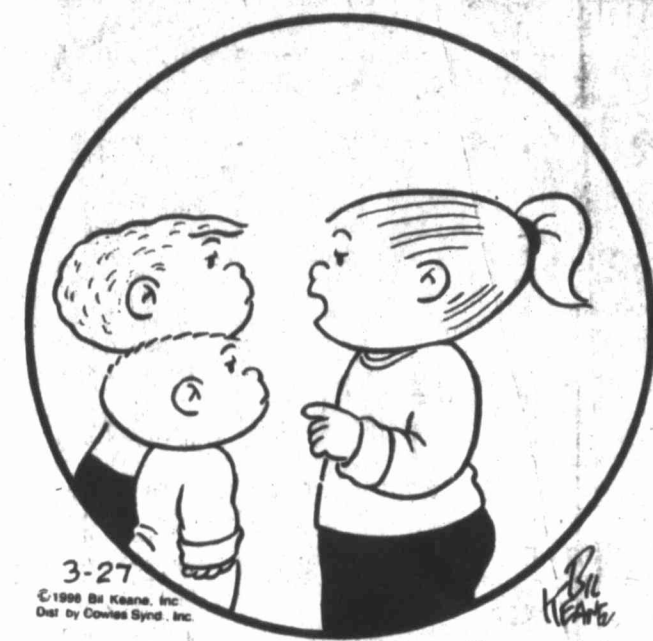
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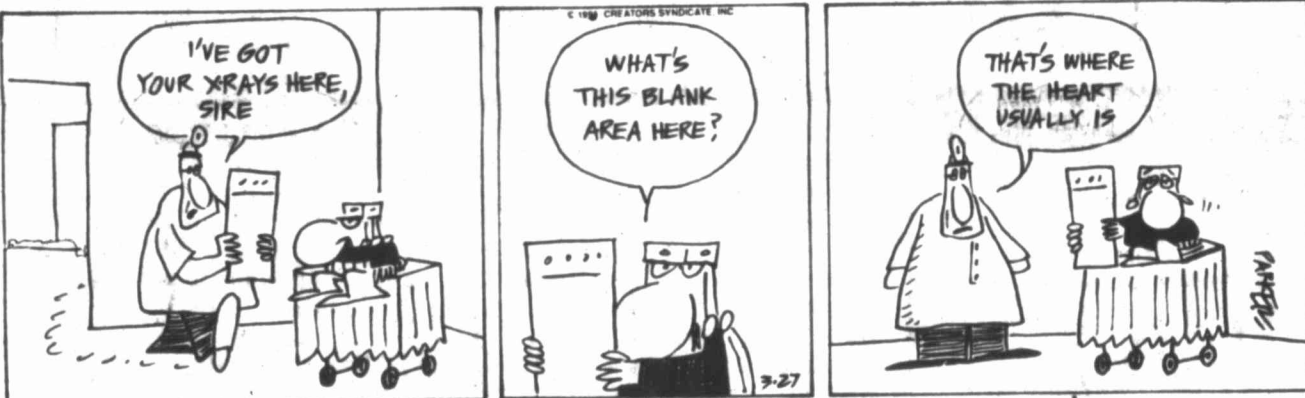
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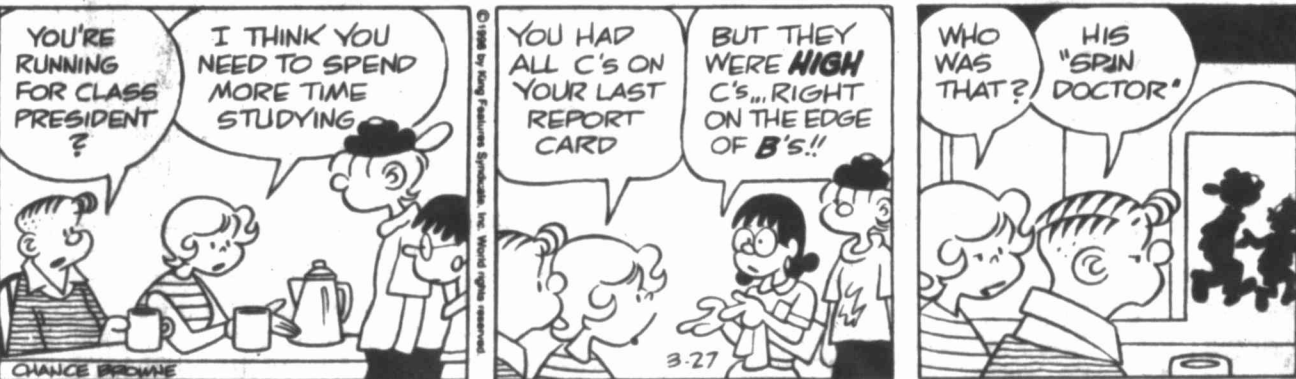
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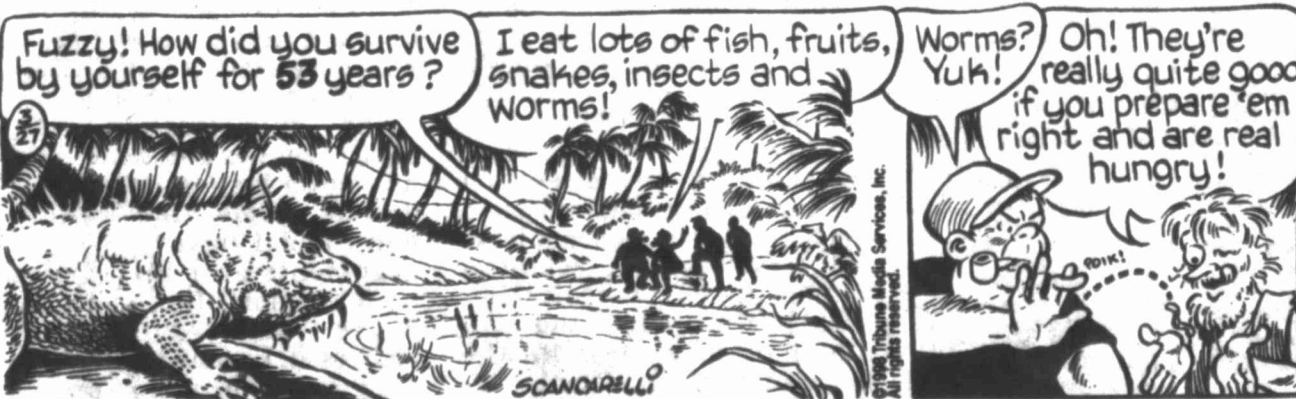
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, March 27, the 86th day of 1998. There are 279 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On March 27, 1977, 582 people were killed when a KLM Boeing 747, attempting to take off, crashed into a Pan Am 747 on the Canary Island of Tenerife.

On this date: In 1512, Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon sighted Florida. In 1625, Charles I ascended the English throne upon the death of James I. In 1794, President Washington and Congress authorized creation of the U.S. Navy. In 1836, the first Mormon temple was dedicated, in Kirtland, Ohio. In 1884, the first long-distance telephone call was made, between Boston and New York City. In 1917, the Seattle Metropolitans became the first U.S. team to win the Stanley Cup as they defeated the Montreal Canadiens. In 1945, during World War II, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower told reporters in Paris that German defenses on the Western Front had broken. In 1958, Nikita Khrushchev became Soviet premier in addition to First Secretary of the Communist Party. In 1964, Alaska was rocked by a powerful earthquake that killed 114 people. In 1968, Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin, the first man to orbit the earth, died in a plane crash.

THE Daily Crossword

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

Thursday's Puzzle Solved grid with filled-in words.

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CINEMA 4 advertisement listing showtimes for Titanic, The Man in the Iron Mask, and The Newton Boys.

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