Refinery manager Carruthers promoted; changeover set for May 1

Staff Writer

For the second time in the last three years, Big Spring's Fina Refinery is about to welcome a new refinery manager as Phil Carruthers has been promoted to the Dallas corporate office as general manager of high density ethylene.

"Basically, I'm going back to chemical group,' Carruthers said.

The official changeover is slated for May 1, when new

Both Carruthers and Weber said their families will remain in place until the end of the current school year.

Weber is coming back to Big Spring from Fina's styrene plant in Carville, La., which is where Carruthers came to Big Spring from in January 1995 when he replaced Jeff Morris.

Weber started his career with Fina in 1979 at the Big Spring plant, spending about five and a half years in Big Spring before

Plant Manager Steve Weber will being transferred to Dallas in be much easier because the 1985. From Dallas, Weber transferred to Port Arthur in 1989 as operations manager and to Carville, La. in 1995.

> Carruthers said his stay in Big Spring was not as long as he had expected, but the promotion is a good opportunity.

> "Typically, plant manager positions last around five to seven years," Weber said. Fina does this as a way to look

at new ideas, according to Carruthers. "This time the transition will

announcement that I was leaving and Steve was coming in was made on the same day by Fina," Carruthers said.

"It will be easier for me in Big Spring because I met my wife here and she has family here," Weber added. "There are still a lot of familiar faces around the plant from when I was here 13 years ago.*

Morris, who has headed Fina's Southwestern Business Unit. which oversees the Big Spring plant, is also moving on in the

company, Carruthers.

"Jeff will be taking over the Southeastern Business Unit and Steve Cornell will be heading the Southwestern Business Unit," Carruthers said.

Cornell in the past and said he expects a smooth transition because of that past relation-

The Big Spring refinery recently increased its production from 54,000 barrels of crude oil per day to 61,000 barrels.

Looking at the Southwestern Business Unit for fiscal year 1997, earnings before interest and taxes was \$24.7 million compared to a loss of \$4.4 million in 1996.

The Big Spring refinery took Weber has worked with advantage of an excellent margin environment by establishing a new crude throughput record.

Big Spring also set throughput records on several units and improved yields due to the 1996 fluid catalytic cracking un t enhancement project.

Perry unveils business proposal

By CARLTON JOHNSON

Staff Writer

Republican Lt. Governor hopeful Rick Perry, Texas' agriculture commissioner for the last seven years, was in Big



Spring Wednesday to his e x a s Business Improvement Plan.

Also he took the opportunity for some poli-

ticking. telling supportwhy he is the best choice in November for the state's sec-

ond-most powerful position. Perry said being back in Big Spring reminded him of his days as a pilot in the U.S. Air Force flying into Webb Air Force Base.

Perry unveiled his business plan at Freecom in Big Spring and used the business and owner John Freeman as an example of a company starting small and growing into prosperous and productive busi-

"We want business to have a chance to flourish." Perry said. "My plan will protect small businesses. It is important for people in Howard and martin Counties to know that my commitment to small businesses has not wavered and is rock solid."

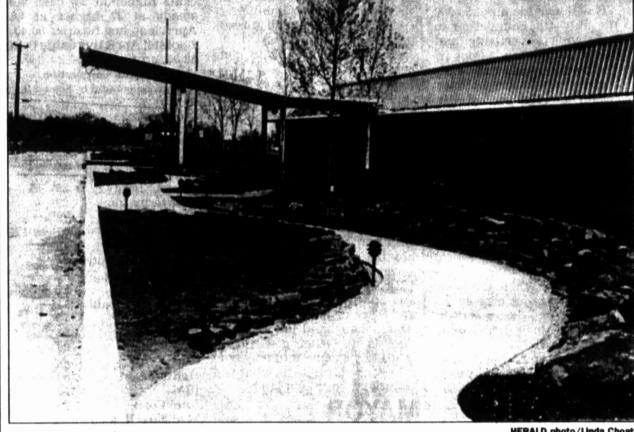
"When I'm Lt. Governor, I will cut taxes on small businesses," Perry added.

In his seven years as Agriculture Commissioner, Perry has eliminated 230 unnecessary regulations, kept his agency budget from growing and reduced the number of employees by 19 percent.

"I ran a small business for 14 years and know about dealing with burdensome taxes, government red-tape and the fear of frivolous lawsuits," Permy said. "My 12-point Texas Business Improvement Plan will cut small business taxes, eliminate unnecessary regulation and stop lawsuit abuse to spark economic opportunity and job creation."

"If we take advantage of these

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HERALD photo/Linda Choate

New landscaping at the Dora Roberts Community Center has added to the facility. New rock-lined sidewalks, shrubery and plants all help add to the building's appearance.

Convention, Visitor's Bureau searching for tourism director

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

In an effort to help increase the impact of tourism on Big Spring, as well as expand the services of the Convention and Visitor's Bureau, a search is under way for a Convention and Visitor's Bureau Tourism Director.

"A redefined job description has been approved by the CVB board and passed on to the chamber's executive committee," explained CVB Chairman John H. Walker.

The CVB Tourism Director, who will report to chamber executive vice president Terri Newton, will fill the position formerly held by Debbye Valverde, who has taken other responsibilities on the chamber staff.

"The discussion on tourism and a tourism director began last year," Walker explained. "At that time, there was a discussion as to whether or not it would be feasible to add a

tourism director to the staff. "Meeting with (current chamber president) Ray Kennedy and (president-elect) Chuck Williams, we determined that line of thought was not feasible. but that we wanted to better define the duties of the CVB staff person.

"After the first of the year a committee was formed to look at how other communities handled their CVB and tourism

CVB develops tourist questionaire

Big Spring's Convention and Visitor's Bureau has begun asking for feedback from persons visiting the community in an effort to help make persons want to come back.

"We have developed a ques-

ionnaire that asks a variety of nestions, ranging from why ney were in town to where ney stayed and how they rated ne lodging facility," explained VB Chairman John H.

Walker said the question-aires, used for the first time with this past weekend's pring City Arts and Crafts how, also asked if visitors re made aware of things activities, from a staffing point

of view."

Walker said that committee. chaired by Wade Choate, obtained job descriptions from other chambers in order to study them and come up with a job description.

"This is a very important position," Walker said. "This person will work with CVB as be charged with a plan to promote our activities, organizations and events.

"We're going to send this person on the road to bid on con-

going on in the community or of ways to find out about them as well as where they ate and whether or not they were ased with their dining expe-

"We had 33 questionnaires turned in by vendors at the show and are still receiving some in the mail." Walker said. By and large, the response

was positive."
Walker said that while the survey elicited comments such as "excellent" and "probably the cleanest motel I've stayed n," there were also negatives

"It's clear we have a consis-tent problem with some facilities, that's why we're conduct-

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ventions as well as participate in travel and trade shows. They will also be the liaison with our visitor industry representatives, particularly lodging and restaurant owners and opera-

Walker said the job description called for a person with the ability "to implement an effective program of convention and well as Cultural Affairs and will - visitor development for the community, which will result in increased visitor spending.' He said that includes plan

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Drugs BSISD ends investigation of Goliad incident; McQueary calls episode a 'moot issue'

By KATHY GILBERT

Staff Writer

No further investigation will be conducted on a mother's claim that her

daughter's forced transfer from Goliad Middle School to Alternative School unfair, Big Spring Independent **School District** officials said late Tuesday.



"There will be no further investigation. As far as I'm concerned it's a moot issue," BSISD Superintendent Bill McQueary

Yolanda O'valle is pressuring the district to allow her daugh ter to continue to attend Goliad. saying she is not a criminal, but rather a hero for turning in two packages of cocaine to teachers. The younger O'valle turned in one package on March 30 and another on March

Liza O'valle, 13, claimed she found one packet of what turned out to be cocaine on the floor in a hallway and was passed another packet in a note. She turned in both packets, but violated the school district's zero tolerance policy by handling the drugs at all.

O'valle received a letter Friday telling her her daughter would be transferred immedi-

ately to Alternative School for possession of four grams of cocaine. She has kept her daughter home from school for the past three days as she searches for another option.

School officials declined to comment on the case, citing legal concerns.

"I'm not going to discuss any student disciplinary action," McQueary said, "I have to stay within federal guidelines.

"Mrs. O'valle has the right to go through legal processes," he said, "The media is not listed in our due process. She can do whatever she wants to do."

Goliad Principal Brenda Gainey denied O'valle's claim that 60 students at Goliad had been given chewing gum sprinkled with cocaine.

"We had one report, we checked it out, and there's nothing to it," she said. "We have a no-gum policy on our campus, which we stand firm on. We haven't had any students in the office sick, we have not had any reports of that that have checked out positive - and we check out everything."

Gainey said that if there had been cause for alarm "we would have warned parents, but we haven't had a report that has checked out on this at all."

Big Spring's toughest job is to find out from students where the drugs came from, said Assistant Superintendent Murray Murphy, who also

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Two students face drug charges

HERALD Staff Report

Two Goliad Middle School students, ages 12 and 13, are awaiting adjudication following their arrest last week on drug charges.

According to Big Spring Police Department Public Information Officer Sgt. Roger Sweatt, the two are the first students in that age group arrested on drug charges since the beginning of the school year.

Police arrested a female juvenile on April 1 while a male juvenile was arrested the next day. Both were transported to the juvenile probation office and are awaiting adjudication.

The arrests were made after police responded to a call on Tuesday, March 31 pertaining to a possible controlled substance on the campus.

A police department press release said assistant principal Tom Adams told officers he had been advised a student had given a small plastic bag containing a white powder to a teacher earlier in the day. The contents were later determined to be cocaine following a field test.

Further investigation revealed that a student claimed another student had given the cocaine to them and the substance was eventually turned in to school officials.

The release reported that following additional interviews, the identity of the student believed responsible for bringing the cocaine to school was revealed.

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WEATHER













Tonight, clear. Lows 40-45. Friday, mostly sunny. Highs 80-85. Friday night clear. Lows 50-55. Extended forecast, Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s to lower 90s. Sunday and Monday, partly cloudy. Lows in the 50s. Highs in the 80s.

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Blackshear trying for third term as mayor Blackshear anxious to win a on during a third term is

By CARLTON JOHNSON

Staff Writer The city of



third term to say thank you. Blackshear is facing challenges from Wendell D. McDonald and former city councilwoman Pat DeAnda. If

tion, Blackshear says it will be his final term. "I feel like we've laid a strong groundwork during the past few years for enticing new industry to our community and feel that will be important for our city's

successful in the May 2 elec-

future." Blackshear said. One of the priorities Blackshear would like to focus

longevity of city employees. "We're spending a lot to train

our employees," Blackshear said. "In the past we've always looked at pay increases for our employees after we have run out of money, but this year during budget sessions I would like this to be the first thing we look

"We also want to continue our hall renovations," city Blackshear added. "We're obligated to keep our city buildings in good condition for future generations."

Infrastructure and capital improvement project concerns are not unique to Big Spring, but issues particular to the city are of the greatest concern to Blackshear.

"The growing urgency of the need for attention to deteriorating buildings in our community is one that demands our time and effort," Blackshear said. "These structures not only pose health and safety problems, but present the image of a dying community for the world to

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OBITUARIES

Joe C. Evans Service for Joe C. Evans, 68, Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home. He died Wednesday, April 8, 1998, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center.

Man, woman sought in attempted scam

HERALD Staff Report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office is warning local residents about a pair of con artists believed to be operating

An elderly woman reported being approached about 10:30 Wednesday morning in the H-E-B parking lot by a man and woman carrying a blue bag.

They claimed the bag had been found in the parking lot, and contained money they would share with her.

They told the elderly citizen she could claim one-third of the found money if she paid them with "honest money" from her own bank account. She did not fall for the scam.

Sought by authorities in connection with this incident is a white female, 5 feet 5 inches tall, weighing about 110 pounds, with shoulder-length red hair and fine features. She was wearing a red and black print office-type dress and gave the name "Rachael Hall."

The woman claimed she worked for "attorney Bob McAdams," and used poor grammar, according to reports.

The man involved in the incident is also white, 5 feet 9 inches tall and weighing 150-160 pounds with dark hair that was cut close. He was wearing blue jeans, a cap, and a blue jacket with a black collar.

The man is reported to have used the name "Mr. Davis," and said his money was in Security State Bank.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the Howard County Sheriff's Office at 264-2244.

Crimestoppers seeks information on burglaries

HERALD Staff Report

Crimestoppers issued the following bulletin today:

Several vehicle burglaries committed the night of March 31, 1998. Suspects broke the windows out of the vehicles to gain entry. Once inside the vehicle, they caused extensive damage removing stereo systems from the dash.

Estimated cost of damaged and stolen items is in excess of \$2,000. These crimes were committed on the east side of town on Howell and Ridgelea Streets.

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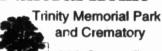
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Joe C. Evans, 68, died Wednesday. Services are pending.

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E. Margueritte Cooper, 82, died Tuesday. Services were at 2:00 PM Thursday at East 4th Street Baptist Church. **Interment** followed at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Anyone who has any information about this crime, call Crimestoppers at 263-TIPS. Crimestoppers is authorized to pay up to \$1,000 cash for information leading to the arrest, conviction or indictment of any person or persons involved in criminal activity.

Information is confidential and callers may remain unnamed and unknown.

STUDENTS

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Upon questioning, the student advised the cocaine had been given to students for them to try out. According to the student, some of the powder was sprinkled on pieces of chewing gum and ingested in that manner.

Police said they did not know how many students were involved. A total of six students have

been arrested on drug charges during the school year, Sweatt said. In addition to the two students arrested last week, one 15year-old and three 16-year-olds have been arrested on charges of possession of marijuana.

GOLIAD

Continued from page 1A supervises the DARE (Drug

Abuse Resistance Education) "It's going to be the hardest thing for a student to do. The hard part for us is when kids

clam up and don't tell who gave it to them," Murphy said. Drugs are usually concealed, and students who receive drugs usually know where they come

from, Murphy said. "We're experienced enough to know that very seldom do you just walk up in the hallway and just find something," he said. "I walk around school all the time. It's usually passed or concealed in some way."

Students are "very knowledgeable about what's going on (with drugs)," he added.

Murphy advised students who find or are given drugs to "turn them in to school officials so proper steps can be taken?

where the drugs came from, he added. "I would advise no kid to ever take (drugs) home," he said, "and to tell who gave it to them.'

Yolanda O'valle was told by school officials that her daughter was being transferred to Alternative School, in part, because she did not follow DARE training.

"They said the school handbook says that anyone who picks up something that looks like drugs, that's possession."

According to the district's student code of conduct, any student who sells, gives, or delivers to another person, or possesses, uses, or is under the influence of marijuana, a controlled substance, or a dangerous drug in an amount not constituting a felony offense may be sent to a disciplinary alternative education program for a time determined by the princi-

A student may be placed in an alternative education program for engaging in conduct punishable as a felony or for involvement in gang activity, the conduct code reads.

The term "possession" is not defined further in the code. Sgt. Roger Sweatt of the Big Spring Police Department

"By state law we don't release information until after adjudication," he said. "We're treading a line between the right to pri-

declined to comment on the

vacy and the public's right to know. With juveniles it's the right to privacy we have to look

DIRECTOR

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ning, directing and developing a marketing plan that will attract group meetings, sporting events, tour groups and individual travelers.

Applicants for the position must have a bachelor's degree in business or marketing or a tourism-related degree or at least five years' experience in the CVB, convention center, hotel or visitor attraction indus-

Walker said the job search will be regional in nature.

"This will be an active search committee because we want to find the best possible person for this position. The CVB is charged with promoting our community and working to grow tourism and we take that charge seriously.

In other action, the CVB approved funding requests from both the July 4th Foundation and the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo.

CVB will provide up to \$5,000 to the July 4th Foundation to help provide advertising and publicity for the July 3 Pops in the Park concert and fireworks display and \$2,000 for publicity and advertising for the 65th Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo.

CVB and Chamber of Commerce will also participate with the Rodeo Association in a \$1 night on the Thursday night of the rodeo.

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ing this survey. When you have people checking out of a motel because of smelly carpet or mice in the room or dirty linen, you have a problem.

Walker said the CVB will take the results from the survey and pass along the comments to those businesses mentioned.

"Specifically, we will take the results and pass them along to the lodging and restaurant facilities," he said. "We will supply a copy of the results to the local staff as well as making a copy of the results available to both franchisers and franchisees, when applicable. He added that the survey

results will also be used by the CVB's Lodging Attraction Committee in its efforts to attract a new hotel or motel to Big Spring.

'Several years ago, a community forum was held and out of six groups, five said one thing we needed was a first-class lodging facility," Walker said.

"Our Lodging Attraction Committee is working on putting a prospectus together in an effort to bring a new facility to the community. The committee is chaired by

Ben Bancroft.

One concern raised by the survey results, he said, is an apparent level of inconsistency in making visitors to the community aware of points of interest or how to find out about events in the community.

"About half of those surveyed said they weren't made aware of the events hot-line through the chamber and CVB, nor were they made aware of any points of interest within the communi-

"We have to do a better job of serving our visitors ... of being visitor friendly," Walker said.

Continued from page 1A healthy economic times to pass tax cuts and regulatory and tort reforms, Texas will be better

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ROUND THE TOWN

prepared for the future," Perry added. "In addition to this 12point business improvement plan, I will work closely with Gov. George W. Bush to pass his economic development plan which includes exempting many small businesses from the franchise tax."

Perry plan includes the following points:

•Cut the unemployment tax rate for small start-up businesses, allowing them to take root and grow.

•Require state agencies to review and eliminate unneeded regulations with improved public notification and participation.

•Establish one-stop, one-form permitting for business.

 Prohibit lawyers working for the state from receiving contingency fees.

 Provide job reference immunity for employers.

·Ensure damages are allocated based upon responsibility. ·Reform premises liability.

in class-action lawsuits. •End double-dipping in compensation.

Increase balance and fairness

•Encourage volunteer health care by protecting good samaritans from lawsuits.

Protect voluntary workers' compensation.

 Increase competition and incentives for state government

In responding to questions from the audience, Perry also addressed private land ownership and the benefit of Texas having a Republican as Lt. Governor.

"I recently spoke to the Texas and Southwestern cattleraisers and there is no more important issue than land ownership. Perry said. "When government regulations come into play, you lose your ability to do what you want with your own land."

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judge us by, and we all know how wrong that image is. Big Spring is on the up-swing and growing everyday."

Despite volunteerism being strong in the community, Blackshear said Big Spring needs more people to get involved because the community has good volunteers but they are the same people being called on time after time.

"I think it's a matter of finding the right projects for the right Blackshear said. people." "During the construction of Kids' Zone, we saw people that we've never seen anywhere

The city is only as successful as the effort its citizens put forth, according to Blackshear, meaning volunteerism has had a large part in the improvements made in Big Spring.

"Positive impacts of several volunteer groups working to improve the community such as Downtown Beautification and the Kids' Zone Committee, have demonstrated a renewed enthusiasm on the part of our citizens to

Texas Lottery

make Big Spring the best it can

be," Blackshear said. "It is my hope that our efforts to improve the quality of living in Big Spring will help in recruiting new citizens to our community," Blackshear added. "With an ample supply of labor, we will be able to continue our efforts to attract industry to our community. This newly attracted industry will help us to bolster the economy through a growing tax base, rather than an increase in tax rates.

MARKETS

May cotton 62.60 cents, up 50 points; May crude 15.61, up 6 points; Cash hogs steady at 50 cents higher at 35; cash steers steady at \$1 higher at 66.50; April lean hog futures 50.40, up 2 points; April live cattle futures 68.07, up 47 points.

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Silver POLICE

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

ROBERT PARK, 28, was

arrested on local warrants.



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• VINČENT MCVAE, 27, was arrested for revocation of provocation/driving while license suspended. VALATINE TORRES, JR.,

19, was arrested for revocation of probation/burglary of habita-

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Spring **Department/EMS reports:** Wednesday

12:05 a.m. — 1000 block North Main, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. 10:10 a.m. — 2000 block Airbase Road, tranma call,

patient transported to SMMC. 10:49 a.m. — 100 block N.E 9th, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

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refused. 10:32 p.m. - 1900 block N. Monticello, public service.

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Minnow threatens water authority

PLAINVIEW (AP) - Just when the 11 West Texas cities that comprise the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority thought they'd have flowing taps for decades, along swam the Arkansas River shiner.

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The Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club is convinced the little minnow is imperiled and is demanding the fish be declared an endangered species in a New Mexico federal lawsuit filed last month.

"The loss of the shiner, which depends on that kind of habitat, is an indicator that concerns us," said Sierra spokesman Club Royder.

"We're basically concerned about the continued decline of an (Ogallala) aquifer that supports animals and humans. We cannot continue to draw water from an aquifer that cannot recharge. I would hope most people would not want the aquifer to go extinct."

Royder said the Sierra Club, which also sued to force pumping restrictions on the Edwards Aquifer in Central Texas, is targeting the Interior Department to force action on the shiner. Yet CRMWA officials said during a Wednesday meeting they feel the crosshairs, too.

"We don't really have a part in the suit as it's filed now," general manager John Williams said. "But if it takes the same course as others we've seen, we need to protect our ability to participate."

Directors support intervention even though the CRMWA isn't mentioned. Legal costs could range between \$25,000 to more than \$200,000 if the authority gets involved, but Borger board member Tom Edmonds said the cost could be devastating if it doesn't.

"It puts you in a position hat you almost have to show up and say, 'We think we have an interest that needs to be protected, because we're really not sure why you're having this lawsuit." said Edmonds, a lawyer and engineer. "... We're going to protect our rights.'

A committee of CRMWA board members will decide whether or not to apply for intervention.

CRMWA cities, which Amarillo include Lubbock, fear that if the shiner is listed as endangered, the government might limit proposed pumping from underground resources in Roberts County, which the authority fought for years to use in the first place.

The Roberts County water is needed to blend with the salty Lake Meredith water the member cities currently receive. Williams said he expects up to 30 percent of the water flowing down the pipelines someday to come from underground.

The CRMWA has performed a series of environmental impact reports that have determined heavy pumping from Roberts County won't drastically affect the region, Bureau but the Reclamation hasn't approved the studies yet.

For the authority to begin using the Roberts County water, either the bureau must accept the impact statements or the CRMWA must obtain title to the bureau's pipeline system. A bill sponsored by U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry, R-Clarendon, proposes just that.

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Morales: Texas should settle tobacco deal fast

AUSTIN (AP) — Gigarette smoking but concluded that makers' plans to fight proposed effort is now "dead."

national anti-tobacco legislation That prompted Morales to say left Attorney General Dan Morales with two words about completing Texas' \$15.3 billion settlement: Hurry up.

"We are playing with fire if we delay finality of this settlement any longer," Morales said. "Let's get our own deaf done. We can't control what's going on in Washington. We can control what's going on in Texas."

His remarks came only hours after major cigarette manufacturers said Wednesday that they would fight anti-tobacco legislation in Congress. They said they support last year's less-expen-

it now "is as imperative as it ever has been that we ... get this money in the bank, start putting it to work for our state, for our taxpayers, for our kids."

Texas is one of three states to already settle with the tobacco industry. The settlement resulted from a lawsuit filed by the state seeking damages for smoking-related health care costs paid by the state.

The agreement, before U.S. District Judge David Folsom in Texarkana, calls for the companies to pay Texas \$15.3 billion.

But the deal isn't final. Two sive agreement to curb teen major complaints are pending.

Some counties and hospital districts have complained that the agreement prohibits them from filing their own lawsuits against the tobacco industry to recover costs of treating more than \$5 billion in tobacco-relat-

ed illnesses at public hospitals. Gov. George W. Bush and seven legislators also argue that Morales lacked the authority to promise a 15 percent fee, amounting to \$2.3 billion, to five private lawyers who worked on the case for the state.

Linda Edwards, a spokeswoman for Bush, said the governor also wants the settlement to become final.

"He hopes the attorney general will join him and agree to

separate the issue of attorneys' fees so the \$15.3 billion settlement award to Texas can become final," Ms. Edwards

Morales has said tobacco companies - and the federal government if necessary - will cover the attorneys' fees.

The attorney general said his office has been conferring with representatives of Bush and the counties, and he voiced optimism that resolution is near.

"We are engaged in discussions with all of those parties and we are encouraged that we will be able, in the very near future, to arrive at an accommodation by which everyone is in agreement that the interests of taxpayers in our state will be served," Morales said.

He said that could be "a matter of days, if not a matter of weeks.'

Morales said the state's settlement could be jeopardized if the tobacco companies were able to argue that a major change has been made.

"Texas has prevailed. We have won our lawsuit. We have \$15.3 billion that we are ready to take to the bank," he said.

Although the state has its own deal, Morales said national legislation is needed for two critical actions: regulation of tobacco by the federal Food and Drug Administration, and restric tions on tobacco marketing.

Frank diary back in Corpus Christi libraries

book about the world's bestknown Holocaust victim has been returned to the shelves of middle school after being removed for about two months when two parents complained that it was pornographic.

"Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl," was back in the library at Baker Middle School on Wednesday, about two months after it was removed following the complaints. school officials said.

School officials reviewed the book and returned it to the shelves.

The parents had complained about what they called "homosexual content" in passages where Anne Frank said she once kissed a girl friend and was curious about her friend's body.

George Wetzel, executive director for instruction and special programs for the school district, said a district committee on Monday upheld a recommendation by the middle school staff to keep the book.

Eighth graders read the book recently as part of a study on the Nazi campaign to annihilate the Jews.

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> Goltzman said. "I have raised a family here, and to find out that I'm still living in such a backward community absolutely makes me

> ashamed," she said. Ms. Goltzman, who frequently speaks to students about her family's quest to evade Hitler. said she was stunned to learn that anyone would attempt to ban the diary. It has been translated into 55 languages and read by millions world-

wide. She said she was also stunned to realize that the objections of a few parents could cause the removal of a book, even temporarily. Under the school district's

policy, anyone may protest a book by filing a complaint that could result in the removal of that text from a school. Baker Middle School is home

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Exxon deepwater drilling plans challenge current oil price slump

DALLAS (AP) - A \$1.2 billion in today's editions. "Exxon 1990 is mostly natural gas. drilling project in the Gulf of Mexico is planned by Exxon Corp. despite weakening oil prices that the company says don't affect its long-term plans.

The Irving, Texas-based energy company is joining British Petroleum PLC for the project in 4,800 feet of water, expected to establish a world record on water depth for a drilling and production platform with an associate subsea development.

The two fields Exxon has targeted have combined reserves of 300 million barrels of oil equivalent.

"Price volatility is expected," told The Dallas Morning News business is capital-intensive and the company takes the longterm view.

Analysts believe that smaller companies performing land drilling in the United States and Canada have felt the brunt of low oil prices.

Meanwhile, oil giants have pushed ahead with many energy projects.

Exxon operates both the Diana and Hoover fields, 160 miles south of Galveston, with a 67 percent interest. British Petroleum is its partner with a 33 percent stake.

Made about a year ago, the Exxon spokesman Bob Davis Hoover discovery is primarily oil while the Diana find from

After the average price for a barrel of West Texas Intermediate neared \$21 in 1997, crude oil prices have plunged this year. Futures contracts for crude oil rose 33 cents Wednesday on the New York Mercantile Exchange to close at \$15.55 a barrel.

But Exxon, with interests in 10 gulf discoveries, also recently announced major drilling plans in the North Sea and off the Angolan coast.

The energy company has also participated in other drilling projects at record-breaking water depths.

"The outlook for the future is positive," Davis said.

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OUR VIEWS

Telephone company, Day's Inn Motel should fix eyesores

"t's time for something to be done about two eyesores in town ... two that are easily seen and prominent to people driving around the communi-

The Southwestern Bell elevated satellite dish, located behind the telephone building on Runnels Street, has had a tattered cover flapping in the West Texas wind for nearly two years now following the May 10, 1995 hailstorm.

You'd think that a good corporate neighbor like the telephone company would want its physical plant to have a professional, if not attractive appearance.

Apparently all the money that could be spent to place a new cover on the dish was used to in the losing fight for exclusivity in the local telephone service market.

The other eyesore is the sign at the Day's Inn Motel although a call to the Day's Inn reservation and information line will result in callers being told there is no longer a Day's Inn in Big Spring, instead referring them to Colorado City.

Regardless, the property's marquee has been without a sign on the east side, facing westbound traffic on I-20, for several months.

Nothing but exposed neon bulbs can be seen in the sign, which towers above the Tulane Street exit from the interstate and does nothing other than help give the

community and the motel a rag-tag look.

The motel property is one of the first businesses coming from the east—and one of the last from the west where there is major, lighted signage facing the inter-

If the motel's absentee owner won't repair the sign, the last recourse is from the Texas Department of Transportation, which can use federal highway signage regulations to force action.

It's a shame to have to take a business to that level to get them to do something that would do nothing but help their property, but that is apparently the case when people just seem to not care about how things look and what others think.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

Most people are aware of the persistent regional haze that has fouled the Permian Basin since late 1994. This haze is caused by the combustion of sour, low BTU coal in two Mexican power plants located south of Piedras Negras, Mexico, 20 miles from the U.S. border. Carbon I only impactéd the border region, including the Big Bend National Park but with both Carbon I and Carbon II onstream, the impact extends as far as northern New Mexico. This same haze is usually obvious at Cloudcroft and Ruidoso, N.M. The U.S. National Park Service (NPS), which adminisers the Big Ben National Park, together with the EPA, has previously investigated and pursued remediation of the Carbon problem. In June 1997. Mexican officials agreed o tracer testing at the two Carbon power plants but Mexico has since stalled. The reason for the stall is that, after the agreement, Mexican officials realized that tracer testing these plants would be like playing Russian roulette with all cylinders loaded. The plants are guilty and they know it!

Moreover, the Clinton Administration appears no longer willing to directly fund tracer testing which it previbusly supported through the 1997 negotiations. The 1998 Clinton budget provides \$200 million increased funding for the NPS but the NPS, after

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negotiating the tracer study with Mexico in 1997, has allotted absolutely no funding for the tracer testing. It is extremely important that this testing be conducted since it is a necessary first step toward remediation of the Carbon problem. If this pollution is not controlled, the Permian Basin will be ruined as a place to live and work. We have only a short time before Mexico brings on yet another uncontrolled power plant, the GAN facility which is also south of Piedras Niegras.

A massive letter response from citizens of West Texas may reverse this unconscionable abandonment of responsibility to our area. Everyone is urged to write both Texas U.S. Senators, your regional U.S. Representatives, President Clinton, Governor Bush, Jr. and the two principal people associated with the National Park Service:

Bruce Babbitt; Secretary of the Interior; 1849 C Street NW; Washington, DC; 20240; and Robert Stanton; Director, National Park Service; 1849 C Street NW; Washington, DC; 20240.

Please request, politely but firmly, that the tracer testing be funded and conducted during the summer of 1998. Transport of the pollution is worse during the warmer months, hence summer testing is important.

> DON JUDD Midland

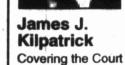
Case of the actress who lost the bit role

The long and short of it is, Naomi Marquez lost the part. She lost the part because the

Guild (SAG) screwed up, and now the Supreme Court has agreed to get into the act. These are the facts:

In the

Actors



late summer of 1994, the Seattle-based producers of a television series called "Medicine Ball" needed an actress for a bit part. Ms. Marquez successfully auditioned for the role.

She called Seattle's SAG office in September, only to learn that she would have to pay \$500 in union initiation fees and dues BEFORE the tap-

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early '50s when most furniture

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My Uncle Cary ran a furni-

Blakely, a rambling emporium

that smelled deliciously of new

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ern swivel rockers and old-fash-

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I bet he surprised my grand-

mother with the little chest on

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to get the chest out of storage. I

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ing. She didn't have the \$500. Sorry about that, said SAG.

At this point, Ms. Marquez got in touch with Hugh Reilly of the National Right to Work Legal Foundation. He wrote a letter reminding SAG Ms. Marquez could not be required to join a union as a condition of employment. The union got the word.

SAG's counsel belatedly advised the producers that Ms. Marquez was now OK. Alas, the show already had been taped, with another actress in the role. Hell hath no fury like an actress spurned. She sued. She lost in the trial court and lost again in the 9th Circuit last August, but last month the Supreme Court agreed to hear

By nice coincidence, on the same day the high court granted her petition for review the court heard argument in another case involving compulsory unionism and agency fees.

The Right to Work Legal

A reminder of loved one now gone

a scarf of lace, like a Barcelona

I remember what she kept in

every drawer. That seems odd,

when I think about it, to know

the contents of someone else's

But we children routinely

grandmother's house and never

considered it plundering. If she

minded, she never said. There

inspected every inch of my

was nothing in her humble

home that was off-limits, not

even her underwear drawers.

When we forgot to put things back in their place, she quietly

If ever there was a life that

could bear a child's relentless

In one of those drawers she

kept a box of photographs.

People didn't buy a frame a

week back then. Who could

afford it? Sometimes a precious

picture ended up in a drawer,

tucked between Leviticus and

Her Bible was in that drawer,

too, along with newspaper clip-

pings or photographs from The

She often clipped poems that

We think of those we love

with a change of season; why

that's so I'm not sure. But it's

Progressive Farmer that she

spoke to her. They always

scrutiny, it was hers.

When we broke things, she

glued them back together.

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The old lamp I put on top

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Foundation finds itself in high cotton. The several cases may produce a defining "bright line" opinion on the powers of a union and the rights of dissident workers. Ms. Marquez may have triggered the biggest explosion of law in this field since the rights of dissidents

first gained protection in 1961. The opposing positions are well-known. On one side is the evil of compulsory unionism. In a free country, no person should be compelled to become and remain "a member in good standing" of a labor union in order to get or to hold a job. Nevertheless, many collectivebargaining agreements, including those negotiated by the Screen Actors Guild, contain that provision.

On the other side is the freerider - the nonunion employee who benefits from a unionnegotiated bargaining agreement but pays nothing toward the union's expenses.

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on my Easter dress, embroider-

large room, those perfect little

voile and taffeta and polished

They always arrived by mail,

cotton, meticulously stitched

in plenty of time, bundled up

in brown paper and tied with

recycled string, lumpy, loose

laugh at these days.

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compromise: Rosie the Riveter cannot be compelled to join a union, but she can be compelled to pay for the services the union provides.

Things never work out so neatly. Lawsuits have raged up and down the judicial circuits on the defining and calculation of "nongermane" outlays.

Other questions arise. The case that was argued on March 23 involved Robert A. Miller and 152 other nonunion pilots for Delta Air Lines. They objected to paying for certain expenses of the Air Line Pilots Association. In their view, these expenses simply were nongermane to (1) collective bargaining, (2) contract administration or (3) resolution of grievances.

The union said yes, the expenses were germane. Then the union hired a professional arbitrator to make a nonbinding recommendation. The dissidents said, We don't like your kind of arbitration.

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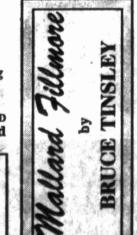
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Tornado rocks Alabama; 18 dead in Jefferson County

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) frantically searched through the rubble of homes for survivors today after a tornado ripped through one town after another just outside Birmingham. At least 20 people were killed.

Hardest hit was Jefferson County, west of the city, with 18 dead and devastation in several tiny communities.

Leon Hyche lost his niece,

Deb Helms, and her two sons. Colby, 8, and Carson, 4, in Wednesday night's storm. They were killed as they hid in their basement just down the street from him in Rock Creek.

"It's supposed to be the safest place," he said. "The whole wall collapsed on them."

Hyche said his niece's husband, Dave Helms, was not home at the time.

"He's crushed," Hyche said.

"He's lost everything."

More than 160 people were taken to Birmingham hospitals, where officials said many required surgery. At least two people were partially paralyzed and still others, at least six, were in critical condition.

The same storm system was also blamed for one death in Mississippi and one in Georgia. In the glare of spotlights, bod-

ies lying along the road could be

seen in the early-morning dark twisted, random trail of destruc- recalled how quickly it struck. in Rock Creek. Chain saws buzzed as searchers desperately tried to get to homes cut off by felled trees, overturned cars and the bricks and timber of ruined

The Rock Creek Church of God was turned into a trauma

The powerful storm system sparked warnings an hour before sunset and then began a tion across Alabama two hours later, at 8 p.m.

Homes of wood and brick in Rock Creek were reduced to their foundations, with household appliances scattered across yards, limbs and power lines across streets. Ambulances had difficulty reaching the dead.

The tornado destroyed the boat atop his garage. He

"I was sitting in the recliner and my daughter called my wife and said a tornado had touched down at Oak Grove, he said.

"My wife ran into the bathroom. I started, but the roof caved in."

Mayor Wallace Thompson of nearby Sylvan Springs said the storm dealt a devastating blow home of Leon Harmon and left a to a small town that had grown and prospered.

Most immigrants coming from Latin America

immigrants early in this centua a nation of immigrants. ry have there been so many residents of the United States who were born somewhere else.

But this time, instead of Russia and Poland, Italy and Ireland, the new arrivals are more likely to be from Latin nation's foreign-born residents.

"It's quite different now. The nationalities now contributing to the growth are Mexican, Latin American and the Asian Ricky Ricardo was once a telecountries and that has been the picture since World War II," said Manuel de la Puente, a sociologist who heads the channels provide programming Census Bureau's ethnic statistics branch.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Not threat to America. Some see it since the flood of European as a continuation of history for

With nearly one in 10 residents foreign-born, the influx is changing the look and sound of large parts of the nation as politicians and advertisers practice their Spanish, Latin food sections join Chinese, Italian America, the origin of half the and kosher in supermarkets and the airwaves add the sounds of salsa music and the

action of soccer. In a nation where Cuban-born vision novelty, viewers now can watch the all-Spanish Univision network, and cable and satellite in Greek, Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Tagalog, Arabic, Some see the change as a German, French and other lan-

The 9.6 percent foreign-born in America today is the most since 1930, when 11.6 percent of U.S. residents were natives of another country.

The share peaked at 14.7 percent in 1910 in the wake of the massive European immigration in the late 19th century.

To K. C. McAlpin, deputy director of the Federation for American Immigration Reform, the rapid influx is a problem affecting such things as crowded schools, crime rates, urban sprawl and increased government costs.

In addition, he said, after the flood of immigrants at the turn of the century Congress effectively closed the doors in the 1920s, taking a 40-year timeout

to digest the new arrivals. "Nothing on the horizon at the moment suggests we are going to do the same thing," he observed.

"It's fair to say that the immigrants now are coming from different origins than most of the rest of the population comes from and, as a consequence, it's also fair to say that the United States will change as a result of that," said Jeffrey Passel, a population expert at the Urban Institute.

But, he added, that's just what was happening nearly a century

Many people at that time worried that the country couldn't absorb the newcomers, just as many people do now, he said

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Statistics: Sport utility vehicles rollover risks

WASHINGTON (AP) Statistics showing sport utility vehicles have double the rollover risk of other vehicles have prompted the government's highway safety agency to propose strongly worded labels for them.

The labels proposed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration will use bright colors and show a vehicle tipping sideways with the Rollover," according to documents obtained Wednesday by Automobile Manufacturers Association, said the Big Three words: "Warning: High Risk of

unveiled Thursday, would apply to most sport utilities including such popular models as the Chevy Blazer and Chrysler Jeep Grand Cherokee. But it would not apply to larger sport utility vehicles with a wheel base over 110 inches such as Ford Expeditions or General Motors Suburbans.

"Sport utility vehicles have the highest rollover-related occupant fatality rate — double the average for all vehicles **NHTSA** types," said Administrator Ricardo Martinez. "We want to make sport utility drivers aware of the need for care in certain maneuvers (such as sharp turns) because these vehicles drive very differently from pas-

senger cars. Sport utilities have higher ground clearance for off-road use and a higher center of graved.

 ity that agency officials believe is a key factor in the higher rollover rate.

There are 98 rollovers per 1 million sports utility vehicles each year, compared with 47 rollovers per 1 million for all vehicles

A warning label already is required for sport utilities, but it is a 20-year-old, text-only label that tells motorists that the "vehicle may roll over" if the driver makes sharp turns.

The agency proposal, to be domestic automakers would "look at the proposal carefully."

"The risk of rollover for any vehicle is relatively low. Felrice said, adding that the way a motorist drives is an important factor.

In 1996, about 30 percent of all passenger deaths involved crashes in which a vehicle rolled over. Single-vehicle rollover crashes accounted for 19 percent of passenger deaths in cars, compared with 35 percent in pickups and 53 percent in utility vehicles, according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

The labels also promote seat belt use. More than 9,000 people die in accidents in which vehicles roll over, according to the

In those crashes, the likelihood of being killed is 40 times greater if an occupant is eject-

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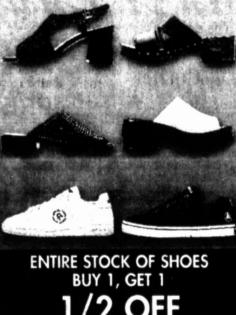
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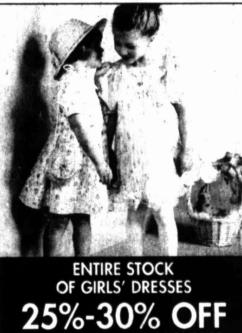
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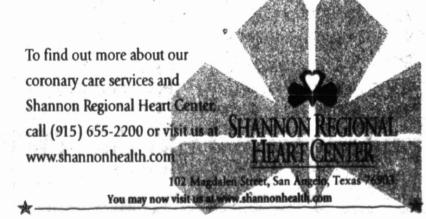
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Deadline looms on N. Ireland meetings

BELFAST, Ireland (AP) - Spurred on by a looming deadline and the British and Irish prime ministers, Northern Ireland's divided politicians launched into high-pressure negotiations today in hopes of hammering out a compromise way to govern the province.

Arriving together at Stormont, the negotiating venue in east Belfast, Britain's Tony Blair and Ireland's Bertie Ahern both predicted an accord could be struck by midnight (7 p.m. EDT), the deadline sought by the talks chairman.

"We are here to do a job ... and we have got to get it done," Blair said.

Ahern had met with Northern Ireland's major pro-British Protestant party, the Ulster Unionists, into the early hours, then with their enemies from the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party. He said both sides assured him that "they're prepared to make the necessary moves to put this all in place."

The eight participating parties remain far apart on key issues, but all were taking the deadline seriously. Some negotiators suggested they would not leave Stormont unless they had an agreement in hand.

"We might have to shoot out the clocks at five minutes to midnight, but we'll get there," said David Ervine, who leads a party linked with a pro-British Protestant paramilitary group, the Ulster Volunteer Force. "The gap is bridgeable. We have a decent chance of an agreement."

"All sides realize that, after so much effort, this is going to be the last opportunity in a very long time we have to sort out our problems," said Seamus Mallon, deputy leader of the Social Democratic and Labor Party, Sinn Fein's moderate rival for Catholic votes.

Former U.S. Sen. George Mitchell, the talks' chairman, has emphasized that he did not want to consider what would happen if the parties remained deadlocked beyond the deadline, but negotiators said they assumed they would just keep going into Friday and beyond.

Any agreement would rest on two key planks: A new Northern Ireland assembly in which Protestants and Catholics share power, and a new cross-border council in which the north's politicians come together with lawmakers from the Irish Republic.

Mitchell's 65-page draft agreement specified different ways to make those two proposed institutions work so that Protestants and Catholics can feel like equal partners.

The Ulster Unionists threw the talks into crisis Tuesday speedily rejecting Mitchell's confidential draft. On Wednesday night, Blair

and Ahern together met Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble to discuss his array of proposed amendments. The Irish government delegation haggled with the group for another two hours past mid-

Both governments' delegations said they thought they had made progress in reassuring the Ulster Unionists that the kind of strong, independent cross-border council Catholic politicians seek wouldn't result in southern Irishmen telling northern Irishmen what to do.

The Ulster Unionists' deputy leader, John Taylor, said the choice facing the talks was simple and immediate: Negotiators would "resolve" how much power, or how little, the cross-border section of a settlement should

wield. The Ulster Unionists governed Northern Ireland for a half-century as a one-party state until the British government pulled the plug on the Stormont parliament in 1972.

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Japan's leader promises tax cuts to prime economy

Ryutaro Hashimoto announced today he will slash taxes as part of the largest-ever economic stimulus package in Japan, a nation whose recovery is considered vital to that of the rest of Asia.

Last month, amid increasingly urgent pleas domestically and internationally to boost the economy, Hashimoto pledged an unprecedented \$120 billion package. But the proposal was greeted with skepticism because it lacked details on where the money would go.

today Hashimoto released some of those more than \$76 billion would go directly into the economy to spur domestic demand. That includes \$15 billion in special tax cuts for this year and the same for 1999.

The prime minister did not elaborate on how the balance of the \$76 billion would be used, but at least some of it was expected to be devoted to public works projects.

"Our economy is in a serious state," Hashimoto told reporters. respond to the strong wish of the people to make the economy better, I have decided to implement measures to restore

trust in our nation's economy."

However, the remarks failed to impress the markets, which had been hoping for a bolder strategy for Japan's economic

Before Hashimoto spoke, the Tokyo Stock Exchange's main index climbed 1.0 percent, closing at 16,536.66 in anticipation of tax cuts. The yen also strengthened, with the dollar declining 1.10 yen from the previous day and trading at 132.14 yen just before his news conference.

Later, however, the dollar climbed back above

in the package that the market hadn't already factored in," said Takeo Suzuki, of Yasuda Trust and Banking. "We had been hoping for something like a permanent tax cut."

The tax cuts would mark a departure from Hashimoto's policy of fiscal austerity, which is aimed at reducing Japan's mammoth national debt, currently almost equal to the country's domestic product.

Hashimoto has long said his priority is to right Japan's messy finances by early next century. With today's move, however, he

"There wasn't anything will have to abandon those plans, at least for

The policy U-turn could become an embarrassment for Hashimoto, by reinforcing the image of an indecisive administration that acts only when it comes under overwhelming outside pressure.

The announcement was expected to add fuel to opposition calls for Hashimoto's resignation, but the prime minister denied today that he had any plans to step down over his country's failed economic policy.

The United States and other nations have been pushing Japan to prime

its economy so it can buy more abroad and thus help other Asian nations trying to cope with their own deep economic slumps. In the past, Japan has sought to avoid stimulus packages by allowing the yen to fall and trying to export its way out of trouble.

One of the main obstacles to stimulus measures has been the governing Democratic Party's own fiscal reform enacted November, which significantly tightened the government's purse strings. The Cabinet is expected to convene a committee

Jerusalem mayor: Nothing can stop disputed building

Standing on a hill overlooking the construction site of a disputed Jewish housing project, Mayor Ehud Olmert vowed Wednesday that nothing would stop Israel from building in Jerusalem.

"Har Homa is within Jerusalem's jurisdiction and what lies within the jurisdiction of Jerusalem is not a subject for negotiation," Olmert said. "Har Homa is an inseparable part of Jerusalem and it will be built despite everything, whether the delay is long or

Construction in the neighborhood that Arabs also claim, and

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Weeks of intermittent violence in the West Bank erupted when Israel broke ground a year ago, leaving several Palestinians dead and dozens wounded and badly damaging the peace talks.

No bulldozers, tractors or cranes were at work Wednesday. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has delayed releasing bids to contractors, apparently acquiescing to American demands to freeze construction until progress is made in the peace talks.

Olmert, who has sharply criticized that, visited the site with

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call Jabal Abu Ghneim, is on Public Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani.

Netanyahu, meanwhile, sent a senior aide to meet with U.S. representatives for further talks on the three withdrawals from the West Bank that Israel is supposed to make under a 1997 agreement. Yitzhak Molcho met with U.S. envoy Dennis Ross in London on Wednesday.

State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said he did not have "the results" of the meeting but reminded reporters that Britain currently holds the presidency of the European Union, and said Ross "did have a chance to brief certain officials in London.'

the Middle East later this month to try to work out an agreement that will allow Israel to proceed with the pullback.

The Americans are pushing Israel to withdraw from 12 percent to 15 percent of the West Bank in the next pullback, but Netanyahu has said Israel cannot give up more than 9 per-The Palestinians have said

they expect far more than 15 percent, but privately have signaled they would accept the American proposal.

Israeli news Wednesday said Netanyahu's government was considering a

Ross is expected to return to plan under which Israel word. turn over 9 percent of the West Bank to full Palestinian control; 3 percent more would come under Palestinian civil control with Israeli troops in charge of

The Palestinians currently have full or partial control over 27 percent of the West Bank and most of the Gaza Strip.

Kahalani said Israel would be mistaken if it linked the disputed neighborhood to the West Bank withdrawal. "Har Homa should be under construction already," he said.

Olmert and Kahalani's visit was part of a tour of east Jerusalem.

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Bauer Elementary

Bauer Magnet Elementary students and faculty marked their calendars for the play, The Emperor's New Clothes, performed by the Pic Wic Players on Friday, March 27, 1998. The students hopped on six buses to see the play at the Midland Community Theater. This was the first time any school in the Big Spring Independent School District had taken the whole student body on a field trip. Tickets for the play were earned by students in the fall fundraiser.

A few words from the critics included, "This play was very cool, and it was interesting." Another student commented, "It was fun, and we got to laugh and talk on the bus." Some strong words from the principal, Mrs. Clark, included, "I loved The Emperor's New Clothes, and the kids were well behaved. I was very proud of them all. Everyone looked

Even the actors complimented them. "I thought the play was wonderful, and the costumes were great." It is clear that all involved had a fantastic

By Gentry Lunsford and Brittany Anderson

Forsan High School

Terra Proctor received a \$500

scholarship from District VIII Student Council over the last four years. serves as president Student Council and District VIII president. She was also cho-

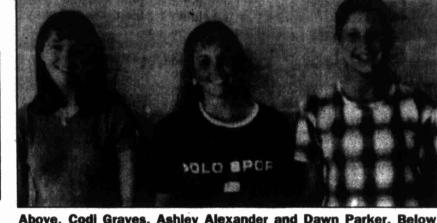


sen as outstanding member for the district. Terra is the daughter of Bonnie and Chuck Miller.

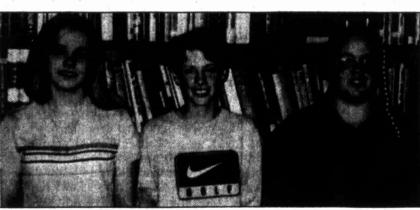
Forsan's One Act Play "Arkansas Bear" placed as an alternate in the district I contest Saturday in Winters. Allcast awards were presented to Dawn Parker for her role as Tish, and to Ashley Alexander, who played the little bear. Honorable mention awards were given to Dane Richardson and Codi Graves. Jam Sims directed the student produc-

Five students from Forsan High School will advance to the Regional UIL Literary Meet on April 25 in Abilene.

Joy Humphreys, daughter of Dale and Beverly Humphreys, qualified in four events. She took first place in Number Sense; third, in Feature Writing and Editorial Writing; and third in Literary Criticism.



Above, Codi Graves, Ashley Alexander and Dawn Parker. Below. Joy Humphreys, Michael Rowden and Kim Cain.



Michael Rowden, son of Richard and Monette Rowden placed 2nd in Number Sense.

The Number Sense team

placed first at the District meet in Wall and the team composed Humphreys, Rowden, Kimberly Cain, daughter of David and Ann Cain, and Blaine Roman, son of David and Sherry Roman will also participate in the regional

Caleb Hollingshead, son of Joe Hollingshead and Kathy Stephens placed 1st in LD Debate and 3rd in Current

Dane Richardson, son of Daryl and Kaye Richardson placed third in LD debate.

Also placing at the District meet, but not advancing were

Please see SCHOOL, page 8A.



HERALD photos/Linda Choat Raheem Farr, left, finds an egg in the crook of a tree during the Head Start egg. hunt and picnic Tuesday. Below, students fill their baskets during the fun



Not everybody wins in child power struggles

vulnerable? How do you usually skilled in sports that explain this paralyzing social fear at an age when they are notoriously gutsy? There is very little else that scares them. Teen-agers drive their cars like maniacs and the boys make great combat soldiers.

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Dobson Columnist

he panics in the noisy company of his peers? Why are they so frightened of each other?

DR. DOBSON: I believe the answer is related to the nature of power and how it influences human behavior. Adolescent society is based on the exercise of raw force. That is the heart and soul of its value system. It comes in various forms.

For girls, there is no greater social dominance than physical beauty. A truly gorgeous young woman is so powerful that even the boys are often terrified of her. She rules in a high school like a queen on her throne, and in fact, she is usually given some honor with references to royalty in its name (homecoming queen, homecoming princess, sweetheart's queen, football queen, etc.). The way she uses this status to intimidate her subiects is in itself a fascinating study in adolescent behavior.

Boys derive power from physical attractiveness too, but also from athletic accomplishment in certain pre-

QUESTION: Why are kids so carry the greatest status are exhibit sheer physical strength (football) or size (basketball).

Do you remember what the

world of adolescence was like for you? Do you recall the power games that were played -the highly competitive and hostile environment into which you walked every day? Can you still feel the apprehension you experienced when a popular (powerful) student called you a creep, or a jerk, or he put his big hand in your face and pushed you out of the way? He wore a football jersey, which reminded you that the entire team would eat you alive if you should be so fool ish as to fight back.

Does the memory of the junior-senior prom still come to mind occasionally, when you were either turned down by the girl you loved or were not asked by the boy of your dreams? Have you ever had the campus heroes make fun of the one flaw you most want ed to hide, and then threaten to mangle you on the way home from school?

Perhaps you never went through these stressful encounters. Maybe you were one of the powerful elite who oppressed the rest of us. But your son or daughter could be on the receiving end of the flak. A few years ago I talked to a mother whose seventhgrade daughter was getting butchered at school each day. She said the girl awakened an hour before she had to get up each morning and lay there thinking about how she could get through her day without being humiliated.

Typically, power games are more physical for adolescent males than females. The bullies literally force their will on those who are weaker. That is

scribed sports. Those that Please see DOBSON, page 8A.

Angelo Jazz Band will join BS Symphony

HERALD Staff Report

Take the unseemly combination of a successful stock broker, a TV repairman, a major hospital mid-manager, a ballettrained dancer, a very active grandmother, and a symphony conductor, and what do you

You have the Angelo Jazz Band which will be the fea-tured guest artists with the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra at its annual pops concert in Municipal Auditorium Saturday, April 18.

With the concert title, "Big Bands and All That Jazz", what you see is what you get-and it will be a 'BIG' Big Band. The orchestra, numbering about 60 musicians, will perform familiar and popular big band tunes that have been arranged for symphony orchestra.

Selections such as "In The Mood", "Take the 'A' Train", "April In Paris", "Stardust", "Sophisticated Lady", and "Sing, Sing, Sing" are just a few tunes that the audience can enjoy. The Angelo Jazz Band will be



Shown in this photo, the Angelo Jazz Band is gearing up to perform

with the Big Spring Symphony April 18. The concert is titled, "Big Bands and All That Jazz.' featured with the Symphony on Spring Symphony and the jazz pieces like "Back Home in Angelo Jazz Band.

Indiana", "I've Found a New Baby", "Mood Indigo", "St. Louis Blues", and "When the Saints Go Marching In".

Christian University has writ- church worship services, and ten, as he did for Jody Nix, can be heard every Sunday nine arrangements for the Big evening from 6-8 p.m. at La

The Angelo Jazz Band was first organized in February of

They play frequently at Dr. Ed George of Abilene dances, parties, receptions,

Olive Hayes, piano, is a charter member of the Angelo Jazz Band, a native of Llano, and a grandmother.

Gene Smith, clarinet and saxophone, is also a charter member of the Angelo Jazz Band. With 25 years experience conducting symphony orchestras and choruses, Smith calls his playing with the jazz band his "hobby"...

Max Hulse, harmonica, is a native of Littlefield who is one of San Angelo's leading stock brokers and Senior Vice President of the firm Everen Securities, Inc.

Ann Southall, bass, is currently owner and operator of Chadbourne Street Studios in San Angelo.

John Wyatt, drums, is a native of San Angelo who started playing jazz in 1973 with the Jim Wynn orchestra, and has played off and on with the Angelo Jazz Band since 1984.

Mark Thurber, trumpet, is a 1980 graduate of Odessa High School who works with his family in their TV repair busi-

This board game has a sense of right and wrong travel paths in this game of talked about." He wanted par- judgmental. But it also takes

By MIKE COPELAND

Waco Tribune-Herald

WACO - When talk turns to sex, drug abuse, prejudice hot topics all - parents and their youngsters sometimes contract laryngitis. A board game called

"Conscience" seeks to remedy this standoff in a way so fun that players don't mind swallowing the medicine. The game is based on Judeo-Christian ethics, said inventor

Craig Winchell, but he took pains not to mount a pulpit or soap box. "Right or wrong doesn't care

you're churched or unchurched," said Winchell, 37, a Waco native who now lives in Dallas.

Players make choices as they

"Conscience." Meandering ents of any religious backaround the "crime" neighborhood, for example, they may choose to steal, abuse drugs or drive drunk. But if they have their heads on straight, they opt to obey the law and respect property.

In a test of "character," they may use people, lie and blame others, or work hard and accept responsibility for their own actions. Heading down the wrong path

does not doom players to failure. "Conscience" affords them chances to mend their ways. If they don't, the principal's office, jail and morgue await. Winchell said he pondered

such a game for years, something that would counteract "the moral decay that people thing; it keeps us from being

ground — or no religious background — to have a forum for teaching their children that some things are right and some things are wrong.

That way, he said, they could better deal with the gray areas

The game sells for \$24.95. "The success of the game will

depend on how it is marketed, but from a sociological perspective, he certainly has struck a responsive chord," said Larry Lyon, a sociology professor at Baylor University. "The lack of consensus on values and the moral relativism that that produces has become a problem for some.

Relativism can be a good

away the touch points and anchors we've had in the past." Lyon, who has not played the

game, said he's glad

'Conscience" allows for a change of heart. "Psychology today is getting away from the Freudian con-

cept that if you wore your diaper too tight, you're ruined for life," said Lyon. "In modern psychological

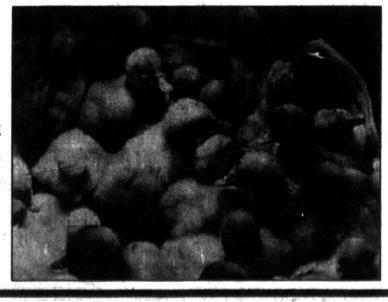
techniques, you don't spend a lot of time dwelling on what happened when you were 4.5 or 6, but make decisions on what's happening right now."

Winchell grew up in Waco. His father, Gerald Winchell, served as CEO of Central Texas Iron Works for many years. His mother, the late Jane Winchell, penned two cookbooks.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Sign of the season

Signs of the Easter season are popping up all over town, such as these baby ducks. at Howard County Feed and Supply. In the photo, the tiny pets were only two days old.



Parents Who Care

Parents of Big Spring High School juniors and seniors are asked to attend the After Prom Party planning meetings every Monday at 7 p.m. in the Big Spring High School Library. For more information call Susan McLellan at 267-5759 or Lee Ann Rollins at 267-4959 or 264-5072.

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Unusual mailboxes sought

Do you have an unusual, artistic or interesting mailbox? If your mailbox shows your personality, showcases your hobbies or interests, the Herald wants to know for an upcoming feature. Call Linda Choate or Debbie L. Jensen at 263-7331.

THE LAST WORD

Tell me and I'll forget. Show me, and I may not remember. Involve me, and I'll understand.

Native American saying

Children, like animals, use all their senses to discover the world. Then artists come along and discover it the same way all over again. **Eudora Welty**

I never saw a wild thing

sorry for itself.

D.H. Lawrence

SCHOOL Continued from page 7A.

Gary Simer, 6th Newswriting and Brandon Bingham, 4th in LD Debate.

Howard College
The Iota Beta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society at Howard College received special commendation during the Texas Regional Convention. The chapter fulfilled all requirements to be named a "1star chapter," a commendation that recognizes the chapter's attainment of goals.

In addition to this regional recognition, the chapter and college received international recognition when the achievement was cited in the Awards Tabloid, distributed to chapter representatives attending the international convention in Nashville April 2-4.

Bauer Dinofair

On Friday, April 3, all the Bauer second graders gathered in the cafeteria for their firstever DINOFAIR. At that time, they showed the dinosaur dioramas that they had made. All the first graders and many, many, parents came to the DINOFAIR to see the exhibits. The students also had posters and reports to show off. There was also a life-sized Pterodactyl hanging from the ceiling and a Brontosaurus Tyrannosaurus lurked at the corner of the stage! (They were

paper of course.) After the exhibits, the second graders sang two songs that they had practiced under Mrs. Dawes leadership. Their favorite was "The Dinosaur Dance." They even wore the special Ankylosaurus hats they had made for this special occa-

Then it was time for the Dinosaur Jeopardy game. The game had been made up by Taylor Campbell's mom, JoAnne Campbell. Each class made up its own team against the other second grade classes. Mrs. Graumann's class had the most points and won the game. Each of her students received a new pencil for their prize. The other two teams received really bright neon dinosaur stickers. The questions were read by Mrs. Clark and some of them were very difficult.

Following the game. Gabby Perez's mom, Lydia Perez, showed the children how to make dinosaur food. It had things like crushed bones, swamp water, and dirt in it. All the children got to sample the dinosaur food afterwards, and it was really tasty--kind of like chocolate pudding!

Special thanks go to Mrs. Muzasffar, Mrs. Colwell, Mrs. Chandler, Mrs. Perez, Mrs.Campbell, Mrs. Cerda (Jacob's mom). Coach Perez

in help in planning and preparing for the DINOFAIR as well as working to the children learning during the DINOFAIR. Thanks also to Mrs. Hughes (Keaton's mom), Ms. Mendez and Dahlia (Nicholas mom and his aunt), Mrs. Doe, (Brett's mom), Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Jeffcoat, and Mrs. Churchwell, who all helped with the DINO-FAIR. There were other parents who offered a helping hand as needed and the second grade teachers and students would like to thank them also. The DINOFAIR would not have been such a success without ALL the help.

College Heights

Everyone at college Heights Elementary is practicing for the TAAS test. Mrs. Gonzales' 3rd grade class wrote a narrative about a TAAS superhero.

"TAASman and Penny Pencil Save the Day"

This is a story about a superhero named TAASMAN. TAAS-MAN is big and strong and he helps kids who are stuck on TAAS papers. He is always happy to help kids pass TAAS. He always reminds kids to use their strategies. His enemy is Evil TASS bird. Evil TASS bird drops zeros on your worksheets. TAASMAN's partner is Penny Pencil. Penny Pencil is a beautiful, super TAAS girl. Their job is helping kids pass TAAS. They always want you to try your best. They fight Evil TAAS bird whenever a kid is getting zeros on TAAS papers.

One afternoon TAASMAN and Penny Pencil were flying across town when they saw a boy and a girl, named Jacob and Marcy stuck on a TAAS paper. They flew down to help them but their enemy Evil TAAS bird was there first. Jacob and Marcy were going to make a zero on their TAAS paper because they were listening to Evil TAAS bird. TAAS-MAN and Penny Pencil told them "Don't listen to Evil TAAS bird." The kids asked "Who are you?" TAASMAN said, "I am TAASMAN and this is my helper Penny Pencil. We are here to help you on you TAAS paper." The kids told Evil TAAS bird, "Go away we are not going to listen to you. TAASMAN and Penny Pencil are going to help us, not you!" Evil TAAS bird pretended to fly away but instead he hid behind the door. Evil TAAS bird threw a zero at the window and distracted TAASMAN and Penny Pencil. When TAASMAN and Penny Pencil look towards the window Evil TAAS bird flew in and quickly grabbed the kids and flew out the door. They took them to Zero land.

Zero land is a very scary and dark place. Evil TAAS bird and Mrs. Dawes for all their takes out his zero loop and the



Forsan High School UIL students who will advance to the regional meet are, back row, left to right, Michael Rowden, Dane Driver and Caleb Hollingshead; front rew, Joy Humphreys and Kim Cain.

door has a sign that says "You are now entering Zero land." Evil TAAS bird take the kids through the door. Inside they see lots of other kids.

These are kids that had believed Evil TAAS bird and had gotten zeros on TAAS practice papers. The kids were happy with zeros because Evil TAAS bird tricked them into believing zeros are good. He begins to brainwash Jacob and Marcy into believing that zeros are good.

Meanwhile, TAASMAN and Penny Pencil were looking for the secret door. They used their radar to track down the door. TAASMAN and Penny Pencil find the secret door. They try to open it, but is was locked with millions of zeros. TAASMAN takes out his zero zapper and begins to shoot the zeros while

door magically appears. The Penny Pencil begins to erase the zeros with her eraser head. When they shoot and erase all the zeros the door breaks open and TAASMAN sees the kids and flies to their rescue. Evil TAAS bird tells the kids that if they move they will have to write zeros forever. TAASMAN and Penny Pencil fly towards Evil TAAS bird and Penny Pencil uses her super eraser head and erases Evil TAAS bird forever.

TAASMAN and Penny Pencil remove the spell from the other kids. They tell the kids, "Always use you TAAS strategies and do your very best." The kids listen to TAASMAN and Penny Pencil and never make zeros on TAAS papers again. They pass their TAAS test and become famous TAAS passers. They all live happily



what I remember most clearly from my own high school years. I had a number of fights during that era just to preserve my turf. The name of the game was power! And not much has changed for today's teen-agers.

QUESTION: What is the most common cause of depression in women?

DR. DOBSON: I asked that question of more than 10,000 women who completed a questionnaire titled "Sources of Depression in Women." The most frequently reported concern was low self-esteem. More than 50 percent of an initial test group placed this problem at the top of the list, and 80 percent put it in the top five.

These were primarily young. healthy women with seemingly happy marriages, which should have produced greater contentedness. Nevertheless, the majority struggled with feelings of inadequacy and a lack of confidence.

That finding is typical of American women in all age categories and in various economic strata.

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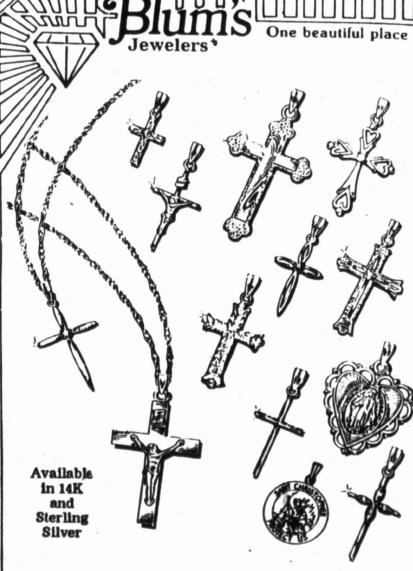
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Whether or not Big Spring's Steers and Lady Steers will rebound from injuries to be at full strength today's Big Spring AMBUCS Invitational Relays promises to showcase some of West Texas' top track and field ath-

Big Spring track coaches Randy Britton and Jay Kennedy have indicated they'll be very conservative in their use of several key performers that are nursing a variety of hurts today in hopes of having them at near top form next week for the District 4-4A meet.

Regardless, those who have a chance to be at Blankenship Field when the AMBUCS-sponsored meet begins with field events competition and running events prelims at 2:30 this afternoon will not be disappointed by the number of participants, nor the quality of that competition.

The meet will feature four divisions, Class 5A, 4A and 3A girls' and boys' teams populating two divisions, while Class 2A. 1A and junior varsity teams will populate the other two.

Running event finals are slated for an 8:45 start tonight.

The clear-cut Division I boys' favorite, according to Britton, will be San Angelo Lake View's Chiefs. The Division I girls' field, however, will be harder to figure.

"That's a tough one to figure," Kennedy, the Lady Steers coach, noted. "There are several teams that are going to be really strong — San Angelo Central, Odessa High, Abilene High and Lake View ... any one of them could win it."

There will also be an extremely strong girls' team from the Class 3A ranks in Abilene Wylie's Lady Bulldogs — a team that two weeks ago took a 3 1/2-point win in their own meet, edging out the Lady Steers.

Today's meet boasts so many participants, in fact, that Big Spring Athletic Director Dwight Butler called on the coaching staff at Midland Greenwood to help take the overflow from the

"We had more than 40 teams that wanted to run here," Butler explained. "We called Greenwood, because they had a meet they had to cancel earlier in the season. They already had the medals ... that sort of thing, so we asked them if they could take the overflow and relieve a little of the pressure us. There was no we we could handle that many teams.'

But Lott admitted wishing circumstances were somewhat different going into Thursday's meet.

Big Spring's teams won't be at full strength primarily because their premier sprinters, the Steers' Tory Mitchell and Lady Steers' Keesha Lott, have both been slowed by pulled ham-

athletes who'll see limited use during today's meet as coaches make a bid to have them ready for next week's 4-4A meet.

Steers middle distance specialist Marco Torres, who suffered a groin pull last weekend while playing with a young relative on a park outing, is questionable for the 800 meters and 1,600 meters today.

But with Mitchell and Lott nursing leg injuries, and the Steers having lost Doug White to academic ineligibility, Britton and Kennedy indicate they won't be able to enter the relays they'd normally enter.

"We've got a lot of kids hurting, Keesha's is just the most serious,' Kennedy explained. "This is a tough sport ... tougher than most people think. Your body really takes a beating over the course of the season.

"That's why we spend a lot of time conditioning ... doing everything we

They will not be the only Big Spring can to have everyone in top shape," he added. "But injuries are always going to jump up and hit you. In Keesha's case it's really frustrating, because she's never had this kind of thing happen to her. She's always been able to go through the season without getting hurt."

Mitchell, who benefited from the Steers taking a weekend off last week, says he feels much better than he did last week, and Lott also says having rested her sore hamstrings most of the week has her hoping to run in a few events today.

But both Britton and Kennedy say they'd rather err on the side of safety today rather than risk their stars' chances of being at top form next weekend.

"It would be nice to be able to have everyone competing at full potential for our meet, but it's next week's meet that means everything," Britton

but following Wednesday's final rounds at the Figure 7 Tennis Center, they had everything they could have hoped

"We've got everybody we thought would have a chance to reach regionals getting to go," Grady coach Tracy Britten said after watching the Lady Wildcats girls' doubles tandem of Caroline Madison and Meagan Mims survive a playback challenge from Sands' Brianne Fryar and Trisha Nichols with a 6-2, 6-2 win.

"We thought there might be a chance that we'd have a chance for Sarah Rivas to finish third in girls' singles and maybe have a playback opportunity, but we knew that was a long shot," Britten added.

In the end, Rivas' chances of figuring in the girls' single mix disappeared when Blackwell arrived with Crystal Gunn, a transfer from Sweetwater, as their top entrant in the divi-

Gunn took the district's singles title, defeating teammate Sabrina Blackwell by a 6-0, 6-2 margin.

Blackwell, however, will not advance to the Region I. Class 1A meet in Abilene on April 29-30, because Sands' Hollie Zant had the playback opportunity and made the most of it - taking a 6-0, 6-1 win and earn a return trip to regionals.

Zant had earned the playback by knocking off Rivas in the third-place game, 6-1, 7-5.

There would be no playback in the boys' doubles competition where Grady juniors Greg Gibson and Jim Haggerton, the defending district champions and state quarterfinalists, took a 6-2, 6-2 win over sophomore teammates Jed Hinojosa and Cody Wells.

Hinojosa and Wells could not be challenged in a playback because they had already beat-



Grady's Greg Gibson lunges for a shot as doubles partner Jim Bob Haggerton covers the backcourt during Wednesday's final round of the District 15-1A tennis tournament at the Figure 7 Tennis Center. Gibson and Haggerton, the defending district champions and state quarterfinalists, defeated teammates Jed Hinojosa and Cody Wells in successfully defending their title.

en Blackwell's third-place duo of Jesus Chavez and Steven Hayes in semifinal play.

After having repeated as the district's champions, Gibson said he and Haggerton expect to find their bid to return to the state meet in Austin more difficult this spring.

"We played well today, but Jed and Cody did, too," he noted. "I think we kind of had a mental edge and we had a little more of an advantage coming in to the net."

But Gibson said he believes being the defending regional champions will be less of a help than it was in facing their teammates.

"Last year, we were nobodies," he explained. "Nobody knew anything about us. But this year, everyone knows who

we are and everyone is going to be after us. If we play like we're capable of playing, though, I think we ought to be able to get back to the state tournament."

The Lady Wildcats will also have two girls' doubles teams traveling to Abilene later this month. Rebecca Robles and Chevenne Romine took the district championship with a 6-3, 6-4 win over Madison and Mims

Fryar and Nichols had earned the playback bid with a 6-1, 6-1 win over Sands teammates Jimi Daniels and Laci Webb.

Grady also took the boys' singles championship when freshman Clint Schuelke took a 6-1, 6-1 win over Sands' Jason Wiley.

Schuelke experienced none of the trouble he had in taking a meet.

6-2, 4-6, 6-1 win over Blackwell's Mauricio Chavez during Monday's semifinals.

Chavez, who took a 7-6 (7-4), 6-2 win over Grady's Anthony Swift in Wednesday's thirdplace game, had an opportunity to challenge Wiley in a playback and came very near doing the same thing in that match that he did to Schuelke on Monday.

Wiley took the first set of the playback, 6-4, but found Chavez breaking his serve to take a 6-5 lead in the second set. However, the Blackwell senior suddenly became tentative and made a number of unforced

As a result, Wiley rallied to take a 6-4, 7-6 win and will be joining Zant at the regional

Grady claims 15-1A tennis titles By JOHN A. MOSELEY Sports Editor It was almost a foregone conclusion that Grady's Wildcats would take the District 15-1A tennis tournament's team championships, but following Wednesday's Woods is again flirting with Masters history AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) - A an alarm clock going off next to

Masters, almost as if the breezes caressing the towering Georgia pines carry the spirit of Bobby Jones and the memory of Ben Hogan.

And if that warm Southern wind whispers the names of Jones and Hogan, the voices of the tens of thousands of fans covering the hills of Augusta National Golf Club scream the name of Tiger Woods.

Even Augusta National members, the calm men in green jackets, were swept up in the anticipation over how Woods players were competing for secvictory.

"I think it's fair to say we don't get excited," Augusta National chairman Jack Stephens said on Wednesday when questioned about whether the tournament committee considered drastic changes to the show. course after Woods shot a record 18 under par last year and won by a record 12 strokes.

But asked what Augusta officials would do if Woods broke the record again this year, Stephens said deliberately but without hesitation: "I suppose we anoint him.'

Woods was almost anointed prematurely — 12 months ago when he became the youngest of the 61 Masters champions. But if there is one thing the men in the green jackets know it's that greatness is not measured by one performance. "The record was broke after

32 years, and then only by one shot," Stephens said of Woods' 270 total, eclipsing the 271 by Nicklaus in 1965 and matched by Raymond Floyd in 1976. "I've never seen so much

excitement as we had in the clubhouse last year," Stephens said. "When he made that putt on 18 to break the record that clubhouse exploded."

Then Stephens, in just about the biggest understatement to come out of a very understated man, said: "Last year was an unusual year."

If last year was unusual, this year is unreal.

"A lot of us are interested to see what happens," Davis Love III said. "After all the talk, what will Tiger Woods do? Can he prove it playing under all of

His Masters victory was like

sense of history hovers over the the heads of the best players in the world. Since the first weekend of July, Woods has been winless

> on the PGA Tour. During that stretch, Ernie Els has emerged as a legitimate challenger forthe title of world's best golfer. A slew of other players, including Love, Justin Leonard,

David Duval, Jim Furyk and Lee Westwood have kicked their games into higher gear. Asked if the outcome of the Masters was a foregone conclu-

sion and whether the other 87 will follow last year's startling ond-place money, Love stared long and hard at the questioner, then snapped: "I'm not even going to answer that."

Love's response was merely one reflection of the new level of intensity many players have one year after Woods stole the

If Woods wants to prove his performance was no fluke, a bunch of other players seek to prove that pro golf is not merely Woods against everyone else.

Throw in Nick Faldo, Greg Norman, Tom Lehman, Phil Mickelson, Colin Montgomerie and John Daly among those with something to prove and Woods will have all the competition he can handle when the tournament begins Thursday.

Woods was near-perfect last year in making 21 birdies, two eagles and only seven bogeys, never once having a three-putt green in 72 holes. But near-perfection is rarely maintained.

Tom Watson, a two-time winner, knows how things can unravel at Augusta. He points to a 10-foot putt Woods made on No. 14 on Saturday last year.

"His putt looked like it was going so hard when it hit the hole," Watson said. "If he had missed the putt it would have been terrible.'

Confidence can disappear that quickly at Augusta.

Watson searched for words to explain the allure of the Masters.

"The tournament started on a great note because of Bobby Jones," he said. "Then you have to add to that all those who have won the tournament, from the Nicklauses and the Palmers to the Demarets and the Sneads and the Hogans and the Nelsons," Watson said.

Bell, Berry homers back Lima in Astros' win over Giants defense against them. I think Moises Alou, that produced 120

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) -With the top half of their lineup stocked with sluggers, the Houston Astros are intent on playing power ball this season.

They showcased their offensive style Wednesday night, with Derek Bell and Sean Berry each hitting home runs to back another solid pitching outing by

Jose Lima in a 6-3 victory over the San Francisco Giants.

"That's the kind of attack we're going to have," Houston manager Larry Dierker said. "You don't necessarily want to count on homers all the time because some pitchers have a way of stopping them. But when you do hit them, there's no

we'll hit a lot of them this year and luckily, tonight we hit them 24 homers each. with men on base.'

double and two-run homer, and Berry connected for a three-run shot. They are part of a top five. along with Craig Biggio, Jeff Bagwell and newly acquired Johnson.

homers last year, an average of

'They're a very dangerous Bell was 3-for-5 with an RBI lineup," said losing pitcher Kirk Rueter (1-1).

"Houston is definitely a team to be reckoned with," added San Brian Francisco catcher

Hawks take 18-11, 8-6 wins over McMurry JV, set to host NMJC

HERALD Staff Report

ABILENE - Howard College's Hawks tuned up for a crucial Western Junior College Athletic Conference showdown with New Mexico Junior College the weekend with a doubleheader sweep of McMurry University's

junior varsity Wednesday. In chalking up the 18-11 and 8-6 wins over McMurry, the Hawks showed the kind of hitting they'll need to overtake the Thunderbirds, who currently own a one-game lead over Howard in the WJCAC standings, but not the kind of pitching coach Brian Roper would

*Duite Welch and Josh Duwe both

pitched pretty well in relief and Keith Lant didn't do a bad job as the starter in the second game," Roper said following the twinbill sweep. "But our pitching staff as a whole has been faltering a little, and that's kind of scary with a team like New Mexico coming in.

"They (Thunderbirds) swing the bats like nobody's business," he added. "They've got a team batting average above .400 and two weeks ago, they scored 90 runs in three games against El Paso."

In the Hawks' 18-11 win in the first game Wednesday, starter Rip Fleming had a nightmarish experience, giving up nine runs in less than four innings of work.

and allow McMurry just two more runs, while the Hawks broke open a 10-10 deadlock in the top of the fifth with six runs of their own.

William Hawkins and Brandon Plumlee led the way offensively in the opener. Hawkins went 2-for-3 at the plate, both of his hits being home runs that left him with 5 RBIs. Plumlee hit a double and a home run in a 2-for-5

showing that netted him 3 RBIs. Ryan Mathews also contributed to the Hawks' power hitting display, hit-

ting a solo home run. The nightcap, however, saw the Hawks pressed to extra innings before taking the 8-6 win that improved their

Luckily, Welch was able to come on record to 25-16-1 on the year.

just one McMurry hit.

Duwe, who pitched 3 2/3 innings in relief of Lant, was credited with the win, as he struck out eight and allowed

The Hawks finally ended the game with two runs in the top of the ninth inning when Rhett Wells led off with a single and moved to third when Dane Rau singled. Bryan Phillips then provided the game-winning hit when he doubled down the line in left to plate

both runs. Hawkins was again a big factor in the Hawks' offensive production, going 3-for-5 and driving in two more runs in the second game. Plumlee also improved his stats with a 2-for-5 show-

ing including a two-run homer. Kelly Pettit had a solo home run in the sixth that tied the game.

Roper said he was pleased to see Rau, normally the Hawks lead off man in the order, finally return to action after having missed almost a month with a broken finger.

Shortstop Shane Webb, who was injured when he was hit in the head last weekend during the Hawks' series with El Paso, could return to the line up Friday, but Roper said he will wait until game time to make that decision:

The Hawks will play one game with the Thunderbirds set for a 2 p.m. Friday start at Jack Barber Field. A doubleheader starts at noon Saturday.

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CLEVELAND INDIANS—Signed INF Pat Listach to a minor league contract. Sent C Einar Diaz outright to Buffalo of

the International League.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Traded C
Mike Macfarlane to the Oakland
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JAKLAND ATHLETICS—Recalled OF Jack Voigt and INF Jason Wood from Edmonton of the PCL. Designated C Izzy Molina for assignment. Placed RHP Mike Fetters on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to April 6. National League
HOUSTON ASTROS—Placed RHP

Jose Cabrera on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled RHP Bob Scanlan from New Orleans of the PCL. LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Placed RHP Darren Hall on the 15-day disabled list. FOOTBALL

National Football League INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Signed QB Bill Musgrave. **HOCKEY**

National Hockey League
NHL—Named Frank Brown vice pres-

dent of media relations.

BUFFALO SABRES—Fired Larry Quinn, team president and chief execu tive officer. Named Timothy Rigas chief executive officer and Ron Bertovich interim general manager of administra

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Re-assigned D Remi Royer and C Todd White to ndianapolis of the IHL. MONTREAL CANADIENS—Sent C Eric Houde to Fredericton of the AHL.

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PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Recalled G Peter Skudra from Kansas City of the

ST. LOUIS BLUES—Re-assigned

Chris Kenady to Worcester of the AHL.
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Sent D Yannick Tremblay to St. John's of the VANCOUVER CANUCKS-Re

assigned D Clint Cabana to Syracuse of the AHL. Sent RW Brandon Convery and Chris McAllister to Syracuse.
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AUSTIN (AP) - Wake Forest's Dave Odom has joined the list of basketball coaching candidates being considered by

the University of Texas, according to a high-ranking university source.

The search, which has includ-Utah's Rick Majerus, Oklahoma's Kelvin Sampson then centered on Washington coach Bob Bender, was expanded to include Odom on Wednesday, said the source, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymi-

On Tuesday, members of the Texas screening committee had focused their attention on Bender.

Longhorns athletic director DeLoss Dodds had indicated he wanted to hire someone by Wednesday, if possible, because it marked the first day of the national signing period for high school recruits.

But a group of UT officials on Wednesday pushed for an interview with Odom, who has been at Wake Forest for nine years and took the Demon Deacons to seven straight NCAA tournaments before narrowly failing to make the tournament this year, the source said.

Odom is a proven coach of big men, having been credited with developing former star center Tim Duncan, now with the San Antonio Spurs. The Longhorns' offense figures to form around 7-foot center Chris Mihm over the next few seasons.

Odom among those being eyed by Odom has expressed that he's said. "But I don't think this is

happy at Wake Forest after signing, a new contract two years ago. He is a native of North Carolina and also has two sons who coach in the area - at East Carolina and at Furman.

Odom's secretary said the coach was out of the office Wednesday at speaking engagements. Wake Forest athletic director Ron Wellman also was out of the office Wednesday and didn't immediately return a message left by the AP.

Meanwhile, Bender, 40, held a news conference to say that he hadn't been offered the job at Texas and didn't know that he would take it if offered.

"I would hope this is decided as quickly as possible," Bender something that's going to happen in 24 hours. They're going to need some time.

"They have not offered me anything and I don't know what my final decision would be," he said. "Texas is a place where you can win a national championship and Washington is a place where you can win a national championship.'

Bender's overall record in five years at Washington is 68-72, but he has improved the team's mark each year, culminating with a 20-10 season this year and a berth in the round of 16 of the NCAA tournament.

"The most important thing is that they were very honest with me," Bender said.

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SMMC officials slate fun run, fun walk for April 18

Scenic Mountain Medical Center has scheduled the first ever "Master the Mountain" Fun Run/Fun Walk for 8 a.m. Saturday, April 18, at Big Spring State Park.

Entry fees for the event will be \$10 per runner which includes entry into the park. Trophies will be awarded for the top three fin-

For more information, contact Lauri Phillips at 263-1211, Ron Alton at 263-4931 or the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at

Golf tournament scheduled with 'Relay for Life'

A four-person scramble golf tournament benefiting the American Cancer Society has been scheduled for April 25-26 at the Big Spring Country Club in conjunction with the Relay for Life.

Entry fees will be \$75 per player plus cart fees. Team will include A, B, C. and D players. For more information, contact the club's pro shop at 267-5354.

Junior, Senior League registration period extended

Registration for teens between the ages of 13 and 15 interested in playing Junior League or Senior League summer baseball will continue until Monday.

Players may sign up to play in either league at the Karat Patch, 1008 E. 11th Place, until tryouts begin, according to Big Spring Youth Baseball Association official Jay Phinney

Tryouts are scheduled for 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at the Roy Anderson Complex.

Steers junior varsity knocks off Sweetwater

Big Spring's Steers junior varsity "Black" squad took a 13-8 win

over Sweetwater's young Mustangs. Daniel White chalked up the pitching win, while Adam Hyatt

was credited with a save. Bo Butler led the Steers offensively with

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three hits, while Jose Canero, Blake Proffitt and Ricky Solis had

The win came on the heels of the Steers' second-place finish in their own tournament. Andrews took the title with a 9-8 win over Big Spring in the championship game.

During the tournament, Chris Olson and Ryan Guinn joined Solis and Canero in powering the Black's offensive fireworks.

Braves take 8-3 win over Cards in AL Majors game

Jason Vela and Ryan Rodriguez combined to scatter 10 hits as they pitched the AL Majors Braves to an 8-3 win over the Cardinals.

Zac Angel and Rodriguez led the way offensively for the Braves while Michael Rivera led the Cardinals in hitting.

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part of a doubleheader. Sirotka (0-1) was expected to be passed over today in favor of right-hander James Baldwin (1-

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CHICAGO (AP) - Mike

The White Sox lefty was

scheduled to pitch Wednesday

night but the game with the

Texas Rangers was rained out.

It will be made up Aug. 28 as

Sirotka's bid for his first 1998

victory will have to wait.

Aaron Sele (1-0), the Rangers' scheduled starter Wednesday, was to pitch today.

Sele was the winning pitcher last week when Texas beat the White Sox 20-4 in the right-hander's debut with the Rangers.

Neither team has played since Monday and there is more rain in the forecast today, meaning pitchers could get backed up.

"It's just a quirk of the earlyseason schedule, combining the days off and rainouts," Texas manager Johnny Oates said.

FISHING REPORT

AUSTIN — The weekly fishing report as com-Department for April 8:

BROWNWOOD: Water fairly clear; Black bass up to 5 pounds are fair to good on small spinner top grubs. Crappie are fair to good on live shiners fished over brush and under lights at night. Channel catfish are fair to good rod and reels baited with chicken liver.

BUCHANAN: Water fairly clear; Black bass up to 6 pounds are good on Texas-rigged worms and on lizards fished in 2 to 4 feet of water. Striped bass are good on live bait fished in deep water in the river channel and around the deep water dam. White bass are good on live bait and on spoons fished in the river Crappie are fair to good on live minnows and on small tube jigs fished around the crappie barges. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with cut bait and with cheese bait.

AMISTAD: Water clear; lake level 1083; Black bass up to 11 pounds are very good on Carolina and Texas-rigged worms. Some bass are also being caught on jerk baits and wacky worms. Striped and white bass are fair to good on live bait and crank baits fished in deep water and in the river with some action at night. Catfish are good on rod and reels baited with shrimp and cheese bait.

ALAN HENRY: Water clear on main lake and murky in the tributaries; elevation 2183.77; 62 degrees; black bass to 6 pounds are fair to good on black jigs and pig trailers and on white, chartreuse and black spinners fished in 6 to 8 feet of water. Crapple are fair on minnows fished around the brush in 2 to 6 feet of water. No report on catfish.

(OWHEAD: Water clear; 62 degrees black bass are fair on white and chartreuse spinnerbaits, plastic worms and Rat-L-Traps Crappie are good to 2 pounds on minnows and on white and chartreuse jigs fished in 4 to 8 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are fair on juglines and trotlines baited with shrimp and cut bait in the upper end. Yellow catfish

KEMP: Water fairly clear; elevation 1144; 63 degrees; black bass are fair on Carolina-rigged worms, spinnerbaits and crank baits fished in the 4 to 8 foot range. Striped bass to 12 pounds are fair on live bait and white 1-ounce buck-tail jigs with Sassy Shad trailers. Catfish are good on cut bait and shrimp. Yellow catfish to 27 pounds are fair to good on trotlines baited with live perch and goldfish.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water clear on main lake and murky in the tributaries: 63 degrees: black bass to 8 pounds are good on 3/8 oz. fire tiger spinners. Crappie to 2 pounds are good on minnows and vellow and chartreuse tube jigs in 1 to 3 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are good on the flats in 4 to 12 feet of water on cut bait and stink bait. White bass are good in the upper end on white spinners and small

OAK CREEK: Water fairly clear; elevation 1997.60; 2 feet low; 63 degrees; black bass are fair to 5.7 pounds on baby bass and shadcolored crank baits in 5 to 12 feet of water Crappie are good on minnows and jigs in 10 to 15 feet of water. White bass are starting to school and being taken on small silver crank baits, white and chartreuse slabs and live minnows. Catfish are slow.

O.H. IVIE: Water clear on main lake; 62 degrees; black bass to 10.8 pounds are fair to good in 1 to 7 feet of water on white and char treuse spinners, black lizards and Rat-L-traps Crappie are good on minnows and white, yel low and chartreuse marabou jigs fished in 3 to 6 feet of water around brush piles at night White bass are fair on small crank baits Channel and blue catfish are fair to good on cut bait and shrimp. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines and juglines baited with live perch,

carp and minnows.
POSSUM KINGDOM: Water fairly clear; ele vation 999.05; 64 degrees; black bass are good on black Stanley jigs with pork trailers and white and chartreuse spinnerbaits in 3 to 8 feet of water. Crappie are good on minnows and white and chartreuse marabou jigs fished in 2 to 8 feet of water. Sand bass are fair to good on small crank baits. Stripers to 10 pounds are fair on live shad and with deep-diving crank baits. Channel and blue catfish are good on cut bait, earthworms and stink bait.

Yellow catfish are fair. SPENCE: Water fairly clear; 64 degrees black bass to 7 pounds are fair to good in 2 to 8 feet of water on white and chartreuse spinnerbaits and black Texas-rigged worm. Striped bass are fair to good on live bait, Rat-L-Traps and 1-ounce, white buck-tailed jigs fished around the dam. Crapple are good on minnows, white tube jigs and white and black marabou jigs fished in 2 to 6 feet of water. Blue and channel catfish to 10 pounds are good on chicken livers and cut bait. Yellow cat-

fish are fair on live perch. STAMFORD: Water murky; 62 degrees; black bass are fair on white spinnerbaits. Crapple to 2 pounds are good on white and yellow arabou jigs and on minnows. Channel and blue catfish to 15 pounds are good on punch balt and cut bait. Yellow catfish are fair to good

on goldfish and on perch. WHITE RIVER: Water clear on main lake and murky in the tributaries; 63 degrees; black bass to 8.4 pounds are good on white spinnerbaits, crank baits, and Texas-rigged purple worms. Walleve to 9 pounds are good on live minnows and crawdad-colored crank balts. Crappie are good to 1 3/4 pounds n 7 to 15 feet of water on minnows. Catfish are fair to

COLORADO CITY: Water murky: 10 feet low; 62 degrees; black bass to 7 1/2 pounds are fair to good on Rat-L-Traps and Power Worms. Crappie are fair in 8 to 12 feet of water on minnows and jigs. Channel and blue catfish are fair on cut bait and stink bait. Yellow catfish are slow. Redfish to 27 inches are fair to good

SWEETWATER: Water clear; 60 degrees; black bass to 10.2 pounds are fair to good on black and blue spinnerbalts fished in 3 to 8 feet of water. Crappie are fair on minnows. Channel and blue catfish to 5 pounds are fair



By BETTY DEBNAM

The Newbery Winner

Meet Karen Hesse

Each year the **National Library** Association gives the Newbery Medal to the author of the most outstanding children's book. This year Karen Hesse won for her book "Out of the Dust."

"I was totally surprised by the (news of the) Newbery," she said. "If I'd had a bad



Karen Hesse, 45, has written 10 books for children. "I probably go over each page hundreds of times," she said.

Advice to young writers

"Read as much as you can, not only books vou're interested in and think you're going to love, but books you might not be so interested in. When you read books about something you don't particularly like, you'll notice how the books are put together.

"Write as much as possible, even just a letter, or e-mail, or in a journal."



"Out of the Dust" tells of a brave 14-year-old girl living in Oklahoma during the 1930s. At this time, terrible dust storms swept through the middle of the United States, destroying thousands of homes and farms. The area hit worst was known as the Dust Bowl.

The winning book

Karen Hesse wrote "Out of the Dust" in free verse* because she could tell the story with few words. This fit the lifestyle of the family in the book.

"Farm families work very hard and have very little time left over for excess words or action. Only the most essential things are said."

She did research for this book for six to nine months before she began writing it. Many of the events in her book were based on newspaper stories from Oklahoma in the 1930s.

*Free verse is a kind of poetry that doesn't

This year National Library Week is April 19-25. Its theme is: "Kids Connect @ the



Personal life

Husband: Randy Hesse, a woodworker, remodeled their home in southeastern Vermont. Before he fixed up the house, it was in such bad shape that goats were living in it.

Daughters: Kate, 18, Rachel, 15 Pets: Sasha, a black lab mongrel; and Sophie, a soft, gray kitty



based on the Hesses' dog. of a 10-year old girl's struggle to starving mutt that appears

The book

Some favorite things

Foods: chocolate **Sports:** hiking

Music: classical, especially Mozart Time to read: anytime TV shows: "I love documentaries

because they give me a chance to find out something I know nothing about.



In "The Music of Dolphins, a teen age girl is found living alone on an island. She has been raised by dolphins since she was 4. Now she must learn about words and music

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Bowl area in the 1930s.

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Dust Bowl Nightmare

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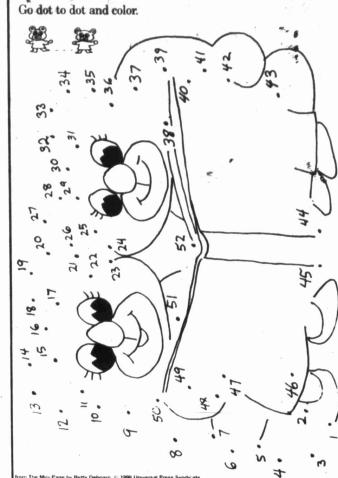
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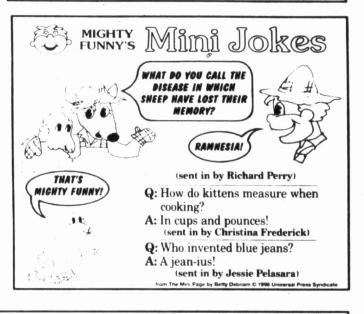
Thousands of families lost their homes.

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- •1 unbaked pie shell
- What to do: 1. Combine sugar, corn syrup and butter or margarine in
- a large bowl. Mix well. 2. Add eggs and pecans. Mix well
- 3. Pour into pie shell.
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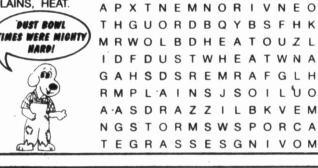


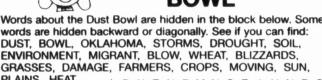
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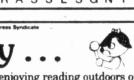




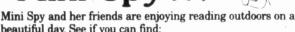














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farmers grew more wheat. Millions of acres were plowed up. In 1934, an especially severe drought struck and winds blew away the soil.

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Walls of dust

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Homes were dangerously stuffy and

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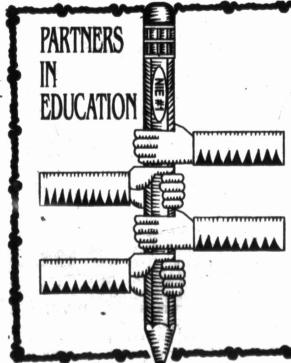
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Coahoma, TX 79511 between the hours of 8:00 a.n. and 4:00 p.m. beginning on April 15, 1998 (entre las 8:00 de la manana y las 4:00 de la tarde empezando el April 15, 1998) and ending on April 28, 1998 (y termiando el April 28, 1998.) Applications for ballot by mail shall

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CITY OF BIG SPRING

NOTICE TO BIDDERS Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, sealed bids w be received until 2:00 p.m., Friday April 24, 1998, for the sale of ar old Paint Booth located at the McMahon Wrinkle Airpark. The booth will need to be dismantled and moved by the successful bid

Bids are to be opened and read

The City of Big Spring reserves the

right to reject any or all bids and to

of the bid item(s).

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aloud in the Office of the Purchasing Manager, 1380 Airpart FINANCIAL HELP! No Taxas 79720-3850, with award to advance fees! Lower be made at a regularly scheduled monthly payments! All credit meeting of the Big Spring City welcome. Fast Approval. Council. Bid information and spefications may be obtained from the Office of the Purchasing and Material control Manager, 1380 30076. Airpark Drive East, #19, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All FREE bids must be marked with the date of the bid and a general description

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Swimming Supplies Specifications and bid docume may be secured from the school district's Business Office, 708 Eleventh Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720-4610, phone number (915) 264-3620. Bids will be publicly open and read immediately follow-ing the deadline for receiving the bids in the Business Office of the Big Spring Independent School District. Bidders are invited to be present at the bid opening. Bids received after the opening date and time will be returned unopened. Bids will be presented or consideration to the Board of Trustees on May 14, 1998, at 5 15 p.m. at their regularly scheduled board meeting. The Big Spring Independent School District reserves the right to accept or 1821 April 9 & 16, 1998

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Partners play a big role in your year. Learn to defer, and understand where others come from before passing judgment. You're likely to confront issues about boundaries, that is, how much to give and when to stop. Popularity is high. Friendships take an interesting twist, and one in particular could become much more. You are working toward a dream, and others pitch in. If you are single, you will be enriched by a relationship that adds to your innate wisdom. If attached, this is a banner year when the two of you shoot for a long-cherished dream. LIBRA plays devil's advocate.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Bend in the other direction, and flow with the unusual. Others want to share with you. Be open; you discover how the impossible might be possible! Your dynamic nature explodes onto a mental plane. Let your imagination go. Tonight: An adventure with a friend!*****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

You are task-oriented. A partner spices up your work with a fresh idea or new slant. Even if you feel that someone is asking for a revolution, you still can benefit enormously. Open up to an authority figure; he also has a good imagination and can be helpful. Tonight: Take it

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Creativity is high and allows for much feedback. A partner will reveal more. You are startled at what you learn Unexpected offers to travel are tempting. Why not go for it? Experiment and enjoy. Follow a different drummer, listen to your wild core. Tonight: Take

off quickly.**** CANCER (June 21-July 22)

You come from a point of security. Do not fight a change at work; rather, greet it with a positive attitude. Question the source of negativity. An associate startles you, as he suddenly takes a risk. Decisions aren't necessary right now. Tonight: Enjoy the home front.****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Make that additional effort Attempt to get through to another, who at times might be elusive or difficult. Passion

returns to your life. You see

someone with brand-new eyes. Relish the process of getting to know each other. Tonight: Specialize in flirtation!***** **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Money is a high priority. Be open to changing your work situation, so that you have more independence and freedom.

New technology proves to be a

gift, not a liability. Open up to

what could be. You are more

new plant or flowers.****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Your smile perks up someone. A sense of magic adds to a budding romance. Talk about your goals, and see how they compare. Go beyond the moment, and eye the long-term. A relationship could have enormous potential. Tonight: Your . wish is someone else's com-

mand.***** SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Sometimes, it is wiser to watch than participate. This idea poses a challenge to you, as you are one who likes to be involved in life. You gain insight. Tumultuous behavior is not needed. You can make changes, once you understand the different players. Tonight: Vanish mysteriously.***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

Aim for what you want. Network, and reach out for others. Your ability to socialize is your strong suit, professionally

as well as emotionall sour phones, remaining responsive as the unexpected occurs: You can adapt. Tonight: With the apple of your eye.****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan;

Learning to flow with the unexpected, especially financially, will help you in the future. You have pulled the money wild card; the ups and downs can be remarkable. You are in the limelight, where others clearly respect you and need your advice. Be a good listener. Tonight: Out and about.***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Your vivacity could surprise others. Recent developments transform your life, as well as vour immediate circle. Socializing and enjoying the quality of your life occupies more time. Share a vision with an open-minded associate. It

can happen! Tonight: With friends.****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Close relating opens you up to experience more of life. Examine insights that present themselves through dreams. On some level, you are stunned by what your mind reveals. Closeness and better understanding result from a disclosure. Tonight: See your favorite

nerson ****

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willing to work late hours from a home office. Tonight: Buy a Syndicate Inc. **Bride's wedding fantasy runs** smack into mom's lack of cash

DEAR ABBY: My oldest want to be responsible for spoildaughter (I'll call her "Alexis") is being married this year. She is planning a very large, expensive, fairy-tale wedding. Her father and I recently divorced after

have told Alexis and my exhusband that I don't have a lot of money for this occas i o n because the

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wiped out most of my savings. My daugh ter claims she doesn't want to hear it. I have offered to pay for her wedding gown. My ex insists that he expects me to pay for half the wedding, even if I have to take out a loan from him to do it.

I have tried to be upfront, but no one is listening. I'm 50 years old and need to save toward my retirement. I can't possibly afford to risk my entire future. Also, we have two more daughters — so it's likely there will be more weddings in the future.

Please keep in mind that it won't be possible for me to volunteer to pay for only "my" invited guests. Almost everyone on the bride's side will be mutual friends and family both of my ex and myself. Give me some desperately

needed advice that won't hurt my daughter's feelings. I love Alexis very much and don't ing a very special time in her

life What are my responsibilities in this matter? - NEEDS HELP IN NEW YORK

DEAR NEEDS HELP: It is extremely unwise to jeopardize your future for the sake of one day. I have always advised parents not to go into debt for a wedding. A wedding should be a gift from the parents, not an obligation. Don't allow Alexis' unreason-

able demands and those of your

ex to intimidate you. Pay for what you can reasonably afford, and let your daughter adjust expenses accordingly. Good advice for everyone —

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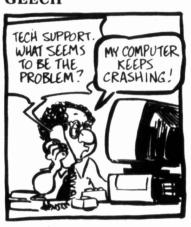
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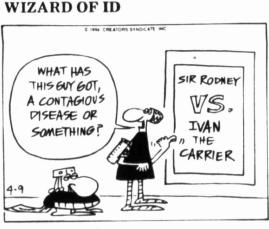
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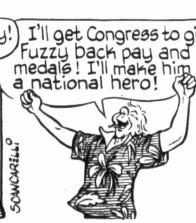






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"LET'S FACE IT, JOEY, WE'RE NOT GETTING ANY OLDER."

THIS DATE

IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, April 9, the 99th day of 1998. There are 266 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On April 9, 1865, Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered his army to Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House in Virginia.

On this date:

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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In 1682, the French explorer Robert La Salle reached the Mississippi River.

In 1833, the first tax-supported public library was founded, in Peterborough, N.H.

In 1939, singer Marian Anderson performed a concert at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., after she was denied use of Constitution Hall TMSPuzzles@aol.com by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

In 1940. Germany invaded Denmark and Norway.

In 1942, American and Philippine defenders on Bataan capitulated to Japanese forces; the surrender was followed by the notorious Bataan Death March that claimed nearly 10,000 lives.

In 1947, a series of tornadoes in Texas, Oklahoma and

Kansas claimed 169 lives. In 1959, NASA announced the selection of America's first seven astronauts: Scott Carpenter, Gordon Cooper, John Glenn, Gus Grissom, Wally Schirra, Alan Shepard and Donald Slayton.

In 1963, British statesman Winston Churchill was made an honorary U.S. citizen.

In 1983, the space shuttle Challenger ended its first mission with a safe landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California. In 1992, former Panamanian

ruler Manuel Noriega was convicted in Miami of eight drug and racketeering charges; he is serving a 40-year prison sentence. Ten years ago: Pro-Iranian Shiite Muslims who had seized

a Kuwait Airways jetliner on April 5 killed one hostage as the hijacked plane sat on the ground in Larnaca, Cyprus. Five years ago: Four U.S.

warplanes fired at artillery in northern Iraq; the Baghdad government denied provoking the attack with artillery fire at the planes. The Rev. Benjamin Chavis was chosen to head the N.A.A.C.P., succeeding Benjamin Hooks.

One year ago: The CIA apologized to Gulf War veterans for failing to do a better job in supplying information to U.S. troops who blew up an Iraqi bunker later found to contain chemical weapons. Amid privacy concerns, Social Security officials pulled the plug on an Internet site that provided records of individual earnings and retirements.

Today's Birthdays: Playboy magazine founder Hugh Hefner is 72. Actor Jean-Paul Belmondo is 65. Comedian Avery Schreiber is 63. Actress Michael Learned is 59. Country singer Margo Smith is 56. Country singer Hal Ketchum is 45. Actor Dennis Quaid is 44.