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## Groundbreaking on wind energy project finally approaching

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Residents throughout the Permian Basin, including Big Spring, will get a chance on Wednesday to hear wind rancher Michael J. Osborne of Austin, former president of the Texas Renewable Energy Industries Association, speak on the subject of renewable energy.

Osborne will be at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin (UTPB) and will

begin his lecture entitled "Renewable Energy: The Permian Path to Economic Diversification" at 5:30 p.m. in the Devonian Room on the UTPB campus.

The lecture is part of the 1998 Ellen and Bill Noel Energy Lecture.

Osborne is president and CEO of the Osborne Company in Austin and has been involved with renewable energy since the mid 1970s. He is a designer of passive solar homes as well as the designer and manufac-

turer of solar thermal and electrical products.

By installing several wind generators on a site in the Texas Panhandle, Osborne earned the distinction of being the first wind rancher in Texas as well as one of the first individuals to negotiate an electricity buy-back with a utility company.

Big Spring officials are expecting to break ground on a renewable energy project of their own in the next few weeks as the New World Power Texas

Renewable Limited Partnership, also known as the New World Power Renewable Energy project, finally kicks off.

Since receiving a tax abatement in February 1997, delays caused some changes to the original contract. Moore Development For Big Spring Inc. officials presented to Howard County Commissioners and Howard College officials, according to Moore Executive Director Kent Sharp.

"Some things have happened to delay construction of the pro-

ject (which originally had a scheduled completion date of May 31 of this year)," Sharp told commissioners at a recent commissioners' court meeting. "The Public Utilities Commission had a change in some of its policies and there were changes in the configuration and schedule as a result of modifications to the power purchase contract with TU Electric."

In February, commissioners unanimously approved the amended abatement contract with New World Texas

Renewable Limited Partnership.

Germany was supposed to be the supplier of the giant wind turbines, but patent constraints caused a change in suppliers.

"The new turbines are Danish made," Sharp told commissioners.

The project was originally set for the construction of 67 wind turbines producing 40 megawatts of power, but has been scaled back to 42 turbines

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## S is for Spring ... and for Storms

### Mother Nature can bring havoc along with beauty

As beautiful as spring thunderstorms and rain showers can make things, the same forces of nature can also create havoc that's almost incomprehensible.

Wind, rain, lightning and other destructive forces of nature are as unpredictable as the West Texas weather, but knowing how to survive these forces is a matter of taking the proper precautions.

During last year's storm season, three Big Spring residents had their vehicles slide into a ditch when the barricade covering it collapsed. The barricade collapsed after a thunderstorm dropped torrential rain causing the sand and gravel filling the ditch to be washed out.

Some incidents like this can't be avoided, but knowing what to do in the face of a storm can lessen the likelihood of such accidents being more serious.

Thunderstorms affect relatively small areas when compared with hurricanes and winter storms.

The typical thunderstorm is 15 miles in diameter and lasts an average of 30 minutes. Nearly 1,800 thunderstorms are occurring at any moment around the world — that's 16 million storms per year.

One mistake typical of people not trained to gauge a storm is to judge the storm by its size.

According to the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the National Weather Service (NWS), despite their small size, all thunderstorms are dangerous — producing lightning, which kills more people each year than tornadoes.

Heavy rain from thunderstorms can lead to flash flooding and strong winds, hail and tornadoes are also dangers linked with some thunderstorms.

Of the estimated 100,000 thunderstorms that occur each year in the U.S., only about 10 percent are classified as severe.

The NWS considers a thunderstorm severe if it produces hail at least three-quarters of an inch in diameter, winds 58 miles per hour or higher or tornadoes.

The number one thunderstorm killer is not lightning as most people would think, but is flash floods or floods, which kill approximately 140 people a year.

According to the NWS, most flash flood deaths occur at night and when people become trapped in automobiles.

Lightning accounts for about 93 deaths and more than 300 injuries a year and causes several hundred million dollars in damage to property and forests.

Tornadoes are nature's most violent storms and can carry winds that exceed 200 miles per hour. These storms on average result in 80 deaths and more than 1,500 injuries each year, with most fatalities occurring when people do not leave mobile homes and automobiles.

One offspring of thunderstorms, hail, is something Big Spring residents are very familiar with, having withstood perhaps the most violent hailstorm in Big Spring history on May 10, 1996 — a storm that left several roofs, car windows and other structures severely damaged.

Large hail causes nearly \$1 billion in damage to property and crops annually.

Big Spring's 1996 hailstorm caused approximately \$20 million to \$25 million worth of damage, but the costliest hailstorm occurred on July 11, 1990 in Denver, Colo., causing an estimated \$625 million worth of damage.

What people can do to minimize the risk of personal safety during a thunderstorm is to know the following:

- Know the county or parish in which you live and the names of major cities nearby.
- Check the weather forecast before leaving for extended trips or periods of time.
- Watch for signs of approaching storms.

People should always remember that if they can hear thunder, they are already close enough to a storm to be struck by lightning, according to the NWS and NOAA.

-CARLTON JOHNSON

### A little care can help you avoid bolt from the blue

In West Texas, thunderstorms in spring and summer are often regarded as nothing more than a reminder of the season at hand, but there are things people should know in order to remain safe during a storm.

Spring months often breed temperatures that make it feel as if July and August have arrived early. Hot temperatures and the right atmospheric conditions often trigger storms that can converge on an area with little or no warning at all.

Most thunderstorms occur during the afternoon and evening hours and for the Plains states, most thunderstorms occur in the late afternoon and at night.

Summertime thunderstorms also mean lightning.

Lightning is the action of rising and descending air within a thunderstorm separating positive and negative charges. Water and ice particles also affect the distribution of electrical charges.

According to the National Weather Service (NWS), lightning itself results from the buildup and discharge of electrical energy between positively and negatively charged areas.

The average lightning flash could light a 100-watt light bulb for more than three months.

Although most lightning occurs within the cloud or between the cloud and ground, the chances of a human being struck by lightning are estimated to be one in 600,000.

Most lightning related deaths occur in the summer months and during the afternoon and early evening.

In recent years, people have been killed by lightning while boating, swimming, golfing, riding a bicycle, standing under a tree, riding a lawnmower, talking on the telephone, loading a truck, playing soccer, fishing in a boat and mountain climbing.

The air near a lightning strike is heated to 50,000 degrees — hotter than the surface of the sun. The rapid heating and cooling of air near the lightning channel causes a shock wave that results in thunder.

In recent years, sophisticated lightning detection equipment has monitored cloud-to-ground lightning strikes.

A cloud-to-ground lightning strike begins as an invisible channel of electrically charged air moving from the cloud toward the ground.

When one channel nears an object on the ground, a powerful surge of electricity from the ground moves upward to the cloud and produces the visible lightning strike.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) offers these lightning facts to dispel many long-held myths people have:

- *It is not raining, then there is no danger from lightning.* Lightning often strikes outside of heavy rain and may occur as far as 10 miles away from any rainfall.
- *The rubber soles of shoes or rubber tires on a car will protect you from being struck by lightning.* Rubber-soled shoes and rubber tires provide no protection from lightning. However, the steel frame of a hard-topped vehicle provides increased protection if you are not touching metal. Although you may be injured if lightning strikes your car, you are much safer inside a vehicle than outside.
- *People struck by lightning carry an electrical charge and should not be touched.* Lightning-strike victims carry no electrical charge and should be attended to immediately. Contact your local American Red Cross chapter for information on CPR and first aid classes.
- *"Heat lightning" occurs after very hot summer days and poses no threat.*

What is referred to as "heat lightning" is actually lightning from a thunderstorm too far away for thunder to be heard. However, the storm may be moving in your direction.

-CARLTON JOHNSON

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### WEATHER

Today:



Mon:



Tues:



Wed:



Today, cloudy morning, partly cloudy afternoon. Windy. Highs 80-85. Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows upper 40s to mid 50s. Extended forecast, Monday through Wednesday, Partly cloudy. Chance of thunderstorms Wednesday. Lows upper 40s to mid 50s. Highs mid 70s to mid 80s.

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## Father: BSHS student named NMS finalist

By KATHY GILBERT  
Staff Writer

Big Spring High School senior Kirsten Williams found out through the grapevine that she is a National Merit Scholarship Finalist, her father reported Wednesday.

David Williams said he found out his daughter had advanced from Semifinalist to Finalist status when he was contacted by one of the colleges his daughter is considering.

"We're very impressed, we're

very pleased," her mother Gail Williams said. "But having just found out about it, we're not sure how much we're going to receive."

"I'm very excited about it," Kirsten Williams, who also works as a clerk in a local convenience store said. "It comes with a \$2,000 scholarship and a couple of the colleges are matching that. It's a really good opportunity."

15,000 students nationwide competed for 14,000 finalist positions, the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, a non-

profit organization, said.

Williams entered the 1998 Merit program by taking the PSAT test during the 1996-97 school year. Her scores were then evaluated by program officials, who selected her as one of the top 15,000 students, on a state allocation basis.

To qualify as a finalist, Williams submitted a complete high school transcript, took the SAT test and wrote an essay last Fall. Big Spring High School (BSHS) principal Kent Bowerman also wrote a letter endorsing her candidacy.

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation declined to confirm Williams' status as finalist.

Williams is not a Corporate Merit Scholarship winner, National Merit Scholarship Corporation spokeswoman Elaine Detwiler said.

She may be a National Merit Scholarship winner, which will be announced on April 29, or she may be a college sponsored scholarship winner, which will be announced on May 20.

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OBITUARIES

Doyce Lankford

Doyce Lee Lankford, 56, of Menard, formerly of Westbrook, passed away on April 10, 1998, in a San Angelo Hospital.

Service will be at 2 p.m. Monday, April 13, 1998, at First Baptist Church in Westbrook. Burial will follow in the Westbrook Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

He was born September 8, 1941, in Loraine. He was an automobile retailer, a U.S. Army veteran and a member of the Westbrook Baptist Church.

Survivors include his mother, Georgia Lankford of Colorado City; one sister: Darlene Perkie Edwards and husband, Lacy, of Big Spring; two sons: Donald Robert Lankford of Garland and Bradley Scott Mott of Midland; three granddaughters: Alexis, Ashley and Heather Mott, all of Midland; and his dear friend, Marla Lankford of Menard.

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Bonetta McDonald

Graveside service is pending for Bonetta McDonald, 86, of Lake Havasu City, Ariz., formerly of Big Spring. Mrs. McDonald died Thursday, April 9, 1998, in Havasu Samaritan Hospital.

She was born on February 4, 1912, in Big Spring. She was raised in Big Spring and moved to Riverside, Calif., in 1972 and lived there 25 years before moving to Lake Havasu City last year. She enjoyed her piano as well as reading and writing.

Her family was one of the original settlers in Big Spring.

Survivors include one daughter: Bonnie Sue Wilmore of Riverside, Calif.; three sons: Cedell R. McDonald of Bakersfield Calif., Johnny A. McDonald of Houston and David M. McDonald of Washington; two brothers: Joe Franklin of Tulane, Calif. and Clifford E. Franklin; 12 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Mabel Atchison

Funeral service for Mabel Atchison, 94, of San Angelo, formerly of Stanton, will be 2 p.m. Monday, April 13, 1998, at the Church of Christ in Stanton. Burial will follow in Evergreen Cemetery.

Mrs. Atchison died Saturday, April 11, 1998, in a San Angelo nursing home.

She was born on May 29, 1903 in Love Creek near Ira to Harvie Wilson Haynie and Julia T. (Pridmore) Haynie. She married John T. Atchison on Oct. 20, 1920.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John, a son and a grandson.

Mrs. Atchison and her husband owned the Atchison variety Store in Stanton and she was also a hairdresser. She was a longtime member of the Stanton Church of Christ and Beta Sigma Phi. After moving to San Angelo, she became a member of the Northside

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Robert Francis Penner, 79, died Friday in a Lubbock hospital. Funeral services will be at 10:30 AM, Tuesday, in the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will be at 11:00 AM, Wednesday, at Grove Hill Cemetery in Dallas.

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Survivors include a daughter: Alawayne Keen of Levelland; a sister: Loyce Cooley of Mason; 10 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Edith Harris

Graveside service for Edith Pearl Harris, 80, of Baytown, will be 10 a.m. Monday, April 13, 1998, at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

Mrs. Harris died Friday, April 10, 1998, at her home.

She was born on Feb. 21, 1918, in Hermligh. She was the widow of the late Lloyd Clifton Harris Sr. and had lived in Baytown for 28 years.

Survivors include one son: Lloyd C. Harris of Baytown; one daughter: Jeanie Pagel of Baytown; four sisters: Jo Patterson of Elgin, Okla., Ann Rice of Sweetwater, Helen Felty of Prescott, Ariz. and Tessie Mae Riggs of Buckeye, Ariz.; two brothers: E.R. Mahoney of Fort Worth and A.J. Mahoney of Albuquerque, N.M.; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Navarre Funeral Home of Baytown.

Lillie Spence

Graveside service for Lillie Bell Spence, 92, of Big Spring, will be 11 a.m. Monday, April 13, 1998, at Elmwood Cemetery in Abilene with the Rev. Wanda Hill, pastor of United Methodist church of Coahoma, officiating. Service will be under the direction of Myers and Smith Funeral Home and Chapel.

Mrs. Spence died Saturday, April 11, 1998, in a local nursing home.

She was born in Coryell County on Aug. 23, 1905. She lived many years in Abilene before moving to Corpus Christi in 1940 and to Coahoma in 1970. She was a homemaker and a member of the United Methodist Church in Coahoma.

She is survived by her husband, Bob Spence; and one son: Clifford Hale Jr.

Robert Penner

Funeral service for Robert Francis Penner, 79, of Big Spring, will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 14, 1998, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Robert Lacey, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, officiating.

Interment will follow at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 15, at Grove Hill Cemetery in Dallas. He died Friday, April 10, 1998, in a Lubbock hospital.

Mr. Penner was born on March 21, 1919 in Gandy, Neb. to Winfred Harding Penner and Claude R. Penner. He grew up in Denver, Colo. and graduated from the Colorado School of Mines and the University of Oklahoma, Magna Cum Laude, with a degree in petroleum engineering.

He was a major in the U.S. Air Force and was a decorated veteran with many missions over Germany in World War II. He married May Ruth Duckworth

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on April 17, 1954, at Park Cities Baptist Church in Dallas.

Mr. Penner worked for British American Oil Company and moved to Big Spring from Dallas in 1964 to work for Fina Oil and Chemical Company. He later owned and operated Chosen Resources, an oilfield resources company, until retiring in 1986.

He was an active member of Hillcrest Baptist Church and served as a deacon. As a member of Gideons International, he was an active speaker in churches and served the Big Spring Gideon camp as president and treasurer.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Penner of Big Spring; one son and daughter-in-law: Kevin and Deborah J. Penner of Lubbock; one daughter and son-in-law: Kandace Ann Penner-Williams and William N. Williams of Gainesville, Fla.; two brothers: Melvin Penner of Los Angeles, Calif. and Ray Penner of Paradise, Calif.; one sister: Mona Johnson of Paradise, Calif.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be the deacons at Hillcrest Baptist Church and honorary pallbearers will be all members of the Big Spring Gideons Camp.

The family suggests memorials to: Gideon International Memorial Bible fund, P.O. Box 133, Big Spring, Texas 79721-0133.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

STUDENT

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The names of winners are confidential until their release dates Detwiler said.

Williams was the first BSBS student to be named National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist, and now Finalist, in two years, Bowerman said last Fall.

Two other Big Spring High School students, Allison Thomas and Stefanie Waggoner, were listed as "commended" by the program last Fall.

Williams has narrowed her choices to either Rhodes University in Memphis, Tenn. or Concordia University in Moorhead, Minn., her mother said. Rhodes has offered her \$7,000 a year, and the National Merit Scholarship program may bring her another \$2,000, which either college will match, she added.

About 7,400 National Merit Scholarship awards worth about \$28 million will be offered in 1998.

ENERGY

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that will produce 34 megawatts of power, according to Sharp. Original cost of the project was estimated at \$42.8 million, but has also been scaled back to \$36.4 million.

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The wind power project is expected begin construction sometime in May of this year on the Mark Morgan Ranch in Howard County, producing several construction jobs during the construction period and seven permanent full-time jobs once the project is completed. The new project completion date is May 31, 1999.

New World officials are expected to be in Big Spring at some point to give Moore officials a preconstruction update on the project.

Prior to granting the tax abatement last year, commissioners held a public hearing on the establishment of a reinvestment zone for the project, a requirement before a project can be granted an abatement.

The reinvestment zone covers most of the southeast side of Howard County, excluding the cities of Coahoma and Forsan.

New World Power will receive a 100 percent tax abatement during the construction phase, and for the five years following construction the abatement will be scaled down 10 percent a year from 100 percent the first year after construction to 60 percent the fifth year.

At the point where the abatement hits 60 percent, the project will then go onto the tax rolls at its appraised value, according to Moore.

The wind turbine project has been in the works for approximately four years and will be bringing some very specific technology from outside the U.S. into Texas and Howard County, according to Moore officials.

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 238. BETWEEN 8:30 A.M. AND 2 P.M. All Springboard items must be submitted in writing. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; bring it by the office at 710 Scurry; or fax it to 264-7205.

TODAY  
•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.

MONDAY  
•Big Spring Evening Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Al Valdes, 263-6810.

•Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of abuse, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.

•TOPS Clubs (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:15 p.m.

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weigh in and 6:15 p.m. meeting, Family Hospice, 3210 E. 11th Place.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

•Big Spring Commandery No. 31, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 211 1/2 Main. 6:30 p.m. dinner.

•Big Spring Assembly No. 211, Social Order of the Beauceant, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 211 1/2 Main. 6:30 p.m. dinner.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Friday and 1:30 p.m. Saturday:  
•DAVID NOBLE, 34, was arrested for public intoxication.  
•DIANE NOBLE, 30, was arrested on local warrants.

•PAUL KELLY, 41, was arrested for public intoxication.  
•GERALD ROSS, 33, was arrested for assault.

•CAMILLO NIETO, 24, was arrested on DPS warrants.

•ROBERT PASCHAL, 35, was arrested for public intoxication.

•RICARDO MORALES, 36, was arrested for public intoxication.

•CHARLES SUNDY, 28, was arrested for public intoxication.  
•THEFT in the 400 block of Birdwell; 400 block of Gregg; and the 2300 block of Wasson.

•THEFT UNDER \$50 in the 900 block of Willia.

•BURGLARY OF A BUILDING in the 900 block of W. 4th.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 800 block of W. 3rd.

•BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE in the 1300 block of Sycamore.  
•DISTURBANCE/FIGHT at W. 80 and Elm; and the 1500 block of Sycamore.

MEETING SCHEDULE

The following entities will meet this week to discuss the business of the city of Big Spring, Howard County, the city of Stanton and Martin County:

Big Spring City Council

The Big Spring City Council will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the council chambers at city hall to discuss several issues pertaining to the city of Big Spring.

Howard County Commissioners' Court

The Howard County Commissioners' Court will meet in regular session at 10 a.m. Monday in the commissioners' courtroom on the second floor of the Howard County Courthouse to discuss and consider the following items:

•Presentation of financial report by County Auditor Jackie Olson.

•Approval of a new position for a deputy sheriff.

•Discussion of library policies with Howard County Librarian Loraine Redman.

•Discussion of Big Spring Fourth of July Patriotic Concert and fireworks display.

Stanton City Council

The Stanton City Council will meet in regular session at 7 p.m. Monday in the council chambers in Stanton to discuss the following matters:

•Consider and take action on 1996 CD surplus funds - Water improvements overrun.

•Consider and take action regarding the 1998 seal coat program.

•Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing the submission of a home investment partnership program application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for the owner occupied housing assistance program.

Martin County Commissioners' Court

The Martin County Commissioners' Court will meet in regular session at 10 a.m. Monday in the Martin County Courthouse to discuss the following subjects:

•Consider adopting a 35 mile per hour speed limit on County Roads C 2050 and C 3351.

•Consider report of committee appointed to recommend standards for fast line installations on county road right-of-ways.

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# Make plans to lessen weather's effect on you

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

The best way to avoid trouble is not to be there when it occurs, but in the case of severe weather, the best way to avoid trouble is to have a plan and stay informed as to what's happening around you.

The National Weather Service (NWS) suggests listening to NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) Weather radio, commercial radio and television reports for up-to-date severe thunderstorm watches and warnings.

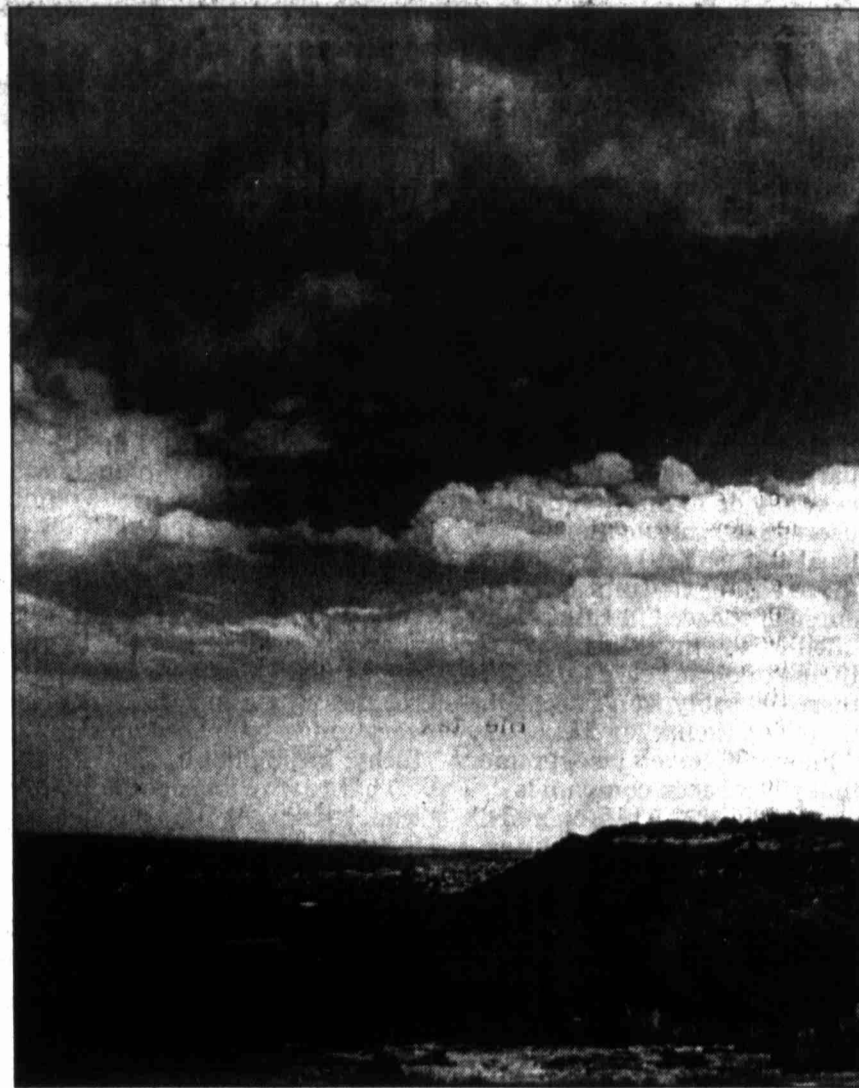
When weather conditions are favorable for thunderstorms or severe weather to develop, NWS issues a "watch" and with information from weather radar, satellite reports, lightning detection, weather spotters and other sources, NWS issues thunderstorm "warnings" when severe weather is imminent.

In order to have life, every thunderstorm needs moisture, to form clouds and rain; unstable air, relatively warm air that can rise rapidly; and lift — fronts, sea breezes and mountains are capable of lifting air to help form thunderstorms.

What is the life cycle of a thunderstorm?

•During the developing stage of a thunderstorm, towering cumulus clouds indicate rising air, but there is usually little if any rain during this stage. This stage lasts about 10 minutes and will produce occasional lightning.

•The mature stage of a thunderstorm is the most likely time for hail, heavy rain, frequent lightning, strong winds and tornadoes. The storm occasionally has a black or dark green appearance and typically last an average of up to a half hour but depending on the storm itself



HERALD photo/Linda Choate

A typical day in this area looks much like this, but weather can turn nasty this time of the year. So make plans as to what to do should inclement weather strike.

may last much longer.

•During the dissipating stage of a thunderstorm, rainfall decreases in intensity; a burst of strong wind may be produced; and lightning remains a danger during this stage.

Families should be prepared for any and all hazards that could affect the area in which they live.

Agencies such as NWS, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the American Red Cross use families to develop a disaster plan that addresses questions like the following:

- Disasters can happen at any time. Where will your family be when disaster strikes?
- How will you find family members?
- Will you know if your chil-

dren are safe?

•Disaster may force you to evacuate your neighborhood or confine you to your home. What would you do if basic services — water, gas, electricity or telephone — were cut off?

In case of disaster, families are encouraged to pick two places to meet; a spot outside and a spot out of your neighborhood in case you can't return home.

On Page 1A, lightning strikes north of Big Spring in this 1993 file photo. Stories in this series were by Carlton Johnson.

# The ABC's of educational software

By BRIAN BETHEL  
Scripps Howard

So, you bought a computer for the kids, did ya? Probably wanted to help 'em get better grades, become young geniuses and (eventually) win the Nobel prize for physics.

And then, they'd go on to fourth grade, right?

So, why does your son, a brilliant young lad, and your daughter, a tower of grade-school intellect, like to play SuperHyperKinetic Street Warrior VII so much more than Mr. Bunny's Math Adventure?

Hmmm. Well, you might ask them. But educators and software experts will probably save you some time:

"The challenge you run into, of course, is that they think the games are more fun," said elementary school teacher Dawn Bonacci. "Obviously, the key is making the learning as fun as the games."

Easier said than done, but entirely possible, educators agree.

"Children love technology," said Marian Peirsall, the Abilene, Texas, Independent School District's curriculum coordinator for technology.

"Computer software was originally written by people who didn't have a very good idea, in my opinion, what children wanted or needed to learn."

"Times have changed, and there is a lot of wonderful software out there, as opposed to only a handful."

One thing you need to realize quickly: A piece of software can help enhance your child's learning skills, but it isn't a replacement for classroom instruction.

"The focus should always be on how the software enhances learning," said Lucy Hatch, assistant professor of education at Abilene Christian University. "Computers can be very motivational, but you shouldn't use the technology just for its own sake."

In other words, just because it's on a computer doesn't mean your young charge is particu-

larly learning anything. If learning is your goal, then you need to be a bit choosier about the software you buy.

"Educationally speaking, kids area turned on to technology," Peirsall said. "Lots of companies are willing to sell you 'educational' software, but it's up to do to determine what is best for your child."

And that means doing a bit of homework yourself. Scanning children's software, you are bound to come across some names you recognize.

From Scholastic to Fisher Price, familiar companies have jumped into the kidsoft fray with both feet.

If you are familiar with their other products, then you can have at least a general idea of what you might get from them software-wise, Hatch said.

"There are some companies that I as an educator trust very much, and there are others that I wouldn't touch," she said. "You can't go by name recognition completely, but it does help in many cases."

These days, many companies offer either sampler packages for popular software, or demonstration modules that can download from their Internet sites.

"Those are good tools for parents because they allow the children to try the software out before buying the whole package," she said. "That way, you can tell whether they like it, see it in action, and decide whether there is any genuine educational benefit from it."

If you can't get a sample version of the program, carefully check the grade level the software is designed for — but keep in mind that it is only a guideline.

"Individual children think and react differently when it comes to certain pieces of software," Peirsall said. "What is very easy for one child may be difficult and frustrating for another. And it's important to let the children be the judge as to whether or not they like it."

Look for information letting you know if the program allows

you to track your child's progress or set boundaries so that specific areas of difficulty can be drilled.

"Children learn quickly when it comes to computer software, and that includes learning how to avoid things they think are boring or too difficult," she said. "If you have the ability to adjust the program and track their progress in a certain area, then that is better."

Of course, the above advice is strictly for you to help measure the educational value of certain software. With the exception of watching them play with sample software, none guarantee your kids will like the program.

And even samples may not tell the whole story, since they aren't the whole program.

Fortunately, much children's software is available for a reasonable price, so even if your little genius doesn't like one subject or company's approach, you can try another fairly inexpensively.

It may take a few tries to find the right mix of learning and fun, and although there are numerous publications available online and in standard print format that review software for children, a four-star rating doesn't guarantee a hit at home.

"That's one of the biggest fears parents come in with: That they're going to spend X dollars on software, take it home and their kids will hate it," said David Kasimirs, software expert at Hastings. "We get that worry all the time."

But once you find the mix that's right, the results can be quite measurable.

"We had a fourth grader a few years back who was using one of the old Apple IIe computers to learn his multiplication tables," Peirsall said. "He could have spent that time drilling with flash cards, but he thought the computer was much more fun. Well, he used the program, started passing his tests and had fun in the process."

The worst thing you can do is use a computer as a baby sitter.



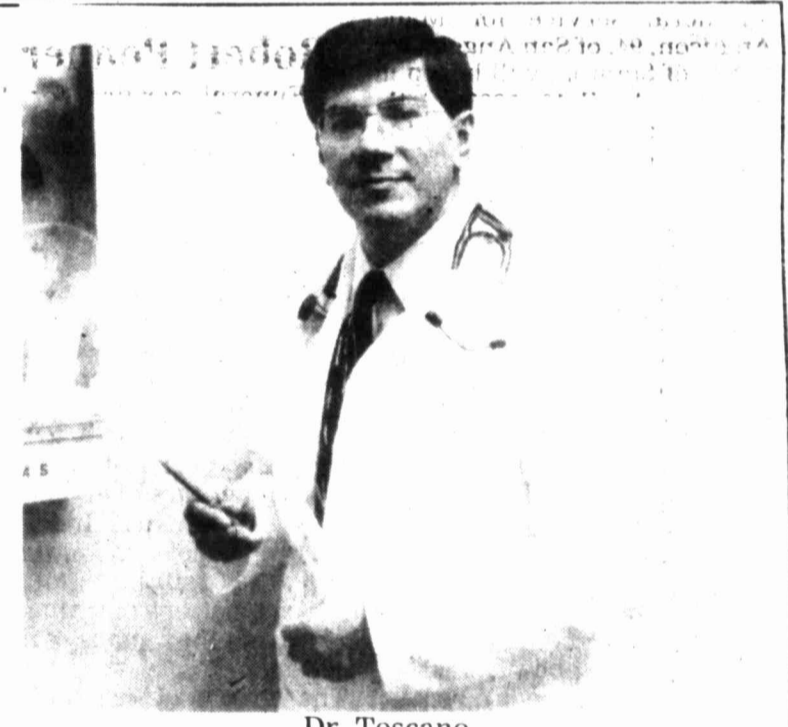
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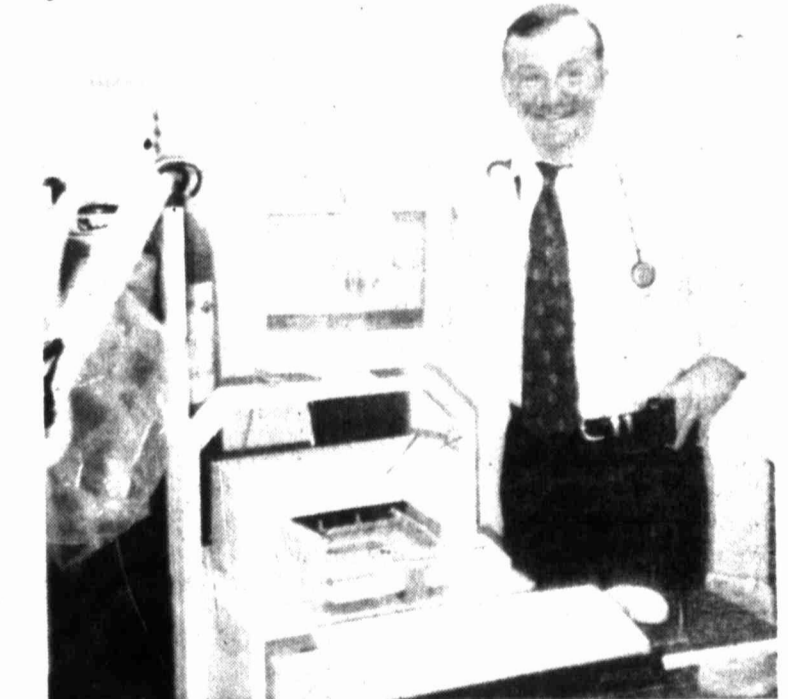
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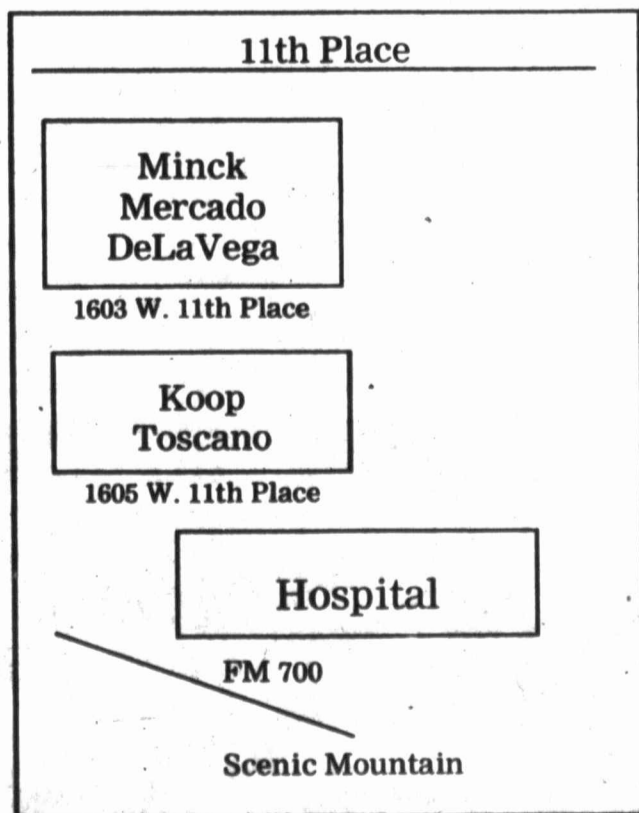
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OUR VIEWS

Remember real reason to holiday

As we get up this morning to hunt Easter eggs with our children and grandchildren, let's not forget what the Easter celebration is all about.

Today, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, following his crucifixion three days earlier on what we now know as Good Friday.

We will observe this holy day in a variety of ways, but what we all need to remember is that this is a day on which those of us of the Christian faith recall the ultimate sacrifice made by our Savior so that we might have life everlasting.

Whether you are a regular churchgoer or not, please give pause today — to be thankful for the gifts that have been bestowed upon you.

Yes, celebrate with your children and grandchildren. Hide Easter eggs over and over again, for we all know there is nothing quite so magical as the squeal of delight in a youngster's voice.

Enjoy your family on what promises to be a beautiful spring day and remember the source of all life. Happy Easter from our family to your family.

OTHER VIEWS

Maybe, in that devoutly and divisively religious land, there will be some symbolism to the agreement coming on Good Friday.

An exhausted and drained George Mitchell had pulled off a feat that eluded other mediators almost from the partition of Ireland in 1921: An agreement that offers real hope of ending the sectarian violence. The agreement owes much to President Clinton's relentless congenial optimism. He appointed Mitchell as mediator 22 months ago, over the grumbling of the then-British government, and baby-sat the talks by phone when they ran long past Thursday's last-chance deadline.

The agreement must be voted on next month in both Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic. While there is a risk in putting presidential prestige on the line, Clinton should campaign for the agreements personally, as Mitchell has suggested. Having come this far, Clinton might as well go the rest of the way, and, as Americans know, he is a great campaigner.

The end-product of the agreement is cumbersome and may in the end prove unworkable; parts of it are almost a recipe for stalemate.

Northern Ireland would be governed by a 108-member elected assembly, with decisions requiring a difficult 70 percent majority. Day-to-day government would be in the

hands of a cabinet, whose membership would be determined by proportional representation with the largest party getting to name the prime minister. The safeguards are intended to both protect the Catholic minority and ensure Catholic representation. Both Irish and Northern Irish lawmakers will participate in a joint, policy-making North-South Council. However, Northern Ireland's assembly will have the right to approve the council's decisions.

The Irish Republic is to amend that part of its constitution that appears to automatically claim Northern Ireland. That will remove one of those small but harmful irritants, like Arab nations omitting Israel from their maps of the Mideast.

The agreement says that unification will come only when a clear majority of Northern Ireland wants it. Unification may come, but it will come because Ireland is leaving its insular, rural, inward-looking past and becoming a thriving, modern European nation.

Mitchell cautioned, "No one should think the problems of Northern Ireland have been solved just because we reached this agreement." Exactly. But this agreement is better than anything that has gone before. After Good Friday, there is the new hope and fresh start of Easter.

Dale McFeatters Scripps Howard

Outlaw tobacco? Nothing short will work

WASHINGTON — The local drug pusher cornered the president of the United States at a fund-raiser and said: "Cocaine has been good. We paid for our mansion off cocaine. We educated our kids off cocaine. We paved our old driveway with blacktop off cocaine. We pay our property taxes. We pay the preacher on Sunday morning. We overhaul our vehicles, and we buy tires. We pay our insurance. And we pay our mules and runners, and give them Social Security and Medicare. And we just try to live right and do right off cocaine."



Carl Rowan Columnist

Replace the word "cocaine" with "tobacco" and you pretty much have the emotional speech that tobacco farmer Mattie Mack gave to President Clinton in Brandenburg, Ky., Thursday.

"Aw, come on," you say, "tobacco is legal and cocaine is not, and you can't compare the two."

That's my point. I can compare them in terms of the damage they do to their addicted users, but I can't compare their legal status. Yet I know that there will be no solution to the curse of tobacco in this society until it is banned just like marijuana and cocaine are, and there probably won't be a solution even then.

I never believed last summer that the tobacco companies would pay \$368.5 billion and accept the terms of the state attorneys general, of the president and Congress, and of the healthcare industry just to stay in business with curtailed pros-

perity. Tobacco is such a golden goose that I knew the industry would find some excuse — like Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., raising the payment to \$516 billion over 25 years — to say that it would rather fight than switch.

President Clinton said in Kentucky Thursday, "I do not want to put the tobacco companies out of business. I do want to put them out of the business of selling cigarettes to teenagers."

The tobacco tycoons have always known that if they can't sell cigarettes to teenagers, they are putting themselves out of business. A 14-year-old who reaches 24 without smoking is very unlikely to take up the filthy, killing habit.

That is why tobacco industry leaders have lied to America for generations about the deliberate boosting of nicotine levels, the ad campaigns targeted at teenagers, the special lures for minority members. The

tobacco industry knows where survival and prosperity lie. And that is why the tobacco bosses have brazenly declared war on legislation that would increase the cost of cigarettes sharply by raising taxes on tobacco products; would give the Food and Drug Administration power to regulate the levels of addictive nicotine in tobacco products; and restrict drastically the advertising and marketing practices of tobacco companies.

Big Tobacco has taken a colossal gamble that farmers like Mattie Mack, the millions of people who already are hooked on nicotine and the Republican Party will rise up and help them to maintain something close to the status quo. The tobacco moguls seem to think that handing out a few billion dollars in campaign contributions and sugar-coated bribes will provide more protection than any \$516 billion settlement.



Water, water everywhere, or so it seems

Maybe it's a generational thing.

One generation was parched by the 1962 sand-and-sun epic, "Lawrence of Arabia." The following generation was desiccated by the college rage for "Dune" and "Dune Messiah."

Another generation was impressed by the four gallons of water a day, or whatever improbable amount, the Desert Storm soldiers were required to drink. Or maybe it's global warming and everybody's just thirsty.

Americans never go anywhere anymore without a plastic bottle of water in hand. They commute with water bottles. They vacation with water bottles. They wander around the office with water bottles. They carry water bottles when they work out, even though if you can't be bothered to get up and walk over to the water cooler why exercise at all?

I am assuming that 99.99 percent of these bottles do, in fact, contain water. However, I have seen tourist groups where old dad's 16-ounce Sweetwater Spring bottle probably contained 16 ounces of 90-proof vodka.

Sales of water in small bottles are over 750 million gallons. That's a lot of water to lug around. The discarded water bottle has replaced the beer can as the symbol of our city parks.

At one time, bottled water had a certain snob appeal, but that dissipated around 1991 when it turned out that what made Perrier distinctive was a (ital) soupçon (endital) of benzene. And there's still a certain battle for brand distinction; Perrier has 18 separate brands of — water. In 1996 alone, 86 new brands of water hit the market.

Some social analysts think people are suspicious of the quality of their tap water. But here in Washington I regularly see people refill their water bottles from the nearest spigot. This is a city where the water normally has a rich chlorine aroma that reminds connoisseurs of the YMCA swimming pools of their youth but sometimes runs brown. The water authority then says reassuringly, "It probably won't hurt you."

Buyers of bottled water tend to believe that spring water is better if the spring is far enough away. Nobody in the Washington area, for example, would drink water labeled Silver Spring, which does indeed have a spring, right between a big discount house that is going out of business and an auto repair shop. There are springs near Pittsburgh where the bottler could boast

on the label, "It's naturally orange."

Retailers and the beverage industry love bottled water because the principle, indeed the only, ingredient is as cheap as, uh, water, and the people who buy bottled water have what is called "higher sales per ring." That's the retailer's way of saying if you're enough of a chump to buy water you're chump enough to buy lots of other stuff, too.

One explanation for its popularity is that water is the ultimate diet drink: no calories, no sodium, no caffeine, no sugar, no carbon dioxide, no taste. But the water wars are getting ugly. Prices are falling and the pressure is on to offer "enhanced water;" that is, water with nutrients and electrolytes so the price can be raised. More H! More Z! More O!

But that's self-defeating. More and more stuff gets added to the water and soon you have Jolt Cola, and the consumer not only gains weight but stays awake for three days.

The competition will probably go the other way. The only commodity that is cheaper and more readily available than fresh water is sea water. It would be a tough selling job, but Madison Avenue has handled worse. Too bad the best name is already taken: Ocean Spray.

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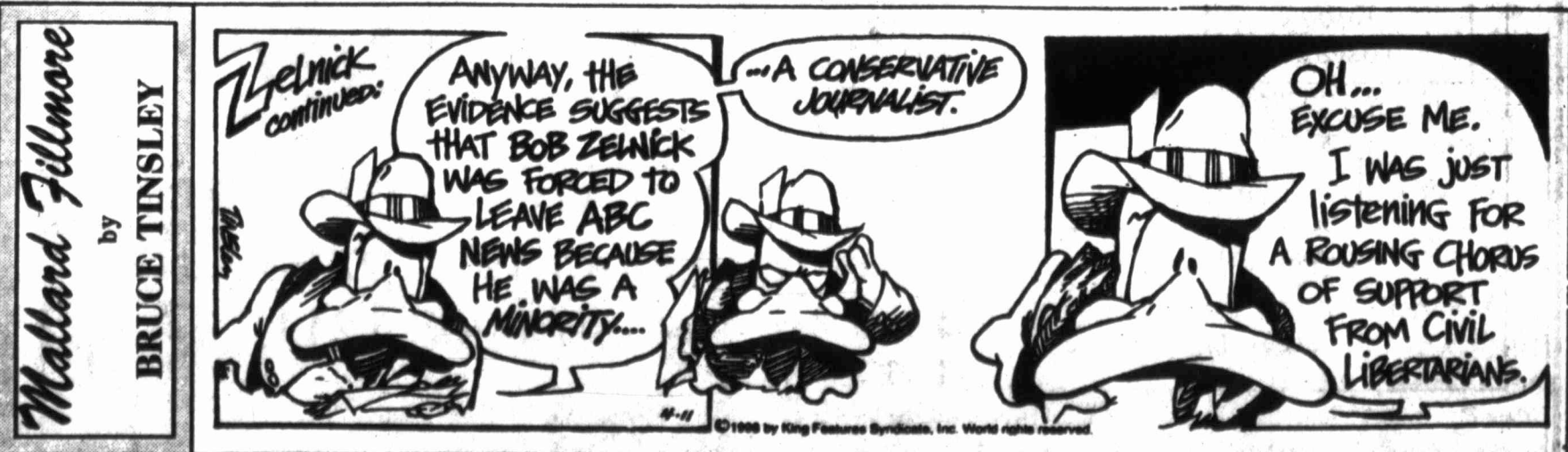
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# Teens continue to light up despite anti-smoking law

HOUSTON (AP) — Despite a new state law to stamp out underage smoking, it appears no one is in a hurry to enforce it, the Houston Chronicle reported Friday.

A look at places where teens congregate often finds a few students lighting up.

"No cop has ever tried to stop me from lighting up," said dropout Jorge Vaena, 16, as he smoked a cigarette in front of a north Houston gas station. "And why should they? It's a free country, isn't it? That law stinks."

The state law imposes 12 hours of tobacco education, a \$250 fine, or suspension of a dri-

ver's license for any under-18 youth caught smoking in public. It also punishes businesses that sell to minors.

But in Houston, the state's biggest city, not one minor has been ticketed since the law took effect Jan. 1, the Chronicle reported.

Houston police blame the enforcement delay on the state comptroller's office, entrusted by the Texas Legislature with implementing enforcement of the law.

On March 20, Comptroller John Sharp announced \$400,000 in statewide grants to police and sheriff's offices for enforcement, but not all law enforce-

ment agencies say they have received the money.

"We are training some officers to enforce this, but we are waiting on grants," said Police Chief C.O. Bradford. "We haven't started anything yet."

Like Houston's police department, other area police agencies that applied for grants said they await funding and more information.

State officials said delays are inevitable.

"We had to initiate this from the ground up," said Sherry Anderson, a spokeswoman for Sharp. "As with any new system, there is paperwork that takes time to get approved."

A check with other Texas police departments by The Associated Press on Friday found that while many officers insist they uphold any law.

"It's a violation of state law. If we see this offense or this violation being committed, surely we're going to act on it," said San Antonio police spokeswoman Sandy Perez.

Nevertheless, neither Ms. Perez said she doesn't know how many tickets their agency had issued to minors for smoking. She referred the question to a San Antonio municipal court official, who did not immediately have the information.

In Corpus Christi, a few tick-

ets have been issued, but police there could not say for certain how many because their computer system was down Friday.

Dallas police spokesman Ed Spencer said the department did not have a ticket count handy.

As for Houston's late entry in the enforcement, it wasn't until last Monday that the first state-sponsored information sessions was held to even inform officers about the new law.

According to the 1996 Texas School Survey on Illegal Drugs and Alcohol, 28 percent of high school students in the state smoke cigarettes.

Anti-smoking activists say much of the law's enforcement

likely will be directed toward retailers, who can lose their tobacco licenses and pay fines up to \$500.

"We don't want to focus so much on busting kids. We want to work more on stopping retailers from selling cigarettes to minors," said Austin-based Kelly Boyles, who tracks legislation in 16 Southern states for Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids.

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# Sierra Club favors slowing immigration

DALLAS (AP) — Sierra Club members who argue that immigration has an ill environmental effect on the United States have forwarded a proposal asking the group to take a stand in favor of slowing the flow of immigrants.

The club's 550,000 members nationwide are being asked to vote on a measure called Alternative A, which states that the overpopulation caused by immigration is detrimental.

Members can also vote in favor of Alternative B, which reaffirms a Feb. 24, 1996 vote by the club's board to remain neutral on immigration policy.

The discussion has bitterly divided the 102-year-old environmental advocacy group.

Those who don't want to take

a stand on the issue say Alternative A smacks of racist overtones.

Club officials denied reports that more than 1,000 members opposed to Alternative A have quit in protest. They say that while they have lost some membership, other people have joined, keeping its membership relatively stable.

Supporters of Alternative A say that the initiative is less about immigration than it is about the effects of it on the environment.

"This is a significant emotional battle," said Todd Nichols of Fort Worth, immediate past chairman of the Lone Star Sierra Club chapter. "It's a very difficult, very difficult decision for the club to make. At times,

it's not been a very pleasant one."

Ballots have been mailed to members and will be tallied starting Saturday, April 18 with results expected later this month.

If the immigration-reduction measure passes, it would require the club to formulate a policy advocating for such restrictions.

That would include such measures as lobbying before Congress.

State Rep. Lon Burnam, D-Fort Worth, a longtime environmental activist and Sierra Club member, is among those who say the immigration reduction initiative is "blatantly racist and xenophobic."

"If it passes, it does an incred-

ible amount of damage to work that environmental activists such as myself have done in advocating for environmental and economic justice for all people," he said. "It would be a major setback for people who have something more than a parochial world view."

Rita Beving, of the Dallas Sierra Club, said she doesn't believe the measure was ever meant to be racist. "Immigration undoubtedly has a major effect on the use of major resources," Ms. Beving said. "It goes to the basic population issue."

But, she said, she probably will not support the measure because "of the way we're being portrayed. ... It's political suicide."

# Blood substitute mortality rates released

HOUSTON (AP) — Nearly half of the emergency room patients given an experimental blood substitute died in a nationwide clinical trial, statistics revealed Friday.

Of the 52 critically ill patients given the substitute known as HemAssist, 24 died, a 46.2 percent mortality rate, Baxter Healthcare Corp. said in a prepared statement.

The Deerfield, Ill., company had projected 42.6 percent mortality for the critically ill patients in emergency rooms.

Baxter Healthcare halted its own clinical trial in the nation's emergency rooms on April 1 after reviewing data on the first 100 trauma patients enrolled in the study.

At the time, the company did not release the specific number of deaths in the U.S. emergency room study, only that it had anticipated about 40 percent given the substitute would die.

However, other trials involving elective-surgery and emergency-room patients in Europe continue because the death rates there are statistically unremarkable, the company said.

Baxter Healthcare spokesman Mary Thomas said the company is still trying to determine why more U.S. patients who received HemAssist died than those given the artificial blood in Europe.

It is thought that because doctors ride in European ambulances, the substitute is administered more quickly to a dying

patient. Several emergency rooms across the nation, including Houston's Ben Taub Hospital, had asked if they could help test the blood substitute. Some 17 other hospitals were part of the study before it was stopped.

Of the 100 patients in the halted U.S. study, 46 were in the control group that didn't receive HemAssist.

Of those, 8 died, resulting in a 17.4 percent mortality rate, far below Baxter's anticipated 35.5 percent death rate.

Baxter Healthcare stressed that only 3 percent of the

nation's emergency room trauma patients could be eligible for the study under federal guidelines.

Those tested were among the most gravely ill trauma patients.

The race to find a blood substitute has been intense because artificial blood could ease the effects of whole-blood shortages, eliminate the time-consuming need to match blood types and wipe out the risk of contamination.

Also, members of some religious groups refuse to accept transfusions of human blood.

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### Proposals abound for tobacco windfall

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton wants to hire more teachers and provide more day care. Minority lawmakers want black newspapers compensated for lost tobacco ads. Asbestos workers and veterans want some money, too, for their smoke-scarred lungs.

How about paying for strapped Social Security or Medicare as well?

The only thing the Senate tobacco bill says about how to spend \$516 billion over 25 years is: "To Be Determined On The Floor." Translation: open season.

To cigarette chieftains, who had agreed to an original \$368 billion settlement of state smoking lawsuits, the measure has become a license for greedy Washington politicians to squander a brand-new pot of money.

"The amount has to be doubled or even tripled to pay for all sorts of new programs having nothing to do with kids smoking," said Steve Goldstone, chairman and chief executive officer of RJR Nabisco, the No. 2 cigarette maker. "Just take a look at the president's budget submission this year and you get the idea."

Indeed, President Clinton's proposed budget over five years envisions spending \$7.3 billion to hire 100,000 new teachers and reduce class sizes, \$7.5 billion for child care initiatives such as day care and \$900 million for Medicaid children's services.

Last week in Kentucky, Clinton said the rationale for this spending was that it would make children's overall lives better — even if they weren't the young people targeted by cigarette makers in the past.

"I'm not trying to raise a bunch of money to raise money, or to raise the price of cigarettes," the president said. "The goal is to make America's children healthier."

But some Republicans disagree.

"The White House would use the tobacco money as its national piggy bank to use as seed money for a whole wish list of new spending programs," said Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., chairman of the Budget Committee.

Sen. John McCain, the Commerce Committee chairman and lead sponsor of the bill, said there are enough challenges in paying state and federal health costs related to smoking without attaching more initiatives.

"I never supported such a thing," said McCain, R-Ariz. "They are very extraneous."

Clinton, however, is far from alone. Some veterans' groups want compensation because soldiers once were given cigarettes in their rations. Minority House members say blacks, Hispanics, American Indians and others have special needs that the original settlement ignored — including lost tobacco advertising in black newspapers.

Others seeking a share include tobacco farmers, consortiums that provide health care to blue-collar workers and asbestos workers who say smoking worsened their health problems. Even the NASCAR auto racing circuit is in line for money due to loss of the Winston sponsorship.

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## Genetic discrimination?

### Safety nets falter, leaving many to fear loss of insurance

NEW YORK (AP) — Breast cancer is so common in Bonnie Lee Tucker's family that she often sees her relatives in doctors' offices, in hospital corridors and, wrenchingly, in funeral homes.

Mrs. Tucker, one of nine women in three generations to develop the disease, and her 19-year-old daughter, Laura, want to take a test to learn if they carry a gene mutation that can cause it. But they fear the test would cost Laura the health insurance she might need later for treatment.

"My doctor said to me, 'If you have this test done, your daughter is not going to get insurance,'" said Mrs. Tucker, 48, of Hampden, Maine.

So, like thousands of patients who wonder if they carry genes linked to dozens of diseases, they're waiting to be tested until Congress passes a law barring insurers from using their genetic makeup against them.

They won't be making an appointment soon.

Last year, it appeared a spate of new laws would encourage

testing by barring insurers from using genetic data against policy holders.

President Clinton and Vice President Gore backed calls for change from breast cancer groups. So did Francis Collins, head of the federal government's gene-mapping Human Genome Project. Lori Andrews, head of a National Institutes of Health ethics panel, warned of a future "genetic underclass."

Then a drug trade group, Pharmaceutical Research & Manufacturers of America, warned that up to 250 bills in 44 state legislatures would propose limits on access to genetic information. Insurers lobbied Congress and legislatures. Drug makers carted 20 reporters to Merck & Co.'s laboratory outside Philadelphia to explain how the bills could hamper researchers developing drugs.

Now five anti-discrimination bills are languishing in Congress, with no action expected, and only Oklahoma is considering a state bill.

"None of them is going anywhere," said Kristin Welsh, a

lobbyist for the Health Insurance Association of America.

So the Tuckers wait, and they're not alone.

A National Institutes of Health study found that 32 percent of women asked to take part in a study on testing for the breast cancer gene declined. Most cited fear of discrimination and lost privacy.

"We don't have any protections for these people and they need protection," said Fran Visco, president of the National Breast Cancer Coalition. "This is a case where science is outpacing public policy, and we can't afford that."

Individual cases of genetic discrimination are hard to verify. Activists say most discrimination goes undetected because insurers can deny a policy or quintuple its cost without saying why. But discrimination has a history.

In the 1970s, several insurers denied coverage to blacks who carried the gene for sickle cell anemia. The Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory in

California secretly tested workers for sickle cell trait and other genetic disorders from the 1960s through 1993; workers were told it was routine cholesterol screening. And a federal court ruled last year that the Defense Department could legally discharge two Marines who refused to give DNA samples, which the Pentagon said it uses in criminal cases and to identify soldiers' bodies.

Insurers say they need access to any information a policy holder has about risk. Otherwise, high-risk patients would have an incentive to buy more coverage without paying their fair share.

"There can be little doubt that some people will game the system if those with genetic faults can keep this knowledge to themselves and still apply for insurance," Lincoln Benefit Life Co. vice president Thomas Ashley wrote in the trade publication National Underwriter.

The issue mostly affects the 13 million Americans who buy individual health care policies. The 150 million Americans

insured at work have protection: A 1996 law bars insurers from considering a genetic predisposition as a "pre-existing condition" for anyone who buys through a group plan, unless the disease is active when the person signs up.

Twenty-four states restrict what insurers can do with genetic information, but those laws don't touch self-insured plans, which are governed exclusively by federal law.

To Sora Friedman, it's sad that women are still waiting to take the test.

She didn't have the option in 1989, when doctors at Johns Hopkins Medical Center said she would likely develop breast cancer, like her mother and two sisters.

At 27, she had both breasts surgically removed rather than wait to see if the doctors were right.

"I remember at that time thinking, I wish there was a blood test that could tell me if I have this disease or not," recalled the Washington, D.C., executive, now 37.

## Senate probe to investigate reports of unfair IRS cases

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new report is challenging the fairness of Internal Revenue Service criminal prosecutions, spotlighting cases where small U.S. cities had more convictions per capita than major business centers.

The Senate Finance Committee, which is preparing another series of high profile hearings looking into IRS horror stories, is expected to review the report just two weeks after the April 15 tax filing deadline.

The committee also is expected to hear cases alleging IRS agents abused citizens' rights in criminal tax cases, according to several sources who have met with Senate investigators.

The study by the Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse, or TRAC, reported per capita tax convictions were twice the national average in IRS offices in Pensacola, Fla.; Greensboro, N.C.; Memphis, Tenn.; and Charleston, W.Va.

But major business centers, including Los Angeles, Chicago, Boston and Detroit, reported lower than average criminal convictions, TRAC said.

The IRS said the TRAC data and the study's conclusions are flawed. But David Burnham, an author and research professor with Syracuse University who helped prepare the study, said the variation raises troubling questions about management of IRS criminal matters.

"You can see large and hard-to-explain variations on the criminal side that I think raise questions about fairness and effectiveness of the agency," Burnham said.

Burnham said he's been asked to testify about his findings during the Senate hearings this month; committee staff decline to discuss witnesses.

The TRAC statistics are

drawn from Justice Department and Administrative Office of the Courts computer records; the IRS won't supply its records to Burnham, saying they contain confidential details about investigations.

A senior IRS official criticized the TRAC report.

"We think there are a number of issues there that make that data incorrect," said Ted F. Brown, IRS assistant commissioner for criminal investigations. Brown said problems with the TRAC data result in "conclusions that are misleading."

Brown said one problem is the study uses Justice Department computer records, which don't match IRS computer systems. An analysis of this Justice data might show regional disparities since the districts of U.S. Attorneys don't align with the 33 IRS districts nationwide, he said.

In addition, IRS criminal cases take several years to bring because of the complex analysis of financial records.

"We may invest a lot of time one year in the investigative stage so you don't have any prosecutions and convictions. And next year, they suddenly come out of the pipeline and the district jumps up," Brown said.

Burnham disagreed, saying his study showed variations among certain districts over time. The Charleston, W.Va.,

district, for example, has been in the top fifth of criminal convictions per capita since 1992.

But Los Angeles ranked in the bottom three-fifths during the same period, even though other highly populated areas such as Manhattan and the District of Columbia ranked about as well as Charleston.

The TRAC study also found wide variation in civil audits nationwide.

The upcoming four days of Senate hearings, scheduled to begin April 28, come after widely praised hearings into taxpayer abuses held last fall. The earlier hearings focused on an unresponsive IRS which allowed simple taxpayer problems to linger for years, causing great emotional and financial turmoil for taxpayers.

IRS defenders said while the cases described were inexcusable, they represented four of some 124 million individual tax returns expected to be filed this year.

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# Northern Ireland

## Despite peace accord, many vow to continue struggle

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — While a divided province digests news that it is to get its own government, Agnes Mulvenna laid flowers Saturday on the grave of her son James, an IRA member killed by British forces — and said his campaign for a united Ireland goes on.

"Look at all these graves, all young men — and heroes," said Mrs. Mulvenna, 69, gesturing across rows of gravestones in west Belfast's Milltown cemetery where many leaders of the struggle against British rule are buried. "We've suffered too much to give up now."

Across town, Protestant Sandra Peacock came close to breaking down at the thought that under Friday's peace agreement, both Irish Republican Army killers and the pro-British gunmen who killed her husband in September 1993 soon could be freed. Neither Protestant paramilitary groups nor the IRA have been required

to give assurances that they will relinquish their arms.

"We have chosen the terrorists and I feel sick," said Mrs. Peacock, who cradled her prison officer husband, Jim, as he died.

"It is just devastating and morally wrong. You cannot release convicted killers."

Leaders of eight political parties who thrashed out Friday's compromise deal that would give Northern Ireland its own 108-seat assembly and a new cross-border council face a tough task trying to sell it to their party workers and electors.

Those who regularly visit the graves of their loved ones lost in nearly 30 years of sectarian butchery are among the hardest to convince. More than 3,000 victims of the "troubles" are buried across the province, and many more have been injured in the cross fire.

Lord Tebbit, a former Conservative Party lawmaker

and Cabinet member whose wife was paralyzed when the IRA bombed a Brighton hotel occupied by Tory leaders in 1984, said the agreement was "a considerable victory for the IRA."

"They have their command structure intact. They have their weapons and shortly they will regain those who are currently in prison," Tebbit said.

Every week for 23 years, Margaret Allsop has visited the windswept Milltown Cemetery where her brother Robert lies with James Mulvenna and other IRA "volunteers," including three gunned down by British forces in Gibraltar on March 6, 1988.

A member of the IRA's youth wing, 15-year-old Robert was shot by unidentified Protestant gunmen as he prepared to go to a disco near his home in the Catholic New Lodge neighborhood of west Belfast.

"I hope for peace, but that won't change how I feel about

my brother's death," Ms. Allsop said. "Nothing is worth a life."

Mulvenna was killed by British soldiers at age 28 while he and two others were trying to blow up a post office in the Protestant Shankill area. His mother, also a frequent visitor to the cemetery, said she wants to read the agreement before making up her mind whether to support it.

Across town, in the predominantly Protestant Roselawn Cemetery, the five Bickerstaff brothers tended the grave of their mother, who died a year ago of cancer.

They are Protestants, but can summon no sympathy for the Protestant gunmen who lie buried here, their graves covered in sectarian symbols and tributes such as "Murdered by the enemies of Ulster" and "Here lies a soldier."

"Pathetic — and for what?" said the eldest, Roy. "I can't understand those who use violence."

# Serbian leader's wife says he'll 'never surrender'

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Radovan Karadzic will never surrender to stand trial on war crimes charges and, if arrested, would implicate Western leaders in wrongs committed in Bosnia, his wife said in comments reported Saturday.

Ljiljana Zelen-Karadzic's comments followed increasing speculation that her husband — the No. 1 war crimes suspect in Bosnia — was caving in to Western pressure and negotiating terms of his surrender.

"He will never willingly surrender and will resist any arrest," she was quoted as telling SRNA, the Bosnian Serb news agency.

The Washington Post reported Saturday that Karadzic wanted assurances he could serve any prison term in an

Orthodox Christian country before he would surrender to the U.N. war crimes tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands.

The newspaper said he was prepared to surrender twice in recent weeks to NATO peacekeepers for extradition, but the transfers fell through at the last minute.

SRNA quoted Mrs. Zelen-Karadzic as warning foreign powers — a clear reference to the United States and other countries pushing to have Karadzic stand trial — against insisting on her husband's arrest.

If he were forced to testify in front of the tribunal "things would come to light over the role of those governments and their prominent personalities" that would reflect badly on them, she said.

## In Central Asia, right violations on rise

ALMATY, Kazakstan (AP) — They burst into the room in the middle of the night, faces hidden by masks, clubs gripped tight in their fists. The four intruders beat the sleeping man over the head. Then they turned to his screaming wife and hit her.

The attack left Pyotr Svoik, one of Kazakstan's leading opposition politicians, with a concussion and the conviction that his country's leaders are growing increasingly nervous about his activism.

"They don't know what to do with us," Svoik said.

Human rights violations are on the rise across the five former Soviet republics of Central Asia, as rulers increase their powers and try to muffle any opposition. These leaders value stability over democracy, and they are banking on the assumption that citizens of the region do, too.

"For most, democracy is an empty word," said Erika Bailey, a Central Asia expert at the New York-based group Human Rights Watch.

The situation is in the greatest flux in Tajikistan, where a nearly 5-year-long civil war ended in June 1997 with an agreement to gradually integrate Islamic rebel leaders into a government dominated by hard-line successors to the country's former communist rulers.

Following the U.N.-mediated peace plan, Tajikistan's government has amnestied some rebels and brought others into

the Cabinet. An opposition newspaper that was shut down during the war has reappeared, and several new papers have started along with new political parties.

But there have been several outbreaks of fighting, a rash of hostage-takings and an assassination attempt on President Imomali Rakhmonov since the cease-fire accord. The government has responded by cracking down on all opponents, Human Rights Watch says.

The war in Tajikistan severely frightened the rulers of the other Central Asian republics. The specter of war became an excuse for clamping down on their own opposition.

The Uzbek government has accused its opponents of fomenting instability and, in particular, of spreading an Islamic fundamentalist message.

Over the past several months, it has cracked down on people it considers to be Islamic extremists.

Police arbitrarily arrested and ill-treated more than 100 people who appeared to be devout Muslims in Namangan province in December, London-based Amnesty International reported.

Amnesty International also has recorded several disappearances of Muslim clerics unaffiliated with the state-regulated Muslim Spiritual Directorate.

Turkmenistan, a one-party state, has the most stifling atmosphere.

used libel laws against journalists to stifle critical reporting and has filed criminal charges against opposition leaders and demonstrators.

Kazakstan has clamped down on opposition demonstrations and reportedly has jailed, beaten and otherwise intimidated activists.

Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan and Tajikistan hold political prisoners, and some dissenters have disappeared in mysterious circumstances.

Kyrgyzstan's president, Askar Askayev, is the only Central Asian leader to be elected to a second term in a contested election. His counterparts in Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Kazakstan had their terms extended by referendum until 2000 or later.

"These are highly controlled and highly authoritarian regimes that have dispensed with any sort of meaningful electoral process," said Erika Bailey, a Central Asia expert at the New York-based group Human Rights Watch.

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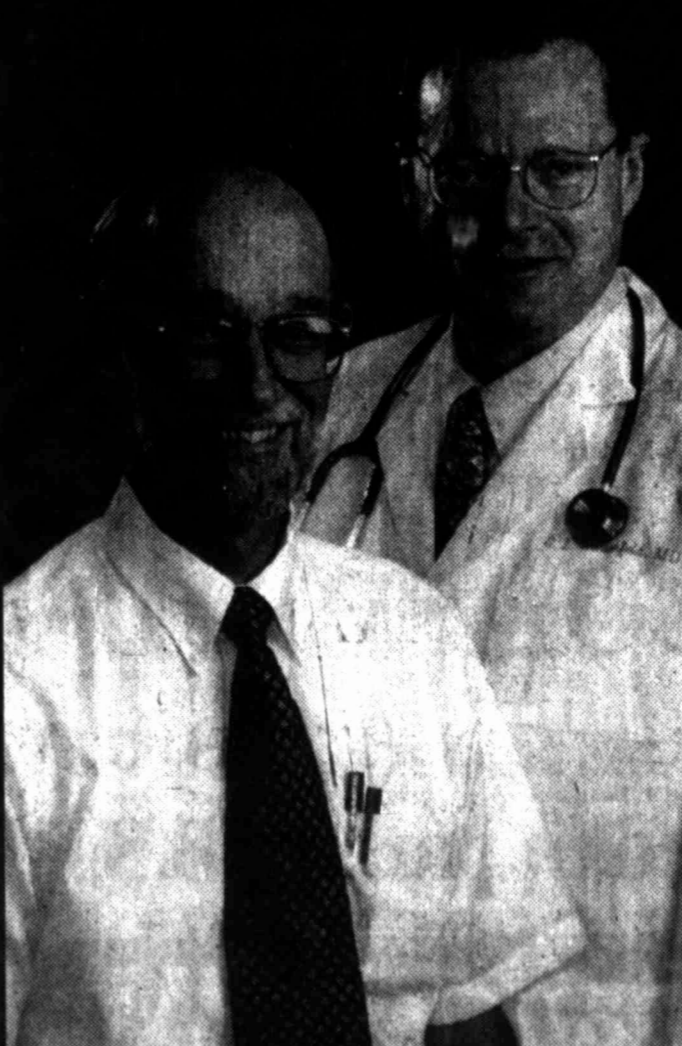
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## List of frontrunners for Texas basketball coaching job narrows to two

AUSTIN (AP) — With Washington's Bob Bender and Oklahoma's Kelvin Sampson withdrawing from consideration, Utah's Rick Majerus and Clemson's Rick Barnes are the frontrunners to fill the basketball coaching vacancy at the University of Texas.

Texas officials have talked to both Majerus and Barnes and were pleased with the interviews, a high-ranking university source, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity, said Friday.

Wake Forest's Dave Odom drew the interest of some members of the Texas screening committee. However, Wake Forest athletic director Ron Wellman said Friday that UT officials hadn't yet sought permission to interview Odom.

The Dallas Morning News reported Friday that Odom declined to be interviewed by Texas.

Majerus, 50, who led Utah to the national championship game, has refused to discuss any coaching searches, telling the Deseret News of Utah, "I'm the coach at Utah. That's where I'm at."

Money figures to be a hurdle in pursuing Majerus, who earns close to \$1 million per year at Utah, a reported \$550,000 of which comes from Reebok.

Although Texas also has a contract with Reebok, it's a total university package in which the shoe money received by coaches is already incorporated into their salaries. And, Texas athletic director DeLoss Dodds has

said that the successor to Tom Penders — who resigned April 2 after a player revolt — will not make more than the \$750,000-a-year contract given new Texas football coach Mack Brown.

Barnes, 43, who declined to answer questions from reporters outside his office Friday, has been at Clemson four years and has a 74-48 record. The Tigers set a school mark with their third straight NCAA appearance this year.

He met with Dodds and associate athletic director Butch Worley in Atlanta on Thursday.

Last year, Barnes spurned megabuck offers from Ohio State and Tennessee, signing a contract with Clemson worth at least \$668,000 a year and another

\$125,000 in bonuses.

An automatic \$25,000 bonus for making the NCAA tournament this year means Barnes' base salary next year would be \$693,000.

Dodds said Thursday that the search for a coach would likely take another two or three days, pushing a possible announcement into early next week. He had hoped to have a new coach in place by the middle of this week.

Both Bender and Sampson withdrew from consideration on Thursday.

Bender, considered a front-runner for the Texas job, announced he was staying at Washington at the Huskies' basketball banquet.

"I looked at the kids, I looked at myself, and then there's (athletic direc-

tor) Barbara Hedges, who has meant the world to me. She gave me a chance. Then there's all my friends in this room, who you don't leave. And there's not a Lear jet in the world that can make it any better," he said.

That was a reference to his interview with Texas, for which Bender was flown to Palm Springs, Calif., to meet UT regent Tom Hicks, who was in Palm Springs on business.

Sampson told The Daily Oklahoman he withdrew because, "I felt in my heart that the coach at Oklahoma couldn't be the coach at Texas."

Penders resigned after a month of controversy that began when four young players went to Dodds on March 8 to complain about his coaching.

## Hawks deadlock WJCAC race

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Sports Editor

Howard College's Hawks did what they had to do Saturday, swept a doubleheader from New Mexico Junior College's Thunderbirds to tie the visitors for first-place standing in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference baseball race.

Going into their final conference homestand of the season, the Hawks trailed NMJC by one game in the WJCAC standings and saw that margin increased to two games when the Thunderbirds rallied to take a come-from-behind 14-6 win in the weekend series' first game.

But solid pitching performances from lefthanders Brandon Clausen, Chris Lengefeld and Josh Duwe and clutch power hitting from the Hawks allowed Howard to take 8-3 and 18-8 wins in Saturday's twinbill.

The Hawks, now 27-17-1 overall and 12-6 in WJCAC play, now have six conference games left — a three-game series at Odessa College this week and another with Frank Phillips in Borger on April 24-25.

"We made it interesting, as usual," Hawks coach Brian Roper said following Saturday's second game which ended in just seven innings on the 10-run rule.

"We were playing a team that has unbelievable statistics and is just never out of a ballgame," Roper continued. "And anytime you can limit them to three runs in one game and then 10-run rule them in the second, you've really come through."

"Brandon Clausen came up with a great, great pitching performance in the first game," he added. "Then Lengefeld and Josh Duwe did a solid job in the second. They both bent a little, but they wouldn't give in."

In Saturday's opener Clausen went the 7-inning distance, allowing scattering five Thunderbirds hits. None of NMJC's three runs were earned, as he walked three and



Howard College catcher William Hawkins (14) can't come up with a popped foul ball as teammate Ryan Mathews (4) arrives too late to help on the play during the Hawks' 14-6 loss to New Mexico Junior College on Friday. The Hawks rebounded Saturday, however, sweeping a doubleheader with 8-3 and 18-8 wins over the Thunderbirds, deadlocking the WJCAC baseball standings.

struck out eight.

Howard jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning in the opener when Dane Rau led off by reaching base on an error, swiping second and scoring on a pair of

NMJC errors.

The Thunderbirds answered in the top of the third, capitalizing on three Hawks errors to take a 3-1 lead, but that edge was short-lived.

Howard all but iced the game

in the bottom of the fourth when they sent 10 batters to the plate and scored five runs to make it a 6-3 game.

Designated hitter Robert

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## Couples leads into final round of Masters play

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — The angry wind that shouted through the towering Georgia pines for two days, as if upset by the way Tiger Woods dominated last year, lowered its voice Saturday and the players lowered their scores at the Masters — except for Woods.

Player after player moved into the red numbers, led by Fred Couples, whose bold iron from 204 yards on No. 13 for a near-gimme eagle helped the 1992 Masters winner shoot a 71 to be at 6-under-par 210, two strokes ahead of Phil Mickelson, Paul Azinger and Mark O'Meara.

"I made a few mistakes, but I started the day tied for the lead with David Duval. Now I'm two ahead of whoever," Couples said. "There are a lot more guys in there. I can't go out and maybe shoot the same score I did today and win."

With the wind still swirling but with considerably less force, many made moves on Move Day at the Masters, including O'Meara, who shot a 68, and Azinger and Mickelson, who both turned in a scorecard with a 69.

But while others were gaining ground, Augusta National held Woods at bay.

His erratic iron play finally caught up with him. He missed half the greens in the first two rounds and lived by his putter. The magic with the blade finally ran out. Suddenly all those par-saving putts were not finding the cup.

He was four over par through the first six holes — including a double bogey — and rallied with four birdies in the last seven holes to salvage a 72 to be at 215, five strokes behind Couples as he goes into Sunday trying to become only the third man to win consecutive Masters titles.

Woods shot a 65 in the third

round of his 12-stroke victory last year and put the tournament away by taking a nine-stroke lead into the final round. Asked if he may have lost the Masters on Saturday this year Woods said:

"I haven't lost anything. I'm right there, bud. I'm pretty confident."

Birdie putts were finding the hole all over Augusta National and they were greeted with booming cheers that echoed over the hills and through the brilliant azaleas and magnolias. But nothing was as electric as when 58-year-old Jack Nicklaus made consecutive birdies on No. 15 and 16 and his name appeared on the leaderboard.

Nicklaus walked to the 18th green with his hat off acknowledging a wild ovation reminiscent of the one a 54-year-old Ben Hogan got on Saturday in 1967 when he shot a 30 on the back nine and a 66 in the last great round by one of the greatest golfers ever.

Nicklaus, the winner of six Masters, rolled in a 25-foot putt to make par on the final hole, urging the ball in with a pumped fist and then raising his eyes to the heavens as the massive gallery again roared its approval — and perhaps disbelief.

"I had to thank the man upstairs for that one," Nicklaus said. "If it had missed the hole it would still be rolling."

His third round 70 put Nicklaus at 215, with Woods.

"I was in sort of the same position I was in back in '86 at 145 after 36 holes and I thought a pair of 67s and I'd be right there," Nicklaus said. "So now I have to shoot 64 tomorrow."

Nicklaus became the oldest Masters winner in 1986 at the age of 46, firing a 65 on Sunday.

That score will be possible in the final round if the wind calms even slightly.

## Big Spring netters finish second to hosts at Snyder Invitational

HERALD Staff Reports

SNYDER — Big Spring's Steers tennis team fell just three points short of taking the team title at the Snyder Invitational Tennis Tournament, as the host Tigers held on to best the eight-team field.

Snyder's 83 points was three more than Big Spring's 80 and six more than the 77 points piled up by Lubbock Monterey in the standings.

Monahans managed 75 points to finish fourth in the eight-team field, while Sweetwater was fifth, San Angelo Lake View was sixth and Levelland was seventh. Hereford rounded out the field.

The Steers netters, who were playing without the services of top girls' singles player Monica Villarreal, who was playing in a USTA Super Majors zone tournament in Houston over the weekend, did most of their damage in the boys' singles.

Senior star Hsiao-Hsuan Li won the boys' singles championship by defeating teammate Devon Swafford 6-1, 6-1 in the final game.

Big Spring's two teams in the girls' doubles also fared well — Kim Dominguez and Christina Vera finishing third, while YuChing Li and Stephanie Lewis were eighth.

Although Villarreal's presence in the girls' singles draw almost certainly would have meant a team title for the Steers, Big Spring did get an excellent performance from Farrah Schooler.

Schooler finished fifth in girls' singles, winning three of the four matches she played. Becky Vera

### AREA ROUNDUP

added an eighth-place finish for Big Spring.

The Steers' weakest finish came in boys' doubles where two young and inexperienced teams are still attempting to gain some seasoning prior to the District 4-4A tournament.

Drew Mirales and Zach Smiley finished 10th in the boys' doubles field, while teammates Brent Schroder and Shane Blackshear finished 14th.

The Steers figure to be at full strength Friday and Saturday when they open district tournament play at Midland College.

### Lady Steers pound Sweetwater

SWEETWATER — The only trouble Big Spring's league-leading Lady Steers encountered Thursday in Sweetwater was a two-out late start caused when umpires scheduled to work the game never arrived.

A makeshift officiating crew had to be assembled for the game, but once play got under way, the Lady Mustangs were no match for the Lady Steers who romped to a 15-0 win in five innings.

Angie Phillips went the distance in improving her record to 6-2 and a perfect 3-0 in District 4-4A play. She allowed just three Sweetwater hits, walked one batter and struck out three.

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Howard College sophomore Donelle Jones signs a letter of intent to play basketball for UT-san Antonio as Lady Hawks Head Coach Matt Corkery looks on. Jones and her Lady Hawks teammates were co-champions of the Western Junior College Athletic Conference and finished third in the NJCAA national tournament in Salina, Kan.

SPORTS EXTRA

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL American League BOSTON RED SOX—Called up 2B Mark Lemmon from their minor-league camp. Optioned 2B Dennis Sadler to Pawtucket of the International League. TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Optioned RHP Robert Person to Syracuse of the International League. NATIONAL LEAGUE ATLANTA BRAVES—Placed SS Rafael Belliard on the 60-day disabled list. Purchased the contract of INF Ray Holbert from Richmond of the International League. CHICAGO CUBS—Recalled RHP Kerry Wood from Iowa of the PCL. Placed LHP Bob Patterson on the 15-day disabled list. NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION NBA—Suspended Utah Jazz F Karl Malone for one game and fined him \$5,000 for elbowing San Antonio Spurs' C David Robinson in a game April 8. FOOTBALL NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Re-signed WR Jimmy Smith to a five-year contract extension. HOCKEY NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Re-signed C Darcy Tucker and D Jason Cullimore. Signed D Jason Robinson. COLLEGE IDAHO—Named Hilary Reclinor women's basketball coach. IDAHO STATE—Named Louis Wilson men's assistant basketball coach. SAGINAW VALLEY STATE—Named Dean Lockwood men's basketball coach. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS—Announced the resignation of Rich Herin, men's basketball coach.

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

Table with columns for American League and National League, listing teams, wins, losses, and percentages. Includes sub-sections for Today's Games and Pitching.

NBA Standings table with columns for team, wins, losses, and percentages. Includes sub-sections for Today's Games and Friday's Games.

Martinez just getting better, as Red Sox blank Mariners

BOSTON (AP) — A big contract and a new league may have made Pedro Martinez even better. Last year's NL Cy Young winner struck out 12 and gave up just two singles in nine innings as the Boston Red Sox beat the Seattle Mariners 5-0 Saturday. Martinez (2-0) allowed only six balls out of the infield in his first home game with the Red Sox, who dealt top pitching prospect Carl Pavano to Montreal for him and signed the right-hander to a guaranteed six-year, \$75 million contract. He was 17-8 with a 1.90 ERA last year and Saturday, walked two to lower his ERA to 0.39. His third straight strong performance was especially impressive since the Mariners started the day with a .311 batting average and a major-league high 20 homers. But in 23 innings this season, Martinez has allowed just one earned run, 12 hits, seven walks and struck out 32. The only hits he allowed Saturday were singles to Joey Cora in the fourth and Alex Rodriguez in the sixth. as the Minnesota Twins defeated the Royals 8-3. Milton, a 22-year-old left-hander acquired from New York in the Chuck Knoblauch deal, allowed six hits in 6 2-3 innings. He has given up 12 hits in 12 2-3 innings against the Royals. Tim Belcher (1-1) gave up six hits and five runs in four innings. Orioles 2, Tigers 0 DETROIT (AP) — Mike Mussina allowed only two hits in eight innings and notched his 1,000th career strikeout Saturday, leading the Baltimore Orioles to a 2-0 victory over the Detroit Tigers. Mussina (2-1) struck out nine and walked two — his first in 23 innings this season. The right-hander overpowered the Tigers.

MLB LEADERS

AMERICAN LEAGUE BATTING—Rodriguez, Texas, .500; Vazquez, Cleveland, .500; McCracken, Tampa Bay, .432; Segui, Seattle, .421; GHI, Seattle, .419; Garbin, Oakland, .414; Davis, Seattle, .414. RUNS—Segui, Seattle, 10; Cora, Seattle, 9; GHI, Seattle, 9; Lawton, Minnesota, 8; Gooden, Texas, 8; Griffey Jr., Seattle, 8; McLemore, Texas, 8. RB—JuGonzalez, Texas, 13; Maveugh, Boston, 12; Miramir, Cleveland, 11; Segui, Seattle, 11; Justice, Cleveland, 10; R Davis, Seattle, 9; Merced, Minnesota, 9; Griffey Jr., Seattle, 9. HITS—McCracken, Tampa Bay, 16; Offerman, Kansas City, 16; Segui, Seattle, 16; Damon, Kansas City, 14; Palmer, Kansas City, 14; 6 are tied with 13. DOUBLES—Meares, Minnesota, 5; Segui, Seattle, 5; Damon, Kansas City, 4; Rodriguez, Texas, 4; FTThomas, Chicago, 4; Sorrento, Tampa Bay, 4; JuGonzalez, Texas, 4; Justice, Cleveland, 4. TRIPLES—Stocker, Tampa Bay, 2; 22 are tied with 1.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

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 at the 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 finishers. For more information, contact Lauri Phillips at 263-1211, Ron Alton at 268-4931 or the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641. 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. 4-H shooting sports team schedules meeting. The Howard County 4-H shooting sports team will have its first meeting of the season at 6 p.m. Monday, April 20, at the Howard County Courthouse. According to Van Gaskins, one of the team's coaches, any youngster between the ages of nine and 18 years of age interested in skeet or trap shooting, including beginners just learning the sport, are urged to attend the meeting. Lady Steers athletic banquet scheduled for May 11. The Big Spring Lady Steers Booster Club will hold its annual Lady Steers Athletic Banquet at 7 p.m. Monday, May 11, in the Garrett Hall at the First United Methodist Church. The banquet will be catered by Al's and Son Bar-B-Que. Tickets, priced at \$8.50 per person will go on sale Monday, April 13, at Big Spring High School, Athletic Supply, Neal's Sporting Goods and at Faye's Flowers.

For more information, call 263-4921. CGA sets scholarship fund tourney for May 9-10. The Big Spring Chicano Golf Association has scheduled its sixth annual Scholarship Fund Tournament for Saturday and Sunday, May 9-10, at the Comanche Trail Golf Course. Entry fees, which include dinner and a dance, are priced at \$150 per two-man team. A new car will be presented to the first player to make a hole-in-one on the par 3 No. 4 hole on Saturday by the New Car Dealers Association of Big Spring. For more information and tee times, contact the Comanche Trail Golf Course pro shop at 264-2366. Lady Steers boosters slate meeting for Thursday. The Big Spring Lady Steers Booster Club will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday in the Athletic Training Center at Big Spring High School to make final preparations for the annual Lady Steers Athletic Banquet. The banquet, set for May 11, will honor the softball, basketball, track and volleyball teams, as well as the cheerleaders, athletic trainers and managers. For more information, contact Kelly McBee at 393-5672 or Shirley Johnson at 267-1541.

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RESULTS-Federal Oil over Fifth Wheels...  
RESULTS-Federal Oil over Kelly's Cafe...  
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WEDNESDAY STRIKERS

RESULTS-Karat Patch tied Allan's Rental over Magic Painting 6-2...  
RESULTS-Rainbow Home Improvement 267-2, Allan's Furniture 260-7...  
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VA COUPLES

RESULTS-Team ten over Team five 8-0...  
RESULTS-Team ten over Team five 8-0...  
RESULTS-Team ten over Team five 8-0...

MEN MAJOR

RESULTS-Bob Brack Ford over Team sixteen 8-0...  
RESULTS-Bob Brack Ford over Team sixteen 8-0...  
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WEDNESDAY NITE TRIO

RESULTS-Fifth Wheels split with M&M's 4-4...  
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Deion Sanders donates \$1 million to Dallas church's youth project

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Cowboys cornerback Deion Sanders on Friday donated \$1 million to a Dallas youth project, sponsored by the church he credits with his salvation...  
The donation will go toward Project 2000, the church's plan to build a youth center in south-west Dallas...  
The church's bishop and founder, T.D. Jakes, baptized Sanders and three other Cowboys players in October...  
Sanders prefaced his comments by praising the Lord...  
"It's appropriate for readers to benefit from my story. You put me on a pedestal... a lot of people want to fill my shoes," said an unusually serious Sanders.

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Her teammates, however, went on a hitting rampage, pounding out 17 hits...  
That offensive juggernaut was led by junior Melissa Martinez who went 4-for-4 at the plate and drover in a pair of runs with two doubles...  
Seniors Honey Belew and Jessica Cobos turned in 3-for-5 performances, Belew driving in one run, while Cobos plated two with a double...  
The only other multiple-hit performances turned in by the Lady Steers came from Sunni Smith and Jessica Canales...  
The Lady Steers, now 23-4 on the season, improved their district record to 8-0 with the win...  
They play host to Pecos' Lady Eagles at 5 p.m. Tuesday at the Roy Anderson Complex.

enth straight District 2-2A softball victory in as many outings, taking a 10-0 win over Haskell's Lady Indians...  
Senior pitching ace Tara Sterling lowered her district ERA to 0.34 by scattering three Haskell hits in the shutout...  
In the process, she struck out six batters and allowed just one base on balls...  
Conversely, the Bulldogettes were conducting a clinic in not only pitching, but in hitting and running the bases as well...  
Coahoma finished the game with 15 hits and was a perfect 10-for-10 in stolen base attempts...  
Cassie Tindol and Amber Bingham, both of whom went 2-for-3 at the plate, led the Bulldogettes' offensive onslaught, while Sterling helped her own cause with a 2-for-4 showing...  
Kelli Buchanan matched Sterling's 2-for-4 hitting, while freshman reserve Kenna Cathey came off the bench to go a perfect 2-for-2...  
The Bulldogettes, now 15-5 on the year, travel to Loraine on Tuesday where they'll take on the Lady Bulldogs in a 4:45 p.m.

district contest.  
Bulldogs rip Ozona  
COAHOMA — Delvin White scattered four Ozona hits and his teammates hammered Ozona pitching for 11 hits, as Coahoma's Bulldogs remained perfect in District 8-2A baseball action Thursday with a 12-2 win over the Lions...  
White, who improved his record to 4-2 on the season, struck out nine Ozona batters and allowed just one base on balls in going the 10-run rule shortened distance of five innings...  
The 'Dogs provided White with all the runs he'd need in the first inning, coming up with four runs...  
Ozona attempted to answer in its half of the fourth, adding their final run, but the Bulldogs scored two more in the bottom of the inning and then scored three more in the fifth when

T.J. Green hit a 3-run homer to end the game early...  
Green finished the game 1-for-3 at the plate, but drove in four runs...  
The Bulldogs, now 7-3 on the season, got multiple hits from Robert Lain, Vincent Garcia and Aaron Ovalle...  
Lain led the way with a 3-for-4 showing and a pair of RBIs...  
Ovalle had a 2-for-2 showing and drove in a run, while Garcia was 2-for-4...  
His younger brother Mario finished 1-for-2, that hit being a two-run home run...  
Coahoma continues 8-2A play when they host Eldorado's Eagles at 5 p.m. Tuesday.

HAWKS

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Ramos led off the inning when he was hit by a pitch and promptly stole second, then scored on a triple by John Eric Munneke...  
Bryan Phillips drew a one-out walk to put runners at first and third, setting the stage for Rau who singled to right, plating Ramos...  
Scott Fahey kept things going by reaching base on an error and William Hawkins was then hit by a pitch to force in a run...  
Brandon Plumlee then capped the inning by driving in two runs with a single up the middle...  
The Hawks would add a pair of insurance runs in the bottom of the sixth when Fahey drew a walk with one out and Hawkins ripped a two-run homer to left...  
In the second game Saturday, Lengfeld worked five innings...  
And although he gave up 11 of the Thunderbirds' 13 hits in the game, he allowed just six runs, four of them earned...  
He walked

two batters and struck out five before yielding to Duwe after walking NMJC's lead-off hitter in the top of the sixth...  
Duwe came in and struck out the first two batters he face and escaped the inning without letting the Thunderbirds chip into the Hawks' 10-6 lead...  
New Mexico would get to Duwe in the top of the seventh, turning a triple, a single and a pair of Hawks errors into a pair of runs that left Howard with an 11-8 edge...  
The Hawks, who would never trail in the nightcap, opened the game with a display of power when Plumlee hit a 3-run homer to left with one out in the first...  
They added five more in the third and put single tallies on the scoreboard in each of the fourth, fifth and sixth innings...  
But the killer came in the seventh when the Thunderbirds were never able to record more than one out...  
Rau opened the Hawks' seventh with a walk and swiped

second...  
Fahey followed with another walk and Hawks, who would go 2-for-5 in the nightcap, singled to left and drove in Rau...  
Plumlee, who was also 2-for-5, loaded the bases when he reached base on an error...  
Both Fahey and Hawkins scored a few seconds later when Ryan Mathews took the first pitch he was offered and drove it to left...  
Then Munneke, who led the Hawks in hitting on the day, tripled down the line in right to drive in two more runs...  
NMJC's fourth pitcher of the game, David Green, was able to strike out Ramos, but was touched for a double to left by Kelley Pettit...  
Phillips then drew a walk to load the bases and Rau capped the Thunderbirds' nightmare with a single to left, scoring the 18th Hawks run that ended the game...  
The Saturday losses left NMJC with a 27-12 record overall and an 12-6 conference mark identical to the Hawks'.

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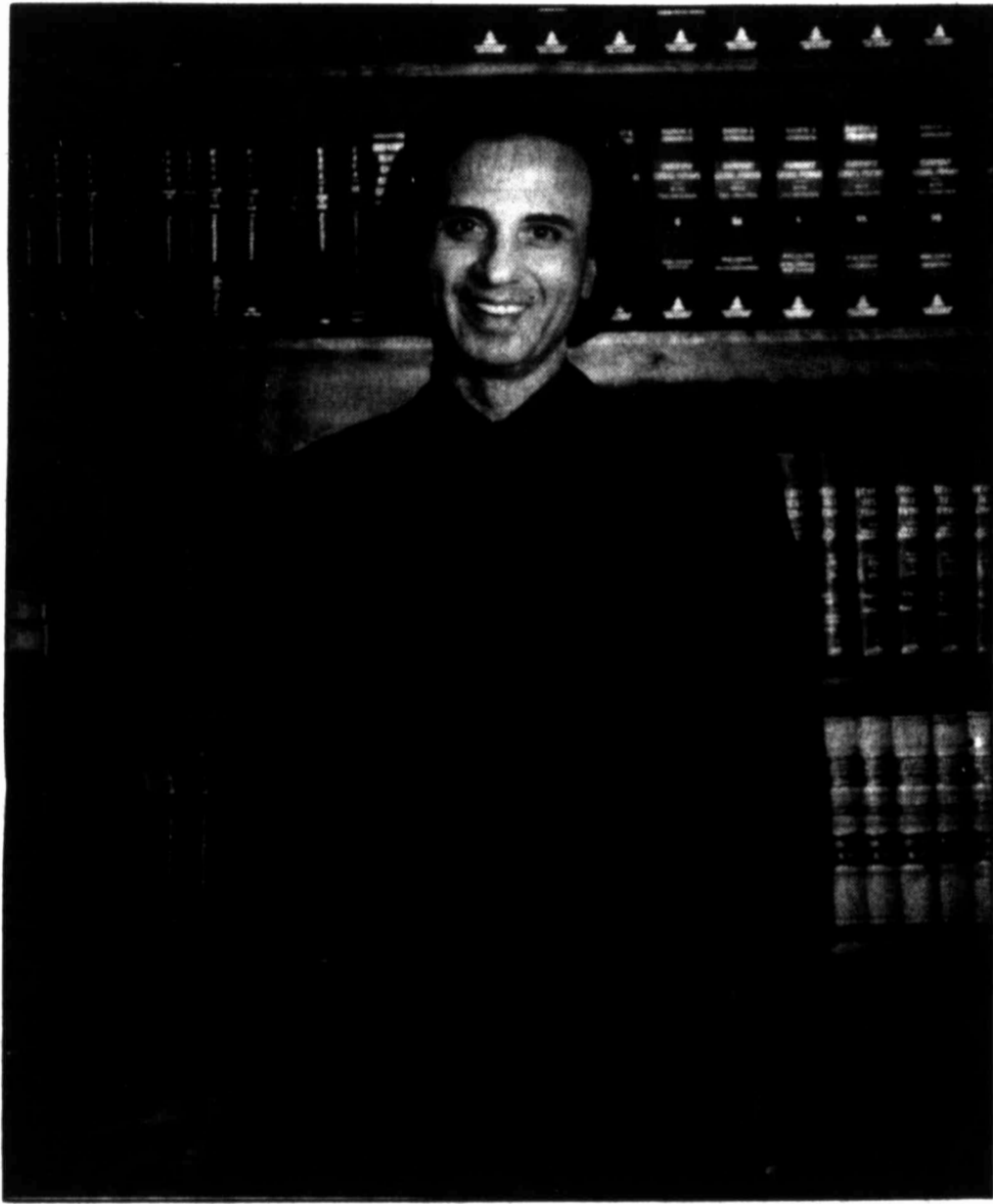
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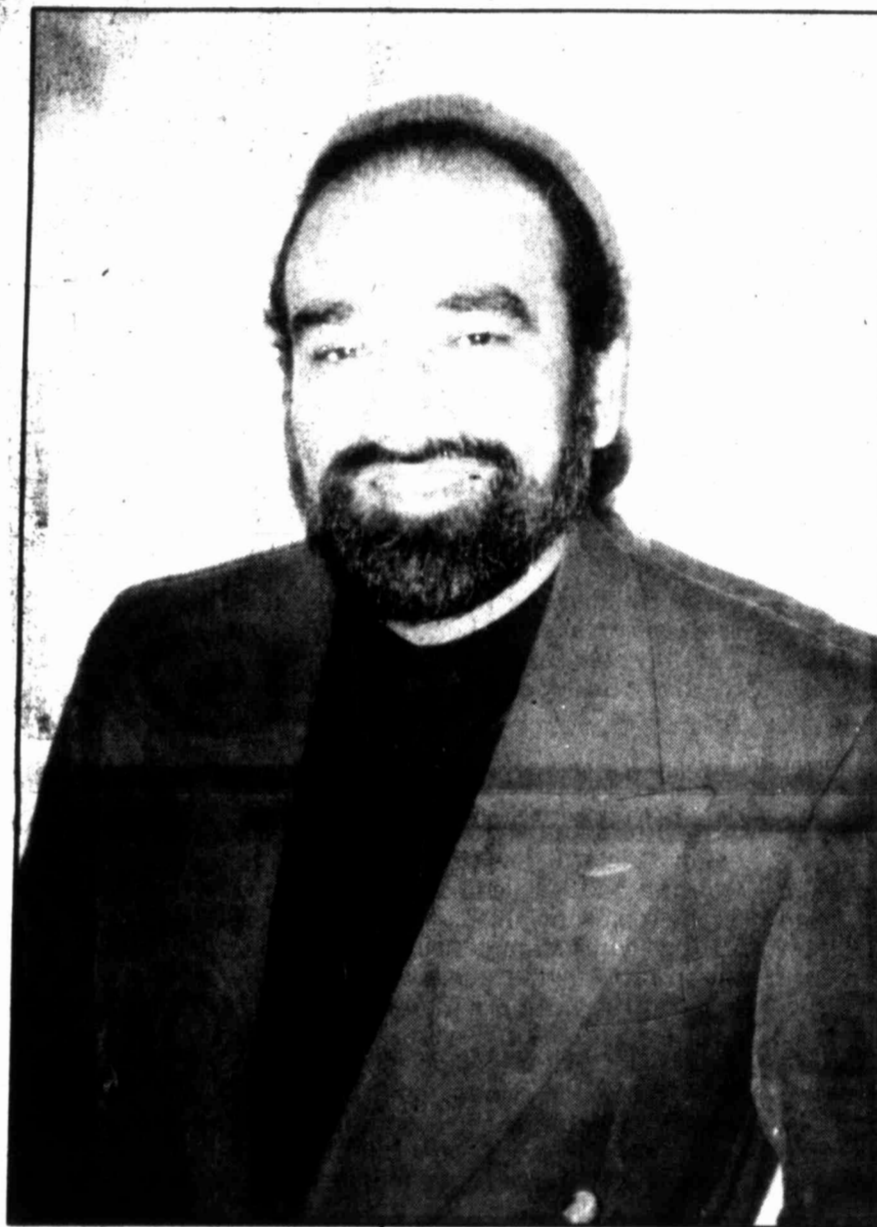
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## QUICK TRIVIA

◆The Easter Bunny came to America by way of 18th-century German settlers. Pennsylvania Dutch children prepared nests for the creature to lay his eggs.

◆Rabbits were common in pre-Christian fertility lore, where they symbolized the abundance of new life associated with spring.

Do you have a good story idea for the *life!* section? Call 263-7331, Ext. 236.

Big Spring Herald

Sunday, April 12, 1998

# Bringing up bunny

**A**ngel Grantham didn't mean to get in the bunny business. Her son, Rodney, bought four rabbits several years ago for his kids, and kept them in cages at his parent's farm.

But you know what they say about rabbits.

Now Grantham's pet population keeps growing, and another litter is expected any day now.

"You've got to be set up for them," said Grantham, who keeps the rabbits in above-ground cages built by her son, with feeders and water bottles in each one.

"I think they make pretty good pets."

But there are cautions: Grantham said the bunnies can freeze to death in the winter if not protected from the cold. She keeps hers in a covered barn.

Each animal eats about a cup of food a day; she feeds them specially formulated rabbit pellets from a local feed store.

Grantham said her female rabbits have a gestation period of about three weeks, and will sometimes have six to eight babies. The females, or does, will make a nest for their young by pulling out their own fur.

She normally keeps the males, or bucks, and the does separated to avoid unwanted litters.

The babies are very fragile, Grantham warned. She doesn't handle them at all, for fear the mother rabbit won't claim her young.

Her older rabbits have not been handled much, so they don't take too well to being picked up.

"You've got to be around them, and get them used to you," said Angel's son, Rodney. "I think they're good pets, but they can scratch you."

They can also hop around at breakneck speed, and some of the Granthams' wild bunnies are happy to demonstrate.



**F**hey're cute and furry, but rabbits are not likely to replace cats and dogs anytime soon as the perfect animal companion.

"Not too many people want to sit with a rabbit on their lap and watch T.V.," said local veterinarian Neal Tindoll. "They just aren't that kind of pet."

"I usually advise people not to buy a rabbit as a pet," said Scott Burt, veterinarian at Highland Animal Hospital. "But many people do enjoy having them."

In the proper environment and with needed care, a rabbit can be a safe, fun, pet.

Those who do keep rabbits will soon find out that they need their nails and teeth trimmed regularly. Because of its diet in captivity, a rabbit's teeth can grow quite long.

Their nails can also become a fierce weapon if not kept clipped, and their urine is foul-smelling, experts said.

That is probably why most people keep their rabbits in a backyard cage.

"Some people claim they can train them to use a litter box," Burt said. "But I've never seen it. They can be pretty messy."

Because their cages are often above the ground, rabbits rarely have a flea and tick problem, although they can carry the pests, Burt said.

There are a few infections rabbits may be prone to, but overall, they usually stay very healthy. They don't carry contagious diseases to humans, and rabies is very uncommon in rabbits, Burt added.

They can be spayed and neutered to prevent unwanted litters.

Rabbits kept outside need protection from temperature extremes. Burt said he often sees rabbits affected by the hot West Texas summers.

"Heatstroke is pretty common," he said. To prevent overheating, Burt recommends filling a two or three-liter plastic soft drink bottle with water, freezing it, and keeping it inside the cage.

"That's like giving it a little air conditioning," he said.

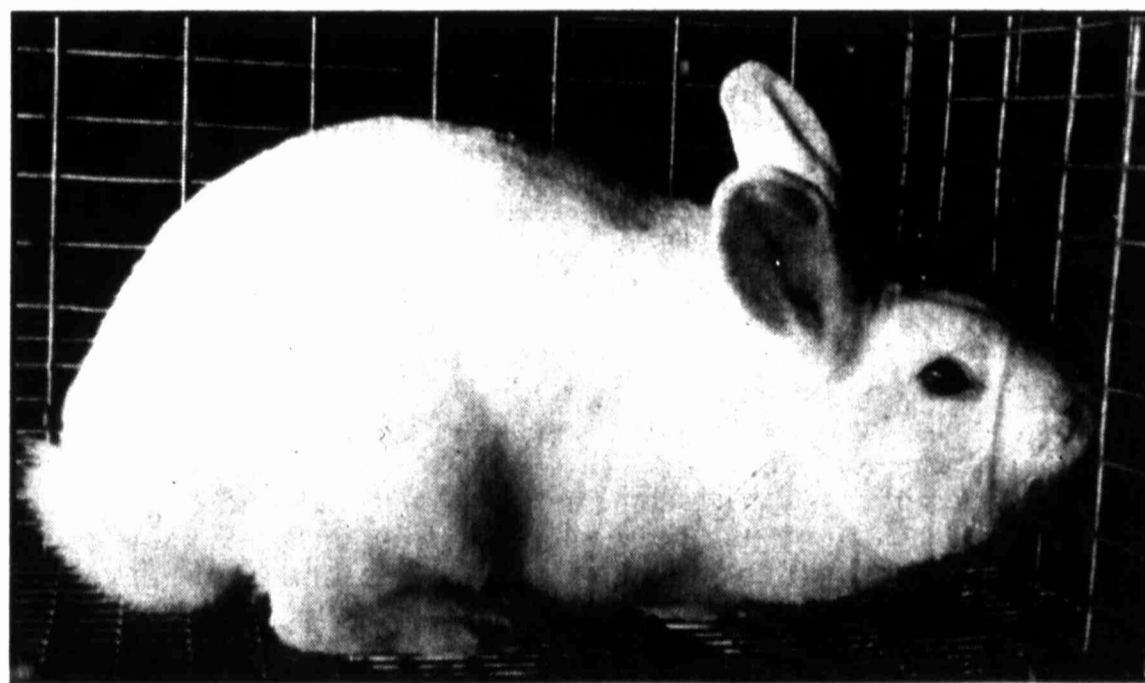
Also, be sure to check the animal every day and handle it regularly so it becomes accustomed to human contact, Burt continued, and if young rabbits are around children, be sure to supervise the contact, because the animals can be fragile.

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stories by debbie l. jensen



In the photos: Top, one of Angel Grantham's rabbits sniffs at the edge of his food dish; Blake and Austin Grantham, grandchildren of Angel, don't play too often with the rabbits in their grandmother's barn, but here Blake holds a solid black bunny while Austin looks on; right, pet rabbits need suitable cages, and those raised above the ground usually work best.



## Sometimes, being considered 'the weaker sex' could drive you crazy

Sex is certainly in the news these days -- with numerous charges of sexism, sexual harassment, and of course, alleged sexual misconduct.

I grew up in an era when nobody spent much time worrying about sexism. It was a fact of life -- based upon the general concept that men and women had different roles in life.

My dad is a case in point. A wonderful father, he was a classic male chauvinist. With our first job, Dad advised us to take out a 20-year pay life insurance policy. Mine was for \$1,000; my brothers for \$2,000. I do not think for a moment that he thought they were "worth" more than I was -- it was just the

assumption that, as men, they would have more financial responsibilities.

In school, I had very few women teachers who were married. Certainly a pregnant woman would not have been allowed in the classroom.

When I began teaching, many school districts in Nebraska had two pay scales, one for women, and a slightly more generous one for men.

My younger sister Shirley, who quit teaching to become a flight attendant, recalls signing a contract in which she agreed to termination of employment after she attained the age of 32, when, presumably, she would be less attractive.

At the time, she never questioned the arrangement. Today she thinks how stupid! (Her words.)

And then there was the matter of names. Recently, while compiling a history for the 40th anniversary of College Baptist Church, I came upon a register for a WMU tea. There we had signed our name

-- Mrs. Paul Warren, Mrs. L.B. Thomas, Mrs. Bill Blalack, etc. Not one woman had signed her given name.

As late as the 1970s, the *Big Spring Herald* identified a married woman by her husband's name. It was as if marital status defined a woman's personality.

In some cases, this practice extended even unto death. While visiting a cemetery at Stanton, I came across a couple of markers identifying the deceased only by her husband's name.

And there is a grave near Marble Falls with tombstone that says "Rudolph Ritche, 1822-1915, and Wife."

Now that's sexism!

There was one occasion in which I personally encountered gender bias. I still think it was unfair.

It was back in our doodlebugging days, and we had been transferred from Montana to Texas.

In Karnes City, Paul and I went together to apply for our Texas driver's licenses. We both passed the written test -- with perfect scores.

The examiner issued Paul's license, but he made me take the driving test. More than that, he failed me, just because I couldn't parallel park to suit him.

I was still furious when Paul

got home from work. "Why didn't he make you drive?" I complained. "We both had a Montana driver's license. He didn't make you drive just because you're a man!"

I was not mollified when he said, "Now honey, he knew I could drive. It wouldn't make much sense to give me a driving test, with the crew waiting for me in the field."

Oh, yeah? So I practiced parallel parking, and a month later took the test again.

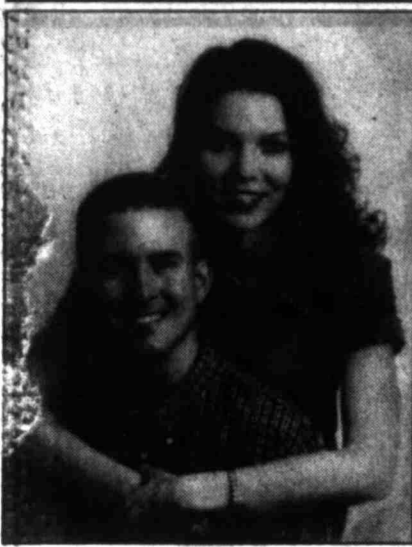
It was the same examiner, and this time he drawled, "Well, Miz Warren, you done pretty good."

I could have hugged him.



Jean Warren  
Herald Columnist

**GETTING ENGAGED**



Joey Dyan Stilwell, North Richland Hills, and Bradley Wayne Roberts, Lubbock, will exchange wedding vows on June 20, 1998, in Southlake with pastor Tom Watson of Countryside Bible Church, officiating.

She is the daughter of Joseph and Linda Stilwell, North Richland Hills.

He is the son of Wayne and Shelane Roberts, Big Spring.



Laura Janae Herm and Justin Loyd Jordan, both of Lubbock, will unite in marriage on June 27, 1998, at the First Baptist Church in Stanton with Rev. David Harp, pastor, officiating.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Herm, Stanton, and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Herm, Ackerly, and Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Louder, Tarzan.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Jordan, Meadow.

**STORK CLUB**

Kevin Brady King, boy, March 23, 1998, 8:15 a.m., eight pounds five ounces and 20 3/4 inches long; parents are John and Michelle King, Midland.

Grandparents are Lee and Janet George, Big Spring, Wayne King, San Angelo, and Watheta King, Flatwoods, Ky. Great-grandparents are Jim and Nadine George, Big Spring, and Edna Reinart, Hereford.

Kevin's older brother is Ryan King, Midland.

*Paid announcement.*

**ANNIVERSARIES**

**Newton**

Melvin D. and Norma J. Newton, Stephenville, formerly of Big Spring, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 7, 1998, at the Potpourri House in Tyler hosted by their children and grandchildren.

He was born in Marshall, and she was born as Norma Jean Harrison in Artmore, Okla. They met at Howard Junior College in Big Spring in 1946. They were married on March 1, 1948, in Carlsbad, N.M. They have two sons, David and wife, Connie Newton of Tyler, and Jeffrey and wife, Julie Newton of Fort Worth. They also have four grandchildren.

They moved to Stephenville in 1990.

Melvin retired from Fina Oil & Chemical in Big Spring in 1982, after 24 years of service; he also worked for the T&P Railroad in Big Spring. He was also employed by the Holly Tree Country Club in Tyler from 1983 to 1990. He was a veteran of World War II and of the Korean Conflict.



MR. AND MRS. NEWTON

They are affiliated with the Graham Street Church of Christ in Stephenville. Norma was active in the Rebekah Lodge in Big Spring for over 20 years. They enjoy crafts, golf, gardening, and gospel singing with the senior citizens in Stephenville.

**Environmental factors may be part of answer to drop in male births**

CHICAGO (AP) — The search for Mr. Right may be getting even harder.

The ratio of boys to girls born in the United States and Canada dipped ever so slightly between 1970 and 1990, and a study suggests environmental factors — such as prenatal exposure to pesticides — may be why.

The declines began even earlier in several other industrialized countries and corresponded with increases in some male birth defects and prenatal exposure to pesticides and industrial chemicals, said Devra Lee Davis, an environmental epidemiologist at the World Resources Institute, a Washington-based policy-research institute.

Davis and her colleagues examined data on birth ratios and increases in male birth defects, such as misplaced urinary openings, and testicular cancer.

"Some, as yet unrecognized, environmental health hazards are affecting the sex ratio of births as well as other unexplained defects in male reproduction," they concluded. Their analysis appears in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

Some studies have indicated male fetuses are more vulnerable than females to prenatal exposure to toxic substances, and either die before birth or are born with defects or a susceptibility to cancer. Other studies have suggested environmental factors can cause harm

even before gender has been determined and may block embryos from developing into males.

Although the death rate for males tops that of females at nearly every age, the worldwide human sex ratio hovers around 106 male births for every 100 female births. That is, about 51.5 percent of births are males.

In the United States, the percentage dropped from about 51.34 percent to 51.21 percent between 1970 and 1990, the researchers reported. That's a decrease of one male birth per 1,000 live births, or 38,000 males over the 20-year period, the researchers reported.

In Canada, the loss was 2.2 male births per 1,000 live births, or 8,600 males, during the 20-year period.

Similar declines were noted in the Netherlands, Scandinavia, Finland and Germany; some began as early as 1950 and lasted into the mid-1990s.

The authors are conducting research to see if the U.S. trend continued beyond 1990.

Dr. Robert Mittendorf, director of health studies in the obstetrics and gynecology department at the University of Chicago, called the article provocative but "a stretch."

"It doesn't really hammer down the fact that we may or may not be able to use (birth ratios) as an indicator of environmental safety in regard to pollutants," he said.

**Reading this beats manual labor — barely**

"Payback." Thomas Kelly. Fawcett Crest, Ballantine Publishing Group, New York, N.Y. February, 1998. 321 pages. \$6.99.

With a college diploma in his hand and law school in his future, Billy Adare takes a well-paying job as a sandhog during the summer to make money for his education. Working at least a mile under Manhattan, sandhogs have the job of drilling tunnels, usually to carry water for the city's use. At the very least, it is a hard, dirty, demanding and depressing job.

Conflicts arise when those seeking to break the union contract of the tunnel workers threaten the mostly Irish sandhogs. The insidious and evil men working against the union have no respect for life, and they work to intimidate and coerce their will using brutal tortures, killing everyone in their wake.

Paddy Adare, Billy's older brother, had for years been expected to be the next great boxing champion. However,

because of fights in which he became involved as a part of the Irish gang, his hands were repeatedly broken and no longer able to support him in the ring.

While Paddy seeks to fight his battles with guns and vicious street fighting, Billy continues to work hard in the dark and dangerous tunnels. As diverse as the patterns of their lives seem to be, they travel a parallel path with the family connections. While the brothers rarely share the same ethics, the affection they have for each other is made obvious by the care and concern each expresses for the other.

Kelly's first novel, Payback,

is a grisly and revolting tale of the power of the mob and the varied ways they are able to control people's lives. Kelly worked for three years as a sandhog, and he was able to translate that experience into compelling descriptions of the dismal atmosphere of those who work in the tunnels.

However ugly and repulsive the action of some characters, positive emotions and passions are played out in the lives of Billy and Paddy.

In many ways their story corresponds to conflicts and solutions that occur in real life. Wisely, Kelly does not give simplistic answers to the complexities and challenges that face his characters.

Payback is interesting, but not a "fun" book to read. If you're trying to decide between doing manual labor or getting a college degree to improve your job possibilities, reading this book will surely guide you to higher education!

RATING: (\*\*) Two out of four=Cure for insomniacs



Pat Williams  
Paperback Book  
Reviewer

**Society members warn against pet rabbits**

By JO SANDIN

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

MILWAUKEE — They're cute and cuddly, but in three months, those adorable baby Easter bunnies turn from terrified fluff balls into rascally rabbits — scratching, biting, kicking and spraying urine all over the house.

That's why members of the House Rabbit Society have one word of advice to anybody who considers giving a baby bunny to a child for Easter: don't.

"If you want an Easter bunny, buy a beautiful stuffed animal," said Debea Alaimo, director of the Wildlife in Need Center, in Oconomowoc, Wis., who has two rabbits from shelters. "Bunnies are not throw-away pets."

Nevertheless, animal shelters are crowded every June with discarded Easter bunnies, said Susan Smith, of Madison, Wis., spokeswoman for the Wisconsin chapter of the House Rabbit Society.

This spring, members in 27 states are staging an information campaign they hope will reduce the numbers of animals bought on a whim and abandoned without a thought.

House rabbits make wonderful pets, but on their terms, not yours, Alaimo said.

"My dog and cat may tolerate impolite human behavior," she said. "Bunnies, being prey species, have to be treated with utmost respect. You have to give them time to accept and trust you, and you have to accept their individual personalities."

For one thing, Smith said, most rabbits do not like to be picked up. "They're much more comfortable on the floor," she said.

In a place where they feel secure, rabbits can be a delight, Smith said. Society members share tales of rabbits nudging Slinky toys down stairs, leaping for balls and playing tag.

They swap sad stories as well about injured rabbits — with ears shortened by frostbite, limbs deformed by inbreeding and backs broken because they kicked their way out of an unwanted embrace.

Too many people think of rabbits as a larger form of gerbil, Smith said.

"Actually," she said, "they're much more like dogs and cats." With one major exception.

"They really are more subtle pets," she said. "They are not suitable for children."

Smith stressed some rabbit

facts of life:

— They live eight to 12 years, so a rabbit is a long-term responsibility, not an impulse purchase.

— They are house animals that need to have more exercise area than a hutch can provide.

— They can and should be litter trained.

— They need human affection and attention.

Adult rabbits should be spayed or neutered. That also stops urine spraying to mark territory.

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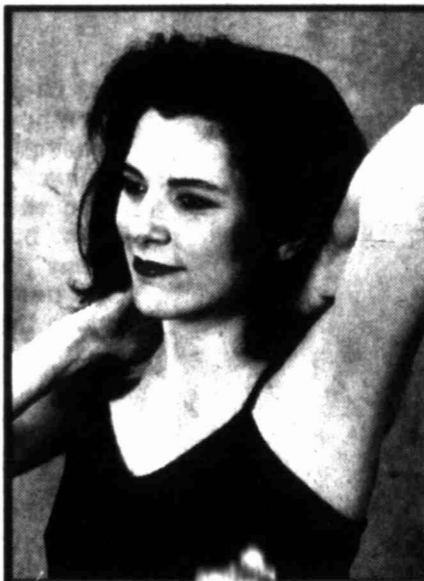
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TUESDAY-Steak, rice, green beans, fruit salad, milk/rolls, brownie.  
WEDNESDAY-Chicken, potatoes, brussel sprouts, salad, milk/rolls, pudding.  
THURSDAY-Stew, cauliflower & peas, salad, milk/rolls, fruit.  
FRIDAY-Enchiladas, rice, beans, salad, milk/cornbread, fruit.

**BIG SPRING SCHOOLS**  
TUESDAY-Beef stroganoff (pizza pocket), fried okra, peach cobbler, roll, milk.  
WEDNESDAY-Oriental stir-fry w/vegetables (chef salad, crackers), rice, egg roll, orange, jello, milk.  
THURSDAY-Steak fingers (chicken salad sandwich),

**COAHOMA SCHOOLS**  
TUESDAY-Pizza, tater tots, salad, fruit, milk. Teachers baked potato or salad call by 9:00 am  
WEDNESDAY-Beef Fajitas (corn dogs), salad, pinto beans, spanish rice, milk.  
THURSDAY-Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, gravy, pudding, milk.  
FRIDAY-Hamburgers, tater wedges, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, fruit, milk.

**STANTON SCHOOLS**  
TUESDAY-Pizza or baked potato with bread sticks, broccoli/cheese, carrot/celery, apple wedges, milk, fruit drink.  
WEDNESDAY-Steak fingers or Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, peas & carrots, peach cup, hot roll, milk, fruit drink.  
THURSDAY-Baked turkey or

whipped potatoes, english peas, spiced apples, hot roll, milk.  
FRIDAY-Cheeseburger (managers choice), french fries, salad, pork & beans, chocolate pie, milk.

**SANDS SCHOOLS**  
MONDAY-Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, french fries, cake milk.  
TUESDAY-Fried chicken w/gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans hot roll, jello, milk.  
WEDNESDAY-Beef & cheese tacos, pinto beans, salad, cornbread, fruit, milk.  
THURSDAY-Bar-b-que ribs, potato salad, ranch style beans, cobbler, hot rolls, milk.  
FRIDAY-Roast beef w/gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, orange wedges, hot rolls, milk or tea.

**WESTBROOK SCHOOLS**  
TUESDAY-Corn dogs, mustard, potato wedges, pork & beans, applesauce and milk.  
WEDNESDAY-Pizza, corn, tossed salad, pears, and milk.

THURSDAY-Fish sticks, macaroni & cheese, english peas, sliced bread, mixed fruit, milk.  
FRIDAY-Pork ribs on hoagie bun, french fries, lettuce, tomato, ice cream cups, milk.

**GARDEN CITY SCHOOLS**  
TUESDAY-Steak fingers, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, sliced peaches, hot rolls, milk.  
WEDNESDAY-Beef, bean chalupas, cheese, salad, spanish rice, jello-w/whipped cream.  
THURSDAY-Beef stew, coleslaw, cheese sticks, peach cobbler, saltine crackers, milk.  
FRIDAY-Goulash, corn, salad, baked apples, garlic bread, milk.

**FORSAN SCHOOLS**  
TUESDAY-Pizza, buttered potatoes, salad, banana bread, fruit, milk.  
WEDNESDAY-Bar-b-que on a bun, potato salad, pork & beans, ice cream, milk.  
THURSDAY-Enchiladas, ranch style beans, spanish rice, salad, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY-Chicken nuggets, potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot rolls, fresh fruit, milk.

**ELBOW SCHOOL**  
TUESDAY - Burrito, spanish rice, salad, applesauce and milk.  
WEDNESDAY - Fish portion, macaroni/cheese, peas, hush puppies, fruit and milk.  
THURSDAY - Chicken nuggets, broccoli with cheese, carrot sticks with ranch dressing, cinnamon apples and milk.  
FRIDAY - Taco/cheese, salad, corn, pineapple tidbits, milk.

**GRADY SCHOOLS**  
TUESDAY - Corn dogs, french fries, fruit, dessert and milk.  
WEDNESDAY - Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit, rolls and milk.  
THURSDAY - Spaghetti, corn, fruit, rolls and milk.  
FRIDAY - Hamburgers, french fries, fruit, dessert and milk.

\*\*\*Unless otherwise noted, Monday is a school holiday.

**FRIDAY** - Taco/cheese, salad, corn, pineapple tidbits, milk.

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## Patriotic event Thursday at BSHS auditorium, 7 p.m.

Concerned Women for West Texas will sponsor a visit by David Barton, nationally recognized Christian historian, Thursday.

The evening at the high school auditorium will include a performance by the Big Spring High School band, and Cathy Mays will sing, "I'm Proud to Be an American."

Out-of-town visitors are expected from all over the area. Barton will speak on "America's Godly Heritage: An uncensored view of American political and religious history."

Other participants in the patriotic evening include VFW Post 2013 for the posting of the colors, and Everett Bender will give the invocation. Master of Ceremonies will be Johnny McGregor, chemistry teacher at BSHS.

Admission is free. For information, call 263-0140.

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## HUMANE SOCIETY



Pictured: "Spot" Male white Tabby, 9 months old, neutered.

Special Note: All dogs and cats presently available for adoption at the shelter have received their vaccinations, including rabies.

"Sunshine" Male, longhair, orange Tabby, 6 months old.

"Hansel" Male longhair, black, 6 months old.

"Homer" Male, longhair, cream Tabby, 5 years old, neutered.

"Dainty Lady" Female short-hair, white and cream Colorpoint, spayed, 1 year old.

"Smokie" Male shorthair, black smoke, 7 months old.

"Jasmine" Female longhair,

black, 5-6 years old, spayed.

"Oliver" Male shorthair, black 2 1/2 years old.

"Regina" Female, white and cream Colorpoint, 2 years old, spayed.

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## WHO'S WHO

Robby Addy, senior officer specialist and Jesse Griffin, budget analyst, both of the Big Spring FCI, were named outstanding employees of the month.

Travis Gilbreath, Lieutenant, FCI Big Spring, was named the outstanding employee of the quarter.

John DeVere, inmate systems officer, FMC Carswell, was promoted to Case Manager (trainee), FCI Big Spring.

Ashley Dwayne Bennett, 17, of Healdton School, was listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students.

She is the daughter of Jody and Kelly Bennett, and the granddaughter of Bill and Johnnie Bennett, Big Spring. Honors received include Blue

Ribbon Superintendent's Honor Roll, basketball All-Conference Honorable Mention 1997, All-Area Honorable Mention 1997, academic awards and voted "Most Likely To Succeed" by the senior class.

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Annette is the daughter of Jack and Cathy Richardson and a student at Bethel Studio of Music in Snyder. She will advance to the State Pastoral Music Festival in May in Dallas.

Tandy Technology Scholars program has made awards to graduating seniors at American high schools, including three local students.

Among those receiving awards included: Katie Lanette Gaskins of Sands High School, Brady A. Patterson of Big Spring High School, and Paula M. Braden of Glasscock County High School.

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Jim and Amelia Blacketer, daughters Ame and Mary Alice and son Jim, San Antonio. He is a tennis profession instructor.

Hal and Mary Hawkins, daughter Nicole and son Bradley, Cotton Center. He is the youth minister at College Baptist Church.

Wesley and Kathy Robbins and daughters Shannon, Erin and Sarah, Miles City, Mont. He is the chief of pharmacy at the VA Medical Center.

Gary and Sylvia McCoy, daughter Alicia and son Nathaniel, Abilene. He is employed by the Federal Correctional Institution.

Javier and Julie Alvarez and daughter Jennifer, Jessica, Jacquelyn and Juliette, El Paso. He is employed by the Federal Correctional Institution.

Michael Shankles, Abilene. He works for the Texas Department of Corrections in Colorado City.

Correction: In last week's Newcomers, Vicki L. Bradley was listed as Dr. Toscano's nurse. She is no longer working there.

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Spring  
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324, Big Spring  
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Third, Big Spring  
Flores, Joe Jr., 3044 W. Hwy 180,  
Snyder  
Ford, Latrese Zemobia, 1109  
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North, Wetzlar, Okla.  
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Spring  
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Big Spring  
Gossett, Rosalyn Angelique, 1109  
Lancaster, Big Spring  
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St., Big Spring  
Hardin, Katherine, 2607 Hunter  
Drive, Big Spring  
Hollums, David, 1102 N. Main No.  
29, Big Spring  
Hinojosa, Abby, 1500 Wood, Big  
Spring  
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Hamilton, Big Spring  
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Big Spring  
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Scuay, Big Spring  
Martinez, Mary, 422 E. Magnolia,  
Midland  
McElyea, Arnold P., Rt. 5, box  
306, Cleveland  
McGee, Billy, 410 N.W. 11th, Big  
Spring  
McInty, Jimmy S., Rt. 4, Box  
139, Lubbock  
Morris, Jackie D., 1201 Sycamore,  
Big Spring  
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Big Spring  
Payne, Kimberly, 2513 Chanute,  
Big Spring  
Perez, Brenda, 1902 N.  
Monticello, Big Spring  
Poynor, Misty, 502 Aberdeen,  
Midland  
Quintanilla, Sidney, 3404 29th St.,  
Lubbock  
Roberts, Cody K., 729 E. Warren,  
Kingsville  
Roberts, Kristi, 826 S. San Jose,  
Abilene  
Roberts, Rona, 3701 Hamilton, Big  
Spring  
Sandel, Jerry, 910 N. Second,  
Lamesa  
Sneed, Carol A., Rt. 1 Box 748,  
Big Spring  
Solis, Robert M., Rt. 3, Box 35,  
Big Spring  
Stephens, Jamie Michael, 111 S.W.  
Eighth, Andrews  
Stephens, Tarissa, 1212  
Ridgeroad, Big Spring  
Stewart, Carla, P.O. Box 2469, Big  
Spring  
Stone, Danny, 1103 E. 13th St.,  
Big Spring  
Thurman, Dewayne, #1 Courtney  
Place, Apt. #206, Big Spring  
Trammell, Mark A., 5301 11th St.,  
apt. 147, Lubbock  
Urteaga, Kimberly A., 811 E. 15th,  
Big Spring  
Walker, Billy, Box 164, McCaulley  
Watkins, Donna, 1603 N. Midkiff  
No. 228, Midland  
Wilke, Debbi J., 528 Hickory St.,  
Colorado City  
Williams, Luther A., 4600 Ratliff  
Road, Big Spring  
Wilson, Kay Gibson, HC 77, Box  
193, Big Spring  
Howard County Clerk's Office:  
Marriage Licenses:  
Zack Monroe Turmon, 20, and Lora  
Jo Wood, 22  
Andrew Reyes Perches, 29, and

Olga Rios, 40  
Harold Vela, 38, and Shelley  
Everett, 37  
Frances E. Carlson, 53, and Aneta  
Rose Langston, 48  
Christopher David Rivera, 19, and  
Natalia Diane Dancer, 18  
Jesse Castro DeLeon, Jr., 29,  
and Tammy Lynn Coker, 27  
Jeremy Sean Yeats, 19, and Tiffany  
Dawn Morrow, 18  
County Court:  
Court Records:  
Revocation of probation & imposi-  
tion of sentence: Andrew Aguilar,  
Order of dismissal: Alicia Landers,  
John Marshall Hampton, Sherman  
Craig Bailey, Cameron H. Carlile,  
Robert Partin  
Probated judgment criminal tresp-  
ass/habitat: Jason Lee Cosby  
\$300 fine and 365 days in jail, Brian  
Robert Cosby \$300 fine and 365  
days in jail, Robert Daniel Cosby, Jr.  
\$219.25 court cost and 30 days in  
jail  
Judgment & sentence resisting  
arrest: Andrew Aguilar \$500 fine,  
\$219.25 court cost and 90 days in  
jail  
Probated judgment criminal mis-  
chief over \$50 but less than \$500:  
Jason Lee Cosby \$250 fine and 180  
days in jail  
Probated judgment DWI: Thomas  
Derrick Dunnam \$500 fine and 180  
days in jail, Frank Garza, Jr. \$350  
fine and 180 days in jail, Sahas  
Torres \$250 fine and 180 days in  
jail, Lucy B. Vaughn \$1,000 fine and  
180 days in jail  
Probated judgment DWLI: Francisco  
S. Bustamante \$250 fine and  
180 days in jail, Bruce Sawyer  
Hutto \$250 fine and 180 days in jail,  
Buddy A. Cunningham \$250 fine and  
180 days in jail  
Probated judgment possession of  
marijuana under two ounces: Eric G.  
Shad \$300 fine and 180 days in jail,  
Jason Lee Cosby \$200 fine and 180  
days in jail, Anthony Allen Pace  
\$1,000 fine and 180 days in jail  
Judgment & sentence possession of  
marijuana under two ounces: Anthony  
McGruder \$300 fine, \$219.25 court  
costs and 30 days in jail, Robert  
Keith Overturf \$300 fine, \$219.25  
court cost and 30 days in jail  
Judgment & sentence display ficti-  
tious motor vehicle inspection certi-  
ficate: Robert Keith Overturf \$100  
fine, \$219.25 court cost and 30  
days in jail  
Motion to dismiss revocation of  
probation: Alvaro Rodriguez, Robert  
Rios, Jr., Luis Rios, Jr., Christopher  
Valbuena, John W. Breckenridge,

Alvaro Rodriguez, Cody Allen Jackson  
Order: Alvaro Rodriguez, Robert  
Rios, Jr., Luis Rios, Jr., Christopher  
Valbuena, John W. Breckenridge,  
Alvaro Rodriguez, Cody Allen Jackson  
Dead Records:  
Warranty Deeds:  
grantor: Eula H. Nelms  
grantee: Northern Trust Bank of  
Texas  
property: All of the right, title and  
interest of grantor in and to all oil,  
gas or other minerals, royalties and  
other rights and right to payment aris-  
ing out of or in connection with said  
oil, gas and other minerals in, on,  
under or that may be produced from  
any real property situated in Howard  
County.  
filed: March 26, 1998  
grantor: Ruby Gilmore Pitzer,  
trustee  
grantee: A.J. Patterson and Violet  
Patterson  
property: a parcel and piece of land  
out of and part of the northeast 1/4  
of section 45, blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P  
Survey  
filed: March 26, 1998  
grantor: David M. Haro and Katie  
Rodriguez  
grantee: Jimmy R. Rodriguez  
property: all of lot 9, blk. 15,  
Bauer Addition  
filed: March 26  
grantor: Tim L. Blackshear, Fred  
Phillips  
grantee: College Baptist Church  
property: the east 30' of lot 4 and  
the west 30' of lot 5, blk. 1,  
Monticello Addition  
filed: March 27, 1998  
grantor: Samson Resources  
Company  
grantee: Samson Lone Star Limited  
Partnership  
property: a 3.39 acre tract of land  
out of the south 1/2 of section 24,  
blk. 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co.  
filed: March 30, 1998  
grantor: Michael Burrow and Shelly

Burrow  
grantee: Johnathan Paul Lewis and  
Mary Lewis  
property: lots 24, 25 and 26, blk.  
3, Original Town of Big Spring  
filed: March 30, 1998  
grantor: Swartz & Brough, Inc.  
grantee: Jane Swartz, Stanford  
Park Addition  
filed: March 31, 1998  
grantor: Shane Schaffner and  
Cynthia Schaffner  
grantee: Felix Rodriguez and  
Dennis Rodriguez  
property: lot 3, blk. 5-A, replat  
amended Piner Heights  
filed: March 31, 1998  
Warranty deed with vendor's lien:  
grantor: A.V. Blassingame, Jr.,  
Betty B. Driver and Walter Driver,  
Robert Blassingame and Lil  
Blassingame, Majorie B. Larson and  
Ernie Larson, Bobbie J. Webb and  
Paul Webb, Joe Weldon Blassingame  
and Venita Blassingame  
grantee: Edwin J. Blassingame and  
Joyce Rae Blassingame  
property: A 4.0 acre tract of land  
out of the east 1/2 of section 28,  
blk. 32, T-2-N, T&P RR Co.  
filed: March 25, 1998  
grantor: E.B. Baker, Dorothy Lou  
Rogers and Margie Brown  
grantee: Jimmy R. Perry and Linda  
K. Perry  
property: the surface estate only in  
a tract of land in the northeast 1/4 of  
section 15, blk. 34, T-3-N, T&P RR  
Co.  
filed: March 26, 1998  
grantor: Emily F. Stuteville, Dona  
P. Mikeka and Sandra A. Vrba  
grantee: Troyce Wolf  
property: the west 90' of the north  
100' of lot 2, blk. 89, Original Town  
of Big Spring  
filed: March 26, 1998  
grantor: Patsy Conway  
grantee: Paul E. Kennemur and

Monika S. Kennemur  
property: all of lot 6, blk. 1,  
Highland South No. 1 West  
filed: March 26, 1998  
grantor: Michael J. Will and Janet  
Aubury  
grantee: Candant Mobility Services  
Corp.  
property: lot 7, blk. 3, Piner  
Heights Addition  
filed: March 26, 1998  
grantor: Candant Mobility Services  
Corp.  
grantee: Crystal Lilley  
property: lot 7, blk. 3, Piner  
Heights Addition  
filed: March 26, 1998  
grantor: William R. Saucy  
grantee: Twila Francis Myrick  
property: beginning at a 3/4" 1/8"  
from which the southwest corner of  
section 13, the northeast corner of  
section 24, and the southeast corner  
of section 14, blk. 33, T-1-S, T&P  
RR Co.  
filed: March 27, 1998  
grantor: Parks Fuels, Inc.  
grantee: A.C. Neighbors and A.W.  
(Aubrey) Neighbors, dba Neighbors  
Auto Sales  
property: all of lots 1-4, blk. 10,  
College Heights Addition  
filed: March 27, 1998  
grantor: NFS Mobility Services, Inc.  
grantee: John A. Swinney and  
Rachel J. Swinney  
property: the east 70' of lot 2 and  
the west 15' of lot 3, blk. 2, Bellevue  
Addition  
filed: March 27, 1998  
grantor: Matthew J. and Lisa R.  
Welland  
grantee: Robert D. Sr. and DeLora  
K. Howland  
property: a 0.75 acre tract of land  
out of the W.N. McClanahan and  
Johnnie Johnson Subdivisions out of  
the southwest 1/4 of section 7, blk.  
32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co.  
filed: March 27, 1998

# Union Carbide suing Union Pacific for poor rail service

PORT LAVACA (AP) — In the latest lawsuit against delay-plagued Union Pacific Railroad Co., attorneys for Union Carbide Corp. contend the company's petrochemical business suffered from poor rail service. Union Carbide is seeking unspecified damages from the nation's largest rail carrier, which has been the target of federal hearings and angry meetings from shippers nationwide who've complained of months-long delays. In the lawsuit, Union Carbide contends its Calhoun County plant has been held captive because no other railroad sys-

tem is available to move the corporation's 8,000 rail cars in a timely manner. "We have sued and we're hoping for an amicable resolution," Bob Berzok, a Union Carbide spokesman, told The Victoria Advocate. Victoria attorney Terry Carroll Jr., representing Union Carbide, said problems exist not only at the Seadrift plant, but at Carbide plants in Texas City and Louisiana. "Union Carbide has failed to meet its obligations under the contract," the lawsuit contends. "Union Carbide has failed to make available timely and ade-

quate transportation needs." John Bromley of Omaha, Neb., a spokesman for the railroad unit of Dallas-based Union Pacific Corp., told The Associated Press today he had no comment on the lawsuit. Papers filed in the lawsuit March 25 in Calhoun County District Court allege breach of contract and tort claims. They seek payment of all damages incurred by Carbide, plus attorney fees and court costs. Carroll said the tort claim includes negligence. But Berzok would not say how much Union Carbide lost from any inadequate rail service.

# Corporations ditching skyscrapers for private homes on the range


PLANO (AP) — On the fringe of Dallas, colossal corporate headquarters squat on the rolling landscape, each developed as its own community. "We're virtually in the middle of nowhere," said Philippa M. Dworkin, spokeswoman for Dr Pepper/Seven Up, Inc., the newest company to move into Legacy business park. Legacy, about 20 miles north of Dallas, is bucolic and spacious and sits where cattle once were driven along the Shawnee Trail. Today, the area houses some of the world's most modern structures and well-known corporations. Dr Pepper/Seven Up joins corporate headquarters for companies including Electronic Data Systems Corp., JC Penney, Frito-Lay and Fina. The companies came to Legacy to create their own corporate utopias: campuses for employees loaded with perks. Free parking, cafeterias and automated bank tellers are common. Dr Pepper/Seven Up offers a gym and outside amphitheater; dining rooms and a gift and card store are part of the headquarters at JC Penney; the imposing EDS

facility has a security system with cameras and tire-puncturing entrances. "They really are mini-cities inside a city," Ms. Dworkin said. A sleepy town of 18,000 people in the '70s, Plano has grown along with its corporate community. The city of about 200,000 has a 23.1 percent growth rate, the fastest in Texas and fifth in the nation. The expansion has caused little strain, said Cole Morvan, director of economic development board for the city. "The leaders and city council members have planned well. For some reason they knew that Plano was going to grow," Morvan said. Plano has attracted so many corporations that the city's tax base is evenly split between business and residential, and the total tax rate of \$2.35 per \$100 valuation hasn't changed in eight years. In fact, earlier this year the city sent rebate checks totaling \$3.3 million to property owners because of a budget surplus. Although Plano has attracted other business outside of Legacy, the steady march to the

suburb's cotton and cattle fields began with the master-planned business community, the development brainchild of billionaire Ross Perot. EDS, which Perot founded in 1962, still owns the business park. Land bordered by a cemetery dating to 1847 that still has traces of wagon ruts from days of old was bought from descendants of Plano settlers. Then, Perot's plans for a corporate colony were laid. Frito-Lay was the first to break ground, moving to the area in 1984. EDS followed two years later with its own spread on 362 acres. JC Penney followed; Dr Pepper/Seven Up started moving in March; and Fina's building is under construction and should be ready by fall. Legacy and Plano highlight a national trend of companies fleeing to the suburbs that picked up speed in the late '80s. Today, the suburban share of business is 60 percent and rising. The reasons: Fewer traffic jams, free parking, lower taxes and cheaper land. Analysts say businesses can get more for their money in a suburb.

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 The Lomax exchange has petitioned for Expanded Toll-Free Local Calling to the Garden City, Lenora, Midland and Stanton exchanges. After making the ballot, customers should sign their name and return the ballot to the Public Utility Commission of Texas. A stamped self-addressed envelope will be provided with the ballot. Expanded Toll-Free Local Calling will allow customers in the Lomax exchange to call and be called by customers in the Garden City, Lenora, Midland and Stanton exchanges. If approved, all subscribers in the Lomax exchange will be charged an additional maximum monthly per line charge as follows:  
 First five (5) exchanges: Up to \$3.50 for residence lines and \$7.00 for business lines.  
 Each exchange over five exchanges: Up to an additional \$1.50 per month for both residence and business lines for each exchange. For example: The following fees would apply if seven exchanges were approved on the ballot.

Residence	Business
First five exchanges	Up to \$3.50
Exchange #6	\$1.50
Exchange #7	\$1.50
Exchange #8	\$1.50
Exchange #9	\$1.50
Exchange #10	\$1.50
Exchange #11	\$1.50
Exchange #12	\$1.50
Exchange #13	\$1.50
Exchange #14	\$1.50
Exchange #15	\$1.50

Total maximum Monthly Fee: \$6.50  
 If five or fewer exchanges pass the ballot and are approved, the maximum monthly fee would be \$3.50 for residence lines and \$7.00 for business lines within the petitioning exchange of Lomax.  
 The fees associated with Expanded Toll-Free Local Calling are MANDATORY and are in addition to your basic local telephone service rates. The fees will apply until West Texas' next rate action. Although this charge will be eliminated at that time, your basic local service rates may be subject to change.  
 Expanded Toll-Free Local Calling will be granted to each exchange with a "YES" vote from 70% of the people who actually return their ballots. Exchanges that fail to receive a 70% "YES" vote will not be added to the local calling scope. If all exchanges fail to meet the requirements of the ballot, service will not change and customers will not be billed an additional monthly fee.

The Public Utility Commission has assigned this matter Project Number 18862. Interested parties should direct any comments that they may have about the petition to the Public Utility Commission, 1701 N. Congress Ave., Austin, Texas 78701, or they may call the Public Utility Commission Information office at 512/936-7140 or 512/936-7136, teleprinter for the deaf. The local contact for this project is D.V. Cook, who can be reached at (915) 398-5536.

La area telefonica de Lomax ha solicitado el Servicio de Expansión de Llamadas Locales sin costo de larga distancia permitiendo a los clientes del area de Lomax llamar y recibir llamadas en las areas de Garden City, Lenora, Midland y Stanton.  
 En los proximos 15 dias, West-Tex Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (West-Tex) enviara boletas a todos sus clientes en el area de Lomax. Despues de marcar su voto en la boleta, los clientes deben firmar y regresar la boleta a la Comision de Servicios Publicos de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas). Un sobre sellado se le proveera con la boleta.

El servicio de Expansión de Llamadas Locales sin costo de larga distancia permitira a los clientes del area de Lomax llamar y recibir llamadas en las areas de Garden City, Lenora, Midland y Stanton. Si se aprueba, todos los clientes del area de Lomax tendran que pagar un maximo cargo mensual, por linea, como sigue:  
 Primeras cinco (5) areas:  
 Hasta \$3.50 por lineas residenciales y \$7.00 por lineas comerciales.  
 Cada area mas de cinco (5) areas:  
 Hasta \$1.50 adicional mensual por area residencial y comercial. Por ejemplo, los siguientes cargos se aplicaran si siete (7) areas se aprueban:

Residencia	Business
Primeras 5 areas	Hasta \$7.00
Area #6	\$1.50
Area #7	\$1.50
Area #8	\$1.50
Area #9	\$1.50
Area #10	\$1.50
Area #11	\$1.50
Area #12	\$1.50
Area #13	\$1.50
Area #14	\$1.50
Area #15	\$1.50

Maximo cargo mensual: \$10.00  
 Si cinco o menos areas pasan la boleta y se aprueban, el cargo maximo mensual sera \$3.50 por lineas residenciales y \$7.00 por lineas comerciales dentro del area de solicitud de Lomax.  
 Estos cargos son mandatorios y son adicionales a su tarifa de servicio basico telefonico. Estos cargos se le aplicaran hasta el proximo caso general de tarifa de la compania telefonica West-Tex. Aunque estos cargos podran ser eliminados por el proximo caso general de tarifa, su tarifa de servicio basico local seran sujetos a cambiar.  
 El servicio de Llamadas Locales sin costo de larga distancia sera otorgado a cada de las areas con el voto "SI" de 70% de las personas que actualmente regresen la boleta. Areas que fallen no seran añadidas a su area de llamadas locales. Si todas las areas fallan el voto, su servicio no cambiara y no se le cobrara el cargo adicional mensual.  
 La Comision de Servicios Publicos de Texas ha asignado este asunto el Numero de Proyecto 18862. Las personas interesadas pueden dirigir sus comentarios o preguntas sobre la solicitud a la Comision de Servicios Publicos, 1701 N. Congress Ave., Austin, Texas 78701, o pueden llamar a la Oficina de Informacion de Servicios Publicos, al 512/936-7140; o 512/936-07136 (telefono para sordos). El contrato local para este proyecto es el D.V. Cook, quien puede alcanzarse al numero (915) 398-5536. 1827 April 12, 1998

**HOROSCOPE**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 12:**  
 Anything can, and probably will, happen this year where personal and partnership resources are concerned. Hasty or uninformed action will cost you time and energy, as well as money. Research investments and expenditures thoroughly, and make all important decisions independently. If you are single, love is sweet and romantic, even though you're more adventurous by nature. A new admirer shows you the softer aspects of a relationship, if you're open. If attached, you will feel closer and more tender with your mate than in previous years. SCORPIO can see through to your soul.

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)  
 This Easter Sunday finds you preparing for a business deal. Family is lively, and you're in demand for festivities. Try to balance work and play; everyone, including you, needs a break now and then! Tonight: Hit the hay early.\*\*\*\*  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
 Relating is deep and intense, especially with a loved one who spills a secret you might classify as "more information than you needed to know"! Keep this confidence, and try not to react too strongly to what you hear. Tonight: Social sensation!\*\*\*\*

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
 If there's a party or kids' event happening, chances are you're the mastermind, host or hostess behind the colored eggs and baskets of goodies. Your efforts meet with success. Later, you focus on the upcoming workweek. Tonight: Buried in books and paperwork.\*\*\*

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
 Sleep in if you can; later on, you will be more ready, willing and able to celebrate! Take the kids to a local park for a planned activity, or bring a friend and go shopping. Whatever you do, wherever you go, you'll have a great time. Tonight: Romance is in the air!\*\*\*\*

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
 A peaceful day at home eludes you, as family clamors for your assistance in solving a problem. Give your time with grace, knowing that others will benefit even if you had more personal plans for the day. Tonight: It's your time now!\*\*\*\*

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**HOROSCOPE**

It's tempting to take off on your own and spend too much on nothing in particular. Everyone else seems to be spinning around like tops trying to pull together last-minute activities. Even if you don't want to rescue the world, keep a lid on expenditures. Tonight: Flirt at a local nightspot.\*\*\*\*

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
 Your ability to say no is tested when a friend or partner wants you to invest in a scheme. There's no point in wasting your hard-earned cash simply to appease him. Let your intuition guide you, and remain clear about your aims. Tonight: Shop for yourself.\*\*\*\*

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
 You're on top of the world, feeling ready to move a relationship to the next level. Take your time, and enjoy the process; you're apt to skip the most enjoyable steps if you perceive that someone is hedging. Perhaps he knows something you don't! Tonight: You win, all the same!\*\*\*\*

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
 Make this Sunday lazy, when the most you do is lift a cup of tea to your lips or read the television listings in the newspaper. Make this day a gift, and let others do the work for a change. It makes all the difference to your health and psyche. Tonight: Out for the count.\*\*\*

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
 Sometimes, you forget how many friends you have, but today it is unmistakable. Doorbells and phones ring, and you're invited to grab the kids or your Easter bonnet for a day of social satisfaction. If you're available, a new friend could become more. Tonight: You are the life of the party.\*\*\*\*

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
 The spotlight shines on you, for your creativity and tongue-in-cheek humor. Nobody can beat your glittery Easter eggs or gorgeous Sunday duds, and you light up any celebration you attend. A lovely gift comes from someone who cares. Tonight: Talk and laugh until late.\*\*\*\*

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
 You're the Easter bunny of the Zodiac today, with your whimsical imagination; whatever your age, the kids will crowd around you to see what treats you have up your sleeve! Optimism and positive energy surround the day. Tonight: Exotic dinner for two.\*\*\*\*

**Spectators as well as athletes need right training in sports**

**DEAR ABBY:** You and "Concerned Mom in Indiana" were dead right about parents who jeer and bully children in sports contests. Children's sports are about participation, sportsmanship, character development and other healthy habits that last a lifetime. It's inexcusable to jeer or berate sixth-graders on a basketball court. Had the parents and coaches spent more time in their YMCA, they would certainly have learned that.

YMCAs, which last year helped more than 7 million children learn about sports and sportsmanship, support a code for spectators that many adults would do well to heed:

**YMCA SPECTATOR'S CODE**  
 (1) Remember that children play organized sports for their own fun. They are not there to entertain you, and they are not miniature pro athletes.  
 (2) Be on your best behavior. Don't use profane language or harass players, coaches or officials.  
 (3) Applaud good plays by your own team AND the visiting team.  
 (4) Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no games.  
 (5) Never ridicule or scold a child for making a mistake during a competition.  
 (6) Condemn the use of violence in all forms.  
 (7) Respect the officials' decisions.  
 (8) Encourage players to always play according to the rules.

Abby, professional athletes are not always good role models for our children, but the good sportsmanship and healthy lifestyles gained in our country's gymnasiums and on its courts and playing fields can make our children good role models for each other, for us, and for future generations. But first, adults have to let them play and send them the right messages. — DAVID R. MERCER, NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, YMCA OF THE USA

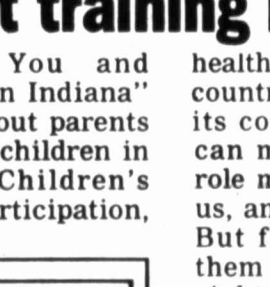
**DEAR DAVID:** I'm sure that many readers — not to mention athletic coaches — will thank you for sharing the YMCA's Spectator's Code. Put into action, it provides a healthy atmosphere for children to build not only athletic skills, but life skills as well.

I agree that children model their behavior after the adults who care for them, and they often learn more from what they observe than what they are told. That's why it's important for all adults — not just sports heroes — to set a good example.

**DEAR ABBY:** We have a problem. We just heard from some old friends we haven't seen in a while. They are coming for a visit and plan to stay at our home. They told us their arrival date, but didn't mention when they plan to leave.

I am having a disagreement with my husband over this. I say it is OK to ask our friends how long they plan to stay. He insists that it would be in poor taste to do so.

Who's right? — UNSURE IN NEW MEXICO  
**DEAR UNSURE:** There is nothing wrong with asking guests how long they plan to stay. A hostess needs that information in order to stock the refrigerator.  
 If their answer is "indefinitely," then I'd say you have a problem.  
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