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Judge tosses 'rap rider'

Decision seen as blow against social investment

From staff and wire reports

Local firefighter Paul Brown scored a victory against "social investing" when an Austin judge ruled in his favor Thursday.

Judge F. Scott McCown, ruling in the 353th District Court, threw out the controversial "rap rider," passed in the Texas legislature last session. The law, attached to the general budget bill, just before it was sent to the floor, violated the "one-subject rule" governing legislation, he said.

"We just got the word yesterday," Brown said. "Our attorneys are in California and I'm not even sure they're aware of it yet."

The plaintiffs need to take a look at the ruling before responding, Brown said.

The constitutional rule — which McCown calls the "fair-fight rule" — says no bill can contain more than one subject except for a general appropriation bill, which is the state budget.

But McCown said the budget exception is limited. Budget provisions may only detail how money is to be spent, and the rider went beyond that, he said. McCown enjoined state officials from enforcing the ban, which was the first of its kind in the nation.

The decision was praised by a lawyer for the Recording Industry Association of America and pension fund beneficiaries, including law enforcement officers, teachers and former government employees, who had challenged the ban.

"We think Judge McCown has made an important statement about the democratic process in our state," said the lawyer, Peter D. Kennedy.

He said pension funds "should not become pawns in political attacks on constitutionally protected speech."

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Bill Ratliff, author of the ban, said it was meant to stop the spending of state funds to support irresponsible behavior. Besides lyrics regarding violence or denigration of women, the ban targets those promoting illegal drug use, criminal street gang activity and acts including pedophilia.

This is the second rider from last year's legislative session struck down by McCown. The other required minors to get parental consent before obtaining state-paid birth control and other prescriptions.

Permian owner to appear before Board of Adjustments

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The Permian Building in downtown Big Spring has been a topic of conversation for the last 12 months following the collapse of the east side wall last April.

At the time of the collapse, owner Al Moore said he had not experienced any problems with the bricks on the east end of the building, but a study done two years prior to the collapse warned that the possibility of bricks falling off the east side and west side walls did exist.

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

As a result of missing several deadlines to submit plans to the city as to what he plans to do to repair the building, Moore has been asked to appear before the city's Board of Adjustments and Appeals on Monday April 27.

The building has been barricaded off for the last two weeks because of safety concerns.

Community Development Director Todd Darden said the Permian Building has been barricaded off because one resident said it looked like the bricks on the north face of the building were pulling loose.

"I have asked Building Official Kenny Davis to take the matter to the Board of Adjustments and Appeals (the city board that oversees substandard structures)," Darden said. "It will be a

public hearing at which Mr. Moore will be required to be present and give the board his intentions as to what he will do about the structure."

The April 27 hearing will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the city council chambers at city hall.

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

Moore will have 20 days, following the board's decision, to appeal to a court of competent jurisdiction if he feels he was wronged by the board.

Darden attempted to call

Moore at his residence in Austin earlier this week, but his calls have yet to be returned.

The Herald also attempted to contact Moore, but calls were not answered and messages were not returned.

Although Moore purchased the building as is, it is not clear if Moore was aware of a General Condition Report on the building dated Feb. 11, 1994.

The report was done by Dallas-based Aguirre Associates Inc. for the Howard County Commissioners' Court and the city of Big Spring because the site which is the Permian Building was being considered as the site for a combined law enforcement center.

Although Aguirre made sever-

al recommendations for upgrades where the structural condition of the building was concerned, the report included a clear warning about the bricks on the east and west ends of the building.

The final report study read, "The most serious and potentially dangerous situation exists at the east and west sides of the building, regarding the exterior masonry walls."

"The possibility of masonry falling off the east side of the building and injuring someone walking on the sidewalk or in the alley below makes investigation and repair of the exterior masonry on both the east and west walls of the building critical and should be done immediately."

WOODEN HORSES, WEE WRANGLERS

Coahoma Kindergarten Rodeo once again a hit

By KATHY GILBERT
Staff Writer

COAHOMA — World-famous rodeo clown Quail Dobbs steered 72 of the world's youngest rodeo stars to victory at the 20th annual Coahoma Elementary Kindergarten Rodeo Thursday.

"It's the world's oldest continued kindergarten rodeo," Dobbs said.

Coahoma's event bred copycats across the region, but none has lasted so long, the 36-year circuit veteran said.

"The main thing is it gets our children interested in rodeo. It starts making spectators out of them at an early age," he said. "It's my livelihood and I believe in it. It's good family entertainment."

Dobbs shared the spotlight with leading rodeo clowns Rick "The Bumblebee" Chapman and Leon Coffee; five-time world champion bull fighter Rob Smets; trick rider J.W. Stoker and his roping horse Hot Diggity; Jody Nix of Jody Nix and the West Texas Cowboys; professional bull rider Wacey Cathey; President of the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo Harry Middleton; and professional calf roper and rodeo announcer Jody Carper.

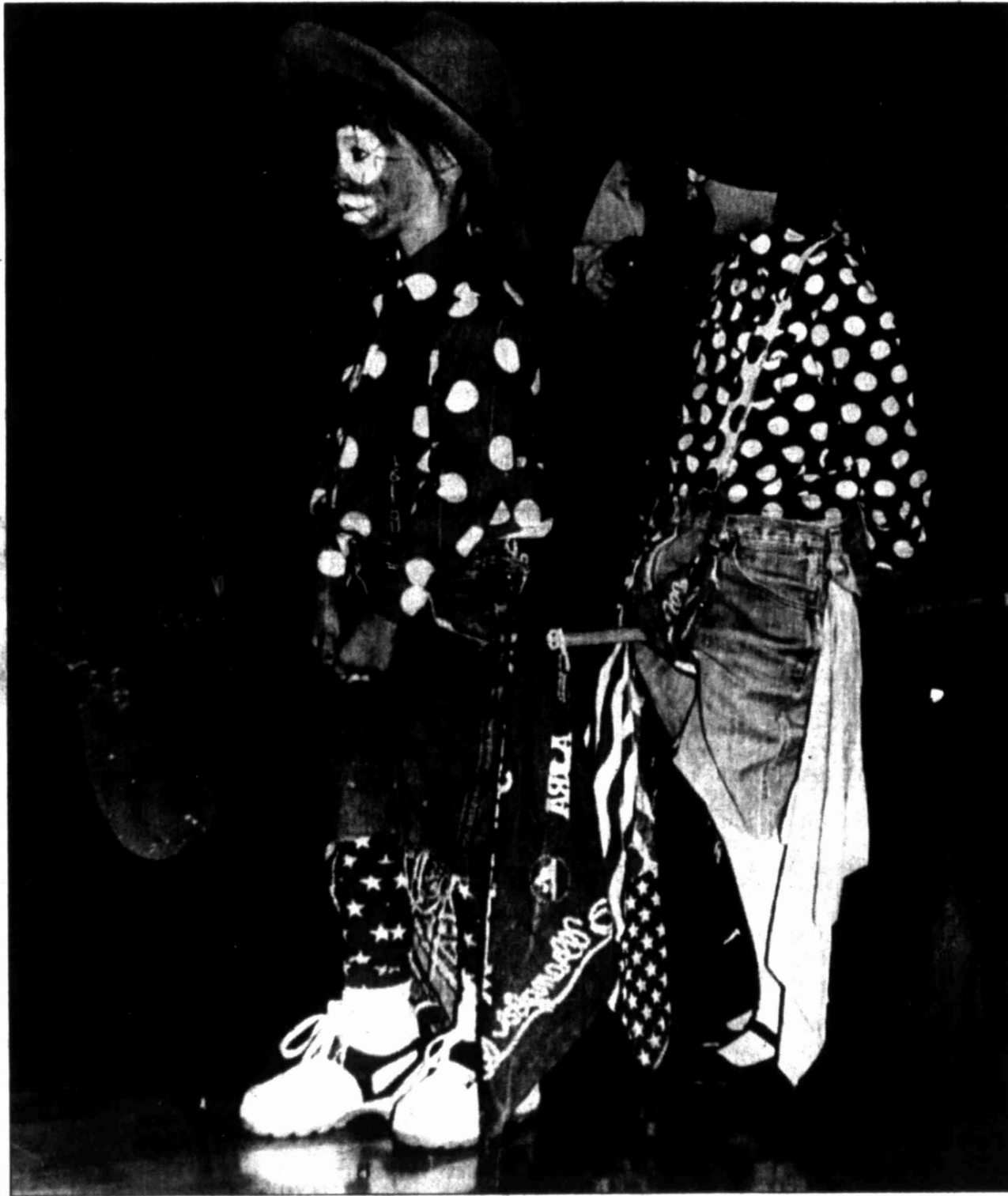
The real stars of the show, however, were the kids, who grabbed their stick horses and jumped across the Astroturf like June bugs hopping in the headlights.

"I love it," said Andrea Gee, whose daughter Kylie was a cow milker and square dancer. "I took off work. I would not have missed it for the world."

More than 600 parents, teachers, and students crowded the elementary school gym.

Rodeo queen Katie Dunn led the grand entry. Then, using only stick horses, leg power, and well-honed comedic timing, the kindergartners entertained their audience with bareback bronc riding, barrel racing, pole bending, roping, flag racing and cow milking events.

Several wooden broncs took a



Kindergarten rodeo clown Megan Parrish waits with her partner for her turn in the pole-bending race during the 20th annual Coahoma Elementary Kindergarten Rodeo Thursday.

beating as students hot-peppered it until the buzzer told them it was time to drop.

"Carlos is a wild man," announcers Molly Cox and Kessie Ramirez sang out, "she's burning — look at this little lady ride."

An iron calf fell to the kindergarten roping team's lassoing skills.

A special song, "I'd like to be a rodeo clown," was one of several tunes sung by the junior cowpoke chorus during half-time. A handmade quilt, dotted with students' pictures of Dobbs' clown face, was given to the legendary clown as thanks

for his support through the years. The audience nearly broke out in dance along with the children during the beautifully choreographed line dance that followed to the tune of Billy Ray Cyrus' "Achy Breaky Heart."

A splashy grand finale brought the adult rodeo clowns together with the four Quail Dobbs look-alikes who had been cheering audiences with their antics throughout the event.

With a seven-to-one clown-bull ratio the kindergarten bull riders were well protected. Each splashed into the ring,

hopped and jerked about, then released their stick-bull when time was called.

Seth Mansfield popped up from his barrel in time to save his classmates from near destruction. Leon Coffee and Rick Chapman then spun Mansfield in the barrel until he was dizzy and sat on top of him.

Bull rider Jose Urias was not so lucky. Despite the large clown contingent, Urias "died" and had to be carried from the ring headfirst.

In all, the event came off without a hitch. Only a large

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Metal roofs now eligible for discount

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Homeowners with metal roofs now can enjoy similar insurance discounts as other homeowners, but they could have to give up some protection under an order from the Texas Department of Insurance Wednesday.

Beginning May 1, insurance companies will be required to offer discounts of up to 35 percent to homeowners who install metal roofs that pass hail-resistance tests.

The discounts vary based on where the homeowner lives and the rating the roofing material receives.

Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer earlier this year approved similar discounts for homeowners who install non-metal, hail-resistant roofs — discounts which became effective Feb. 17.

Discounts for new metal roofs take effect May 1.

Communities like Big Spring, which has experienced more than its share of damaging hailstorms such as the storm that pounded Big Spring to the tune of more than \$20 million in damage in May 1996, may now enjoy discounts of between 9 percent and 35 percent.

The discounts will depend on the type and class of roof installed. There are four classes of roofs and 23 territories recognized by the Texas Department of Insurance.

According to Ray Kennedy with Parks Agency Inc., what class a roof is means what type of hailstorm it can withstand.

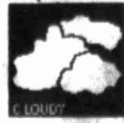
"Roof classes are determined by Underwriters Laboratories (UL) or other testing facilities," said Jim Davis, spokesman for the Texas Department of Insurance.

For Big Spring and Howard County residents, all of this means a discount of 9 percent for a Class 1 roof; 17 percent for a Class 2 roof; 26 percent for a Class 3 roof; and 35 percent for a Class 4 roof.

Insurance companies can choose whether to give metal-roof discounts for homeowners who install such material before May 1 or nonmetal roofs before Feb. 17.

WEATHER

Tonight:



Sat:



Sun:



Mon:



Tonight, cloudy. A slight chance of showers. Low near 40. Saturday, becoming partly cloudy. A slight chance of showers. High 70-75. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows near 40. Extended forecast, Sunday through Tuesday, Dry. Lows in the 40s. Highs mid 70s to lower 80s.

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Health fair and symphony highlight weekend activities

HERALD Staff Report

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

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

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

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

WEEKEND TICKET

the phone.

• The 13th annual Big Spring Health Fair will be held Saturday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

• "Master the Mountain" Fun Run/Fun Walk will be held in conjunction with the health fair at 8 a.m. Saturday at Big Spring State Park.

• A Christian music concert by John Cox will be held at 7:30 tonight at the Comanche Trail Amphitheater. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

• Big Spring will host Fort Stockton in a District 4-4A softball game at 1 p.m.

Saturday at the Roy Anderson Complex.

• Coahoma hosts Anson in a District 2-2A softball game at 1 p.m. Saturday.

• Country and western dance, tonight from 7:30-10:30 at the Spring City Senior Citizens Center. Music will be provided by CW & Company.

• Stage Museum, today from 9-5 and Saturday from 10-5 at 510 Scurry.

The museum is also the site of the world's largest collection of longhorns as well as an extensive doll collection.

• The Big Spring Symphony will be in concert at 8 p.m. Saturday in the Municipal Auditorium.

• The Pottou House, a restored historic home, Saturday from 1-5 p.m. at 200 Gregg.

OBITUARIES

Georgia Daniels

Georgia Daniels, 81, Big Spring, passed away on April 16, 1998, at Comanche Trail Nursing Home following a long illness.

Service is 2 p.m. Saturday, April 18, 1998, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Rev. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, and Brad Daniels officiating. Burial will be Trinity Memorial Park.

Georgia was born on Oct. 9, 1916, in Howard County. She married Thomas Daniels on Dec. 24, 1935, in Big Spring. She was a lifetime resident of Howard County, living primarily in the Elbow community. She was a member of Trinity Baptist Church. Mrs. Daniels was a homemaker. Her hobbies were crocheting, gardening and quilting; she had completed quilts for every family member.

She is survived by: her husband, Thomas (Ted) Daniels of Big Spring; two sons and daughters-in-law, Melvin and Marie Daniels, and Jimmie and Pat Daniels, all of Big Spring; six sisters, Hazel McElreath, Inez Spinks and Thelma McMurray, all of Big Spring; Tina Roberson, Lorene Wallace, both of Odessa, and Lena Maxwell of Grand Prairie; two brothers, Bill McMurray of Sand Springs, and Henry McMurray of Dallas; three grandchildren, Leland Daniels and his wife Pam of Kenefick, Laurie Shryack and her husband Bart of Leander, and Brad Daniels and his wife Kara of Springfield, Mo.; and five great-grandchildren, Shawnda Daniels, Logan Daniels, Layton and Landon Shryack and Caleb Daniels.

She was preceded in death by one son, a daughter, five brothers and three sisters. Pallbearers will be nephews. Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.



DANIELS

He was born on Sept. 18, 1972, in Medicine Lodge, Kan. He attended schools in Laverne, Okla. He moved to Big Spring in May of 1992, and had been employed by the Big Spring State Hospital. Mark returned to Laverne this past January.

Survivors include: his wife, Kelly of Big Spring; four sons, Devin, Jacob, Clifton and Brandon, all of Big Spring; his parents, Greg and Toni Davis of Enid, Okla., and Doris Sharp of Pratt, Kan.; two half brothers, Travis Davis of Enid, Okla., and Matthew Jantz of Pratt, Kan.; three half sisters, Alisha Davis, Emily Davis, both of Enid, Okla., and Marsha Jantz of Pratt, Kan.; his grandparents, Clifton and Maxine Davis of Laverne, Okla.; a great-grandmother, Roxie Davis of Seminole, Okla.; and many other relatives.

Arrangements under the direction of Seager Funeral Home, Laverne, Okla.

Howard College award winners

Following are the award winners from Tuesday's Awards Convocation at Howard College:

Outstanding Club Members
Baptist Student Ministries: Anna Castaneda
Mexican American Student Association: Lupe Diaz, Brenda Gutierrez, Debora Olague
Phi Theta Kappa: Leslie Elrod
Student American Dental Hygiene Association: Nicole Eusebio, Beth Stewart, Brenda Wiggins
Thistle's (Writers Club): David Bryan Cook
Texas Nursing Student's Association: Terry Ray, Lyndi Bankhead, Leslie Fryar

Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges

Josh Jones, Deborah Light, Chelsea Patridge, Marsha McNew, Jocilyn Evans, David Chavira, Rebecca Trujillo, Keith Kubiak, Curt Skelton, Kathy Green, Brenda Koerber, Brandon Plumlee, Anna Castaneda, Juanita Porter, Suzette Manzanares, Lisa Beltran, Bobbylee Anderson, Brenda Wiggins, Irene Cantu

Department Award
Accounting: Monika Robinson, Vickie Sanchez
Agriculture: Bryan Aaron, Wade Kirkwood
Athletic Training: Buffie Powell, Matt Woodall
Biology: Rocey Carson, Beth Ann Allen
Business: Andrea Cevallos, Ryan Mathews
Chemistry: Clayton Fryar, Sara Lusk
Comper Information Systems - Workforce Education: Julie Coates, Marie Young
Cosmetology: Amy Talley
Criminal Justice:
Dental Hygiene: Rebecca Trujillo, Bobbylee Anderson
Developmental Math: Jennifer Wright, Cecilia Galindo
Developmental Writing: Sean Bouchereau
Drafting: Brandi Self,

Jonathan Best
Economics: Medical
Emergency Technology:
English: Melissa Henry (freshman), Deborah Light (sophomore)
Government: Krissi Hayes, Cory Elliott
History: Teresa Labbe', Bill Vaughn
Intergenerational Studies: Connie Lesser
Kinesiology: Ronald Meador, Brandon Plumlee
Math: Jeremy Talbott, Kim Robertson
Music - Instrumental: Damian Puentes
NightHawk Jazz Band Voice: Anna-Castaneda
Vocal Ensemble: Chelsea Patridge
Nursing:
Licensd Vocational Nursing: Traci Prather, Brad Fielder
Associate Degree Nursing:
First Year: Laura Thompson, Glenda Shortes
Second Year: Lisa Ainsworth, Dennis Dingus
Office Administration: Brenda Gutierrez, Rick Hill
Psychology: Connie Zant, Mark Sundry
Sociology: Kelly Rawlston, Keith Kubiak
Spanish: Veronica Serrano, Tommy Morton
Speech: Clayton Fryar, Christine Moore

1997 Fall Honor Roll
Summa Cum Laude: Beth Ann Allen, Bobby Lee Anderson, Kay Aruthur, Erika Blum, Loretta Burns, Brandi Calvio, Angel Castelan, Andrea Cevallos, Lisa Chapman, Jason Child, Julie Coates, Lisa Davis, Alex Denison, Leslie Elrod, Sharon Fleming, Clayton Fryar, Tabitha Guillen, Amanda Hale, Krissi Hayes, Esther Hernandez, Travis Hiltbrunner, Zachary Huitt, Claudie Hunt, Keith Kublak, Teresa Labbe, Connie Lesser, Sara Lusk, Suzette Manzanares, Ryan Matthews, Stephanie McCoy, Kimberly Robertson, Beth Stewart, Shelley Stockton, Allison Wallace, Cori Wilbanks, Daniel Woolley.
Magna Cum Laude: Brandie Atkinson, Lisa Beltran, Francine Berner, Tansie Berry, James Best, Jonathan Best, Jamie Bolton, Charlotte Bumbulis, Cynthia Clanton, Robert Coates, Cory Elliott, Nicole Eusebio, Leah Finley, Scott Fahey, Rodney Fountain, Lorinna Gang, Daniel Higginbotham, Chad Hirt, Nathan Hoyle, Rebecca Isbell, Joshua Jones, Stacey Keller, Wade Kirkwood, Brenda Koerber, Leslie Kuykendall, Keith Lant, Teresa Lee, Deborah Light, Scott Lindsey, Sara Lovett, Barbara Maxwell, Tabatha McIntosh, Craig Milliken, Dusti Murphy, Zoila Parra, Nickolas Payne, Tonya Phifer, Jessica Pirkle, Juanita Porter, Traci Prather, Holly Preas, Brandi Purcell, Shawn Purcell, Sarah Rowan, Russell Rutledge, Amy Schulze, Laurie Seefeldt, Brandi Self, Melissa Snell, Deanna Thompson, Rebecca Trujillo, Jennifer Vinum, Walker Wallace, Kamillah Ward, Brenda Wiggins, Wei Wilkins, Tracey Wofford, Richard Wright.

Ampla Cum Laude: Zachary Alsup, Terry Blazuser, Michael Brooks, Dawnell Brown, Shanna Bynum, Ryan Byrd, Kembra Cannon, Anna

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Castaneda, Judd Cathey, Brad Cox, Anthony Everett, Carol Freeman, Brenda Gutierrez, Jolie Harper, Melissa Henry, Murphy Henry, Cristie Hester, Ricky Hill, Kristy Hooser, Virgil Kays, Mindi Kesterson, Misty Logsdon, Wendy Martinez, Gilbert Paredes, Chelsea Patridge, John Peugh, Charles Phillips, Buffie Powell, Sonya Richards, Jeremiah Riggins, Stephany Sledge, Jovanae St. Cyr, Justin Venstad, Christopher Weaver, Windy Wentz, Bonnie Wilde.

American Legion Citizenship Awards
Female recipient: Brenda Koerber
Male recipient: Keith Kubiak
Presidential Award for Outstanding Student of the Year
Leslie Elrod
Outstanding Educator of the Year
Dr. Mary Dudley

RODEO

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stack of misplaced hats suggested the youngsters might not be ready for the real thing. "They did great," Dobbs said. "It's amazing that they do better every year."
Other than buttonholing his buddies, Dobbs said he did very little work compared to the teachers. "The teachers do it all."
Returning parents, family members, and brothers and sisters who have been in the rodeo in past years give the event much of its flavor, community members said.
The number of first-class rodeo stars attending also make the Coahoma Kindergarten Rodeo a stand-out. "It's one of my favorite rodeos to be in," Stoker said. "because the kids are so cute and all."
Editor's Note: Look for more information about the kindergarten rodeo and Quail Dobbs' career plans in Sunday's Herald.

BRIEFS

ANIMAL VACCINES WILL BE given on Saturday, April 18, at the Coahoma Fire Department, 214 N. First, from 9 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 5 p.m. The cost is \$5 for rabies and \$10 for distemper/parvo. For more information call the Coahoma City Hall at 394-4287.

GLASSCOCK COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD meeting will be held on Monday April 20 at 7 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 308 West Chambers, Garden City. Agenda items include: open forum/public comments, campus reports, professional salaries 1998-99 discussion and action, instructional and support personnel discussion and action, TASB Policy Update 58 discussion and action and superintendent's report on transfers, construction projects, district operations.

Texas Lottery PICK 3: 8,7,4
CASH 5: 6, 11, 15, 29, 39

MARKETS

May cotton 63.40 cents, down 5 points; May crude 15.96, up 6 points; Cash hogs steady at 50 cents lower at 34.50; cash steers steady at 50 cents lower at 65.50; June lean hog futures 60.32, down 7 points; June live cattle futures 67.97, down 15 points. Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co.

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Gold 308.20-308.70
Silver 6.20-6.23

RECORDS

Thursday's high 73
Thursday's low 42
Average high 81
Average low 51
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Record low 25 in 1947
Precip. Thursday 0.00
Month to date 0.00
Month's normal 0.63
Year to date 2.71
Normal for the year 2.85

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. Friday:
• TONY PARTEE, 38, was arrested for class C assault/family violence.
• CINDY GIBBS, 31, was arrested for class C assault/family violence.

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• DAVID MARTIN, 18, was arrested for public intoxication.
• TRENT AMEDEE, 22, was arrested on local warrants.
• CYNTHIA FRYAR, 34, was arrested on local warrants.
• ALFRED PACE, 33, was arrested for class C assault/family violence.
• THEFT reported at the police station, in the 300 block of Owens, in the 1200 block of E. 11th Pl., and the 1700 block of E. Marcy.
• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF reported at the police station.
• CLASS A ASSAULT reported at the police station and in the 3200 block of Auburn.
• BURGLARY OF HABITATION reported in the 2400 block of S. Monticello.
• CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING reported in the 3200 block of Auburn.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. Friday:
• BRENDA PEREZ, 23, was arrested for issuance of a bad check.
• SHANE HARLAND KINSMAN, 41, was arrested for assault/family violence.
• SHELI LYNN BUCK, 22, was arrested for issuance of a bad check, failure to appear in court, and theft.

CORRECTION

In the editorial of Thursday, April 9, Southwestern Bell was incorrectly identified as the owners of a parabolic dish located just south of the telephone company building on Johnson Street.
The dish does not belong to Southwestern Bell, but rather to a Midland-based company.
Attempts are being made to contact the company and make them aware of the condition of the covering on the dish.

Also, in the Wednesday Herald, a photo from the Howard College Awards Convocation identified an award winner as David Putnam. The award winner was David Brian Cook.

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports:
Thursday
11:45 a.m. - 2000 block Virginia, trauma call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
3:08 p.m. - 500 block W. 17th, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.
8:46 p.m. - I-20 and 87, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.
11:11 p.m. - 700 block North San Antonio, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

Mark Lynn Davis

Funeral service for Mark Lynn Davis, 25, Laverne, Okla., formerly of Big Spring, was 11 a.m. Thursday, April 16, 1998, in the Assembly of God Church with Rev. Wesley Peterman officiating. Burial was in the Laverne Cemetery.
Mr. Davis died Monday, April 13, in an auto accident.



DAVIS

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8283
Georgia Daniels, 81, died Thursday. Services will be 2:00 PM, Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home

Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St.
(915) 267-6331
Billy Ray Carter, 69, died Wednesday. Services will be 10:00 AM Saturday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Graveside services will be 10:00 AM Monday at Deyo Mission Cemetery in Cache, Oklahoma.

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CORRECTION
On Sunday, April 12th, there was a Card of Thanks published in the Big Spring Herald. We inadvertently misspelled Kim Ballard's name, it was listed as Kelli Ballard. Please accept our apology for any inconvenience this may have caused.
The Big Spring Herald

The Country Peddler Show
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Oprah sued again

DUMAS (AP) — Texas cattlemen aren't finished with Oprah Winfrey.

Ms. Winfrey, who in February won an \$11 million federal libel lawsuit filed by cattlemen, was sued for \$1 million in state court by some of the same people who still have a beef.

The lawsuit was filed in Dumas, 45 miles north of Amarillo, on Thursday, the second anniversary of the show that cattlemen claim cost them millions of dollars.

On that episode, vegetarian activist Howard Lyman said that including processed cattle in cattle feed — a practice banned last summer — could spread mad cow disease to people in the United States. The brain-destroying disease has never been found in cattle in the United States, but is suspected of killing 23 people in Britain.

Ms. Winfrey at one point said the information "just stopped me cold from eating another burger!"

When cattle prices fell to 10-year lows in the days after the show aired, the plaintiffs termed it the "Oprah crash." They sued under the state's "veggie libel" law, which protects agricultural products from false and disparaging remarks.

The case was expected to be the nation's biggest test of such laws, which exist in 12 other states.

However, U.S. District Judge Mary Lou Robinson ruled that the case could not proceed under that law but would instead be tried as a simple business disparagement case.

That meant the cattlemen had to prove that Ms. Winfrey deliberately sought to harm the beef industry.

The federal court jury said they failed to prove Winfrey knowingly gave misleading information. The verdict is being appealed.

Like the earlier suit, the new case says Lyman, Ms. Winfrey and her production company knowingly disseminated false and disparaging remarks about beef and violated the "veggie libel" law.

The plaintiffs in the first case were three cattle-feeding operations and four ranches. This lawsuit involves 130 cattle owners, many of whom were customers at the Cactus Feeding Club Inc. when the show aired.

Cactus Feeding is owned by Paul Engler, a plaintiff in the first suit.

The latest filing surprised Ms. Winfrey's attorney, Charles Babcock.

"I am stunned that they're continuing to pursue this after they've lost," he said Thursday.

Cisneros: At peace, spending time with family

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Henry Cisneros went from being a rising star on the national political scene to a defendant in a criminal case that could send him to federal prison, but says he's at peace.

Cisneros talked to the San Antonio Express-News while back in his hometown for his daughter's wedding.

Only a decade ago, many thought he could become governor of Texas or even make a run for the White House.

But things began to fall apart in 1988 when he first admitted he had an affair with political fund-raiser Linda Medlar. That problem culminated last December when a 21-count federal indictment was returned accusing him of lying about the

amount of money he paid to Medlar.

But the former HUD secretary says he's able to deal with the distractions.

"I've been very fortunate in my life," Cisneros told the newspaper.

"When I was a Cabinet officer, sitting across from the president, in the Cabinet Room, adjacent to the Rose Garden at the White House, I had to pinch myself several times," he said.

"I had to really question whether it was possible for a kid from Monterey Street on the west side of San Antonio to be at that place at that time. And even having had that honor, perhaps an even higher honor was serving as mayor of my hometown for eight years."

The federal investigation and the prospect of going to prison isn't going to interfere with his life, Cisneros says.

The interview came about 24 hours after Medlar reported to a federal prison hospital to begin serving a 42-month sentence for bank fraud and money laundering.

Cisneros, 50, returned to San Antonio for the wedding of his oldest daughter, Teresa, a 26-year-old San Francisco attorney, to attorney Sean Burton on Saturday.

His other daughter Mercedes, 22, teaches third grade in Los Angeles. His 10-year-old son, John Paul, whose fragile health from birth has been a concern of Cisneros and his wife, Mary Alice, is thriving.

Cisneros seemed to let his guard down when he talks about his son.

"One of the proudest moments I've ever had was about two weeks ago when, as a relief pitcher for the west Los Angeles Little League team he plays on, (he) struck out three batters as a relief pitcher to end the game," he said.

His son takes lessons in swimming, chess and piano and does well in school, Cisneros said.

"So the little boy who was born with his medical problems and was so frail for so long now seems to be right in the thick of things," Cisneros said.

After leaving his cabinet post as the investigation appeared to be close to finished, Cisneros became head of Los Angeles-

based Univision, a Spanish-language broadcast and cable company.

Speaking of his time as mayor of San Antonio, Cisneros said, "I gave it all I had."

"I know I've tried my dog-gone, dead-level best for the years I was in public service to give everything I possibly could to San Antonio and its well-being," he said. "And I'm very proud of the number of things and people I have seen in the intervening years."

He is paid \$374,359 per year by Univision, quite a pay increase from his time when he was paid \$50 a week to be mayor of San Antonio.

"I've been very fortunate that I've had associates who support my work," he said.

SWB says long distance would add 61,000 jobs

AUSTIN (AP) — Southwestern Bell says the state would gain more than 61,000 jobs in less than 10 years if Bell were allowed to offer full long distance services.

A consumer advocate says Texans should be skeptical.

"Everytime a business wants something from government, they come up with these studies," said Janee Briesemeister, a policy analyst for Consumers Union. "I've yet to see the study that verifies the jobs actually are produced."

Consumers Union and other consumer advocates oppose Bell's entry into the long distance market, an idea pending before the Texas Public Utility Commission.

Ms. Briesemeister said if Bell faced adequate competition in its local phone market, and other conditions were right, Consumers Union might drop its opposition. "I don't see that happening any time soon," she said.

Bell, which claims to already face plenty of competition for Texans' local calls, Thursday released a report showing that its entry into the state's long distance market would reduce costs, improve efficiencies and add \$7.6 billion to the state's

economy.

"The entire state will benefit," said David Cole, SWB Texas president. "More competitive long-distance rates will cause (business) productivity to grow and will spread economic growth across geographical boundaries and across industries."

The study, by Wharton Econometric Forecasting Associates Group of Massachusetts, did not reveal how many jobs Bell would add to its proposed Southwestern Bell Long Distance company. A company spokesman said no such number has been determined.

Ms. Briesemeister added that Bell is not telling the whole story about prices, either.

Bell charges existing long distance companies a fee every time their customers make long distance calls. The company is working with the PUC to reduce the access fee. But it also is trying to get a surcharge added to customers' bills to make up the difference, Ms. Briesemeister said.

Rian Wren, president of AT&T in the Southwest, said Bell could "lower long distance prices right now by simply lowering access fees."

Naturalists try to count 1,000 species in one day

SANTA ANA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE, Texas (AP) — For New England naturalist Peter Alden, bird-watching is like a drug addiction.

"It's a rush," he said. "It's a fix."

That fix, which spurs nature lovers to travel all over the country just to catch a glimpse of a new or rare bird, fueled "Peter Alden's Nature Classic" Thursday — an effort by a dozen naturalists to log one thousand different species of animals, insects and plants in Hidalgo County by the end of the day as part of the Texas Tropics Nature Festival.

The nature count was touted as the first of its kind in the United States. Although birding competitions where bird-watchers try to log as many species as possible in one day are fairly common, an effort to include insects, fish, reptiles, and plants is unique, Alden said.

"We're not even sure of the rules," said the Concord, Mass.-based author, principal writer of a National Audubon Regional Field Guide Series.

"We're making it up as we go along."

The Rio Grande Valley is a perfect place to do such a count, naturalists said, since so many different species of plants and animals can be found in the area — particularly since several migrate north from Mexico and have never been seen in the United States.

"This is a better place to do it than places with less diversity of species," said Alden, who was just 16 when he made his first trip to the Valley.

A bird-watcher since he was eight, Alden has made hundreds of nature trips around the world — including 40 trips to Africa, 25 to the Galapagos Islands and 16 cruises to Antarctica during which, in his own terms, he "gives lectures on the sex lives of penguins to cruise passengers."

Alden started the day with a group of mosquito-repellent-covered insect experts along a trail in the Santa Ana refuge, about seven miles south of Alamo.

Finding critters involved putting a white sheet under trees and bushes, shaking the plants, and analyzing what fell

on the sheet — some bugs so small that the naturalists had to pull out their magnifying glasses.

The group even encountered a hive of Africanized honeybees, the so-called killer bees, but seemed more interested in finding an elusive tortoise beetle and seeing the various dragonflies and damselflies zipping around the refuge.

Among those on the insect hunt was John Acorn, Canadian host of "Acorn, the Nature Nut," a cable television show. He said the nature count was a learning experience.

"Ninety percent of what I've seen I've never seen before because they're very tiny bugs," the Edmonton, Alberta resident said.

"(The nature count) is fun for those of us who are doing it because we're learning tons from each other. It also shows the world how rich nature is around them."

While the insect people were busy trying to distinguish one walking stick from another, botanists were busy trying to distinguish the different kinds of flora in the habitat.

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

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

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

This week we salute:

- MAX WEBB and others connected with the NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER, for offering GED certification courses at the center.
- BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL'S SOFTBALL TEAM, which clinched the District 4-4A title earlier this week.
- COAHOMA HIGH SCHOOL'S GOLF TEAMS, which secured a spot in the regional tournament.
- COAHOMA HIGH SCHOOL'S SOFTBALL TEAM, which recently clinched the District 2-2A title.
- GOLIAD'S MIDDLE SCHOOL'S GIRL TRACK TEAM, which won five straight track meets this season.
- DONELLE JONES of the Howard College Lady Hawks, who signed a letter of intent to play basketball at University of Texas-San Antonio.
- THE BIG SPRING SWIM TEAM, which finished tied for first at the recent YMCA Invitational swim meet here in Big Spring.

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

OTHER VIEWS

The conspiracy theory is the easiest, least demanding means of explaining the savage vagaries of history. Bad things happen because bad people plan them; the secrecy and sheer cunning of the conspiracy explain all the messy details and loose ends.

Especially susceptible to conspiracy theories are those whose worlds are torn apart by assassination; they refuse to believe that the murder was carried out, as it almost always is, by a lone nut case. The pain and disruption must have been inflicted by an entity far greater than a dim and solitary loser.

The family of Martin Luther King is now peddling a phantasmagorical theory that the civil rights leader was murdered, not by a shiftless ne'er-do-well, but a cabal involving President Johnson, the Mafia and the CIA. And a busy cabal it must have been because Oliver Stone suggests the same players were behind the assassination of President Kennedy.

Now comes Sean Lennon who says his father, the ex-Beatle John Lennon, was killed in 1980 on orders of the

U.S. government because "He was a countercultural revolutionary, and the government takes that kind of (expletive) seriously." Anybody, he says, who believes the eye-witnessed, instantly apprehended, confessed killer — acting on orders from the novel "The Catcher in the Rye" — was the sole culprit is "seriously insane."

Young Lennon's theory has a certain novelty value. Not many people have laid murder conspiracies at the doorstep of the then-president, Sunday School teacher and non-stop do-gooder, Jimmy Carter.

Lennon offhandedly observes that "pacifist revolutionaries are historically killed by the government," a stupefyingly ignorant generalization.

In the emotional aftermath of an event, the refusal of families and friends to come to grips with the facts can be excused as grief. From the perspective of 18, 30 or 35 years, the insistence on shadowy, sinister conspiracies can only be described as crackpot.

Dale McFeatters
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Business principles can't translate to schools

By JOHN KANELIS
Amarillo Globe-News

AMARILLO — Politicians say it all the time: We should run government like a business.

It resonates well with people frustrated at government at all levels.

Except that, at best, such a notion is impractical. It even may border on irresponsible.

Texas Gov. George W. Bush was the latest — but certainly not the last — politician to recite this mantra. He spoke in Dallas on the subject of public education.

"Proven management principles, when applied to government, can transform the public sector and create sound public policy," Bush told the National Center for Policy Analysis.

The governor's major target was social promotion, the practice in some Texas schools of promoting children to the next grade even though they have failed to master all the academic skills required of them.

Bush said the state shouldn't tolerate social promotion. No problem so far. Our children must know how to read and write properly. They must understand basic mathematic

principles. We must set high standards and require our students to meet them.

But what about those so-called "proven management principles" the governor says could "transform" such public institutions as education?

One such principle allows a business owner to select only the best raw materials to create a finished product.

Public education doesn't have that luxury.

Too often teachers and school principals must deal with children who come from broken homes. Maybe they're abused in some terrible fashion. State law requires schools to take whomever comes through the door and do the very best they can. Too often it's not good enough.

Another "management principle" allows managers to work only with the best.

They can spend whatever money it takes to hire the best employees.

The employer in this context is the property tax payer, the homeowner or the business owner who is seeing his or her tax bills shooting through the roof every year.

This taxpayer's money pays the salaries of the teachers and

principals. Is this taxpayer willing to shell out whatever it takes to hire the very best teachers and the very best administrators to operate the public school system?

If taxpayers' pockets were bottomless, we wouldn't have such a thing in Texas as the "rollback provision" that allows voters to scale back property tax rates when they go beyond a certain level.

Yet another sound management principle allows managers to rid themselves of incorrigible elements within their work force.

Employees act up and they're gone. In the street. Out on their ear. Take your trouble somewhere else. We can find someone better — much better — to replace you.

Just how does that work with an incorrigible student?

How does the public school system rid itself of children who cannot, for whatever reason, accept direction from their parents (if they have any living at home), let alone a teacher?

Make no mistake: There's plenty wrong with public education.

We're graduating too many students who can't read, write or cipher.

Too many teachers are burning out because of stress and low pay. Too many public school students in our major urban areas now dodge bullets and knives as often as they dodge spit wads.

We need accountability. We need discipline.

We also need homes with stability, with parents who care about their children's education. Former first lady Barbara Bush — the governor's mother — said it well during her recent visit to Amarillo: "The home is the child's first school and the parents are the child's first teacher."

All the sound management principles in the world mean nothing to the student who comes to school hungry, or with a chip on his or her shoulder because someone at home has been physically or emotionally abusive.

Can we run our schools like a business?

Only if we fix the problems with education at their core. In the home.

We have a very long way to go.

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Lessons learned at the laundromat

By SHARON RANDALL
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When the Speedy Wash opened for business in the summer of '57 — which was also, either by fate or chance, the wettest summer I ever saw — it caused quite a stir in my family.

As for me, I didn't see the harm in it. I thought the town could use some progress and I didn't mind saying so. But who listens to a 9-year-old girl?

My grandfather, a preacher, was dead set against it. It would give women too much free time, he said, and idle hands were the devil's workshop.

Whatever that meant, he regretted saying it before the words left his mouth. He tried to stop them, but couldn't. He could never stop preaching, either, until the congregation fell asleep or went home.

"I wouldn't worry about women running out of work," said my grandmother. "But since you're so fired up about idle hands, you can go weed our snakey-looking garden."

This was not an endorsement for the Speedy Wash. She, too, was against it, not for fear of temptation, but for dread of communicable disease.

"I hate to think what's in those machines. You put your unmentionables in there, who knows what you'll take home? Decent people," she said, looking hard at my mother, "don't air their dirty laundry in public."

My mother, who always had something to say, had nothing to say about this. Maybe she had a headache. She had just left my stepfather (neither the first time nor the last) and going home to her mother always gave her a headache.

I was sure I'd never get to see inside that Speedy Wash. But after three weeks of rain, my mother piled me and our soggy belongings into my granddad's Pontiac and we went down to dry our spirits on a new electric clothesline.

"Not a word of this to your grandmother," she said.

Why on earth did they name the place "speedy"? We were there half the night. Still, I could've stayed forever.

The whole world, it seemed, was taking a bath — warm and soapy, smelling like Cheer — sloshing, bubbling, whirling, spinning right before my eyes.

Best of all, I got to help. I helped my teacher wash her sheets; I never knew she had a bed. I helped a woman with two babies fold six stacks of

diapers. I even helped my boyfriend's mother put his unmentionables in the dryer.

Sheets, diapers, shorts, you name it, it all came clean for me that night.

A week later, I was back again, helping my grandmother wash the mildew from every blanket in her house.

"Not a word of this to your mother," she said.

And the next week, I helped my grandfather spin dry the Pontiac's seatcovers that got soaked because he forgot to roll up the windows.

"Not a word of this to the women," he said.

Soon it was just another chore. By the time I was out of college, I never wanted to see a Laundromat again. But I remember what I learned at the Speedy Wash that summer. Some people prefer to wash their unmentionables by hand; others will shake theirs out and send them spinning for the whole world to see them.

Either way, it's nothing to be ashamed of. Everyone has dirty laundry. All that really matters is feeling clean.

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Clinton urges Latin nations to build on new democracies

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — In a land where memories of dictatorship still are painfully fresh, President Clinton is warning the democracies of Latin America that it is time to translate political freedom into tangible benefits.

"Some Latin democracies have not been that way all that long, and we cannot afford to have conditions in which ordinary people ... lose faith," Clinton told American and Chilean business executives on the first day of his four-day visit to Santiago.

He planned to reinforce that message in an address to the Chilean Congress today in the port city of Valparaiso.

In a sign of how recently Chile reclaimed its democracy, former dictator August Pinochet remains a senator for life under the constitution he put in place before being voted out of office in 1990.

Pinochet, 82, has been in poor health, and Chilean officials said Thursday it was unlikely he would attend today's speech by Clinton.

Clinton had hoped to be able to deliver to Chile permanent membership in the free-trade agreement that now links the United States with Canada and Mexico — a promise he made four years ago.

But the president has been unable to win from Congress "fast track" trade negotiating authority needed — with U.S. labor and environmental groups leading the opposition.

"Be patient with us. ... Just stay with us. We'll get there," he said.

The president underscored his interest in seeing prosperity reach all Chileans by visiting the working-class neighborhood of San Miguel in South Santiago, where thousands of residents lined the Gran Avenida to cheer him.

Clinton visited a ceramics factory and sat down for a roundtable with a handful of Chileans who have used government supported social programs to gain training and start businesses.

New round of storms ravage South

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Tornadoes ripped across the South for the second time in eight days, killing at least 11 people in three states and leaving at least 500 homes in Nashville with substantial damage.

"The main issue downtown is just the danger from panes of glass that are 20 stories up on skyscrapers, that are hanging out there in the air," Mayor Phil Bredesen said this morning on NBC's "Today" show.

The tornadoes that struck all day Thursday were the latest in a string of deadly storms since February that have killed more than 100 people in nine southern states. The latest system churned east early today, bringing the potential for severe weather to New England and the Southeast.

In its wake was a twisted trail of death and devastation that has become painfully familiar across the South.

People began dying before dawn Thursday and the toll kept rising into the evening. By today, six people had been killed in Tennessee, three in Kentucky and two in Arkansas. All of the deaths were in rural areas.

Hundreds of homes were damaged or destroyed, and power and telephone service was knocked out for thousands

of customers. Dozens of people were injured, some critically, as tornadoes struck outside Nashville late Thursday.

"I would have said, when I looked around, there would have to be dozens of people (killed)," Bredesen said. "Providence was looking after us yesterday."

Police said at least 100 people were injured in the city itself, where a pair of tornadoes blew out hundreds of windows and even ripped the state seal out of the state flag atop the Capitol. No one was killed.

"It got really quiet, and you could feel it coming," said Craig McKissack, who watched from the Nashville Arena as a tornado approached. "Everyone was running and panicking."

The severe weather cropped up in the Midwest late Wednesday, sweeping from Illinois into Arkansas and Tennessee. Twenty-four hours later, tornadoes had caused damage from Michigan to Alabama; more than a dozen tornado warnings were issued in Alabama, where 33 were killed by a massive twister April 8.

The victims in Arkansas were two young children, a 2-year-old boy and his 5-year-old sister. They were killed in Manila, Ark., 30 miles east of Jonesboro, where a schoolyard

ambush left five people dead last month.

"If there was any area of our state that did not need to experience this, it would be northeast Arkansas," Gov. Mike Huckabee said.

An hour after the children were killed, two more people died in rural Tennessee. After the tornadoes rolled through Nashville, three more people were killed in Wayne County, near the Alabama state line, and a 35-year-old woman died near Chattanooga when a new log home collapsed. By Thursday night, the deadly weather had arrived in southern Kentucky, near Glasgow.

In Metcalfe County, Ky., the storm reduced Tommy Hurt's home to a pile of bricks and splintered wood.

He took refuge in the basement with his wife Helen, their daughter and granddaughter.

"I had never really been afraid, I guess, because I've never been in something like this," he said.

"We're alive. We made it through. Everything else can be replaced."

Storm damage at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green prompted officials to cancel classes today.

Severe storms swept through northern Georgia late Thursday and early this morn-

ing, causing flooding and leveling homes, trailers and barns. Four minor injuries were reported.

The storms also brought funnel clouds, hail of up to 2 inches in diameter and heavy rain into western North Carolina. No injuries or major injuries were reported.

In Nashville, glass from hundreds of shattered windows and other debris littered streets. Power was knocked out to about two-thirds of the downtown and extra police were called in to guard against looting.

Many offices and schools were closed today.

The first tornado hit the city about 3:30 p.m., sending tourists and downtown workers scurrying for cover. Some people in clubs hid under the bar or in beer coolers.

"I sent everybody to the basement. A woman was trying to close the door, and the wind literally lifted her up."

"We had to grab her and pull her in," said Bob Wolf, who lost the roof on his restaurant.

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CHURCH NEWS

Hillcrest Baptist

Dr. Larry Ashlock, pastor of Crestview Baptist Church in Midland, will be the Evangelist for Hillcrest Baptist Church's spring revival. Revival dates are April 19-22.



ASHLOCK

Dr. Ashlock was born and raised in Houston. He is a graduate of Baylor University and holds the Doctor of Ministry degree from Southwestern Seminary. He is presently working toward the Ph.D. degree through the British Open University, studying in Oxford at the Whitefield Institute six weeks per year and spends the remaining time here in the States.

Dr. Ashlock has been widely used preaching crusades in Mexico, Rwanda and Nairobi, Kenya. In addition to his work overseas, he is often engaged in church evangelism.

Sunday services are 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday service is at 7 p.m. A nursery will be provided.

14th & Main Church of Christ

The Big Spring 17th Annual Friends of Medina Children's Home Dinner will be held at the Howard College cafeteria at 7 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets are \$15 per person, with the proceeds going to Medina Children's Home.

This year's theme is "Spiritual Fitness." Charles Brazell, Director of Recruitment and Development at the Priority Road Center for Christian Education in Dallas, will be the featured speaker. Sandis Girvitch, a member of the San Angelo Outlaws professional hockey team, will also be in attendance to sign autographs.

Medina Children's Home is celebrating its 40th year in existence. Built in 1958 as a community effort, the home provides care for dependent, neglected, abandoned, abused or homeless children, ages four to 18. A mother/child program has also been added for women with children who are without resources. Since its beginning the home has provided care for over 5,000 children and over 400 mothers.

The Big Spring Friends of Medina Dinner was begun in 1981. Sponsored by the area churches of Christ, the dinner has taken in over \$100,000 in donations in the past 16 years. The goal this year is \$7,800, an \$1,800 increase over last year's goal. Tickets are available at the 14th & Main Church of Christ, or call 263-1303.

East Side Baptist

"Forever His," a conservative, full-time, southern-traditional gospel music, Evangelistic ministry, will be singing at the East Side Baptist Church, Sunday during morning services starting at 10:15 a.m.

"Forever His" is composed of Phillip Crow, his wife Diann Crow, and Art Switzer, who is the newest member of the group. The songs are original compositions.

Doug Shelly, pastor, would like to invite those who do not

have a regular church home to attend. The East Side Baptist Church is located at East Sixth and Settles.

Living Water

"Flowers for Zoey" with Kevin and Sheavaun Gales, a husband and wife team that minister in contemporary, acoustic music and song, will be at Spanky's on Friday, April 24 and at Living Water on Sunday, April 26, at 10:30 a.m.

East Fourth Baptist

There will be a revival at East Fourth Street Baptist Church, between Nolan and Goliad, Sunday through Friday, April 24. Mark McMillan is the Evangelist, and Joe Whitten is the music director.

Rev. Mark McMillan is the pastor of First Baptist Church in Wolfforth, near Lubbock. Sunday services will be 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., with a church-wide noon meal in the fellowship hall. There is lunch everyday from noon to 1 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Those who attend are asked to bring a covered dish; the meat is provided by the Sunday School departments.

Services Monday through Friday will begin at 7 p.m. with a special emphasis each night: Monday - "Good Neighbor" or "Bring a Friend" Night; Tuesday - Sunday School Night; Wednesday - Kid's Night, with a hot dog supper for the children at 6:30 p.m.; Thursday - Youth Night; and Friday - Family Night. Everyone is invited.

First Christian Church

The youth of First Christian Church will be leaving this evening for the JYF Round-Up at Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat and returning Sunday afternoon.

Also, tonight is the beginning of a new program at First Christian, "The Friday Night Thing." Kaki Morton will be the featured speaker. The program is about allowing God to heal our bruised or broken hearts (spirit). "The Friday Night Thing" will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. each Friday night except for graduation night, May 22, and is open to everyone, mature teens, generation x-ers, baby boomers, over 55 and elderly. The group will meet at the church and a nursery will be provided. Call the church office at 267-7851 for more information.

Please note: The youth groups will meet from 3:30 to 5 p.m. this Sunday only to allow youth sponsors to attend the official board meeting which begins at 5 p.m.

Attention to the high school youth: The Christian Youth Fellowship will leave next Friday, April 24, for the CYF Spring Rally at Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat returning on Sunday, April 26.

First United Methodist Church

"The Cross, Bear It or Leave It" is the title of our youth director Virgil Feinsod's, message this Sunday at the First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry. The message is about deciding to live sacrificially for Christ or for our own end. The youth will be leading the service.

The youth group "Common Ground," meets Sunday afternoon in the Partee Building. The mid-high ages meet at 3:30 p.m., and the senior-high ages meet at 6 p.m.; all youth interested in spiritual growth and good fellowship is invited to participate. Call the church Please see **CHURCH**, page 7A.



Cole Carruthers, right, dips out some cookie dough to be baked at St. Mary's Episcopal School Wednesday. The first graders were baking cookies with dough the school is currently selling as a fundraiser. Call St. Mary's at 263-0203 for more information.

HERALD photo/Linda Choate

Trust: Everything in life depends on it

"In God We Trust: All Others Must Pay Cash." I always got a kick out of those immortal, skeptical, and sadder-but-wiser words written on the yellowed sign that hung over the make-believe bar at the "Face-In-The-Barroom-Floor-Saloon" at the Monahans Sandhills State Park. The strongest thing you could get to drink in that saloon was a cherry lime, but those strong words linger in the memory.

Many a small business man or woman will nod an "Amen" when they read and think about them. Some of the bureaucrats and others I've had to finagle with in church work have convinced me of the wisdom of those words too, but in a different way.

Trust. It's a simple five-letter word, but everything from the fate of our nation down to the willingness of a church to pay all of its missions money hanging on that little five-letter word.

Winston Churchill trusted Franklin D. Roosevelt to help

send war supplies to help England stay alive and fighting in the early days of World War II, and because of that today we Americans can still salute the stars and stripes rather than the Nazi swastika.

Thousands of Black people in South Africa today are trusting the Christians of America to aid them in their fight for human dignity, and we seek to honor that trust.

Trust is important in the simplest of our relationships, as when a man trusts a woman with his heart and with the purity of his love, and vice versa.

In short, trust is one of the

most important words in our language. With it, virtually any relationship can grow into something wonderful. Without it, things turn stone cold and temporary.

A Christian must be someone who has the trust of others. How do we earn it? Words help, but mainly we give our trust to people when we see them doing things — like working alongside us.

I once helped remodel the little church in Aztec, N.M., and the experience of getting dirty and working hard at a tough job like that every Thursday night cemented one of the strongest trust relationships I've ever had with any group of church leaders right into place.

One night at a board meeting I had to convince a couple of fairly conservative leaders about the necessity of purchasing a new copier for the office. I thought it was going to be a "tough sell" with those penny-watching fellows, but when I told them my proposal, they

agreed with me quickly and with their votes the whole board made it possible to buy the copier. Later I asked one of them why they were so agreeable.

"Ed," he said, "I've hung enough sheet rock with you to know you pretty well. If you say we need a copier, I know we need one. I trust you."

If you want to be a trusted person, you've got to be willing to work, and to work hard, along with others on a team. You have to earn the trust.

Then when you say something, people believe you. They know you from your deeds, not from your nice words. The sound of your voice and the look in your eye confirms it. That can carry you farther than any piece of paper ever did.

Believe me, trust is a gift from God's people. Be one of them. Earn it. It's worth it.

Ed Williamson is pastor at First United Methodist Church.



Ed Williamson
Guest columnist

CLUB NEWS

Busy Bees

A covered dish luncheon was enjoyed by eight members at the fellowship hall of the Presbyterian Church.

Hostess for the meeting were Donnell Luce and LaVerne Lewis. A spring theme was followed by decorating jars to hold votive candles. Next meeting will be May 13.

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library of Howard County had their annual meeting on April 12 at the library.

After refreshments, our President Gloria Hopkins led the meeting where various things were discussed including the copier and fax services we offer, the results of the Reading is Magic contest, and our new officers for the coming year.

The new officers are: President, JoAnn Staulcup; Vice-President, Nancy Koger; Secretary, Gloria Hopkins; and Treasurer, Ruth Ann McKay. After Lorraine Redman gave us an update on the progress of the computer installation and

the basement renovations, the meeting adjourned.

Retired Teachers

Members of the Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association will meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College on Monday, April 20. Fellowship hour is at 10:30 a.m. and lunch is at 11:30 a.m.

Angie Way, curator of the Heritage Museum, will speak on the subject, the Depression Era.

The state TRTA meeting will be held in Lubbock April 22-25.

Mighty Oaks

The Mighty Oaks Senior Adult Club of East Fourth Street Baptist met April 6, for a two day bus trip to the Texas Hill Country.

Dudley Mullins led the group in prayer before they boarded their buses with destination being Johnson City.

They took the Scenic Drive and wildflower trail through Willow City on their way to Johnson City.

On the return trip they made tours of the National Wildflower Research Center at Stonewall and Fredricksberg. In Johnson City, the groups toured Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park and then went out to the LBJ Ranch for a tour of the ranch. Two

buses transported the 13 senior adults to Johnson City.

Attending were: Joyce Walker, Mabel Wilson, Jerry Rudd, Katherine Barnfield, Dorothy Taylor, Lavona Stevens, Norma Kelley, Marie Gillihan, Thelma Roberts, Vera, Vera Hipp Covington and Emily Pike.

Drivers were Mullins and Garland Rudd.

The regular April monthly meeting for April 21, has been canceled due to East Fourth Baptist Spring Revival.

April birthday honoree was Lennis Couch.

The May meeting will be a trip to Colorado City for lunch and fellowship.

Coahoma Lions Club

The Coahoma Lions Club met at Kelly's Cafe on the second Monday of the month. After Lion Ron Baker led the flag salute and Lion Bill Read led the club in prayer, President Boss Lion Jim LeMarr began the meeting. Many topics were discussed including the community garage sale set for May 16 and the city park renovation project.

Also the new officers were voted for and the Installation Dinner Chairman Lion Bruce Griffith was appointed. Boss Lion installed the club's newest member, Russell Mullins.

Flying preacher enjoys life in fast lane

By LEE ANDERSON

Wichita Falls Times Record News

WICHITA FALLS — The Rev. Mike Rucker likes to get down and dirty when he's spreading the gospel.

Occasionally, there are a few bumps and bruises — and even a mud bath — along the way.

That's what usually happens when he flashes by — not from the pulpit — in 316.

But that's life in the fast lane for the "Flying Preacher."

Rucker is a race-car driver and 316 (for John 3:16) is the number on his race car. And dirt tracks throughout Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and Nebraska serve as his pulpit when he's not ministering to the congregation at his church, Bible Baptist in Wichita Falls.

"I like going fast and all the contact with the public at the tracks. It gives me the opportunity to talk about the Lord from a different aspect,"

Please see **LIFE**, page 7A.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Christian songwriter, singer and guitarist John Cox, will perform tonight at Comanche Trail Amphitheater. Friday Night Alive is sponsoring the concert, which begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$7 for groups of 10 or more, at Spanky's and the Karat Patch. Tickets will be \$10 at the door.

His style ranges from mild alternative to ballad rock, with lyrics like these from "Heaven Hears You."
Don't cry tonight — heaven hears you,
they count the tears that run down your face
just open your heart — heaven is near you,
and calling you to the quiet place where
heaven hears you.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Barbershop concert set

"Sun Country Gentlemen," a barbershop singing group of the Permian Basin, will perform at Big Spring's Municipal Auditorium April 25. The concert begins at 8 p.m. and tickets are \$4 for adults and \$3 for seniors and students.

Tickets are available in advance at the chamber of commerce, and will be at the door as well. Call Brian Sadozky at 694-3536 for more information.

Symphony Saturday

The Big Spring Symphony will present its annual pops concert in Municipal Auditorium at 8 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are \$10 each, available at the door. The theme is "Big Bands and All That Jazz," and special guests will be the Angelo Jazz Band. Dress is casual, and a full house is expected.

THE LAST WORD

In have known some quite good people who were unhappy, but never an interested person who was unhappy.

A.C. Benson

It has never been given to a man to attain at once his happiness and his salvation.

Charles Peguy

The world is ruled only by consideration of advantages.

Friedrich von Schiller

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Rucker said.
Rucker, who said he picked up the nickname "Flying Preacher" at the race tracks, was pastor of Central Baptist Church in Bowie in 1982 when four members of the church (David Richey, Don Rickey, Ronnie Fowler and Ricky Fowler) coaxed him into traveling to Wichita Falls to watch them race stock cars.

"I went and then I started watching them and working on the car some," he recalled. "One night David asked me to hot lap (warm up) his car."
Rucker insisted it was too muddy.

Then he decided to give racing a try.

"I got banged around a lot at first," he said.
Soon afterwards, Rucker's brother Eddie, of Wichita, Kan., gave him an old 1972 Chevy Monte Carlo that he converted into a race car.

He then moved to Cheney, Kan., where he became pastor of Cheney Baptist Church. The following week, he was herding the car (also 316) around the track in the street stock division.

Rucker then tabled racing until 1985. That's when he and his brother started racing late-model cars at 81 Speedway in Wichita.

Success came quick. He won the rookie of the year crown, and in 1986, he finished seventh in points at the track.

The family then moved to

Lancaster, Texas. The itch to race surfaced again, and he soon was behind the wheel, banging fenders at the race track at Belemede and in Wichita Falls. Then there was another hiatus from racing.

When the family moved to Wichita Falls in 1988, he couldn't stay away from Col O's race track. But, as luck would have it, the track soon shut down.

Just last year he built a car and headed for the NCRA late-model circuit, which has races in nearby states. His wife, Sherrie, and members of Bible Baptist Church serve as his pit crew.

If he is able to obtain a major sponsor, Rucker said he plans to race in 15 events this season, which kicks off next month and runs through October.

"There won't be a conflict with the church schedule," he said. "We plan our church calendar first, then we look at the race calendar."

At many of the tracks, Sherrie sings the national anthem.

"Sherrie is my No. 1 fan," Rucker said. They have three children and a grandchild: Michael, 24; Matt, 21; Marlene, 18; and 4-year-old Diamond.

His ministry at the tracks started when he was asked to pray before the races and at special functions. That led to brief services on Sundays while at the track. Most of his racing is done on Fridays and Saturdays.

CHURCH

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office for more details (267-6394).

Mt. Bethel Baptist

Mt. Bethel Baptist Church, 630 Sgt. Paradox Street, will have spaghetti dinners on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a donation of \$4 per plate. Dine in, carry out or delivery available; call 263-4069. All proceeds to benefit the Mt. Bethel Baptist Church Sanctuary Choir.

St. Mary's Episcopal

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will have their monthly meeting and breakfast on Saturday, at 8 a.m. in the parish hall.

The Rev. Richard Southworth from The Food for the Poor will be St. Mary's guest speaker on Sunday at both services.

The Vestry will meet Monday, April 20, at 5:30 p.m. St. Mary's Inquirers' Class continues on Tuesday, April 21. The class starts at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Library, 1001 Goliad Street.

Open House at St. Mary's Episcopal School, 118 Cedar, takes place on Thursday, April 23, at 6:30 p.m. The community is warmly invited to attend. For more information, call 264-0203.

First Baptist, Ackerly

First Baptist Church, Ackerly, and its pastor, Rev. Robert Moore, wish to announce that the church will hold its annual Spring Revival

Service from Sunday, April 26 through Wednesday, April 29. The Sunday services will be 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday the services will be at 7 p.m. Rev. Ronnie Marley, pastor of Northside Baptist Church, Lamesa, will be the evangelist, and Bro. Duane McClure, pastor of Klondike Baptist Church, will be the singer. The public is invited.

Baptist Temple

Baptist Temple Church, 400 East 11th Place, is having a revival on April 26-29 with Bruce Gill as the speaker and Doug Garrett leading the music. Services will be on Sunday, April 26, at 10:45 a.m.

and 7 p.m. and the rest of the week starts at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information call 267-8287.

First Baptist Church

First Baptist Church will be having its Spring Revival Sunday through Wednesday, April 19-22.

Dr. Michael Dean, pastor of Travis Avenue Baptist Church in Fort Worth, will be the guest preacher. Dr. Dean has pastored various churches in Texas and New Mexico, and is currently serving on the Board of Trustees of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. Scot Cameron of Arlington will be the guest musician for the revival. He

has performed at churches and conventions all across the state, as well as many national conferences.

The revival schedule includes 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. services on Sunday, Monday through Wednesday, there will be noon luncheon meetings in the church's Family Life Center, and 7 p.m. services in the main auditorium.

Special nights for children and youth are scheduled for Monday and Wednesday, respectively.

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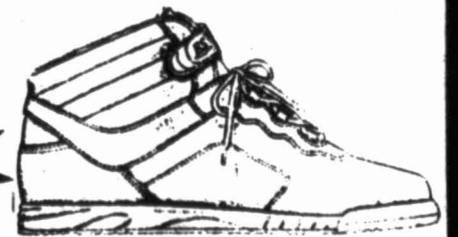
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Is it a cult or new religious movement?

GARLAND (AP) — He said it in Chinese, and then for emphasis Simon Tsai switched to slow, deliberate English. "People keep asking us if we're going to commit suicide," he said last month. "But we're not. We are not a cult."

Tsai and nearly 150 other Taiwanese followers of "Master" Chen Hon-ming and his "zhen dao," or "true way" movement, didn't see God in suburban Dallas last month as they expected. And because they took no drastic action afterward, attention waned.

Tsai's protestation illustrates the pejorative aura that surrounds the word "cult," once the catchall for any religious movement that struck people as unusual or excessively controlling.

Academics, writers, television reporters — all seem more reluctant, in varying degrees, to use "cult" in recent years. "Sect" is the word of choice. In academic circles, "new religious movement" is a favored alternative.

When, then, is a "cult" a cult?

"I frequently campaign against the use of the word," says Gerald McDermott, an associate professor of religion and philosophy at Roanoke (Va.) College and an expert on, well, cults or new religious movements.

"It's shunned now," he says. "This is in contrast to 15, even 10 years ago."

Many say the term "cult" has become stigmatized because of the images it evokes — images of unwilling participants, extreme rituals and instability.

On the Internet, everything from Mormonism to Scientology to Jews for Jesus has been described, dismissed or denounced as a cult, often to loud objections of group members.

Consider the most notorious groups called "cult" in recent years.

—The Rev. Jim Jones' Peoples Temple, where more than 900 people died after drinking cyanide-spiked grape punch in 1978.

—Aum Shinrikyo, the

Japanese group believed to have released lethal gas in Tokyo's subways in 1995.

—Heaven's Gate, whose members wore black to their deaths last spring and expected a UFO behind the Hale-Bopp comet to carry them off to paradise.

—And perhaps the most dramatic of this decade: David Koresh's Branch Davidians, 80 of whom went up in flames in Waco, Texas, after a 51-day standoff with federal agents ended five years ago Sunday.

"Waco was really a watershed that opened the eyes of many, many academics to the cynical and interested and manipulative use of the word," McDermott says.

Not surprising, then, that most groups want nothing to do with such terminology, terminology that often picks up additional words: "suicide cult," "doomsday cult," "UFO cult."

By its most basic definition, in the third edition of Webster's New World College Dictionary, a cult is foremost "a system of religious worship or ritual." But its second definition is more detailed: "a quasi-

religious group, often living in a colony, with a charismatic leader who indoctrinates members with unorthodox or extremist views, practices or beliefs."

Pretty wide definition, especially when you consider that "Methodist" and "Quaker" were once considered derisive terms for groups with "unorthodox or extremist views."

"It becomes so easy for us to discredit religions that don't fit our immediate paradigm," says Mark Radecke, a Lutheran pastor and chaplain and Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, Pa.

Linguistic change is taking place, however subtly. For example, the German government has referred to Scientology as a cult; many German journalists call it a sect, which implies more mainstream tendencies. And in Garland last month, some of the dozens of reporters awaiting God's non-arrival could be heard discussing, "I know this is a cult," one said, "but do we come out and call it that?"

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Writer's life of excess led to book on health

By MICHELE CHAN SANTOS
Austin American-Statesman

AUSTIN — During his youth, Gary Cartwright smoked, drank, used drugs and ate whatever he wanted without consideration for his health.

Cartwright, a 63-year-old author and longtime writer for Texas Monthly, spent much of the 1960s hanging out at bars with other young reporters. They would drink until the bars closed, then finish off their nights scarfing down chili cheeseburgers and pecan waffles. Plenty of coffee and cigarettes would get them going the following morning.

"To a man," he writes in his new book, "we held the deep conviction that anything worth doing was worth overdoing."

That excess eventually caught up with them. Cartwright had a heart attack in 1988, and had quintuple bypass surgery shortly afterward. He uses a pacemaker. His friends suffered similar fates some, like him, developed cardiovascular disease, while others suffered diabetes and various afflictions.

The experience led to Cartwright's book "HeartWiseGuy: How to Live the Good Life After a Heart Attack" (St. Martin's Press, \$23), which just arrived in bookstores. Former Gov. Ann Richards, an old friend of Cartwright's, wrote the foreword to the book.

It's aimed at "everyone over 50, or whatever age you feel your body is beginning to fall apart," Cartwright says.

Part memoir, part health guide, "HeartWiseGuy" is designed to inspire and inform those who are at risk for cardiovascular disease and related conditions.

Although he had suffered through a heart attack and bypass surgery, Cartwright didn't change many of his

health habits, although he did give up smoking.

The heart attack "got my attention in a big way, but it didn't keep it," he writes. "I gradually drifted back to most of my old habits, drinking and eating pretty much what I wanted, spending weekends on the couch reading and petting my dogs, getting fat and soft and cuddly. . . . Smug in the knowledge that I had survived the Big One."

Finally, in 1993, Cartwright's doctor gave him two choices: A) lose at least 40 pounds, change his eating and drinking habits and lower his blood cholesterol at least 100 points, or B) die.

"He didn't actually say die," Cartwright writes, "but I got the message."

Today, his weight is down to 175 from 215, and his cholesterol level is normal. He doesn't smoke, eats plenty of fish and vegetables instead of fried chicken and steak, lifts weights three times a week at Big Steve's Gym and Aerobics Center, pops vitamins instead of amphetamines and drinks only moderately.

Instead of feeling denied, he writes that "life has never been so full, so sweet, so rich."

He knows the information his book contains on hypertension, diabetes, kidney disease (another condition he suffers), prostate disease, stress, osteoporosis and impotence is available from many other sources.

But because the book is written by someone who went through a heart attack himself, it might strike a more effective chord with readers, he says.

"It's different than a book written by a doctor or a college professor," Cartwright says. "I write with a sense of humor. It's an easy way to make the medicine go down. . . . I've tried not to set myself up as an expert, but to say, 'Here's what happened to me. Here's what I did about it.'"

Looking at 'Titanic' from a Biblical perspective

By TERRY MATTINGLY
Scripps Howard News Service.

Soon after "Titanic" opened in the United States, director James Cameron ventured into cyberspace to field questions from waves of stricken fans.

One mother described how her young daughter sat spellbound through the three-hour-plus romance between a first-class girl trapped in a loveless engagement with a cruel fiancée and a starving artist who liberates her, then surrenders his life to save her in the icy North Atlantic. As they left the theater, the mother said her daughter noticed older girls weeping.

"It's OK, don't worry," the child said, giving one girl a hug. "Rose is with her Jack now."

"That's so sweet," wrote Cameron. Nevertheless, he told another participant in the Online Tonight session that he wouldn't answer one common question: Did the now-elderly Rose die in the last scene, to be reunited with her lover aboard the Titanic in a vision of heaven, or was she merely dreaming?

As he immersed himself in Titanic lore, Cameron said he reached one conclusion. "I think I discovered the truth of its lesson — which is all you have is today." In another pub-

lic statement, he described his film in more sweeping terms.

"'Titanic' is not just a cautionary tale — a myth, a parable, a metaphor for the ills of mankind. It is also a story of faith, courage, sacrifice and, above all else, love."

With receipts of \$1.1 billion and rising, "Titanic" has filled a hole in the hearts of millions of romance-starved moviegoers. Whether Cameron intended to or not, Hollywood's most successful movie of all time also has changed how at least one generation views one of this century's most symbolic events.

For millions, the Titanic is now a triumphant story of how one upper-crust girl found salvation — body and soul — through sweaty sex, modern art, self-esteem lingo and social rebellion.

"Titanic" is a passion play celebrating the moral values of the 1960s as sacraments. Rose sums it up by saying that she could abandon her old life and family because her forbidden lover "saved me in every way that a person can be saved."

Millions are walking their children down theater aisles, often making many such pilgrimages, in support of this cathartic message about the power of romantic love. Major religious groups that have greeted similar films with howls of protest are silent.

A few people wonder why.

"Titanic" reminds me of the distinctions between people of faith and secularists," said conservative commentator Elizabeth Farah. "While all agree that death is inevitable and very often unexpected, the religious and secularists do not agree on the behavior life's fragility should promote. Those of faith know they may meet their Maker at any moment, at which time they will account for their sins."

"Their fear and deep love for God inspires them in their con-

stant struggle for righteousness. To the secularist, life is short — get what you want, when you want it, and in whatever way necessary."

The heroes of this modern "Titanic" fit into this latter category, said Farah. Their sins become virtues because they are rebelling against people who are portrayed as even worse.

This isn't just a bad movie, she added, it is "manipulative" and "fundamentally immoral."

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Andrews takes 4-4A boys' golf title; Big Spring finishes fourth

HERALD Staff Report

SAN ANGELO — Andrews Mustangs were simply untouchable ... again.

The Mustangs had their worst round of the District 4-4A golf tournament on the Riverside Golf Club's par 72 layout, finishing with a six-over par 294 Thursday, but walked away with the team championship by a solid 40-stroke margin over San Angelo Lake View's Chiefs.

The 294 was 10 strokes better than the 304 Lake View could muster and left Andrews with an 875 total, just 10 strokes over par for the entire three-round tournament.

The Chiefs, paced by defending 4-4A medalist James Higdon, finished the

tournament with a 915 total to earn the runner-up's berth in the Region I, Class 4A tournament that will be staged on Riverside's layout April 27-28.

Despite a 308 on the final day, Big Spring's Steers were only able to finish in fourth place with a 940 total, 14 strokes behind Andrews' junior varsity which finished third in the team standings.

In the end, Big Spring was never able to overcome a disastrous 318 in the opening round of the tournament at Pecos.

"Our kids played well," Steers coach Gary Simmons noted, "but we were just so far behind after the first round that there wasn't much chance of us catching up ... not in this district."

The Steers, who made the turn during that first round with a four-stroke lead over Andrews, lost 22 strokes on the back nine, and from that point on, were essentially left for a bid to save face.

"You just can't give up that many strokes and have a chance to get to regional in this district, it's just too strong," Simmons noted.

"That's a round we wish we could take back," he added, "but there aren't any mulligans. You have to live with what you've done out there on the course and that's what we're going to do."

"But we've got a good nucleus of players coming back next year. We'll just have to see how we progress between

now and next February."

Sammy Rodriguez led the way for the Steers, both Thursday and for the entire tournament. His one-under-par 71 during the final round left him with a 228 for the tournament, while Blake Weaver finished with a 76 for a 235 total.

Rudy Gamboa and Heath Bailey both posted round of 83 Thursday, giving them 238 and 244 totals, respectively. O.J. Hernandez, who had his best round of the tournament with a 78, finished with a 245.

Big Spring's junior varsity, which finished last in the 12-team tournament, turned in a 376 team score Thursday to finish with a 3-day total of 1,055.

Richard Gaigan turned in the best score for the Big Spring JV Thursday, his 91 leaving him with a 270 total. Aaron Harland posted a 94 to finished with a team best 267 for the tournament, while Jamie Womble finished at 104 and 272. Josh Long and Zac Hall both completed the tournament with 286 totals, Hall carding a 95 on the final 18 holes, while Long had a 96.

Big Spring's Roger Bravo and Chris Bravo, playing for medalist honors only, both posted rounds of 96.

Lake View's Higdon defended his medalist title, but not before being forced into a sudden-death playoff with Andrews' Brook Varner.

Higdon birdied the first playoff hole, the par 4 10th, to take the title.

Ron Taylor leaving Lady Steers helm to take job at Post

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

Ron Taylor, the head girls' basketball coach at Big Spring High School for the past seven years, has announced he is leaving the program he has guided to six district championships and seven playoff appearances to accept the same position at Post High School.



TAYLOR

Taylor, a native of Ackerly, was named the new Lady Antelopes' head coach by members of the Post Independent School District Board of Trustees during their regular meeting Tuesday.

In accepting the Post position, Taylor admitted it had been a difficult decision to make.

"Big Spring has been good to me and good to my family and they'll never know how much I appreciate that," Taylor explained. "We've had a great run here, but I've been here seven years. Nothing's wrong here and nothing needs to be fixed, I just had a gut feeling that it's time to move on."

Although a majority of this year's Lady Steers players will graduate this spring, Taylor noted that the most difficult part of leaving Big Spring will be not having to coach the girls returning in the program.

"These are great kids," he explained. "They work hard ... give you everything they've got and that's all you can ask as a coach. If kids work hard like these do, the winning and losing takes care of itself."

Taylor, now 47, took over the Big Spring program in 1991-92 after having compiled a 103-19 record at Forsan and a 161-55 record at Reagan County.

He arrived a year after the

Lady Steers had endured a 5-21 season and immediately coached Big Spring to a 21-8 record, taking the District 3-4A championship before losing to Canyon Randall in the area playoffs. He was named the district's coach of the year that season.

He would be named the 3-4A coach of the year three more times and was the District 4-4A coach of the year in 1995-96 and 1996-97.

That first championship in 1992 ignited a string of six straight district titles for the Lady Steers that did not end until this season when Big Spring posted a 17-12 record, entering the playoffs as the third runner-up in District 4-4A.

The Lady Steers took a bi-district playoff victory before losing to Loveland in the area playoffs.

Big Spring's 17-12 campaign this year left Taylor with a 136-57 record overall at the Lady Steers helm and a career mark of 400-131.

In taking over at Post, he will inherit a team that won 18 games last season but failed to qualify for the Class 2A playoffs.

The Lady Antelopes will move into a newly aligned district next season, joining Coahoma, Stanton, Tahoka, Plains and Seagraves.

"This is definitely going to be a challenge, because it's going to be a tremendously tough district," Taylor admitted. "Of course, that's one of the things I've always looked forward to ... a chance to step into a difficult challenge. I did that here and it looks like I'll be doing it again."

Taylor's decision to leave the Lady Steers helm leaves BSISD Athletic Director Dwight Butler seeking head coaches for both basketball programs.

Gary Tipton, the Steers' head basketball coach, requested to be reassigned prior to the close of the 1997-98 season.

Switzer heading to Hollywood to star in a couple of projects

DALLAS (AP) — Barry Switzer's critics said that he only pretended to coach the Cowboys, giving in repeatedly to brash personalities and tolerating misbehavior off the field.

Now there is no doubt he will get a big check to play at being coach.

The former coach of "America's Team," is heading to Hollywood and has plans to portray a coach on HBO's *Arli\$* and in a movie about

Texas high school football.

His agent reports he also has plans to host a talk show and a film version of Switzer's autobiography, *Bootlegger's Boy*, which chronicles the coach's rise from poverty in Arkansas to the pinnacle of college football at the University of Oklahoma.

"There's been a lot of interest in Barry in the Hollywood community," said Steven Fenton, Switzer's agent.



HERALD photo/John A. Moseley

Big Spring's Tory Mitchell strikes through a light workout at Blankenship Field in preparation for today's District 4-4A track and field meet in San Angelo. Mitchell, the defending district and regional champion in both the 100 and 200 meters, has set his sights on a return to the state meet in Austin.

Tory Mitchell's 4-4A track bid aims at Austin

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

There are a number of ways to describe Tory Mitchell: fleet-footed phenom, speed merchant, sprint specialist, burner or maybe even speed demon.

Whatever term one uses to describe the Big Spring Steers' junior, there's one constant ...

He's fast. Not just quick, but blazingly fast.

Mitchell's so fast, in fact, that Steers track coach Randy Britton doesn't really bother to try and rank the defending District 4-4A and Region I, Class 4A champion at 100 and 200 meters.

Instead, he simply smiles when it is suggested that Mitchell is unquestionably the fastest sprinter in West Texas and probably the state of Texas.

And Britton, who for only the second time in his lengthy term as Big Spring's boys track coach enters today's 4-4A meet in San Angelo with no chance of competing for the district's team championship, has had little to smile about this spring.

To some, Mitchell burst on the scene last spring when he created a stir by posting a wind-aided 9.9-second clocking in the 100 meters at a regional qualifiers' meet.

But Mitchell had already established himself as the

region's top sprinters long before.

"My freshman year, I sometimes battled out with my cousin (Randy Farr) as the fastest," Mitchell recalls. "Since then, I've basically been the fastest person on our team."

After some coaxing, however, Britton assesses his star sprinter's considerable talents.

"I really believe that if we were in a position to put him up against the kind of competition he ran against at Dallas (Jesus Sheaner Relays), he'd probably have the best times in the nation," Britton said while watching his depleted team go through a light workout Wednesday afternoon.

While the Steers have no chance of taking the 4-4A championship that Britton almost concedes to San Angelo Lake View, Mitchell will be the key to what the coach hopes will be five or six events in which Big Spring will be able to qualify participants for regional competition.

"We're going to take nine or 10 kids to San Angelo and hope that five of them will get to regional," Britton explained, noting that Mitchell should repeat as the champion in the 100 and 200 meters and has a chance to team with Antwoyne Edwards, Jimmy Hawkins and

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Lady Steers slight favorite to repeat as girls' champs

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

After having surprised everyone, including themselves, by winning the Big Spring AMBUCS Invitational Relays last week, Big Spring's Lady Steers head into today's District 4-4A track and field meet as a slight favorite to repeat as district champions.

The Lady Steers, three-time defending 4-4A champions, figure to get their biggest challenge from San Angelo Lake View's Maidens with Fort Stockton expected to finish third in the team standings.

Nothing, however, is certain, and Lady Steers coach Jay Kennedy is well aware of that fact.

"On paper, it looks like we should win it by about 12 points," Kennedy said after making a points projection based on the district scratch meeting where coaches posted their athletes' best times and performances. "Of course, things rarely come out exactly like they're expected to on paper, so it's going to be close. It will come down to us and Lake View, though."

Big Spring's win last week, Kennedy noted, is proof positive that meets rarely turn out exactly like one would expect.

"We had some big time performances last week ... had some kids that really came through," he explained. "We really didn't think we could win our meet. That was a big confidence builder for our kids. We're excited."

The Lady Steers have geared their entire season in preparation to be at their best today.

Their individual objectives, however, will be two-fold.

Several, like seniors Nadia Cole and Keesha Lott, will have their sights set on finishes that will qualify them for regional competition, while others realize this will be their last meet of the spring.

It is the those who fall into the latter category that will play the most crucial factor in Big Spring's bid to repeat as the district's champion.

Lott, who has been hampered by hamstring problems in recent weeks, enters the meet in much improved shape, but Kennedy said today's weather will be a factor in how well she performs.

"It's a day to day thing for Keesha," Kennedy said of his stellar senior sprinter. "If the weather is as cold as they're predicting, it's just going to depend on how well she feels as to what she can do."

"Of course, Keesha knows what the competition is like," he added. "She knows there are some people in the district that are capable of beating her under certain conditions, but she also knows she doesn't have to have her best day to get out (advance to regional)."

Cole, the defending district champion in the shot put, is in a similar position. Despite having been hampered by a back injury all year, she seems to be a lock to qualify for a regional berth.

Others who figure to advance include sprinters Angelica Hinojos and April McGee, as well as Stephanie Henderson, Cari Mercilliot, Chanta Farr and Rita Casillas — performers who team with Hinojos, McGee and Lott on the Lady Steers 400-, 800- and 1,600-meter relays.

The key to the Lady Steers' district championship aspirations, however, will be the performance of others.

"We've got some kids that realize this is the end of their season," Kennedy explained. "These are kids that have been finishing seventh or eighth at a lot of the meets we've gone to this spring ... people that we need to step up and take third."

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Smoltz, Benes have different kinds of comebacks, both as winners

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

John Smoltz and Andy Benes enjoyed different kinds of comebacks.

Just four months after elbow surgery, Smoltz won in his return to the major leagues, helping the Atlanta Braves beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 3-1 Thursday.

Benes went back to St. Louis, the team he wanted to re-sign with, and led the Arizona Diamondbacks to an 8-2 victory over the Cardinals for a doubleheader split.

"Yeah, I heard the boos," said Benes, who pitched a seven-hitter for his first complete game since Aug. 1, 1996 at

Philadelphia. "Four or five years ago, I probably wouldn't have been able to handle it, but it's not the first time and it's not going to be the last time."

Arizona's losing streak had stretched to seven following the Cardinals' 5-4 win in the opener at Busch Stadium.

"A lot of people probably were looking forward to seeing him fail, and he handled it very professionally like the warrior he is," Arizona manager Buck Showalter said. "We're lucky to have him."

In Atlanta, Smoltz (1-0) allowed two hits in five shutout innings, striking out seven.

In other National League games,

Milwaukee beat Montreal 5-3 in 14 innings, Los Angeles beat Colorado 4-3 in 10, Florida beat Philadelphia 12-4, Chicago beat New York 4-3 and Houston beat Cincinnati 7-4.

In American League games, Seattle beat Minnesota 3-2 in 10 innings, Tampa Bay edged Anaheim 6-5, Oakland beat Kansas City 12-7, and Chicago defeated Baltimore 8-2.

The Cardinals got all their RBIs in the opener from reserves Brian Hunter and David Howard. Todd Stottlemyre (2-1) allowed two runs and six hits in seven innings. Joel Adamson (0-2) was the loser.

Donovan Osborne (0-1), making his first start after beginning the season on the disabled list with a pulled groin, lost the second game, giving up five runs and six hits in five-plus innings.

Braves 3, Pirates 1
Pittsburgh's 25-inning scoreless streak finally ended with Kevin Young's RBI double off Dennis Martinez in the seventh.

Francisco Cordova (2-1) allowed two earned runs and seven hits in 4 2-3 innings.

Brewers 5, Expos 3
Marquis Grissom singled off Shayne

Bennett (0-1) in the 14th at Olympic Stadium, and Fernando Vina tied his career high with five hits.

Doug Jones (1-0) pitched two hitless innings, helping the Brewers improve to 7-2 on the road.

Dodgers 4, Rockies 3
Todd Hollandsworth's third hit of the game drove home the go-ahead run off Jerry DiPoto (0-1) in the 10th at Coors Field after Jose Vizcaino reached second when center fielder Ellis Burks dropped a shallow fly ball for an error. Mike Lansing doubled leading off the

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SPORTS BRIEFS

SMMC officials slate fun run, fun walk for Saturday

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 263-4931 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.

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 Booster Club meeting rescheduled

The Big Spring Lady Steers Booster Club has rescheduled its meeting, originally set for Thursday, to 6 p.m. Monday 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, trainers and managers.

For more information, contact Kelly McBee at 393-5672 or Shirley Johnson at 267-1541.

Figure 7 Tennis Center schedules social for Sunday

A tennis social has been scheduled for 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Figure 7 Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park.

The event, according to Figure 7 professional Jim Blacketer, is designed to bring local tennis players together for an afternoon of competition, to assess interest in forming leagues and other activities, and to initiate formation of a community tennis association.

No reservations are necessary and the event is free of charge.

For more information, call Blacketer at 264-6834.

Deadline for college banquet reservations is Monday

Monday is the deadline for making reservations for the annual Howard College Athletic Banquet scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, in the East Room of Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Reservations to attend the banquet must be made no later than 5 p.m. Monday, according to Corky Mitchell, the college's director of communications, and no one will be admitted without reservations.

Tickets for the banquet are priced at \$7 and will be payable at the door.

The banquet's menu will include a choice of beef or chicken entree, salad, vegetables, hot rolls and desert.

To make reservations, call 264-5040.

BSISD slates athletic physicals session for Saturday

The Big Spring Independent School District's athletic department will be offering students in the sixth through 11th grades to receive athletic physicals for the 1998-99 school year beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Big Spring High School cafeteria.

The physical examinations, BSHS athletic trainer Andy Rankin explained, are required for all students wishing to participate in athletics that are entering the seventh or ninth grades, as well as those in other grades who haven't received one.

The examinations will begin at 10 a.m. for current sixth graders, while those currently in the eighth grade are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Those currently in the ninth through 11th grades will receive physicals starting at 10:30 a.m.

Rankin explained that no physicals will be administered after 11:30 p.m., but cautioned students not to arrive early.

MITCHELL

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Kyle Britton and contend for the 400-meter relay championship.

In addition, Edwards should challenge Andrews' Shaud Williams for the 110-meter hurdles title and distance specialist Marco Torres should advance in both the 1,600 and 3,200 meters.

As far as Mitchell is concerned, there's no question he'll repeat as the district's sprint champion, and he's just as convinced he'll have a chance of anchor home the Steers' sprint relay to a win.

"Every time I step out the track I expect to win," he says in a matter-of-fact tone. "Nobody has higher expectations for me than I do for myself. It has to be that way, because there's really

nobody in the district that's going to push me."

"That lack of weekly competition can sometimes be frustrating."

"It's kind of hard to run by yourself all the time... to push yourself," Mitchell explained. "I really wish I had someone in the district that was going to push me, but there isn't. There hasn't been at most of the meets we've gone to. That was one of the reasons to go to Dallas... to get better competition."

All Mitchell did at the 34th Jesuit Relays last month was post an automatically timed 10.32-second clocking in winning the 100 meters in the Class 5A division and then establish a new meet record in the 200 with a 20.55 clocking.

Mitchell's confidence doesn't mean he's without goals, how-

ever.

"It's just that those goals will have to be realized next month at the state meet in Austin. That's where he finished third in both the 100 and 200 as a sophomore last spring."

And while there are literally hundreds of youngsters around the state that would be more than pleased to close their season stepping up to accept a bronze medal at the state meet, Mitchell clearly burns for a chance to atone for what he believes was a lackluster performance.

"The state meet was very disappointing last year," he admits. "I don't like losing. I'll admit it, I'm a sore loser. After all, this isn't a sport for people who can accept losing."

"You've got to want to win every race," he added. "I do."

LADY STEERS

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fourth or fifth in their races. They want to make a contribution and I think they will."

While Kennedy says he's not only excited, but confident about his team's chances to repeat as the 4-4A champion, he admits having concerns.

"We've got to guard against getting surprised like we did to some people last week," he explained. "Of course, I have a tendency of worrying about a lot of things I can't control... like the weather."

"I have to guard against being a worry-wart, anyway," Kennedy added. "There will be some times when I have to make some decisions, but once the meet starts, basically, I'm the head cheerleader."

ROUNDUP

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bottom half and advanced on a grounder. But Jim Bruske retired Dante Bichette on a game-ending popup, getting his first save since Oct. 1, 1996.

Vinny Castilla's third homer in as many games, his sixth of

the season, tied the score in the ninth against Scott Radinsky.

Marlins 12, Phillies 4

Craig Counsell capped a six-run first with a grand slam, and Charles Johnson also drove in four runs as Florida won its third straight following a 1-11

start. Livan Hernandez (2-1) allowed four runs and nine hits in seven innings.

Bobby Bonilla was ejected along with Marlins manager Jim Leyland in the first inning after the third baseman argued a called third strike.

Cubs 8, Mets 4

Henry Rodriguez hit a three-run homer and Jeff Blauser hit a solo shot as visiting Chicago broke a four-game losing streak.

Brant Brown tripled, doubled and had a two-run single for the Cubs. Sandy Martinez tripled and doubled.

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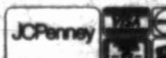
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Colts still undecided on top pick

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — No decision, no difference of opinion, no negotiations and no recent trade offers.

That was the word from Bill Polian on Thursday as the president of the Indianapolis Colts discussed the team's pending decision on how to use the No. 1 pick in Saturday's NFL draft.

"We still have questions to be answered," he said over deciding between quarterbacks Peyton Manning or Ryan Leaf. "This is a very important decision, one that will affect the future of this franchise for a good long time. We're going to leave no stone untouched."

Polian strongly denied reports he and coach Jim Mora had a difference of opinion on the selection.

"That's absolutely, totally and unequivocally, categorically, emphatically untrue," he said. "I'm really sick and tired of people rumormongering things that don't have any basis. ... We've never had a disagreement. We haven't made a decision. We're going to sit down and make it jointly together and our opinions are going to mesh."

Polian also expressed unhappiness over the NFL's awarding the Oakland Raiders an extra draft pick, the 31st overall, as compensation for the loss of Pro Bowl defensive tackle Chester McGlockton through free agency.

"I wish we had not had the unfortunate and ridiculous interference ... which disrupted our (draft) preparation ... aside from the stupidity, in my opinion of the decision," he said.

McGlockton effectively became a free agent this week when the Raiders declined to guarantee the one-year, \$4 million tender they made to him.

Under an amendment to the collective bargaining agreement, contracts tendered to a team's own free agents must be guaranteed even if a player is released during the year.

The NFL Management Council ruled the six-year veteran and full-time Pro Bowler was offered a contract by another NFL team before midnight Thursday — and the Raiders decline to match it — Oakland would get that team's second-round pick in this weekend's draft, along with a compensatory pick following the completion of the first round.

The NFL did not make its decision on the extra pick until this week and Polian was also upset he learned about it from an ESPN reporter rather than the league. The ruling means the Colts would select 32nd rather than 31st with their second choice.

"I don't believe ever before has the integrity of the draft been compromised this way," he said. "To have our preparation disrupted four days before the draft is unheard of. ... It is just typical of people who don't know anything about football getting involved."

Whichever quarterback the Colts select, the other should be taken by San Diego which paid a big price to Arizona to move from third to second in the draft order.

"There's no winner or loser in this, they are 1 and 1A," Polian said. "We'll do the best that we can to choose a player that will be successful for the Colts. I don't doubt that whoever is not chosen by the Colts will go on to be successful. ... I would not be surprised to see them both playing in the championship game in the not too distant future."

But, Polian has also said neither quarterback will produce an immediate turnaround.

"History has proven that rookies struggle in the NFL, and I anticipate that will be the case with Manning or Leaf," said Polian, hired in December on the same day owner Jim Irsay fired coach Lindy Infante and director of football operations Bill Tobin.

"No rookie is ready to step in the NFL and play with any degree of confidence. It doesn't matter what they've accomplished as a college player, or how much they're paid," Polian said.

Also on Thursday, Polian denied reports he had started negotiations with Manning's agent.

"It was never true," Polian said of the report broadcast Wednesday by Indianapolis radio station WIBC. "It was a falsehood from the onset."

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Since there isn't much we can do for God, the omnipotent creator of the universe, except to love, honor, and trust Him, we should realize that only the foolish would try to fool God.

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Executive Secretary / Administrative Assistant. If you are one, you know the job description. \$20-\$30K DOE. Resume to Box 750.

HELP WANTED

BABYSITTER, HOUSECLEANING, MAYBE SOME COOKING. Call Tom Coates at 263-0145 for details or come by 908 Lancaster.

COMMISSARY ACCOUNTS CLERK Cornell Corrections in Big Spring, Texas. Commissary Accounts Clerk - \$6.39 HR. Contact Personnel Dept at 915-264-9511, 610 Main St., Suite B, Big Spring, Texas. EOE, M/F/V/D.

CORNELL CORRECTIONS Correctional Officer \$7.01 hr shift work. Apply in person. 610 Main St. B From 8-11 & 1-4. No Phone Calls Please. EOE M/F/V/D.

FURNITURE MOVERS needed for fast paced moving company. Long hours, heavy lifting required. Call 263-2225, Tom Coates, 908 Lancaster.

The Howard County Library will be taking applications for part-time maintenance, janitor beginning Thursday, April 26, 1998. Applications must be turned into the Library by 5:00p.m., Thursday, April 23rd.

Applicants need to show a willingness to follow directions and they need to show evidence of dependability. Must be willing to clean the library as well as to maintain the library grounds. Hours will be Monday through Friday, 9:00a.m. to 3:00p.m.

MAINTENANCE MAN - For General Maintenance of building. Knowledge of plumbing and general repairs. Apply in person, Mountain View Lodge, 2009 Virginia. EOE.

Need Extra Income Evenings from 5:00 pm-9:00pm. Call 264-0674 or 263-3194 leave message.

Needed: Full-time RN & part-time LVN. Apply within at Big Spring Care Center, 901 Golad.

The City of Big Spring is accepting applications for the position of Mechanic II. To check minimum qualifications and receive more information contact City Hall Personnel, at 310 Nolan, Big Spring, TX 79720 or call 915-264-2346. Position is open until filled.

Applications may be picked up at the switchboard between the hours of 7:00am and 9:00pm and may be turned in there also.

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HELP WANTED

PM NURSE SUPERVISOR Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 153 bed JCAHO accredited Acute Care Facility has an immediate opening for a PM Nurse Supervisor.

Requires previous supervisory experience. Ability to work in a fast paced interpersonal and excellent interpersonal skills a must.

We offer a competitive salary and comprehensive benefits package, including 401 (k) retirement.

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HELP WANTED

Local fast food chain is seeking motivated, energetic assistant manager candidates. Experience is a plus but will train the right people. Competitive salary and benefits. Send resume to A.M. P. O. BOX 989, Big Spring, TX 79721, or call 915-268-3545

Gill's Fried Chicken is now hiring for part-time poultry cutter & full or part time Counter help. Must be able to work weekends. Apply in person only, 1101 Gregg.

WANTED: 35 people to lose weight & earn money. 1-888-274-9118

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Local trucking company seeking Coast to Coast drivers. Experience is a must. Call 915-399-4269

Direct Care Staff positions available in Big Spring Area. Duties include providing training and support for persons with developmental disabilities. Qualified applicants must have proof of high school graduation or GED and meet requirements for driving agency vehicle. Various shifts available. Salary: \$517.85 bi-weekly.

APPLY: West Texas Centers for MHMR 409 Runnels Street Big Spring, TX 79720 Excellent Benefit Package EOE

CERTIFIED NURSE ASSISTANT SCENIC MOUNTAIN MEDICAL CENTER, 153 Bed JCAHO Accredited Acute Care Facility has immediate openings for CNA's.

Positions available on various shifts. Requires ability to work at a fast pace excellent interpersonal skills a must. May require some overtime.

We offer a competitive salary and comprehensive benefits package, including 401 (k) retirement.

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Maintenance Personnel for 70 Units Apt. Project. Experienced & A/C Certification required. Park's Village at 915-267-6421

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Maintenance Supervisor needed for apartment complex. Must be AC Certified. Responsible for preventative maintenance & make ready's. Salary depends on experience. Apply in person @ Barcelona Apartments, 538 Westover Rd. No phone calls please.

Dismantler with tools and mechanical experience. Bring resume to Westex Auto Parts, Inc. 1511 Hwy. 350.

Willing to WORK? Will train. Waitress needed, must be 18 & able to work split shifts. Good references. Apply at Red Mesa Grill, 2401 Gregg.

Telemarketers needed. Day and evening shift. Call 267-8655.

AVON \$8-\$18/hr, No Door-to-Door, Quick Cash, Fun & Relaxing 1-800-361-0466.

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FOR RENT OR LEASE: 2716 Central. 3 bd, 2 bath, fireplace, C/H/A, 2 car garage, fenced yard, \$750/mo. \$200/dep. Call 520-9848.
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Rent. Option to Buy: 4 bd. Mobile Home, 2 full baths. For more information call 267-1867.
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1985 Ford LTD. Good shape. New tires, drives & runs good. A/C blows cold. \$1700. Call 263-0931.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
The City Council has directed the City Manager to designate and maintain one (1) stop sign at Fordham Street yielding to Baylor. Big Spring City Code Sec. 16-133 Stop intersections. Authorizes the City Manager to designate and maintain stop intersections on streets as directed by the City Council. 1832 April 17 & 19, 1998
PUBLIC NOTICE
NO 12-410 IN THE ESTATE OF RAYMOND E. NEILL DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of RAYMOND E. NEILL, Deceased, were issued on April 14, 1998, under Docket No. 12-410, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to ELSIE JEAN NEILL.
The residence of the Independent Executrix is in Howard County, Texas, and the post office address is:
501 Corbell Road
Big Spring, TX 79720
All persons having claims against the Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the Independent Executrix at the above address within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
DATED the 14 day of April, 1998
G. BEN BARCOFF
A Professional Corporation
P.O. Box 1390
Big Spring, TX 79721
Telephone No. (915) 264-1800
BY: G. Ben Barcoff
State Bar No. 016698000
ATTORNEY FOR THE ESTATE
1833 April 17, 1998
PUBLIC NOTICE
The County of Howard will accept applications for District Court Coordination. Applicants must include: management, direct, supervisory, coordinate, and plan the operations of the District Court, and to assist the judiciary in certain decision-making. Specific duties are available at the Office of County Auditor, Courthouse, Big Spring, TX. telephone 915/264-2210. Applications accepted until 4-24-98 in the Auditor's Office EEOC EMPLOYER 1833 April 17, 1998
PUBLIC NOTICE
The District Attorney will accept applications for an administrative assistant. Duties include: standard office practices (filing, typing, organizational skills), extensive computer use. Required: supervisory experience, bachelor's degree. Apply by 4-22-98 at the Courthouse, District Attorney's Office, 300 Main Street, Big Spring, TX 79720. EEOC EMPLOYER 1834 April 17, 1998
PUBLIC NOTICE
The Howard County Auditor will accept sealed bids until 10:00 A.M. on April 24, 1998 for three (3) used, 1997 police package vehicles.
Specifications may be obtained in the Auditor's Office at the Courthouse, 300 S. Main Street, Big Spring, TX 79720 or by calling (915) 264-2210.
Bids will be presented to the Commissioners' Court at 10:00 A.M. on April 27, 1998 for their consideration.
The Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
Jackie Olson, County Auditor
1802 April 9 & 17, 1998

HOUSES FOR SALE
Reduced by owner. \$20,000. ONLY 1/4 Acre. 2 bth. SOLD. Vernon. Lots of extras. 263-3986
By owner. 3/1 det. garage. Qual. assumption. Shop extra. 1909 Tucson. Call 263-4202
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Beautiful Highland South. 607 Highland Home for sale by owner. 4 bdr. 3 bath; den; fireplace; garden room; corner lot. Sprinkler system: Many extras. Call 263-4649 day 263-8735 evening.
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FOR SALE: Used Mobile Home. Call 267-1717.
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Spring Blowout Event... Good Credit, Bad Credit, No Credit... No Problem!! The Lender will be at USA Homes 4608 W. Wall, Midland, TX 520-2177, 1-800-520-2177. Call To Prequalify.
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"Brand new beautiful doublewide huge living area, formal dining, garden tub, stereo, to many options to list. Only \$293.00 month, 10% down, 7.75% var apr 360 months. Homes of America Odessa, Tx. 1-915-363-0881 1-800-725-0881 Se habla espanol
"Free mobile home credit approval. Home credit specialists only. 1-800-725-0881 1-915-363-0881 Se habla espanol
"Rent Buster!! Only \$197.00 month, nice 2 bedroom 2 bath, 16 wide, beautiful carpet, huge master bedroom, a must see. Only \$1100.00 down, 9.75% var apr, 240 months. Homes of America Odessa, TX 1-915-363-0881 Se habla espanol
"Used mobile homes for sale. Starting at \$1200.00, many different sizes available. 915-550-4033

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 18:
Correct use of your intuition helps you make career progress this year. Valuable friends share their wisdom; as a result, you make excellent decisions. You can be overly sensitive at times, and take comments as criticism. By being aware of this tendency, you will grow personally and gain ground professionally. If you are single, you might get involved with someone special but unavailable. Be sure you want this. If attached, share your thoughts with your partner; it will enhance your relationship. CAPRICORN helps you climb the ladder of success.
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)
Take the lead, and invite others over. Intuitively, you know how to let others enjoy themselves and help them release anxiety. What you think is humorous could fall flat when others hear it. Expect to chuckle to yourself and smile like a Cheshire cat. Tonight: You are a force to be behold.***
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Invite others along for a fun day trip. Explore a new area, and be open to experimentation and change. Discussions with friends when you are away prompt a different outlook. Distance breeds a more comfortable atmosphere. Tonight: Get home as late as you can!****
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Someone honors you and makes you feel wonderful. Accept a special offering or compliment. Others love you. Take time to share, whisper in another's ear or just talk. Quality time enhances this bond. Tonight: Must I spell it out?
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
HHHHH News from a distance promotes a positive outlook. An offering is impossible to turn down. Be open to positive changes. Discussions promote a trip. Go with popularity and the moment. You won't want to drag your feet now, so don't! Tonight: Saturday-night festivities.****
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
HBe a whiz around the house, and finish work. After all, you want time to indulge in your favorite sport. This is your time to relax and do what you love. A partner does a wonderful job of enticing you to his way of thinking. Tonight:
and she wouldn't want you to live with so much regret and sadness.
Your letter reminds me of a poem I have printed from time to time, and which is in my "Keepers" booklet, a collection of favorite poems, essays and letters. Its message bears repeating. Read on:
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(Author Unknown)
If you are ever going to love me,
Love me now, while I can know
The sweet and tender feelings
Which from true affection flow.
Love me now
While I am living.
Do not wait until I'm gone
And then have it chiseled in marble,
Sweet words on ice-cold stone.
If you have tender thoughts of me,
Please tell me now.
If you wait until I am sleeping,
Never to awaken,
There will be death between us.
And I won't hear you then.
So, if you love me, even a little bit,
Let me know it while I am living
So I can treasure it.
To receive a collection of Abby's most memorable -- and most frequently requested -- poems and essays, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby's "Keepers," P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)
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THIS WEEKEND'S Garage Sales

* Look in Too Lates for more!! *

- FIRST TIME SALE:** Sand Springs - 409 McDonald Rd. (off North Serv. Rd. 1/4 mile west of Moss Lake Rd) Sat. 8-7 Sun. 1-7 Freezer, old refrigerator, antiques, nice clothes, men's work clothes, lots of misc., too much to mention.
- GARAGE SALE:** 2535 Gunter Circle. Sat. & Sun. 8-5pm. Furniture, clothes, shoes, toys & lots of other misc.
- LIONS CLUB SELLS COAHOMA**
Community wide Garage Sale
May 16, 394-4424
Your Place or Ours.
- 2317 Allendale:** April 18. Sat. 7am.-2. Electronics, computer accessories, clothes-men, ladies, exercise equipment, misc.
- 3311 11th place:** Family Garage Sale Sat. 18: 8-2. Kids clothes, and mens size lg. misc.
- GARAGE SALE:** 5308 Opel Ln. Sat. & Sun. 8-4. Fruit jars, sheets, pans, 2 large chairs, ceramics, clothes, & much more inside & out.
- GARAGE SALE:** Fri-Sun. 8am-5pm. 1407 E. 18th. Baby clothes, girls, men & women clothes, shoes, toys, furniture & lots of misc.
- INSIDE SALE:** TV, loveseat, coffee table, dishes, kitchenware & Crafts. 2210 Main. Friday-Saturday.
- YARD SALE:** 1101 N. Gregg. Fri-Sat. 8-4pm. New & used items plus floral arrang. & religious items. Lots of other misc.
- Garage Sale:** 2501 Carleton Dr. 7:30 am. Thur. & Fri. Exercise equipment, couch, children's designer clothes, adult clothing, shoes, lots of stuff.
- Garage Sale:** 406 N.W. 10th. Thur. & Fri. 8:30-4. Lot's of misc.
- Sat. 9-2:** 610 W. 4th. Southwest furniture, claw bathtub, lot's of misc.
- Saturday:** 9-7 1107 Ridgeroad. Singer touch & sew, computers, bed, refrigerator, dog house, etc.
- YARD SALE:** 2106 S. Monticello. Fri. 17th Sat 18th 9am-12. Nice mens & womens clothes all sizes. \$25-\$1.00 shoes, purses, puzzles, lots of good stuff.
- CARPORIT SALE:** Sat. 18 April 8am-4pm 3404 Gail Hiway. No Early Sale. 3/10 mile north from blinking light on HWY350. 263-8557.
- Sand Springs 5 Family Garage Sale:** Jalisco Rd. Salem ex. off IS-20. Sat. 8-7, Sun. 10-7.
Now Open
BARGAIN BARN
508 W. 3rd.
TV's, tools, skisaw, pot's & pans, fans, chairs, lot's of used things.
Buy - Sell 270-5834
- BEST GARAGE SALE IN TOWN!!** 11 2211 Lynn Sat. 7:30-1:pm. Sat. All items must go, bring cash! Furniture, basset desk, kitchen items, phones, ink jet processor, Russian Scarfs, crystal, carpet plus much more. **COME EARLY WE'LL BE SOLD OUT BY NOON!**

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Seize the day to do it now, see it now and say it now

DEAR ABBY: A few years ago I lost my beautiful wife of 43 years. Her name was Bonnie Mae. I loved Bonnie more than I could ever express on paper, but because I was uncomfortable putting it into words, I seldom told her so. There were several things Bonnie and I wanted to do and places we wanted to visit -- but somehow we always put them off until "next year," "next month" or some unspecified "later." Unfortunately, life expectancy is not life assurance. After sitting at my wife's hospital bedside for 105 days, holding her hand and begging God not to take her from me, I suddenly found myself alone and experiencing searing regrets. I allowed the spoken endearments, the things to do and the shared adventures to be postponed until all I can do now is wail in anguish that those opportunities have been sealed off forever. Readers, if you have someone you love dearly, please don't make the same mistakes I made. Tell her/him of your love often, and the things that you want to do and can afford to do -- do them now. Don't let that one slip away, your dreams unrealized because of procrastination, or you'll regret it bitterly the rest of your life, as I am doing now. -- GRIEVING FOR BONNIE MAE IN FLORIDA
DEAR GRIEVING: Please accept my condolences on the loss of your beloved wife. I have a feeling that Bonnie Mae knew how much you loved her, and she wouldn't want you to live with so much regret and sadness. Your letter reminds me of a poem I have printed from time to time, and which is in my "Keepers" booklet, a collection of favorite poems, essays and letters. Its message bears repeating. Read on:
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6:30 PM News (CC) Fortune	Simpsons Home Imp.	Science Guy Creatures	The Beat Is Back	News Grace Under	News (CC) Fortune	News Steinfield (CC)	Andy Griffith Andy Griffith	Sin Ti	Movie: First Kid (CC)	Dallas	Things to Do in Denver	It: The Animated Movie	Bears (CC)	Joseph Good John Hagee	Law & Order (CC)	Gimme Shelter	Babyf00 5 (CC)	Sports News Pennant	Sports Spotlight	Thief of Bagdad	Planet Groove Top 20		
7:30 PM Sabrina-Witch Boy-World	Beyond Belief Wall St. Week	Millennium (CC)	Rescue 911 (CC)	Kids-Damned Candid C.	Sabrina-Witch Boy-World	Players (CC)	Andy Griffith Andy Griffith	Esmeralda (45)	Movie: Black Sheep (CC)	Auto Racing: Monster	When You're Dead (CC)	Movie: Fatal Combat	Light of the Southwest	Biography	Wild Discovery	NBA Basketball: Houston	Rockets at Minnesota	Baseball: Baltimore	Soccer: MetroStars at	Is a Many Splendored	Hill List		
8:30 PM Sabrina-Witch Boy-World	Millennium (CC)	Lovejoy Mysteries	Diagnosis Murder (CC)	Unsolved Mysteries	Sabrina-Witch Boy-World	Dateline (CC)	Major League Baseball	Pueblo Chico, Inferno	Blank Check (CC)	Truck Challenge V	Movie: The Sender (CC)	News Life in-Word	News 20th Century	Mystery of the Crop Circles	Timberwolves Inside-NBA	Justice Files	Movie: The Exorcist	Rangers Sports News	Sportscenter (CC)	Million Years to Earth	Rap City Top 10		
9:30 PM 20/20 (CC)	Cowboys Draft Special	Law and Order	Hawaii Five-0 (CC)	Nash Bridges (CC)	20/20 (CC)	Homicide: Life on the Street	Atlanta Braves at	Noticias Univ	Goody Admir	Dallas	Poison Ivy: The New Limits	Round	Something Good (CC)	Law & Order (CC)	Wild Discovery	FOX Sports News	Baseball: Tonight	Last Word NBA Action	Strongest Man	Heaven			
10:30 PM News (CC) Cheers	Home Imp. Mad Abc. You	News-Lehrer	700 Club	News (35) Late	News (CC) Nightline	News Tonight Show	Colorado Rockies (CC)	P. Impacto Noticiero Uni.	Walt Disney Presents	Dallas	Poison Ivy: The New Limits	Round	Something Good (CC)	Law & Order (CC)	Wild Discovery	FOX Sports News	Baseball: Tonight	Last Word NBA Action	Strongest Man	Heaven			
11:30 PM Nightline Politically Inc.	Vibe	Red Green Red Green	Bonanza-Lost	Show (CC) Married... With	Ent. Tonight Politically Inc.	(CC) Late	Movie: The Secret of My	Al Ritmo de la Noche	Zorro (CC) Mickey Mouse	Auto Racing: Monster	Seduction (45) Hall-	Pottergeist (45) Hall-	Midnight Movie: The	Sam Soleyn Dr. Nangle	Biography	Wild Discovery	FOX Sports News	Baseball: Tonight	Last Word NBA Action	Strongest Man	Heaven		
12:30 AM Keenen Ivory Wayans	Martin (CC) In the Heat of	Neighbors Manor Born	Paid Program	Late Late Show	News Ent. Tonight	Night (CC) Walker, Texas	Success	Club America	Movie: Never a Dull	Truck Challenge V	Day of the Warrior	raiser: Blood-line (CC)	Saint (CC)	Light of the Southwest	News Storm	(:35) Movie:							

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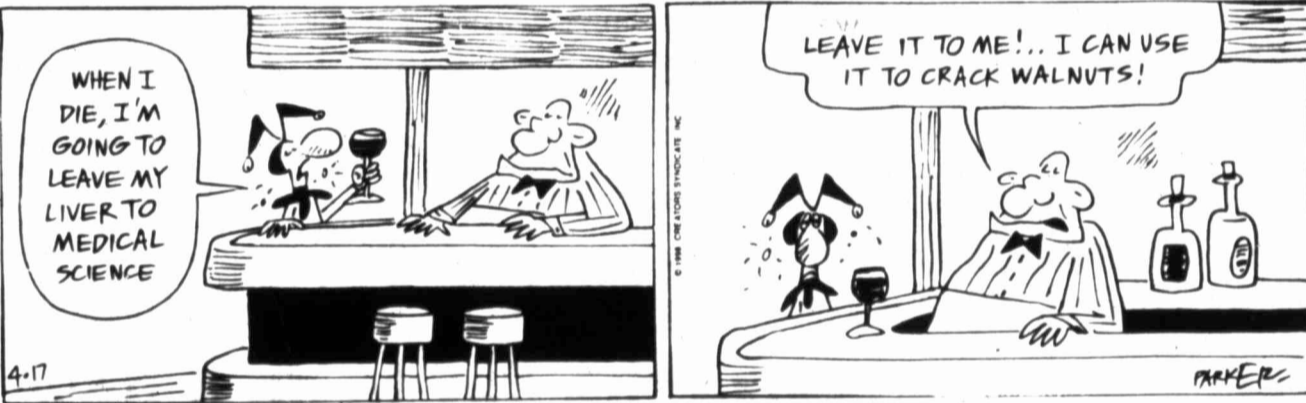
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, April 17, the 107th day of 1998. There are 258

days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 17, 1961, about 1,500 CIA-trained Cuban exiles launched the disastrous Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba in a failed attempt to overthrow the government of Fidel Castro.

On this date:

In 1492, a contract was signed by Christopher Columbus and a representative of Spain's King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella, giving Columbus a commission to seek a westward ocean passage to Asia.

In 1524, Giovanni da Verrazano reached present-day New York harbor.

In 1790, American statesman Benjamin Franklin died in Philadelphia at age 84.

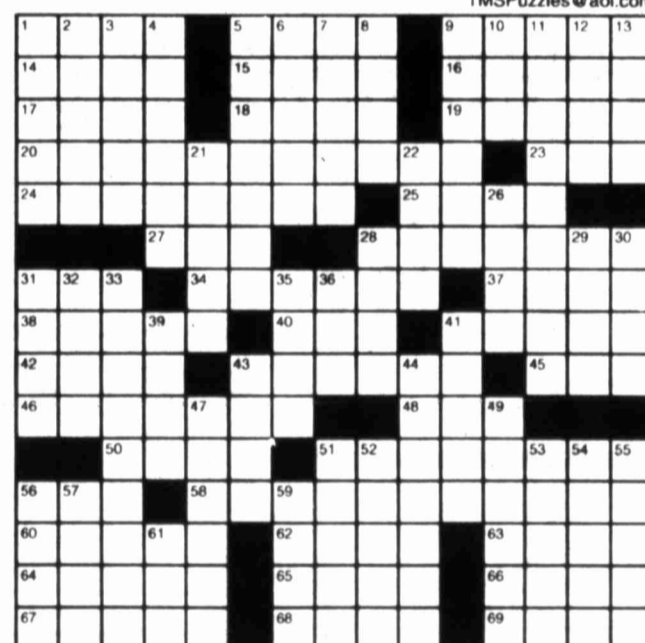
In 1861, the Virginia State Convention voted to secede from the Union.

In 1941, Yugoslavia surrendered to Germany in World War II.

In 1964, Ford Motor Co. unveiled its new Mustang model.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

- ACROSS
- United force
 - Nora's pooch
 - Anti-Puritan satirist
 - Present starter?
 - Casual talk
 - Ordinary
 - Toe tip
 - Stoic philosopher
 - Eighth Greek letter
 - Thin wrapping paper
 - Buddhist sect
 - Rosebay
 - Green Bay's state, abbr.
 - chart
 - Marine facilities
 - Priest's vestment
 - Depends on
 - Writer Seton
 - Gaucho's cattle-catcher
 - Word within 20A, 58A, 11D, and 33D
 - Skiers' transport
 - Jewish month
 - Ruling class
 - "Miserables"
 - Rip van Winkle, e.g.
 - Biblical judge
 - Withered
 - R-V connection
 - Lay down the law militarily
 - Rocky ridge
 - Seaweed product
 - Son of Seth
 - Splashes in the shallows
 - Remainder
 - Tissue mass
 - Exhausted
 - Liberal
 - Very in French
 - Computer hacker
 - Boring tool
 - Beauty's mate
 - Male voice
 - Wear away
 - Double bends
 - Old adages
 - Pitfall
 - Actress Gilbert
 - Decade years



By Alan P. Olshwang
Huntington Beach, CA

Thursday's Puzzle Solved



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GREASE (PG)
SAT. & SUN. MAT. 2:00-4:10
NIGHTLY 7:00-9:10

TITANIC (PG-13)
DTS DIGITAL SOUND
SAT. & SUN. 1:45-5:15-8:45
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FRI. & SAT. NIGHT 9:35

LOST IN SPACE (PG-13)
DTS DIGITAL SOUND
DAILY 4:15-7:00
SAT. & SUN. MAT. 1:30
FRI. & SAT. NIGHT 9:40

***THE OBJECT OF MY AFFECTION (R)**
DAILY 4:00-7:10
SAT. & SUN. MAT. 1:15
FRI. & SAT. NIGHT 9:30

MERCURY RISING (R)
DAILY 4:30-7:30
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