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## C-City power plant among state's top grandfathered industrial sites

By JOHN H. WALKER  
Managing Editor

Texas Utilities Electric's gas-fired power plant at Colorado City ranks No. 23 out of the top 30 grandfathered industrial locations in Texas.

According to a study conducted by Neil Carman, former Texas Air Control Board investigator, for the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club, the 30 plants are responsible for at least 69 percent — or 249,237 tons of the grandfathered nitrogen oxides from non-permitted sources in the state.

Nitrogen oxides (NOx) are

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scientifically recognized as primary components in smog formation, which is a problem in most urban areas of the state and is a growing problem in regions of West Texas, including the Davis Mountains and Big Bend.

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ing 96.76 percent of the plant's total production.

Three other West Texas plants ranked in the Top 30, including Texas Utilities Services gas-fired plant at Monahans, a natural gas liquids plant operated by GPM Services in Ector County and a gas plant operated by Northern Natural Gas in Pecos County.

Although not ranking in the Sierra Club's Top 30 list, six industrial locations in Howard County and another in Dawson County are included in a list of plants that are either "99-100 percent grandfathered" or "significantly grandfathered major plants."

## More than 1,000 plants statewide avoid anti-pollution regulation, group contends

AUSTIN (AP) — More than 1,000 industrial plants in Texas produced unregulated air pollution in 1995, accounting for at least one-third of all industrial air pollution that year, a coalition of environmental groups said Monday.

The coalition, led by the Lone Star chapter of the Sierra Club and the Galveston-Houston Association for Smog Prevention, said state regulators should require so-called grandfathered air pollution sources to be mothballed or updated so they meet current state and federal anti-pollution standards.

They said public health bene-

fits would greatly outweigh any costs associated with such requirements.

Grandfathered pollution sources, such as units at some power plants, are those that were in place or under construction at the time lawmakers approved the state's 1971 Clean Air Act.

Officials for companies that emit industrial pollution said by 2000, grandfathered plants will be under federal standards because of 1990 changes to the federal Clean Air Act. They also said a voluntary state program is reducing pollution emissions.

The environmental groups disagreed.

"We want to see the grandfa-

ther loophole retired," said Neil Carman, clean air program director for the Sierra Club in Texas. "Companies always complain up front that it's going to cost too much money. But in the end they find they can do it much cheaper than they ballyhooed about."

Carman said at least 1,070 of the roughly 2,500 industrial plants active in 1995 emitted some level of pollution from grandfathered sources. That totaled nearly 1 million tons of material — about 37 percent of all air pollution from industrial sources that year, he said.

By comparison, it would take 18.4 million cars to emit the same amount of air pollution.

## Official: MS Walk a roaring success

By KATHY GILBERT  
Staff Writer

Local Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Walk participants trod a path to victory Saturday when a record-breaking 175 walkers raised \$13,363.

First-time Big Spring walkers raised more money than did Midland, San Angelo, Snyder and Odessa, said Kathryn Miller, special events coordinator for the West Texas Division of the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

"These are wonderful numbers," she added.

The West Texas Division tripled the amount of money raised over last year, Miller said. "It exploded. We're just so excited."

West Texas added four community walks this year, including the Big Spring event. Community walks are run completely from the community, she explained.

"I was impressed," she said, "Troy (Tompkins) did an excellent job."

A total of \$96,000 was raised in West Texas, Miller said. Midland raised \$8500 with 200



Local participants in the Multiple Sclerosis Walk raised more than \$13,000 during the Saturday event. That amount more than tripled the money raised at last year's walk, organizers said.

walkers. Snyder raised \$9600 with 103 walkers; San Angelo brought in \$10,000 with 123 walkers; Odessa pulled in \$10,500 with 142 walkers and Lubbock raised \$23,000 with 600 walkers. Sponsorships brought in \$22,000 she added.

More than 100 MS walks took place across the country Saturday. A total of 410 walks took place nationwide. More than 1200 people participated in

the West Texas area.

Tompkins credited the success to "a great team," including Logistics Coordinator Leigh Corson, Sponsorship Chairwoman Tabitha Mills, Volunteer Chairwoman Tonya Graves and Team MS Walker Recruiter Co-Chairwomen Tricia Tompkins and Rhonda Leal.

"I've had a very good team behind me," he said, "there's no

way a person could do this by themselves.

"People really open up their checkbooks," said Tompkins, a local businessman about the event. Last year my first two donations totaled \$75 and it took me 30 minutes to do it."

The walk was dedicated to the memory of Chris Pierce, the West Texas Division's 1992 Ambassador, who died earlier this year after a lengthy struggle with multiple sclerosis.

Multiple sclerosis is a disease that randomly attacks the nervous system. Symptoms range from numbness to paralysis and blindness. Those afflicted gradually lose control over their bodies.

Its hallmark is its unpredictability. Progress, severity and symptoms cannot be foreseen. Most people are diagnosed with MS between the ages of 20 and 40, but the physical and emotional effects can last forever.

The MS Walk benefits the National MS Society and supports education and local programs to combat the disease.

The National MS Society can be contacted at 1-800-FIGHT MS and at <http://www.nmss.org>.

## Next in line

### Council set to nominate Partee for Moore board

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

With the pending departure of Moore Development For Big Spring Inc. board member Phil Carruthers to Dallas, the Big Spring City Council will consider the nomination of businessman Stan Partee as Carruthers' replacement.

In submitting his resignation to the council, Carruthers said serving on the Moore Board has been a dynamic and rewarding experience.

Carruthers, who currently serves as plant manager for Big Spring's Fina Refinery, will be leaving Big Spring for Fina's corporate office in Dallas and will take over as the company's general manager of high density ethylene.

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

The official changeover at Fina is slated for May 1, when

new Plant Manager Steve Weber will takeover.

As for Carruthers' replacement at Moore, if the council accepts Councilman Chuck Cawthon's nomination of Partee, he will be sworn in at Moore's next meeting.

"There are several qualified people in Big Spring, who could serve on the Moore Board and I think Stan (Partee) is extremely qualified."

Partee is president of Partee Enterprises, an investment company, president of Partee Drilling, owner of the Spring City Do-It Center, partner and board member of Freecom, president and partner of Hwycom, president and partner of Tank Safety Gauge, partner of Spencer Coating and president and partner of Universal Anchor System.

The council will vote on Partee's nomination at tonight's council meeting, which begins at 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers next to city hall.

## Commissioners to provide fire support to community's Independence Day gala

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Howard County Commissioners have agreed to help support Big Spring's Fourth of July festivities through use of the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department (VFD).

State law prevents the county from giving money directly to the project, but the VFD will be able to lend fire support for the activities planned on the night of July 3.

The Big Spring Symphony Association, City of Big Spring, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and the Big Spring Herald will present a free Pops in the Park concert at Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater to kick off this year's Independence Day celebration.

This year's celebration will be the first major local celebration of America's birth in three years. Big Spring's absence of

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fireworks the last two years has been primarily due to a lack of funding and drought conditions, which made a fireworks display too much of a hazard.

For the July 3 festivities, the Pentagon has already approved Big Spring's request for a military flyover by planes from Abilene's Dyess Air Force Base.

The musical portion of the show will be performed by the Big Spring Symphony and will begin at 8:45 p.m., and will feature the "Fanfare for the Common Man" and a parade of flags.

Also included as part of the concert will be "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." The close of the concert will include live cannon fire and "The 1812 Overture." Other musical selec-

tion will include nine or 10 patriotic songs such as "Stars and Stripes Forever."

The 16 committees making up the Fourth of July Foundation and planning the concert celebration include publicity; parking and traffic; fire protection; flags and display; decorating; concessions; fireworks; safety; flyover; communications; sound; color guard; site preparation; staging; transportation; and finance.

The budget for the concert and fireworks celebration is slightly more than \$27,000 — a goal the foundation is about three-fourths of the way toward achieving, according to foundation General Chairperson Archie Kountz.

The city is giving \$2,500 to the project and provide additional support through in-kind services.

According to Kountz, the foundation still has two phases of fundraising activities planned in order to fully fund the celebration.

## Goliad students make academic mark

By KATHY GILBERT  
Staff Writer

David Lee and Christopher Wigington's American College Testing Assessment (ACT) scores are the envy of many a high school senior.

And they're only in seventh grade.

The Goliad Middle School students received a letter from Duke University's Talent Identification Program (TIP) this week inviting them to attend state recognition ceremonies in San Antonio on June 4.

"It's pretty cool," Lee and Wigington said.

"I'm really proud of him," said Wigington's mother Heddy, "He loves to learn and he works hard."

Lee and Wigington were among nine 7th-graders from Goliad who qualified for TIP last fall. Seven of the students

took the ACT along with graduating high school seniors. Lee and Wigington were the only two of the group who scored above the national norm for students who took the tests, thus qualifying for the state recognition award.

"Whenever we took the test, we took it with all these high school students," said Lee who plans to become an engineer or biochemist one day. "We were the youngest ones there."

Wigington, who plans to become a geneticist or develop video games for computers, was in the top 90 percent or higher among his peers in English, Reading and Science-Reasoning. He had a little trouble with math.

"We were in awe," his mother reported, "they had stuff he'd never seen — trigonometry, geometry, algebra."

Both Lee and Wigington hoped the award signaled good things for their future. "I know I'm going to college and hope I get a good job after that," Wigington said.

TIP sponsors both State Recognition Ceremonies and a

Grand Recognition Ceremony for the top scoring 21,800 students in the nation, TIP officials announced.

"By identifying bright youngsters at an early age and recognizing their abilities, we begin the process of nurturing their talents," TIP's Interim Executive Director Ramon Griffin said.

Working with host academic institutions, TIP sponsors 26 different state ceremonies in its 16-state Talent Search region.

Speakers at the state ceremonies include university administrators and professors, state and government officials, and former TIP students.

Students attending the state ceremonies scored as well or better than the average college-bound high school senior on either the SAT or the ACT.

TIP is a nonprofit, educational organization.

### WEATHER

Tonight:



Wed:



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Fri:



Tonight, fair. Low lower to mid 40s. Wednesday, partly cloudy. High lower to mid 70s. Wednesday night, partly cloudy. Low upper 40s to mid 50s. Extended forecast, Thursday, partly cloudy. High mid 70s to lower 80s. Friday and Saturday, partly cloudy. Low in the 50s. High in the 80s.

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## Howard College applies for communications grant

By KATHY GILBERT  
Staff Writer

Howard College has applied for a \$188,000 non-competitive Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund (TIF) grant, President Cheri Sparks told the board of trustees during their regularly scheduled meeting Monday.

"It began as purely a library grant," said Dean of Libraries David Drake, "and along the way it metamorphosed into something else."

Howard College is confident it

will receive the grant, which will be awarded on May 8. Funds must be used for student access and to connect to the Internet. The college must match 10 percent of the grant award, Drake added.

The grant will fund new computers and printers for the library and learning labs, new software to mount the library's catalog on the World Wide Web, three new data video projectors, and "odds and ends," such as scanners and digital cameras, said Drake.

In other business:

A second agricultural faculty position was approved by the board in a 6-0 vote. "Our service area is a predominantly agriculture-based economy," explained Sparks. Board Chairman Don McKinney complimented faculty member Lynn Walling on his recruiting efforts, which have increased the size of the agricultural program.

The board unanimously approved a \$5 fee for all students beginning in Fall 1998. The fee will cover increased costs of records requests by court order in student loan

defaults and child support cases, Sparks said.

Howard College approved the signing of a memorandum of understanding with Angelo State University and San Angelo Independent School District to develop a technology center in San Angelo.

"The agreement is not binding us in any way," Sparks said.

Paul Ausmus, biology professor for 33 years, and Joe Rhodes, drafting technologist for 17 years, formally announced their retirement to the board.

OBITUARIES

Jack H. Payne, Sr.

Service for Jack H. Payne, Sr., 77, Big Spring, will be 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 29, 1998, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with John Doll, associate pastor of First Church of the Nazarene, and Rev. Bud Parker, pastor of College Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Mr. Payne died Sunday, April 26, in a local hospital.

He was born on Dec. 18, 1920, in Rising Star, and married Patsy Cawthron on Dec. 10, 1955, in Lovington, N.M. She preceded him in death on May 29, 1997. He worked as a plumber for Clark Plumbing most of his life. He was a Baptist. Mr. Payne served in the United States Army during World War II.

Survivors include: eight sons, Jack Houston Payne, Jr. of Hattiesburg, Miss., Johnny Ray Payne, Sr., Roy Lee Payne, Larry Dale Payne, Thomas R. Payne and Michael A. Payne, all of Big Spring, Bobby D. Payne of Woodbridge, Va., and Dean Allen Payne of San Antonio; one daughter, Kimberly Jo Payne of Big Spring; two sisters, Bessie Gregory of Oklahoma, and Dean Davis of Mobile, Ala.; 26 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to: The American Cancer Society Memorial Program; c/o Lucy Bonner; P.O. Box 2121; Big Spring; or Alzheimer's Association of the Permian Basin; P.O. Box 3389; Midland; 79702.

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

Cordelia Keese

Service for Cordelia Belle Phelps Keese, 57, Kerrville, was 9 a.m. today in the chapel of the Overby Funeral Home, Kerrville. Burial will be at 4 p.m. in Trinity Memorial Park, Big Spring.

Mrs. Keese died Friday, April 24, 1998, at her home.

She was born on Dec. 24, 1940, in Big Spring to Jack and Ruby Daniels. She married John R. Phelps in Jan. 1, 1955, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death in 1984. She then married Tommy Goose Keese on April 27, 1996, in Kerrville. She worked as a cook for Edgewater Care Center for years.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8298

Eddie Lee Warren, 90, died Saturday. Services will be 12:00 Noon, Friday at Mount Bethel Baptist Church, with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Myrtle Pipes, 85, died Tuesday. Services are pending.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home

Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory

906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331

Jack H. Payne, Sr., 77, died Sunday. Services will be 4:30 PM Wednesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Charles Rupard, 61, died Tuesday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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She is survived by: her husband, Tommy Goose Keese of Kerrville; three children, John Raymond Phelps, Jr. of Colorado Springs, Colo., LaDonna Stiles of Midland, and Kerry Don Phelps of Dallas; two brothers, Murphy Daniels of Big Spring, and Albert Daniels of Anchorage, Alaska; three sisters, Wanda Murphy, Zula Thompson, both of Big Spring, and Sharon Spargo of Mansfield; 11 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Arrangements under the direction of Overby Funeral Home, Kerrville.

Charles Rupard

Service for Charles Rupard, 61, Sand Springs, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He died Tuesday, April 28, 1998, at his residence.

Myrtle Pipes

Service for Myrtle Pipes, 85, Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She died Tuesday, April 28, 1998, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a long illness.

Local cops prepare for Torch Run

EDITOR'S NOTE - This story is being run in its entirety in today's newspaper. A portion of the story was not included in Monday's edition.

By KATHY GILBERT Staff Writer

Big Spring police officers will help run, bike, or drive the Special Olympics state games torch from El Paso to Houston in the Law Enforcement Torch Run to be held May 26-29, Chief Lonnie Smith announced today.

Big Spring team members will meet up with law enforcement officers from Amarillo, Odessa, and Midland, on the steps of the courthouse on May 28 at 11 a.m.

From there "we'll be leaping," Detective Lupe Liedecke, one of four team members, said. At least one person will be on foot, on bicycle, and in a vehicle at all times.

Officers will run south through Big Spring on Gregg Street to San Angelo, then travel to Brady, and then on to Austin.

They will drive from Austin to Houston, where they will participate in uniform in Special Olympics opening ceremonies.

"We'll meet up with people from all over Texas," Liedecke said. "You get to run a lot, and it's a lot of fun."

Last year the Midland Police Department adopted the Big Spring team members, providing T-shirts and logistical support.

This year Big Spring will have its own T-shirts, and raise some of the funds themselves. Next year, the team plans to do its own local fundraising events.

Javier Becerra, John Stowers, Billy Sumpter and Liedecke are working as waiters, selling T-shirts, and competing in golf tournaments to raise the \$750 each needed to participate.

"Every officer has to come up with \$750 to pay for traveling expenses," said Liedecke. So far the group has sold 84 heavy cotton T-shirts sporting the Special Olympics torch and law enforcement torch run logo.

"That's enough for one officer," she said.

Area businesses are being contacted for donations. "PowerAde, Gatorade and others have contributed drinks," said Liedecke. Becerra worked at the Midland Red Lobster - all tips went to the torch run fund.

"At this time we don't have any other events," Liedecke said.

The team also participated in the regional Special Olympics torch run at Odessa's Ratliff Stadium Saturday.

After meeting in Midland, the team drove to the Friendship Mile Marker where they helped bring the torch to the stadium.

The Special Olympics is designed to provide an Olympics experience for physically and mentally challenged people. Sporting events are adapted to the participants' needs, but the spirit of striving

for excellence is unchanged. Special Olympians train and compete year-round in basketball, softball, soccer, gymnastics and equestrian sporting events. There are more than 425 Special Olympians active in the Permian Basin area.

From Big Spring, 27 athletes ages 12-to-68 competed in Odessa Saturday.

Heart attack cause behind van crash

HERALD Staff Report

A 66-year-old Ohio man whose van veered off of U.S. Interstate 20 and landed in a prickly pear patch late last week was found to have died of heart attack, Justice-of-the-Peace China Long said today.

An oil worker discovered the body of Robert F. Morris of Cincinnati about 20 miles east of Big Spring about 8 p.m. Sunday. Officials felt the incident occurred sometime Friday.

Howard County Department of Public Safety officers determined from track marks that Morris had careered off the eastbound lane, crossed the median, crossed the westbound lane, crossed the service road, through a fence and driven through oil storage tanks and a pumpjack, finally stopping about 300 yards into a pasture, said Long.

The Lubbock Medical Examiner's Office reported that the preliminary cause of death, based on an autopsy conducted Monday, was cardiovascular disorder, or heart attack. He had a history of heart problems, the medical examiner's office said.

No information was available about the reason for Morris' presence in the Big Spring area.

"He was well-dressed," said Long.

BRIEFS

THE VA MEDICAL CENTER 1998 Nurse's Week Awards Ceremony will be from 2 to 4 p.m., Friday, May 8, in room 212 of the VA. All former nursing service staff are invited to attend this ceremony.

ANYONE DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER at any time in the past is invited to join the American Cancer Society Survivor Walk Friday, May 15. Signup starts at 6 p.m. and refreshments will follow the walk. Call chairwoman LaWanda Hamm, 263-7827 for more information.

LAKEVIEW HEADSTART WILL CONTINUE preregistration through the end of May for the 1998-99 school year. For further information, please call 267-7452.

ANDERSON KINDERGARTEN CENTER IS having a preview on Tuesday, May 5 with a PTA meeting from 6:30 to 7 p.m. and a tour of the school from 7 to 8 p.m. This is for all parents who have children who will be five on or before Sept. 1. The school is located at 229 Airbase Road.

THE COAHOMA LIONS CLUB IS planning their annual community-wide garage sale. If you would like to participate and have a garage sale on May 16 in Coahoma, register at the Little Sooper Market or call Irene at 394-4424. Something new this year for clubs or people who live out of town, we will have spaces to rent. Deadline to register is Tuesday, May 12.

HOWARD COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE is May 1 for the Dora Roberts Foundation Scholarship Program. Scholarships of about \$500 are available to full-time students with a 2.5 GPA seeking to transfer to a four-year college and for workforce Education students.

All nursing students accepted into the associate degree nursing and vocational nursing programs in Big Spring will receive a \$900 scholarship.

Weekend nursing program students will receive a \$450 scholarship for Spring 1999. Dental hygiene students will receive a dental hygiene kit or \$1,200 scholarship. Five \$1,000 scholarships will also be awarded.

Call 264-5083 for more information.

THE 1998 ALL-CLASS Reunion for former students at The University of Texas at the Permian Basin will be

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Wednesday and Thursday in Odessa.

A nominal registration fee for any part or all of the reunion will be charges.

Anyone interested in attending the reunion who has not received information in the mail can call the Alumni Program Center at UTPB, 915/552-2809.

SPRINGBOARD

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

TODAY

•Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6 to 7:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

•Beginning line dance class will be taught at 9 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628 for more information. All ages welcome.

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

•Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill, 6:30 p.m., 409 Rannels (formerly TU building). Call Sondra at 267-7220.

WEDNESDAY

•Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Archie Kountz, 267-3821.

•Line dance classes, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, following lunch. For more information call 398-5522 or 267-1628. All ages welcome.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. 12&12 Study.

THURSDAY

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

•Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free food for area needy, 10 a.m. to noon.

•Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classed, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 55 and older.

•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria.

•NA meeting, 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles, 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria.

FRIDAY

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

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m. Bible study.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. Big Book Study.

SATURDAY

•Candlelight NA meeting, 10 to 11:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open meetings at noon, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.

•Big Spring Squares. Call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

SUNDAY

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

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

MONDAY

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

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

•TOPS Clubs (Take Off

Texas Lottery PICK 3: 2,3,7 CASH 5: 6,8,9,16,27

Pounds Sensibly) 5:15 p.m. weigh in and 6:15 p.m. meeting, Family Hospice, 3210 E. 11th Place.

18-year-old pleads guilty in newborn's death

DALLAS (AP) - An 18-year-old woman has been sentenced to 10 years in prison for suffocating her newborn son last year by wrapping him in towels and putting him in a garbage bag under a pile of clothes in her bedroom.

Samantha Pearson of Burleson pleaded guilty to charges of injury to a child and child endangerment. She was sentenced Thursday to 10 years in prison on each charge. The sentences are to be served concurrently, said Johnson County assistant district attorney Larry Chambless. She also received 10 years' probation for an additional charge of injury to a child.

Pearson told investigators that she gave birth Oct. 19 in a bathtub in her Burleson home. While cleaning Pearson's room the next day, her 83-year-old grandmother discovered the newborn's body in a garbage bag under a pile of clothes, police said.

An autopsy on the 5 1/2-pound baby showed the cause of death as "probable asphyxiation."

Burleson police said Pearson told her attorney that she thought her son was stillborn and that she was trying to keep her pregnancy a secret from her father and grandmother. She wore loose-fitting clothes to hide her condition, police said.

M.C. Davis, Pearson's court-appointed lawyer, said she is now ready to move on with her life.

"She had a lot of risk going to a jury trial," Davis said. "We were all able to reach a solution to the case. It was just a hard thing to do."

Pearson was indicted Oct. 31 on murder and other charges and could have faced life in prison.

MARKETS

May cotton 63.50 cents, up 20 points; June crude 15.47, up 15 points; Cash hogs steady at 36.50; cash steers steady at 64.50; June lean hog futures 60.40 down 20 points; June live cattle futures 68.42, up 22 points. Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co.

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Intel Corp 80% +1/2 Medical Alliance 3% nc Mobil 79% -1/2 Norwest 37% -1/2 NUV 9% nc Phillips Petroleum 48% -1/2 Palex Inc. 11% +1/2 Pepsi Cola 41% - 1/2 Parallel Petroleum 5% nc Rural/Metro 33% +1/2 Sears 56% +1/2 Southwestern Bell 40 -1/2 Sun 39% -1/2

Table with 2 columns: Stock Name and Price/Change. Includes Texaco, Texas Instruments, Texas Utils. Co, Unocal Corp, Wal-Mart, Amcap, Euro Pacific, I.C.A., New Perspective, Prime Rate, Gold, Silver.

RECORDS

Monday's high 65 Monday's low 43 Average high 81 Average low 53 Record high 102 in 1998 Record low 37 in 1934 Precip. Monday 0.00 Month to date 0.06 Month's normal 1.41 Year to date 2.77 Normal for the year 3.63

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. Tuesday:

- CHRISTAL LOUISE GERLETTI, 18, was arrested for bondsmen off bond/theft.
• TERESA SMITH, 33, was arrested for public intoxication.
• GUS WAYNE JACOBS, 40, was arrested for public intoxication.
• BILLY ERVIN ROSE, 40, was arrested for prohibited weapons/switchblade, knuckles.
• ANNA M. CRUZ, 20, was arrested for theft.
• ALBERTO CONTRERAS, 39, was arrested for theft of firearm.

POLICE

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

- BENITO MARQUEZ, 65, was arrested on local warrants.
• VIOLA SALGADO, 29, was arrested for criminal trespass.
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• ASSAULT reported in the 1000 block of Birdwell, the 300 block of Veteran Blvd. and the 1100 block of W. 7th.
• ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE reported in the 2500 block of Dow.
• FORGERY reported at the police station.

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

- Monday 7:33 a.m. - 3200 block Parkway, trauma call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
1:04 p.m. - Stanton Care Center, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.
5:06 p.m. - 2300 block Alabama, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.
6:06 p.m. - 2600 block Gregg, traffic accident, one patient transported to SMMC, service refused by two.
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# Talk rampant, but action lacking on Social Security revamp

WASHINGTON (AP) — Led by President Clinton, politicians are talking more about overhauling Social Security than they have in years.

But the issue's history as a lethal political bludgeon makes it unclear whether the two parties will meet Clinton's call to revamp the huge pension system in 1999.

With the 63-year-old program facing a fiscal crunch when baby boomers begin retiring in a decade, growing numbers of lawmakers — mostly Republicans — have proposed buttressing it by investing some funds in the stock market. But

while many legislators say voters are more willing than ever to discuss changing Social Security, that's a conversation that still makes most politicians nervous.

"You just mention the words 'Social Security' and it puts the hair up on some congressmen's and congresswomen's necks," concedes Rep. Mark Sanford, R-S.C., author of one plan that would gradually replace the current system with "personal retirement accounts," or investments controlled by each American.

"It's easy to demagogue," warns 1996 Republican presi-

dential candidate Bob Dole, who as Senate GOP leader saw his party lose control of the chamber in 1986 after he backed trimming Social Security benefits. "I'd just say, 'Tread carefully, everybody.'"

A report being released today by the trustees who run Social Security was unlikely to make quick action any more likely by a Congress often reluctant to confront politically sensitive issues until a crisis is at hand.

Last year's report projected that Social Security would begin spending more each year than it collects in payroll taxes after 2012, and that its enor-

mous balance would be drained after 2029. Analysts expected today's report to, if anything, push back those dates by a year or two.

Clearly, there are policy and political reasons for lawmakers to revamp Social Security sooner rather than later.

The earlier a fix is enacted, the more gradual and less disruptive to beneficiaries it could be. Clinton would love to have a Social Security cure as part of his legacy, and Republicans hope a resolution would prevent Democrats from ever again accusing them of plotting to shred the program.

Some Republicans even sense they can turn the issue to their party's advantage. Hence the growing number of GOP proposals for personal retirement accounts, whose potential for big retirement kitties is popular with many young Americans, polls show.

"Republicans are looking for an issue" now that Democrats share credit with them for balancing the budget, said Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., who favors creating personal retirement accounts. "What's the next holy grail? I think Social Security reform is the next grail. And if we don't seize it,

someone else will who's a little smarter than we are."

But Republicans must be careful. Polls show the public trusts Clinton more than the GOP on Social Security by nearly two to one. And though Republicans seek to reassure today's senior citizens by repeatedly promising that benefits would remain intact for today's retirees, that message might not get through to voters.

"When Republicans talk Social Security reform, the public hears Social Security cuts, no matter what they're saying," said Mark Mellman, a Democratic consultant.

## Texas powerless to ease rail woes

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas lawmakers are powerless to address congestion problems stemming from the Union Pacific-Southern Pacific rail merger that some estimate are costing the state's economy \$100 million per month.

Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco, chairman of the Senate Interim Committee on Economic Development, said after several hours of testimony Monday related to the railroad problems that there was little the state could do.

"At this point in time, we are at the mercy of the Congress," Sibley said.

Sibley suggested during the hearing that the state should open up tracks owned by a specific railroad to competition by allowing competitors to pay the track owner for use of the track.

The Texas Railroad Commission also has offered a plan that would encourage competition by other railroads on tracks owned by Union Pacific, the nation's largest railroad.

But Sibley was later told such a move would require approval by the federal government, which regulates railroads.

Sibley said he would try to meet with Texas congressional members during a trip to Washington this week, but sounded a bit pessimistic about getting any help from Congress.

"If all we can do is just stand back and ask them to do us a favor, then I guess we've got a problem," Sibley said.

Sibley pressed Union Pacific's Bob Starzel, vice president of the railroad's western region, to pinpoint when congestion problems with the railroad would be ironed out.

"Are we talking weeks or months, months or years or years to decades?" Sibley asked.

"Months," Starzel replied. Starzel said he couldn't be more specific because predictions that things would be running smoothly by last fall were grossly off-base.

"We are not going to predict any more about when things are going to improve because we seem to miss on our predictions," Starzel said.

Beginning in the summer of last year, fallout from the Union Pacific-Southern Pacific merger began hitting all industries that rely on trains for the shipping of goods, namely agriculture, energy, timber, stone and petrochemicals.

Delays in integrating Southern Pacific's personnel and locomotives into the Union Pacific system as well as implementing a new computer system to help in routing have caused massive glitches in shipping, Starzel said.

The company has added rail workers and locomotives to try to ease the backlog on its lines.

Sen. Carlos Truan, D-Corpus Christi, said a study by the University of North Texas has shown the state is losing more than \$100 million per month and has already lost more than \$1 billion.

The Houston area has been hit particularly hard because so much is shipped in and out of the Gulf of Mexico.

## Senate panel begins four-day probe into IRS misconduct

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Senate panel is taking another high-profile look at the Internal Revenue Service, particularly over assertions that it abuses its power when investigating taxpayers and plays favorites when it disciplines its workforce.

"We will focus on a number of serious issues which weigh heavily on the integrity of the IRS," Senate Finance Committee Chairman William Roth, R-De., said in a statement Monday.

The four days of hearings came as legislation to revamp the tax collector and expand taxpayers' rights was expected to reach the Senate floor next week.

IRS oversight hearings held in September by Roth's committee pushed an IRS overhaul to the political center stage. But this new round of hearings were being held in a much more politically charged environment.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott accused Democrats on Monday of trying to intimidate witnesses. The Mississippi Republican denounced Democrats' decision last week to release a Treasury inspector general's report critical of a Houston IRS agent who was a star whistleblower in last fall's IRS oversight hearings.

"I think it maybe was an effort to intimidate witnesses that we were planning on having this week," Lott said. Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said the Treasury's findings, coupled with Democrats' exclusion from planning the hearings, showed the GOP was more interested in sensationalism.

"I think it undermines the credibility of every witness that will be coming before the Congress this week," Daschle said. "If we've had the kind of sensationalism and erroneous data provided to the committee in the past, it's very likely it'll happen again."

Robert Tobias, president of the National Treasury Employees Union, denounced the hearings as "overkill" and urged the Senate to quickly pass the IRS overhaul bill that passed the House in November. He cited a recent Louis Harris and Associates poll showing a strong majority of the public said they were treated fairly by IRS workers.

Roth said the hearings would delve into a range of issues: — Different treatment between high-level IRS executives and rank-and-file workers in disciplinary cases, even when they committed the same offense.

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On this point, Rossotti's announcement also addressed changes "to ensure appropriate and consistent discipline in CID misconduct cases."

—How investigative techniques to deal with violent and dangerous criminals are used against taxpayers who aren't violent or dangerous.

—Taxpayers who faced armed raids of their homes or businesses, which Roth said "were conducted on the flimsiest of evidence."

—Racism and discrimination at the agency.

—Weaknesses in internal oversight.

Seeking to ease the sting of the hearings, IRS Commissioner Charles O. Rossotti on Monday announced a package of initiatives to improve the IRS criminal investigations division.

"The criminal investigation division of the IRS plays a pivotal role in fighting tax evasion, and it is critical that its operations be beyond reproach," Rossotti said in a statement. "We must address these concerns in a thorough, fair and objective fashion."

Rossotti, who didn't describe the concerns that underpinned the announcement, said an expert in federal law enforcement would be named to review the criminal division. And a new inspector general for tax administration would be installed at the Treasury Department to independently investigate employee misconduct. This office would seek to identify systemic problems within the IRS criminal branch.

In addition, Rossotti requested a new task force to review the complaint and disciplinary process across the entire IRS.

## Hispanic students angry about racial theme in party

WACO (AP) — A Baylor University sorority party with a Mexican theme — where some students put pillows under their dresses to simulate pregnancy — has angered Hispanic students and alumni.

"Kids are apparently not being taught what they need to be taught," Robert Aguilar, a Waco businessman and 1969 Baylor graduate, told the Waco Tribune-Herald in a story for Tuesday's edition.

"Somewhere along the line, the coursework needs to teach these kids an appreciation for different cultures. If they'll make fun of Hispanics, they'll make fun of blacks, Jews, Asians, on and on. Something needs to be done."

The Pi Beta Phi pledge dance in late March created a flap on the Baylor campus — but not for the padded costumes several girls wore.

Instead, most discussion on campus centered on T-shirts revelers wore, featuring the Mexican flag and the slogan, "Run for the border."

"It made the Hispanic students seem like a bunch of idiots, like we were upset about people wearing T-shirts," said Kappa Phi Gamma president Debbie Denton, whose sorority has a largely Hispanic membership at Baylor. "I don't think most people saw the photographs."

Jo Anna Gaona, a member of the Hispanic Student Association, did.

She was at Flash Photography, which routinely takes candid shots of Baylor events. Gaona was looking at photographs of another function when she saw photographs from the Pi Beta Phi pledge dance.

"A lot of them were dressed up like gangsters, with bandanas and their pants sagging," she said. "But there were a couple girls in traditional Mexican dresses who had put pillows under their dresses to make it look like they were pregnant. That's what we found offensive."

Aguilar said he worries what the stereotyping says about some Baylor students.

"What bothers me is that these are going to be our future teachers, social workers, dentists and so on," Aguilar said. "This is their mentality? Are they going into society with preconceived notions that Hispanic girls are sluts and Hispanic boys are gang-bangers, so, 'Why I should I even bother with them?'"

After receiving complaints, Pi Beta Phi President Marissa Mariner asked Flash Photography to stop selling photographs of the pledge dance and personally apologized to the Hispanic Student Association.

## Children suffocate after father leaves them in stifling car

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — It was so hot inside the car, prosecutors say, that one of the two baby girls dying in a car seat pulled out her blond hair in "clenched little fists."

Sydney Pippin, who was 4 months old, and her cousin, Vicky Fraley, 16 months, died as they sat in the car for eight hours Saturday while the temperature climbed. The girls died of heat exhaustion and dehydration.

Ricky Leon Crisp, 23, Vicky's father, and Justin Griffith, 27, are charged with first-degree murder. Authorities said the girls died as the men looked for arrowheads and mushrooms 90 feet from the car.

Crisp and Griffith had been held on charges of manslaughter and endangering the welfare of a child.

Prosecutors upgraded the charges Monday, citing a state law that allows a first-degree murder charge for knowingly causing the death of a child 14 or younger.

The men had parked along a dirt road near the tiny northwestern Arkansas community of Little Flock to do their searching near a cave. The windows of the car were rolled up and the temperature outside rose to about 80 degrees, authorities said.

"It appears that the pain was so severe, the trauma so bad, it was so hot in that car, that the 16-month-old — her head hurt so bad — she had her own hair pulled out by the roots in her own clenched little fists," prosecutor Brad Butler said.

"It's a metal box, and it heat-

ed up just like an oven," said Benton County Sheriff's Deputy Tom Brewster.

The black car intensified the heat.

"You could safely say within 30 minutes you could be dealing with a 140-degree vehicle," said Dr. Steve Schexnayder, a specialist in pediatric critical care at Arkansas Children's Hospital in Little Rock.

"It doesn't take very long in that heat to overwhelm your body, and children, especially young children, don't have the ability to handle heat or cold as well," he said.

The girls had been with Crisp since Friday night, after the mothers were unable to find child care. The two women were at work Saturday. When the men found the girls in the car, they started crying and Griffith drove to the hospital while praying and screaming, police said.

"It appears to be an accident, the way he described it to me," said Gary Crisp, who spoke with his son Sunday. "He's kept these babies since they were newborn babies. He's always taken real good care of them and been a real good dad."

Authorities and Schexnayder urged awareness of the danger involved with leaving children in cars.

"There are children who die yearly from being left in vehicles in warm weather," the doctor said. "The bottom line is, it's just not safe to leave children in vehicles. The bottom line is take the keys, take the kid."

## Panel recommends Tomb of Unknowns remains be exhumed and examined

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two decades ago, government scientists examined blood and bone evidence — the scant remains of a downed American pilot in Vietnam — and ruled they didn't belong to Air Force 1st Lt. Michael J. Blassie.

Now, a Pentagon panel has recommended those remains be exhumed from the Tomb of the Unknowns because they could be Blassie's after all — buried in a monument dedicated to the nation's unidentified war dead.

"That's the only way they're going to answer the question," said Pat Blassie, his sister and family spokeswoman. "That's the only way to know whether those remains are Michael Blassie's. ... We've been waiting to know for a long time now."

Defense Secretary William Cohen said Monday that he will decide in the next two weeks whether to grant the request of Blassie's family to exhume the remains for possible identification.

Cohen said he would not decide until his general counsel investigates whether there is any legal obstacle.

The Vietnam remains were

placed in the tomb at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia in 1984, half a dozen years after government scientists ruled they did not belong to Blassie.

In separate crypts at the tomb, guarded 24 hours a day, there are also unidentified remains from World War I, World War II and the Korean War.

"The Blassie family does not take this lightly," Pat Blassie said today on ABC's "Good Morning America." "We have been there before and we understand the significance of that monument." Still, she said if the remains are those of her brother, he deserves to have his own, identified, tombstone. "It is my mother's heart's desire."

She said she believes Cohen will listen to the recommendation "and it is the Blassies' hope that he will go ahead and exhume and go ahead with the DNA testing."

Charles Cragin, assistant secretary of defense for reserve affairs, said Monday that a senior Pentagon working group he led determined after a four-month investigation that the remains should be examined to clear up conflicting evi-

dence about whether they belong to Blassie.

Circumstantial physical evidence found with the remains indicates they could be those of the St. Louis pilot, whose A-37 attack plane was shot down over South Vietnam in May 1972, Cragin said.

Other evidence such as blood type and physical characteristics doesn't match, he said. If the remains are exhumed, government scientists will use sophisticated mitochondrial DNA matching to determine blood type and whether there is any Blassie family genetic material.

In theory, the remains could belong to eight other Air Force or Army fighter and helicopter pilots who went down in the An Loc area the same time as Blassie but whose bodies were never found, the Defense Department said.

Forensic evidence indicated the unknown Vietnam remains were of a man age 26-33, between 5-feet-5 1/2 and 5-feet-11 1/2 tall, and with type O negative blood. Blassie, who was about 6 feet tall and age 24, had type A positive blood.

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## OUR VIEWS

### Spirit of helping alive and well in our home town

If one was ever unsure about their Howard County neighbors, this past Saturday's activities should have put any and all questions to rest once and for all.

Between Christmas in April, the MS Walk and the Relay for Life Golf Tournament, Howard Countians did what they do best — they gave of themselves to help others.

Christmas in April volunteers plumbed, painted and patched. They spent time helping make homes more livable for members of our community who could not afford to have the much-needed work done themselves.

Christmas in April is a West Texas project started some 20 years ago that has gone national, but nowhere is the spirit of helping others more alive than it is here at home.

Take the Relay for Life golf tournament, for example, chaired by Kim Howell and targeted to help provide funds for cancer research.

Those involved with the Relay for Life have gained statewide recognition because of the level of participation — physically and monetarily — that is generated from the event at Blankenship Field.

The first annual golf tournament attracted more than 140 golfers, who had fun while working for a worthwhile cause in the kick-off event of activities for the Relay for Life.

And how could we talk about a community's turning out to support others in need without mentioning the first MS Walk ever held in this community.

Chaired by Troy Tompkins, the walk drew almost double the number of participants hoped for and raised more money than any other West Texas community — more than Midland, Odessa, San Angelo or Snyder — except for Lubbock.

We've mentioned the Jaycee Creed before, and we'll mention it again now, for we believe the support for and participation in this weekend's activities exemplifies a most-important line in that creed ... "That service to humanity is the best work of life."

Thank you, Big Spring and Howard County, for caring enough to want to help your friends and neighbors.

## YOUR VIEWS

### TO THE EDITOR:

I would start this letter by saying that I am tired of hearing it be said that Big Spring residents should shop in Big Spring.

On Wednesday, April 15, I went to a local jewelry store and purchased a birthday ring for my wife. The salesperson assured me the ring would be sized and ready by noon Saturday, my wife's birthday.

I went to the jewelry store on Saturday before noon and my ring was not ready. The sales people had nothing to say except "I'm sorry, come back on Monday."

This is another example why people do not shop here. A lack of service.

**TIMOTHY STRAIN**  
Big Spring

**EDITOR'S NOTE** — Over the past month, we personally know people who bought a washer, a dryer, a refrigerator and a living room set ... and they bought them all in Big Spring because of a better price and service than in area towns. If you were the only customer the store had, it might have been easier to get your purchase ready in two days, despite the promise.

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# Clinton's plan: Is everybody happy?

By ANN McFEATHERS  
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WASHINGTON — After five years as president, Bill Clinton still tries to finesse policy decisions so everybody will be happy. And it never works.

Take the needle exchange decision. The National Institutes of Health did a study indicating that programs to provide drug addicts with sterile needles have cut the spread of HIV. AIDS activists urged the administration to provide federal money for local programs as one way of reducing AIDS cases, especially among partners and children of drug abusers.

Anti-drug advocates within the administration argued strenuously that federal support of needle exchange programs would send the wrong signal to young people about drugs.

The Department of Health and Human Services scheduled a news conference to announce that Clinton had decided to back funding of needle exchange programs. But then Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala was told this was too risky politically since Republicans in Congress would jump all over the president and undo the policy to boot.

So the administration announced it would deny fund-

ing but support the concept of exchanging clean needles for dirty needles.

Not surprisingly, Republicans immediately derided Clinton for vowing to put the full force of the federal government behind the campaign against teen smoking while at the same time seeming to wink at a far worse addiction — drugs — by promoting the use of clean needles, at least in the short term.

At the same time, AIDS activists ricocheted around the country railing against what they labeled Clinton's hypocrisy and duplicity for being unwilling to put money where his mouth is.

Two days later came another example of Clinton's eagerness to please everyone. To counter criticism that he has done little of late for the economic well-being of former Soviet republics, Clinton sat down with the president of Turkmenistan. Oh yes, Clinton also wants to secure new pipelines for oil and gas resources in Turkmenistan not subject to the vagaries of oil involving Iran and Iraq.

With an entourage of black limousines, Saparmurad Niyazov proudly showed up at the White House to see Clinton. Then Vice President Al Gore met with him and they signed at least seven agreements, including a Trans Caspian

pipeline feasibility project, a joint statement on security aspects of the U.S.-Turkmenistan relationship and resource-sharing ventures involving big companies such as Mobil.

Pundits went berserk because Niyazov, a big-time Communist before communism went out of style, doesn't bother with niceties such as free and regular elections, giving political opponents their rights or permitting the dissemination of newspapers that have freedom of the press.

Thus White House spokesman Mike McCurry hastened to the press briefing room podium to say that Clinton had talked to Niyazov about human rights and had emphasized that the United States would like to see some changes in Turkmenistan now that the agreements were signed.

Then there is the monster \$217 billion transportation bill overwhelmingly passed by the House (\$214 billion in the Senate version), which is a dream come true for any politician facing reelection and eager to show voters what he or she delivered to the home district. The bill has something for just about everybody but is \$53 billion above the amount the president requested.

Clinton, eager to notch his belt with a balanced budget, is alarmed at the amount of spend-

ing proposed and is working on compromises in the conference committee with Rep. Bud Shuster, R-Pa., who crafted the giant bill.

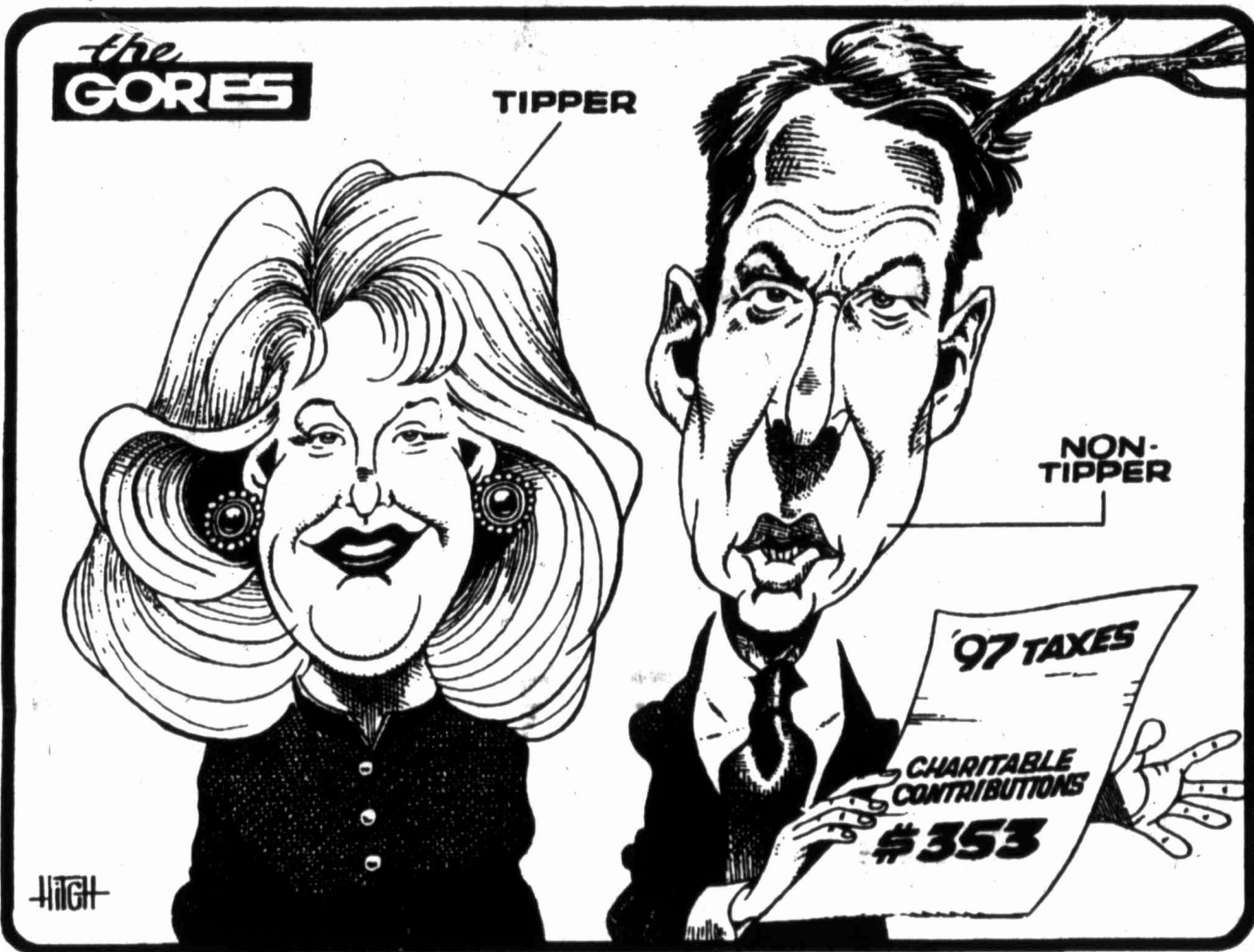
But the White House refuses to say that Clinton will veto the bill if it comes to him with its current price tag. That's because Clinton doesn't want to alienate his own party members, many of whom think that in the past he has stepped all over them when it suited his interests.

Many Republicans have scoffed that despite his talk, Clinton won't veto the bill no matter what they do.

They also have declared his child care proposal, his education proposals, his trade plan, his budget and his tobacco tax dead.

One wonders what Clinton, a lame duck, is saving himself for. While compromise is vital in politics, there doesn't seem to be much point in playing both sides of the fence and kissing off principle at this stage — unless he doesn't feel strongly one way or the other about such things as needle exchanges, Turkmenistan and highway bills.

(Ann McFeathers covers the White House for Scripps Howard News Service. E-mail mcfathers@shns.com.)



## Preventing teen pregnancy

By BONNIE ERBE  
Scripps Howard News Service

The National Campaign To Prevent Teen Pregnancy now tells us that the best new weapon in the anti-teen pregnancy campaign's arsenal is parents who talk to their kids about sex and parenthood.

This is the major finding of a new survey on the causes of and solutions to the still unacceptable level of births to unwed teens in this country. The campaign's latest survey is without doubt well-meaning. It's also probably a strong and provocative theme for a public education campaign. But the chance of it resolving a crisis of inadequate parenting in the United States is highly unlikely.

Complex problems rarely call for simple solutions. And if only we could solve those problems by having a few short words with one another, what a wonderful world that would be. But it's not the world we live in.

We live in a world where many parents are neglectful, preoccupied with their own problems, and worse. We live in a world where many people become parents because they consider their own needs first, before considering the needs and circumstances of the

unsuspecting, innocent infants they bring into the world. And that is just the type of selfish, irresponsible behavior today's unwed teenage parents are replicating. Unfortunately, that cycle won't be broken just by parents having a few short words with their kids.

The real solution to unwed teen pregnancy is a renewed evaluation by society at large of why we become parents and whose needs should come first in familial relationships. If everyone agreed that children should only be brought into the world when two loving, financially secure, emotionally stable parents were ready to offer them a safe, anchored environment, then most unwed teens would not become parents (and neither would a few select unmarried celebrities for that matter). And we would not see generations of Americans stuck in the same unlucky, unfriendly cycle.

We take parenthood way too much for granted. Anyone can do it. And too many people who are totally unfit for the task have children.

The girls who become unwed teenage moms are often neglected, insecure, uneducated youngsters who feel they are not getting enough love from their parent(s), so they have a baby of their own

because they need "someone to love." They become overwhelmed by the responsibilities of single parenthood. They interrupt whatever meager education they were going to complete beforehand. And they consign themselves and their children to a life of poverty and lack of opportunity.

Instead of recommending that parents talk to their kids about teen pregnancy, groups that study this issue should give teenagers a peek at what life holds in store for them if they become parents too young. The short answer is, not much. We recently witnessed a slight decrease in the rate of unwed teen pregnancy. But one in four children born in this country is still born to an unwed mother (not all of them teenagers, of course).

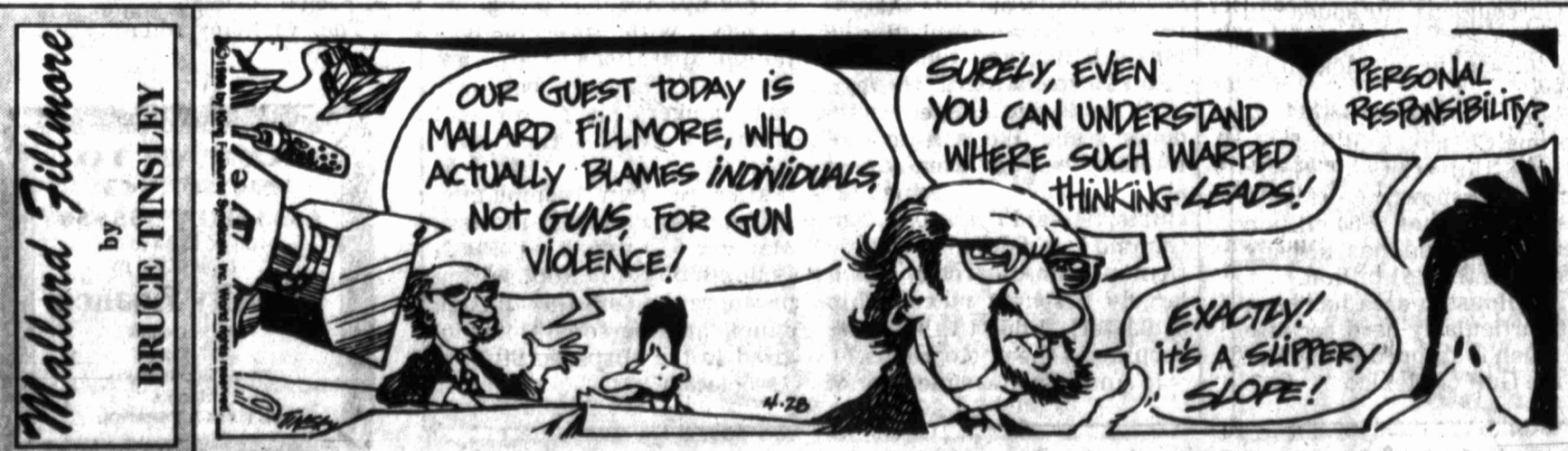
Should parents talk to their offspring about sex, and pregnancy and parenthood? You bet. But most responsible parents don't need an ad campaign to tell them that. The problem is, how do we get to the parents who do.

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## Lady Steers' Cobos, Martinez sign scholarships with Midland College



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Big Spring's Jessica Cobos (left) and Melissa Martinez sign letters of intent with Midland College's new softball program as MC coach Tommy Ramos (left) and Lady Steers coach Wes Overton look on.

By JOHN H. WALKER  
Managing Editor

Jessica Cobos and Melissa Martinez, two key members of the Big Spring High School Lady Steers softball team, signed letters-of-intent Monday afternoon to attend Midland College, where they will be part of the first-ever softball team at the school.

Cobos and Martinez, who have helped lead the Lady Steers to a 27-4 record this season after advancing to the regional semifinals a year ago, were both excited about the opportunity ahead of them.

"... We're excited," Cobos said, "We get to go to college and play ball."

Martinez said signing the pacts was a dream come true.

"We've always dreamed about playing in college together," she said.

Cobos and Martinez become the first two players from Big Spring's fledgling program to sign college scholarships, according to Lady Steers Head Coach Wes Overton.

Martinez pointed out that starting a new program is something in which she and Cobos both have experience.

"We started a program here (Big Spring), too," she said.

Midland College Coach Tommy Ramos said he hadn't really thought about the Midland College-Howard College rivalry while recruiting the duo out from under Howard's nose as both schools prepare to field a team in the sport for the first time.

"I know the rivalry's there, but with this being softball and a game never having been played ... but I'm sure the rivalry will be there," he said.

Ramos said the fact the pair live in Big Spring was inconsequential.

"We were impressed with them in the tournament and we were getting calls from Midland people telling us we needed to recruit them ... they're real big players in West Texas," he said.

"Both Jessica and Melissa are players we thought would be good for our program," he

added. "The fact they're from Big Spring had nothing to do with it."

Overton said he was proud of both players. "I'm excited for them," he said. "Not only are they good softball players, they are good, young ladies."

The duo bats in the No. 3 and No. 4 spots in the Lady Steers lineup and are both very dependable on defense, Overton said.

Cobos has been the Lady Steers starting catcher for two years, while Martinez has played both third base and shortstop.

And it was those softball skills that caught Ramos' eye.

"Both have pretty good strengths defensively and both hit the ball well."

Ramos, a Stanton native, said it was his intention to try and recruit the best players possible for his new program and to stay close to home.

"We want to stay in West Texas to recruit ... the talent is here, as evidenced by the way (West Texas) teams do when they go off and play in tournaments."

## Li, Villarreal in regional semis

### Both facing seeded foes in state bids

HERALD Staff Report

SAN ANGELO — Big Spring's Hsiao-Hsuan Li and Monica Villarreal both reached the semifinals during the first day of competition of the Region I, Class 4A tennis tournament Monday at the Bentwood Country Club.

Li, who is gunning for his fourth straight trip to the UIL Class 4A State Tournament in Austin set for May 11-12, lost only one game in his first two matches Monday.

The tournament's top boys' singles seed, Li will take on No. 3 seed Chase Bice of Wichita Falls in today's semifinals. The winner of that match will play the winner of the other semifinal that matches Wichita Falls' No. 2 seed, Brad Prigmore, and Mineral Wells' Trey Moore.

Moore was the only unseeded player to reach the tournament's semifinals.

Villarreal, the No. 2 seed in the girls' singles field, is scheduled to play fourth-seeded Christine Bergoetz of Fort Worth Arlington Heights in today's semifinal match. The winner will move into the final against the winner of the match between Sweetwater's Sarah Pennington and Fossil Ridge's Jana Zelenka.

Villarreal is trying to reach the state tournament for the second time, her first experience having come as a freshman when she and her sister finished third in the 1995 girls'



HERALD photo

Big Spring's Hsiao-Hsuan Li, shown here in a file photo, is seeded No. 1 in the Region I, Class 4A tennis tournament as he makes his bid for a fourth straight trip to the UIL Class 4A State Tournament. Li enters today's semifinals facing third-seeded Chase Bice of Wichita Falls.

doubles field.

In doubles action, Sweetwater's team of Daniel Howard and Brandon Hix also reached the semifinals and will play Wichita Falls' Scooter Gillen and Stryker Awtry today. The winner of that match will play the winner of the match between Sherman's

Jeff Johnson and Kyle Boothe and Dumas' Ross Jones and Bo Ames.

District 4-4A girls' doubles champions Edna Carrillo and Melissa Stokes of San Angelo Lake View, the No. 2 seeds, erased the memory of losing in last year's first regional round by reaching today's semifinal

round where they'll take on the third-seeded tandem of Lily Cordero and Kristin Smith of Dumas.

The winner of that match will face the top-seeded team of Wichita Falls' Andrea Ullrich and Abbe Ullrich or Snyder's Laura Gonzales and Whitney Graham, the No. 4 seeds.

## Bulldogettes romp to 29-0 playoff win

HERALD Staff Report

FORT STOCKTON — The mismatch between Coahoma's Bulldogettes and Fort Hancock's Lady Mustangs in Monday's Class 2A girls' softball bi-district playoff game was worse than anyone could have imagined and was clearly reflected in a 29-0 shellacking.

Even Bulldogettes coach Rob Dickenson admitted the game was even more one-sided than he'd expected.

"It just wasn't a contest," Dickenson said of the game that was called on the 10-run rule

after five innings. "They just started their program this year and are still learning about the game. It was worse than I expected it to be.

"That's why we pulled all our starters except Tara and Kenni Kay after the first inning," Dickenson explained. "We didn't want it to be any worse than it was."

Dickenson entered the playoff expecting the Lady Mustangs to be similar to several of the teams Coahoma played in District 2-2A that were also in their first year of competition. But the 29-0 whitewashing was without question the most lop-

sided game the Bulldogettes have played this season.

Senior Tara Sterling pitched just two innings in chalking up the win and was relieved by freshman Kenni Kay Buchanan. Together, they allowed just one Fort Hancock hit while striking out 14 batters.

The Bulldogettes not only came up with 16 hits — sophomore Kim Elmore and freshman Kortney Kemper leading the way — but also benefited from 12 walks issued by Fort Hancock pitching.

Elmore, just coming on after having suffered an injury during basketball season that

required surgery, led the Coahoma offensive attack with a 4-for-5 showing at the plate. Kemper was 3-for-6.

Coahoma jumped out on top with seven runs in the top of the first inning and made it 10-0 after two frames. The big inning, however, proved to be the third when the Bulldogettes racked up 12 more runs to make it 22-0. They'd add three more in the fourth inning and close out the game with four in the fifth.

The Bulldogettes, now 19-7 on the season, advance to area playoff action where they'll take on Center Point at 6 p.m. Thursday in Brownwood.

## Lady Steers third after opening round play of I-4A tourney

HERALD Staff Reports

SAN ANGELO — Big Spring's Lady Steers opened Monday's first round of the Region I, Class 4A golf tournament with a round of 339 on the Riverside Golf Club course, 22-strokes off the lead set by defending state champion Snyder's 317.

Pampa's Lady Harvesters managed a 326 total to hold down second place in the team standings, while Justin Northwest was fourth at 341 and Hereford was fifth at 344.

Andrews' Lady Mustangs, the District 4-4A runners-up to Big Spring, enter today's final 18 holes in sixth place with a 347 total.

The Lady Steers were paced by sophomore Ashlie Simmons' round of 79 that left her seventh in the medalist standings, just one stroke ahead of teammate Stefanie Waggoner's 80.

Waggoner was tied for eighth in the medalist standings with Pampa's Melissa Gindorf.

Justin Northwest's Dani Mallon grabbed a four-stroke lead over Snyder's Randi Reed in the individual standings with a round of 70.

Reed's teammate, Daysha Weaver and Pampa's Shelbie Allison were one more stroke back at 75.

In addition to Simmons' 79 and Waggoner's 80, the Lady Steers had Kelly Hollar finish the round with an 87, while Alicia Wood posted a 93. Tatum Weeks rounded out Big Spring's scoring with a 104.

Mustangs 12th in II-1A field

BAIRD — Stanton's Buffaloes, led by Corey Williams' round of 75, posted a team total of 318 to grab third place and remain within striking distance of the leaders going into today's final round of the Region I, Class 2A golf tournament at the Shaky Oaks Golf Course.

Post's Antelopes, despite having a player disqualified for playing an illegal drop, managed a 310 to take a two-stroke lead over Memphis following 18 holes of play on Shady Oaks' par-70 layout.

Coahoma finished the opening round 21 strokes off the pace, tied with Albany for seventh place in the team standings at 331. Blake Nichols and Chad Winn turned in the lowest scores for the Bulldogs, both fashioning rounds of 81.

In the girls' division of the

tournament, Coahoma's Bulldogettes posted a first-round total of 433, entering today's final 18 holes tied with Memphis for 10th place.

Quanah led the girls' field with a 338, while District 8-2A champion Ozona's Lady Lions were second with a 352 total.

Williams' round of 75 put him in a four-way tie for fifth place in the medalist standings midway through the tournament, but three-time defending state champion Michael Pruitt of Idalou posted the day's best round with a 3-under-par round 67.

Pruitt, who is seeking to become the only schoolboy player to win four consecutive state championships, had a one-stroke lead over Memphis' Derrick Dixon going into today's round.

In addition to Williams' 75, the Buffs got a round of 80 from Brett Hull, an 81 from Ken Hull and an 82 from Austin Kelly. Will Harris' 84 rounded out Stanton's individual scores.

Jason Gwyn, in only his second tournament since returning from suffering a broken bone in his left foot midway through the season, helped Coahoma's cause with an 82 Monday, while Regi Roberts posted an 87 and Kyle Wyatt turned in a 90.

The Bulldogettes were led by Kelli Buchanan's round of 104, followed by the 105 turned in by Kelli McAdams. Jayci Roberts finished the first round with a 107, while Jill Allen carded a 117 and Lynsey Bunn finished the first round with a 137.

ABILENE — Sands' Mustangs posted a 388 team total after the first 18 holes on the Maxwell Municipal Golf Course on Monday to hold down 12th place in the team standings of the Region II, Class 1A boys' golf tournament.

Brock grabbed an 11-stroke lead in the team standings with a round of 320 Monday, while Sterling City turned in a 331 and Petrolia was third at 337.

Jerrold Beall paced the Mustangs with a round of 86, while teammate Lance Bowdine carded a 94. The remainder of the Sands team had rounds surpassing the century mark.

Stuart Beall finished the first round with a 102, while Chad Kenner carded a 106. Eric Wington rounded out Sands' scoring with a 135.

## Helling chalks up fifth win of season as Rangers take 9-4 win

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Rick Helling pleaded his case well. Maybe he should stick to pitching.

Helling won the argued Monday night when he persuaded manager Johnny Oates to let him stay in the game with a seven-run lead after eight innings, despite the fact he had already reached his pitch limit.

But he didn't get his second complete game of the season as Oates took him out when two batters reached base. He ultimately was charged with two more runs as Eric Gunderson finished the Rangers' 9-4 victory over the Minnesota Twins.

Helling (5-0) ended up throwing 138 pitches and going 8-2-3 innings while

joining teammate Aaron Sele as the major leagues' only five-game winners. He tipped his cap to his rooting section while walking off the field.

"All I've wanted was a chance to show what I can do, and this is the first year I've really been given that chance," Helling said. "It's very unlikely I'll go 32-0, but it's nice to start out 5-0."

It was especially sweet for Helling, who started his first game in the Metrodome, just over a four-hour drive from his hometown of Fargo, N.D.

Helling left 55 tickets for family and friends, and his brother Rod bought an additional 250 tickets for friends in Fargo. Rod said he also knew of a bus

full of fans from Fargo that bought tickets on their own.

"It was nice that they could come down to support me," Helling said. "That's the reason I tipped my cap to them when I came out. I've never really done that before, but I wanted to show that I appreciated the support."

Oates said he was unaware that the game was going to be as big as it was for Helling, who gave up eight hits and three walks, while tying a season high with 10 strikeouts.

"I didn't do very well in geography," Oates said. "I didn't know until I got here this afternoon that Fargo was that close to here. I thought it was somewhere out near Montana. I don't

know."

Texas' offense was at it again with 13 hits, including home runs from Lee Stevens and Will Clark in a three-run fourth inning. Stevens' home run gave him eight in April, tying a Rangers record.

Juan Gonzalez drove in another run, giving him 33 in the month — one shy of Tino Martinez's April record. Gonzalez's sacrifice fly in the seventh inning was his 10th RBI in three games.

Stevens, who hit a career-high 21 home runs last season with the Rangers, hit a 1-1 pitch from Mike Morgan (0-1) in the fourth inning that just cleared the fence in right-center

field.

Morgan picked up his first decision in his fifth start. He lasted four innings, giving up six hits and five runs.

"Unfortunately, we've lost all five of my starts," Morgan said. "I gave the team a chance to win the other games, but today I didn't."

Notes: Marty Cordova was out of the Twins' lineup Monday despite a neck strain he aggravated Sunday in Seattle. He was listed as day-to-day. ... The Rangers have won the season series from the Twins in nine of the past 12 years. ... The Rangers, the AL leader in team batting average at .329, batted .332 against the Twins last season.

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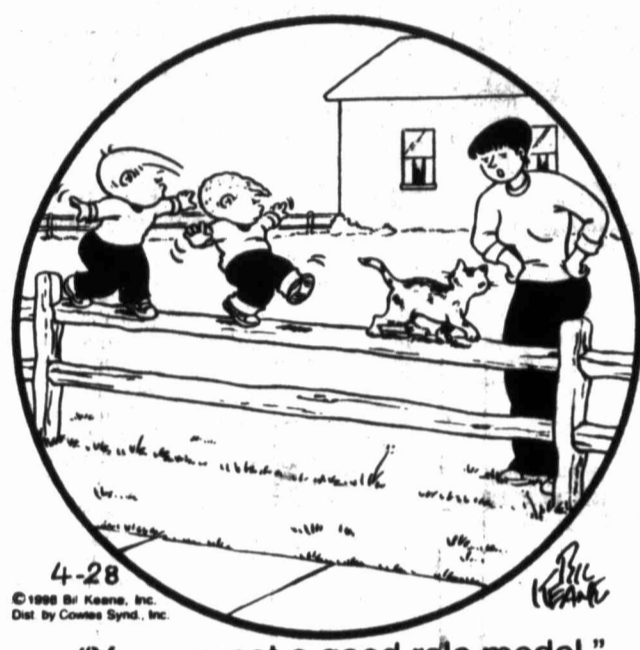
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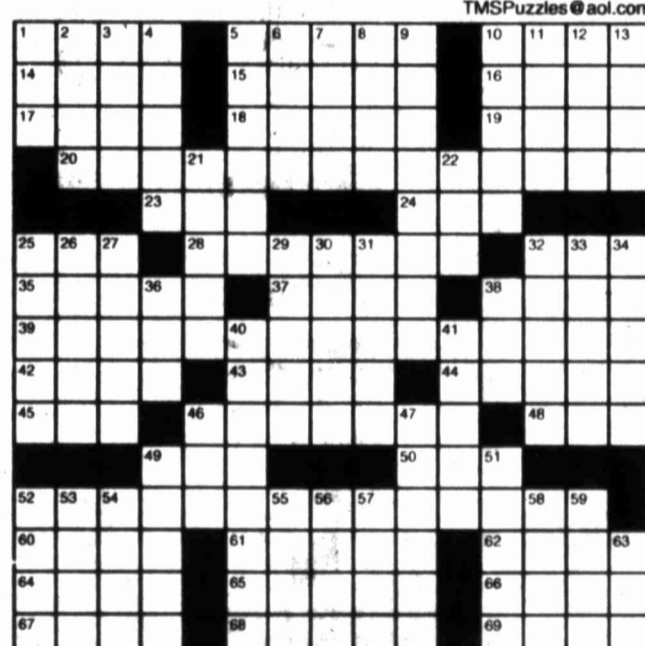
Today is Tuesday, April 28, the 118th day of 1998. There are 247 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On April 28, 1947, a six-man expedition sailed from Peru aboard a raft named the Kon-Tiki on a 101-day journey that took them across the Pacific Ocean to Polynesia.

On this date: In 1758, the fifth president of the United States, James Monroe, was born in Westmoreland County, Va. In 1788, Maryland became the seventh state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

- ACROSS
1 Social climber
5 Georgia city
10 Trolley
14 Hoop
15 Open-mouthed
16 Pitcher
17 Abu Dhabi leader
18 Subscribe again
19 Country road
20 1967 Beatty film
23 Family member
24 Tokyo, once
25 Nat'l. TV network
28 Scamps
32 Bikini part
35 Characteristic
37 Tie with a rope
38 out (eject)
39 With 52A, 1969 Redford film
42 Pot starter
43 Sexologist
44 "Harlem Nights" co-star
45 Della
46 A Redgrave
48 Study
49 Greek letter
50 Practice monkey see monkey do
52 See 39A
60 Sister and wife of Zeus
61 Wiser
62 Part of the eye
64 Seed cover
65 Fred's dancing sister
66 PBS series
67 Abound (with)
68 "As the Turns"
69 Pesky insect



- DOWN
1 That girl
2 Emotionally unresponsive
3 Hedgepodge
4 Livestock shelters
5 Boat basin
6 Noted film critic
7 Site of Christ's first miracle
8 Candid
9 Capital of India
10 Musical instrument
11 Not home
12 Tear
13 Elder or alder
21 Bridge position
22 Today's LPs
25 Standing by the plate
28 Kirby of "City Slickers"
27 Spiteful
29 Murdered
30 Social class
31 Donkeys
32 Called sheepishly
33 Wash cycle
34 Pilgrim John
36 Cool down
38 Walkover in a tournament
40 Lumberjack's tool
41 Hang in folds
46 Sch. in Petersburg
47 Holy
49 Holy hymn
51 by (just managing)
52 "Girl"
53 Alternative to present
54 A great lake
55 Groove cut into a board
56 Last of a teen?
57 Foster film
58 Fe
59 Opera star
63 Posed



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On this date: In 1789, there was a mutiny on the Bounty as the crew of the British ship set Capt. William Bligh and 18 sailors adrift in the South Pacific. In 1940, Glenn Miller and his Orchestra recorded "Pennsylvania 6-5000" for RCA Victor. In 1945, Italian dictator Benito Mussolini and his mistress, Clara Petacci, were executed by Italian partisans as they attempted to flee the country. In 1958, Vice President Nixon and his wife, Pat, began a goodwill tour of Latin America that was marred by hostile mobs in Lima, Peru, and Caracas, Venezuela. In 1967, heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali refused to be inducted into the Army, the same day Gen. William C. Westmoreland told Congress the U.S. "would prevail in Vietnam." In 1969, French President Charles de Gaulle resigned his office. In 1980, President Carter accepted the resignation of Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, who had opposed the failed rescue mission to free American hostages in Iran. Ten years ago: A flight attendant was killed and 61 persons injured when part of the roof of an Aloha Airlines Boeing 737 peeled back during a flight from Hilo to Honolulu. Five years ago: The first "Take Our Daughters to Work Day," promoted by the New York City-based Ms. Foundation, was held to boost self-esteem of girls with invitations to a parent's workplace. One year ago: In Philadelphia, President Clinton and three predecessors - George Bush, Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford - began drafting a national army of community service volunteers during the Presidents' Summit for America's Future. Today's Birthdays: Syndicated columnist Rowland Evans is 77. Author Harper Lee ("To Kill a Mockingbird") is 72. Former Secretary of State James A. Baker III is 68. The president of Iraq, Saddam Hussein, is 61. Actress-singer Ann-Margret is 57. Actress Marcia Strassman is 50. Actor Bruno Kirby is 49. Talk-show host Jay Leno is 48. Actress Mary McDonnell is 45. Rock singer-musician Kim Gordon (Sonic Youth) is 45.