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## Canterbury plans its Fall Festival from 6-8 tonight

Canterbury Retirement Center will hold its Fall Festival today 6 to 8 p.m.

There will be hot dogs and chili, a cake walk, go fishing booth and lots of entertainment.

Activities will include performances by the Absurd Sisters, linedancing and the St. Mary's Episcopal School Choir.

## WHAT'S UP...

**TODAY**

□ Quarterback Club, 7:30 p.m. All football parents and fans welcome.

□ Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., West Texas Center for the Arts, Howard College campus.

□ Big Spring Chapter NO. 67 Order of the Eastern Star, 7 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

□ Big Spring Band Booster Club, 7 p.m., High School band hall. All parents with band students in grades 6-12 are invited to attend. For more information call Rocky Harris at 264-3641.

□ Senior citizens dance, 7 to 10 p.m., Colorado City Civic Center. The Country Five will provide the music. Everyone is invited.

**WEDNESDAY**

□ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park. Call 398-5522 or 267-1628.

□ Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room

□ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Terry Hansen, 264-5175.

□ Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

**THURSDAY**

□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Billy Smith, 267-6479.

□ Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and over.

□ Evening line dancing class, 6:30 p.m., Spring City Senior Center. Enter north gate (Simler drive), cross first intersection, building on left, park in east parking lot and enter by east door. For more information call Dorothy Kennemur at 398-5522 or e-mail at drkbigspring@xroadstx.com

□ Gideons International Big Spring Camp No. 4206, Hermans, 7 a.m.

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## Settles lobby cleanup planned Wednesday; volunteers needed

By **BILL McCLELLAN**  
News Editor

Clean-up of the lobby area of the former Settles Hotel in preparation for a Friends of the Settles-sponsored Halloween Haunted House will begin Wednesday afternoon at 4 p.m.

"The city will have a

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large dumpster positioned by the Third Street entrance for us when we get started," explained haunted house chairman John H. Walker.

"If we can get 20 or so people to show up to help out, we can make a major difference in the appearance of the lobby area in three hours," he said.

Walker said the response to the word Friends of Settles (FOS) had planned a haunted house for Oct. 27 and 29-31 has been enthusiastic.

"As soon as the newspaper hit the street Monday afternoon, I started getting telephone calls

from people wanting to participate," he said.

"What we need now is for people to show up to help with the clean-up effort. There are two piles of rubble and one of them is pretty big," Walker explained.

In addition, Walker said a number of light fixtures and pieces of conduit need to be moved into a side room and out of the lobby area.

"There's plenty of room to do what we want once we get the trash out of there. Our concern is that there are four or five pretty big chunks of concrete

and we need to find a Bobcat-type loader to handle those.

"We're hopeful that the spirit of community involvement we've seen with the windows project will continue with the clean-up effort," he added.

Local businessman Tommy Churchwell started the effort to raise money to replace windows in the Settles about the same time the nucleus of what is now known as Friends of Settles gathered for the first time.

The group got together, formed Friends of the Settles and has now raised more than \$50,000 to replace all of the win-

dows in the building.

"We really hope that this can become a type of community festival that draws people not only from all over Big Spring, but from area communities as well," Walker added.

He said FOS would be contacting civic and school groups in an effort to enlist their participation.

"If we can have a number of booths and activities in the street and offer safe and secure trick-or-treating on Halloween night, then I think the number

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School officials at Runnels Junior High School have planned an open house reception during Homecoming Week for all former alumni of the school.

## Big homecoming planned for Runnels

### Memorabilia sought for Oct. 11 event

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**  
Staff Writer

The final bell will soon herald the last class of Runnels Junior High School, bringing to an end 82 years of service to the students in Big Spring.

And officials at Runnels, recognizing the importance of the school to so many former stu-

dents, are planning an open house reception during Homecoming, on Sunday, Oct. 11, from 2-4 p.m.

"And we're looking for anyone who might have some Runnels memorabilia, who would like to bring that to place in display for the homecoming open house," said Runnels secretary Teri Bamert.

The reception is for all interested community members and past alumni of Runnels, said Bill Tarleton, principal.

"Runnels has housed elementary, junior high and high school students in its 80 year history, and all former students are invited to this 'come and go' event," Tarleton said.

The building will be open that Sunday for anyone wishing to tour the facility, Bamert said. Refreshments are planned for those attending.

"The view from the third floor library is just spectacular. I was librarian last year, and and at that bank of windows, you can see a long way. I think it's a gorgeous view. People are just drawn to those windows," Bamert said.

Last year during Homecoming, past alumni visited the schools and Bamert said this year they want to do something special for the former students.

Runnels Junior High School was built in 1916. It is referred to as "The Red Brick on the Hill" by Mamie Padgett Roberts in a Big Spring Herald article in 1996.

Roberts enrolled at Runnels in 1919, along with 83 other high school freshmen. She graduated in 1923.

In the last 1950s, a rivalry sprang up between Runnels and

Goliad Middle School, when the second junior high school was built. Kenny Ray Stephens wrote in the 1996 Big Spring Herald story, titled "Memories of Runnels Junior High."

"We were all devastated and thought our lives would be ruined because we would not be together as one class. Of course, in the next school year, we at Goliad and those at Runnels were bitter rivals and remained that way for the next two years until we graduated.

"Of all my memories of school days, my one year at Runnels is one of the happiest," said Stephens.

Bamert and Tarleton are coordinating the Runnels Homecoming and Open House. Anyone wishing to place something on display for the event, or wanting more information, contact them at 264-4135.

## Big Spring loses husband-wife doctors in wreck

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**  
Staff Writer

A traffic accident in Burnet County, northwest of Austin, left two Big Spring doctors dead at the scene and sent two other Llano residents to the hospital in critical condition.

Dr. Tin Than Myint, 61, who worked at the Big Spring Veteran's Administration Hospital as a psychiatrist for the past 7 1/2 years, and his wife, 41-year-old Dr. Kywat Hmu Khin, a medical physician at Big Spring State Hospital,

were pronounced dead at the scene by Burnet Justice of the Peace Betty Steggall, according to Mike Cox, Department of Public Safety spokesman.

Cox said the accident occurred about 10:30 p.m. Friday on Hwy 29, just 7.1 miles west of Burnet. A 1991 Toyota van, driven by Myint, was traveling eastbound on Highway 29, when it hydroplaned on wet pavement and slid into the path of the westbound traffic. Both the doctors were wearing seat belts, Cox said.

Traveling westbound in a 1967 International pickup were Robert Ned Cook, 49, and Louis Zhivago Kohrs, 42, both of Llano. The pickup struck the van broadside. Cook and Kohrs were transported to Brackenridge Hospital in Austin in critical condition. They were not wearing seat belts, Cox said.

Jennifer Brown, spokesperson for Brackenridge Hospital, said Cook was released from the facility Monday, and Kohrs remains a patient, listed in fair condition today.

Myint came to the VA

Hospital Jan. 27, 1991, according to Fred Cox, community relations coordinator at the VA Hospital.

"He was an outstanding physician, and we will miss him very much here at the VA," Fred Cox said.

Khin had assumed her position at the Big Spring State Hospital Sept. 1. She was the only medical physician at the hospital, and was in charge of the physical ailments of the hospital's clients.

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## Police receive federal grants to deter and prevent juvenile crime

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**  
Staff Writer

Big Spring Police Department received two federal block grants, totaling \$17,540, that will be used to implement programs that deter and prevent juvenile crime.

"Five percent of the kids cause 95 percent of the problems. That's who we're trying to target," said Lt. Terry Chamness of

In Monday's County Commissioners meeting, com-

missioners approved giving their share of the block grant to the city police, to help with the programs they are currently implementing, Chamness said.

An information sharing system specifically aimed at juvenile offenders will include components of other state juvenile programs, he said.

"I stole this from other programs that work. I've researched programs that are working to curb juvenile crime," Chamness said.

This grant will purchase lap top computers and digital cam-

eras for officers to use on patrol. The cameras will be used to take on-the-site pictures, which will be able to reproduce the image of suspects quickly.

"We looked into doing the same thing with regular photographs and found it would cost the department \$10,000 per year," he said.

The cornerstone of the entire program is the reinstatement of a streets crime unit, complete with two officers who are assigned to the unit, he said.

The street crime unit will have officers trained in juvenile

crime and gang activity, theft and burglary. Also, the officers will familiarize themselves with known juvenile offenders, and be able to spot them at the scene, he said.

"We're going to be proactive instead of reactive," Chamness said.

Whenever a youth is reprimanded to home detention, the street crime unit will be able to check up on them after the normal operating hours of the juvenile probation department officer, he said.

Big Spring Police Academy

Alumni Association and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program members and local and area schools will assist the police department in targeting and reaching at risk youth, Chamness said.

A bicycle workshop for juveniles, with volunteers from both agencies, will encourage the youngsters to discover a hobby, he said. And other events will be planned as well.

Chamness said he has been working on this grant for three

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## Taxes

### Commissioners cut the budget, set same tax rate as 1997-98

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**  
Staff Writer

Howard County Commissioners Monday set the county's tax rate for the 1998-99 fiscal year at .4589 per \$100 valuation to fund a \$9.23 million county budget.

The tax rate remained the same as the 1997-98 rate, although property valuation decreased. To make up the difference, commissioners reduced the county budget by \$101,686 this year.

All departments within the county were told to cut their budgets by seven percent during the commissioners budget workshop this summer. Through cooperation between the departments, the budget was cut and the tax rate remains the same, said County Judge Ben Lockhart.

"But I hate to see what we'll have next year," Lockhart said.

Commissioners approved working with the city police department, which is receiving a federal block grant designed to fund programs preventing juvenile crime. The county will supply the city with its \$5,226 portion of the grant, following commissioners' approval.

A property located in downtown Big Spring was approved for sale to the city, following the court's approval. The building, once known as City Pawn, will be purchased by the owner of an adjacent building, for structural repairs.

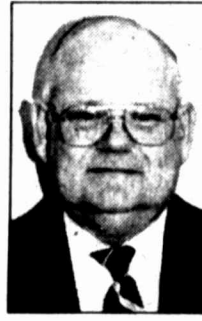
J.D. Carter, a county resident and property owner, requested that commissioners pay for damage done to his property during fire-fighting efforts south of Big Spring earlier this year.

Mike Thomas, county attorney, told commissioners he has contacted the county insurance company. In the opinion of the insurance agents, who made two local visits to assess the site, the county is not liable, Thomas said.

Carter maintains his property was damaged when firefighters were extinguishing a three-day blaze that reportedly consumed 10,000 to 15,000 acres May 5.

Thomas said Carter is welcome to consult a private attorney

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**LOCKHART**

OBITUARIES

Norma Wade

Norma Wade, 72, Big Spring, died Saturday, Sept. 12, 1998, at a Midland hospital. Service will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15, 1998, at St. Mary's Episcopal Church with Rev. James Liggett officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.



WADE

Norma was born March 20, 1926, in Cherryvale, Kan. She was the daughter of Polly Sessions Esch and William Dean Esch. She married Conny Wade on May 25, 1946, in Waco. She moved to Big Spring in 1949 from Eastland. She was an active member of Saint Mary's Episcopal Church since 1953. Norma was active in choir and treasurer for Episcopal Church Women. She retired in Mary of 1997 as office manager at Southwest Tool.

She is survived by: her husband, Conny Wade of Big Spring; three daughters, Marilyn Wade of Houston, Polly Lancaster and her husband Steve of Big Spring; and Cindy Pierce and her husband Terrell of Odessa; three brothers, Bob, Keith and Karl Esch of Kansas; four grandchildren, Michelle Baker of Dallas, Allen Baker and his wife Misty of Wichita Falls, Todd Lancaster of Big Spring, and Justin Pierce of Odessa; and one grandson, Chace Baker of Wichita Falls.

Pallbearers will be Steve Lancaster, Terrell Pierce, Michelle Baker, Todd Lancaster, and Justin Pierce. Honorary pallbearers are Alan Baker and Chace Baker.

The family suggest memorials to St. Mary's Episcopal Church; 1001 Gollad; Big Spring. Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

*Paid obituary*

Michael D. Padgett

Funeral service for Michael D. Padgett, 38, Brownwood, formerly of Big Spring, will be 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16, 1998, at the Davis-Morris Funeral Home Chapel, Brownwood, with Dr. Steve McMeans officiating. Burial will be in Eastlawn Memorial Park.

Mr. Padgett died Sunday, Sept. 13, in Brownwood.

He was born on Sept. 18, 1959, in Big Spring. He was a salesman for Morrison's Supply Co. and served in the U.S. Navy. Mr. Padgett was a member of the First Baptist Church in Big Spring, served as Brownwood Jaycee President for two years and served as a state officer for two years in Texas Jaycees. He married Virginia Dunlap on March 9, 1990, in Brownwood.

Survivors include: his wife, Virginia Padgett of Brownwood; his parents,

Carmen and Waymon Phillips of Brownwood; one sister, Linda Padgett of Waco; two step brothers, Greg Phillips of Austin, and Randy Phillips, Bedford; one step-sister, Deborah Ann McNabb of Houston; his grandmother, Mamie Roberts of Big Spring; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements under the direction of Davis-Morris Funeral Home, Brownwood.

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years, and within the past several months the entire procedure fell into place. The city matched 10 percent of the overall grant funds, or \$1,755 of the total \$17,540, he said.

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"We have staff psychiatrists every where here, but she was our medical doctor out here," said Chris Churchwell, employment specialist for BSSH.

Khin was a public health physician for the Austin Department of Health for several years before coming to Big Spring. Churchwell said he talked with some of the employees in that office, and they were understandably upset over the loss of their friend and former coworker, he said.

Churchwell said although she had not held her position long at the hospital, she was well liked and will be missed.

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of people who will turn out will exceed our wildest dreams."

He said the group hopes for at least 250 persons on Tuesday and at least 500 persons per night on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Walker said the monies raised from the haunted house project would be used to help pay for the removal of some asbestos-tainted materials that have been bagged up as well as to help fund and ongoing maintenance fund.

Persons interested in helping with the Wednesday afternoon clean-up should be at the Settles' Third Street entrance by 4 p.m. and should bring work gloves and dress accordingly.

"It's going to be a dirty, but worthwhile job," he said.

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ney, which Carter indicated he has done. Carter also indicated he may take further legal action.

Commissioner Sonny Choate asked Carter what specifically he wanted the county to do. "Pay to reseed my crops and clean up. They plowed all those trees down, and pushed it all over to one side. It's pitiful out there," Carter said.

Lockhart refused to comment on Carter's statement, except to say the commissioners stand beside the decision of the attorney.

Commissioners paid bills, approved year-end budget amendments and okayed a new typewriter for the office of Jackie Olson, Howard County auditor.

"To repair the one that's broken will cost \$300, and we believe we can go to Wal-Mart and get one less than that," Olson said.

Commissioners also approved the sale of three vehicles formerly used by the sheriff's department, including two Chevrolet Blazers and a 1994 Ford van, for a total of \$13,057. 87 Auto Sales purchased all three vehicles.

Two bush hogs, or shredding mowers, were purchased for the county, for a total of \$1,550, following commissioners' approval.

A back hoe was purchased by Randall Reid for \$2,151, and a 1991 tractor was purchased by Monty McGuire for \$2,500, fol-

Scenic Mountain Medical Center  
1601 W. 11th Place  
263-1211

lowing commissioners' approval.

Commissioners Jerry Kilgore, Emma Brown and Sonny Choate, along with the judge, were present. Commissioner Bill Crooker was absent.

BRIEFS

**GREAT BIG SPRING ROTARY Club Spaghetti Supper, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Big Spring High School cafeteria, Friday. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12.**

**COAHOMA FHA IS SELLING gourmet cookie dough from two different companies - the Red Apple Baking Company and Red Rose Cookies. The chapter fundraiser will continue through Friday. Call 394-4535 for orders or more information.**

**THERE WILL BE A Homecoming Barbecue Sept. 25, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Coahoma Elementary cafeteria. The cost is \$5 per plate and dine in or carry out is available. This is sponsored by the Coahoma FFA Booster Club.**

**HARVEST SATURDAY AT BIG Spring State Park is planned Oct. 3, with a pumpkin hunt for children, hayrides around Scenic Mountain and other activities. No reservations are needed, but a \$1 event fee will be charged in addition to park entrance fee.** For more information, call 263-4931.

**DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** to assist our team of professional health care providers at Family Hospice. If you would like more information please contact Mary Kuykendall at 263-4673.

SUPPORT GROUPS

TUESDAY

• Support for MS and Related Diseases, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Canterbury South. Public invited. Call Leslie, 267-1069.

• Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

• Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.

• Compassionate Friends support group for parents who have experienced death of a child, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday in February, April, June, August, October and December in the Family Life Center Building, First Baptist Church, 705 West Marcy. Enter by southeast door. Call 267-2769.

• Cancer support group, first Tuesday of each month, 7-8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Beverly Rice, 268-5077.

• "Most Excellent Way," an addiction support group, 3610 Dixon, call 264-9900.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed meeting.

• Family Education and

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at 319 Runnels. For more information call Shannon Nabors at 263-0027.

• The Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally III meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at 409 Runnels (formerly the TU building) For further information call Sondra at 267-7220

• Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have Dr. Ronald Meyer, D.Min., LCDC, LMFT, specializing in individual and marriage counseling, Attention Deficit Disorder and chemical dependency, available for clients in Midland. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144.

• Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

WEDNESDAY

• Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

• Narcotic Anonymous, 8 p.m. St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

Congress hearing from public on Starr report

WASHINGTON (AP) - The voicemail system at Sen. Phil Gramm's Houston office recorded 150 to 200 calls over the weekend before crashing. By 2 p.m. Monday, aides in Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison's offices in Texas and Washington had logged some 1,100 calls for the day, and were wading through more than 5,000 e-mail messages delivered since the weekend.

"It's phone calls and faxes and every type of communication you can imagine," said Rep. Sam Johnson, R-Plano, who said calls to his offices have quadrupled in recent days.

The topic? Bill Clinton, of course.

Members of Congress received an earful as they returned to their districts over the weekend, a day after the House made public a sexually explicit report from Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr that shocked the nation.

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And despite national polls that show most Americans don't want Clinton forced from office, some Texas politicians say they are hearing otherwise in talks with constituents.

Johnson said more than 98 percent of his callers are advocating Clinton's impeachment or resignation. Those leaving comments for Mrs. Hutchison, R-Texas, were 20-to-1 in favor of Clinton's departure, either forced or voluntary. So were 90 percent of the comments recorded in the offices of House Majority Leader Dick Armye, R-Irving.

House Majority Whip Tom DeLay of Sugar Land, the highest-ranking Republican to call for Clinton's resignation, logged 240 calls Monday, 210 calling for impeachment or resignation.

POLICE

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

• ROBERT BURROWS, 41, was arrested for class C assault.

• JOHN MALONE, 40, was arrested for threats.

• ANTONIO ARMIGO, 19, was arrested on local warrants.

• DON ATKINSON, 18, was arrested on local warrants.

• RAUL MENDEZ, 19, was arrested on local warrants.

• ALBERT GOMEZ, 17, was arrested on local warrants.

• CECILIA MENDEZ, 21, was arrested on local warrants.

• TERESA NIETO, 20, was arrested on local warrants.

• JOE GOMEZ, 38, was arrested for public intoxication.

• CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING in the 1700 block of E. 3rd.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

• ATTEMPTED ROBBERY in the 300 block of Owens.

• THEFT in the 1200 block of E. 11th, the 1100 block of Scurry, and the corner of 11th and Settles.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION in the 1200 block of Wood.

SHERIFF

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

• MARY BRITO ROJAS, 44, was arrested for criminal mischief.

• EMILIO JULIAN HILARIO, 18, was arrested for burglary of a habitation.

FIRE/EMS

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

MONDAY

11:13 a.m. - 1700 block Lancaster, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

2:30 p.m. - 3200 block W. 80, trauma call, service refused.

10:22 p.m. - 2300 block Wasson, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

RECORDS

Monday's high 95

Monday's low 68

Average high 88

Average low 63

Record high 102 in 1930

Record low 49 in 1961

Precip. Monday 0.00

Month to date 0.00

Month's normal 1.10

Year to date 9.12

Normal for the year 13.90

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Norma Wade, 72, died Saturday. Services were 10:00 AM, today at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Burial was in Trinity Memorial Park.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH

Funeral Home

Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory

906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331

Guy Coleman Heffington, 42, died Sunday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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# Senate again rejects Democratic boost in farm price supports

WASHINGTON (AP) — In election-season jockeying over how to address a severe downturn in the farm economy, Senate Republicans killed a \$7 billion aid package backed by the Clinton administration.

Republicans said the measure, which would boost government price supports, was too costly and could eventually backfire by pushing commodity prices still lower. They said they're working on a much cheaper plan that would give farmers

direct payments, possibly about \$2 billion.

"I don't think there will be a soul in this place that doesn't want to help agriculture," said Sen. Craig Thomas, R-Wyo. "What we're really talking about is how can we best help agriculture."

The centerpiece of the Democratic plan, which was rejected Monday along party lines 53-41, was a one-year boost in rates on government commodity loans that would trigger

an estimated \$5 billion in farm subsidies.

Several GOP governors have endorsed the idea, but Senate Republicans argued that the rate increase would eventually become permanent and stimulate excess production. The Senate turned back a similar proposal in July.

Farmers can either take a payment for the difference between the loan rate and local market prices or they can borrow money at the loan rate and

repay it at the crop's value.

Democrats worry that the direct aid favored by Republicans would wind up in the hands of landowners, not farmers.

Raising loans rates "will provide some price stability. ... A direct payment will not," said Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa.

Despite bumper crops throughout the Midwest, a worldwide grain glut that sent commodity prices plunging this year is expected to cut farm

income by 15 percent. Wheat prices are 30 percent below the average for the last five years, and corn prices are down 28 percent. Farmers in the South also have been hit hard by drought.

"Something must be done and it must be done quickly or we are going to see an exodus from agriculture unlike any we've seen in our history," said Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., adding that when adjusted for inflation, wheat prices are at their lowest level since the 1940s.

Along with the boost in loan rates, Democrats also wanted to add \$1 billion to the Senate-passed measure and give farmers another \$500 million to cover their costs of storing grain while they wait for prices to rise.

In July the Senate approved \$500 million in assistance to farmers who have been hit with repeated crop failures, but the Agriculture Department said that will not go nearly far enough.

## GOP seeking quick release of Clinton's grand jury testimony

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans are seeking speedy release of President Clinton's videotaped grand jury testimony, officials said Monday as the two top Democrats in Congress urged the White House to abandon a defense against Kenneth Starr's evidence based on legal technicalities.

Several GOP sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said there had been discussions of releasing Clinton's testimony later this week in the next batch of material to be made public from independent counsel Kenneth Starr's voluminous report.

Lawmakers in Clinton's own party are likely to oppose release of the videotape, one lawmaker said, if not the written transcript of the Aug. 17 testimony in which the president defended his earlier claims under oath that he had not had sexual relations with Monica Lewinsky.

At the White House, spokesman James Kennedy issued a statement noting that Clinton's lawyers have said Starr's allegations would not support a case of perjury in a court of law. "Nevertheless, the president has made clear that he doesn't want the work of his lawyers to get in the way of his admission that he had an improper relationship and misled people to keep it private," said Kennedy.

He issued the statement after the Democratic leaders of Congress, Sen. Tom Daschle of South Dakota and Rep. Dick Gephardt of Missouri, broke a three-day silence on Starr's report.

Neither expressed an opinion on whether the evidence added up to impeachable offenses.

But in written statements issued while both men were in New York for fund-raising appearances with Clinton, they urged the president to abandon his lawyerly defense.

"The considered judgment of the American people is not going to rise or fall on the fine distinctions of a legal argument but on straight talk and the truth," Gephardt said.

"I certainly agree with those who have grown impatient with hairsplitting over legal technicalities," said Daschle.

Daschle also said Congress should consider a post-election session if it is necessary for a "prompt, appropriate conclusion in the public interest."

He also broached the possibility of "other means to address the president's conduct," in what appeared to be a reference to censure or some other discipline besides impeachment.

Democrats have been discussing such a punishment in recent days. One aide said lawmakers are talking among themselves about "censure plus," a sanction that might also require Clinton to reimburse the government for part of Starr's probe.

Public opinion polls released over the weekend indicate a majority of the public favors censure, but favors Clinton remaining in office.

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## OUR VIEWS

### Fast Track leaps bipartisan lines, can open doors

Surprising as it may sound, there is accord between Democrats and Republicans on Capitol Hill when it comes to the topic of Fast Track legislation.

Leadership in both parties are calling for its passage as a way to level the economic playing fields of the world.

Opponents of Fast Track have done their dead level best to ensure it is mislabeled and completely misunderstood for without that misunderstanding, any argument against it is easily cast aside.

Fast Track is not an extension of NAFTA or GATT or any other existing trade agreement.

It is legislation that affords negotiators working on behalf of the United States in trade talks to accept the terms of an agreement and commit our country to those terms.

Presently, our country is at a disadvantage at the negotiating table because any agreement has to come back to Washington for ratification.

That hitch has caused other nations to leave our country out of some key trade talks — simply because our negotiators cannot provide a firm commitment on behalf of the United States.

By approving Fast Track legislation — a move that could happen as early as the first of next week — our trading partners will know they have a firm deal when they leave the table.

More importantly, Fast Track legislation can open more and more trade doors to our producers who, without a level playing field in the world market, are truly behind the eight-ball.

Perhaps agreement by the leadership of both parties on the importance of passing this legislation is a sign of increased cooperation in the future.

## OTHER VIEWS

Kenneth Starr's report to Congress on evidence of possibly impeachable conduct by President Clinton paints a devastating portrait of Mr. Clinton's behavior, honor, candor and respect for the obligations and dignity of his office. The compilation is such that Congress has no choice but to initiate an impeachment inquiry exploring seriously both the allegations themselves and the threshold standard for the impeachment and removal of a president. ...

There is ample evidence in Mr. Starr's report of presidential conduct that Congress could deem grounds for impeachment.

The decision to write the report in a form that resembles a steamy paperback smacks of an effort to embarrass the president. ...

Mr. Starr's errors, however, do not save Mr. Clinton. For even when the excesses are stripped away, the case he has presented is serious, while Mr. Clinton's current defense is contemptible. ...

Mr. Clinton's behavior is at the margins of impeachability — straddling the line that separates disqualifying crimes from conduct that merely mars indelibly the presidential office and the man who holds it."

The Washington Post

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# Baby boomers headed for their own depression

Baby boomers who missed the Great Depression are going to be treated by Fate to their very own, or so it looks to me.

Whether it will be as severe as the 1930 Depression, I don't know, but that's what is starting, slowly but surely.

Production capacity now exceeds demand. Too many factories around the world are making more stuff than people want or can afford to buy. It's that "can afford" element of demand that confuses people whose vision is blurred by greed. Gee, 1 billion Chinese customers. No, there's more than 1 billion Chinese people but considerably fewer who can afford to buy much of anything. That's why people can starve while grain rots in storage bins. How can people starve

when there's so much food in the world? Because they can't afford to buy it, that's why. That's also the fallacy of the don't-worry-about-population-increase crowd. Why, look at the statistics on food production. Well, you can look at them, but what counts is what people can afford to buy, not how much somebody 5,000 miles away can produce.

Let me pause and give you a great tip that will help you wade through the postmodern horse manure that is being mass manufactured by special pleaders in this country.

Statistics count things and measure things. They do not and cannot prove anything. Furthermore, they are abstract mental concepts. They are not real. Wheat in Nebraska is real. A starving child in Sudan is real. Statistically you can show that food production equals food needs, but that has nothing, and I mean nothing, to do with the wheat in Nebraska and a dying child in Sudan.

So what happens when demand falls is that the producers begin to cut prices. As they cut prices, and bid for the shrinking number of buyers, they have to start cutting

expenses, which means layoffs. Some go bankrupt. More lose jobs. Every lost job is a reduction in demand because people out of work can't afford to buy much.

That's a truth American corporations seem to have forgotten. They seem to long for the day when they can produce their product without any workers. They do not seem to understand that if they ever do, they will also be producing a product for which there are no customers.

And, as the supply of jobs shrink relative to the number of people who need jobs, the price of labor is bid down, so even when you get a job, you don't make as much. That's more reduction in demand. So many married women work today not because of feminism but because it's harder and harder for a single paycheck to maintain a decent standard of living.

Don't worry too much about the Dow Jones index. Heck, that's only 30 stocks of blue-chip companies. Watch how many stocks go down as opposed to how many go up. Watch commodity prices. They are way down. Oil, as of this writing, is about \$11 a barrel.

That's below what it costs an American oil producer to pump it. That tells you there isn't a great demand for oil right now.

Here's a told-you-so: Keep that \$11-a-barrel oil in mind and go back to 1976-77, when Jimmy Carter and his CIA were telling the American people that the world was fast running out of oil and that it would soon be unaffordable. The independent petroleum producers pointed out some years ago that American politicians have been proclaiming the imminent end of oil production periodically since the turn of the century. Kind of like those end-of-the-world guys.

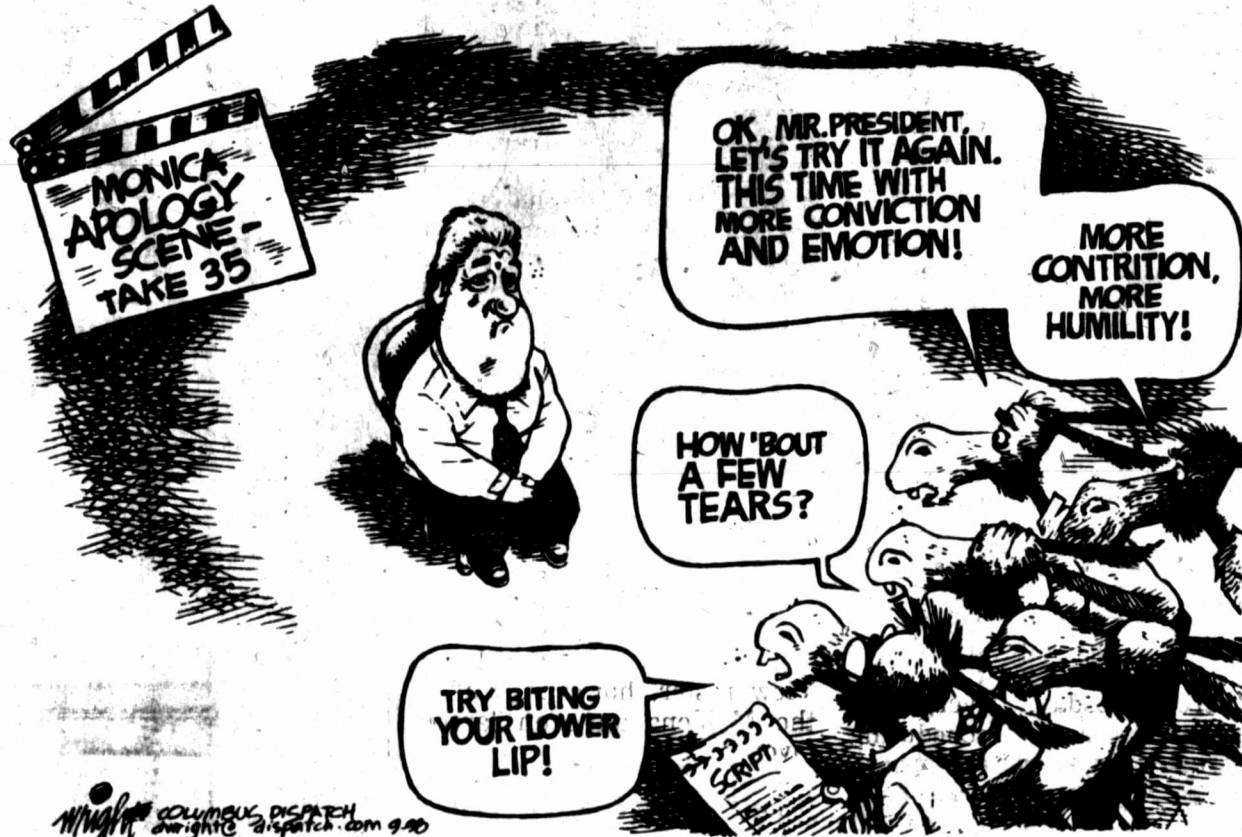
Anyway, what you baby boomers will discover is that depression means that the price of everything goes down — both products and labor. The cycle won't start again until there is some balance between production and demand.

Contrary to popular belief, Franklin Roosevelt didn't end the Great Depression. Adolf Hitler and World War II ended it. Maybe you'll get your own great war, too.

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CHARLEY REESE



# Hunting shells, life's a day at the beach

Once I told a painter I wanted a room painted the color of a conch shell's insides.

"Ah," he said. "Pink." Not pink, exactly, more like the tips of dawn's rosy fingers, or tangerine meat tempered by a young boy's blush.

He painted the walls pink.

I have been knee-deep in shells recently, an embarrassment of riches really for such a landlocked soul. I have lived farther from the ocean, but I wasn't happy about it then, either.

I love seashells the way some women love big diamonds and Limoges porcelain. They make me happy, down deep. Mollusks are a girl's best friend.

The shells don't have to be perfect, souvenir shop quality, either. I prefer them, in fact, with imperfections, with pocks and holes and exposed spiraled innards. Flawed, the same way I like my people.

I suppose my love for shells is explained — like everything else — by childhood. For a few, formative years my family lived on the Florida Panhandle, before planned and gated communities made a mockery of

seaside living. Used to be eccentrics eddied up to the shore; now it's rich people who relish rules.

There was, nothing planned about our community, that's for sure. Our little pink house was on the bay side of Pensacola in a neighborhood of untethered dogs and stay-at-home moms and Sunday fishermen. There were no covenants that forbade parking a boat in the yard, so everybody did. We had a Florida room with jalousie windows, and a patio with pink grout.

When my father got a promotion and a transfer to Montgomery, my sister and I cried for a week. What kind of promotion was that? Why in the world leave a place where treasures washed up on a blindingly white beach?

And so I love shells, all shells, or pieces of them, which usually is what you find. I have decorated Christmas trees with St. Simons sand dollars and filled lamp bases with shell fragments. Shells are good for all seasons.

My best shell haul recently came from Cumberland Island back in the spring. When the National Park Service ferry spilled its human cargo onto the beautiful island, I broke from the pack, not even listening to the ranger's warning about snakes. I wanted to find shells, to get first shot at the tide's daily offering. I am aggressive about only a few things. Shelling is one of them. I think

beachcombers could learn from hockey.

I sure didn't expect to discover a ring of shells, dozens of shells, arranged prettily in a circle in the sand, then abandoned. I imagined a seaside ritual, a group of sorority girls pledging to stay in touch forevermore, or children swapping blood and vowing to be best friends.

I plucked those shells up ever so quickly, lest the sisters return. It was almost too easy, like robbing a blind man. I felt bad for a little while, but got over it on the ferry ride home.

More recently, on vacation and a Carolina beach, I easily filled a plastic bag with more small beauties. The house where I stayed was also temporary home to a gaggle of kids, ages 12 to 20. Not a one of them seemed interested in picking up shells, which, considering my ugly methods, probably is just as well.

Now I'm arranging shells in old cake plates, in cracked bowls, in baskets. I have mailed a few to friends, but mostly I keep them all for myself. Who knows when I'll get another chance to stock up on seashells?

It has been a good summer, a remarkably fast one. The banana tree in the back yard grew to over 8 feet, August was cooler than July and I've eaten five or six watermelons. Plus, there's been a regular shell bonanza.

Who could ask for anything more?



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### IN BRIEF

#### Big Spring's Mark Read finishes sixth in duathlon

Mark Read of Big Spring weathered heavy rains Sunday to finish first in his age group and sixth overall at a regional duathlon championship in Grand Prairie.

The event, which required competitors to run five kilometers, bike 40 kilometers and then run five more kilometers drew participants from Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Arkansas.

#### Tennis midgets program gets under way today

A tennis midgets program, designed to introduce young children to the sport, will begin at 6:30 p.m. today at the Figure 7 Tennis Center.

The 12-week program is designed for youngsters between the ages of 5 and 10 and will provide instruction in basic tennis strokes as well as basic rules and tennis etiquette.

Registration begins at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the tennis center. The cost of the program is an unopened can of tennis balls and students must have a tennis racket and non-marking tennis shoes.

For more information, call Jim Blacketer at 264-6834.

#### Coahoma boosters slate meeting for Tuesday

The Coahoma Athletic Booster Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Coahoma Elementary School cafeteria.

A business meeting will precede taped highlights from Friday night's game and commentary from Bulldogs coaches.

The public is invited to attend.

#### CGA, Knights of Columbus slate benefit tournament

The Chicano Golf Association of Big Spring and the Knights of Columbus will co-sponsor a four-man scramble Sunday at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Players should pick their own ABCD teams. Entry fees are \$15 per player and tee time will be 11 a.m.

All players must be registered and have fees paid prior to the 11 a.m. start.

Plaques will be awarded to the first, second and third-place teams.

For more information, call the course's pro shop at 264-2366.

#### Fire Fighters Association schedules golf touney

The Big Spring Professional Fire Fighters Association will hold its annual golf tournament to benefit the Disaster Relief Fund on Friday, Oct. 2, at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

The four-person scramble will begin at 8:30 a.m. with prizes awarded to the first, second and third-place teams, as well as the longest drives by both men and women players. Closest to the pin contests will also be held.

Entry fees are \$25 per player plus cart fee.

For more information, call Paul Brown or Mitch Gill at 267-3362.

#### Referees needed now for sub-varsity games

Officials from the Permian Basin Officials Association are seeking referees to work sub-varsity football games this fall.

Local officials will help train those interested in becoming high school officials.

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"There's a chance. We still have hope," catcher Lenny Webster said. "We're just

going out there, having fun and trying to do the little things it takes to win."

Texas pitcher Aaron Sele, who kept Baltimore in check before being lifted in the seventh inning, has a different take on the Orioles' playoff chances.

"This is what September baseball is all about," Sele said. "They're not playing for much. Here we come in and have a tight race and they can knock us off. That's all the motivation they need."

Cal Ripken opened the eighth with an opposite-field single off Xavier Hernandez (6-6). B.J. Surhoff hit into a fielder's choice and took third on a single by Webster before Davis lofted a fly ball to deep center.

Alan Mills (3-4) pitched a perfect eighth and Armando Benitez struck out

the side in the ninth for his 21st save. Benitez has struck out nine straight over his last three appearances.

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"We need to win some games like this," Sele said. "We've dropped a couple of ballgames, but we're the kind of team that can come back. We just keep going and keep going."

Sele and Juan Guzman matched zeros through seven innings, working out of several jams in the process.

Sele, bidding for his sixth straight win and 19th of the season, allowed six hits and six walks before the Orioles loaded the bases with two outs in the seventh. Greg Cadaret then retired Rafael Palmeiro on a pop up.

Guzman left after allowing five hits and a walk over seven shutout innings.

"Guzman was outstanding all night," Baltimore manager Ray Miller said. "He battled and got the outs when he had to."

Texas failed to advance a runner from second base in the first, third and fifth innings. Juan Gonzalez hit a leadoff double in the sixth, but second baseman Roberto Alomar saved a run with a juggling catch of a two-out bloop by Todd Zeile.

"I know we haven't been hitting the ball with runners in scoring position," Texas manager Johnny Oates said following the disappointing loss. "That's usually the telltale sign of not scoring runs. Lately, we haven't been doing the little things."

## Lady Steers open 5-4A play tonight

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Sports Editor

Big Spring's Lady Steers, fresh off back-to-back wins over Plainview and Lubbock Cooper on Saturday, open District 5-4A volleyball play tonight at 8, playing host to Fort Stockton's Prowlers.

Lady Steers coach Traci Pierce saw exactly what she'd hoped to see in Saturday's triangular match in which Big Spring took a 15-1, 15-8 win over Cooper and knocked off Plainview 15-6, 15-12.

"It had been a long time since we'd won like that here at home," Pierce said of the final warm-up before tonight's arrival of the Prowlers. "It gave us a mental lift going into the Fort Stockton game and we needed it."

In fact, Pierce had earlier explained that she wanted her team to begin reaching its potential just before the 5-4A opener.

"We don't want to get to that point too quickly," she explained. "But we want to be there Tuesday. Everything we've done so far ... scheduling teams we knew were supposed to be better than us ... has been geared in preparation to starting district play. That's when it has to start paying off."

While San Angelo Lake View's Maidens and Andrews' Lady Mustangs figure to be the top three teams in the 5-4A mix, Pierce says she believes the district's third playoff spot is up for grabs.

And while she's not saying so in so many words, it's clear that Pierce believes this Lady Steers edition is capable of being one of the loop's three playoff teams.

"Lake View has to be considered the class of the district ... they're loaded," Pierce explained. "They've got their top player, Hillary Lee, back plus they've also got the best player Fort Stockton had last year after Elisa Espino moved

in. "Andrews is struggling a little right now from what I understand," she added, "but they've got a history of putting things together in time for district. And we know they'll be ready to play against us ... they always are."

Pierce does not believe, however, that the Maidens and Lady Mustangs are unbeatable.

"It's not that they can't be beaten, but they've got good players and solid traditions working for them," Pierce explained. "That's what we're working at trying to build right now ... a winning tradition. There are times when you're not at your very best, but if you've got a history of finding ways to win, that's exactly what happens ... somehow, some way, you find a way to win."

In Lake View's case, the Maidens would have been ranked the league favorite going into district play even if Espino were still roaming the court for Fort Stockton.

Her addition to the Lake View roster, however, makes the Maidens an even larger favorite.

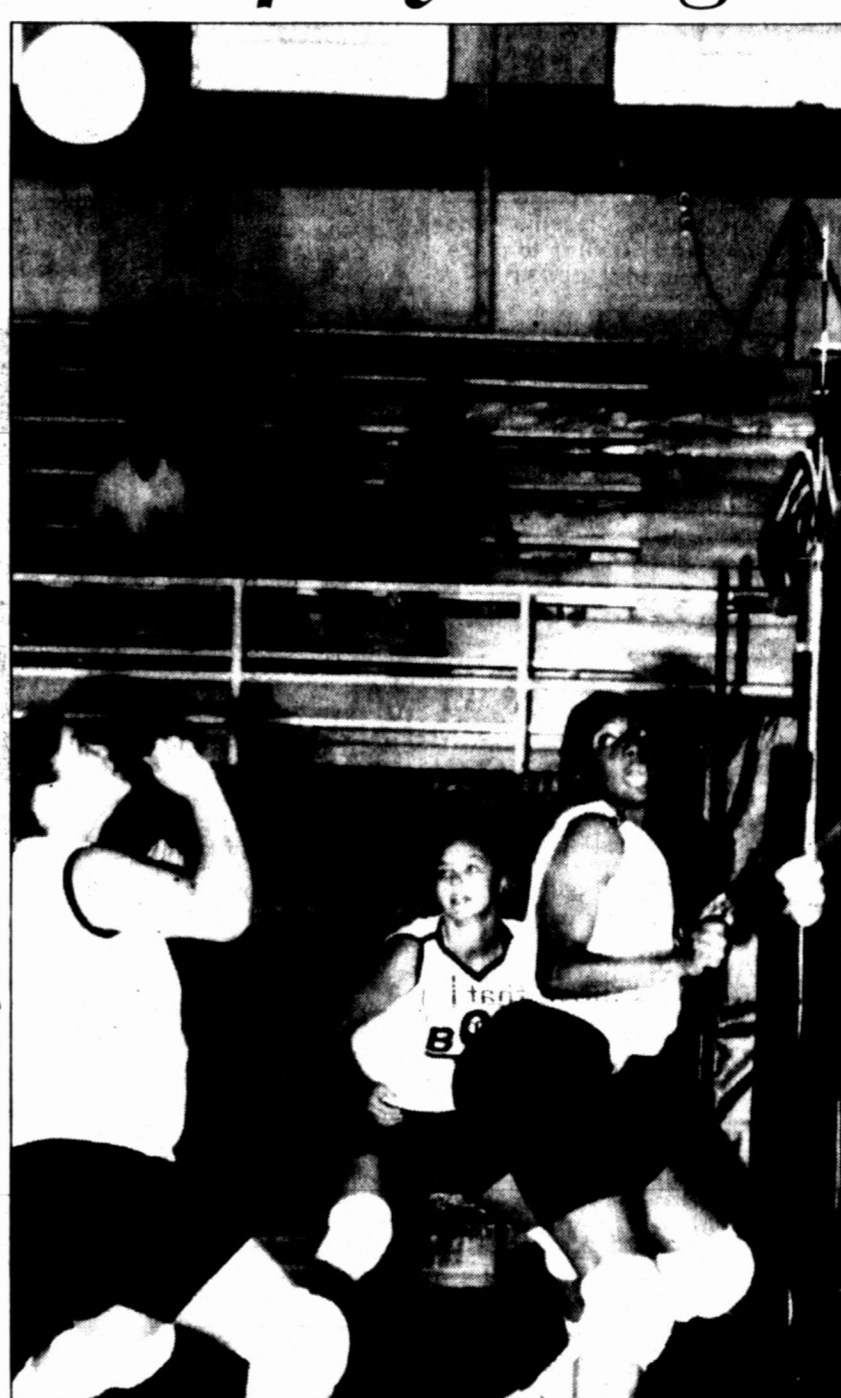
"Espino moving in certainly made Lake View better," Pierce explained. "They were good anyway, but she makes them better. She can hit the ball and had an opportunity to play club ball with them all summer."

The Lady Steers believe they can contend because they're more talented than they've been in recent years.

"We've got more leapers than we've had in some time with Melissa Forth, Leslie McLellan, Nina Evans and Cathy Jaure," Pierce explained. "Plus we've got the kids that can set up our hitters with Juanita (Valdez), Lacey (Anderson) and Tara Cooper."

The Lady Steers also have a solid back line to provide defense.

"Right now our biggest weakness is our blocking game at



Big Spring's Juanita Valdez gets ready to set the ball hitters Melissa Forth and Leslie McLellan (background) move into position during the Lady Steers' win over Lubbock Cooper Saturday.

the net," Pierce said. "It takes lots of experience to have a feel of know where the ball's going to be and where to position yourself. Hopefully, we'll get there."

Most importantly, the Lady Steers found a way to win in the final game against Plainview. "We'd gotten a little out of sync, weren't communicating well and seemed a little slow, but still found a way to win," she added. "That's really the most important thing."

## Stanton remains atop poll

From staff and wire reports

Stanton's Buffaloes remained atop the Class 3A rankings in The Associated Press' high school football poll, retaining their 13 first-place votes from the panel of 20 sports writers and broadcasters, following the 53-9 demolition of Midland Christian on Friday.

District 5-4A powerhouses Andrews and Sweetwater also moved up in the rankings. Andrews moved up to No. 4 in the 4A poll, while Sweetwater moved into the No. 5 spot.

Elsewhere, Sealy's 13-month reign atop Class 3A poll has ended.

The four-time defending state champs slid to No. 4 in the poll released Monday following a 21-7 loss to 4A Waller.

Sealy, which had won its previous 28 games, was the wire-to-wire No. 1 in the AP poll last year and had remained there the first three polls this season.

Replacing Sealy is Breckenridge, which leaped from No. 3 on the strength of a 47-0 victory over Burkburnett. Sweeny, whose game against West Columbia was canceled by bad weather, remained No. 2.

Graham, a 10-0 loser to Abilene Wylie, slipped from the poll and was replaced by Waco Connally.

Lewisville, the 1996 5A Division I champion, moved into the poll at No. 9 following its 21-19 victory over Tyler John Tyler. The loss knocked John Tyler out.

The Class 4A saw Waxahachie and Denison drop out of the list. They were replaced in the poll by Highland Park and Terrell.

Lexington, a 22-6 loser to Ganado, was the only team falling out of the 2A poll.

## Lady Yearlings split matches on road with Sweetwater

HERALD Staff Report

SWEETWATER — Runnels Junior High School's Lady Yearlings split a pair of volleyball matches with Sweetwater's young Lady Mustangs on Monday with the "Black" team chalking up its first win of the season.

In the evening's opener, Big Spring's Black squad followed the scoring lead of Alicia Brunson and Casey Tunstall in taking a 15-11 win in the match's first game. Brunson served six points for the Lady Yearlings, while Tunstall served five. Amanda Lassiter added three points and Eve Tobar had one.

The second game was virtually all Big Spring, as Tobar served 11 points in a 15-4 romp. Tunstall added three points and Lacey Mendoza added the other.

The Lady Yearlings Gold team, fresh off taking a consolation championship at the Snyder Invitational Tournament over the weekend, dropped a heart-breaking 10-15, 15-4, 14-16 loss in Monday's nightcap.

Carli Wise and Courtney Brock provided the lead in a balanced scoring attack in the first game loss, both serving three points. Stormie Huff and Trina Cooper served two points each.

In the second game, Stephanie Hernandez came up with 10

points in helping the Lady Yearlings force a third game. Sterling Burchett and Cassie Coats added two points apiece in that game and Ashley Tuttle had one.

The third game saw Wise and Cooper score four points each, while Brock and Tuttle had two each. Huff and Burchett rounded out the Lady Yearlings' scoring with one-point each.

The loss was particularly disappointing for the Gold squad after it had rebounded from an opening-round loss to Andrews during Saturday's tournament in Snyder to take a three-game win over the host Lady Tigers en route to taking a 15-3, 15-12 win over Albany in the consolation finals.

Huff had led the way in the first game of the consolation title win, scoring seven points while Cooper came up with four more. Wise and Tuttle rounded out the scoring with two points each.

Big Spring's scoring was more evenly spaced in the deciding game, Hernandez coming up with five points and Tuttle adding four. Ashley L. Smith and Stacey Vaughn added two points each, while Cassie Coats and Kassi Rubio chipped in one point apiece.

The Lady Yearlings will play a "C" team game with Andrews at 6 p.m. Thursday in the Goliad Middle School gymnasium.



Members of the Runnels Junior High Lady Yearlings "Gold" volleyball team display the consolation championship trophy they won at the Snyder Invitational Tournament. Front row, from left, are: Courtney Brock, Stormie Huff, Ashley Tuttle, Stephanie Hernandez, Jennifer Collins and Kassi Rubio. Second row: Carli Wise, Trina Cooper and Sydney Rojas. Back row: Stacey Vaughn, Cassie Coats, Ashley L. Smith, Krystle Long, Rachelle Guinn and Sterling Burchett.

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OUR VIEWS

Fast Track leaps bipartisan lines, can open doors

Surprising as it may sound, there is accord between Democrats and Republicans on Capitol Hill when it comes to the topic of Fast Track legislation.

Leadership in both parties are calling for its passage as a way to level the economic playing fields of the world.

Opponents of Fast Track have done their dead level best to ensure it is mislabeled and completely misunderstood for without that misunderstanding, any argument against it is easily cast aside.

Fast Track is not an extension of NAFTA or GATT or any other existing trade agreement.

It is legislation that affords negotiators working on behalf of the United States in trade talks to accept the terms of an agreement and commit our country to those terms.

Presently, our country is at a disadvantage at the negotiating table because any agreement has to come back to Washington for ratification.

That hitch has caused other nations to leave our country out of some key trade talks — simply because our negotiators cannot provide a firm commitment on behalf of the United States.

By approving Fast Track legislation — a move that could happen as early as the first of next week — our trading partners will know they have a firm deal when they leave the table.

More importantly, Fast Track legislation can open more and more trade doors to our producers who, without a level playing field in the world market, are truly behind the eight-ball.

Perhaps agreement by the leadership of both parties on the importance of passing this legislation is a sign of increased cooperation in the future.

OTHER VIEWS

Kenneth Starr's report to Congress on evidence of possibly impeachable conduct by President Clinton paints a devastating portrait of Mr. Clinton's behavior, honor, candor and respect for the obligations and dignity of his office. The compilation is such that Congress has no choice but to initiate an impeachment inquiry exploring seriously both the allegations themselves and the threshold standard for the impeachment and removal of a president. ...

There is ample evidence in Mr. Starr's report of presidential conduct that Congress could deem grounds for impeachment.

The decision to write the report in a form that resembles a steamy paperback smacks of an effort to embarrass the president. ...

Mr. Starr's errors, however, do not save Mr. Clinton. For even when the excesses are stripped away, the case he has presented is serious, while Mr. Clinton's current defense is contemptible. ...

Mr. Clinton's behavior is at the margins of impeachability — straddling the line that separates disqualifying crimes from conduct that merely mars indelibly the presidential office and the man who holds it."

The Washington Post:

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Baby boomers headed for their own depression

Baby boomers who missed the Great Depression are going to be treated by Fate to their very own, or so it looks to me.



CHARLEY REESE

Whether it will be as severe as the 1930 Depression, I don't know, but that's what is starting, slowly but surely. Production capacity now exceeds demand. Too many factories around the world are making more stuff than people want or can afford to buy.

It's that "can afford" element of demand that confuses people whose vision is blurred by greed. Gee, 1 billion Chinese customers. No, there's more than 1 billion Chinese people but considerably fewer who can afford to buy much of anything.

That's why people can starve while grain rots in storage bins. How can people starve

when there's so much food in the world? Because they can't afford to buy it, that's why. That's also the fallacy of the don't-worry-about-population-increase crowd. Why, look at the statistics on food production. Well, you can look at them, but what counts is what people can afford to buy, not how much somebody 5,000 miles away can produce.

Let me pause and give you a great tip that will help you wade through the postmodern horse manure that is being mass manufactured by special pleaders in this country.

Statistics count things and measure things. They do not and cannot prove anything. Furthermore, they are abstract mental concepts. They are not real. Wheat in Nebraska is real. A starving child in Sudan is real. Statistically you can show that food production equals food needs, but that has nothing, and I mean nothing, to do with the wheat in Nebraska and a dying child in Sudan.

So what happens when demand falls is that the producers begin to cut prices. As they cut prices, and bid for the shrinking number of buyers, they have to start cutting

expenses, which means layoffs. Some go bankrupt. More lose jobs. Every lost job is a reduction in demand because people out of work can't afford to buy much.

That's a truth American corporations seem to have forgotten. They seem to long for the day when they can produce their product without any workers. They do not seem to understand that if they ever do, they will also be producing a product for which there are no customers.

And, as the supply of jobs shrinks relative to the number of people who need jobs, the price of labor is bid down, so even when you get a job, you don't make as much. That's more reduction in demand. So many married women work today not because of feminism but because it's harder and harder for a single paycheck to maintain a decent standard of living.

Don't worry too much about the Dow Jones index. Heck, that's only 30 stocks of blue-chip companies. Watch how many stocks go down as opposed to how many go up. Watch commodity prices. They are way down. Oil, as of this writing, is about \$11 a barrel.

That's below what it costs an American oil producer to pump it. That tells you there isn't a great demand for oil right now.

Here's a told-you-so: Keep that \$11-a-barrel oil in mind and go back to 1976-77, when Jimmy Carter and his CIA were telling the American people that the world was fast running out of oil and that it would soon be unaffordable. The independent petroleum producers pointed out some years ago that American politicians have been proclaiming the imminent end of oil production periodically since the turn of the century. Kind of like those end-of-the-world guys.

Anyway, what you baby boomers will discover is that depression means that the price of everything goes down — both products and labor. The cycle won't start again until there is some balance between production and demand.

Contrary to popular belief, Franklin Roosevelt didn't end the Great Depression. Adolf Hitler and World War II ended it. Maybe you'll get your own great war, too.

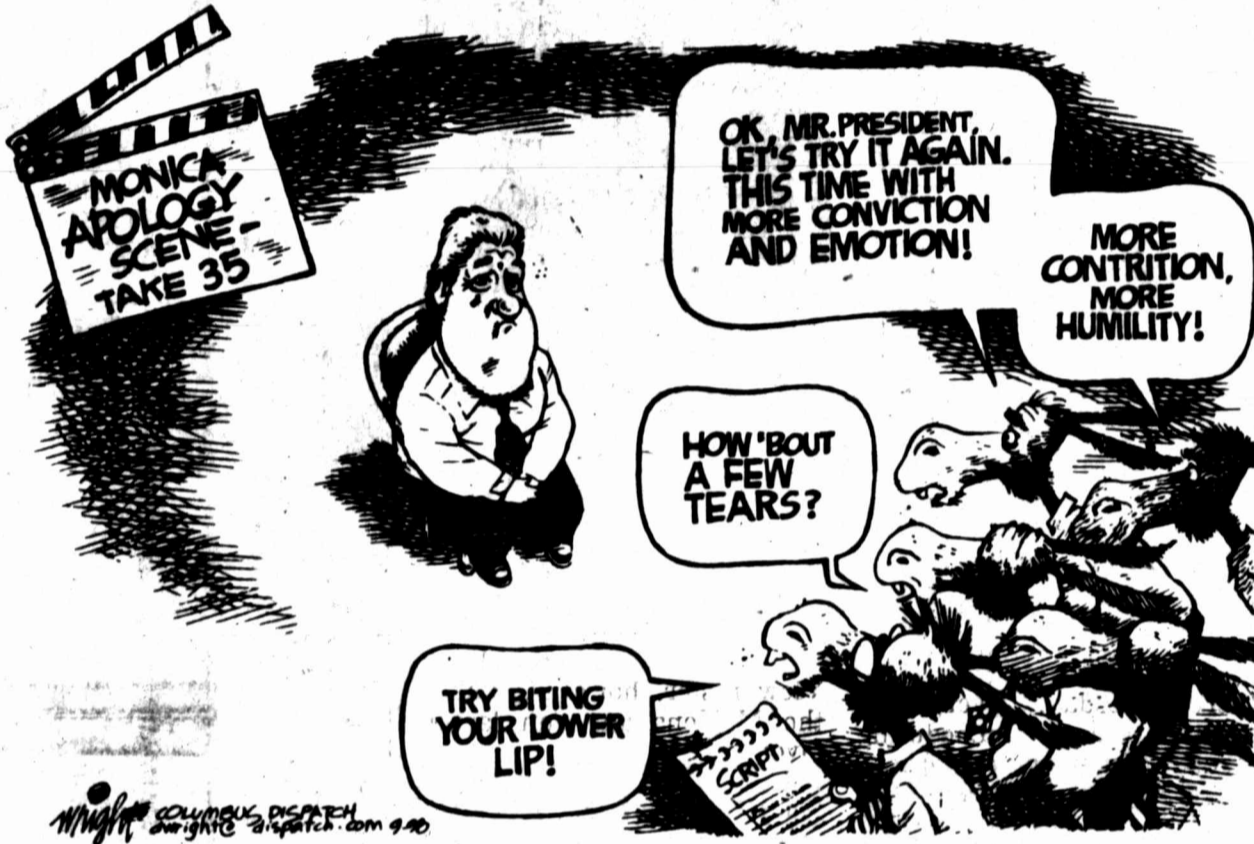
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Hunting shells, life's a day at the beach

Once I told a painter I wanted a room painted the color of a conch shell's insides.

"Ah," he said. "Pink." Not pink, exactly, more like the tips of dawn's rosy fingers, or tangerine meat tempered by a young boy's blush.



RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON

He painted the walls pink.

I have been knee-deep in shells recently, an embarrassment of riches really for such a landlocked soul. I have lived farther from the ocean, but I wasn't happy about it then, either.

I love seashells the way some women love big diamonds and Limoges porcelain. They make me happy, down deep. Mollusks are a girl's best friend.

The shells don't have to be perfect, souvenir shop quality, either. I prefer them, in fact, with imperfections, with pocks and holes and exposed spiraled innards. Flawed, the same way I like my people.

I suppose my love for shells is explained — like everything else — by childhood. For a few, formative years my family lived on the Florida Panhandle, before planned and gated communities made a mockery of

seaside living. Used to be eccentrics eddied up to the shore; now it's rich people who relish rules.

There was, nothing planned about our community, that's for sure. Our little pink house was on the bay side of Pensacola in a neighborhood of untethered dogs and stay-at-home moms and Sunday fishermen. There were no covenants that forbade parking a boat in the yard, so everybody did. We had a Florida room with jalousie windows, and a patio with pink grout.

When my father got a promotion and a transfer to Montgomery, my sister and I cried for a week. What kind of promotion was that? Why in the world leave a place where treasures washed up on a blindingly white beach?

And so I love shells, all shells, or pieces of them, which usually is what you find. I have decorated Christmas trees with St. Simons sand dollars and filled lamp bases with shell fragments. Shells are good for all seasons.

My best shell haul recently came from Cumberland Island back in the spring. When the National Park Service ferry spilled its human cargo onto the beautiful island, I broke from the pack, not even listening to the ranger's warning about snakes. I wanted to find shells, to get first shot at the tide's daily offering. I am aggressive about only a few things. Shelling is one of them. I think

beachcombers could learn from hockey.

I sure didn't expect to discover a ring of shells, dozens of shells, arranged prettily in a circle in the sand, then abandoned. I imagined a seaside ritual, a group of sorority girls pledging to stay in touch forevermore, or children swapping blood and vowing to be best friends.

I plucked those shells up ever so quickly, lest the sisters return. It was almost too easy, like robbing a blind man. I felt bad for a little while, but got over it on the ferry ride home.

More recently, on vacation and a Carolina beach, I easily filled a plastic bag with more small beauties. The house where I stayed was also temporary home to a gaggle of kids, ages 12 to 20. Not a one of them seemed interested in picking up shells, which, considering my ugly methods, probably is just as well.

Now I'm arranging shells in old cake plates, in cracked bowls, in baskets. I have mailed a few to friends, but mostly I keep them all for myself. Who knows when I'll get another chance to stock up on seashells?

It has been a good summer, a remarkably fast one. The banana tree in the back yard grew to over 8 feet, August was cooler than July and I've eaten five or six watermelons. Plus, there's been a regular shell bonanza.

Who could ask for anything more?



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### IN BRIEF

#### Big Spring's Mark Read finishes sixth in duathlon

Mark Read of Big Spring weathered heavy rains Sunday to finish first in his age group and sixth overall at a regional duathlon championship in Grand Prairie.

The event, which required competitors to run five kilometers, bike 40 kilometers and then run five more kilometers drew participants from Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Arkansas.

#### Tennis midgets program gets under way today

A tennis midgets program, designed to introduce young children to the sport, will begin at 6:30 p.m. today at the Figure 7 Tennis Center.

The 12-week program is designed for youngsters between the ages of 5 and 10 and will provide instruction in basic tennis strokes as well as basic rules and tennis etiquette.

Registration begins at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the tennis center. The cost of the program is an unopened can of tennis balls and students must have a tennis racket and non-marking tennis shoes.

For more information, call Jim Blacketer at 264-6834.

#### Coahoma boosters slate meeting for Tuesday

The Coahoma Athletic Booster Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Coahoma Elementary School cafeteria.

A business meeting will precede taped highlights from Friday night's game and commentary from Bulldogs coaches.

The public is invited to attend.

#### CGA, Knights of Columbus slate benefit tournament

The Chicano Golf Association of Big Spring and the Knights of Columbus will co-sponsor a four-man scramble Sunday at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Players should pick their own ABCD teams. Entry fees are \$15 per player and tee time will be 11 a.m.

All players must be registered and have fees paid prior to the 11 a.m. start.

Plaques will be awarded to the first, second and third-place teams.

For more information, call the course's pro shop at 264-2366.

#### Fire Fighters Association schedules golf tourney

The Big Spring Professional Fire Fighters Association will hold its annual golf tournament to benefit the Disaster Relief Fund on Friday, Oct. 2, at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

The four-person scramble will begin at 8:30 a.m. with prizes awarded to the first, second and third-place teams, as well as the longest drives by both men and women players. Closest to the pin contests will also be held.

Entry fees are \$25 per player plus cart fee.

For more information, call Paul Brown or Mitch Gill at 267-3362.

#### Referees needed now for sub-varsity games

Officials from the Permian Basin Officials Association are seeking referees to work sub-varsity football games this fall.

Local officials will help train those interested in becoming high school officials.

For more information, contact Jim Mattson at 263-5056.

### ON THE AIR

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Guzman left after allowing five hits and a walk over seven shutout innings.

"Guzman was outstanding all night," Baltimore manager Ray Miller said. "He battled and got the outs when he had to."

Texas failed to advance a runner from second base in the first, third and fifth innings. Juan Gonzalez hit a leadoff double in the sixth, but second baseman Roberto Alomar saved a run with a juggling catch of a two-out bloop by Todd Zeile.

"I know we haven't been hitting the ball with runners in scoring position," Texas manager Johnny Oates said following the disappointing loss. "That's usually the telltale sign of not scoring runs. Lately, we haven't been doing the little things."

## Lady Steers open 5-4A play tonight

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Sports Editor

Big Spring's Lady Steers, fresh off back-to-back wins over Plainview and Lubbock Cooper on Saturday, open District 5-4A volleyball play tonight at 8, playing host to Fort Stockton's Prowlers.

Lady Steers coach Traci Pierce saw exactly what she'd hoped to see in Saturday's triangular match in which Big Spring took a 15-1, 15-8 win over Cooper and knocked off Plainview 15-6, 15-12.

"It had been a long time since we'd won like that here at home," Pierce said of the final warm-up before tonight's arrival of the Prowlers. "It gave us a mental lift going into the Fort Stockton game and we needed it."

In fact, Pierce had earlier explained that she wanted her team to begin reaching its potential just before the 5-4A opener.

"We don't want to get to that point too quickly," she explained. "But we want to be there Tuesday. Everything we've done so far ... scheduling teams we knew were supposed to be better than us ... has been geared in preparation to starting district play. That's when it has to start paying off."

While San Angelo Lake View's Maidens and Andrews' Lady Mustangs figure to be the top three teams in the 5-4A mix, Pierce says she believes the district's third playoff spot is up for grabs.

And while she's not saying so in so many words, it's clear that Pierce believes this Lady Steers edition is capable of being one of the loop's three playoff teams.

"Lake View has to be considered the class of the district ... they're loaded," Pierce explained. "They've got their top player, Hillary Lee, back plus they've also got the best player Fort Stockton had last year after Elisa Espino moved

in. "Andrews is struggling a little right now from what I understand," she added, "but they've got a history of putting things together in time for district. And we know they'll be ready to play against us ... they always are."

Pierce does not believe, however, that the Maidens and Lady Mustangs are unbeatable. "It's not that they can't be beaten, but they've got good players and solid traditions working for them," Pierce explained. "That's what we're working at trying to build right now ... a winning tradition. There are times when you're not at your very best, but if you've got a history of finding ways to win, that's exactly what happens ... somehow, some way, you find a way to win."

In Lake View's case, the Maidens would have been ranked the league favorite going into district play even if Espino were still roaming the court for Fort Stockton. Her addition to the Lake View roster, however, makes the Maidens an even larger favorite.

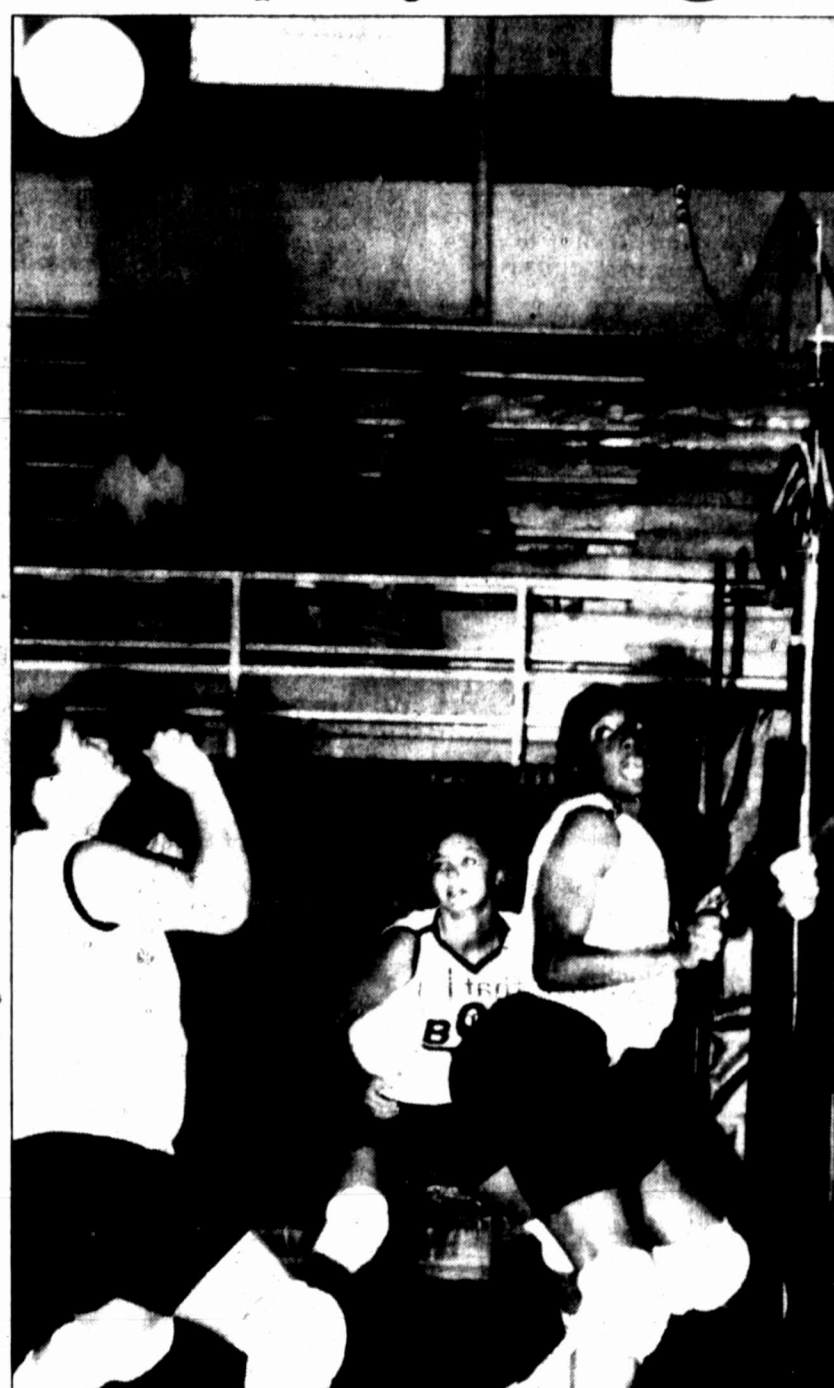
"Espino moving in certainly made Lake View better," Pierce explained. "They were good anyway, but she makes them better. She can hit the ball and had an opportunity to play club ball with them all summer."

The Lady Steers believe they can contend because they're more talented than they've been in recent years.

"We've got more leapers than we've had in some time with Melissa Forth, Leslie McLellan, Nina Evans and Cathy Jaure," Pierce explained. "Plus we've got the kids that can set up our hitters with Juanita (Valdez), Lacey (Anderson) and Tara Cooper."

The Lady Steers also have a solid back line to provide defense.

"Right now our biggest weakness is our blocking game at



HERALD photo/Linda Choate  
Big Spring's Juanita Valdez gets ready to set the ball hitters Melissa Forth and Leslie McLellan (background) move into position during the Lady Steers' win over Lubbock Cooper Saturday.

the net," Pierce said. "It takes lots of experience to have a feel of know where the ball's going to be and where to position yourself. Hopefully, we'll get there."

Most importantly, the Lady Steers found a way to win in the final game against Plainview.

"We'd gotten a little out of sync, weren't communicating well and seemed a little slow, but still found a way to win," she added. "That's really the most important thing."

## Lady Yearlings split matches on road with Sweetwater

HERALD Staff Report

SWEETWATER — Runnels Junior High School's Lady Yearlings split a pair of volleyball matches with Sweetwater's young Lady Mustangs on Monday with the "Black" team chalking up its first win of the season.

In the evening's opener, Big Spring's Black squad followed the scoring lead of Alicia Brunson and Casey Tunstall in taking a 15-11 win in the match's first game. Brunson served six points for the Lady Yearlings, while Tunstall served five. Amanda Lassiter added three points and Eve Tobar had one.

The second game was virtually all Big Spring, as Tobar served 11 points in a 15-4 romp. Tunstall added three points and Lacey Mendoza added the other.

The Lady Yearlings Gold team, fresh off taking a consolation championship at the Snyder Invitational Tournament over the weekend, dropped a heart-breaking 10-15, 15-4, 14-16 loss in Monday's nightcap.

Carl Wise and Courtney Brock provided the lead in a balanced scoring attack in the first game loss, both serving three points. Stormie Huff and Trina Cooper served two points each.

In the second game, Stephanie Hernandez came up with 10

points in helping the Lady Yearlings force a third game. Sterling Burchett and Cassie Coats added two points apiece in that game and Ashley Tuttle had one.

The third game saw Wise and Cooper score four points each, while Brock and Tuttle had two each. Huff and Burchett rounded out the Lady Yearlings' scoring with one-point each.

The loss was particularly disappointing for the Gold squad after it had rebounded from an opening-round loss to Andrews during Saturday's tournament in Snyder to take a three-game win over the host Lady Tigers en route to taking a 15-3, 15-12 win over Albany in the consolation finals.

Huff had led the way in the first game of the consolation title win, scoring seven points while Cooper came up with four more. Wise and Tuttle rounded out the scoring with two points each.

Big Spring's scoring was more evenly spaced in the deciding game, Hernandez coming up with five points and Tuttle adding four. Ashley L. Smith and Stacey Vaughn added two points each, while Cassie Coats and Kassie Rubio chipped in one point apiece.

The Lady Yearlings will play a "C" team game with Andrews at 6 p.m. Thursday in the Goliad Middle School gymnasium.



Courtesy photo  
Members of the Runnels Junior High Lady Yearlings "Gold" volleyball team display the consolation championship trophy they won at the Snyder Invitational Tournament. Front row, from left, are: Courtney Brock, Stormie Huff, Ashley Tuttle, Stephanie Hernandez, Jennifer Collins and Kassie Rubio. Second row: Carl Wise, Trina Cooper and Sydney Rojas. Back row: Stacey Vaughn, Cassie Coats, Ashley L. Smith, Krystle Long, Rachelle Guinn and Sterling Burchett.

## Stanton remains atop poll

From staff and wire reports

Stanton's Buffaloes remained atop the Class 3A rankings in The Associated Press' high school football poll, retaining their 13 first-place votes from the panel of 20 sports writers and broadcasters, following the 53-9 demolition of Midland Christian on Friday.

District 5-4A powerhouses Andrews and Sweetwater also moved up in the rankings. Andrews moved up to No. 4 in the 4A poll, while Sweetwater moved into the No. 5 spot.

Elsewhere, Sealy's 13-month reign atop Class 3A poll has ended.

The four-time defending state champs slid to No. 4 in the poll released Monday following a 21-7 loss to 4A Waller.

Sealy, which had won its previous 28 games, was the wire-towire No. 1 in the AP poll last year and had remained there the first three polls this season.

Replacing Sealy is Breckenridge, which leaped from No. 3 on the strength of a 47-0 victory over Burk Burnett.

Sweeny, whose game against West Columbia was canceled by bad weather, remained No. 2.

Graham, a 10-0 loser to Abilene Wylie, slipped from the poll and was replaced by Waco Connally.

Lewisville, the 1996 5A Division I champion, moved into the poll at No. 9 following its 21-19 victory over Tyler John Tyler. The loss knocked John Tyler out.

The Class 4A saw Waxahachie and Denison drop out of the list. They were replaced in the poll by Highland Park and Terrell.

Lexington, a 22-6 loser to Ganado, was the only team falling out of the 2A poll.

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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) Expect a flurry of activity. Others need your attention. News from a distance forces you to reevaluate plans. The unexpected occurs with friends. Roll with it, because you aren't going to change them. Laugh and loosen up. Tonight: Take a chance on something new!\*\*\*\*

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) Building stronger foundations needs to be a high priority. Your perspective helps a boss, though you might not be able to prevent his erratic behavior. Build on a partnership; listen to this person's revelations. A sense of humor goes a long way. Tonight: Take a night off.\*\*\*

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) You work well with changes, which is fortunate for everyone involved. Make adjustments, and handle someone's requests. Listen carefully, and talk about your bottom lines. An associate who wields his share of power helps your cause. Tonight: With a friend.\*\*\*\*

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**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
You are a strong force to deal with. Someone lets you know just how overwhelmed he is by exhibiting strong reactions. Laughter marks a fun exchange with a loved one. Give this person greater play in your life. Give up on trying to control someone; it won't work. Tonight: Keep smiling.\*\*\*\*

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
You might need to retreat or take a personal day to recharge. Think about a long-overdue talk. Your nerves need a timeout; pace yourself accordingly. Understand where someone is coming from. Talks with a family member prove successful. Tonight: You're numero uno.\*\*

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
Go for what you want, but don't be surprised by someone's odd behavior. Listen carefully to feedback. Yes, you are likely to reverse your opinion of this matter. A new person on the scene could truly tickle your fancy. Tonight: Do only what you absolutely want.\*\*\*\*

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
Take responsibility at work. By charging in and handling a problem, you will feel a lot better. Be attentive to someone's needs. Domestic matters feel out of control. Focus on what you do well. Manage finances. Restructure your budget. Tonight: Step into the limelight.\*\*\*

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
Look at the big picture; an overview is helpful. View little annoyances as no big deal. Return calls, and adjust your schedule accordingly. Enroll in a seminar, or plan a trip.

Reinforce your ability to roll with anything. Tonight: Browse through a favorite bookstore.\*\*\*\*

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
You pull the financial wild card. You can't change someone's point of view, but you can share your needs. Working as a team helps you defuse a potentially difficult situation. Carefully check out a risky idea or investment. You don't need the damages right now. Tonight: Go for togetherness.\*\*\*\*

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
Your unpredictability has an impact on those around you. Evaluate long-term desires, and see if your whimsical outlook supports them. Make talks with a family member more open. Explain why you aren't comfortable. Tonight: Go along with someone else's wishes.\*\*\*\*

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
Dig in, and gain perspective. You need to approach problems more directly. Concentrate on work; you can accomplish a lot quickly and calm down because of your efforts. A tiff could simply be the result of a misunderstanding. Tonight: Work late, then hit the gym.\*\*\*

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DEAR GIVING GRANDMA: That's terrific. Talents that are nourished in childhood can bring years of pleasure in years to come.

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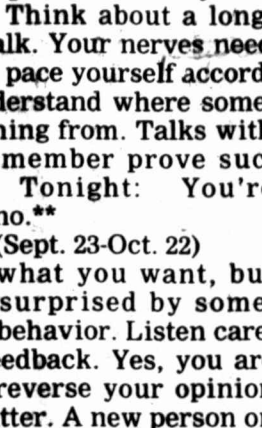
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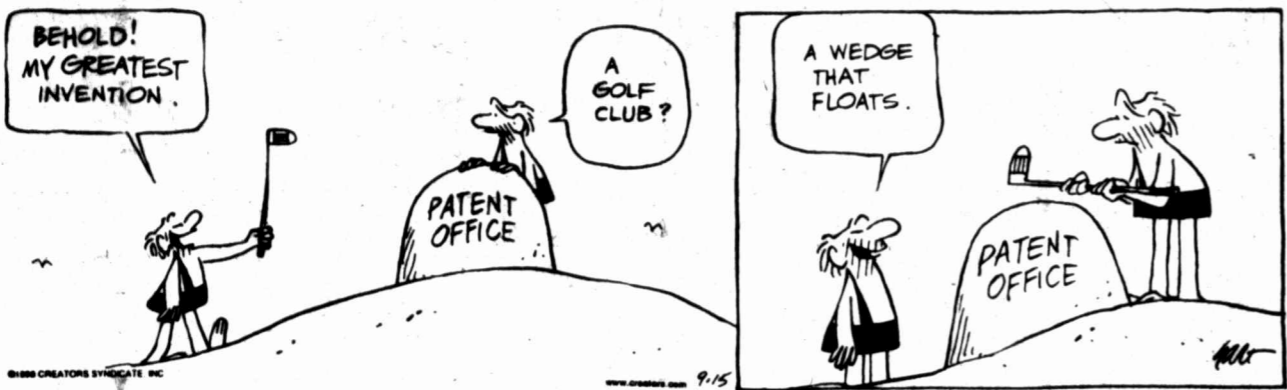
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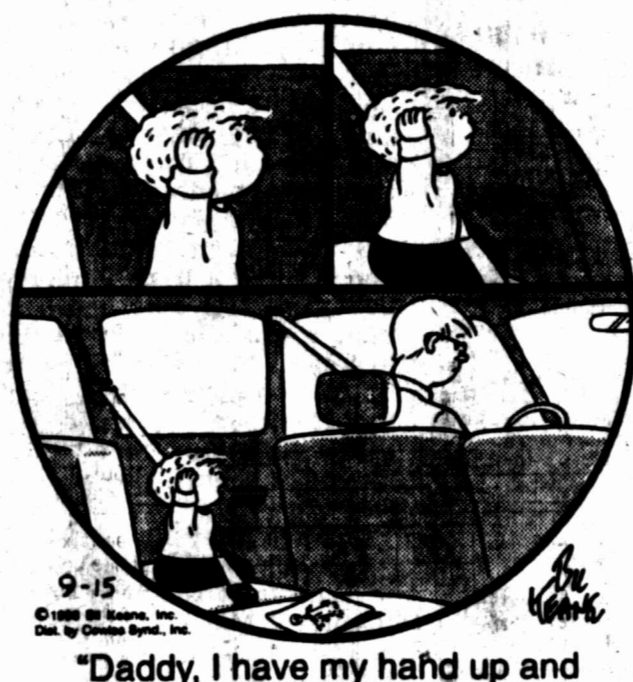
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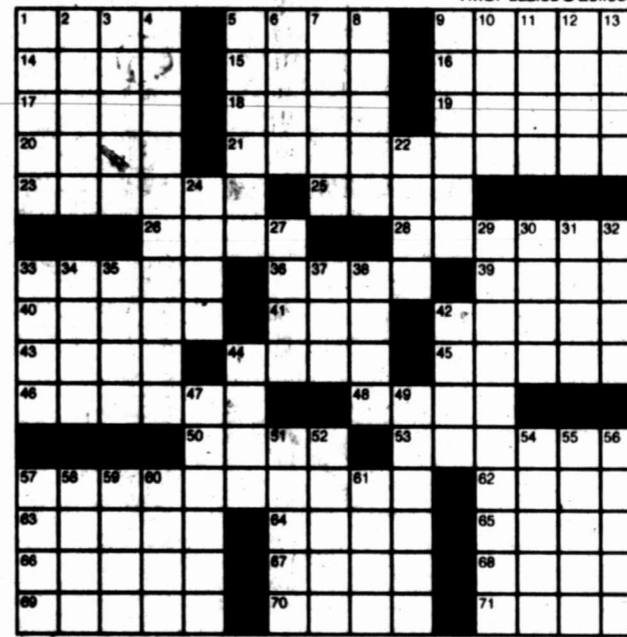
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THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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5 Part of a pipe
9 Upright supports
14 Persian ruler
15 Black-and-white whale
16 Capital of the Nebraska Territory
17 Grow weary
18 Sandwich shop, for short
19 S. Day series
20 Fragrance
21 Rat Pack bird?
23 Input again
25 Adolescent
26 Extended
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33 Adhere
36 Cut and splice film
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40 Chicago's airport
41 Director Howard
42 Man in the field
43 Pebbles' pet
44 Will of 'The Waltons'
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46 Response
48 Fencer's weapon
50 Gossips
53 Sweet-smelling sack
57 Avian actor?
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64 Bring joy
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In 1857, William Howard Taft — who served as U.S. president and as chief justice — was born in Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1917, Russia was proclaimed a republic by Alexander Kerensky, the head of a provisional government. In 1935, the Nuremberg Laws deprived German Jews of their citizenship and made the swastika the official symbol of Nazi Germany. In 1940, during the Battle of Britain in World War II, the tide turned as the Luftwaffe sustained heavy losses inflicted by the Royal Air Force. In 1950, during the Korean conflict, United Nations forces landed at Inchon in the south and began their drive toward Seoul. In 1959, Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev arrived in the U.S. to begin a 13-day visit. In 1982, Iran's former foreign minister, Sadegh Ghotbzadeh, was executed after he was convicted of plotting against the government. Ten years ago: Thousands of coastal residents from Mexico to Louisiana were fleeing to higher ground, a day after Hurricane Gilbert pounded the Yucatan Peninsula. Five years ago: Former 60s radical Katherine Ann Power, who spent 23 years in hiding, surrendered to authorities to face charges stemming from a 1970 bank robbery in which Boston police officer Walter Schroeder Sr. was killed. She received a five-year federal term, to run concurrently with an eight-to-12-year state sentence. One year ago: Two of the nation's most popular diet drugs — dexfenfluramine and fenfluramine — were pulled off the market because of new evidence they could seriously damage patients' hearts. Former Massachusetts Gov. William Weld gave up his battle to be U.S. ambassador to Mexico. The IRA allied Sinn Fein party entered Northern Ireland's peace talks for the first time. Today's Birthdays: Singer-pianist Bobby Short is 74. Comedian Norm Crosby is 71. Actor Henry Darrow is 65. Baseball Hall of Famer Gaylord Perry is 60. Football Hall of Famer Merlin Olsen is 58. Opera singer Jessye Norman is 53. Rock musician Lee Dorman (Iron Butterfly) is 53. Actor Tommy Lee Jones is 52.