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Tonight:



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Business After Hours planned this evening

Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its first Business After Hours get-together of the year from 5 to 7 p.m. today at Merle Norman Cosmetic Studios. There is no charge, and the public is invited. Refreshments will be available and door prizes awarded. Merle Norman is located in the Big Spring Mall.

UBS blood drives Saturday, Tuesday

The United Blood Services third local blood drive is Saturday from 1-5 p.m. at the Big Spring Mall. The final blood drive will be Tuesday, March 23, at Lakeview Head Start from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. UBS needs to collect 300 units of blood each week to serve its 18-hospital area. Howard County is in their service area. To make an appointment call the mall at 267-3853 or Lakeview Head Start at 267-7452.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY
 □ Rackley-Swords Chapter 379 Vietnam Veterans of America, 7 p.m., 124 Jonesboro Road.
 □ American Legion Post 506, 7 p.m. Call 263-2084.
 □ Masonic Lodge NO. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY
 □ AMBUCS (American Business Club), noon, Brandin' Iron Restaurant.
 □ Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

SATURDAY
 □ Eagles Lodge pot luck supper, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.
 □ Dance 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. □ The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 □ The Pötton House, 200 Gregg, from 1-5 p.m. A one-time admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizen is encouraged.
 □ Big Spring Squares call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

MONDAY
 □ Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third.

TUESDAY
 □ Beginning line dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center.

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Glasscock, Coahoma have plenty of candidates for school board

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

School board elections May 1 have 30 candidates seeking 16 positions within seven area school districts. Glasscock ISD has five persons vying for two spots on the school board in the May 1 election while Coahoma ISD has seven running for just two places. As their names appear on the ballot, those who are seeking to serve as school board members

at Glasscock ISD are incumbent Lillie Havlak, a homemaker; Jimmy Bednar, the second incumbent, an oil field pumper and farmer; Jimmy Aggemeyer, a farmer and rancher; Carl Hoelscher, a farmer; and Karla Hoelscher. School districts that have no contested races may waive their scheduled elections. Big Spring Independent School District may elect to not have an election; as incumbents Larry McLellan, board president, and Irene Bustamante, board secretary, are unopposed.

In Forsan, there are three at-large positions up for election. Incumbents Donnie Andrews, a pilot with Partee Drilling Co. Inc.; Domingo Rios, a technician with MicroZone; and Dale Humphreys, Colorado River Municipal Water District, filed for re-election. Also seeking election are Marty Whetsel, oilfield worker, and Robert Stapp Jr., a fireman. The top three vote-getters will be elected. Coahoma has eight candidates seeking one of two trustee positions up for election. Incumbent

Brigg Marlar, a Texaco employee, filed to retain his position on Wednesday. Also seeking to serve on the Coahoma school board are candidates Larry Cordes, a pharmacist, David Higgins, who is self-employed, Cindy Neff, a Mental Health/Mental Retardation worker; Eddy Corse, U.S. Department of Agriculture; Joe Mansfield, with Sid Richardson; John Wayne Metcalf, a city employee; and Ronnie Dodson, who is employed by Saga Petroleum. Grady ISD has one contested

race. Tony Sawyer, incumbent for District 3, has filed for another term. The area farmer will be challenged by oil field worker Johnny Cox. The other Grady ISD board incumbent facing re-election, Brad Tunnell, is unopposed for his District 4 seat. Stanton ISD's District 3 seat is a contested one as Randy Turner, service manager for White Motors, is challenging long-time incumbent Johnny Louder.

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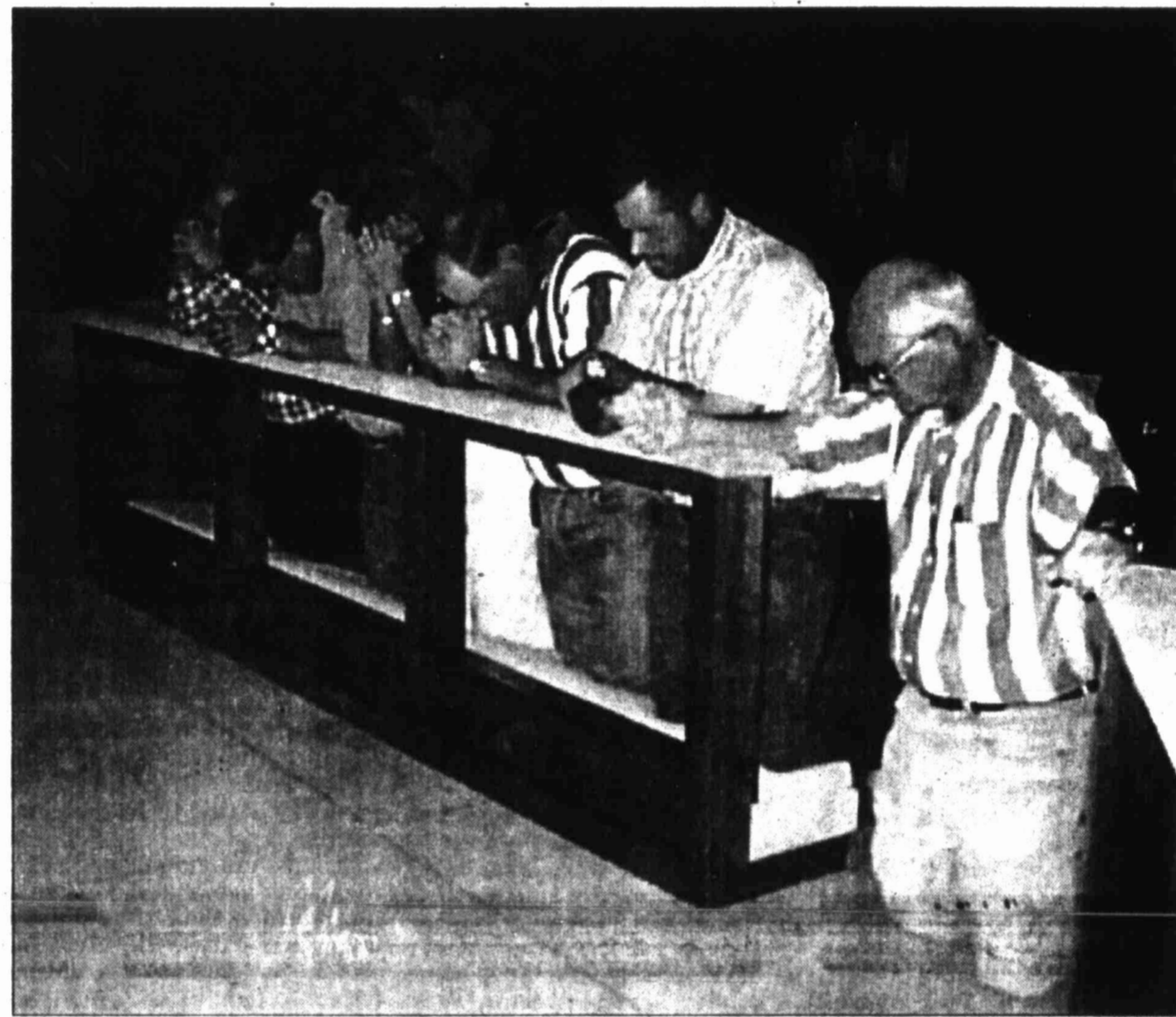
Prayers answered again as rain blesses area

More moisture is forecast for tonight, Friday

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

And the rains finally came. Although not nearly enough to ease the long-term drought that has plagued West Texas, Wednesday night's St. Patrick's Day rains were enough to make the staunchest of Scots lay claim to a bit of Irish luck. The Crossroads Area's rains came as a slow-moving front came up out of Mexico in the El Paso area, moved across Southeast New Mexico, where it delivered up to half-inch hail at Hobbs, and on through West Texas.

Officially, the USDA Big Spring Station recorded .45-inch, bringing the year-to-date total to .76-inch — or .92-inch below the norm of 1.68 inches. More rain, possibly mixed with snow, is forecast for the region tonight, with a 50 percent chance for thunderstorms on Friday. After being removed from the forecast for two days, the possibility of showers returns on Monday. "The storm lightened up quite a bit before it got to us," explained National Weather Service forecaster Robert Boyd. "By the time it got here, all that was left was rain." Locally, the rain began about 9 p.m. as thunder rumbled and flashes of lightning lit up the Crossroads sky as the most general rain came to the area since a Halloween front stalled over the area for about four hours 136 days earlier. "We heard frogs this morn-



On March first, nearly 800 people gathered at First Baptist Church to pray for rain. Scattered rainfall has blessed the county since that time, including rains Wednesday evening, averaging about a half-inch. More rain is forecast for tonight and Friday.

ing," said Vincent resident Patricia Barr, who reported her husband, David, had said "there was about an inch of rain." "We had turned our rain gauge upside down," she joked. Rainfall reports ranged from two-tenths of an inch in the Knott area to more than an inch in the Coahoma area. Stanton resident Gracie

Hanson reported eight-tenths of an inch in her rain gauge. "It was just nice and slow," she said. "We got a good soak out of it... it was just like the kind of rain we needed." On Wesson Road, south of Big Spring, Boyce Hale reported .42-inches, and the rain continued to the south as well. St. Lawrence resident Barbara Fuchs reported six-

tenths of an inch at their farm, located 23 miles south of Garden City, while the Glasscock County Extension Office reported a half-inch of rain in Garden City. At the Co-Op Gin in Ackerly, about eight-tenths of an inch was dumped from the rain gauge this morning while the

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Chamber board places focus on Big Spring Day in Austin

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Big Spring Day in Austin, clean-up of the Roy Anderson ball complex and upcoming events were the focus of Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce board mem-



STEEL

bers, who met Wednesday. Richard Steel, vice president for Governmental Affairs, encouraged everyone to sign up for Big Spring in Austin Day, April 19. "We think the day will be worth it in Big Spring's future," Steel said. "It's going to be a success. Everyone is excited about it. It's going to be a great thing for Big Spring." Those who attend will meet with their elected representative, have a tour of the Capitol and sponsor an afternoon break

session for legislators and staff. The Big Spring 5th grade signal students and Howard College perform a special presentation of "If I Had A Hammer." A charter bus will be available for those who want to go early that morning and come back the same evening. Reservations for the bus are \$50 apiece and include a shirt, breakfast and lunch. Dinner will be dutch-treat. Steel said 50 people have signed up so far. Those who plan to go are encouraged to

notify the chamber by April 1 so that shirts can be ordered. The blue denim, long-sleeved shirts cost \$15 each and will have a Big Spring logo on them. "We think the fact that we'll all be wearing the same shirts will have a huge impact on the legislators," said Steel. Among the other items the board discussed was clean-up at the Roy Anderson ball complex. The fields and bleachers have fallen into disrepair of the years, but the chamber, city and Wilderness Camp inmates are

working to refurbish the facility. Mel Prather, vice president for Tourism, told the board that painting at the complex is about a third completed. The city has repaired the fence and provided the materials. Bleachers are being repaired and lighting is going up at the field. Western Container Corporation recently donated several picnic-type tables for use at the facility, Prather said. See CHAMBER, Page 2A

Two Bealls stores will kick off three-day grand opening Friday

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Bealls For Her and Bealls For Men and Kids sparked off the lead-in to Friday's grand opening with special sales this morning. Customers who arrived early were treated to a continental breakfast. "We're ready to go," said manager Sam Gutierrez. "We've finished with the remodeling. Both stores are completely done. We've actually already been greeting customers, but these next few days are our big ones."



GUTIERREZ

Grand opening for the stores, which are located at opposite ends of Big Spring Mall, will be Friday. The entire stock at

both stores will be 20 percent off. Customers who use their Bealls card will receive an additional 10 percent off, said Gutierrez.

The grand opening — and the sales — will continue through Sunday. Tonight and Friday, the stores will stay open until 10 p.m. Saturday's hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and the stores will also be open from noon until 6 p.m. Sunday. "We're giving away a \$500 shopping spree for those who register, one for men and one for women," said Gutierrez. Stage Stores, Inc., parent company of Stage and Bealls, had announced last year its intent to close the Stage store and convert it and the existing Bealls into two larger more specialized stores — one for women and the other for men and children. "Bealls For Her will carry such favorite makers as Liz Claiborne, Calvin Klein,



Shopper Elizabeth Gent, left, is served by Bealls for Her employees Erica Hector and Kellee Green. The new store, and its companion, Bealls for Men and Children, will celebrate a grand opening Friday with special sales.

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City races

Incumbents get last-minute foes in Big Spring and Coahoma

HERALD Staff Report

Two Western Container Corporation employees filed for Big Spring City Council seats Wednesday, giving incumbents a challenge in the May 1 election.

Coahoma also got more candidates, but it appears Forsan may be able to waive an election as incumbents were the only ones to file. Henry Villa, a warehouse manager with Western Container, filed for the District 1 seat on Big Spring City Council. He will challenge incumbent Stephanie Horton, who is seeking another term. Filing Wednesday for the District 3 seat on the council was Gary L. Bishop, production manager at Western Container. He'll be challenging Chuck Cawthon, current mayor pro-tem.

District 1 encompasses county election precincts 1011, 1021, 1061 and 3011 within the city limits. District 3 encompasses county election precinct 1073 and 3033 within the city. Coahoma had three individuals to file on Wednesday, two for city council and one for mayor. Filing for the mayor's post

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OBITUARIES

Beryl Marlene Richardson

Beryl Marlene Richardson, 78, of Big Spring, died on Wednesday, March 17, 1999, in a Midland hospital. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Friday, March 19, 1999, at Trinity Memorial Park with Mike Dennis, minister at Anderson Street Church of Christ, officiating.

She was born Sept. 19, 1920, in Eastland County. She came to Howard County as a child with her family and lived here most of her life. She was a member of the Anderson Street Church of Christ and was a homemaker.

Survivors include three daughters, Sylvia Hale of Tarzan, Delores Grover of Las Vegas, Nev., and Wanda Nelson of Waco, one son, Dennis Richardson of Big Spring, one brother Carl Quinn of Clovis, N.M., one sister, Gladys Wood of Lamesa, nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Gary Richardson, in 1986. Pallbearers will be grandsons, Bryan Hale, Brad Richardson, Craig Richardson, Martin Williams and Dennis Richardson.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society c/o Lucy Bonner, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Thurman Young

Funeral service for Thurman Lester Young, 72, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. He died Thursday, March 18, 1999, at his residence.

Martha Jane Easterday

Graveside service for Martha Jane Easterday, 53, of Austin, formerly of Coahoma, will be 5 p.m. Friday, March 19, 1999, at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Eddie Tubbs, pastor of First Baptist Church officiating. She died Tuesday, March 16, 1999, in Austin.

She was born May 9, 1945, in Fort Worth and married Jim Easterday in September 1984 in Big Spring. She grew up in Coahoma and graduated from Coahoma High School. Mrs. Easterday had lived in Austin for the last nine years and was a homemaker. She was a

Baptist.

Survivors include her husband, Jim Easterday of Austin, two daughters, Sheila Cunningham of Studio City, Calif., and Debbie Cunningham of San Marcos; her mother, Dorothy Bales of Coahoma; two brothers, Douglas Bales of Irving and Jerry Don Bales of Sand Springs; two stepchildren, Kevin Easterday and Karrie Ann Easterday of Casanovia, Mich., and one granddaughter. The family will receive friends from 7-8 p.m. tonight at the funeral home. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Unattended death ruled natural causes

Big Spring police responded to a call and discovered an unattended death in the 1200 block of East 18th earlier this morning.

Thurman Lester Young, 72, was pronounced dead at 2:15 a.m. by Justice of the Peace Quail Dobbs.

Natural causes was the ruling by Dobbs, and the next of kin have been notified.

BEALLS

Guests Monday, Sag Harbor, Vanity Fair, Hanes, Nike, Adidas, as well as cosmetics, fragrances and shoes. "At Bealls For Men & Kids, look for names like Bugle Boy, OP, Levi's, Reebok, Dockers, Van Heusen and Carters, plus fragrances and shoes," said Joanne Swartz, spokesperson for Bealls Stores, Inc.

CHAMBER

Prather said those items will cost approximately \$8,600. He said it is hoped that fund-raisers and donations will provide enough for a \$1,600 sound system as well.

Special events are planned for a "grand reopening" of the facility on April 3. He said 32 teams have entered a tournament and entry fees from that will total \$3,200.

The complex fund-raiser, to be held April 3-4, will include an Easter egg hunt, entertainment and concessions. More events will be announced soon, he said.

Among the other upcoming events mentioned are the Ag Expo and appreciation luncheon on March 25, the Rattlesnake Roundup March 26-28, a board meeting with U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm on April 8 and Up With People on April 9.

U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm will meet with the chamber board on April 8. As the meeting began, Chamber president Chuck Williams presented a plaque of appreciation to Polly St. Clair for her service to the community. The plaque was to have been presented at the annual chamber banquet, but Mrs. St. Clair was unable to attend.

Williams also stressed to board members that getting people involved in the chamber is important. "I think this is going to be our challenge for the year," Williams said. "People say 'what is the chamber doing for me?' well, you get them involved and they will know what the chamber is doing for them."

RAIN

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Knott Station said they received reports in the area ranging from two-tenths of an inch up to half-an-inch of rainfall. The most rain was reported in

the Grady-Lenora area, as Grady School employee Pat Taylor reported 1.2 inches of rain about a mile east of the school.

To the north, sports indicated Borden County received from two-to-six-tenths of an inch of rain.

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Louder is a farmer who has served on the board since 1986.

Todd Smith, a lineman for WestTex Telephone Co-op, has filed for another term in District 4. On the board since 1991, Smith is unopposed. The other seat up for election on the Stanton ISD board this year is District 7, an at-large seat to complete an unexpired term, Rocky Barnes, service manager for Wheeler Motor, filed for that spot, currently held by Randy Moore.

Also seeking that at-large position on the school board are Ron Graves, who works for the city of Midland, and Dr. Pablo Teveni, a physician.

At Sands, there are two at-large seats to be decided at the polls. Incumbents Billy Reed and Martin Nichols have filed for a second term.

Early voting in the May 1 elections will be April 14-27.

CITY

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was retired fire chief Randy Overton. He'll be challenging the current mayor, Bill Read, as well as Richard Hicks. Read is seeing his fourth term.

Four people have filed for two at-large seats on the Coahoma City Council. Boy Scout executive Warren Wallace, filed Wednesday for another term. Also filing was Ann Reid, an employee with the Big Spring Police Department.

Filing earlier were the other incumbent, Bruce Allen, a Fire employee, and firefighter/paramedic Craig Ferguson. The top two vote-getters in the May election will take office.

Incumbents were the only ones to file for city alderman at Forsan. They are Clarence Williams, a truck driver; Mary Grubbs, a custodian at Forsan ISD; and Fred Holguin, an employee at Apache Drilling.

Early voting in all three elections is April 14-27, with election days — for the entities that will have them — set for May 1.

O.J. Simpson will do ads for lawyers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — O.J. Simpson said he agreed to do television ads for a lawyer's group because he feels many people accused of crimes don't have decent lawyers.

"The main thing I have learned is you can't walk into a courtroom without competent legal representation," Simpson said in a telephone interview Wednesday with The Associated Press.

But some feel a referral from Simpson will carry dubious weight.

"The message is not bad, but people may have problems with the messenger," said Laurie Levenson, dean of Loyola University Law School.

Simpson said the idea of doing commercials for Justice Media, a lawyer referral service, came from a friend he would not identify. He said the money he was paid "just covered my expenses."

Justice Media plans to sell the commercials to law firms across the country. Stephen Jackson, a lawyer for the referral service, told USA Today that the ad campaign will be aimed at the minority community and that they believe Simpson will be an attractive spokesman.

Simpson, the football Hall of Famer and former Hertz spokesman, said he was grateful he had the money to hire the best lawyers in the business for his 1994 criminal trial.

Asked if he has any new evidence that might help convince the public of his innocence, he said, "I'm working on it."

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

BRIEFS

THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF Health, 501 Birdwell, Suite 28-B, will have a Saturday Shot Clinic on March 20 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 4 p.m. Please bring your child's shot record or a note from school. Call 263-9775 for more information.

THE TEXAS AGRICULTURE EXTENSION Service will sponsor the Texas Community Futures Forum - Open Forum on March 23. This Forum will gather Howard County residents together to identify, discuss and define our community's current and future needs. What issues would you like to see addressed - what do you think your family and your community faces as we move into the year 2000. If you would like to be a part of the Texas Community Futures Forum, contact the Howard County Extension Office at 264-2236.

THE BIG SPRING EVENING Lions Club will have free eyeglasses for all adults Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club bingo building, 1607 East Third.

All adults needing eyeglasses who don't have the income to purchase the exam or glasses are welcome. The recycled eyeglasses are taken from donations from the community as a service project of the Lions.

The Lions group will offer the eyeglasses the third Saturday of March and April. For more information call Janis Dean at 267-3068.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR the "Don't Mess With Texas" Trash Off, scheduled for Saturday, April 10 in the community.

Groups, individuals and organizations are asked to give a few hours of their time to help with this city-wide cleanup effort. Call 263-4607 to volunteer.

A FREE TRIP TO San Antonio is being offered to a volunteer for the Howard College Dental Hygiene Department. Students are seeking a volunteer who has not had a professional tooth cleaning in at least five years to accompany them on the overnight trip, all expenses paid.

The volunteer's teeth will be cleaned as part of the students' examination for certification. Call Laurie at 264-7446 for more information.

ANNUAL AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION charity golf tournament, Big Spring Municipal Golf Course April 17. Sign up at the Municipal Golf course for four-person scramble, must have A,B,C,D player (open to all), \$200 per team (includes cart and green fee).

All proceeds of this event go to the Howard County Chapter of the American Heart Association to help in the fight against heart disease.

SUPPORT GROUPS

THURSDAY •Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting. •A.D.D.A.P.T. non-profit support and learning organization about attention deficit disorder, learning disorders and dyslexia. Meets second Thursday of September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May, Cerebral Palsy building, 802 Ventura, Midland.

•Alzheimer's support group, noon, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, third Thursday of the month. Call Janice Wagner at 263-1211.

•Grief Support related to the death of a loved one. Call Nurses Unlimited, Inc., at 264-6523.

•Alzheimer's Association Support Group, last Thursday of the month, Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway, 7 p.m. Call Viola Barraza at

TEXAS LOTTERY

Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission.

267-9459. •Narcotic Anonymous, 8 p.m. St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager no.) •Al-Anon support group, 8 p.m., 615 Settles. FRIDAY •Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers. •Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study. •Al-Anon support group, noon, 615 Settles.

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

MARKETS

May cotton 60.90 cents, down 52 points. April crude 15.47, up 42 points; cash hogs steady at 24 cents even; cash steers steady at 65 even; April lean hog futures 41.62, up 65 points; April live cattle futures 67.17, up 30 points. courtesey: Delta Corporation.

Table with market data including Index 9887.73, Volume 261,115,330, ATT, Asarco Inc, Atmos Energy, BP Amoco, Chevron, Cifra, Coca Cola, Compaq Computer, Cornell Correc, Dell, DuPont, Exxon, Halliburton, IBM, Intel Corp, Mobil, NUV, Palex Inc., Pepsi Cola, Profina, Phillips Petroleum, SBC Com., Sears, Texaco, Texas Instruments, Texas Utils. Co, Unocal Corp, Wal-Mart, Amcap, Europacific, Prime Rate, Gold, Silver.

RECORDS

Wednesday's high 73, Wednesday's low 50, Average high 72, Average low 40, Record high 92 in 1982, Record low 16 in 1923, Precip. Wednesday 0.45, Month to date 0.48, Month's normal 0.35, Year to date 0.73, Normal for the year 1.60

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports: WEDNESDAY 9:25 a.m. — 1200 block Settles, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. 10:29 a.m. — 2600 block Allendale, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

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8:33 p.m. — 1600 block Lancaster, medical call, patient transported to SMMC. 4:32 p.m. — 1400 block Lincoln, medical call, patient transported to SMMC. 4:51 p.m. — Washington Place, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC. 9:25 p.m. — 600 block McNew, medical call, patient transported to SMMC. 9:25 p.m. — 1500 block Mount Vernon, medical call, service refused.

POLICE

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

- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 3000 block of west Hwy 80, 200 block of East 10th and 900 block of Birdwell.
- DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 2400 block of Alabama and 1100 block of Nolan.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 200 block of west Marcy.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 900 block of Rannels and 1200 block of Mulberry.
- ROBERT EVANS, 17, was arrested for no driver's license.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1000 block of East 12th. A wallet, miscellaneous cash and a cellular telephone, all valued at \$230, was reported stolen.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 2000 block of east Marcy.
- JIMMY WHITE, 17, was arrested for local warrants.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING was issued in the 1700 block of Lancaster.
- JOHN FIERRO, 21, was arrested for trespass.
- MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported at the intersection of Washington and Lexington.
- ANTHONY LEWIS, 27, was arrested for county warrants.
- JUVENILE PROBLEMS were reported at the intersections of Warren and Wesson, and 10th and Main.
- THEFT was reported in the 200 block of east 13th and 2300 block of Wesson.
- JIMMY HAWKINS, 44, was arrested for class C assault.
- UNATTENDED DEATH was reported in the 1200 block of East 18th.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. today: • JANIE GLORIA PEREZ, 25, was arrested for driving while intoxicated and open container. • VALATINE TORRES was arrested for motion to revoke probation of burglary of a habitation. • DAVID JONATHAN ALLEN was arrested for public intoxication. • DAVID BOUDEREAU was arrested for public intoxication. • RONNIE LEE HAMMOND was arrested for public intoxication. • MARK LAUFFER was arrested for public intoxication.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL 24th & Johnson 267-8288

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory 906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331

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WEDNESDAY's high 73, low 50, average high 72, average low 40, record high 92 in 1982, record low 16 in 1923, precip. Wednesday 0.45, month to date 0.48, month's normal 0.35, year to date 0.73, normal for the year 1.60

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Electric deregulation bill passes Senate, headed to House

AUSTIN (AP) — A plan to deregulate the state's electric business is headed to a House committee after getting overwhelming approval in the Texas Senate.

"This issue of electric utility restructuring is technical, complex and far-reaching," said Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco, the bill's sponsor.

"But the heart of the bill has a human face. It allows Texans a choice in how they buy electricity. It gives them — not the utility companies — the flexibility

to make a decision that affects their daily lives."

Sibley's bill to deregulate the electric market passed by voice vote Wednesday with at least three lawmakers registering their opposition.

"If I had voted for SB7, I could not tell my constituents that it would lower costs," said Sen. Carlos Truan, D-Corpus Christi.

"I am not convinced that this bill will help families, residential electric rates and small businesses," Truan said. "There is no compelling reason to pass

this bill."

Under the legislation, the rates of such investor-owned utilities as Dallas-based TU Electric would be frozen at their current prices until 2002. The rates would then be lowered by an additional 5 percent for five more years.

At that point electric customers would be able to shop for a new utility company that could offer lower prices or better technology.

The incumbent utility would not be able to deviate from their

reduced rate during the five year period unless they could prove that they lost 40 percent of their customers to competitors.

The utilities have complained that the system, which is meant to control their ability to manipulate the prices, is unfair to them.

"We are pleased that the Senate by such an overwhelming majority recognize the need for industry restructuring, however, we still have concerns about specifics aspects of the

bill and we will be working with members of the House on those issues," said Christopher Schein, spokesman for TU Electric.

The bill has been opposed by some consumer groups.

"We will be working hard to defeat or improve this bill in the House," said Tom Smith, state director of Public Citizen.

Smith said there are some good parts of the bill.

"It has good consumer protections and it takes a first step to developing

resources, energy efficiency and cleaning up the pollution from the power plants," he said.

The bill is expected to be taken up by the House State Affairs Committee where Rep. Steve Wolens, committee chair, will co-sponsor Sibley's legislation.

"I'm sure there will be a lot of changes," said Sibley.

"Now there are some things that I am very committed to that are in this bill and so I hope they won't play with the essentials of the bill."

Census heads to full House under veto threat

WASHINGTON (AP) — Local officials would get to review and challenge census figures under a Republican bill headed to the full House under threat of a presidential veto.

Republicans argue that the bill and six other census measures that were approved by the House Government Reform Committee on Wednesday would help to reduce the inaccuracies that plagued the 1990 census.

That count, which missed 3.1 million people and counted 1.4 million people twice, was the first to be less accurate than the one before it.

But Democrats insisted that the proposals will not cause

delays.

Commerce Secretary William Daley, whose department oversees the count, also said this week that three of the bills actually "would reduce the accuracy and seriously disrupt the schedule of Census 2000."

"If this legislation were presented to the president, I would recommend that he veto it," Daley wrote in a letter Tuesday to Rep. Henry Waxman of California, the committee's senior Democrat.

The bill, which advanced on a 23-21 vote, would let local officials review and challenge the census figures before they are finalized.

A similar program was

dropped after the 1990 count and the Census Bureau says the current plan already relies on input from local officials before the census begins on April 1, 2000.

"A few thousand people might not make a difference in Washington but they make a huge difference in smaller local communities," said Rep. Dan Miller, R-Fla., the bill's sponsor and chairman of the committee's census panel.

Census officials had planned to use a scientific method known as "statistical sampling" to improve next year's count but Republicans objected.

The census figure is calculated every 10 years and is used to

redistribute the 435 seats in the House and dole out federal aid.

Republicans insisted on the "enumeration" outlined in the Constitution and have suggested that a number produced by sampling could be manipulated to shift House seats and federal aid to Democratic-leaning areas.

Democrats argue that sampling would produce a more accurate count.

Republicans went to court and the Supreme Court ruled in January that sampling is unconstitutional for the purpose of redistributing House seats. But the high court said the law requires it for other purposes, such as giving out financial aid.

Government raises cost estimate for Y2K problems

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government raised its estimate Wednesday by \$400 million to \$6.8 billion for fixing the Year 2000 computer problem among federal agencies, and said costs are expected to rise again.

And with only weeks before its self-imposed deadline of March 31 to have all its most important 6,399 computer systems fixed, it said only four out of five of those systems have been repaired, replaced or never were vulnerable.

In a 57-page report from the Office of Management and Budget made available Wednesday on the Internet, the government said it would spend \$6.8 billion to fix the

inadequate progress — the Transportation Department, Health and Human Services and the Agency for International Development.

Work at the Agency for International Development, one of the worst agencies for repairs, slowed after a computer failed testing that officials believed had already been fixed.

The government predicted that five of the agency's seven most important computers won't be fixed by the March 31 deadline.

The report said the \$400 million increase to fix all systems government-wide was anticipated, and blamed the rise in agencies finding that some computer

systems need to be reworked after initial repairs.

"To the extent that agencies encounter additional difficulties through testing... costs are likely to rise," the report said.

Many computers originally programmed to recognize only the last two digits of a year will not work properly beginning Jan. 1, 2000, when machines will assume it is 1900.

Some computers can be reprogrammed, but many devices have embedded microchips that must be physically replaced, experts said.

The latest report said agencies are facing few problems because of these embedded chips, which aren't typically

used for systems operating federal programs.

"This area does not appear to be of great concern," it said.

The government also said it doesn't expect to experience problems in its federal buildings, some of which feature computer-controlled elevators and heating and security systems.

GOP budget plan includes \$6 billion more to overhaul farm crop insurance

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican lawmakers have included \$6 billion in their budget resolutions to overhaul a crop insurance program for farmers.

Budget committees in both the House and Senate began voting on the resolutions Wednesday. The \$6 billion would amount to an additional \$1.5 billion going towards the crop insurance program each year. The program currently costs about \$1.6 billion a year.

"This is nothing less than a triumph for America's farmers

and ranchers," said House Agriculture Committee Chairman Larry Combest, R-Texas. "The \$6 billion contained in the budget resolution guarantees us the fiscal means to strengthen the financial safety net for farmers. I'm confident we'll now have the tools to improve the risk management system."

The budget resolutions are essentially a blueprint for things GOP leaders would like to accomplish. But they face hurdles as they go through the legislative process.

President Clinton did not include crop insurance in his budget proposal but has expressed a commitment to making reforms. Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman has unveiled a plan that would cost between \$2 billion and \$2.5 billion more per year than current spending.

The commitment to overhaul crop insurance comes as farmers face another year of low prices in a sagging agricultural economy. Last year, Congress approved \$6 billion in disaster insurance to help farmers.

Cocaine haul worth more than \$10 million

LAREDO (AP) — Almost 500 pounds of cocaine worth more than \$11 million and several hundred pounds of marijuana have been seized by U.S. Customs Service agents who say two suspects had enough drugs to supply every man, woman and child in this border city with one sugar-packet sized bag of cocaine and one joint.

Mario Rodriguez and Ramon Ornelas were arrested Tuesday night with 495 pounds of marijuana and 475 pounds of cocaine, according to customs officials.

Both remained jailed without bond at the Webb County jail today, pending a detention hearing set for next week.

Customs agents said they watched Ornelas, 29, load the drugs into Rodriguez's home

behind a grocery store on Interstate 35, according to a report filed in U.S. Magistrate Judge Marcel Notzon's office.

Agents said Rodriguez, 41, who drove past the residence a short time later, allegedly told them that he had been paid to store the drugs.

"There was also some drug trade paraphernalia there," Customs agent Doug Krockenberger said, "scales, plastic and what have you."

He said the drugs were allegedly picked up at the Rio Grande.

The Drug Enforcement Agency estimated that if the cocaine was broken up into 224,000 gram-sized bags — each valued at \$50 on the street — the load would be worth \$11.5 million in Houston or Dallas,

according to Drug Enforcement Agency officials.

The marijuana was worth about \$400,000 and would fill approximately 200,000 joints, according to the DEA.

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OUR VIEWS

Growth in sales tax receipts show positive attitude

Amid reports of doom and gloom, there's a ray of sunshine that seems to be centered on Big Spring, in that our community was one of only five in the entire West Texas region to show an increase in sales tax rebates for March 1999 compared to a year ago.

While Midland's rebate — and associated sales — plummeted 11.43 percent, Big Spring's was up 4.95 percent — the second straight month for an increase, bringing us virtually even for the year compared to 1998.

The sales tax rebates listed for March are based on sales ending January 31, so there's still a test ahead for us when the February numbers come in, but one thing is certain — people in and around Big Spring are coming here to shop and spend their money.

With Colorado City, Lamesa, Snyder and Stanton's numbers down — it's clear those folks are spending their money elsewhere.

We think, because of ongoing and increased efforts to attract people to our community, that's they're spending that money here.

We believe that will continue, and because of the efforts of such groups as the Convention and Visitors Bureau and Hangar 25 Association, we feel our rebates will continue to offer a positive reflection as efforts to made to grow our economy.

When you consider that nearly 20,000 people were in Big Spring in February for high school basketball playoffs, that several thousand attended the Gem and Mineral Show and will attend the Rattlesnake Roundup next weekend and that as many as 20,000 will attend the Spring City Arts and Crafts Show — the opportunity is there for people to spend money in our community.

We believe in our community and her future — because of her people and their positive attitude — and the growth in sales tax receipts reflect that positive attitude.

OTHER VIEWS

If there was any doubt that the gloves are now definitely off regarding the putative presidential candidacy of George W. Bush, it came to an end in the generous boxing about the ears he received for his statements on abortion last week. The criticisms underline the fact that Bush's toughest critics will not be just his primary opponents, who will try to dislodge his apparent front-runner status, but the Christian far-right.

Bush's overwhelming gubernatorial victory in November confirmed his ability to forge consensus across the broad middle, drawing support from moderate Democrats, inner-city dwellers, Hispanics and blacks. It's a long way to November 2000, but Bush's chances now would have to be regarded as good, if not gold-plated. But it's not the opposing Democrats who are his biggest worry; it's his friends, a Republican party too much in the grip of zealots and extremists.

CORPUS CHRISTI
CALLER TIMES

You, too, can be rich. Here's how: Rip off lonely, elderly people. They don't get much personal mail from people who

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It's a scummy way to make a living but it works.

Recently, the U.S. Senate held a hearing on legislation cracking down on the direct-mail sweepstakes business.

The legislation would outlaw misleading statements and require that the fine print be displayed more prominently. But there's a better way to shut these predators down: Never, ever, send them money. Don't buy magazine subscriptions you don't need from junk mail you didn't request. Above all, if some has-been TV star you've never met sends you a personal note congratulating you on your new status as multimillionaire, don't be a sucker. Dick Clark and Ed McMahon aren't trying to make you rich.

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A host of lawyers are feeding on the ADA

President George Bush signed the Americans With Disabilities Act on July 26, 1990. That was a Thursday. In all probability the first ADA lawsuit was filed the following Monday. The ensuing tidal wave of litigation finally is crashing upon the sands of the Supreme Court.



JAMES J. KILPATRICK

Next month the high court will hear argument in four cases arising under the disabilities act. On April 21, the justices will take up the needs of mental patients in Georgia. On April 27, a mechanic with high blood pressure will have his day in court. On April 28, counsel will argue two cases involving disabling eyesight.

When the dust settles, we should have the Supreme Court's guidance on two disputed elements of the 1990 law. That will leave only 498 to go. A host of lawyers will hang out their shingles, feed on the ADA in the courtrooms of America, and pass the final bar before the ocean of disability litigation dries up.

Tommy Olinstead, commissioner of human resources in Georgia, is appealing an opinion of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit. He became the defendant in a suit brought by two patients at the Georgia Regional Hospital in Atlanta. Known at law only as L.C. and E.W., they represent a large class of mental patients who need treatment, but not necessarily treatment in a mental institution. Their charge is that by failing to provide them with outpatient treatment, Georgia has discriminated against them.

The suit raises old questions of federalism. Care for the mentally ill has been a state function since our republic began. At one time every state had its institutions of treatment and confinement. These were known as lunatic asylums or even more cruelly as "loony bins." Some of them must have been competently run, but many others were dreadful.

Not many remain. A brief filed by state and local officials notes that in 1970, roughly 368,000 persons were in public institutions for the mentally ill. That figure has dropped to less than 73,000.

The states closed 37 mental hospitals in the 1990s. The trend is toward treatment through community health services, but community placement is hardly cost-efficient

and the states' resources are finite.

The 11th Circuit held in the Georgia case that the Americans With Disabilities Act imposes a duty upon the state "to provide treatment in a community setting — the most integrated setting appropriate to that patient's needs." It is puzzling. How did the specific treatment of state mental patients get to be the business of Congress? Is this truly what the act requires?

On April 27, the high court will hear from Vaughn Murphy, an automobile mechanic in Topeka. Under federal regulations, persons who drive commercial vehicles must maintain blood pressure less than or equal to 160/90. A testing clinic erroneously issued Murphy a health card, and United Parcel Service hired him. On a retest, Murphy was clocked at 164/104 and UPS dropped him.

With the help of medication, Murphy can maintain his blood pressure within the federal requirements. His own physician testified that Murphy "functions normally doing everyday activity that an everyday person does." The disabilities act applies only to persons suffering an impairment that "substantially limits a major life activity."

Given that definition, is Murphy "disabled"? The 10th Circuit said no. Impairment

should be considered in its medicated state, said the court, rather than an unmedicated state. As long as Murphy stays on his blood pressure medicine, he is not limited in a major life activity. The court granted summary judgment to UPS.

Substantially the same question of disabilities law is presented in the case of Karen Sutton and Kimberly Hinton. They are twin sisters who currently serve as commercial pilots for commuter airlines, but their ambition is to fly for a major global carrier. They applied to United Air Lines but were turned down.

United requires its pilots to have uncorrected vision of 20/100 or better in both eyes. The sisters tested 20/200 or worse in the right eye and 20/400 or worse in the left eye. With glasses or contact lenses, they are fine. Are they "disabled"?

The federal district court said no, and the 10th Circuit affirmed. The pilots are not substantially impaired in a major life activity.

The fourth case to be argued in April, Albertsons Inc. v. Kirkingburg, also involves disability by reason of impaired vision, but the legal questions are different and more complex. All in all, the high court has a full plate. We will know more by the end of term in June.



Don't doesn't exist anymore

Don't ain't. Seems I missed Don't, Miss., by about 90 years. The splendor that once was Don't — a post office, the Benjamin Duckworth store — is no longer on any map.

Don't doesn't exist, except in the pages of local history books and in a few good memories.

"Now I do know where Hot Coffee is," Doris Campbell offered when I first asked her how to find Don't. Doris works in the Covington County circuit clerk's office in Collins and is a helpful public servant; Hot Coffee is just up the road.

Doris asked the very next person who happened to call with courthouse business about Don't. (Young urban professionals just think they invented networking; small-town people have done it forever, and best.)

The caller didn't know how to find Don't either. "Don't? I never heard of that one," said the rattled woman who came in to replace her lost driver's license. "I think I'd

like to move there, though."

It didn't take long to poll courthouse denizens on a Monday morning. A few had heard of Don't, and some even knew that the late movie star Dana Andrews was born there. Andrews was in "Laura," "The Best Years of Our Lives," "The Ox-Bow Incident" and dozens of other movies you've seen or heard of.

He came home to Covington County in 1979 for a day in his honor.

But, like Don't, Dana Andrews the actor is ancient history to most. His career peaked in the 1940s, after all.

The courthouse 911 office had a detailed map of the county, and it showed a Don't Road running through the heart of the old community. Then someone told me about Nelda Mitchell, a local historian who lives on a you-pick-it vegetable farm in greater Don't.

Vandals had plucked the Don't Road signs from their posts — again — but thankfully Nelda was home and receiving. She had a roaring fire in her cozy living room and a personality just as warm. Besides being an amateur historian, she is a wood carver, painter and collector. After five minutes I felt I'd known her forever.

Don't got its name quite by accident, she said.

The post office bureaucracy sent merchant Benjamin Duckworth a form that asked for the name of the postal com-

munity. He put "Don't," as in "We don't have a name for this post office," presumably thinking authorities would assign it one. Don't bet on it.

The Don't post office was closed in 1901 or 1907, depending on which history you accept, replaced by a rural route carrier. By 1935, only about 25 people lived in Don't. On Don't Road now there is one house, but Nelda said Don't was a little larger than the mile-long road would indicate.

She told me exactly how to find the former post office site. It is now overgrown pasture, a couple of trees and an open gate. You can't miss Don't. Nearby is the Leaf River Baptist Church and cemetery, where, I couldn't help noticing in a moment of irreverence, many of the departed are named "Speed" and "Quick."

(Dana Andrews' mother was a Speed. Annis Speed. Nelda had a photograph of her with other school children when she was 5. His father was a teacher and minister, the Rev. Charles Andrews, from another county.)

I had Don't figured wrong. I thought some booster had decided that Don't, Miss., was a catchy way to lure visitors. It was, instead, an error that gave birth.

A stout March breeze was blowing. But the redbud and rye already were in full color. I was glad not to have missed this glorious day in old Don't.

RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON

Mallard Fillmore by BRUCE TINSLEY

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Because they care

Big Spring High School parents provide safe, fun after-prom entertainment

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Parents of local high schoolers are getting ready to show how much they care about their kids' safety.

Parents Who Care is the name of the after-prom party planning committee. They will organize and run a "casino-style" party that will last until the wee hours after the Big Spring High School prom April 17.

"The parents enjoy it almost as much as the kids," said Kelly McBee of the group. "They like to do it for the kids, and this does give them something to do after the prom that

doesn't involve going to a party somewhere."

The goal, she said, is to prevent drinking after the prom. Instead, students are kept busy with casino games like black jack and Wheel of Fortune. After collecting their winnings, they have the chance to bid on big prizes like televisions, telephones, beepers and dorm-sized refrigerators.

"We've already got about \$3,000 raised," explained McBee. "That's really good, because we were a little worried about being able to raise the money we needed."

With that money, donated funds and other income, the group will buy the big prizes.

PARENTS WHO CARE

Goal: To provide safe, fun after-prom entertainment for high school students.

What you can do: Join the parents as a volunteer for "Casino Night" April 17.

How: Call Kelly McBee at 263-2306 or Sue Bagwell at 264-7016.

"We always have a good turnout," McBee said. "So we will need more parent volunteers."

Parents are needed to work the game tables and perform

other duties.

"I think a lot of the parents have as much fun as the kids," McBee said.

While senior student parents are working on the prom itself, parents of juniors are usually in charge of the after-prom entertainment. Earlier this year, Parents Who Care sent out letters to all parents of junior students asking for their support.

In addition, the group usually earns an award from the Texas Department of Transportation. The agency gives up to \$350 to the school for its efforts at keeping students safe after the prom.

The party will begin after the

prom, about 12:30 a.m., and continues until 4 a.m. There will be pizza, soft drinks and other snacks available all night long.

"The kids are so excited about the prom," McBee said. "We think they'll be just as excited about after-prom."

The parent group has had three planning meetings so far. They will meet again March 25 at 7 p.m. in the high school library, and their final meeting before the big night will be April 12. Anyone who wants to help is welcome to attend the meetings.

For more information, call Sue Bagwell at 264-7016 or Kelly McBee at 263-2306.

Parents' home rule must be fairly enforced

QUESTION: I've been very careful to be fair with my children and give them no reason to resent one another. Nevertheless, they continue to fight. What can I do?

DR. DOBSON: The problem may rest in your lack of disciplinary control at home. Sibling rivalry is at its worst when there is an inadequate system of justice among children -- where the "law-breakers" do not get caught, or if apprehended, are set free without standing trial.



DR. JAMES DOBSON

It is important to understand that laws in a society are established and enforced for the purpose of protecting people from each other. Likewise, a family is a mini-society with the same requirement for protection of human rights.

Suppose that I live in a frontier community where there is no established law. Policemen do not exist and there are no courts to whom disagreements can be appealed. Under those circumstances, my neighbor and I can abuse each other with impunity. He can steal my horses and throw rocks through my windows, while I can raid the apples from his favorite tree and take his plow late at night. This kind of mutual antagonism has a way of escalating day by day, becoming ever more violent with the passage of time. When permitted to run its natural course, as in early American history, the end result can be feudal hatred and murder.

Individual families are similar to societies in their need for law and order. In the absence of justice, "neighboring" siblings begin to assault one another. The older child is bigger and tougher, which allows him to oppress his younger brothers and sisters. But the junior member of the family is not without weapons of his own. He strikes back by breaking the toys and prized possessions of the older sibling and interferes when friends are visiting. Mutual hatred then erupts like an angry volcano, spewing its destructive contents on everyone in its path.

In many homes, the parents do not have sufficient disciplinary control to enforce their judgments. In others, they are so exasperated with constant bickering among siblings that they refuse to get involved. In still others, parents require an older child to live with an admitted injustice "because your brother is smaller than you." Thus, they tie his hands and render him utterly defenseless against the mischief of his bratty little brother or sister. Even more commonly today, mothers and fathers are both working while their children are home busily disassembling each other.

I will say it again to parents: One of your most important responsibilities is to establish an equitable system of justice and a balance of power at home. There should be reasonable "laws" that are enforced fairly for each member of the

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Interpreting for the deaf was her 'something special'

TEXARKANA, Ark. (AP) — It takes something special to change a life.

For Linda Fischer, that special something was an introduction to the language of the deaf in 1994.

"I didn't begin with the intent of working as an interpreter," she said.

But classes were available at her church, taught by Rolfe Wiley. Wiley can hear but grew up in a home in which both his parents were deaf and he teaches courses in American Sign Language at Texarkana College.

Fischer had learned the manual alphabet from reading a biography of Helen Keller but quickly realized learning an entire language was another matter.

"Like any other language, learning vocabulary is only one part of it," Fischer said.

Fischer said sign language used in the classroom is different from sign language used in day-to-day conversation and those using the language have their own rules of grammar.

She calls Wiley "the best teacher in the world" because he is a practitioner

of the language as well as an educator.

Fischer describes herself as a visual learner and says seeing sign language interpreted for music or at church services was helpful. Nevertheless, it took her two years before she began to feel confident.

"All of the deaf people I have met have been very kind and patient and very encouraging to me in spite of my slowness," she said. "I couldn't have continued if they had not been so patient."

She believes the language is a beautiful medium that allows for nonverbal expression.

"There was a deaf man who came to our church and signed in music," she said. "He signs so and puts so much movement and expression into his signing that the ordinary hymn you've heard all your life takes on new meaning when you see it done that way."

Fischer said she is interested in signing music and believes it is interesting that more deaf people are becoming involved in music and dancing.

"They are not so very different than us," she said. "When my deaf friends ask why hearing people avoid them, I tell them it is fear, because they don't know how to communicate."

Working as an interpreter for the deaf has raised Fischer's awareness of the needs of the deaf community. Although classes are available through Texarkana College, and church and community service groups, including the library, she said more interpreters could be used.

She has worked at public meetings, funerals, and even a testing situation at the college.

School systems, doctors' offices and trial lawyers all have a need at one time or another for the services of an interpreter for the deaf.

"I went to a retreat once and there were no deaf ladies there, and I wondered, how many could have participated at a retreat if the services had been offered?" she said.

"I think hearing people take it for granted because we've had it all our lives. We don't realize what is available

and what is not."

Wiley said interpreters are certified either nationally or by the state but taking a few classes is not enough to earn certification.

"I have taught several classes where a lot of people have learned communication, but very few have become interpreters," he said.

To be an interpreter requires having the same speed as normal conversation, and the spoken word averages 225 to 250 words a minute. Wiley said classes and workshops are useful, but association with deaf people also is helpful.

"Deaf people are so helpful in teaching the culture that affects communication," he said.

Certification is awarded according to levels of competency, and pay scales are adjusted accordingly.

Fischer said children who are deaf are started out on a total communication idea, using hands, voice and mouth, as soon as the problem is detected. Adults have a more difficult time learning the language.

Curtain will fall on movie reel

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Hollywood is on the brink of the biggest technological change since sound and color: digital projectors that will allow movie theaters to do away with equipment that has changed little since Thomas Edison's day.

The new technology will also eliminate some of the most familiar of symbols of the movie industry — celluloid and the film reel.

Leading the revolution is director George Lucas, whose eagerly anticipated "Star Wars" prequel, "Star Wars: Episode I — The Phantom Menace," will be shown in May in four digitally equipped theaters.

In two to five years, increasing numbers of movie houses could go digital as exhibitors work out the technical and business problems.

"I'm very dedicated and very enthusiastic about the digital cinema," Lucas told thousands of theater operators at the ShoWest industry convention Wednesday.

He cited the "quality, the savings in cost and the ability to do things that just aren't possible today."

In digital cinema, the movies are shot on film and then converted to a digital format. Eventually, shooting may also be done on digital cameras.

The completed movies are then distributed from studios

to theaters by satellite, by fiber-optic cable or on special discs.

The movies are then shown on a digital projector. One such projector, developed by Texas Instruments, creates a screen image by bouncing light off 1.3 million microscopic mirrors squeezed onto a 1-square-inch chip.

That represents a big advance over the standard film projector, whose basic technology has barely changed since Edison's Kinetoscope in 1891. The Kinetoscope used George Eastman's celluloid film on 35 mm stock — just like today's projectors.

The technology also represents an advance in movie distribution. Currently, studios distribute movies by making prints and shipping them to theaters all over the country in huge, heavy reels.

As for audiences, they will see a cleaner, sharper image that won't show wear and tear with repeated showings. That means no scratches or declining color quality late in a movie's run.

During a demonstration at ShoWest, with film and digital scenes projected side-by-side on a big screen, the only problem with digital appeared to be color, with whites taking on a yellow hue, blues becoming purplish, and skin tones giving actresses a mannequin-like complexion.

Digital technology allows theaters more flexibility in show times and the number of screens showing a particular movie, since theaters aren't limited by a finite number of film prints.

One thing nobody is saying is what digital movies will do to ticket prices, which last year averaged \$4.70 in the United States. A digital projector runs about \$100,000, compared with about \$30,000 for a standard one.

"I was very impressed with the quality. It's almost to the point where it's ready," said Mike Goakey, director of construction for Signature Theaters, with 145 screens in California and Hawaii. "I think the big issue is going to be the money end of it."

Goakey, like many at ShoWest, predicted theaters could be going digital within five years.

Actually, there are great savings from digital. But they go to the movie studios, which won't have to pay the enormous costs of making prints and shipping them.

For digital movie theaters to succeed, exhibitors say the studios must pitch in.

"The issues are: When will it come and who pays for it?" said Peter Ivany, chief executive of Hoyts Cinemas Limited, with theaters in the United States and Australia.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Outstanding women shape Texas history

Women have played an important role in Texas history. Among them are:

Barbara Jordan, first African-American Texan to serve in the U.S. House 1972-79, recipient of Medal of Freedom award; **Miriam A. "Ma" Ferguson**, first woman governor 1925-27 and 1933-35; **Sonceria Messiah-Jiles**, African-American woman who purchased the Houston Defender newspaper in 1981, tripled its circulation and made it one of the leading papers in the Southwest;



Barbara Jordan

Hattie Hemenburg, Hortense Ward, and Ruth Brazzil, first and only all-woman Texas Supreme Court for 5 months in 1925; **Jovita Gonzalez de Mireles**, first and only Mexican-American woman to serve as president of the Texas Folklore Society (1931-32); **Emma Tennyauca Brooks**, original Tejana leader of the Texas Pecan Shell strike in 1939 over wages; **Lucy Gonzales Parsons**, native of Waco, leader of the Chicago working class movement, a writer, editor, orator and founder of the Industrial Workers of the World; **Adina de Zavala**, Saviour of the Alamo helped save the Alamo structure and charter member of the Texas State Historical Association in 1892; **Francisca Alvarez**, Angel of Goliad, a nurse at the 1836 Battle of Goliad who saved many of Col. James W. Fannin's men; **Elisabet Ney**, famous German Texas sculptor whose statues of Stephen F. Austin and Sam Houston appear in the Capitol; **Jovita Idr**, Tejana who established a free kindergarten in San Antonio in 1917, and supported educational opportunities for women; **Mildred Ella "Babe" Didrikson Zaharias**, leading money winner between 1949-1951 of Ladies Professional Golf Association, and voted Woman Athlete of the Half-Century in 1950; **Claudia Taylor "Lady Bird" Johnson**, founder of the National Wildflower Research Center in 1982, and recipient of Medal of Freedom award; **Kay Bailey Hutchison**, first woman U.S. Senator from Texas, 1993 to present; **Katherine Anne Porter**, Pulitzer Prize winning author known for her short stories about Texas and her novel, *Ship of Fools*.



Ma Ferguson



Jovita Gonzalez de Mireles

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SCHOOL NEWS

RadioShack/Tandy Corporation recently announced local winners in its Scholars program. The program recognizes the top 2 percent of students in high schools, who can compete for cash awards.

Local outstanding student nominees in math, science or computer science were: Larissa G. Adkins, Big Spring; Jeremy Hedges, Forsan; Tiffany D. Kujawski, Glasscock County; Anthony Swift, Lenora.

Students honored for being in the top 2 percent were: Ashley M. Burson, Robin L. Dickens, Yuching Li and Alison D. Woodall, of Big Spring High School; Samuel Brandon Hancock of Coahoma High School; Joy D. Humphreys of Forsan; Tiffany D. Kujawski of Glasscock County High School; Anthony Swift and Shanna Wells of Grady High School.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT of Health, 501 Birdwell, Suite 28-B, will have a Saturday Shot Clinic on Saturday from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 4 p.m. Please bring your child's shot record or a note from school. Call 263-9775 for more information.

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL will begin their annual Red Apple Gourmet Cookie Dough sales on March 15. Eight delicious flavors in 3 lb. tubs. Proceeds will purchase classroom computers and software. Call 263-0203.

THE LAST WORD

The millenium exerts a strange mystical pull on the human imagination. It affects people moonlight affects werewolves, the way sirens affect dogs.
Peter Carlson

By the year 2000, pure information will be cheaper than water or electricity.
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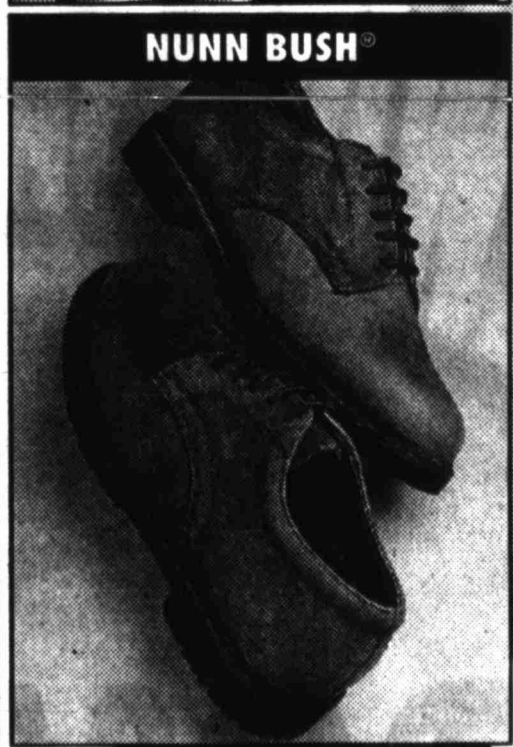
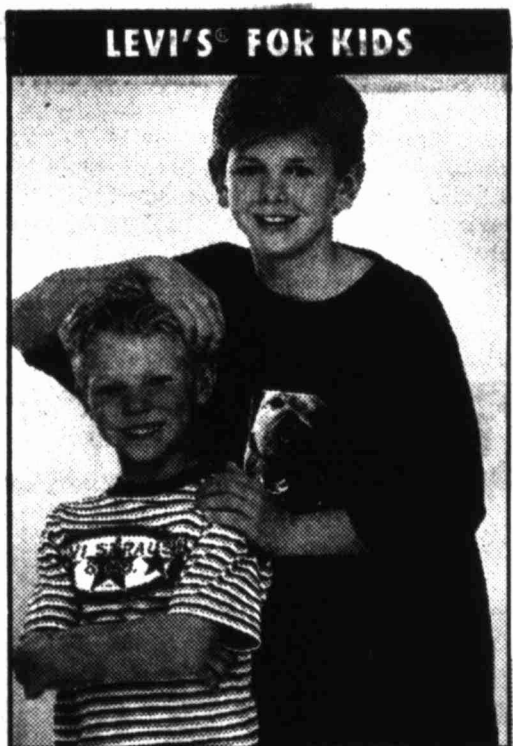
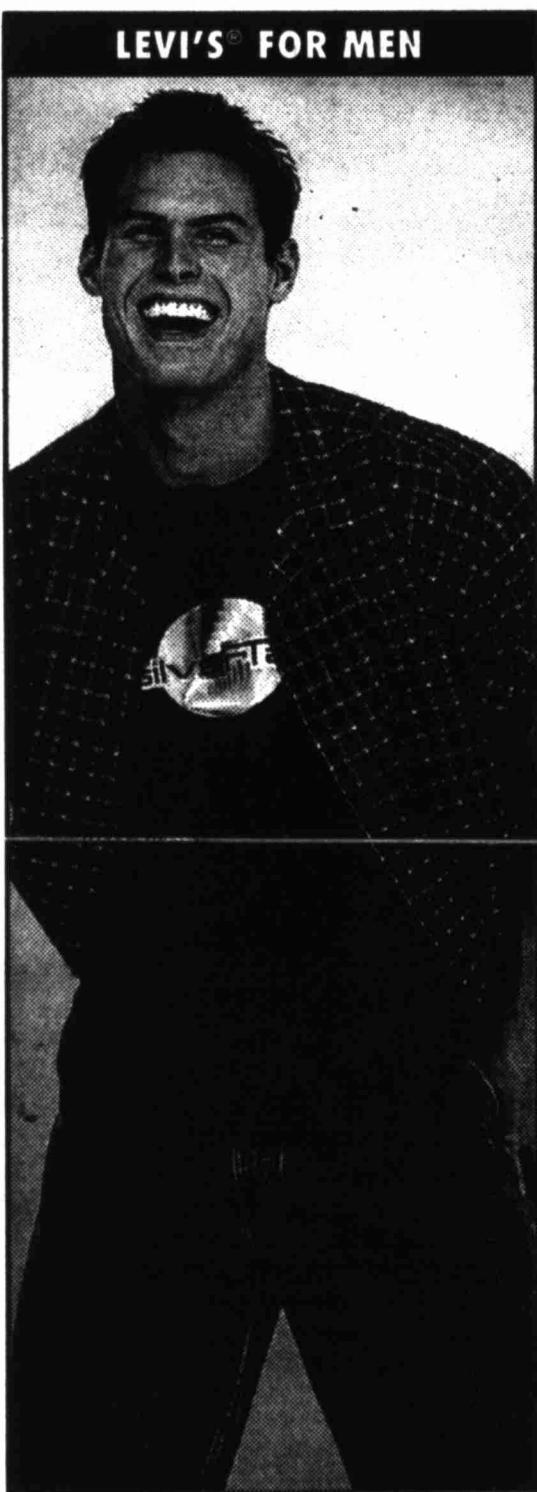
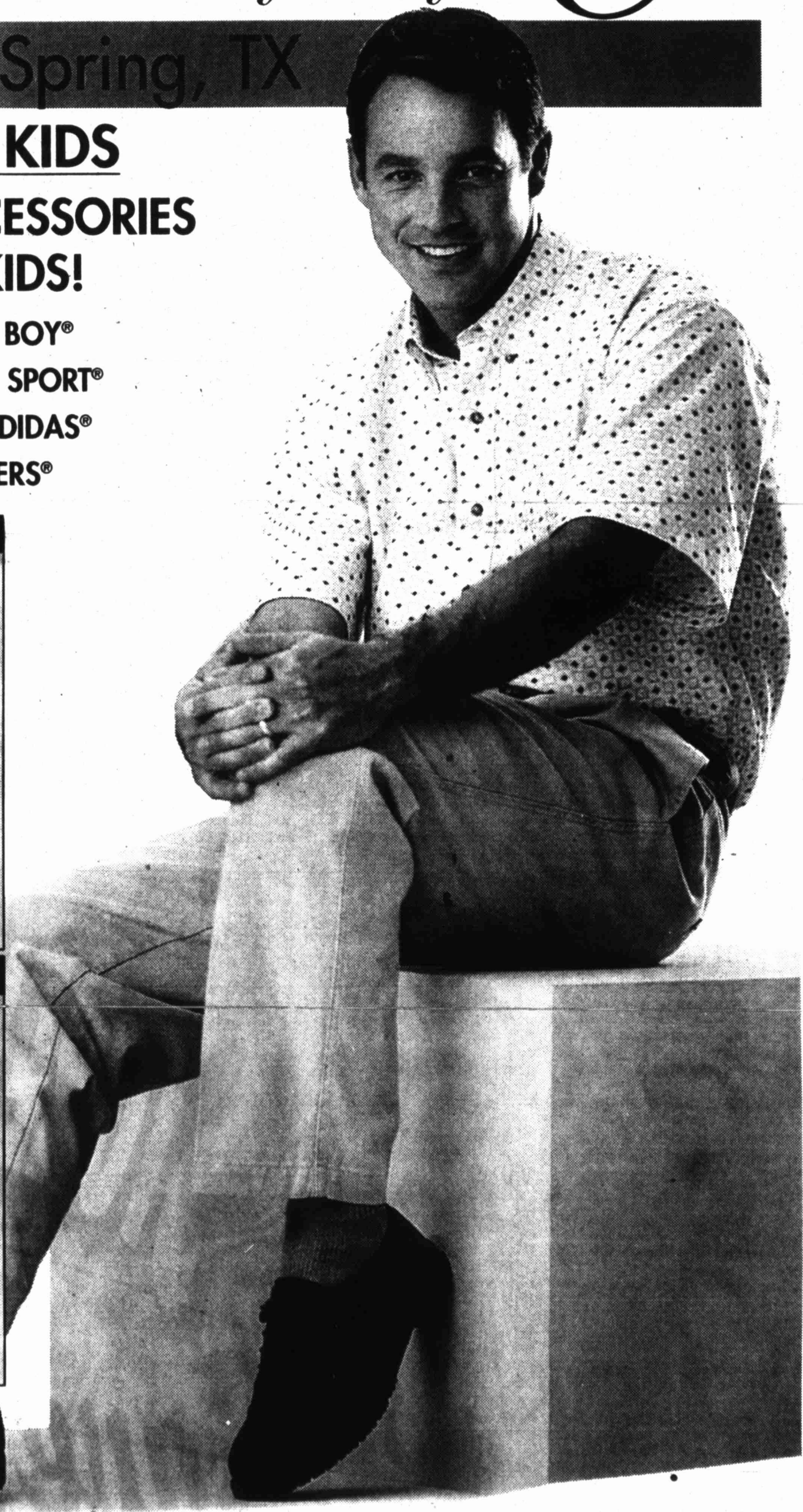
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Clinical trial gives disease sufferers new skin

MIAMI (AP) — The little girl howled as though she were being tortured, the way kids sometimes do at the doctor's.

And indeed Dr. Lawrence Schachner was scraping and poking the raw patches and red sores all over Samantha Sheridan's body. He was working to ease the torment that's part of her life with a congenital, incurable disease that renders skin so fragile the slightest friction can break it.

When it was all over, the 4-year-old from Tampa sat quietly in her red Elmo slippers.

Samantha was one of 17 people who got patches of laboratory-grown skin March 8. They

are participants in a clinical trial of Apligraf, as the product is known commercially, in the treatment of epidermolysis bullosa, or EB.

In January, doctors at the University of Miami/Jackson Children's Hospital tested the skin, which was developed for leg ulcers, on 8-week-old Tori Cameron. She did so well they decided to try it with others, who came from all around the country as well as Brazil and Ecuador, after getting news of Tori's treatment.

"We've had hundreds and hundreds of calls," Schachner said.

He also applied the waxy-

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Dr. Lawrence Schachner

looking grafts to Yesenia Candelaria, 2, of Denver.

"I'm going to get rid of some skin that's not so good and give you some skin that is," he said. She whimpered a bit, but didn't cry.

"The act of being born is enough to cause blistering," explained Schachner, who added that, until now, the main

way to treat EB was to try to avoid hurting the skin.

Apligraf is grown with cells from the foreskins of circumcised babies placed in beds of cow collagen. Each of the patches used Monday costs \$975, according to Dr. Anna Falabella, but was donated by the manufacturer, Organogenesis Inc. of Canton, Mass.

The lab-grown skin has no pigment or immune cells to cause the recipient to reject it. It eventually takes on the coloration of the skin around it. Doctors hope it will teach the surrounding skin how to bond.

Karen Van Dyne, a 33-year-

old nurse from Pittsburgh, said the process hurt a little, but "It's not any worse than what you go through every day."

She left on crutches, protecting a freshly grafted foot and excited at the prospect of a more normal life.

"Just to be able to go on vacation and not spend the last two days of your vacation crawling around," Van Dyne said. "Any change in climate, it really aggravates the situation."

She said she had no doubts at all about becoming involved in the trial.

"There's never been a cure," she said. "I told them I'd do anything."

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family. For purposes of illustration, let me list the boundaries and rules that evolved through the years in my own home:

1. Neither child was ever allowed to make fun of the other in a destructive way. Period! This was an inflexible rule with no exceptions.
2. Each child's room was his or her private territory. There were locks on both doors, and permission to enter was a revocable privilege. (Families with more than one child in each bedroom can allocate available living space for each youngster.)
3. The older child was not permitted to tease the younger child.
4. The younger child was forbidden to harass the older child.
5. The children were not required to play with each other when they preferred to be alone or with other friends.
6. We mediated any genuine conflict as quickly as possible, being careful to show impartiality and extreme fairness.

As with any plan of justice, this plan requires (1) children's respect for leadership of the parent, (2) willingness by the parent to mediate, (3) occasional enforcement of punishment. When this approach is accomplished with love, the emotional tone of the home can be changed from one of hatred to (at least) tolerance.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. James C. Dobson's "Focus on the Family" appears each Thursday as a cooperative effort of Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the Big Spring Herald. Letters to Dr. Dobson may be sent to P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, Colo.; 80903.

Enterprising youngster gets company's attention

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Many people write to their congressman when they want something done.

Not Justin Blake Horne, who even at 12 years old is anything but like most people.

When the sixth-grader at Booth-Fickett Math/Science Magnet School identifies a problem, he goes right to the top in seeking a solution.

His most recent missive was addressed to George Fisher, chief executive officer of Eastman Kodak Co.

The problem: a rash of attempted abductions of Tucson school children.

His solution: 50 cameras for adult monitors to help catch the creeps.

"Even though there are after-school monitors ... on the playground, the children are still in danger," Justin wrote Fisher.

"In one incident the monitor saw a stranger approaching a child and when he saw the monitor he ran quickly to his car and drove off. The monitor saw both the abductor and his car, however, she was unable to identify the individual, his automobile or the license plate."

His letter continued, "I have heard it said, 'A picture is worth a thousand words.' Of course, my idea would be totally experimental, however, where would Kodak be if George Eastman did not undertake ... experiments?"

How could a big-time CEO turn down a request like that? It turns out he couldn't.

Fisher, in a handwritten note to Justin, concurred that "we are always experimenting with new thoughts."

Fifty cameras soon followed the note, in which Fisher asked that Justin give him a progress report on the idea.

And Fisher offered a little advice: "It would seem you need to make it generally known that the monitors have cameras to fend off potential troublemakers."

Indeed, the cameras — which will be in the hands of 50 monitors soon, according to Booth-Fickett Principal John Mitchell — can also be used as a deterrent.

Michel, along with Justin's parents, Michelle and Howard Horne, is helping Justin make his plan work.

Justin is trying to make arrangements to get the film developed free, should a monitor catch a snapshot of a potential abductor.

Start-up of Justin's plan is being accelerated after a teenage girl walking home from school was raped a few days ago and, in another case, some teen-age boys apparently tried to abduct another girl near a school.

Going right to the top to solve a problem is not new to Justin.

As a second-grader at Borton Magnet Primary, he found a nearly brand-new, but broken, stapler in his teacher's wastebasket.

Outraged, he told his teacher she shouldn't be throwing away Tucson Unified School District property.

She assured him she had bought the \$20-plus stapler with her own money.

Justin then persuaded her to give him a shot at fixing it.

He wrote a letter to "Mr. Stanley Bostitch," believing

the two last names on the stapler were the first and last names of the owner.

In his letter, he explained that the stapler needed for the classroom was broken, but that his teacher did not have money to again buy one out of her own pocket.

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Valley divorce rate trend may indicate growing culture clash

HARLINGEN (AP) — She was 19 when she walked down the aisle into the fairy-tale wedding she dreamed up as a little girl.

Her husband gave her a child, then neglected her for his law enforcement career.

A year later, their divorce devastated her parents, Mexican-American Catholics who nurtured a traditional Hispanic family.

Today, her teen-age son bears its deep scars.

"Were not the traditional family," said Cindy, a 34-year-old secretary who asked that her last name not be used. "Were the new wave family."

Divorce in Americas Hispanic community is much more common than a generation ago, threatening the traditional family structure that's been the backbone of Hispanic culture, sociologists said.

"The incidence of divorce has steadily crept up in the Hispanic population," said Tony Zavaleta, a sociologist at the University of Texas at Brownsville.

"All these are signs of the breakdown of traditional family values."

In Cameron County, where Mexican Americans constitute about 85 percent of the population, the number of divorces has soared by 461 percent since 1968, from 183 to 1,074 in 1998.

During that period, the number of divorces far outpaced the rise in population.

Cameron County's population grew from 140,368 to 318,132, a

significant rise of 127 percent, but far less of a percentage increase than the rise in divorces.

As divorce becomes commonplace in the Valley, its jarring stigma torments many Hispanics.

"Divorce is simply not acceptable within the traditional Hispanic family," Zavaleta said, noting Catholicism's strong influence. "It's cultural stigmata. Officially in Catholicism, when you are divorced, you are excommunicated, and when you're excommunicated, you go to hell."

For many couples, marriage becomes a trap, said Sandra Vela, a Weslaco educator who teaches parents about coping with divorce.

"It's not that marriage in the Hispanic society is happier, it's that the social restraints are much stronger," Vela said. "The culture is still very, very strong the culture in which the family supports the fact that you preserve the marriage no matter what. Dependency is part of the culture; inter-dependency is part of the culture. Autonomy is not part of the culture."

In the office she's run for 18 years, Cameron County District Clerk Aurora de la Garza has resorted to counseling some of her customers.

"The advice I give the people who come in here is to try to work it out peacefully for the sake of the children, by talking to each other without being

upset at each other," de la Garza said.

Her office struggles to handle a mounting stack of divorce cases.

"That's become one of the big areas I cover daily," she said. "There's not one day I don't talk to three or four."

Along the border and across the United States, divorce rates have leveled off, said Mark Glazer, a sociologist at the University of Texas-Pan American in Edinburg.

Fueled by the revolutionary social changes of the 1960s, divorce rates swelled well into the next decade, Glazer said.

The traditional Hispanic culture that flourishes along the border continues to keep divorce relatively low in the Mexican-American community, Glazer said.

The rate of divorce, the number of divorces per 10,000 people, rose sharply from a mere 13 divorces per 10,000 people in Cameron County in 1968 to 32.9 divorces per 10,000 people by 1977.

The divorce rate continued to rise during the next decade, climbing to 35.5 divorces per every 10,000 people in 1987, but then it began to dip slightly.

By 1997, the Cameron County divorce rate had dropped to 32.3 divorces per 10,000, a figure that is more than double the divorce rate of the county in 1968.

However, the divorce rate in

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IN BRIEF

Lady Chaps, Weatherford continue winning ways

Midland College's Lady Chaparrals continued their winning ways at the NJCAA Women's National Basketball Tournament in Salinas, Kan., Wednesday night, taking a 63-62 win over Seward County, Kan.

The Lady Chaps were pressed to the limit, however, as Amie Kane hit a 13-foot jumper at final buzzer to provide the victory.

The win sent Midland into Friday's 6 p.m. semifinals where they'll face No. 1 ranked Trinity Valley.

The Lady Chaps will be looking for revenge, since the Lady Cardinals are the only team to have beaten Midland this season, doing so twice.

In the NJCAA Men's National Tournament in Hutchison, Kan., Region V men's champion Weatherford's Coyotes took a 78-64 win over Southern Union State (Ala.).

The Coyotes now advance to the men's semifinals where they face No. 1-ranked and defending national champion Indian Hills (Iowa) College at 6:30 p.m. Friday.

Lady Steers boosters set to meet tonight

The Big Spring Lady Steers Booster Club will meet at 6 tonight at the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.

Members will be making final preparations for the club's annual Lady Steers Sports Banquet.

Big Spring UGSA's registration continues

Officials with the Big Spring United Girls Softball Association have announced that registration will continue until April 9 at All-Star Sports, formerly Neal's Sporting Goods.

Parents should bring each child's birth certificate and registration fee of \$25 when signing up their children for the league.

Fundraiser tournament scheduled for April 3

The Ballapalooza Softball and Ragball Tournament to benefit youth sports programs and the Roy Anderson Complex has been scheduled for April 3.

Games will begin at 8 a.m. Entry fees for the 20-team softball tournament field will be \$100, while a fee of \$80 will be required to enter the 12-team ragball tournament field.

The deadline for registering teams will be April 1.

For more information, call Chris at 264-2100 or Andrea Earle at 800-734-7641.

Heart Association slates charity event for April 17

The Howard County Chapter of the American Heart Association has scheduled its annual charity golf tournament for April 17 at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

The four-person scramble requires that all teams must have A, B, C and D players.

Entry fees are \$200 per team and include cart use and green fees.

Anyone wanting to play should sign up at the Comanche Trail Pro Shop.

YMCA extends period for roller hockey sign-ups

The Big Spring YMCA has extended registration for its new roller hockey program.

Play will be staged in three age groups.

Fees will be \$15 for YMCA members, \$27 for basic members and \$32 for non-members.

For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

ON THE AIR

Television COLLEGE BASKETBALL

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6:30 p.m. — NCAA
Tournament, regional semifinals, CBS, Ch. 7.

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7:30 p.m. — Ottawa Senators at Dallas Stars, FXS, Ch. 29.

Lady Hawks' home opener crucial in WJCAC chase

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

Finally, just a mere 32 games into their inaugural season of fastpitch softball, Howard College's Lady Hawks will finally play their home opener at 1 p.m. Friday as they play host to Midland College's Lady Chaparrals at the Big Spring ISD Softball Complex.

The Lady Hawks, 22-10 overall and fresh off a third-place finish at the Phoenix (Ariz.) College Invitational Tournament, will play a pair of doubleheaders with Midland on Friday and Saturday.

The first game of Friday's twinbill and both Saturday games, also slated for a 1 p.m. start, will be considered in the Western Junior College Athletic

Conference (WJCAC) standings.

And with the Lady Hawks currently owning a 1-2 conference record, coach Andy Mace makes it clear, that makes the weekend's games with the Lady Chaparrals, also in their first year of competition, nothing short of crucial.

With only three WJCAC schools — El Paso Community College, Midland and Howard — competing in women's fastpitch softball, Mace said the conference was outvoted by the Northern Texas Junior College Athletic Conference (NTJAC) earlier this year when Region V officials met to determine the make up of this year's regional tournament.

The NTJAC has eight schools competing in softball and voted in a block to allow only two teams from the Western Conference to advance to the regional

tourney, while six of its programs will earn playoff berths.

"The shame about that is that every one of the three teams in our conference is probably better than whoever is going to win the Northern Conference," Mace said. "So, either El Paso, Midland or us are going to find ourselves staying at home once the regular season is over. And that means every time we step on the field with El Paso and Midland is very important."

That, coupled with the fact that the Lady Chaparrals program is also in its first season; that Midland College coach Tommy Ramos' lineup includes two former Big Spring Lady Steers stars, Jessica Cobos and Melissa Martinez; and the close proximity of the two schools breeds an air of rivalry.

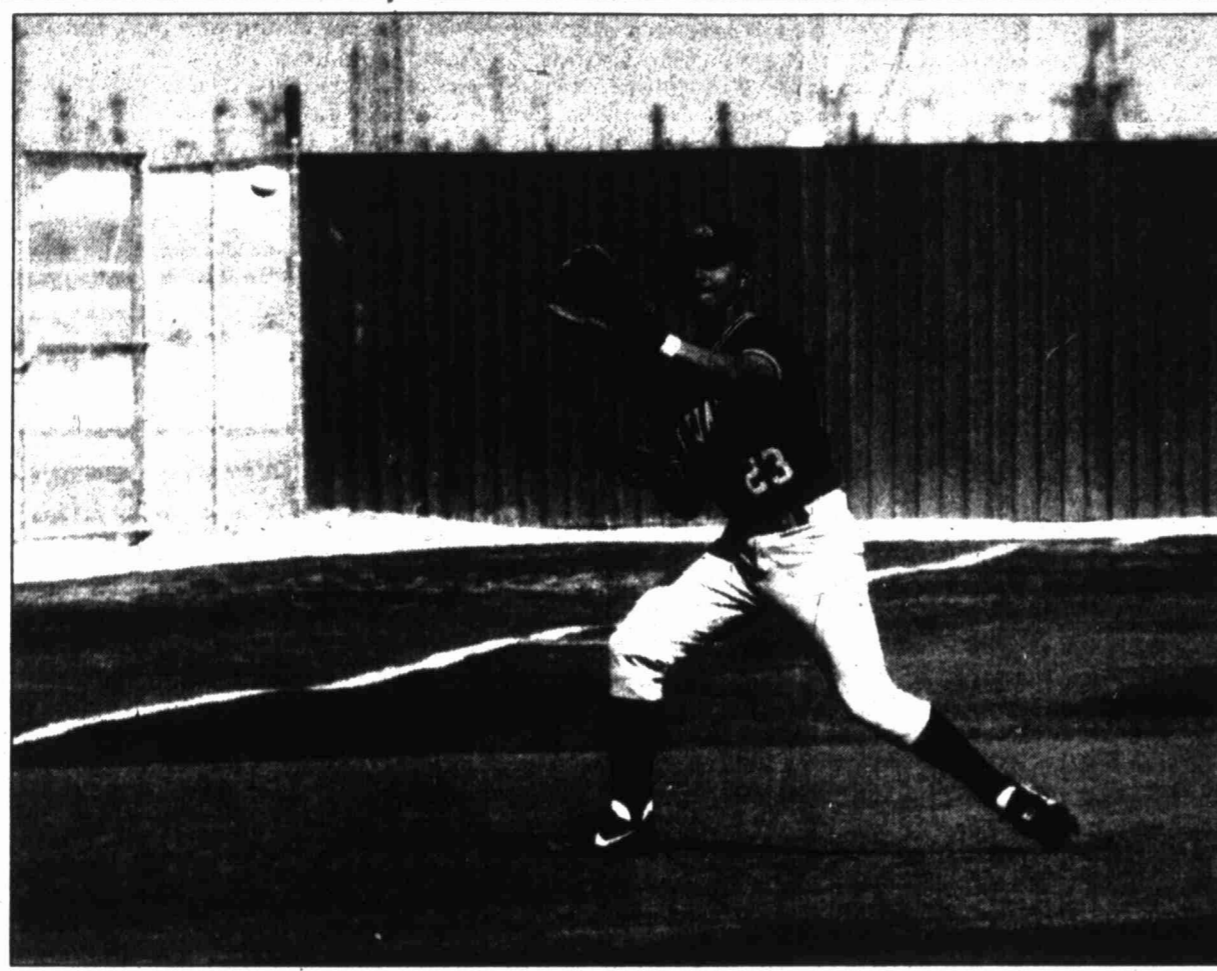
What's more, Howard and Midland have fashioned heated rivalries in men's and women's basketball.

But Mace contends the two schools haven't yet created the same kind of rivalry.

"We just haven't gotten it to the point where the basketball programs have ... where it's really big when Howard and Midland play," Mace said. "The reason this is so big for both of us right now is that these are conference games and both teams want to get to the regional tournament."

"Actually, we've seen Midland just about everywhere we've been," he added. "They were at the tournaments in Fort Worth and at El Paso, and were at

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Howard College third baseman Drew Topham makes a play during the Hawks' three-game sweep of El Paso Community College's Tejanos on Feb. 27. Topham and the Hawks will take a perfect 9-0 Western Junior College Athletic Conference record into this weekend's showdown with Odessa College's Wranglers. The Hawks will travel to Odessa for a 2 p.m. game Friday and return for a noon doubleheader on Saturday.

Coahoma tourney winds up owned by private schools

HERALD Staff Report

Private school golfers from Midland walked away with the team championships Wednesday at the Coahoma Invitational Golf Tournament.

Midland Trinity got a one-over-par round of 72 Stephen Stoltz and fashioned a 325 team total on the Comanche Trail Golf Course's 6,327-yard, par 71 layout, finishing four strokes ahead of Loop's Longhorns in the boys' team standings, while Midland Christian's Lady Mustangs took the girls' championship with a 424 total.

Midland Christian's 424 total gave them a 16-stroke margin over Coahoma's Bulldogettes. The Bulldogettes were second in the five-team girls' field at 440, 15 strokes ahead of third-place Water Valley.

Stoltz took the boys' individual championship, finishing six strokes ahead of Sterling City's R.T. Edens and Loop's Brandon Hicks, both of whom finished with rounds of 78. Edens won a sudden-death playoff to finish as the runner-up medalist for the tournament.

Water Valley's Erika Murphy was the girls' division medalist, finishing with a 10-over-par 82 and a two-stroke margin over Bronte's Brooke McCutchen. Seagraves' Monica Alvarez finished third individually at 87. Murphy's 82 allowed the Lady Eagles to finish third in the girls' field with a 455 total, while Forsan's Queens were fourth at 495 and Sterling City closed out the field with a 541.

Kelli McAdams paced the Bulldogettes strong second-place showing with a round of 93, while Jayci Roberts carded a 106 and Kelli Buchanan added a 111. Rounding out the Coahoma scores were Mikanna Herring's 130 and Lauren Nichols' 141.

Forsan's girls were paced by Ashley Reed's 110, while Jackie Brown posted a 120. Cody Graves added a 132 and Lyndsey Newell finished a stroke back at 133.

Coahoma also had two girls entered in medalist competition. Kynzi Roberts finished with a 125 and Meredith Barr had a 139.

Stanton's only girls, Stephanie Washington and Kenzie Williams, finished with rounds of 120 and 124, respectively.

Forsan's Buffaloes linksters finished fourth in the boys' team standings, falling short in a playoff with Sterling City after both had finished the

round with 336 totals.

Stanton's Buffs finished sixth in the field with a 350 total, while Coahoma's host squad was seventh at 358. Coahoma's junior varsity was 11th in the 15-team field, while Forsan's B team and junior varsity were 12th and 13th, respectively. The Stanton B team finished 14th, while Coahoma's B team rounded out the field.

William Osburn turned in the best score of the day for Forsan, finishing just out of the runner-up medalist chase with a 79, while Logan Stantley added an 82 and Cory Walker finished at 87. Michael Rowden and Jarrett Hopper rounded out the Buffs' scoring with rounds of 88 and 90.

Kenneth Hull and Austin Kelly led the way for Stanton, Hull carding an 83, while Kelly finished with an 85. Will Harris posted a round of 90 and Keith Cook chipped in a round of 92 for the Buffs, while Jon Cotton rounded out Stanton's first-squad scoring with a 102.

The host Bulldogs team was paced by Ryan Peckham's 85 and Blane Wright's 88. Blake Nichols added a 90 for Coahoma, while Jay Chadwell finished at 95 and Matthew Marlar carded a 118.

Travis Hipp provided the best score of the day for Coahoma's B, finishing at 91, while Ken Hogan posted a 98. Rounding out that squad's scores were Vincent Garcia at 109, Derek Ward at 110 and David White at 117.

The Coahoma JV got a round of 89, while Chase Ward finished one back at 90. David Davis chipped in a 97 and Kevin Ramsey edged Lane Belew by a single stroke with a 100.

Forsan's B team got rounds of 91 and 92 from Jason Anderson and Dusty Baker, while Ty Savell added a 98. Blake Lansperly and Kyle Newton rounded out the team's scores with a 104 and 107.

The Buffs' JV was paced by Aaron Schafer's 86 and Josh Bedwell's 94. Teammates James Love, Nathan Rose and Billy Kensey finished in that order with scores of 102, 105 and 108.

Stanton's B team got a 92 round from Colton Pardue, while Ryan Kelly and Michael Harris both finished with scores of 97. Clint Jackson added a 119 round, while Matt Tollison toured the course in 120 strokes.

Stanton's Ruston Pardue finished with a round of 99, while Nick Griffin carded a 129.

Horned Frogs' big run halts in loss to Oregon

FORT WORTH (AP) — A.D. Smith scored 18 points, Terik Brown added 17 and both had key 3-pointers in the deciding stretch as the Oregon Ducks advanced to the National Invitation Tournament's Final Four with a 77-68 victory over Texas Christian on Wednesday.

The Ducks (19-11) will play either California or Colorado State next Tuesday in New York. Oregon advanced to the NIT Final Four once before, in 1975, but lost in the semifinals.

Lee Nailon had 27 points and 14 rebounds for the Horned Frogs (21-11), who put aside a disappointing finish to their regular season to make their first NIT quarterfinals since 1983.

Oregon trailed 40-37 at halftime but came out blazing in the second half, outscoring the Frogs 11-4 to take a 48-44 lead with just over 16 minutes left. Brown had three baskets, including a 3-pointer, during the run.

Nailon, meanwhile, carried the Frogs, scoring their first 11 points of the half. No other TCU player scored until Marquise Gainous' jumper with 13:37 left put the Frogs ahead 53-52.

The two teams traded leads several more times before the Ducks' decisive run began on a Smith 3-pointer that put Oregon ahead for good 64-63 with five minutes left. Darrius Wright followed with a trey and Brown added a third as the Ducks went ahead 70-63 with 3:02 left.

TCU managed only two more baskets — a Nailon jumper and Vladimir Jaksic's 3-pointer — as Oregon took control of the boards in the final minutes.

Alex Scales added 15 points and Wright 10 for the Ducks. Jaksic was the only other TCU player

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in double figures with 12 points. Gainous, who scored 30 points against Nebraska on Monday, managed only 9 against Oregon.

Oregon's postseason success follows and up-and-down regular season that didn't hold much promise when the Ducks followed an 8-1 start by losing eight out of their next nine. During that stretch, two players quit the team and Oregon's postseason chances appeared to have faded.

But the Ducks regrouped and won six of their last eight, finishing in a fifth-place tie with California in the Pac-10. They beat Georgia Tech 67-64 in a first-round NIT game and Wyoming 93-72 on Monday night.

TCU looked like the stronger team early in Wednesday's game, starting with a 5-0 run and leading 29-22 on Fowler's basket with 7:58 remaining.

But the Ducks responded with an 11-2 run, fueled by Alex Scales' two baskets and a steal that led to a Frederick Jones fastbreak slam with 3:35 to go.

The Frogs responded with a 9-0 run of their own, including 5 points from Ryan Carroll, to go back up 40-33 in the final two minutes.

Smith hit a pair of free throws and Wright scored off a blown TCU pass in the final seconds to narrow the halftime deficit.

Scales had 12 points in the first half for Oregon, while Nailon led the Frogs with 12 points and 9 rebounds.

Steers' Williams, Hall earn spots on 5-4A all-district team

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

When District 5-4A boys' basketball coaches met to select their all-district team recently, Big Spring's Steers reaped rewards in keeping with their competitive nature.

The Steers, having surprised virtually all observers by going into the final game of the season with an opportunity to earn themselves a playoff bid, picked up two all-district team spots, one honorable mention and placed one player on the coaches' defensive team.

Steers point guard Chello Williams, a 5-foot-10 senior, and swingman Andy Hall, a 6-foot-5 senior, grabbed Big Spring's spots on the all-district team.

Lance Brock, the Steers 6-foot-4 junior

post, was named to the honorable mention squad, while 6-foot-3 senior post Casey Cowley drew accolades from coaches for his defensive abilities.

Not surprisingly, Snyder's Tigers and San Angelo Lake View's Chiefs dominated the balloting, each putting three players on the all-district squad.

The Chiefs represented the district as its champion in the Class 4A playoffs, while the Tigers advanced as the second-place team. Andrews also made the playoffs as the district's third-place finisher.

Lake View guard Alonzo Robinson, a 5-foot-10 senior, was selected as the district's most valuable player and joined teammates Cody Renfro, a 6-foot-8 senior post, and Grant Freeman, a 6-foot-6 senior forward, on the all-district team. Snyder's honorees included 6-foot-4

junior Sonny Cumbie, 6-foot-2 senior Corey Mandrell and 5-foot-9 senior Brady Cobb.

Lake View coach Mitch Freeman and Snyder boss Bud Burks were named the district's co-coaches of the year.

Rounding out the all-district team were Andrews' Jacob Lopez, a 6-foot senior, and John Kimberlain, a 6-foot-5 senior; Fort Stockton's Luke Groth, a 6-foot-6 junior; and Sweetwater's Derrick Carr, a 6-foot junior.

Those joining Cowley on the team of defensive standouts were Andrews' Jeremy Tharp, a 6-foot-2 sophomore; Fort Stockton's Florencio Regino, a 5-foot-9 senior; Lake View's Bruce McDonald, a 6-foot senior; Snyder's Tyler Warren, a 5-foot-10 senior; and Sweetwater's Daniel Price, a 6-foot-2 senior.

DISTRICT 5-4A All-District Boys Basketball Team Superlatives

Most Valuable Player: Alonzo Robinson, 5-10, senior, Lake View.
Co-Coaches of Year: Mitch Freeman, Lake View, and Bud Burks, Snyder.

All-District Team

Alonzo Robinson, 5-10, senior, Lake View; Luke Groth, 6-6, junior, Fort Stockton; Jacob Lopez, 6-0, senior, Andrews; Cody Renfro, 6-8, senior, Lake View; Chello Williams, 5-10, senior, Big Spring; John Kimberlain, 6-5, senior, Andrews; Sonny Cumbie, 6-4, junior, Snyder; Corey Mandrell, 6-2, senior, Snyder; Grant Freeman, 6-6, senior, Lake View; Derrick Carr, 6-0, junior, Sweetwater; Andy Hall, 6-5, senior, Big Spring; Brady Cobb, 5-9, senior, Snyder.

Defensive Team

Jeremy Tharp, 6-2, sophomore, Andrews; Casey Cowley, 6-3, senior, Big Spring; Florencio Regino, 5-9, senior, Fort Stockton; Bruce McDonald, 6-0, senior, Lake View; Tyler Warren, 5-10, senior, Snyder; Daniel Price, 6-2, senior, Sweetwater.

Big Spring's Honorable Mention

Lance Brock, 6-4, junior.

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FISHING REPORT

Here is the weekly fishing report by the Texas Park Department for March 1 available on Web as www.texas.gov

CENTRAL
BROWNWOOD: Water clear; Black bass are good on chautreaux spinnerbaits, blades and black/blue jig. Crappie are fair and are being moved to the river. Use white tube jigs around brush manure structure in about water. Hybrid Stripers begin to start schooling by month to early April. Catfish are good on minnows in brush Channel and blue catfish cut, live and prepared bait to 11 pounds are fair on live perch and cut baits.

BUCHANAN: Water clear; low Black bass to 5.5 pounds. Terminator spinnerbaits and Red Bug Top Dog lizard in 6 feet of water in the up bass are very good trolling cut shad. White bass are good on minnows in 20 feet of water. Hybrid Stripers are good on minnows in brush Channel and blue catfish cut, live and prepared bait to 11 pounds are fair on live perch and cut baits.

PROCTOR: Water clear; Black bass are good on Go (use the suspending type) dam and the north bank is just now beginning to spawn get another cold front they till the end of the month. Minnows and white jigs in water. Hybrid Stripers are good on minnows in brush Channel and blue catfish cut, live and prepared bait to 11 pounds are fair on live perch and cut baits.

SOUTH
AMISTAD: Water light degrees; 34.7° low; Black bass are good on firetiger or worm motor oil or watermelon rigged worms and jigs to the ledges and the grass of water. Crappie are fair on and striped bass are good up the river in 20 to 40 Channel and blue catfish cheesebait fished in 8 to 5.

WEST
ALAN HENRY: Water clear; low; Black bass to 7.5 pounds spinnerbaits slow rolled around the trees. The fish pended. No reports on Alabama Spotted Bass. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished dock. Catfish are slow.

ARROWHEAD: Water clear; low; Few fishermen weather conditions. BRAD 56 degrees; 14° low; Black bass are slow on live crankbaits and worms fished in water. Crappie are slow fished in 10 feet of water good on cut shad and per 15 feet of water. Yellow pounds are slow on trolling bait.

COLORADO CITY: No report. PHANTOM HILL: stained; 58 degrees; 17° are poor. Crappie are fished on the deep flats of the lake. Hybrid Stripers fair on shad fished on the Blue Catfish to 8 pounds fished in the shallows. No catfish.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water lake, stained in creeks; 5° low; Black bass to 8 pounds Rattitrap and crankbaits and flat-L-Traps. Crappie are good on minnows fished water. Hybrid Striper slow on live shad and cut Spring Creek near the have been no reports of and yellow catfish to 10 live shad fished up the Spring Creeks.

NOCONA: No report available. OAK CREEK: Water 10.5° low; Black bass to 5 on jigs, spinnerbaits and 5 to 20 feet of water. Crappie are slow on minnows fished in water during the day (at 40 feet of water). White slabs and jigs fished in 10 to 20 feet of water. Blue catfish are slow but a fair on trotlines baited with POSSUM KINGDOM; degrees; 12° low; Black bass are slow using crankbaits fished in 5 to 20 feet of water. Crappie are slow on minnows fished in 10 to 20 feet of water. Yellow pounds are good on live 15 feet of water. Yellow cut bait, perch and pond to 40 feet of water. Yellow on perch fished in 20 to 20 feet of water.

SPENCE: Water stained; Black bass to 9 pounds are good on minnows and nightcrappie are fair on minnows. Striped are fair on live shad and to 20 feet of water. Crappie are slow on minnows fished in 10 to 20 feet of water. Yellow pounds are good on live 15 feet of water. Blue cut bait, perch and pond to 40 feet of water. Yellow on perch fished in 20 to 20 feet of water.

STAMFORD: Water clear; 57 degrees; Black good on worms and poor on pink, chautreaux. There have been no reports of yellow catfish being caught. 13 pounds are good on shallow and deep. \$100,000 dollars last ramp at Anchor Marina both small and large boats.

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NIT-MEN

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MLB EXHIBITIONS

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Instant replay is now back, and almost everyone's happy

PHOENIX (AP) — Instant replay is back in the NFL, and almost no one is unhappy, not even George Young, the league vice president who was against replay for 14 years before helping to develop a compromise.

A system that will allow each team two challenges per game to officials' calls was implemented 28-3 by the owners Wednesday.

What put it over the top was a suggestion by commissioner Paul Tagliabue to use a "replay assistant" for the final two minutes of each half and any overtime. Tagliabue developed the idea with help from Young, who as general manager of the New York Giants always voted "no" against replay.

"The main thing the coaches objected to was the last two minutes," Tagliabue said. "So I said 'Why not make it 28 and two, going to something like the old replay system in the final two minutes and letting the coaches coach?'"

George Young said "That might do it" and break the logjam in terms of votes, and it did.

The new system will have to be renewed next season, but if it avoids the kinds of bad calls that decided several games last season, that will be a formality.

"We are implementing this system to correct the major, major, big mistake," said Seattle coach Mike Holmgren, co-chairman of the competition committee.

Last season, as coach of the Packers, Holmgren was the victim of a controversial call, an apparent fumble by San Francisco's Jerry Rice that probably would have led to a

Green Bay victory in a game the 49ers went on to win.

Replay was in effect from 1986 until 1991, but was voted out in 1992, in large part because it was delaying games. It's been voted down every year since.

The old system used a replay official who could stop the game on a questionable call and make the decision. In this one, he'll only challenge calls in the final two minutes of each half and in overtime.

The rest of the time, the coaches will have two challenges, losing a timeout if they're found wrong and getting it back if they're right. If they don't have a timeout left, they won't be able to challenge a call.

But coaches won't have much time — they'll have to make the decision in the 40 seconds between plays.

"People were willing to take a shot for one year," said Tampa Bay's Tony Dungy, one of the few coaches with questions about replay.

"Replay has been very close the last three or four years. Now we had teams that maybe were burned on a call and changed their vote."

Among them was Buffalo, which was hurt by questionable calls in a regular-season loss in New England and a playoff loss in Miami.

"There will be a lot of strategy for us to think about," Bills coach Wade Phillips said. "We'll be doing a lot of study; ing."

"It's not likely we're going to challenge something in the middle of the field in the second quarter," Holmgren said.

"If someone tells me our receiver was in on a 10-yard

play on which he was ruled out in the second quarter, I'd probably let it go. But if it's something that can get us points, then we'll challenge."

All that swayed teams like the Bills and the Giants, who changed their vote when Young retired and went to the league office. Co-owner Wellington Mara made the call on that one, casting his "yes" vote without telling coach Jim Fassel, general manager Ernie Accorsi or even his son John, the team's vice-president.

"John and I were talking just before the vote and he said 'Even I don't know what the old man's gonna do.'"

The three "no" votes came from Cincinnati, the New York Jets and Arizona. "I was afraid of the disruption," said Mike Brown, the Bengals' president.

"The attention would be on the call and not the game."

The plays covered by replay will be like those in the old system, applicable to goal-line and sideline plays and possession, but not to penalties.

The league also put off a decision on the \$800 million sale of the Washington Redskins to Howard and Edward Milstein until early April. Tagliabue said there weren't enough votes to approve the sale.

The only other rule change was on clipping near the line of scrimmage, which now will apply all over the field. In the past, clipping was legal in a small area between the tackles near the line of scrimmage.

The owners also formally took away the 2003 Super Bowl from San Francisco and invited San Diego, south Florida and other locations to submit bids.

Jays give Johnson axe; Sosa miffs Stottlemyre

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tim Johnson could not escape the truth: The lies he told about his Marine service in Vietnam created too many problems.

In a move rarely seen in spring training, the Toronto Blue Jays fired Johnson as manager and replaced him with Jim Fregosi. Johnson never saw combat, but supposedly made up stories — including one about shooting a young girl — to inspire the club. He taught mortar training to recruits going to Vietnam, but never served there.

The truth was revealed last year, causing conflicts with several players and coaches, and he apologized to them in camp last month.

But with the Blue Jays at 3-12, and just a few days after former Toronto third baseman Ed Sprague called Johnson a "liar" and a "back stabber," Ash had seen enough.

Firing a manager in spring training is not unprecedented. The San Diego Padres dismissed Alvin Dark in March 1978 and the Chicago Cubs fired Phil Cavaretta in March 1954.

"They were looking for leadership," Fregosi said. "We'll be ready by opening day."

Johnson, 49, was offered a job as a scout, and it was not known whether he would take it. He was driving to visit family in Kansas and was unavailable for comment.

Fregosi, 56, managed the Philadelphia Phillies when they lost the 1993 World Series to Toronto. Fired after the 1996 season, he was with the San Francisco Giants as a special assistant to the general manager when he signed a two-year deal with Toronto.

Fregosi had an 861-937 record while managing Philadelphia, the Chicago White Sox and California Angels.

In their first game under Fregosi, the Blue Jays stole a run with a double steal in the first inning. Later, he came on the field to argue a ground-rule double call in the fifth of a 10-6

victory at Clearwater, Fla.

"It was exciting," Fregosi said. "It was fun to be back a part of the action."

At Mesa, Ariz., pitcher Todd Stottlemyre was not so thrilled by what he saw from Sammy Sosa in the Chicago Cubs' 8-5 loss to Arizona in 10 innings.

Sosa hit two home runs off Stottlemyre, and punctuated each drive with a pronounced bow to the crowd. Sosa, with seven homers this spring, said he picked up the habit last November during a tour of Japan.

"Nobody wants to be embarrassed," Stottlemyre said. "I sure don't remember Mickey Mantle bowing after home runs. I guarantee Joe DiMaggio didn't bow. I bet everything I got Lou Gehrig didn't, Jackie Robinson, Roberto Clemente."

LADY HAWKS

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Phoenix last week. When we weren't playing games, our kids spent most of the tournament sitting together.

However, semifinals losses to the Lady Chaparrals at both Fort Worth and El Paso have made it clear to the Howard squad that it has to be at its best this weekend.

"We beat them four times in the five games we played during the fall, but they're not the same team they were then," Mace said of the Lady Chaps.

They picked up a couple of wins they didn't have in the fall and are playing a lot better than they did last semester.

"They finished in the top eight at Phoenix last weekend," he added, "and that was a big tournament with several of the nation's best programs. They're solid and so are we, so it ought to be an excellent series."

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FISHING REPORT

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for March 17. (Report also available on Web as www.tdfrishing.com.)

CENTRAL BROWNWOOD: Water stained; 62 degrees; Black bass are good on white and chartreuse spinnerbaits with Colorado blades and black/blue jigs with blue pork frog. Fish around the flats and the brush piles (fish have started spawning and the big females are in the shallow water). Crappie are fair and are beginning to make their move to the river. Use minnows and white tube jigs around brush piles and permanent structure in about 10 to 15 feet of water. Hybrid Stripers slow and should begin to start schooling by the end of the month to early April. Catfish slow.

BUCHANAN: Water clear; 65 degrees; 10' low; Black bass to 5.5 pounds are good on white Terminator spinnerbaits, Shad Raps and Red Bug Top Dog lizards fished on flats in 6 feet of water in the upper lake. Striped bass are very good trolling and on live and cut shad. White bass are good trolling Mystic Shad R's very deep and on Horizon spoons in 20 feet of water along creek points and mouth of river. Crappie are fair on minnows fished in brush piles and trees. Channel and blue catfish are very good on cut, live and prepared baits. Yellow catfish to 11 pounds are fair on live perch.

PROCTOR: Water stained; 59 degrees; Black bass are good on Gold Super Rogues (use the suspending type) fished around the dam and the north bank. The females are just now beginning to spawn and unless we get another cold front they should keep on till the end of the month. Crappie are fair fished around the dam and the bridge with minnows and white jigs in 15 to 17 feet of water. Hybrid strippers are fair on 5/8oz. slabs fished around the dam (look for the birds). Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with perch and cut baits set in the coves.

SOUTH AMISTAD: Water lightly stained; 62 degrees; 34.7' low; Black bass to 8 pounds are good on firetiger or white spinnerbaits, motor oil or watermelon seed Carolina-rigged worms and jugging spoons fished next to the ledges and the grass in 20 to 40 feet of water. Crappie are fair on minnows. White and striped bass are good on slabs fished up the river in 20 to 40 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are fair on cheesebait fished in 8 to 50 feet of water.

WEST ALAN HENRY: Water clear; 50 degrees; 5' low; Black bass to 7.5 pounds are good on spinnerbaits slow rolled across the top and around the trees. The fish have been suspended. No reports on smallmouth or Alabama Spotted Bass. Crappie are good on live minnows and jigs fished off the crappie dock. Catfish are slow.

ARROWHEAD: Water clear; 48 degrees; 5.5' low; Few fishermen out due to poor weather conditions. **BRADY:** Water stained; 56 degrees; 14' low; Black bass to 7.75 pounds are slow on white spinnerbaits, crankbaits and worms fished in 3 to 10 feet of water. Crappie are slow on live minnows fished in 10 feet of water. Blue catfish are good on cut shad and perch fished in 8 to 15 feet of water. Yellow catfish to 36 pounds are slow on trotlines baited with live bait.

COLORADO CITY: No report available. **FT. PHANTOM HILL:** Water slightly stained; 58 degrees; 17' low; Black bass are poor. Crappie are poor on minnows fished on the deep flats on the west side of the lake. Hybrid strippers to 11 pounds are fair on shad fished in 5 to 7 feet of water. Blue catfish to 8 pounds are fair on shad fished in the shallows. No reports of yellow catfish.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water clear on main lake, stained in creeks; 55 degrees; 5.25' low; Black bass to 8 pounds are good on Rattletails and crankbaits fished in 5 to 15 feet of water (try jugging in the shallows around hardwood). Crappie are good on minnows and small jigs fished under boat houses and in 8 to 10 feet of water along creek channels. White bass and hybrid strippers are slow. Channel catfish are good on live worms and cut baits fished on the flats in 5 to 10 feet of water. Blues and yellows are slow.

KEMP: Water stained; 48 degrees; 12 foot low; No report for Black bass, sand bass or crappie this week, few fishermen due to weather. Yellow catfish to 35 pounds are fair on trotlines baited with goldfish.

NASWORTHY: Water stained; 54 degrees; Black bass are fair on firetiger crankbaits and Rat-L-Traps. Crappie and white bass are good on minnows fished near or in the hot water slow. Hybrid strippers to 7 pounds are slow on live shad and chicken livers fished up Spring Creek near the floodgates. There have been no reports of redfish. Channel and yellow catfish to 10 pounds are good on live shad fished up the Middle Concho and Spring Creeks.

NOCONA: No report available. **OAK CREEK:** Water stained; 56 degrees; 10.5' low; Black bass to 9 pounds are good on jigs, spinnerbaits and minnows fished in 5 to 20 feet of water. Crappie are good on small jigs and minnows fished in 10 to 17 feet of water. White bass are slow on minnows fished in 5 to 17 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are good on goldfish, minnows and stink baits fished in 5 to 15 feet of water. Yellow catfish to 11 pounds are good on live goldfish fished in 5 to 15 feet of water.

O.H. IVIE: Water clear in main lake, stained in Concho River, Muddy in Colorado River; 57 degrees; Black bass to 9.53 pounds are good on Rattletails fished off the points in 5 to 6 feet of water. Crappie are slow to fair on minnows and jigs fished in the river channels in 12 to 18 feet of water during the day (at night fished in 30 to 40 feet of water). White bass are good on slabs and jugging spoons fished in 20 to 35 feet of water along the river channels. Catfish are slow but a few are being caught on trotlines baited with live bait in the rivers.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 55 degrees; 12' low; Black bass to 7 pounds are slow using crankbaits, small jigs and tubes fished in 5 to 20 feet of water. White bass are slow on minnows and small jigs fished in 10 to 20 feet of water. Striped bass are slow on shad, perch and Sassy Shads fished in 15 to 40 feet of water. Crappie are slow on minnows fished in 5 to 15 feet of water. Blue catfish are good on cut bait, perch and punch bait fished in 10 to 40 feet of water. Yellow catfish are slow on perch fished in 20 to 30 feet of water.

SPENCE: Water stained; 51 degrees; Black bass to 9 pounds are fair on spinnerbaits fished shallow. White bass are good on minnows and nightcrawlers. Crappie are fair on minnows. Striped bass to 20 pounds are fair on live shad and perch fished in 10 to 20 feet of water. Channel catfish are slow. Blue catfish to 35 pounds are good on live shad fished in 10 to 20 feet of water around Yellow Wolf. No reports of yellow catfish.

STAMFORD: Water slightly stained; 58 degrees; 10' low; Black bass to 6.5 pounds good on worms and crankbaits. Crappie poor on pink, chartreuse, and yellow jigs. There have been no reports of channel or yellow catfish being caught. Blue catfish to 13 pounds are good on punch bait both shallow and deep. The county spent \$100,000 dollars last month to make the ramp at Anchor Marina Lodge accessible by both small and large boats.

SWEETWATER: No report available. **TWIN BUTTES:** Water stained; 52 degrees; The lake level is at 12% of normal due to water on the dam. The work is scheduled for completion in May. While the level is down, the city of San Angelo is building a four-lane boat ramp near Saltboat point to be used when the level is back up.

Especially for kids and their families
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By BETTY DEBNAM

Heavens Above Help Us Below
A Kid's Guide to Navigation

I TURN HERE!
When we navigate, we move from one place to another. We can navigate in our home or in our neighborhood using the mental maps in our mind. People back in history did not have to know much about navigation because they did not travel very far.

SHOW ME THE WAY TO GO HOME...
When folks began to trade with people in faraway lands, they had to figure out how to get there... and back!

WE ARE MAKING 5 KNOTS.
At first, sailors traveled along the shoreline, using landmarks they could see. But when they started to travel across wide oceans, they had problems. There were no landmarks.

A COMPASS CAN TELL US THE DIRECTION WE ARE GOING.
But a compass cannot tell us where we are!

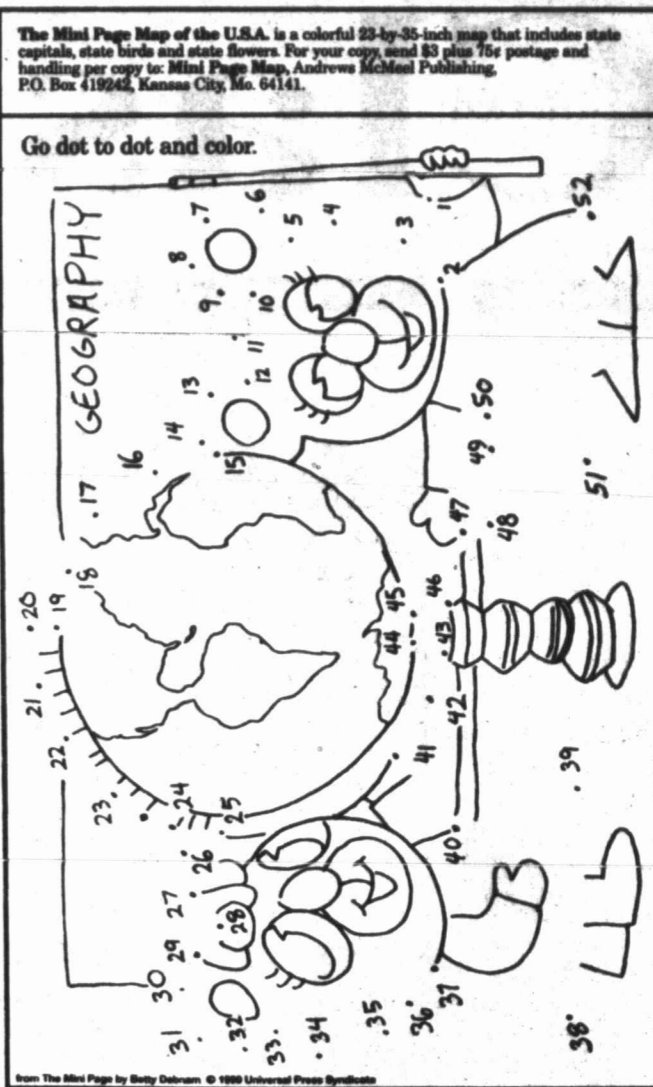
WE ARE AT 30 DEGREES NORTH, BUT WHERE?
This issue of The Mini Page is based on the planetarium show "And a Star to Steer Her By" at the National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. It will be on view until October 2001.

DEAD RECKONING
Sailors used another method called "dead reckoning." After they marked where they thought they were on a chart, they used a compass to decide what direction they were to go in. Then they estimated their speed by tossing a log overboard. The log was attached to a line that was on a reel. The knots on the line were evenly spaced. A sailor counted the knots as they unwound and timed it to an hourglass.

THE STAR IS THERE, SO WE ARE HERE.
While there are thousands of stars in the sky, navigators use only 57 of them.

LOOKING UP
For thousands of years, people had known that the stars and other heavenly bodies could help them find their way. The positions of the stars were known with great accuracy. People mapped the stars before they mapped the Earth. For any time of day, the stars and other heavenly bodies are in a certain, known position. It's a navigator's job to take the position of stars and other bodies in the sky and use this information to locate the position of a ship at sea.

NAVIGATORS ALSO USE:
• the sun
• the moon
• and the planets:
Venus Mars Jupiter Saturn



MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN ELEPHANT AND A VANT?
ONE TRUMPETS AND THE OTHER HONKS!

THAT'S MIGHTY FUNNY!

Tom: Knock, knock.
Randy: Who's there?
Tom: Amos.
Randy: Amos who?
Tom: A mosquito just bit me!
(both jokes sent in by Emily Dudley)

Rookie Cookies Recipe
Cucumber Salad

You'll need:

- 2 medium cucumbers, thinly sliced
- 1 red pepper, chopped
- 1 green pepper, chopped
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1/4 cup shelled sunflower seeds
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

What to do:

1. Combine all ingredients in a medium bowl. Mix well.
2. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Serves 4.

TRY 'N NAVIGATION FIND

Words that remind us of navigation are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: NAVIGATE, SAILING, LANDMARK, COMPASS, DEAD, RECKONING, SHIPS, PLANES, LAND, SEA, MOON, SUN, LONGITUDE, LATITUDE, PLANETS, VENUS, MARS, JUPITER, LOG, KNOT.

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Mini Spy ...

Alpha Betty and her friends are learning about geography. See if you can find:

- bread loaf
- horseshoe
- cat
- canoe
- letter D
- comb
- apple
- banana
- fork
- ruler
- word MINI
- knife
- ear of corn
- butter dish
- peapod

Time Helps Navigators Navigate

Background
We use imaginary lines called "parallels" to measure where we are from north to south. They are numbered from each side of the equator from 0 to 90 degrees.

We use imaginary lines called "meridians" of longitude to measure east and west. They are measured in degrees from 0 to 180 degrees east to west. Meridians come together at the North and South poles. We can think of the meridians as the Earth's clock. The Earth spins, or rotates, 360 degrees each day as it circles the sun. If you were to stand in space far above the Earth's North Pole, you would see the Earth turn beneath you counterclockwise. It spins at the rate of 15 degrees each hour. These meridians are separated by 15 degrees and divide the Earth into 24 zones. The time zones start at what is called the prime meridian, an imaginary line that runs through Greenwich, England. One hour separates each time zone's meridian.

Here's an example of how time helps us know where we are.

1. You are a navigator and in your home port. You notice when the sun is highest in the sky (local noon). You set your watch. You do not reset it.
2. You travel. The next day you check your watch at the new local noon. The difference in the hours between your watch and noon will roughly give you the new longitude. If your home port was at 0 degrees longitude and your watch says 2 o'clock, you would be at 30 degrees west (multiply 2 times 15).

Since we can be anywhere on a parallel, we must also measure from east to west to get our exact spot.

North to south
East to west

The point where these lines cross tells us where we are!

What navigators need

- A sextant to "shoot" or measure to get the altitude or height of the sun, moon and stars. This information will help a navigator to know exactly where these bodies in the sky are in relation to where the ship is.
- A sextant has two mirrors. The navigator looks through a filter so that he can look at the sun and not hurt his eyes.
- A clock that is very accurate so they can figure out the longitude. The Earth is rotating, the stars appear to be moving, and their ship is moving. When navigators know where the heavenly bodies are, and also know exactly what time it is, they can tell where the ship is.
- A clock that is used at sea is called a chronometer.
- Good weather so they can see the sky. Navigators usually take these sightings at these times of day to measure things in the sky:
 1. 30 minutes before sunrise, while the stars are still out and while they can see the horizon.
 2. at noon to take a sighting of the sun.
 3. 30 minutes after sunset so they can still see the horizon and the stars. It gets too dark after that.

A book, **The Nautical Almanac**, published by the U.S. Naval Observatory. It gives the positions of bodies in the sky at certain times throughout each day of each year.

A **chart or map** to figure out where they are, based on the information they got by using their sextant and their clock.

Astronauts in space and many navigators on the sea still plot their position using the sun, moon, stars and planets.

Navigation satellites
Today most navigators use the Global Positioning System, which makes navigating much easier. Satellites circle the Earth. These 24 artificial "stars" carry clocks and computers. These satellites send time signals to GPS receivers.

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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)
****Whatever it is that nags you and is at the back of your mind needs to be discussed. Others respond to your inquiries. What you accomplish now can make up for days of less productive work. Humor marks your interactions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
****Others brim with ideas and suggestions. Zero in on what you want in your unique style. You might not want to brag about your abilities, but don't worry; another does it for you! Still, keep some details under wraps. Tonight: Others seek your company.

GEMINI (May 21-June 30)
****Aim for what you want professionally. You are finally recognized for what you offer. Don't take a back seat; be active. Do not let a heartfelt project fall to the wayside. Contact bosses and those you need behind you. You finally see a gain in return for your hard-earned work. Tonight: Do something just for you!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
****Others come to you with important information, but your mind is on other matters. You might not be seeing the whole picture. Don't nix an opportunity to open your mind via travel or a workshop. Others admire your approach and learn from you. Recognize your role with co-workers.

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TONIGHT: FINISH WORK. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

****News lets you do something you have wanted to do for a long time. Check out an investment or new purchase carefully. Add more positives to your life. Don't allow yourself to feel overwhelmed. Try another way of looking at things. Tonight: Hang out with a favorite person.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
****Keep communication flowing and don't settle for less than what you feel entitled to. Now you can land that financial deal you have been longing for. Others respond. A family member still proves to be testy. Accept him as he is. Allow more caring to flow. Tonight: Head home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
****Key in on finances. Talk about security and a partnership. There is no point in being shy right now. Follow through on what you think is right. Don't hold back, but use your sense of decorum. You could discover you were the biggest obstacle to the conversation. Tonight: Visit and swap jokes.

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LAKE PROPERTY

LAKE SPENCE: 2 bd. 2 bath. Living room, den w/fireplace, kitchen, dining room, screened in back porch. Ceiling fans in all rooms including porch. New brick, roof, CH/A. 36x30 Metal garage. Call 915-686-0405 or 915-453-2305.

FURNISHED APTS. Apartments, unfurnished houses, Mobile Home. References required. Call 263-6944, 263-2341.

FURNISHED HOUSES Clean 2 bdrn. Mobile Home in Forsan school district. Ref. air, on one acre, fenced. No inside pets. \$350 + \$150/dep. No Bats pd. 267-9829.

OFFICE SPACE

2 bedroom garage apt. CH/A, fenced yard, lease, deposit. \$200/mo. 263-6824, 263-7373.

Very nice office space for rent. 706 South Main. See by appointment. Call 364-4741.

UNFURNISHED APTS.

2 br. \$275 Central H/A Open Weekends 915-267-4217

2/1 Apartments. Move in Specials. From \$275-\$400 plus electric. Furnished or unfurnished. 263-7621

Small unif. 1 bd. apt. Stove & ref. All bills paid. No pets! \$200/dep. \$225/mo. 321 W. 22nd Apt. #1. 263-7850.

UNFURNISHED HOUSES

2 bedroom stove & refrigerator furnished. 1009 Nolan (rear house). 263-4410.

2/2 bedroom unfurnished houses with carpet & storage. \$250/mo. each. \$100/dep. each. 267-8754.

3 bd., 1 bath. 1304 Colby. Central heat & air. HUD Approved. \$395./mo. 1-800-543-2141. 915-362-8942.

3 bdr. 1 bath C/H/A. \$415/mo. \$175/dep. Call 263-8813.

3 bdr. 1 bath duplex in Sand Springs area. Call 267-3841 or 270-7309.

3 bedroom, 1 bath. CH/A. \$450/mo. + dep. 1205 Pennsylvania. Call 263-367 or 263-6997.

TOO LATES

FORNAN 408 MAIN. Sat. Couch, washer, refrig., bed, baby stuff, baseball card, plant, lots more.

Sat. 8-7 5 Family Coahoma Community Center. Washer, table, chairs, stereo, sleeping bags, dishes, bicycles, treadmill, pool table, roller blades, kids clothes.

Garage Sale, Sat. 7-7 1305 Standard Furniture, clothes, miscellaneous.

\$300 DOWN, \$295/MO. OWNER FINANCE 3 bedrooms, Central heat and air. Completely redecorated. 1317 Wood. Must have excellent credit. (806) 794-5064.

Nice 4 bdr. near new Jr. High. \$450/mo. \$200/dep. Call 268-1202

TOO LATES

Shaffer upright Piano \$800 OBO, Montgomery Ward side/side ref. & freezer, works like new \$350, Montgomery Ward sewing machine like new \$75. 267-7027.

Baby bed, high chair, good shape. \$50 both. Call 268-1202

Garage Sale: 3619 Dixon. Fri. only 8-2. Plus size clothing, mens jackets, toys, lots of misc.

Yard Sale: 1215 Ridgeway. Sat. only 9-3. Ref., kitchen table, bed w/tinle, misc.

Old fencing for sale \$95.00. Super single waterbed, 1 bath, 2 living areas, near college. 267-8310 or 267-3040.

PUBLIC NOTICE

GLASSCOCK COUNTY TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
Glasscock County will hold a Public Hearing at 5:30 PM on March 22, 1999 at the County Courthouse. The purpose of public hearing is to allow for final public comments regarding the completion of the 1998 Texas Community Development Program - Water System Improvements (Contract Number 716115). The general public is invited to attend and participate.

Should any non-English speaking citizens desire to address the County during the public hearing and needs the assistance of an interpreter, the County will attempt to provide one if sufficient notice is provided. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact the County Judge at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Wm. Bednar
County Judge
Glasscock County
2222 March 18, 1999

THURSDAY

MAR. 18

Table with 24 columns representing different TV channels (KMYD, KPEJ, KERA, etc.) and rows listing various programs and their start times.

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FAMILY-CIRCUS



DENNIS THE MENACE



GEECH



THIS DATE IN HISTORY

288 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On March 18, 1959, President Eisenhower signed the Hawaii statehood bill. On this date: In 1766, Britain repealed the Stamp Act.

WIZARD OF ID



THE Daily Crossword

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes a 'Wednesday's Puzzle Solved' section with a grid and answers.

HI AND LOIS



GASOLINE ALLEY



SNUFFY SMITH



BEETLE BAILY



In 1837, the 22nd and 24th president of the United States, Grover Cleveland, was born in Caldwell, N.J.

In 1909, Einar Dossau of Denmark used a shortwave transmitter to converse with a government radio post about six miles away in what's believed to have been the first broadcast by a "ham" operator.

In 1931, Schick Inc. marketed the first electric razor. In 1937, more than 400 people, mostly children, were killed in a gas explosion at a school in New London, Texas.

In 1962, France and Algerian rebels agreed to a truce. In 1965, the first spacewalk took place by Soviet cosmonaut Aleksei Leonov.

In 1974, most of the Arab oil-producing nations ended their embargo against the United States.

In 1979, Iranian authorities detained American feminist Kate Millett, a day before deporting her and a companion for what were termed "provocations."

Ten years ago: The space shuttle Discovery landed at Edwards Air Force Base in California, completing a five-day mission.

Five years ago: The space shuttle Columbia returned from a two-week mission. Published reports said first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton had made nearly \$100,000 from the commodities market in the late 1970's on an initial investment of only \$1,000.

One year ago: Julie Hiatt Steele, a former friend of Kathleen Willey's, released a sworn affidavit undercutting Willey's claim that President Clinton had made an unwanted sexual advance toward her in 1993.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Peter Graves is 73. Author George Plimpton is 72. Composer John Kander is 72. Author John Updike is 67. Nobel peace laureate and former South African president F.W. de Klerk is 63. Country singer Charley Pride is 61. Singer Wilson Pickett is 58. Actor Kevin Dobson is 56. Actor Brad Dourif is 49. Singer Irene Cara is 40. Actor Thomas Ian Griffith is 37. Singer James McMurtry is 37. Singer-actress Vanessa L. Williams is 36. Olympic gold medal speed-skater Bonnie Blair is 35. Rock musician Jerry Cantrell (Alice in Chains) is 33. Rapper-actress Queen Latifah is 29. Rock musician Stuart Zender is 25. Thought for Today: "It's easy to be independent when you've got money. But to be independent when you haven't got a thing - that's the Lord's test." - Mahalia Jackson, American-gospel singer (1911-1972).

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