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**Tonight:**



**TONIGHT** 45°-47°  
**THURSDAY** 63°-65°

## Beds still needed for Up With People cast coming here

About 60 beds are still needed for the Up With People cast when they arrive in Big Spring on April 7. The highly acclaimed group will perform at Municipal Auditorium on Friday, April 9.

"We have 58 beds, so we're about halfway there," explained Jeannie McFarland of Up With People's advance team.

Persons who can provide housing for the nights of April 7 and April 8 are asked to call the Up With People office at 264-6522, or the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641.

## BSHS color guard slates performance

The Big Spring High School band color guard will be performing a "winter-guard" show at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in the Goliad Gym.

The guard, which calls itself Mariah II, is headed to state competition Saturday, and will perform some of its award-winning routines. Anyone is welcome to attend.

## WHAT'S UP...

**TODAY**  
Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

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

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

Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

Masonic Lodge NO. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

**FRIDAY**  
Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

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**  
Dance 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. Everyone welcome.

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## Choice for producer of the year is difficult one, committee chair says

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**  
News Editor

A deserving farmer or rancher will be named Producer of the Year at the annual Ag Expo and appreciation lunch, set Thursday in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.



**FEAGINS**

"We have a considerable number of real deserving producers in our area, Howard County and the neighboring counties," said Gibson Feagins, owner of Gibson Feagins Implement and chair of the Ag Expo committee. "It's a difficult award to select because of the number of qualified farmers and ranchers we have. It can be anyone involved in the production of agriculture."

The Expo begins at 9 a.m. and will run until 4 p.m. Among the types of businesses planning to put up exhibits on the coliseum

floor for Ag Expo are those representing wholesale, implement, farm supplies, seed, financial and insurance. The Expo is free to the public.

Following the noon barbecue lunch will be the announcement of the ag producer of the year, an award will be presented by State Rep. David Counts.

Tickets to the lunch, which is underwritten by contributing businesses, are free to all area farmers and ranches. It is required, however, that anyone attending the lunch pick up a ticket at the chamber office in

order to have an accurate count for meal preparation.

The lunch is also open to non-producers at \$8 per ticket.

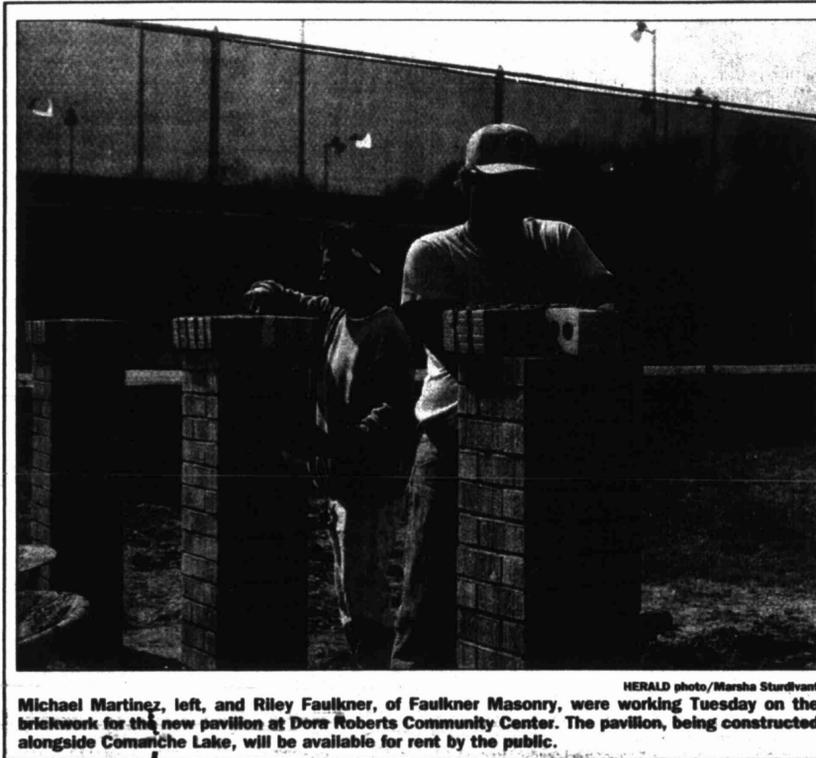
Seminars hosted by the Howard County Extension Service include: at 9 a.m., Row spacing, row patterns and plant populations by Dr. Bryan Unruh, extension agronomist; at 9:45 a.m., Boll weevil summary for Howard County, boll weevil management, by Tommy Doederlein, EA-IPM; and at 10:30 a.m., Economics of drip irrigation by David Kight, Howard County Extension

Agent.

Others are, at 11 a.m., Reducing tillage to increase profitability, Dr. Unruh; at 1 p.m., Continuing Education Units workshop, Shelly Borgstede, Texas Department of Agriculture; and at 3 p.m., Worker Protection Standard, laws and regulations.

"We feel like it's a worthwhile project to show farmers appreciation for their efforts in a tough market. It's a wonderful way of life but one that's been

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HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant  
Michael Martinez, left, and Riley Faulkner, of Faulkner Masonry, were working Tuesday on the brickwork for the new pavilion at Dora Roberts Community Center. The pavilion, being constructed alongside Comanche Lake, will be available for rent by the public.

## Stephens announces his retirement, sale of Town & Country Food Stores

By **JOHN H. WALKER**  
Managing Editor

F.L. "Steve" Stephens, 61, one of the founders of San Angelo-based Town & Country Food Stores in 1965, has announced his retirement and sale of the company.

Town & Country has single stores in Big Spring, Coahoma and Stanton and operates a total of 131 convenience stores in Texas and New Mexico in addition to six supermarkets in various West Texas communities.

A management group of seven current company officers and officials will purchase the company, with Don Allison taking over as chairman of the board and chief executive officer. The transaction is expected to be

completed about July 1. Prior to the sale, Stephens and about 140 employees held all of the stock. After the sale, the seven-member management group will hold 100 percent of company stock.

In addition to Allison, the group includes Tom Winter, chief financial officer; Drex Vincent, vice president of human resources; Lloyd Norris, vice president of gasoline marketing; Alvin New, vice president of sales and marketing; Randy Brooks, director of operations; and Devin Bates, director of management information systems.

Members of the buyout group average 20 years or more with the company.

Last year, Town & Country

had hired the Memphis, Tenn. investment banking firm of Morgan Keegan to explore alternatives for the company, such as merger, joint ventures or sale.

"We determined the best course for the company in terms of a stable 'passing of the torch' was to go the management buyout direction," Stephens told a local newspaper.

Stephens and Harold Gibbs, a former company employee, purchased six Town & Country stores in San Angelo and one in Del Rio in 1965 from the then-Austin based owners.

When the Austin firm sold the rest of the stores, Stephens and Gibbs bought the Town & Country name.

## Big Spring man found guilty in shooting, gets six-year term

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**  
Staff Writer

A five-man, seven-woman jury deliberated about 15 minutes Tuesday before returning a guilty verdict for assault with a deadly weapon against a 19-year old Big Spring man.

Raul Mendez received six years in prison for his part in a March 11, 1997 shooting that left 29-year-old Elida Hernandez with a bullet lodged near her spine.

Hernandez, from Pecos, was shot in the back and the location of the bullet is such that it is inoperable, she testified.

"They had to leave it there, because they said if they took it out I would be paralyzed. Today I have a lot of back pain and that will always be there, and my leg, I don't have full control of it. I have to hold onto things to walk, and they didn't think I would walk again. Thank God I am walking," Hernandez said from the witness stand.

Evidence presented by the Big Spring Police Department included signed statements by Mendez where he said he had fired his gun, a .22 caliber pis-

tol, toward the back of Hernandez, her boyfriend at the time, Ricky Rodriguez, and his brother Albert.

In describing an argument between the Rodriguez brothers and Mendez, his signed statement said he was reacting to an accusation that he and his cousin Valentine Torres were "fake gangsters."

"We're not gangsters, although we sometimes call ourselves 'Cripps.' They shot at us, and I shot back, not aiming, but shooting the girl," said Mendez's statement, as read by patrol sergeant John Stowers.

Three .22 caliber shell casings were retrieved from the crime scene on Settles, and a .22 caliber pistol was found at a residence on East 13th. The gun had a latent print that proved to match Mendez's fingerprints, according to evidence presented.

Don Richard, defense attorney, said he felt good about the verdict and sentence.

"I believe they had weak evidence, and there were a number of tests that were not per-

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## Boll weevil eradication vote may hinge on additional state funding, group told

By **JOHN H. WALKER**  
Managing Editor

LAMESA — An additional \$50 million in state funding could hinge on the outcome of the Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone vote, about 50 producers and gin operators were told here Tuesday.

"We are pursuing the inclusion of \$50 million for the next budget cycle to fund a cost share program in new eradication zones," State Sen. Robert Duncan (R-Lubbock) wrote to producers and landowners. "The outcome of the Permian Basin Zone vote could have a major impact on the success of our pursuit. If the new acres are not ready for a program, it will be tough to make the case for this significant appropriation."

Duncan was largely responsi-

ble for \$25 million in emergency legislation approved last week and signed into law by Gov. George W. Bush. Those monies will go to help defray the cost of the program, which has been successful in working toward the elimination of the boll weevil.

A total of 3,385 ballots were mailed from Austin last Thursday to landowners and cotton growers who certified production in 1997. Ballots postmarked by April 8 will be counted in the election, which includes three issues.

Eligible voters are being asked to approve the boll weevil eradication program, to approve an assessment of \$6 per acre dryland and \$12 per acre irrigated and to vote for Jim Brown to serve on the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation (TBWEF) board of directors.

"It's been a struggle these last three or four years," explained Mitchell County producer Woody Anderson, also a member of the TBWEF board. "We wouldn't even be here talking about this if it weren't for Sen.

Robert Duncan. He's built a strong coalition and I feel real good about what's happening in the House right now."

Both Anderson and Eddy Herm, chairman of the Permian Basin Zone's grower's advisory committee, cautioned that the opportunity to obtain state funding may be limited.

"I don't think we'll ever be as well-positioned to receive state funds for the program as we are today," Anderson said. "I feel the \$75 million (\$25 million approved and \$50 million being sought) will help us leverage some federal funds that I know Congressman (Charles) Stenholm (D-Stamford), (Larry) Combest (R-Lubbock) and (Henry) Bonilla (R-San Antonio) are working on."

During the meeting, questions were also passed along that are being asked by eligible voters who still have not made up their mind as to how to vote.

King-Mesa Gin owner Jerry Harris told the group history has proven that the boll weevil

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**FUQUA**

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**  
News Editor

Without comment Tuesday, Big Spring City Council approved the city's portion of an interlocal agreement with Lubbock to join and help fund the Port-To-Plains Coalition.

The council had approved the measure on first reading two weeks ago, but questioned at the time how the city's financial portion of \$14,353.40 would be funded. On second reading, however, there was no comment, and council members grouped the issue with five others, passing them all on one motion.

Port-To-Plains is an effort to establish the Southwest to Northwest International Trade Corridor through the Panhandle and down through Big Spring via U.S. Highway 87, to promote economic development for cities and counties along the route. The funds will be used to employ an engineering firm to conduct a study to survey the feasibility of establishing the corridor as well as promote it.

City Manager Gary Fuqua said this morning that it is hoped Moore Development for Big Spring will take on funding for the project.

"The decision of the council is that it is a good thing but they feel like it is economic development. We hope Moore Development agrees with us on that. If not, we'll look for ways to fund it," said Fuqua.

Moore Development's board meets at 3 p.m. today, and Port-

To-Plains is on the agenda.

Most of Tuesday's 40-minute-long meeting was spent on a Year 2000 update, given by Tom Ferguson, city secretary and director of finance. The year 2000, abbreviated to Y2K, is projected to cause a number of problems on several dates, most seriously on Jan. 1, 2000, when computer-chip dependable devices may fail because they may be confused by the '00' designation of the last two digits. Another date expected to cause a problem occurs because 2000 is a leap year.

Ferguson told the council that the goal is to have all city equipment Y2K compatible by the end of the third quarter of this year. The city has also received a letter from TU Electric, stating that the energy provider does not anticipate any Y2K problems. Southwestern Bell Telephone has also assured the city that it will be Y2K compatible, Ferguson said.

Most problems with city equipment are in the process of being upgraded, Ferguson said. Some are still in the process of being identified. Most of the city's main financial management programs have been upgraded.

Of the personal computers in use by the city, 20 have failed a Y2K-compatibility test so far, he said.

Seventeen of those can be handled by manually corrected. "The only things they won't do is roll over to 2000," he said.

Three other personal computers won't hold the new date and won't pass the leap year test.

Of nine fax machines in use by the city, three failed tests. They will be usable, Ferguson

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OBITUARIES

Seferina Martinez

Service for Seferina Martinez, Big Spring, is pending with Stanton Memorial Funeral Home & Chapel.

She died Tuesday, March 23, 1999, in a Big Spring hospital.

Donald Sabaitis

Service for Donald Sabaitis, 60, Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He died Tuesday, March 23, 1999, at his residence.

James Weldon Weaver

James Weldon Weaver, 77, Coahoma, passed away on Monday, March 22, 1999, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a long illness.

Graveside services will be 4 p.m. Thursday, March 25, 1999, at Coahoma Cemetery with Russell Mullins and Elwin Collom officiating.

James was born July 1, 1921, in Coahoma. He had graduated from Coahoma School and was a lifetime resident of Coahoma. He taught shop at Coahoma High School and was also a carpenter and a member of the Church of Christ.

He married Frances Marie Allen on April 7, 1946, in Lovington, N.M., and she preceded him in death on Nov. 5, 1990. He later married Pauline Dodson on March 27, 1991, in Coahoma.

He was a veteran of the US Army, serving during World War II in the 36th Division.

He is survived by: his wife, Pauline Dodson Weaver of Coahoma; one godson, Mike Weaver (and his wife Vickey) of Big Spring; two step-sons, Bobby Dodson (and wife Winnie) and Ronnie Dodson (and wife Sharon), all of Coahoma.

Four brothers, Elton Weaver of Big Spring, Curtis "Pete" Allen of Coahoma, Eddy Allen of Llano, and Jerry "Bozy" Allen of Denison; two sisters, Mary Lou Edens of Big Spring, and Frances Capps of Coahoma; three step-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren; four god-grandchildren; and one god-great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother Mary Allen in 1998, his father Andrew Weaver in 1932, two brothers, A.W.

Weaver and Buddy Weaver, and two sisters, Eulene Sims and Marie Weaver.

Pallbearers will be Dwayne Clawson, Clay Reid, Bruce Allen, Don Allen, Billy Jack Darden and Charles Parrish. Honorary pallbearers will be Bill Read, Gene Henry, Robert Turner, Danny Dodson, Buddy Anderson and John Stanley Phillips.

Family suggests memorials to Vista Care Family Hospice, 3210 E. 11th Place, Big Spring, American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring, and the Coahoma Church of Christ, Box 92, Coahoma, 75911.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday. Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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difficult in the last few years," said Feagins.

The Ag Expo is presented by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and the West Texas Ag Expo Committee.

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and the cotton farmer have never been able to co-exist.

"Try as we might, unless we eliminate it, it's eventually going to get us," Harris said. "I've been asked why I'm so supportive of this program ... why my gin is and why our employees are."

"Someone asked me if I wasn't afraid of losing some customers who were opposed to this program ... I told them I would rather lose one or two customers than all of them, and that's what's going to happen if we don't pass this program."

Herm said persons with questions about the program could call members of the grower's advisory committee. Herm's number is 353-4575.

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formed. They never showed consistency between the gun and the wound and my client. I

believe he should have been found with the lesser offense of deadly conduct," Richard said. Hardy Wilkerson, district attorney, said he was pleased with the verdict and he believes the jury acted in the proper manner.

"Each of these types of cases is based on facts, and the jury looked carefully at the evidence and rendered a verdict based on that evidence. They did it right," Wilkerson said.

Mendez will not be eligible for parole for three of the six years, and with the aggravated charge on his conviction, he will probably not be granted parole at his first review, Richard said.

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said, but won't record the correct date.

The city water treatment plant and wastewater treatment plant are not Y2K compatible, but neither are the date sensitive, Ferguson said. They can be operated manually if need be. Also checked and found compatible or non-applicable are the 911 service and runway lighting at the airport.

The city's major problem, he told the council, will be if for some reason electricity does fail.

Checks with Texas Department of Transportation indicate that traffic signals on major highways should be operational. However, TxDOT does have a contingency plan in case there is a problem, Ferguson told the council. City signals are not linked to computer and will be no problem - again, unless there is no electricity, he said.

Council members approved submitting an application for a Texas Community Development Program grant in the amount of \$350,000 for sewer line replacement in the Capeheart subdivision. The city is prepared to commit \$70,000 from its utility fund in matching funds.

Also approved on first reading was a resolution authorizing spending \$26,394 for INCODE computer software for the Municipal Court.

Council members approved a request to apply for a grant through the Texas Department

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of Health to be used toward EMT certification training and continuing education courses. The grant amount is to be \$5,000 or less.

Randy Gee, sales manager at Bob Brock Ford, was named to replace Archie Kountz on the Howard County Joint Tax Appraisal District board.

Two proclamations were presented - one proclaiming March 27 as Multiple Sclerosis Day and another proclaiming April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

POLICE

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

• THEFT was reported in the 300 block of Owens.

• MINOR ACCIDENTS were reported in the 3300 block of East Marcy, at Third and Owens, 1100 block of Douglas and 2600 block of Gregg.

• BELINDA GOOLSBY, 28, was arrested for theft more than \$500.

• MICHAEL COBB, 20, was arrested for a local warrant.

• FORGERY was reported in the 2000 block of Gregg. Eight incidents of forging a financial instrument, checks, were reported.

• ORBIN DAILEY, 58, was arrested for possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

• BELINDA MENDOZA, 49, was arrested for local warrants.

• CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 800 block of East 12th.

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TEXAS LOTTERY

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

PICK 3: 4,4,3  
CASH 5: 4,12,13,18,20

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Robinson, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

7:49 a.m. - 100 block Northwest 9th, structure fire reported, cancelled en route.

9:31 a.m. - 4000 block W. Hwy. 80, medical call, service refused.

9:40 a.m. - 500 block W. 17th, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

1:23 p.m. - 1600 block Martin Luther King, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

6:20 p.m. - 900 block Goliad, medical call, patient transported to VA Medical Center.

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

FIRE/EMS

MONDAY

4:01 a.m. - 1300 block Stadium, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

6:14 a.m. - 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

7:41 a.m. - 400 block E. 15th, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

9:07 a.m. - 1400 block E. Sixth, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

2:45 p.m. - SMMC, medical call, patient transported to Shannon, San Angelo.

2:46 p.m. - 800 block E. FM-700, traffic accident, service refused.

3:26 p.m. - 11th Place Extension, grass fire, extinguished by responding units.

TUESDAY

5:18 a.m. - 300 block E.

RECORDS

Tuesday's high 65

Tuesday's low 44

Average high 72

Average low 42

Record high 90 in 1998

Record low 24 in 1952

Precip. Tuesday 0.00

Month to date 0.48

Month's normal 0.55

Year to date 0.73

Normal for the year 1.80

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A new letter criticizing intimidating to tax audits. The agency heavy-handed work.

Two months after the Inter Service announcement will stop sending audited taxpayers their employers, even banks could.

Beginning next week will be mailed letters where the audit information payer, said IRS Charles Rossotti, the works.

WASHINGTON

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Austin (AP) - allow thousands of six urban county payer-funded voucher school tuition action by the Senate Committee, who the bill's author.

Sen. Teel Ed in has called the program to allow the science forward and national theories which debated in Texas.

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ALBUQUERQUE

A former preacher who his marriage off their eight-year-old son, was sentenced to prison for torching church where he was pastor.

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# U.S., allied planes, ships ready for attacks on Serbs

WASHINGTON (AP) — American and allied warships and bombers stood ready today to deliver a "swift and severe" blow to Yugoslavia, starting with a U.S.-led barrage of sea- and air-launched cruise missiles that would target Yugoslav air defenses and open the way to a larger-scale bombing campaign.

The decision on when to start the attacks lay with U.S. Army Gen. Wesley Clark, NATO's top commander. NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana gave Clark the formal go-ahead Tuesday evening.

"No alternative is open but to take military action," Solana said solemnly at NATO head-

quarters in Brussels, Belgium. Solana announced his move just hours after last-ditch talks in Belgrade between President Slobodan Milosevic and U.S. special envoy Richard Holbrooke ended in failure.

Interviewed today on ABC's "Good Morning America," Solana said: "Up to now we have not heard of any change in the behavior of President Milosevic. ... We are going to continue with the decision taken yesterday."

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Defense Secretary William Cohen were summoned to the White House before 7:30 a.m. today, about two hours after eight U.S. B-52 bombers

were seen flying out of a British air base.

President Clinton prepared the nation for an imminent attack on Serb targets, saying that although American troops would be at risk, the air campaign is necessary for Europe's long-term stability. Congress lined up behind him, dropping a move to cut the financial rug from under U.S. military action.

"I want to level with you," Clinton said in a speech Tuesday. "This is like any other military action. There are risks in it."

He said American diplomatic efforts had reached a dead end and Serb troops were terrorizing and murdering civilians in

Kosovo, a province of Serbia, the dominant Yugoslav republic. "We have to take a stand now," Clinton said. "If we don't do it now, we will have to do it later."

An opening volley of cruise missiles would be fired from four U.S. Navy ships and two submarines in the Adriatic, along with one British sub, plus Air Force B-52 bombers flying from a base in England. Also likely to be among the first in action: Air Force F-117 stealth fighter-bombers based in Italy.

At the Pentagon, spokesman Kenneth Bacon said Tuesday that the Yugoslav Army was dispersing its air defense equipment in anticipation of NATO

airstrikes. Yugoslav officials, citing an "imminent threat of war," declared a state of emergency, mobilized troops and put the army on a high state of alert.

"We have plans for a swift and severe air campaign," Bacon told reporters. "This will be painful to the Serbs."

Albright, appearing Tuesday night on CNN's "Larry King Live" program, said, "The purpose of this is to deter Slobodan Milosevic from continuing on his rampage and going in and torching, having his soldiers and his special police torch the villages. It is designed to deter that and also to damage his capability to do that."

The commander who would direct the air campaign, on orders from Clark in Brussels, is Navy Adm. James O. Ellis Jr., commander in chief of Allied Forces Southern Europe. From his headquarters in Naples, Italy, he also is commander of U.S. Naval Forces Europe.

Bacon said NATO has the option of using the Air Force's B-2 stealth bomber, which has never been combat.

The radar-evading plane, at \$2 billion apiece the most expensive plane ever built, can drop satellite-guided bombs on a round-trip sortie from the only B-2 base, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo.

## IRS cuts down on using 'threat' audit letters

WASHINGTON (AP) — The IRS is cutting back on the use of a new letter criticized as too intimidating to taxpayers facing audits. The agency has to fix its heavy-handed wording.

Two months after its inception, the Internal Revenue Service announced Tuesday it will stop sending letters to all audited taxpayers warning that their employers, neighbors and even banks could be contacted.

Beginning next week, the letters will be mailed only in situations where the IRS has tried and failed to get the needed audit information from the taxpayer, said IRS Commissioner Charles Rossotti. A rewrite is in the works.

*"There's no reason to send these letters when we can work directly with the taxpayer in most cases."*

—Charles Rossotti, IRS commissioner

"Many of these letters have gone out too early and needlessly alarmed taxpayers in cases where the IRS had no need to contact outside parties," Rossotti said.

The letters, in use since mid-January, were intended by Congress in the new IRS reform law to be a "fair warning" to taxpayers that the agency was preparing to use these powers.

But lawmakers and tax professionals say the agency stumbled by choosing such intimidating wording and sending the letters at the beginning of an audit.

"They turned fair warning into a threat," said David Lifson, tax committee chairman of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. "If the IRS is going to contact your friends and neighbors,

that's a pretty serious step. It should only be undertaken in the most extreme circumstances."

Rossotti said the new policy on the letter more accurately reflects a long-standing IRS practice of resorting to outside contacts only if all else fails.

"There's no reason to send these letters when we can work directly with the taxpayer in most cases," Rossotti said.

The IRS is still working on a new version of the letter that Rossotti said will be "clearer, better-written" than the current one. Several tax professional organizations, including AICPA, are involved in improving the wording.

## Senate panel poised to take up voucher bill

AUSTIN (AP) — A proposal to allow thousands of students in six urban counties to get taxpayer-funded vouchers for private school tuition is poised for action by the Senate Education Committee, whose chairman is the bill's author.

Sen. Teel Edrins, R-Amarillo, has called the proposed five-year trial program "my attempt to allow the scientific method to go forward and to test educational theories which are fiercely debated in Texas."

It's estimated that more than

143,000 public school students in Bexar, El Paso, Dallas, Harris, Tarrant and Travis counties would be eligible for vouchers under Edrins' bill, which was scheduled for a Wednesday committee hearing.

The proposal would restrict vouchers to students in the six counties who didn't perform satisfactorily on the most recent Texas Assessment of Academic Skills reading, writing or math sections.

The students would have to be participants in the free or

reduced-price lunch program that targets low-income students, and they couldn't have been enrolled in a private school during the current or preceding school year.

The voucher would be 80 percent of the state and local public school funding for the student's education. The school district the student otherwise would attend would get the rest of the public education money.

Supporters of vouchers say parents should be given an educational choice, maintaining

competition will spur improvements in public schools.

Opponents say vouchers would drain badly needed dollars from public schools.

Voucher opponents last week released an estimate that public schools in the six targeted counties could lose as much as \$2.8 billion over five years under the proposal. That assumes all eligible children would participate.

Backers of the proposal have predicted no more than 10 percent of those eligible will participate.

## Former preacher convicted of torching church

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — A former preacher distraught when his married lover broke off their eight-year affair could be sentenced to 15 years in prison for torching the Mormon church where she was the organist.

Walter Gene Grassie, 49, was convicted Tuesday of setting a fire that caused \$2.5 million in damage to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in

Roswell. Sentencing was set for June.

"Here's a man who's successful, at the top of his whole life — and then he just loses it," said prosecutor Bob Gorence.

The prosecution said Grassie, a former Church of Christ minister, was embittered against Mormon doctrine because he believed Sharlene Jensen's faith prevented her from leaving her husband.

Mrs. Jensen testified Grassie seemed to suffer a breakdown after she told him she was breaking off the relationship.

The defense said prosecutors had presented evidence of Grassie's emotional response to the breakup, but no real evidence that he committed the arson.

"The government wishes for you to assume Gene Grassie guilty. ... It's like 'Help us, here

— fill in the gaps for us," defense attorney Michael Stout said in closing arguments.

"Somewhere along the line you have to show evidence of the crime itself," he said.

Besides burning the Roswell church, Grassie was convicted of vandalism at Mormon churches in Alto, Alamogordo and Artesia and of burning a car belonging to Mrs. Jensen's son.



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## OUR VIEWS

### Let's open our doors and hearts to Up With People

**U**p With People, the acclaimed musical tour group which will put on "Roads" at the Municipal Auditorium on April 9, is much more than a song and dance troupe passing through Big Spring. These young men and women are examples of the message they bring — one of challenge, community, goodwill and harmony.

On April 8, the 120 or so cast members are going to participate in a community service day. They'll be helping out in Big Spring — painting, picking up trash, fixing up where things need fixing and cleaning where things need cleaning.

They promote the ideals that most Big Spring parents would like to see in their own young men and women: say no to drugs, don't become involved in gangs, and get involved with the community.

Already, an advance team of three Up With People members has joined with community members to raise more than \$1,200 to purchase tickets which will be presented to children from Excellent Experiences, the Big Spring Area Salvation Army Youth Program and Vista Care Family Hospice.

They want to make sure that children who might not otherwise be able to afford to go to the uplifting show can get the opportunity.

Up With People needs something back from the community though. They need beds. Places to sleep. Ticket prices to the show — \$10 for adults or \$8 for students and senior citizens — won't pay for lodging, travel and meals for the cast.

Already, beds have been located in our community for 58 of the group. But another 60 are needed. If you have an empty bed for three nights and can put an extra plate on the table for one of these young people, you would be doing a great thing for a wonderful organization and for Big Spring. It would also be a rewarding personal experience. Up With People youth come from more than 90 different countries across the globe and their enthusiasm is infectious.

To become an Up With People host family, call 264-6033. Let's open our hearts, and our doors to this very special organization.

## YOUR VIEWS

### TO THE EDITOR:

Your coverage of the Rain Rally and the Thanksgiving Gathering which followed it is appreciated. Your interest in and presentation of the concept brought it to the attention of people.

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of Lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." James 1:17. In our haste we sometimes forget that "Loving to God as our Source puts us in a position of blessing."

I feel grateful to everyone who reminded us of that truth.

NANCY PATRICK  
BIG SPRING

### TO THE EDITOR:

My Dad, my sisters, my husband and I would like to thank

the three people that helped my Dad on Wednesday, March 17.

My Dad had fallen in his yard. Two young women saw him lying on the ground and called me. They stayed with Dad and took very good care of him until we could get there.

When my husband was trying to get Dad up and into a wheelchair, a young man by the name of Richard ran and helped get him into the house. One of the women's name is Maggie. I was too upset to get the other lady's name, but we sincerely thank the three of you.

The Herald salutes heroes each Friday. These three are truly heroes, and our family salutes each of them.

JEWEL STOVALL  
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# Lets get back to teaching the real thing

**N**ow that Hollywood has bestowed an Oscar on a fictitious "Shakespeare In Love," maybe colleges and universities can go back to teaching the real thing.

Hundreds of colleges eliminated Shakespeare requirements, even for English majors, when the diversity craze hit campuses more than a decade ago. The Bard of Avon was thrown on the curriculum trash heap of dead, white males, replaced by more enlightened authors, like Rigoberta Menchu.

The Mayan woman's eponymous tract, "I, Rigoberta Menchu," remains a favorite among campus feminists and Marxists, despite a recent scholarly expose of the book by anthropologist David Stoll that reveals the "autobiography" contains as much fiction as fact.

Menchu describes herself as an illiterate and impoverished

peasant, who spoke no Spanish and whose family was tortured and killed by Guatemalan death squads. Yet Stoll discovered not only that Menchu comes from a middle-class family and attended Catholic schools (where the curriculum is in Spanish), but that the murder of her brother and 22 others, which she graphically describes having witnessed, never even occurred.

How is it that universities have been taken in by this fraud? One reviewer of Stoll's book described the phenomenon as adherence to "political truth" — the substitution of what could have happened for what actually did, in service of some higher political ideal. This ideology has infected undergraduate education for more than three decades and has now come to dominate law schools, as well. But some students are rebelling. A new book of essays by more than two dozen Berkeley law students, "The Diversity Hoax," describes why students have become frustrated in their pursuit of learning.

The book began as an invitation by first-year law student David Weiner to his classmates at the University of California at Berkeley's Boalt Law School. David asked his fellow students to submit essays responding to

a few simple questions: "How healthy is the marketplace of ideas here at Boalt? Do you have fair opportunity to share your ideas in the classroom? Does expression flow freely in an environment tolerant of diversity, or does the climate of tolerance at Berkeley paradoxically inhibit true diversity of opinion? Has political activism within the classroom silenced important student perspectives? What should have been said, but never was?"

The impetus for the project was the tremendous political tension that existed on campus in 1997 when the law school was forced to abandon its previous policy of admitting black and Latino students with low test scores and academic credentials, and to accept a quota of whites and Asians. The book describes the heated debate that has taken place on campus, and the students' view that the "regeneration" of Berkeley law school demonstrates the law school's failure to teach the "diversity" it markets.

It is my hope that the "Diversity Hoax" will soon be a required reading for all law students.

distinct minority in this liberal bastion, several students submitted essays, often personal and poignant, recounting their own experiences with the prevailing "political truths" on campus. While some students wrote essays describing themselves as conservatives or moderate Republicans, others said they were Democrats or liberals, but none by all complained of a politically correct orthodoxy that dominated classroom discussion, whether the subject was race, gender, or sexual orientation, which pervaded the curriculum in property law.

"The Diversity Hoax" is only the beginning in a series of essays that, in what has become a tradition in higher education for several years, it is hoped, will continue to strip the curriculum of the "diversity" of dead white males, like Witham.

It is my hope that Will has done a good job, and heartily congratulate Rigoberta Menchu for her role as an impostor. I hope that colleges and universities will soon be able to teach the real thing.



LINDA CHAVEZ

### Brave New World...



## Another way to ride a burro

**T**hurman Yancey of Laredo and three other men went elk hunting on Thurman's Wyoming ranch last year. They rode up there in Thurman's new Chrysler.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

It had just come from the dealership and hadn't been fully serviced. The men took the car to the campsite and went off on burros to hunt.

The first day of the hunt was great: perfect weather and everybody except Thurman got an elk.

The next morning the thermometer showed 31 degrees below zero. The new Chrysler was there, gleaming in all its glory. The hunters knew that when they wanted to leave, the new car would get them back to Laredo, the hottest spot in Texas. Practically no one in Laredo ever thinks about antifreeze. People in Wyoming think about antifreeze nearly all the time.

Two days later the campsite was completely snowed in. The hunters decided they had about all the fun they could stand, so they packed up everything and got in the Chrysler, ready to head home. It wouldn't start.

No antifreeze. The radiator and engine froze in the extreme cold. The engine has freeze plugs which act as safety valves in case something like this should happen. The freeze plugs had popped out and couldn't be found.

While the men considered their plight, Thurman recalled that when he was younger, men put Prince Albert tobacco in the radiator to stop leaks. In fact, Thurman had even put horse manure in the radiator on some occasions. Since the horses had eaten hay, their manure had much the same texture as tobacco.

Thurman and his fellow hunters drove small branches into the places on the engine where freeze plugs usually go. They melted snow and poured a little bit of water into the radiator. They then filled it with burro droppings. The car started.

Thurman carried a five-gallon can of water as a precaution. They decided to leave the

car at the nearest town and have the water replaced. They drove 10 miles, they stopped and put about a gallon of water in the radiator. They drove another ten miles and stopped to check. No water needed. Same thing when they stopped in town.

They decided they would make it back to Laredo, about 200 sand miles away. They arrived home in 24 hours. With the tree branches protruding from the engine and a radiator filled with burro poop.

Thurman took the car back to the dealer, who wouldn't believe the engine was running with the wooden sticks sticking out of it. He jerked the motor out and put in a new one.

Thurman swears what happens next is the truth. He was driving the car home from the dealership when the engine began making a knocking sound and finally stopped running. Seems the dealer forgot to put oil in the car. Thurman called the dealer, who put in a third engine. This time he checked the oil and the antifreeze.

Thurman Yancey has become a proponent of burro manure. He thinks every car owner should carry some in the trunk

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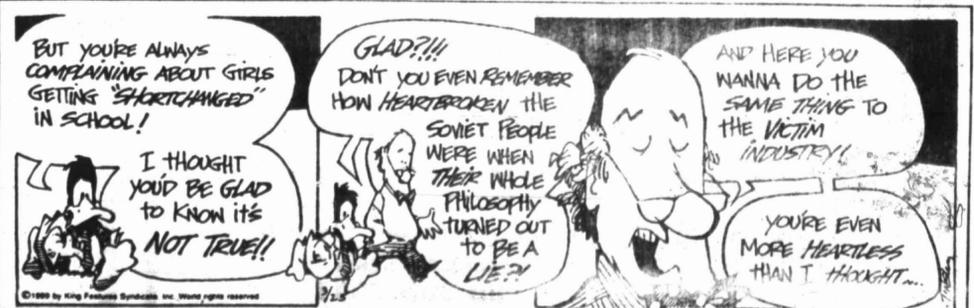
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Big Spring Herald

Wednesday, March 24, 1999

## Take your child to work

### Norwest encourages other businesses to participate in April 23 event

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN  
Features Editor

Do your children know what you do for a living?

They know your job title, sure, but do they understand what is actually involved in your 8-5 day? Now there's a way they can find out.

Norwest Bank is encouraging local businesses to participate in "Take Your Child To Work Day" on April 23. Carl Smoot, business banker, is heading up the effort.

"A couple of years ago, Norwest sent information encouraging all of its banks to participate," he explained. "Two years ago, we tried it here, and it was very successful."

Smoot invited his stepdaughter Kady Knox to join him for the day, and he said it was enlightening to both of them.

**'I think most kids don't have a clue what their parents do. It's interesting to see what they think about what you're doing.'**

**Carl Smoot  
Norwest Bank**

"I think most kids don't have a clue what their parents do," Smoot said. "It's interesting to see what they think about what you're doing."

Meanwhile, he said children can learn about possible career opportunities, while also discovering that work can be fun.

"I think they can find out their parent's job is not as boring as they might think," Smoot said.

Norwest planned a full day of activities for the 25 children they expected to participate. Smoot said for any other

businesses that will join the effort this year, advance planning is a must.

"We gave tours, let them visit different departments to see what they did, and we sent out for pizza at lunch," he said. "I would definitely go with a schedule."

He said he also recommends limiting the age of children involved to between second and 12th grade. Any younger than second grade, Smoot said, and "you've become more of a baby sitter." Plus, at that age, the children are ready to understand something about the

workplace, Smoot added.

This one-day event was originally started nationally as Take Our Daughters To Work Day, aimed at presenting career options to girls. Smoot said the bank expanded it to include boys, which he thinks has worked out fine.

Smoot recently presented the idea to the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, which agreed to observe the day at its office. He said he has also discussed it with Big Spring school officials, who have said they approve.

Now he hopes to encourage other businesses in Big Spring and the surrounding area to take advantage of this educational opportunity.

Anyone who wants to participate in "Take Your Child to Work Day" can call Smoot at Norwest, 267-5513, for more information about how to make the program a success.

## Follow food safety at home, at buffets

When it comes to food safety, consumers have higher expectations of other food handlers than they do of themselves.

According to a survey conducted across the country in late 1997, when people prepared meals in their own kitchens, they failed to follow food safety and sanitation practices including hand washing, preparing and storing ingredients at proper temperatures, and avoiding cross-contamination.

Of the 106 households surveyed in 81 cities throughout the United States and Canada, cross-contamination occurred in 76 percent of kitchens, neglecting hand washing occurred in 57 percent, and improper cooling of leftovers occurred in 29 percent of all kitchens — all critical violations. At least one critical violation was found in 96 percent of homes (meaning a violation that could potentially lead to food-borne illness) with an average of three violations found on average. Major violations such as storing foods without cover, improper thawing, and smoking, eating, drinking or chewing gum while preparing food were observed. In the end, only one house received an acceptable rating, while non received an excellent rating.

How do you suppose your kitchen would rate? Well, consumers wouldn't have to spend a lot of time or effort to upgrade their own practices. Some general things that would help include: avoiding cross-contamination, washing hands at appropriate times during meal preparation, cooking foods to appropriate temperatures, reheating foods to appropriate temperatures and cooling leftovers properly are all easy improvements to make.

I contend that in many cases, people just do not know or realize the basic food safety principles, so educating yourself on food safety for your own kitchen is a must.

And while we are on the subject of just not knowing, let me share a few tips for eating food from the restaurant buffet:

- Yes, using a clean plate each time you go back to the buffet is appropriate, necessary and required.
- Touch only the handle of the serving utensil and if at all possible, don't let the utensil touch your plate or bowl.
- The glass guard that covers the top of the buffet is there for a good reason — so don't sneeze, cough or drop or hair or anything else into the food. Try to keep your head above it.
- Last but not least, supervise children at the buffet. This is the best way to teach them good, safe practices.

Believe me, these are just a few of the things I notice as I see people eating food from the buffet. Remember the game we used to play as children —

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DANA TARTER

## Quick guide to some of the more unusual vegetables

WACO (AP) — We've all done it at the supermarket. We'll be browsing through the produce section and see a rutabaga or a turnip, maybe spaghetti squash or jicama.

"You know, I need to try something new," we say, picking up a vegetable with which we're not familiar.

Then we put it back down and head over to the potato bin to pick out a couple of russets for baking that night.

Well, no need to fret. Here is a short primer on those vegetables that are available in most grocery stores, those veggies most people have no idea how to prepare.

"A turnip? Sure, I've heard of it. How to fix it? I dunno." Here's a quickie guide.

**JICAMA** is the Mexican version of the potato. Pronounced hi-kah-mah, the legume can be served with a dip and eaten raw or sauteed or stir fried. The jicama stays crisp when cooked. Choose jicama just as you would a potato: Look for well-formed tubers that appear fresh and are free from cracks and bruises. Store in a cool dry place. When peeling the jicama, also remove the fibrous flesh just under the skin.

Jicama prepared with lime juice tastes like a cross between apple and water chestnuts. Incidentally, jicama can take the place of the more expensive water chestnuts in most recipes.

**JICAMA WITH LIME JUICE**  
1 medium jicama, peeled and rinsed  
Lettuce leaves  
Juice of 3 limes (about 1/2 cup)  
1/2 teaspoon chili powder

With a sharp knife or crinkle edge cutter, cut jicama into matchstick-size slices, or larger if desired. Place on lettuce-lined serving platter. Sprinkle with lime juice and chili powder. Cover and chill before serving. Makes 8 appetizer servings.

**RUTABAGA** is part wild cabbage

and part wild turnip, with a distinct cabbage-like flavor. Rutabaga should be peeled with a vegetable peeler and cut into quarters, slices or cubes, then baked, boiled and pureed or sliced and sauteed.

Rutabaga is especially flavorful when seasoned with lemon juice or dill. If stored in a cold (32 to 35 degrees), humid environment, a rutabaga should keep for four to six months.

**PIQUANT RUTABAGAS**  
3 cups peeled and diced rutabaga  
2 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted  
1 tablespoon light brown sugar  
2 tablespoons soy sauce  
1 tablespoon lemon juice  
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

Cook rutabaga in a small amount of boiling water for 20 minutes or until tender; drain. Combine butter, brown sugar, soy sauce, lemon juice and Worcestershire sauce in a saucepan. Heat thoroughly, but do not boil. Pour sauce over rutabaga; mix gently. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

**SPAGHETTI SQUASH** gets its name from the stringy interior of the vegetable, which has a nutty flavor. It is a favorite of those watching their diet as an alternative to pasta. One 3-ounce serving of spaghetti squash contains just 29 calories compared with 149 calories in the same amount of spaghetti.

The squash can be prepared by simply boiling it whole for 25 to 30 minutes or until tender. Cut it in half and remove the seeds and pulp. Then place the remaining stringy flesh on plates and dot with a bit of butter and Parmesan or romano cheese, or serve with traditional pasta toppings as in the following recipe.

**SPAGHETTI SQUASH WITH TOMATO SAUCE**  
1 medium onion, minced

1 clove garlic, crushed  
1/2 pound lean ground beef  
2 tablespoons olive oil (optional)  
4 cups chopped ripe or canned tomatoes  
1 tablespoon dried basil  
1 tablespoon dried oregano  
Salt and pepper to taste  
1 spaghetti squash, about 3 pounds, boiled until tender  
Grated Parmesan cheese

In a skillet, saute onion, garlic, crumbled ground beef and olive oil if using until meat is browned. Add tomatoes with liquid and spices. Simmer uncovered for 30 to 45 minutes, stirring occasionally. Pull cooked squash out of the rind and place on plates. Top with sauce and cheese. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

The **TURNIP**, very similar to the rutabaga, is also a member of the cabbage family. Raw turnip tastes peppery but mellows when cooked.

Turnips can be boiled and then pureed with cream, butter and a pinch of sugar. Turnip works well with game birds and turkey as well as with rich meats like duck.

To french fry turnips, cut the peeled turnip into strips. Fry a small amount at a time in deep, hot oil or fat (360 degrees) for 6 to 7 minutes or until crisp and golden. Drain on paper towels. Sprinkle with salt and serve hot.

**BAKED TURNIP PUFF**  
1-1/2 cups hot mashed potatoes  
1-1/2 cups hot mashed turnips  
1-1/2 teaspoons salt  
1/2 teaspoon pepper  
2 tablespoons butter or margarine  
2 tablespoons diced onion  
1 egg, beaten

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Combine all ingredients and pour into a 1-quart casserole dish. Bake, uncovered, for 30 minutes. Makes 4 servings.

Turnips can be a bit bitter. This is a great way to sweeten them.

## Baby gender

### Survey finds most parents would not choose

DARIEN, Conn. (AP) — Prospective parents may say they would like to have a boy or a girl, but most would not choose the baby's gender if they could, a recent poll indicates.

Readers of Lamaze Family magazine were asked, "If you could, without any cost, inconvenience, uncertainty or physical complications for mother, father or child, choose the sex of your child/children, would you?"

Out of 1,037 responses, 614 readers (59 percent) said "no," often citing a desire to leave it to God or Mother Nature.

**'I think it is important to take the joy in the gifts we receive and not diminish the experience by choosing the wrapping paper.'**

A mother

"I strongly believe that God has a reason or purpose for everything," one parent wrote. "If we begin to mess with the natural order of things, we would just end up paying for it in the end."

The 423 (41 percent) who voted "yes" favored having

boys by a 2 to 1 margin.

Ten percent felt that this was an area where science could go too far. "Science is rapidly outpacing society's ability to grasp the moral and ethical implications that accompany new technological 'advances,'" another said.

Of the mothers who voted "no," 42 said they didn't want to spoil the surprise.

"Isn't part of this miracle the mystery that goes with it?" one asked. "I think it is important to take the joy in the gifts we receive and not diminish the experience by choosing the wrapping paper."

## Plant heirlooms to bid the century adieu

POUND RIDGE, N.Y. (AP) — Try growing some heirlooms in your garden in this last year of the millennium. How better to salute the past than to savor a Brandywine tomato, hailed by many as the tastiest ever.

Or plant some old-fashioned petunias, pansies and violas and enjoy the looks and fragrances that delighted our forebears.

Heirloom plants have been making a comeback in the past decade. Gardeners have increasingly been willing to put up with the faults of old plants in order to enjoy their merits.

Take the Brandywine tomato. This Amish family heirloom dating back to around 1885 has poor disease resistance and is likely to develop cracks and off-shapes. It's not a cosmetic winner for the supermarket produce shelf. But many of us gardeners don't care about that. It's the flavor that counts.

Itself an heirloom, the venerable seedhouse of W. Atlee Burpee & Co of Warminster, Pa., has issued a special, beautifully illustrated 1999 catalog dedicated exclusively to old vegetables and flowers. You

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### PLANT TIPS

Have you ever tried to liven up a room with live plants and flowers, just to find them withering away? You've fertilized and watered with care, yet they fail to thrive. What do you need to do to help them grow? Do professional greenhouse growers know something you don't?

Light is essential. The amount and type of light available to your indoor plants may be the problem. Plants convert light into energy through a process called photosynthesis, however, not all light is converted equally. Some plants need as much as 12 to 16 hours of light exposure each day to thrive.

New fluorescent light bulbs are specifically designed for flowering and foliage plants that thrive in bright light. For best results, plants should be placed 12 to 15 inches away from bulbs.



### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**A FUNDRAISING DANCE IS** planned Saturday to benefit Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center. The Spring Gala with the theme "Tango, Two-Step and Tulips" begins at 9 p.m. at Dora Roberts Community Center.

Tickets for the dance are \$30 a couple, \$20 for singles. Before the dance, a cocktail reception and auction are planned. Tickets that include that event are available at \$100 per couple.

The formal dance will include music provided by a disc jockey. Tickets are available at the rehab center, 306 W. Third.

### THE LAST WORD

To like and dislike the same things, that is indeed true friendship.  
**Sallust**

Practice and thought might gradually forge many an art.  
**Virgil**

Conceal a flaw, and the world will imagine the worst.  
**Martial**

### HEIRLOOM

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can order it at 800-888-1447 or see it on the Web at [www.burpee.com](http://www.burpee.com).

Burpee is offering heirlooms not only by the seed packet but also in a selection of 61 potted flower and vegetable plants ready to go into the garden.

There are tomatoes here you may never have heard of, like Watermelon Beefsteak that get to weigh two pounds and more. Fifty seeds come at \$2.95 per packet while six plants sell for \$14.95. Brandywine prices: 50 seeds \$2.45, six plants \$14.95.

Another tomato called Mortgage Lifter is a huge, tasty beefsteak developed in the 1930s by a gardener who is said to have paid off his mortgage in six years by selling 1,000 plants a year at \$1 apiece. (That's a \$70,000 mortgage in today's dollars.) Fifty seeds \$2.95, six plants \$14.95.

Burpee first marketed a sweet pepper called Chinese Giant in 1900 and here it is again. It's described as twice as big as the largest bell pepper of that time and is still remarkable today at four inches across and four inches long. The cost: \$2.95 for 100 seeds, \$12.95 for six plants.

Among eggplants, Burpee has the near-centenarian Black Beauty, of course, but also the lesser-known Rosa Bianca, an old Italian variety bearing medium-sized white fruits heavily blushed and streaked with rosy purple. Thirty seeds \$2.25, six plants \$12.95.

In the razzle-dazzle that has characterized corn in the last 10 years, the accent being on "sweet sweet," you may have forgotten some old varieties that had more of a corn flavor.

Burpee has revived Golden Bantam and Country Gentleman, both \$2.95 for 200 seeds. The first, an early-maturing variety introduced in 1902, made yellow corn popular. Country Gentleman, also known as Shoe Peg, dates from around 1890 and features irregularly arranged white kernels, very deep and narrow. In fertile soil, it can yield three ears to a stalk.

The catalog also features old varieties of beans, carrots, beets, Brussels sprouts, cucumbers, leeks, lettuce, okra, onions, peas, melons, pumpkins, squash, radishes, spinach and turnips.

In flowers, there are many to catch the eye, like an amaranth called Joseph's Coat (A. splendens), described as the most boldly-colored of all amaranths — brilliant gold and scarlet. Its older foliage is green at the base and splashed with red and yellow at the tips. Two hundred seeds \$1.95, 12 plants \$16.95.

Among others whose picture attracted me is a chrysanthemum called Tricolor Daisy (C. carinatum). Known as a painted daisy, it was introduced from Morocco 200 years ago. Its 2-foot tall plants produce bright daisies with purple centers surrounded by rings of yellow and red at the base of pure white petals. One hundred seeds cost \$2.45.

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"you've got germs, and I've got shots!" It's true, we've all got germs, but you don't want mine and I don't want yours, so educate yourself on appropriate food safety matters.

Dana Tarter is Howard County Extension Agent — Family and Consumer Science.

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## 'Judge Judy' leads court shows back to top of ratings

NEW YORK (AP) — Head to the bench, Oprah and Rosie. The new queen of daytime television takes no guff.

Tart-talking "Judge Judy" Sheindlin has single-handedly led a revival of the court show genre and surged to the top of the daytime ratings by dispensing no-nonsense justice.

"Judge Judy" passed Oprah Winfrey, Jerry Springer and Rosie O'Donnell in the ratings during TV's February "sweeps" period. Her Nielsen Media Research numbers are up 60 percent over last year while her three biggest rivals are down.

"People respond to her in the same way they responded to Jesse Ventura," said Larry Lyttle, president of Big Ticket Television, which produces the show. "There's a certain attitude and directness and succinctness that people relate to."

Like other court shows, combatants air their grievances before Sheindlin and she makes a ruling. "Judge Judy" seeks cases where the people involved have a prior relationship in order to fire up more passion, Lyttle said.

Sheindlin — who wrote a book titled "Don't Pee on My Leg and Tell Me It's Raining" — doesn't take kindly to being bamboozled or sassed.

"She's a very strong personality and people like that," said Marc Berman, a television analyst for Seltel. "People watch her to see how she rules a courtroom."

Court shows were big in the 1980s, when Judge Wapner's "People's Court" was the rage. But in the cyclical world of syndicated television, they soon burned out. None were left on the air by the end of 1994.

Lyttle decided to take a chance on reviving the genre when he met with Sheindlin, a former Family Court judge in

New York, and the show premiered in fall 1996. He wondered how the country would respond to such a clearly New York personality.

"We didn't know if people would be captivated by it or turned off by it," he said.

"Judge Judy" slowly caught on and she soon had rivals. Former New York City Mayor Edward Koch now presides over a revived "People's Court." Former boxing referee Mills Lane and Judge Joe Brown started shows this season.

None are sensations like "Judge Judy," but all are doing well enough to stick around, Berman said.

Next fall brings two new ones, including a revival of "Divorce Court."

The courtroom shows are thriving as talk shows fade, largely due to oversaturation. Ratings for "Oprah" in February were down 18 percent over 1998. "The Rosie O'Donnell Show" was off 16 percent and Springer dropped by 10 percent, Berman said. Roseanne's show is struggling for its life.

Sheindlin, meanwhile, reportedly wants to sweeten her contract with an ownership stake and may not tape any more shows until she's satisfied, the New York Daily News reported, quoting sources it did not identify.

The judge wasn't available to talk and a spokeswoman refused comment on her contract situation. Lyttle said Sheindlin is under contract and hadn't expressed to him any desire to renegotiate. He said he didn't expect her to boycott work.

"I'm sure she'd like to make more money," he said. "I'd like to make more money. If the show continues to do well, I'm sure we all will."

**Reader's Corner**  
coming March 31 in the life! section

### ODDS-N-ENDS

**PALO ALTO, Calif. (AP) —** Sushi on the school lunch menu? It must be California.

Sushi is being tested at the Jane Lathrop Middle School in this Silicon Valley community — and if it sells, it will probably show up on menus throughout the district.

"It was yummy," eighth-grader Jessica Madison said after dining last week on California rolls made from crab salad, cucumber, rice and seaweed. "I don't like to eat the same thing every day," added eighth-grader Heather Cullen, another sushi fan. The crabmeat in both cases was cooked, and there are no plans to serve raw fish.

The price is right, too — \$2 for five pieces or \$3 for 10. At many restaurants, one piece can cost as much as \$10.

The sushi is provided under contract from a San Jose company, said Alva Spence, general manager of the district's food services. If sales continue strong at the test school, the district may add it at other middle schools and high schools.

**ATLANTA (AP) —** For Bob Morgan, chicken eggs are just too puny to decorate for Easter. He uses ostrich eggs — each the size of a cantaloupe.

Morgan bought a male ostrich and two females when he retired from his job at a Kmart last year. "to occupy time and possibly make a little money on the side."

Since each of his ostrich hens lays a four-pound egg about every other day, he soon had plenty of eggs. Not having any

luck incubating the eggs to raise chicks, Morgan came up with a new idea.

"Coming up on Easter, I thought it would be neat to have some ostrich eggs hanging on a tree instead of those little plastic eggs," Morgan said.

So he used a dental drill on 11 of the eggs to make a hole in each end, blew out the yolk and colored the shells with watercolors and spray paint.

People who have heard about Morgan's unusual eggs sometimes call him to request their own designs. "If it keeps on like that, I'll just have to take orders because the hens can't keep up," he said Monday.

In the meantime, Morgan uses his leftover supplies like everyone else: he can get as many as eight omelets from a single ostrich egg.

**TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) —** It's a bill that some Kansas lawmakers are happy to see flounder.

Kansas House members who passed a bill to designate the channel catfish as the state's official fish were apparently unaware that Missouri had already so honored the bottom-feeder.

The channel catfish has been Missouri's official state fish since 1997, a fact that may doom efforts by a group of Olpe junior high school students to officially honor the catfish in Kansas.

"Are we going to be like Missouri?" asked Sen. Lana Oleen, chairwoman of the Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee.

Opposition to the channel cat-

fish already has surfaced from Kansas residents who would rather see the Topeka shiner or the big-mouth bass honored by the state.

Sharing official critters with other states isn't remarkable. After all, the honeybee is already the official insect of both Kansas and Missouri, and Kansas named its state insect first.

"There's water that flows in Missouri and Kansas," Oleen said. "Maybe the fish they named was ours."

**SPARTANBURG, S.C. (AP) —** Angela Angel wants to take her dry cleaner to the cleaners.

Mrs. Angel and her husband, Steven, are suing James Fowler III to get her \$1,800 wedding dress back from the owner of Fowler Brothers Cleaners and Laundry.

Fowler said he is just holding the dress until the Angels pay him \$123 for cleaning it and \$754 for other dry cleaning done during two months in 1997.

The Angels say they won't pay until Fowler admits he lost one of Steven's shirts and pays to replace it. "One thing has nothing to do with the other," Angel said Monday.

The real issue is the lost shirt, Angel said.

"I got a shirt that wasn't mine, and he couldn't tell me where mine was and whose I had gotten," Angel said.

Fowler said he has rejected previous offers by the couple to settle the lawsuit for \$500 and \$600. He said the wedding dress is his only leverage.

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### IN BRIEF

#### Steers suffer 8-7 loss at hands of Golden Tors

Big Spring's Steers simply couldn't keep their hold on a lead Tuesday, as Lamesa's Golden Tornadoes rallied from a 6-3 deficit to take an 8-7 non-district baseball win.

The Steers jumped out early, taking a 6-3 lead after three innings.

But that's where starting pitcher Ricky Solis ran into trouble, turning mound duties over to Clint Bamert.

Bamert managed to get out of the fourth inning with the Steers holding a 6-4 lead, but errors late in the game would saddle him with the loss.

"We hit the ball pretty well," Steers coach Bobby Doe noted, "but the errors just killed us. We had two infield errors, both of them coming with two outs that allowed them to score four runs."

J.J. Aguirre paced the Steers offense with a 2-for-3 showing, while Jason Choate shined in the power department, coming up with a two-run triple.

Now 1-10 overall, the Steers will open District 5-4A play at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Andrews. They'll then travel to San Angelo for a 4 p.m. Thursday date with Lake View's Chiefs.

#### McMurry junior varsity no match for Hawks

Howard College's Hawks, perhaps still smarting from three straight conference losses to Odessa over the weekend, wasted little time in romping to lopsided wins over McMurry University's junior varsity on Tuesday.

The Hawks opened the doubleheader with a 10-0 win behind the pitching of sophomore Nick Webb and the 4 RBI production of Chad Verret.

That five-inning affair was followed with an 11-3 win in six frames, as Frankie Keller went the distance in chalking up the win.

Howard third baseman Drew Topham drilled two hits and drove in three runs, while Trey Enson also enjoyed a two-hit performance.

Now 28-7 on the season, the Hawks take a 9-3 conference mark into this weekend's three-game series against Frank Phillips in Borger.

#### Industrial softball league slates March 30 meeting

Industrial Softball League officials will hold their first meeting of the year at 7 p.m. Tuesday at John Wesley's Billiards.

League fees will be discussed and new board members will be selected.

All interested teams and their coaches are urged to attend.

For more information, contact Jesse Rios at 264-6129.

#### 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.

The organization will also be registering players April 3 during the Ballapalooza at Roy Anderson Complex.

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

### IT'S MISSING

Details on the Coahoma Bulldogettes' District 2-2A game with Hermleigh's Lady Cardinals on Tuesday was not available as the Herald went to press today.

In addition, results from the Bulldogs' District 3-2A baseball game against Olton's Mustangs were also not available.

Coaches from those teams did not call in their reports.

### ON THE AIR

**Television**  
**HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL**  
8 p.m. — McDonald's All-American Game, ESPN, Ch. 30.  
**NBA BASKETBALL**  
7:30 p.m. — Houston Rockets at Dallas Mavericks, FXS, Ch. 29.

# Lady Steers stumble, 14-13

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Sports Editor

In the end, it came down to who made the fewest mistakes.

And on Tuesday afternoon, the team that made the fewest mistakes was San Angelo Lake View's Maidens.

The Maidens, despite having virtually no pitching and committing six errors, took advantage of seven Big Spring Lady Steers miscues to take a 14-13 win in a crucial District 5-4A softball game.

"We just threw it away twice," a more than dejected Lady Steers coach Dan Arista said following the three-hour marathon. "It's not like we don't work on these situations every day."

While Arista could look at the Lady Steers having battled back from an 8-6 deficit to take a 10-8 lead into the top of the seventh inning, as well as almost overcoming a disastrous final frame in which they gave up six unearned runs, it was impossible to forget this team's glaring mistakes.

"We came back and then almost did it again ... really battled them there late ... just didn't get the job done," he noted. "But it just boils down to the fact that we didn't play well defensively at all."

After getting off to a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the second inning when designated hitter Cecily Paradez doubled to left and scored a few minutes later when Maidens pitcher Michelle Morales issued three straight walks, the Lady Steers failed to produce anything more in the inning and left the first three of nine runners they'd strand on the day.

Big Spring's lead was only momentary, as the Maidens scored a pair of unearned runs in the third inning.

But Lady Steers starter Kari Aciri really ran into trouble in the fourth inning when she walked lead off hitter Carnotta Baker and gave up an infield single to Lake View's No. 9 hitter, Jennifer Anchondo.

After getting Maidens second baseman Courtney Burris to fly to center, Aciri gave up a back-to-back RBI singles, walked a batter and then issued up a double to designated hitter Alissa Gomez that all but capped Lake View's six-run inning.

Arista called on Jessica Canales to relieve Aciri, and she got out of the inning by retiring Lake View's Crista Crisp on an RBI ground out and getting first baseman Sarah Bradbury to pop up to second.

Trailing 8-1, the Lady Steers began a comeback in their half of the fourth with an impressive two-out rally that was helped in no large part by Morales' inability to throw strikes and three Maidens errors.

Left fielder Vanessa Rodriguez started the rally by drawing a walk, stealing second and scoring on a double to left by catcher Trista Casey.

Lady Steers' second baseman Lindsey Marino then reached base when her counterpart misplayed a ground ball. On the play, Morales grabbed the loose ball and threw wildly to first, allowing courtesy runner Trisha Fulgham to score.

Two more walks and a hit batsman, coupled with the Maidens' third error of the inning, allowed shortstop Amy Jackson and Canales to score.

Big Spring took the lead back in the fifth inning, again scoring multiple runs on just one hit.

That hit came when Leticia Hernandez led off with a single to left, only to be erased when Rodriguez grounded into a fielder's choice play.

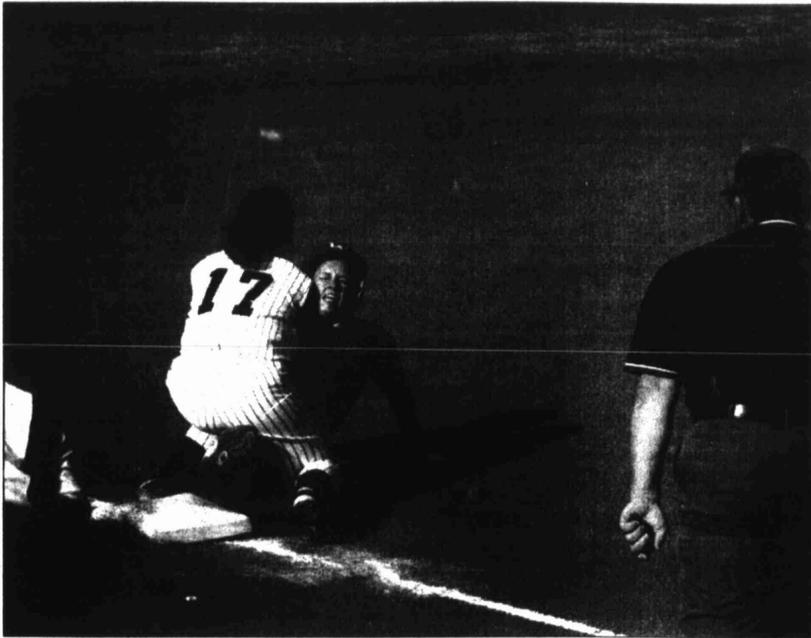
Casey kept things going by reaching base on an error. Marino grounded to short, allowing the Maidens to force Rodriguez at third.

Morales couldn't take advantage, however, as she walked Jackson and Canales, then threw wildly to first again on a grounder by Valdez and issued still another walk to Paradez.

With the 9-8 lead, Canales retired the Maidens in order in the top of the sixth and the Lady Steers added an insurance run in their half of the frame, again with two out and again thanks to an error on Lake View's part.

Casey reached base when she grounded to third with two out and Lake View's Jennifer Hill overthrew Bradbury's outstretched glove. Fulgham replaced Casey on the base paths and promptly moved to second on a wild pitch.

Marino then ripped a single to left to plate Fulgham and



Big Spring third baseman Leticia Hernandez (17) tags out San Angelo Lake View's Carnotta Baker during the second inning Tuesday after taking a relay throw from shortstop Amy Jackson.

gave the Lady Steers what seemed to be an insurance run. That would not be the case, however, as the Maidens scored six runs in the top of the seventh on four hits and a pair of Lady Steers errors.

All six of those runs would be unearned.

Big Spring refused to go quietly, though.

Jackson led off the inning with a single to left, but Morales struck out Canales and got Valdez to fly out to left, to put the Lady Steers in the position of having to mount still another two-out rally.

They did.

Paradez reached base on an infield hit to keep the Lady Steers alive and Denton ripped a two-strike offering from Morales out of the park in left to make it a 14-13 Lake View lead.

Hernandez and Rodriguez followed with back-to-back singles up the middle and Casey drew a walk to load the bases.

But the comeback would fall short, as Morales got Marino to pop up to short.

The Lady Steers next play at 5 p.m. Friday in Snyder.

## Hawks, Lady Hawks both big winners on rebound

Howard College's Hawks suffered a three-game conference series loss to Odessa College last weekend by scores of 6-0, 7-6 (in 10 innings) and 7-1.

Looking for someone to take out their frustrations on, they found the McMurry University's junior varsity Indians the culprit.

On Tuesday, the Hawks hosted a doubleheader. In game one, the Hawks scalped the opponent in a five-inning run rule game 10-0.

The second game would get no better for the Indians as the Hawks took six innings to down McMurry 11-3.

The Hawks season record stands at 28-7 and 9-3 in conference.

### HAWK HIGHLIGHTS

By STAN FEASTER



Having lost to the Lady Chaps in two earlier tournaments, this spring, the Lady Hawks sought revenge, and how sweet it was!

The Lady Hawks took wins on Friday of 7-0 and 5-1. They continued their domination on Saturday, steamrolling over the Lady Chaps 3-0 and 6-2.

The Lady Hawks are 26-10 for the season and 4-2 in conference play and will play Ranger's Lady Rangers in a doubleheader on Friday. That twinbill will be followed by a stop off at Howard Payne on Saturday.

The next home game will be Tuesday when the Lady Hawks host Howard Payne University in a doubleheader beginning at 1 p.m. at the Big Spring ISD Softball Complex.

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Stan Feaster is sports information director at Howard College. His column appears on Wednesdays.

## Britton hoping Dallas, Austin meets provide push for Mitchell

What do you do when you're so talented that there's nobody around to challenge you?

Simple, you go looking for competition.

For Big Spring's Tory Mitchell, that translates into making a trip to Dallas this Saturday for the Jesuit-Shearer Relays and then heading to the Texas Relays in Austin the following weekend.

Quiet and reserved by nature, Mitchell doesn't flaunt his considerable talents anywhere but on the track.

Asked how he assesses his season so far, he simply offers that "things are just fine."

Indeed, things seem to be just fine. On a less than ideal track at Andrews last week, Mitchell easily won the Mustang Relays' 100-meters competition with a 10.2 clocking. He came back with a winning time of 20.73 in the 200

meters. He'd also combined with Jason Woodruff, Doug White and Colby Ford to post a first-place time of 43.2 seconds in the 4x100 relay.

Those accomplishments would have been enough to send virtually any track coach beaming. But Steers coach Randy Britton is still waiting to see Mitchell's best.

Of course, Britton saw Mitchell post the fastest times run by a high schooler in the United States last year. Saw him win both the 100 and the 200 at the Class 4A state meet and then win double gold again at the U.S. National Junior Track and Field Championships.

As a result, Mitchell's 10.2 and 20.73 clockings at Andrews last week have Britton looking forward to the Steers' next two meets.

"You can't really argue with the results," Britton said of Mitchell's races to date. "The times were there ... it's just that he never really looked good out there. It was like he never really got into his groove."

"What Tory really needs is somebody to push him ... there's nobody in West

Texas that can do that," the Steers coach added. "What he really needs is somebody that's going to get out of the blocks extremely well and be ahead of him 60 meters down the track, because I'll guarantee you they won't be ahead at the finish line."

The reason Britton can make such a boast is his knowledge of Mitchell's competitive nature.

"When you run at Tory's level, you've got to have competition of really come up with your best times," he explained. "Sure, you've got to have perfect conditions and a great track to break records, but most of all you've got to have somebody pushing you."

"Tory's shown over and over again that he's capable digging down and finding an extra gear when he's challenged," Britton continued.

"Hopefully, we're going to get that during these next two meets," he added. "He'll be running against the best sprinters from the Dallas-Fort Worth area this weekend, and the field in Austin ought to be even stronger. One of California's top high school teams ... from San Jose ... is supposed to be at

the Texas Relays. I hope they've got that kid that will be up there in front at 60 meters."

There's one more reason the Steers track boss is almost certain record times are just around the corner for Mitchell.

"Right now, Tory's about four weeks ahead of where he was last year," Britton explained. "The important thing now is to stay healthy and make sure he doesn't peak too soon. We still want him to be at his best when we get to the regional and state meets."

If everything goes according to Britton's schedule, Mitchell should be near that peak when local fans will get a chance to see him on the track at Blankenship Field — not just once, but twice.

After returning from the Texas Relays, the Steers will play host to for the Big Spring AMBUCS Relays on April 10 and then host the District 5-4A meet on April 16.

John A. Moseley is sports editor of the Herald. His column appears on Wednesdays and Sundays.

## Xavier's comeback falls short in NIT loss

NEW YORK (AP) — Clemson expected Xavier to make a move. The Tigers knew the Musketeers weren't about to give up, even though they trailed by 24 points with less than 15 minutes to play.

Xavier made a run, all right, and Clemson was lucky to hold on for a 79-76 victory Tuesday night that advanced the Tigers to the NIT title game against California on Thursday night.

"We were quite certain they were not going to lay down," Clemson first-year coach Larry Shyatt said, "and we are very fortunate that we covered their run by making a couple of free throws down the stretch."

And when Lenny Brown's 3-point attempt at the buzzer bounced off the rim, the Tigers celebrated — and breathed a sigh of relief.

"We were trying more or less to have the game be over rather than play through it," said guard Terrell McIntyre, who led Clemson with 20 points.

Clemson (20-14) built a 61-37 lead with 14:48 left, but Xavier (24-11) went on a 15-0 run to cut the lead to 61-52, then came all the way back and led 76-73 with 1:26 left on one of Brown's four 3-pointers.

The Tigers, though, hit six free throws down the stretch — two apiece by Harold Jamison, Tom Wideman and Andrus Jurkunas — to survive.

Wideman's free throws with 29.3 seconds left put Clemson back on top 77-76, and Jurkunas added his two with 5.9 seconds remaining. Wideman went to the line hitting just 55 percent of his free throws.

"What a paradox for us to hit four key free throws after losing some heartbreakers at the foul line," Shyatt said after his team scored only 18 points in the final 14:48.

Xavier, which came back from a 15-point, second-half deficit to beat Princeton in the quarterfinals, was disappointed.

"It's disconcerting to come all the way back and fritter it away at the end," Xavier coach Skip Prosser said. "But I think the character of this team is that we're not going to quit."

Clemson is looking for its first postseason title of any kind since winning the Southern Conference 60 years ago.

Gary Lumpkin, who had four 3-pointers, led Xavier with 16 points. James Posey and Brown had 14 apiece and the Musketeers were 14-of-37 from 3-point range.

California (21-11) had a much easier time in beating Oregon 85-69 in the first semifinal, played before an announced crowd of 9,455 Madison Square Garden. In the women's NIT title game at Fayetteville, Ark., Tuesday night, a crowd of more than 14,000 showed up as Arkansas beat Wisconsin.

Michael Gill made certain Cal didn't need a comeback. Gill scored all of his career-high 22 points in the second half.

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Children, communication and creativity are sources of happiness in this romantic year. Your animal magnetism peaks; others may be stunned by your exceptional attractiveness. You'll have a lot to say and will find stylish, dramatic ways to express yourself. If you are single, you'll have a strong idea of what you're looking for - a relationship with one who admires and appreciates you. For this person, you will give the world. Expect to find him! If attached, you'll find this year most satisfying as you love and laugh together. A pregnancy or new baby could make your family complete. Leo brings out the star in you.

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) \*\*\*\*\*It's no-holds-barred fun and flirtation today. Everyone you encounter has a smile for you, and those who don't will soon succumb to your infectious charm. Pursue a creative project; adding your personal touch will make the end result perfect. Tonight: Ooh, la la!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) \*\*\*\*\*More calls and messages may come into your home than usual, but you'll have no problem fielding them. In fact, you might enjoy the hectic pace! Use your intuition and listen to your inner voice, which is exceptionally clear and on target. Tonight: With friends at your place.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) \*\*\*\*\*A boss or higher-up likes you more than you know, although his cranky behavior might not immediately reflect this. Be your talkative, inquisitive self; your humor and attitude are contagious! Run errands, catch up on correspondence. Tonight: Make a few follow-up phone calls.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) \*\*\*\*\*Money matters are highlighted. Asking questions and making inquiries benefits you if you're making a major purchase. You feel more on top of your game. You won't find if you don't seek! A friend at a distance could be irritable. Don't work! he'll get over it! Tonight: Check an investment online.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\*\*\*You're in fine form, shooting the breeze with many entertained admirers. At work, check some of your flirtiness at the door if you want to impress the boss! What you do and say will be noticed, and therefore scrutinized. Put your best face

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forward. Tonight: Do whatever your heart desires. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\*You'll want to reach out, but might feel shaky when it comes to a partner or another at a distance. Don't let frustration make a bigger deal of this than need be. To your surprise, once you make that call or write that letter, a wave of relief will wash over you, regardless of the response you get. Tonight: Sawing logs.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\*\*\*You're adored, maybe more than you want to be. As flattered as you are, you're focused on work and on making a dream real. If others don't fit into that plan, you might not have use for them today. That's not cold - that's disciplined! You can play tomorrow or another day. Tonight: Someone finally coaxes you out.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*\*\*You might be more inclined to chase a romantic interest or have fun than to take responsibility at work or at home. You won't get out of it, however! If you opt to goof off today, plan to catch up at the office later if you want to stay on top of tasks. A higher-up may check up on you! Tonight: Nose to the grindstone.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\*\*\*The world is your oyster, and you'll enjoy traipsing around on a mid-week break or day trip. If you can't escape the office, you'll at least get a lot done quickly. Imagination and inspiration are high. You can make long-lasting friendships today. Tonight: Dance class.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*As attracted as you might be to a particular friend or paramour, his frivolous chatter or continuous questions could quickly bother you. He won't understand if you lash out, so don't! Instead, arrange some time alone to realign your head. Tonight: Research stocks or financial trends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\*\*A family member clearly wants to part you from some of your hard-earned cash. Can you deal with this properly? The best course is to table any discussion for a later time or, preferably, date. Chances are, another's plan won't seem quite so attractive then - even to him. Tonight: Enthralled with a partner.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\*\*\*Don't expect what you say to come out as you meant to say it! A peculiar, wide-of-the-mark energy surrounds communication. If there's some-

thing you must convey, write it down first so you can see what it looks like in tangible form. Tonight: Working late.

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Scrappaper correspondent saves money and the earth

DEAR ABBY: My message to "Sick of Scraps," the woman who wrote you to complain about receiving letters from her longtime friend, "Ellen," on odd pieces of paper is: Guess what! Your friend Ellen has become a "green senior" - an older environmentalist. By recycling odd pieces of paper, she's doing her part to conserve forests and her own resources. Go through your junk mail, select a letter with a clean side, and write her back! - ANOTHER GREEN SENIOR, HELENA, MONT.

DEAR GREEN SENIOR: The responses to "Sick of Scraps" letter have been varied and interesting. Some readers thought she was petty and mean-spirited. Others read more into it. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: "Sick of Scraps" said she and her friend were both in their 70s, and it really struck a chord with me, as I, too, am in my 70s.

I can identify with "Ellen." We were Depression babies, and if she was raised as I was, we were taught to "waste not, want not." I, too, use odds and ends of paper to write notes - even though I have pretty stationery. I recycle wrapping paper, pressing it with an iron to use it again. (My children and grandchildren tease me about it.) I also drape paper towels on a rack to reuse if they've been used only to wipe up water.

Like so many people, we were very poor during those years, and the lessons learned then I shall take to my grave. One of the things that really bothers me today is the waste, not only of materials, but of food.

I'm always delighted to hear from a friend, regardless of what the message is written on. "Sick of Scraps" is fortunate to have had such a cherished friendship for 36 years. - "NANNY" FROM NEWPORT NEWS, VA.

DEAR NANNY: I applaud your sense of priorities, not only about the value of friendship but also the importance of preserving your assets. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: As the publisher of a frugality newsletter, I see a lot of scrap-paper correspondence. For most who do this, it's a harmless little penny-pinching habit, but for others, it is a signal that all is not well either mentally or financially. I'd recommend that your reader gently comment on her friend's scrap-paper letters and see what kind of response she receives.

Intense frugality at this stage of life may signal several distressing possibilities: The woman may have real financial problems or imagined fears of outliving her money. Either situation could cause an obsessive type of scrimping. Or, if this is an abrupt change in personality - apparently she has enjoyed nice stationery in the past - it may be a warning sign of a mental deterioration that should be investigated.

Thrift is certainly commendable and we encourage it, but its sudden appearance in an extreme form in someone of this age needs further looking into. - EDITH FLOWERS KILGO, "CREATIVE DOWNSCALING," JONESBORO, GA.

DEAR EDITH: Thank you for pointing this out, and also for the suggestion that Ellen's friend "gently comment" about the scrap-paper letters to see how her friend responds. It certainly couldn't hurt. You have added some valuable insight.

READERS: Stay tuned; more on this subject tomorrow.

DEAR ABBY: "Waiting in Arlington, Texas," works in a hospital and has a crush on a repair man. She said she wrote

him a note but he didn't respond, so she summoned the courage to hand him a second note. When he failed to acknowledge it, she asked him if he had read it. His reply: "Nice penmanship."

She asked you what she should do to get a more direct response, and you advised her that she'd already received a response - he wasn't interested.

Abby, you may not have considered all of the possibilities. For example, the man may not be able to read the note. The response he gave was certainly evasive - but was he trying to avoid giving her a straight answer or the fact that he's illiterate? There may be more to this than a simple rejection. - MYSTIFIED IN MISSOURI

DEAR MYSTIFIED: It's true that some people who are illiterate are so ashamed of it that they will do almost anything to hide it. However, "Waiting" also disclosed that "Rumor has it that he's seeing someone." Therefore, it's also possible that the man felt his personal life was none of her business.

However, since every player is entitled to three strikes, I'm printing your letter. If "Waiting" sees it, I'm sure she'll step up to the plate again.

DEAR ABBY: I'd like to thank you for the help you've provided to caregivers throughout the years. Regarding "Still in Shock in Illinois," there are some other precautions families can take to ensure the proper care of their loved ones with regard to hiring home-care aides:

If possible, your loved one should receive care through a licensed home health-care agency or registry. Find out what kind of insurance they carry. Find out what procedures they use for background checks. Check all references yourself. Is someone available to assist you and your loved ones after-hours or in an emergency? Assess what level of care your loved one requires. Does the aide have the skills necessary for the job?

Do not let an aide have access to checking accounts. If money is needed for expenses, give them only what is necessary and always get receipts. And as "Still in Shock" rightfully recommended in her letter, vary the times of your visits and ask other relatives and friends to stop by as often as possible.

Above all: Trust your own instincts! If you feel that something is not right - it probably isn't. - GARY BARG, PUBLISHER, TODAY'S CAREGIVER MAGAZINE, FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA.

DEAR GARY: Thank you for the helpful suggestions. Providing care for frail loved ones takes time, patience, sensitivity and effort. Even those who shoulder the entire responsibility need to acknowledge the fact that respite is necessary on a regular basis. For families who are able to afford professional help, the suggestions you have offered will give some guidance through the sometimes confusing process of selecting the right caregiver.

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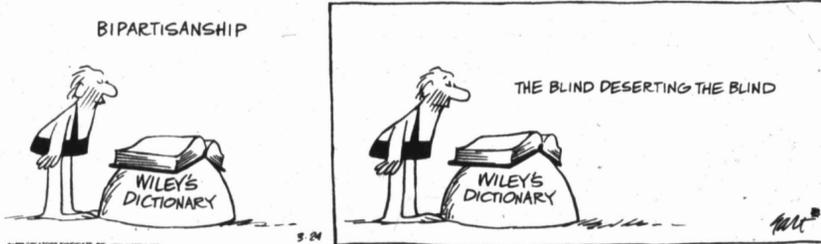
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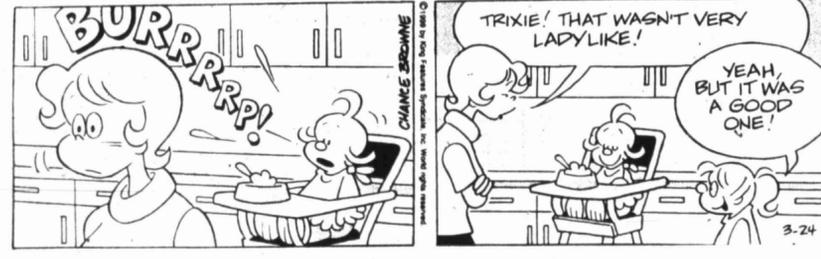
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THIS DATE  
IN HISTORY

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Today is Wednesday, March

24, the 83rd day of 1999. There are 282 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On March 24, 1949, at the Academy Awards, "Hamlet" won best picture of 1948 and its star, Laurence Olivier, best actor; Jane Wyman won best actress for "Johnny Belinda"; "Treasure of Sierra Madre" won best director for John Huston and best supporting actor for the director's father, Walter Huston.

On this date: In 1765, Britain enacted the Quartering Act, requiring American colonists to provide temporary housing to British soldiers.

In 1882, German scientist Robert Koch announced in Berlin that he had discovered the bacillus responsible for tuberculosis.

In 1883, long-distance telephone service was inaugurated between Chicago and New York.

In 1934, President Roosevelt signed a bill granting future independence to the Philippines.

In 1944, in occupied Rome, the Nazis executed more than 300 civilians in reprisal for an attack by Italian partisans the day before that killed 32 German soldiers.

In 1955, the Tennessee Williams play "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" opened on Broadway.

In 1958, rock-and-roll singer Elvis Presley was inducted into the Army in Memphis, Tenn.

In 1976, the president of Argentina, Isabel Peron, was deposed by her country's military.

In 1980, one of El Salvador's most respected Roman Catholic Church leaders, Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero, was shot to death by gunmen as he celebrated Mass in San Salvador.

Ten years ago: The nation's worst oil spill occurred as the supertanker Exxon Valdez ran aground on a reef in Alaska's Prince William Sound and began leaking 11 million gallons of crude.

Five years ago: President Clinton held a news conference in which he acknowledged he had significantly overstated the loss in his Whitewater land investment and promised to release late 1970's tax returns to answer questions on the land deal.

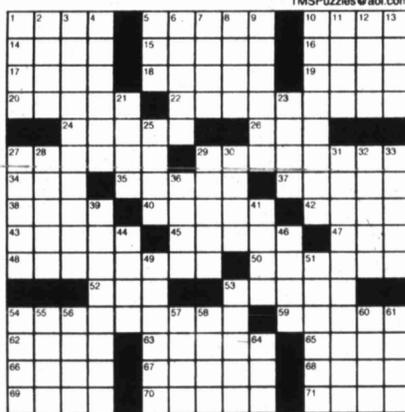
One year ago: Two students, ages 13 and 11, opened fire outside their school in Jonesboro, Ark., killing four classmates and a teacher.

Today's Birthdays: Fashion and costume designer Bob Mackie is 59. Actor R. Lee Ermey is 55. Movie director Curtis Hanson ("L.A. Confidential") is 54. Rock musician Lee Oskar is 51. Rock musician Dougie Thomson (Supertramp) is 48. Comedian-actor Louie Anderson is 46. Actress Donna Pescow is 45. Actor Robert Carradine is 45. Actress Kelly LeBrock is 39.

THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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By Roger Coburn, Summerville, GA 3/24/99

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved



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