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Big Spring Post Office will be open until midnight today to accommodate last-minute income tax filers.

All income tax returns dropped into the mail outside in the collection boxes on 506 Runnels Street and inside the lobby drops will receive an April 15, 1999 postmark, provided they are deposited prior to midnight.

Postmaster Richard Saxton encourages everyone filing to have their paperwork prepared. Forms will be limited and are the generic forms available in the post office lobby such as 1040, 1040A and 1040EZ. The post office does not carry extension forms. Customers needed those will need to get them from some other outlet.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

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

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

- Dance 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. Everyone welcome.
- The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- The Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1-5 p.m.
- Eagles Lodge pot luck supper, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.
- Big Spring Squares call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.
- Annual American Heart Association Charity Golf Tournament, Big Spring Municipal Golf Course. All proceeds go to the Howard County Chapter of the American Heart Association to help aid in the fight of heart disease.

Tonight:



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TONIGHT 38°-47° **FRIDAY** 63°-70°

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Symphony plans 'come as you are' concert for the entire family

By **DEBBIE L. JENSEN**
Features Editor

Big Spring Symphony plans a concert Saturday that organizers say truly offers music for the whole family.

In "Hooray for Broadway," the Symphony will be joined by the Big Spring Chorale and a children's choir from Bauer Elementary. On the program are show tunes from Broadway musicals such as "Old Man River," "Phantom of the Opera," and "The King and I."

"This is very familiar music," said Pam Brewer, vice president of the symphony board of directors. "Everybody knows

this music, and everyone should be able to find something they like."

This is the final concert of the year for the symphony, and Brewer said it is also a chance for local residents to relax a bit when they attend.

"We want people to come as they are," she said. "This will be a casual evening with some wonderful, familiar music."

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens and \$5 for students through college age. They are available at the door of the concert at the Municipal Auditorium before the concert begins at 8 p.m. Tickets can also be purchased in advance at Blum's Jewelers in Big Spring Mall, Dunlaps, the Big Spring

Area Chamber of Commerce, First Bank of West Texas and the symphony office at 808 Scurry.

Tickets will also be sold at the Big Spring Area Health Fair Saturday in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Several solo performances are to be part of Saturday's show. They are: Stan Hanes, "Oklahoma;" Ned Crandall, "Old Man River;" Ellen Valencia, "The Sound of Music;" Joe Dawes and Suzanne Cranford, "You'll Never Walk Alone;" Carol Boyd, "People;" Carol Hanes, "I Dreamed A Dream;" and Joe Wennick, "Bring Him Home."

Brewer said attendance at this year's slate of symphony concerts has been on

BIG SPRING SYMPHONY

When: Saturday
Where: Municipal Auditorium
Time: 8 p.m.
Tickets: \$10 adults, \$8 senior citizens, \$5 students

par with past years. Tops in drawing music lovers were the Nutcracker performance in November and February's promotion that included joint admission

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HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant

An accident about 10 a.m. today at the intersection of Gregg and Third streets resulted in two men being transported by emergency medical personnel to hospitals. Here Big Spring firemen used the "Jaws of Life" to cut Rick Miller of Clyde out of his vehicle. Miller was transported to the Veterans Administration Medical Center. The other driver, whom police investigator Thad Thomas would not name, was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. According to witnesses, the second car, which was headed north on Gregg, passed through a red light. It stuck Miller's vehicle, spun several times and then headed west down Third Street before coming to stop at the corner of Bell and Third streets. The U.S. 87 sign was uprooted by Miller's vehicle. Thomas said the accident is under investigation.

Economy boost

CVB successful in attracting food service, crime information training seminars to Big Spring

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

The Convention and Visitors Bureau with the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce continues to solicit tourists, and their efforts are rewarded with two new conventions coming to town.

"We are laying a foundation, because these things really are word of mouth. We can beat the living daylight in pricing with Midland and Odessa, and we are building up our tourism business," said Andrea Earle, tourism director.



EARLE

In June, a Regions 14, 15 and 18 Food Service Workshop at Big Spring High School will bring between 500 and 600 people into the city.

"These individuals will be coming to Big Spring from all parts of the state. Every year they do this in a different city, and they have never had it in the same city twice," Earle said.

"We're hoping to do such a good job it will bring them back here next year," she said.

Although the chamber will play host for the convention members, chamber sponsorship and involvement of the event will be low-key, she said.

"We will supply 'goodie bags' with small gift tokens and tourist information, and perhaps a movie pass or something of that nature. And we have helped secure the keynote speaker," she said.

However, tours or a scheduled agenda or itinerary will not be provided for the convention, at their request, she said.

"About 250 to 300 people will stay here in Big Spring for the three-day convention, and they asked for all their time to not be structured," she said.

JoAnn Smoot, food service director for Big Spring Independent School District, helped secure the convention

here, Earle said.

Smoot said this convention is the one time a year that food service workers have an opportunity for specialized training.

"This is a lot of fun, and this is a big deal for us to be hosting this in Big Spring. There will be 14 different classes offered, and each class will have 30 to 35 people attending," Smoot said.

Although food service workers receive no compensation for attending the convention, thus far 55 of the 84 BSISD employees have registered for the event.

"It is wonderful to have the convention here. This is very comprehensive training, and people will be traveling here from Del Rio, Alpine, Cisco, and all parts in between," Smoot said.

Also in June, about 30 law enforcement professionals will gather for four days to attend a Texas and National Crime Information Centers "Training the Trainer" seminar, Earle said.

The chamber's involvement with this seminar may be more extensive, as luncheons and dinners, as well evening entertainment is being planned for the professionals.

"We're hoping to bring more seminars to Big Spring. With this, we will supply 'goodie bags' as well as arrange other activities. We will begin finalizing plans for this within the next month," Earle said.

Lt. Terry Chamness of the Big Spring Police Department said the seminar is a regional school to provide further training for law enforcement professionals who train their local departments.

"Our people have to have updated training, and the instructors for that training also have to have updated training," Chamness said.

The seminar will be presented by representatives of the Texas Criminal Information Center, as well as the national center, he said.

"The Texas and national data bases are linked through the computer systems, and every user of that system must complete 40 hours of training. Only one person is trained to teach

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Chloride boost coming Snyder's way as Thomas relies more on Spence water

By **JOHN H. WALKER**
Managing Editor

Unless Lake J.B. Thomas catches an appreciable amount of water in the near future, the taste of Snyder's water will change significantly.

That's because officials of the Colorado River Municipal Water District (CRMWD), faced with a constantly dropping lake elevation in Thomas, are flowing 9 million gallons of water daily from Lake E.V. Spence into the Thomas pool.

As of March 1, the chloride levels in the water being pumped from Thomas stood at 370 parts per million (ppm). That number will almost double by the summer before peaking at about 980 ppm around Nov. 1.

"By that time, we expect to have enough (Lake O.H.) Ivie water to bring back to Thomas, which would deplete the chloride levels," CRMWD general

manager John Grant told members of his board at their regular monthly meeting here Wednesday.

According to Grant, the EPA-recommended level for chlorides is 250 ppm, while the state's recommended level is 350 ppm.

"Those are secondary recommendations," Grant said. "There is no health hazard from a higher chloride level ... only the change in taste is noticeable."

The only thing that could change CRMWD's plans is for Thomas or Ivie — or both — to catch enough water this spring and summer to alleviate the effects of the six-year drought.

On Wednesday, CRMWD's three reservoirs held just under 500,000 acre-feet — or just 39 percent of total capacity. Because of contract requirements on the Ivie water, the district will be forced to ship Spence water north unless lake levels rise.

"We're 3 percent full at Thomas and if we don't move water there, we'll run out," Grant said. The water from Spence will be blended with the existing water in Thomas to

reduce the chloride levels. Also, Grant said, the district will bring seven water wells it owns in Snyder on-line to supply additional water.

Grant also said that beginning in May, the rest of the district's water customers will receive a blend of water from Ivie and Spence.

In other action Wednesday, board members:

- Authorized the district to contract Freeze & Nichols to conduct a study on the re-use of water in the district.

- Learned that the SACROC unit near Snyder will again take water from the district under a 1985 agreement. SACROC, which has not taken water from CRMWD since 1987, will pay about \$20,000 per month for the water.

- Learned that the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Department has ordered the district to conduct yet another habitat study for the Concho Water Snake, this time for Spence.

- Learned that the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Department has yet to respond to a district petition

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Officials trying to sniff out odor problem that has county library patrons concerned

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners nosed around the new county library this week, hoping to sniff out a culprit causing odor in the basement areas of the building.

"We are working on the problem, and we will continue working on the problem until we have the problem solved," said commissioner Bill Crocker.

Some employees at the library have complained about an odor that seems to linger in the building, and complaints were submitted to the city fire marshal, Burr Lee Settles.

odor caused headaches and general discomfort, and feared that the odor might be toxic.

Settles inspected the library April 7, and in a written report submitted to Howard County librarian Loraine Redman, requested he be notified when the odor becomes stronger.

"Mrs. Redman explained the odor comes and goes. At times it is very strong smelling, more like a dead mouse in the walls," Settles said in his report.

"My first concern is what and from where is the odor coming, and could it be methane gas," he wrote.

Settles said he detected a "very, very slight odor" when he entered the building, and he located that same scent in a basement mechanical room,

which has a holding tank for the sewer.

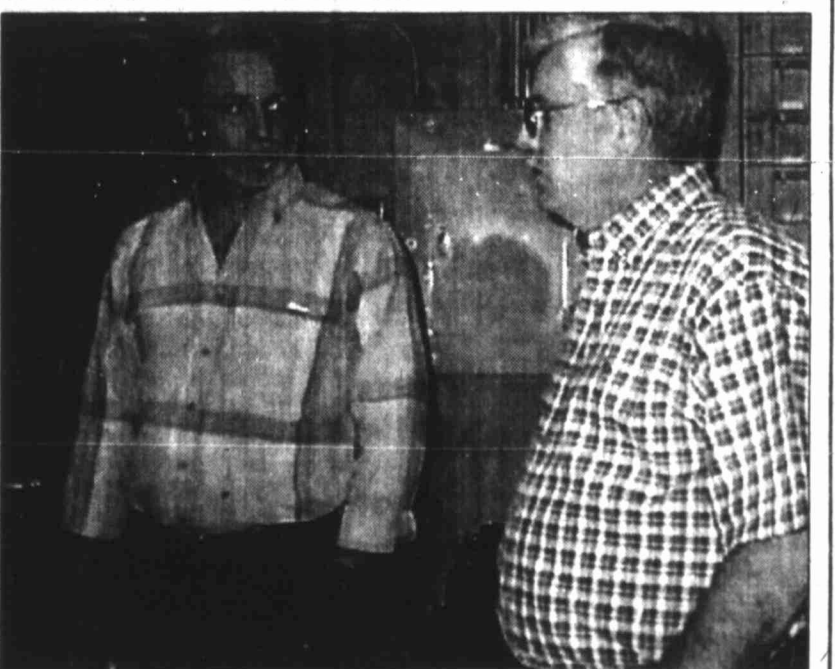
Phil Furqueron, architect for the county, toured the library Monday with the commissioners, and said exhaust fans in the restrooms are being wired to run continuously to try to alleviate the problem.

"This probably is some type of sewer gas. This wouldn't be natural gas. This problem is probably still in the unused bathrooms," Furqueron said.

Along with the exhaust fans, smoke-creating capsules will be placed strategically, to determine which direction the air might be going as well as any leaks in the piping, he said.

Also, the sump pump units

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HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant

Phil Furqueron, left, architect, and county commissioner Gary Simer inspected the mechanical room of the Howard County Library, attempting to locate the origin of an unusual odor detected in areas of the building.

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OBITUARIES

Vernie Wallender

Graveside service for Vernie Wallender, 86, Stanton, formerly of Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Friday, April 16, 1999, at Mount Olive Memorial Park with Rev. Larry Hook, pastor at First Baptist Church in Ira, officiating.



WALLENDER

She died Wednesday, April 14, 1999, in a Stanton nursing home.

Mrs. Wallender was born July 30, 1912, in Grapeland and married John F. "George" Wallender on July 21, 1934, in Lamesa. He preceded her in death on July 26, 1986.

She was raised in Vincent Community and had lived in Crane for many years. She and her husband moved to Vivian, La., after his retirement. She came to Big Spring in 1986.

Mrs. Wallender was a member of First Baptist Church, Big Spring.

Survivors include: a daughter and son-in-law, Shirley and Bennie Joe Morrison of Ira, and two sisters, Loucille Noble of Fort Worth and Minnie Rainer of Shreveport, La.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Billie Chapman.

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

Paid obituary

Margaret Miller

Service for Margaret Miller, who passed from this life on April 14, 1999, will be 4 p.m. Friday April 16, 1999, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Wanda Hill, pastor of Coahoma United Methodist Church, officiating.



MILLER

Interment will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Margaret was 87 years, seven months and 14 days old. She was born in Decatur on Aug. 31, 1911, and came to Howard County in 1931. She met Claude Miller while she was teaching at R Bar School and they married May 27, 1933, in Lovington, N.M. They moved to Martin County and she later taught at Flower Grove and Grady, retiring in 1975, after having taught for 30-plus years.

She was a member of Coahoma United Methodist Church, Retired Teachers Association and Delta Kappa

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288
Marie Wallace, formerly of Big Spring died today. Services are pending.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home

Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St.
(915) 267-6331

Vernie Wallender, 86, died Wednesday. Graveside services will be 2:00 PM Friday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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She is survived by one daughter, Sue Miller Born; one sister, Clara Sue Arner; two grandchildren, Allan Born and wife Terri, Kenda Jones and husband Jack; five great-grandchildren, Anna Beach and husband Daniel, Brice Born, Justin Born, Jacoby Jones and Chad Born; and one great-great-granddaughter, Ashton Beach all of Big Spring.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, Claude Miller, one son, Curtis Miller and one brother, John Vastine.

Memorials may be made to Coahoma United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 50, Coahoma 79511, or Vista Care Family Hospice, 3210 E. 11th Place, Big Spring.

The family will be at 2609 Larry.

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

Paid obituary

Claude Arnold Sr.

Service for Claude David Arnold, Sr., 86, Alpine, will be 10 a.m. Friday, April 16, 1999, at First United Methodist Church in Alpine. Burial will be at 3 p.m. in Restland Cemetery in Iraan.

He died Tuesday in an Alpine hospital.

He was born Jan. 21, 1913 in Big Spring and was a longtime resident of Iraan, moving to Alpine in 1961. He was a retired pharmacist.

Survivors include: his wife, Dorothy Arnold of Alpine; two sons, Claude David Arnold Jr. of Alpine and Joe S. Scott of South Carolina; two daughters, Melanie Brownfield of Georgetown and Mary Lisa Bynum of Alpine; a sister, Nettie Creighton of Big Spring; 21 grandchildren; nine step-great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are under the direction of Geeslin Funeral Home, Alpine.

Marie Wallace

Funeral service for Marie Wallace of Canyon, formerly of Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel. She died Thursday, April 15, 1999, in Amarillo.

Arrangements are under the direction of Geeslin Funeral Home, Alpine.

Symphony

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to the Heritage Museum's "Around the World in 80 Bites" food festival.

The symphony board will meet in May to consider next season's concerts, and there may be some changes in the placement or number of performances for 1999-2000, Brewer said.

"We're working on that," she said, "thinking of the types of programs we want to present." The symphony will be directed on Saturday evening by Gene Chartier Smith, the Big Spring Chorale by Stan Hanes and the Bauer Elementary School Children's Choir, by Susan Dawes.

ODOR

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might be replaced, if it is determined the odor is originating in the sump pit in the basement, he said.

Furqueron explained the sump pit pumps operate to pump the sewer material into city sewer lines, which are at an elevation higher than the basement.

Redman said the odor is almost undetectable at times, and is most noticeable in the stairwell and basement areas.

Commissioner Jerry Kilgore said he believes the odor is sewer gases, and other commissioners agreed after walking through all parts of the basement and south areas of the library.

Crooker admitted the situation is odd, and tracing an odor that seems to come and go is proving to be perplexing.

"We have discovered some people have much better noses than others," Crooker said. Crooker said he and Furqueron and Redman have been analyzing the situation for nearly two weeks, and will continue to work to solve the prob-

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

lem. Settles agreed that present efforts to solve the dilemma are acceptable.

"I feel that Mrs. Redman has and is continuing to handle this matter in the appropriate manner," Settles wrote.

CVB

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this within our department, and he will attend this seminar, to update his training," Chamness said.

In other areas, the CVB continues to provide wine and cheese receptions for bus tours as they stop in Big Spring for the night, Earle said.

By joining the National Tour Association, Earle said the local CVB will begin attracting more tour groups who choose to stop in Big Spring.

"These groups spend the night here, usually between 25 and 50 rooms, and eat two meals here. They are spending their evening with us, and by showing some West Texas hospitality, we will be able to attract more groups, as they tell their friends about Big Spring," she said.

WATER

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filed last June to have the Concho Water Snake removed from the endangered species list;

Denied a request by a landowner for a tap to obtain water for agricultural and family use.

REUNIONS

THE BSHS CLASS OF 1989 is looking for the following class members in preparation for its 10th reunion:

Dino Aguilar, Cheryl Alcantar, Lori Anderson, Daniel Andrews, Andrew Bacon, Jerry Baldock, Tana Kay Barbee, Mark Barkley, Emma Bermea, Barry Blausler, Gary Boyd, Shana Brasel, Rodney Brown, Shirrel Brumley, Doug Bryan, Brandon Burdett, Fred Burton, Michael Calvio, Stacie Carmichael, Amy Carroll, Michelle Carter, Domingo Castillo, Joella Childress, Bobby Chrane, Vance Christie, Eric Cisneros, Todd Cline, Pamela Coker, Rebecca Cook, Alan Cox, Chris Crownover, Cyndia Davila, Barbara Davis, Andrew Davis, Danny Ditto, Penny Doggett, David Dominguez, Michael Dominguez, Lara Doporto, Joey Douglas, Randy Earnst, Tex Ellis, Maria Escanuelas, David Escovedo, Frances Escovedo, Scott Farris, Wesley Fields, Rosalinda Flores, Delena Franco, Daniel Freshour, Ben Fritzier, Suzanne Fulesday, Jennifer Fugua, Christopher Futrelle, Sylvia Gaitan, Alicia Garcia, Ben Gonzales, Ester Gonzales, Gregoria Gonzales, Lori Gonzales, Veronica Gonzales.

Also Beverly Gresham, Melynda Grifford, Timothy Gutierrez, Terry Hall, Sonya Hancock, Dennis Hartfield, Tina Henderson, Kurt Henry, Edward Hernandez, Javier Hernandez, Lydia Hernandez, Steve Hernandez, Crystal Hicks, Lisa Hillger, Jamie Hinojos, Nancy Hollingsworth, Cheryl Holt, Janene Horton, William Horton, Aretha Isaias, Joey Jabor, Irene Jara, Shanette Johnson, Marty Kirby, Eric Kruegar, Todd Kuykendall, Jeffrey Leal, MarJane Lehman, Mary Lemon, Anthony Lewis, Arturo Lopez, David Lopez, Michelle Lovelace, Anna Martinez, Melissa Martinez, Robert Martinez, Chris Mason, Eric Mayes, Eric McKinney, Victor Mendez, Lyndel Moody, Irma Moreno, Hector Morin, Pamela Mudrick, Melody Musick, Monica Nellen, Maria Nieto, Victoria Norwood, Jeff Obrien, Jose Ortega, Ruben Ortiz, Dianna oviedo, Armando Paredes, Louisa Ovalle Paredes, Richard Parnell.

Also Sherman Powers, Tim Pruitt, Debra Pulver, Brandy

The Troy M. Hogue Memorial Scholarship will also be presented, along with Academic Excellence awards and honor roll students.

MARKETS

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If you know the address or phone number of any of the people please call Deanna Beckham Settles at 1-817-545-6292 or Shawn Proffitt Hatfield at 263-7916 in the evenings.

55 ALIVE/MATURE DRIVING CLASS will be April 22-23, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Berea Baptist Church, 4204 Wasson Road. The cost is \$8 and you must attend both sessions. Call 263-1491 to preregister or to ask questions.

TEXAS LOTTERY PICK 3: 3,8,7 LOTTO: 2,3,10,22,34,41

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BP Amoco	26% + 1%
Chevron	103% + 4%
Cifra	93% + 2%
Coca Cola	17 to 17%
Compaq Computer	64% + 1%
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Phillips Petroleum	55% + 1/2
SBC Com.	49% + 1
Sears	50% - 1/2
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Texas Instruments	57% + 1%
Texas Utils. Co	102% - 1%
Unocal Corp	38% + 7%
Wal-Mart	39% + 7%
Ampac	94% - 4%
Europacific	18.20-19.31
Prime Rate	31.47-33.39
Gold	7.75%
Silver	282.10-283.10
	4.87-4.92

COAHOMA IS PLANNING ITS Third annual Citywide Garage Sale, sponsored by the Coahoma Lions Club, for May 8. Those who would like to participate should call Irene at 394-4424 or call the L'il Sooper Market.

The Lions Club will be having a sale this year as a fundraiser. To donate items to the club, call Irene and she will arrange pickup. Deadline to register is May 4. The fee to be part of the giant garage sale is \$15.

THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 506 will have a fish fry from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday at 3203 W. Hwy 80. The cost is \$6 per plate and carry out is available. The public is welcome.

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TEXAS LOTTERY

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LUIS FLORES, 19, was arrested for driving while license suspended.

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 2100 block of Nolan.

ASSAULT was reported at the intersection of 18th and Nolan.

TIM MAJOR, 25, was arrested for local warrants.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 200 block of West Marcy. Two vehicles were damaged, with estimated losses of \$250 and \$60.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 500 block of Birdwell. A solid steel door was damaged, with an estimated loss of \$150.

THEFT was reported in the 400 block of Birdwell and 1700 block of East Marcy.

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TEXAS BRIEFS

"Texas AG First Act" gets tentative OK

AUSTIN (AP) — The House has given initial approval to a bill requiring school districts to give preference to Texas-grown products for their food supplies.

"One out of every five jobs in Texas is in some way related to the agriculture industry," said bill sponsor Rep. Kino Flores, D-Mission, who showed up to the chamber in a cowboy hat, boots, a red bandana and a long overcoat called a "duster."

"With so many jobs directly tied into this essential industry, we must do all we can to ensure that our products are not faced with an unfair disadvantage because of the agriculture preference laws other states have on the books," he said.

Under the bill, school districts would give preference to Texas agriculture goods, but if that's not possible, the preference would go to products from other states before those from foreign count.

Flores said informal surveys have found that Texas schools buy less than 5 percent of their produce from Texas farmers. Any increase in purchasing of Texas products could generate million for the agriculture industry, he said.

Senate approves a pair of anti-gang bills

AUSTIN (AP) — Prison gang members who are released back into the community are the focus of two Senate-passed bills, and officials say more anti-gang legislation will follow.

"Gangs are a cancer on society in Texas. We are going to make every effort to cut this cancer out," Lt. Gov. Rick Perry said after senators approved the bills Wednesday, sending them to the House for consideration.

One of the backers of the anti-gang package, Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, added, "The message is we're going to get tough on gang crime."

Sen. Royce West, sponsor of Wednesday's bills, invoked the memory of a black man dragged to death behind a pickup in East Texas.

"I think that it could have reduced the chances of (the murder in) Jasper occurring. We can't say that it would have prevented it," West, D-Dallas, said of the legislation.

Of three men charged in last year's murder of James Byrd Jr. — a case that drew national attention to Jasper, 140 miles northeast of Houston — one has been sentenced to death and two haven't yet been tried.

The convicted man, 24-year-old John William King of Jasper, met co-defendant Lawrence Russell Brewer, 32, of Sulphur Springs while the two were in prison. Both have been identified as members of a small racist prison gang called the Confederate Knights of America.

The two bills would: — Require the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to notify local law enforcement when members of gangs identified as security threat groups — the worst prison gang members, according to bill backers — are released from prison.

— Establish specialized training for parole officers who are supervising gang members released from prison. Castlebury said this would put into law training that is already being done.

House votes to repeal prize cutback

AUSTIN (AP) — Hoping to combat slumping lottery sales, the House gave initial approval to bill Wednesday that would allow the Texas Lottery Commission to raise the amount it spends on prizes.

The bill by Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston, repeals a 1997 law that put a cap on the amount of revenue the commission could return to players in the form of prizes.

Lottery commission officials have partially attributed a slump in ticket sales to the prize restrictions.

"We're very pleased with today's vote, but we're also aware that this is just one step in the process," said Marcy Goodfleisch, spokeswoman for the commission.

The 1997 law said the lottery could not spend more than 52 percent of its revenue on prizes. Before that, the commission had averaged a payout of about 57 percent.

The lottery has since seen sales drop by 17.5 percent from fiscal years 1997 to 1998, and it projects another 8 percent decrease this year.

Research has shown that the decrease is directly related to public knowledge that the awards are smaller part of the commission's revenue, Ms. Goodfleisch said.

Lottery sales are projected to increase by 12.9 percent — from \$2.9 billion to \$3.3 billion in fiscal year 2000 — if the cap were repealed, according to an analysis by the House Research Organization.

Traffic stop nets \$11 million cash

COLORADO CITY (AP) — A routine traffic stop turned up \$11 million in suspected drug money, police said.

Officer R.L. Stiltner ordered a tractor-trailer to pull over for traffic violations on Interstate 20 in Mitchell County, according to a criminal complaint filed Wednesday in federal court.

While searching the truck Tuesday afternoon, Stiltner found 11 cardboard boxes crammed with bills in denominations ranging from \$1 to \$100, the complaint said.

"I don't know what emotion to use to describe it," said prosecutor James Eidson. "You're standing there thinking you can't believe there's that much money in one spot. It was a remarkable event."

Pedro Flores has been charged with conspiracy to possess and distribute more than 1,000 kilograms of marijuana. If convicted, he faces a maximum sentence of life in prison and a \$4 million fine.

Flores said he had transported 1,000 pounds of marijuana from El Paso to Chicago seven times.

House sends census review bill to Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Legislation designed to improve the accuracy of the census by letting local officials challenge the count before it is finalized faces an uncertain future in the Senate after its passage by the House.

Republicans say the bill will prevent a repeat of the error-plagued 1990 census, because local officials know their communities best and can find the mistakes. Democrats argued that the true intent was prevent the use of statistical sampling.

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Congress nears approval of GOP budget.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans hope congressional approval of a \$1.74 trillion budget for fiscal 2000 will sharpen their image as tax-cutters and as a party that has moved beyond President Clinton's impeachment.

The Senate was likely to give final approval to the blueprint today, a day after the House passed it by a near party-line 220-208 vote.

The measure, which does not require Clinton's signature, sets overall tax and spending targets for later legislation that will fill in the details. Clashes with Clinton over those bills seem certain.

In addition to its 10-year tax cut of at least \$778 billion, the budget underlines other issues

the GOP will emphasize during this year's run-up to the 2000 elections: using Social Security's enormous surpluses to reduce the national debt and spending more for defense and schools.

Passage on April 15 offered a twofold message for Republicans.

By coinciding with the day income tax returns are due, it spotlighted GOP tax-cutting plans that are one of the budget's banner promises.

Democrats say that money, which comes from anticipated federal surpluses, should be used mostly to strengthen Medicare and other social programs.

"If not when you have a surplus, when can you" cut taxes,

asked Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., in a dig at Democrats. "If you can't do it with a surplus, when should you?"

Today is the legal deadline for completion of the budget, but passage would mark only the second time it has been met since it was established in 1987. Eager to counter Democratic charges that Congress has done little beyond impeachment of the president in recent months, GOP leaders want to cast themselves as performing the public's work on time.

"It's a good blueprint for America's future," House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., said after the House approved the measure. "We're also pleased this Congress can get

its work done."

Last year, internal GOP bickering over tax cuts resulted in no congressional budget for the first time since the current system began in 1975.

Clinton said the GOP plan would do nothing to extend the fiscal solvency of Social Security and Medicare, which face pressures in coming years from the retirement of baby boomers.

"The budget ... falls short of what the American people need for meeting the challenges of the 21st century," he said in a written statement.

"This is not a budget that is going to survive," said Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., ranking Democrat on the Senate budget panel.

Summer campaign looms as planes head to Kosovo

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration, signaling that the U.S.-led NATO air campaign in Yugoslavia could stretch into summer, is adding close-in attack helicopters and planes to the force to hit Serb troops and aircraft accused of targeting fleeing ethnic Albanian refugees.

U.S. military leaders, in closed-door meetings with congressional officials, suggested NATO is poised to continue the three-week-old air campaign for several weeks longer, possibly into midsummer if Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic's forces continue fighting Kosovar Albanians in the

Serbian province of Kosovo.

Army Gen. Henry Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told lawmakers that while bombing has been frequently hampered by weather, conditions usually improve in the Balkans in June and July, the officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

"This is going to be a sustained campaign," said one lawmaker who was briefed.

The U.S.-led Gulf War in 1991 lasted only six weeks.

Shelton and Defense Secretary William Cohen were appearing today before the Senate Armed Service Committee to update lawmakers on the NATO

airstrikes, which began March 24.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright was testifying before the House Appropriations Committee as U.S. officials put together an emergency budget request to pay for NATO operations.

White House budget chief Jacob Lew met for nearly an hour Wednesday with Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., who said the Clinton administration was discussing something in the \$4 billion to \$8 billion range. He said the administration wants to pay for the entire Balkans package using the expected federal sur-

plus, including costs of caring for at least 500,000 refugees.

"Obviously, that's not what we'll get our members to go along with," Lott said.

Many Republicans seem eager to pay for military costs of the crisis with the surplus while finding budget cuts to pay for the rest of it.

On Wednesday, NATO accused Serb forces of attacking a refugee convoy in retaliation for a NATO airstrike against a military convoy traveling on the same road near Djakovica in southwest Kosovo. The Serbs, however, blamed NATO airstrikes for the deaths of 64 refugees.

Texas House gives final nod to budget proposal

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas House gave final approval to a \$97.04 billion budget plan Wednesday that could mean a 13.4 percent boost in funding for public education during the next two years.

"This bill is an investment in human capital — an investment in people, which speaks to our future and ensures the economic viability of our state," said Rep. Helen Giddings, D-DeSoto,

who served on the House Appropriations Committee that helped craft the bill.

The budget plan represents a 9.6 percent — or \$8.5 billion — overall increase in spending, including \$1.8 billion from the state's settlement with the tobacco industry. That would likely be directed toward health care-related items.

Included in the \$3.6 billion

increase for public education funding is \$3 billion for teacher pay raises, school financing and property tax relief — one of Gov. George W. Bush's top priorities. "The question is will there be any property tax relief and I suspect there will be," said Bush.

Some leading lawmakers have said there may not be enough for the \$2 billion in property tax

relief Bush wants.

The bill leaves more than \$700 million unspent, accommodating a possible \$500 million in tax breaks.

The Senate Finance Committee gave preliminary approval to a nearly \$98 billion spending plan last week that would provide for a reduction in local school property taxes and a sales tax break.

Time to face the music for income tax procrastinators

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the millions of Americans rushing to meet tonight's income tax deadline, consider this: Many middle-class people are actually paying slightly less in federal taxes than they did in 1995.

According to the Congressional Budget Office, taxpayers with the median family income — about \$39,000 in 1999 — will pay 18.9 percent of their income in all federal taxes this year. That compares to 19.7 percent four years ago, and is about \$400 less.

That might provide some small comfort as people rush to one of the hundreds of larger post offices that will stay open late, many until midnight local time, to handle the crush of up to 40 million state and federal tax returns to be dispatched today.

A reminder: If you can't finish in time, file for an extension using Form 4868 and pay the Internal Revenue Service as much of your estimated bill as possible to avoid interest and penalties.

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OUR VIEWS

Let's cheer our athletes Friday in last local start

While many may see the District 5-4A track and field meet slated for Friday at Blankenship Field as the final time Big Spring's Tory Mitchell will get to perform in front of his hometown fans, it will actually be much, much more.

Granted, the district meet will be the last time Mitchell, the Steers' reigning district, region, state and national champion in the 100 meters and 200 meters, will compete on the Blankenship Field oval.

And there's little question that Mitchell's home finale is more than reason enough to be on hand when the meet's running finals get under way at 6 p.m.

However, Friday will also give local fans an opportunity to see Big Spring's Lady Steers make their bid for a fifth consecutive girls' team championship as they face one of the strongest challenges they've faced in recent years.

Although San Angelo Lake View's Chiefs are an overwhelming favorite to take the boys' team title, and Lake View's Maidens are a slight favorite in the girls' field, the Lady Steers have spent an entire "rebuilding season" setting their sights on creating an entry that would upset the San Angelo girls.

Lady Steers coach Jay Kennedy and his team have made wholesale changes in their lineup — beefing up their entries in some events and sacrificing strength in others — in a bid to maximize their point production.

That means those who truly appreciate the sport will find the competition between the Lady Steers and Maidens just as rewarding as the opportunity to witness Mitchell and his considerable talents.

More than anything else, however, when Friday's meet opens with field events at 10 a.m., athletes from Andrews, Big Spring, Fort Stockton, San Angelo, Sweetwater and Snyder will culminate an entire season's worth of preparation to compete in what many consider the purest form of sport.

We want to take this opportunity to wish each of the Steers and Lady Steers the best of luck going into the meet and complement them on the manner in which they've represented our community throughout the season.

What's more, we encourage our readers to do the same by making plans to attend Friday's meet.

We're convinced they'll find that modicum of effort — one that certainly pales in comparison to that which has been made by the meet's participants — was truly worthwhile.

OTHER VIEWS

"What once was the turf of the Amish and wilderness types has become a hot item for those who fear the worst from the Y2K "crisis": a return to nonelectric, non-computerized appliances.

Yep, the days of the kerosene lantern may have come and gone for most folks.

For some, though, this will be an initiation into the ways of the past when you had to work at everything you had, not just trot down to the store at every whim to fill your needs.

It's going to be a big surprise to some people, we suspect, when they find that the good old days required a lot of work and a lot of time—the latter of which we already know is in short supply.

At least, though, these people are looking ahead and planning for the worst- whatever that may be. Predictions are that some electric supply systems will fail, leaving lots of folks without power — and without a means to heat their

homes, cook their meals or provide light to live by.

Ever churned butter? Chopped wood for a stove? Ground your own grains to make bread?

Likely as not, most modern Americans haven't done many of the things that were staples of earlier times.

We have become prisoners of a sort of our own technologies, and our busy lifestyles.

So it might be refreshing to see how things used to be done, if nothing more than to prove how comfortable and convenient our lives are today.

Maybe it will give us a greater appreciation of the little things that we take for granted, and make us realize that the good old days really weren't that good.

And just how dependent we are on things that, for the most part, we could learn to live without. Not that we would want to, but at least we would know we could if we had to.

TEXARKANA GAZETTE

Case of the passenger's purse complex

Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer found himself in a pickle on April 5. In the Case of the Passenger's Purse he



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was tempted to affirm a decision of the Supreme Court of Wyoming. He was also tempted to reverse. He finally came down the right way. He voted to reverse, but it was an exceedingly close case.

These were the facts, much condensed: In July 1995 a Wyoming state trooper stopped a speeding automobile. Three persons occupied the front seat — the driver, David Young; his girlfriend, and a passenger, Sandra Houghton. The officer saw a hypodermic syringe in Young's shirt pocket. This openly visible evidence justified a search of the vehicle for prohibited drugs.

A woman's cloth purse was on the back seat. The officer removed a wallet from the purse and checked the driver's license. Houghton acknowledged that the purse was hers. The officer then dumped the purse and discovered drug

paraphernalia and 70 cc of methamphetamine. A jury convicted Houghton of drug possession and sentenced her to up to three years in prison. The Wyoming Supreme Court set aside the conviction, and the state appealed.

This was the constitutional question: Was the search of Houghton's purse a violation of her Fourth Amendment right to be protected against unreasonable searches and seizures?

When I wrote about the case in February, I felt that her constitutional rights had indeed been violated. At the critical moment she was under no suspicion at all. There was no probable cause to believe that the purse contained either a firearm or an illicit substance. The contents were clearly a part of her personal "effects."

The high court's opinion of April 5, written by Justice Antonin Scalia, persuades me otherwise. A warrantless search of an automobile is significantly different from a warrantless search of a house. A car may be driven away; a house sits still. For this reason, the rights of persons in mobile vehicles always have been regarded as having less weight than the rights of persons at rest.

Scalia said: "Whereas the passenger's privacy expectations are considerably diminished, the governmental interests at stake are substantial.

Effective law enforcement would be appreciably impaired without the ability to search a passenger's personal belongings when there is reason to believe contraband or evidence of criminal wrongdoing is hidden in the car."

In the case at hand, Houghton had insisted that she owned the purse — it was her personal property — and could not be searched without a warrant specifying the "things" to be seized. Not true, said Scalia. The critical element in a reasonable search is not ownership. The key lies in "reasonable cause." If there is reasonable cause for an officer to believe that the specified "things" to be searched for and seized are located on the property to which entry is sought, a warrant is not required.

This, too, said Scalia: There is a huge difference between a search of one's body and a search of one's property. For example, in a 1979 case the high court held that a search warrant for a tavern did not permit body searches of all the bar's patrons.

In his concurring opinion in the Wyoming case, Justice Breyer made the same points. "It would matter if a woman's purse, like a man's billfold, were attached to her person." It might then amount to a kind of "outer clothing," which would properly receive increased protection.

Justice John Paul Stevens was joined in dissent by Justices David Souter and Ruth Bader Ginsburg, but it was not Stevens' finest hour. He cited a 1948 case known as *Di Re* in which the court held that the Fourth Amendment was violated when officers searched for counterfeit fuel ration stamps concealed between a man's shirt and his undershirt.

"I think it quite plain," said Stevens, "that the search of a passenger's purse or briefcase involves an intrusion on privacy that may be just as serious as was the intrusion in *U.S. v. Di Re*."

That is not "quite plain" to me. Sandra Houghton had given the state trooper a false name. She was in a car driven by a man who freely confessed that he used a syringe for ingesting drugs. The circumstances suggest to me a "reasonable" cause to believe that she was probably in cahoots with drug consumers. I would not have suppressed the evidence.

These Fourth Amendment cases often are so close that reasonably minded observers could vote either way. I once imagined I was a judge in 40 Fourth Amendment cases I had written about.

In 21 of the cases I let the evidence in; in 19 I threw it out.

The Houghton case was a let-it-in case — but barely so.



REFUGEES

The end of the American Empire

Let's look at the naked truth of postwar American history. The United States has not won a war since 1945. That's not much of a record for a country whose politicians boast about it being the world's "only remaining superpower."



CHARLEY REESE

The Soviet Union seized Eastern Europe and replaced all its leaders with communists. The United States did nothing. When the Soviet Union illegally blockaded Berlin, the United States, rather than confront the challenge, flew over it, thus setting the precedent of celebrating defeats and back-downs as victories.

In Korea, the North Koreans and Chinese fought the United States to a draw. Technically, the war goes on, suspended only by a cease-fire. In 1956, Hungarians overthrew their communist government and defeated the occupying Soviet troops. Vainly they pled for Western recognition. The West did nothing, and the Soviets were able to bring in new troops and crush the revolution.

The decline of America accelerated in 1960 with the election — probably crooked — of a playboy and womanizer, John F. Kennedy. Kennedy commenced a series of foreign policy blunders and disasters. He withdrew from Laos, opening up the Ho Chi Minh trail into South Vietnam. He betrayed the Cubans at the Bay of Pigs, which at the time was the most disastrous American foreign policy blunder in history.

Kennedy had switched from President Eisenhower's plan to land guerrillas in the western mountains to an open, amphibious invasion at the Bay of Pigs, closer to the center of Castro's military machine. He then halted the Cuban air attacks before they could destroy Castro's air force. No contested amphibious landing can succeed without air superiority. Yet Kennedy ordered the invasion to proceed. When it became clear it would fail without air support, Kennedy refused to allow American pilots to come to their aid. It was an unbelievable performance for the so-called world's leading nation.

When the Russians began to build the Berlin Wall, Kennedy blustered but in the end, faced with Russian tanks, backed down. Another defeat for America.

When the Russians put nuclear missiles in Cuba, Kennedy again backed down. He cut a deal, dismantling all of America's intermediate-range missiles in Europe; he gave the Russians a secret no-invasion pledge, thus guaranteeing Castro's continued rule; and he gave up his demand for on-the-ground inspections.

Another defeat. Typically, however, all of these defeats and back-downs were spun into victories, and a gullible American public and press swallowed it. A facade rather than substance became acceptable. But Kennedy wasn't through with his blunders. He sent 16,000 American troops to Vietnam and began to insist that they take part in the fighting.

Ngo Diem, the ruler of South Vietnam, was adamant that U.S. forces must not participate in the fighting because it would give the communists the opportunity to frame the war as a Vietnamese war against foreign invaders. Kennedy authorized a CIA-sponsored coup which killed Diem, set off a disastrous train of consequences and bogged down America for 10 years.

So, North Vietnam defeated America.

One young man in a second-hand truck drove us out of Lebanon. Barefoot and impoverished militiamen drove us out of Somalia. To be fair, we did conquer the Panamanian National Guard and the country of Grenada. Nine years of intermittent bombing, CIA schemes and enforced starvation have failed to budge Saddam Hussein. We did drive his expeditionary force out of Kuwait, but when we stood on the road to Baghdad, we turned around and came home.

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Do you have a story idea for the *life!* section? Call 263-7331, Ext. 236.

This is not your parents' math class: It can be fun

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Zipper number lines, measuring cups and spoons, M&M candy graphs and free pizza are just some of the fun activities planned today at Washington Elementary's first Family Math Night.

"Family Math Night is an opportunity for parents to get involved with their child at school, and to promote the importance of math through fun learning games and activities," said Washington Elementary third grade teacher Joy Armstrong.

Armstrong, along with fifth grade teacher Rosie Lain, has invited all parents of Washington Elementary students to attend the event, which begins with a free pizza party at 6:30 p.m. The evening will conclude about 8 p.m., and the only rule for the night is that all students must be accompanied by a parent, Armstrong said.

"This is a special time for you and your child, a special time together," Armstrong said.

The evening promises to be filled with hands-on math games that teach and enforce all areas of elementary math curriculum, from shapes and sizes to addition and subtraction to fractions, she said.

"This will back up the objectives on the TAAS (Texas Assessment of Academic Skills) test, for review for the student," she said.

But parents and students may not recognize the activities as a review, because they will be having too much fun, she said.

"We have 30 different games set up at centers. Parent and student select a game, pick up a page of instruction and the supplies they will need to create that game, which is supplied. Then they go play with their children," Armstrong said.

Prizes will be given for various activities, and Armstrong said along with two boxes of prizes for students, another box of prizes is just for adults.

"And we will have a mystery guest, who will entertain and give out candy," Armstrong said.

She and Lain brainstormed the idea of Family Math Night after Esthela Aguirre, curriculum director for the Big Spring Independent School District, asked for ideas to get parents involved.

"This is being funded by Title I funds for parent involvement night," Armstrong said.

About 250 parents and students are expected to attend. Thus far nearly three-fourths of



Colton Watson, left and Amanda Hernandez are ready for Family Math Night at Washington Elementary which will offer parents and their children a chance to play more than 30 math games.

all parents had RSVP'd they intended to participate.

"We need an accurate count

to order pizza," she said.

And at least 60 pizzas will be delivered piping hot to the

school cafeteria, she said.

"I think I may need to order more pizza," she said.

Use caution and confidence to confront spouse's affair

QUESTION: My wife has been involved in an affair with her boss for six months. I've known about it from the beginning, but just haven't been able to confront her.

Melanie acts like she doesn't love me anyway. If I give her an ultimatum, I could lose her completely. Can you assure me that won't happen? Have you ever offered the "love must be tough" advice and had it backfire, ending in divorce?



DR. JAMES DOBSON

DR. DOBSON: Yes, I have, and I certainly understand your caution. I wish I could guarantee how Melanie will react to a firmer approach. Unfortunately, life offers few certainties, even when all the probabilities point in one direction. Sometimes well-conditioned athletes drop dead from heart attacks. Some outstanding parents raise children who rebel and become drug addicts. Some of the most intelligent, cautious businessmen foolishly bankrupt themselves.

Life is like that. Things happen every day that shouldn't have occurred. Nevertheless, we should go with the best information available to us. I saw a sign that said, "The fastest horses don't always win, but you should still bet on them." Even as a nongambler, that makes sense to me.

Having offered that disclaimer, let me say that there is nothing risky about treating oneself with greater respect, exhibiting confidence and poise, pulling backward and releasing the door on the romantic trap. The positive benefits of that approach are often immediate and dramatic. Loving self-respect virtually never fails to have a salutary effect on a drifting lover, unless there is not the tiniest spark left to fan.

Thus, in instances when opening the cage door results in a spouse's sudden departure, the relationship was already terminal. I'm reminded of the proverb that says: "If you love something, set it free. If it comes back to you, it's yours. If it doesn't come back, it never was yours in the first place." There is a great truth in that adage, and it applies to your relationship with your wife.

Now, obviously, it is risky to precipitate a period of crisis. When explosive individuals are involved in midlife turmoil or a passionate fling with a new lover, great tact and wisdom are required to know when and how to respond. That's why professional counsel is vital before, during and after the confrontation. It would be unthinkable of me to recommend that victims of affairs indiscriminately pose ultimatums with 24-hour deadlines, or that they push an independent partner into a corner.

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Alcohol in pregnancy: Best advice is don't drink

By DR. CHARLOTTE FOWLER

Guest columnist

More than 8,000 children are born with physical, mental and behavior abnormalities because their mothers drank alcohol while they were pregnant. Fetal alcohol syndrome (FAS), as this set of abnormalities is called, was first identified in 1973 and is now the leading cause of mental retardation in the United States.

Doctors once believed a growing baby was protected from infection, disease and drugs the mother took by the placenta, which is an organ that connects the fetus to the uterus.

Today we know that almost everything the mother takes into her body, including alcohol, crosses the placenta and affects her fetus, especially the development in the brain.

About 20 percent of children with FAS exhibit unusual facial characteristics

including small heads, thin upper lips and eyes set far apart. Others lag behind in development and weight gain. They may suffer other physical problems such as poor vision, crossed eyes, heart murmurs or chronic infections.

In other children, especially those who suffer from a less severe form of the syndrome called fetal alcohol effect, the damage from the mother's drinking isn't apparent until a child begins to have trouble at school. Although these children may not have physical abnormalities, they have poor memories, short attention spans, low IQs, behavior problems, trouble learning new skills and other learning disabilities.

Long-term studies confirm that problems will follow these children through life. Most FAS children are unable to function on their own, even as adults. Many never learn judgment or concentration, and others have problems with lying, cheating and stealing. These indi-

viduals tend to be impulsive, uninhibited and unable to learn from their mistakes. The child whose mother drank during pregnancy may never learn to pick up on normal social cues and may consistently talk too loud or stand too close.

In the 20 years since scientists became aware of the significant consequences of drinking during pregnancy, the question pregnant women have asked is "how much is too much?" That question is difficult to answer for several reasons.

First, not every woman who drinks during pregnancy will give birth to a child with FAS. Several factors including genetics and the fetus' stage of development during the mother's drinking play a role. Bones and organs develop during the first three months of pregnancy, while growth and maturation take place during the last six months. The brain develops throughout the

entire pregnancy.

So physical defects are most likely to occur if a woman drinks early in her pregnancy, and growth problems are most likely if she drinks later in pregnancy. Damage to the brain can happen at any time.

Pregnancy is a time when women should be cautious; they should watch what they eat, quit smoking, and check with their doctor before they take so much as an aspirin. At a time when they're careful about so many other things, it doesn't make sense for a pregnant woman to take risks with alcohol, especially when the risk to the fetus can be eliminated completely by avoiding alcohol.

Because we don't know how much is too much, the safest course for women who are pregnant or trying to become pregnant is to avoid alcohol entirely.

Charlotte Fowler is a physician with Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

SCHOOL NEWS

BSHS Student Council

The Big Spring High School Student Council attended the Texas Association of Student Councils District 8 Spring Conference at the Holiday Inn Centre in Odessa, Texas, March 31. The group was awarded the following awards: Outstanding Student Council, Outstanding D.A.S.H. (Drugs, Alcohol, Safety, and Health) School, Outstanding Energy School, and Outstanding Pride and Patriotism School. The council also exhibited a scrapbook of the year. B.S.H.S. will be recognized at the State Conference in April for these outstanding achievements. The B.S.H.S. Student Council presently serves as Secretary/Treasurer of District 8.

Thomas Garza, the B.S.H.S. Student Council president, was chosen as the Outstanding District 8 boy, and he was also

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American Cancer Society honors volunteers

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN

Features Editor

Thanks to the work of volunteers, the local American Cancer Society unit is one of the more remarkable in Texas, a state official of the group said Tuesday.

Addressing the ACS Howard/Glasscock Unit annual meeting, Mike Dany, chief executive officer for the Texas Division said local programs are "across the board, great."

"It's not like this everywhere," he said. "This is a good example of what can be done."

Dany pointed to Howard/Glasscock's recent award of the Star of Texas, which recognized only two of the state's more than 250 units.

"What made that possible," Dany said, "is the work of volunteers and the support of the community."

Dany said ACS is "on the brink" of seeing cancer as a disease that is treatable, preventable and even curable. He cited three areas: prevention, early detection and improved treatments, where the work of

volunteers in communities like Big Spring shows. But there is more work to do, he added.

"It's not in the bank," he said. "This is what you all are being called to do, to make it happen."

With more programs targeting specific cancers and at-risk groups, ACS has set a goal for a 50 percent drop in cancer mortality and a 25 percent drop in the incidence of the disease by the year 2015.

"And this doesn't mean we've given up on the cure," he said.

He said programs like Road to Recovery, where volunteers drive those battling cancer to their medical appointments, are examples of how the services work best.

"Cancer is a personal experience," he said. "That's why it's so important that ACS is in local communities, working."

Those honored at Tuesday's meeting included LaWanda Hamm, Road to Recovery chair, who was named "volunteer of the year." She was congratulated by volunteer involvement chair Deloris Albert, Hamm's sister.



Deloris Albert, left, congratulates her sister, LaWanda Hamm, for receiving volunteer of the year Tuesday during the American Cancer Society Annual Meeting.

Others honored Tuesday for their work with ACS were: JoAnne Forrest, Kay Clark, Katie Grimes, Barbara Morris, Nancy Vassar, Bill Birrell,

Andre Clark, Diane Wood, Lucy Bonner, Sue Jones and Ramona Harris.

ACS is preparing for its annual Relay for Life May 14-15.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Community wide auditions for an upcoming production of "Nunsense" will be 8 p.m. April 20 in the Howard College theater. "Anybody is welcome to come and audition," said Clay Grizzle, theater instructor for Howard College.

Grizzle said "Nunsense" is a musical comedy by playwright Dan Goggin, with five central characters.

The performances will be in a vacant retail location at the Big Spring Mall June 11-13 and 18-20, he said.

"This will be a neat place to do a play. And I have decided all our productions will have six performances, because it is more fun to do six shows after all the rehearsal and hard work than to do three," Grizzle said.

Any one with questions about the performances or the auditions may call Grizzle at 264-5068.

SLICE of life!

SCHOOL NEWS

Nominations have been finalized for the 2nd Annual Mustang People's Choice Awards.

The awards are scheduled for April 22, 7 p.m. at Sands Auditorium. Admission is \$1.

And the nominees are....

Favorite HS Faculty member: Wade Cave, Elaine Daniel, Michelle Hamlin, Eric Skiles, & Tommy Smithson
Favorite Elem. Faculty Member: Patsy Fryar, Katie Grigg, & Robin Herrington.

Most Comical Faculty Member: Kay Campbell, Donnie Dutton, Elaine Daniel, Eric Skiles & Tommy Smithson

Favorite Staff Member: Lonnie Cantu, Leigh Ann Dutton, Lydia Gomez, & Deborah Gullatt

Most Laid-Back Faculty Member: Felipe Castro, Wade Cave, Scott Ragle, Eri Skiles & Tommy Smithson

Most Creative Faculty Member: Billy Barnett, Kay Campbell, Carlene Gibbs, Scott Ragle, Eric Skiles, & Tommy Smithson
Most Spirited Faculty Member: Billy Barnett, Brenda Barnett, Kay Campbell, Elaine Daniel, Sharon Hambrick & Eric Skiles

The results will be presented on the 22nd of April, 7:00 p.m.

Entertainment will be provided by variety acts from Sands Elem. JH & HS.

Additional entertainment will be provided by Los Diablos of Sands HS.

The evening will be hosted by Alison & Montie Foster.

Voting Population-Sands JH & HS
Results, Voting Categories, and Tabulation-Sands Fine Arts Students.

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Couples aiming for first baby of 2000

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Around the world, couples trying to have a "millennium baby" did everything conceivable Friday.

From Malaysia to Norway, from Spain to the United States, radio stations held first-baby-of-2000 contests, and couples were offered some private time together, romantic hotel getaways and aphrodisiacs ranging from a traditional Malaysian potion to a Barry White CD.

Friday was considered the optimum conception date for a Jan. 1, 2000, birth.

"I guess it's normally not so public," said Sandra Mendalka, who participated in a Boston radio station's "conceive-a-thon" with her husband, Darren. "I called my mother and I said, 'How does it feel to have a daughter that's going to be in the public and everybody knows that she's going to have sex tomorrow?'"

Diana and Michael Maurer accepted a Philadelphia radio station's offer of a free hotel room. Mrs. Maurer said afterward: "We gave it a good go."

A radio host in Barcelona, Spain, wore pajamas as he interviewed his station's two competing couples in a king-size bed hours before they went in search of parenthood in their free hotel suites.

One couple — a Russian man and a Spanish woman — was selected for saying a mixed-culture baby in 2000 will foster international harmony. The other couple reasoned that it would be easy to remember how old the kid is.

A hotel on the resort island of Penang in Malaysia helped out with a native elixir.

"We're serving a freshly brewed pot of tongkat ali. It's our Malaysian version of Viagra," said Cheah Mei Lin, an assistant manager at the Feringgi Beach Hotel.

Municipal employees in Kautokaino, Norway, were given the morning off Friday so they could use the time reproductively. "This is a big joint effort for our town and I expect everyone to do their very best," Mayor Anton Dahl told the newspaper Verdens Gang.

In the township of Sel, in the mountains of Norway, nursery schools are staying open this weekend to look after children for free so that their parents can try to conceive in peace.

A January 2000 baby boom could overload maternity clinics at a time of possible staff shortages and equipment failures because of Y2K computer problems when the year rolls from '99 to '00.



These BSHS student council officers and representatives recently attended the Texas Association of Student Councils District 8 Spring Conference.

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awarded a \$500 scholarship from the district.

Student Council officers attending were: Thomas Garza, Tonya Collins, Meredith Ware, James Clements, Michael Morrison, and Heddy

Wigington. Representatives in attendance were: Arthur Olague, Julie Adams, Jon Bagwell, Tara Cooper, Priscilla Flores, Lauren Fraser, Chandra McBee.

Also Blair Nutting, Brittany Roberson, Luis Diaz, Jade Hughes, Justin Nichols,

Vanessa Rodriguez, Cody Rubio, Rosanna Quintero, Jesus Valdez, Bridget Cain, and Willis Morrison.

The group was accompanied by the advisor, Sharion Richardson.

Woodstock '99 sets up slate of 31 modern acts

NEW YORK (AP) — Limp Bizkit? Korn? Rage Against the Machine? It's not your father's Woodstock.

That's precisely the point. Woodstock '99 promoters announced a 31-act lineup Thursday geared to teens and 20-year-olds that, so far at least, doesn't include one performer from the namesake festival in 1969.

The Dave Matthews Band, Jewel, Metallica and Alanis Morissette are this year's headliners for the three-day show, scheduled for July 23-25. It will be held at Griffiss Park, an abandoned Air Force base in Rome, N.Y., about 50 miles west of Albany.

Organizers expect a crowd of about 250,000 people for the show, which also features Fatboy Slim, Sugar Ray, Creed, Counting Crows, Rusted Root, the Offspring, the Brian Setzer Orchestra, George Clinton and Willie Nelson.

Six acts that played the 25-year anniversary concert, which drew an estimated 350,000 people to Saugerties, N.Y., are coming back: Metallica, Aerosmith, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Sheryl Crow, Live and Collective Soul.

Organizers promise better security than at the first two Woodstocks, which were overrun by gatecrashers. Instead of the flimsy 6-foot chainlink fence that surrounded the Woodstock '94 site, Griffiss will be ringed by a 12-foot plywood fence backed with steel girders.

Ticket packages including bus transportation will go on sale April 18.

Weddings, engagements and anniversaries should be submitted for publication on Big Spring Herald forms. They are free of charge. See the features editor for details.

DOBSON

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Great caution is needed in such delicate conflicts.

In short, I suggest that you seek the assistance of a competent counselor who can help you deal with the problem of Melanie's affair.

QUESTION: Children seem to be growing up at a younger age today than in the past. Is this true, and if so, what accounts for their faster development?

DR. DOBSON: Yes, it is true. Statistical records indicate that our children are growing taller today than in the past, probably resulting from better nutrition, medicine, exercise, rest and recreation. And this more ideal physical environment has apparently caused sexual maturity to occur at younger and younger ages.

It is thought that puberty in a particular child is triggered when he or she reaches a certain level of growth; therefore, when environmental and general health factors propel a

youngster upward at a faster rate, sexual maturation occurs earlier.

For example, in 1850, the average age of menarche (first menstruation) in Norwegian girls was 17.0 years of age; in 1950, it was 13.0. The average age of puberty in females had dropped four years in one century. In the United States, the average age of the menarche dropped from 16.5 in 1840 to 12.9 in 1950. More recent figures indicate that it now occurs on average at 12.8 years of age! Thus, the trends toward younger dating and sexual awareness are a result, at least in part, of this "fast track" mechanism.

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

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Lady Hawks win top S. Carolina

Howard College Hawks have announced their fourth Koretha Johnson Beach, S.C.

Johnson, a 5-foot-10 who scored 1,687 pulled down 1,02 during her career. Beach High School ranked South Carolina player, having earned honors in 1997, 1998.

The Reebok All-Star game will be nationally televised.

"Koretha is an player and will be our future success. Hawks coach Mike said after signing "She's strong to rebounds well, guard and can hit one of the top players in the country."

Hawks sweep 1 at Lubbock Chi

Winds which between 45 and 60 keep Howard College from dominating Christian University Wednesday swept a doubleheader 0 and 13-3 wins.

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Jeremy Furniss strong pitching and hit a 2-run home run the National Little Cardinals to another Rangers.

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Whit Bryant Epley provided Rangers' offense. Baker and Adams came up with de.

Teenage League continue thro

The Howard College Baseball Association recently registered interested in Teenage League summer beginning.

Registration 5:30 to 8:30 tonight at the American park.

To register, players ages 13-15 their \$50 registration their birth certificate.

Anyone interested in a team, be director or be in another aspect can contact office American Little Cardinals at 263-2552.

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5:30 p.m. — Te Seattle Mariners,
9 p.m. — Los Angeles at Arizona Diamondbacks.
HOCKEY
6:30 p.m. — Pittsburgh Penguins at Boston N.Y. Rangers at ESPN, Ch. 30.

IN BRIEF

Lady Hawks wrap up top S. Carolina player

Howard College's Lady Hawks have announced signing their fourth recruit, Koretha Johnson of Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Johnson, a 5-foot-11 forward who scored 1,687 points and pulled down 1,020 rebounds during her career at Myrtle Beach High School, was ranked South Carolina's top player, having earned all-state honors in 1997, 1998 and 1999.

The Reebok All-Star Report rated her the No. 9 player nationally.

"Koretha is an outstanding player and will be a big part of our future success," Lady Hawks coach Matt Corkery said after signing Johnson. "She's strong to the basket, rebounds well, passes like a guard and can hit the perimeter shot. We feel like she was one of the top prospects in the country."

Hawks sweep twinbill at Lubbock Christian

Winds which fluctuated between 45 and 67 mph didn't keep Howard College's Hawks from dominating Lubbock Christian University's junior varsity Wednesday, as they swept a doubleheader with 22-0 and 13-3 wins.

Freshman Frankie Keller threw a one-hit shutout in the first game, striking out seven and walking two batters.

The Hawks 16-hit offensive barrage was highlighted by a Jay Alsup home run and shortstop Shane Webb's 5 RBIs.

In the nightcap, sophomore Chris McLain was the winning pitcher, as Alsup kept his up his hot hand at the plate, driving in four runs.

The Hawks, now 38-10 on the season and 13-5 in conference play will face New Mexico Junior College in a three-game Western Junior College Athletic Conference series Friday and Saturday in Hobbs.

National Little League Cards knock off Rangers

Jeremy Furniss turned in a strong pitching performance and hit a 2-run homer to lead the National Little League Cardinals to an 8-4 win over the Rangers.

Furniss also got offensive support from Cody Wingo, Johnny Williams and Daniel Castillo, while defensive highlights came from Logan Churchwell and John Richard Sparks.

Whit Bryant and Justin Epley provided most of the Rangers' offense, while Tye Baker and Adam Johnson came up with defensive gems.

Teenage League signups continue through Friday

The Howard County Youth Baseball Association is currently registering youngsters interested in playing on Teenage League teams this summer beginning.

Registration will be from 5:30 to 8:30 tonight and Friday at the American Little League park.

To register, prospective players ages 13-16 must bring their \$50 registration fee and their birth certificate.

Anyone interested in coaching a team, being a league director or being involved in another aspect of the program can contact officials by calling American Little League officials at 263-2552.

LOCAL GAMES

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

6 p.m. — Coahoma Bulldogs at Post Antelopes.

ON THE AIR

Television

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

5:30 p.m. — Texas Rangers at Seattle Mariners, FXS, Ch. 29.

9 p.m. — Los Angeles Dodgers at Arizona Diamondbacks, FXS, Ch. 29.

HOCKEY

6:30 p.m. — Pittsburgh Penguins at Boston Bruins or N.Y. Rangers at Ottawa Senators, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Howard's Karlita Washington named first-team All-American

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

Howard College's Karlita Washington has added to her considerable list of honors after having been named to the 1999 NJCAA Women's All-America Basketball Team.

One of three players from Texas junior colleges who earned first-team All-American status, Washington was the only Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) player named to one of the three All-America teams, although Midland College's Judy Gonzalez was an honorable mention selection.

"This is the highest honor you can win at our level," Lady Hawks coach said of

the selection, admitting that he and Washington's teammates were joining in the celebration. "I feel as though Karlita is well deserving of this for all of her accomplishments for the last two years. This is an exciting time for her and the entire Lady Hawk family."

A pivotal player in Howard No. 3 finish at the NJCAA national tournament in 1998, Washington returned for her sophomore season and led the Lady Hawks to the Region V semifinals before falling to No. 2-ranked and then unbeaten Grayson County. Howard finished at 28-4 overall.

A 5-foot-9 sophomore point guard, Washington led the WJCAC in scoring and assists, averaging 19.8 points per game and 4.8 rebounds and was named the conference's most valuable player. In addition, she was among the conference's tops in steals per game with 2.6 thefts.

A two-time selection to the All-WJCAC

and All-Region V teams, Washington was joined as a first-team All-American by Grayson County's Shelia Lambert and Trinity Valley Community College's Yalika Barnes.

The remainder of the first team included Central Arizona's Amanda Lassiter; Carol Smith of Gulf Coast (Fla.) College; Gintare Cipinyte of Seward (Kan.) Community College; MyQuita Mackey of Shelby State (Tenn.); Jynetta Saunders of Bellville (Ill.) Area College; Norma Noel of Pearl River (Miss.) Community College; and Tari Cummings of Westark (Ark.) Community College.

1999 NJCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ALL-AMERICAS

First Team
Shelia Lambert, 5-7, soph., Grayson County (Texas); Amanda Lassiter, 6-1, soph., Central Arizona; Yalika Barnes, 5-9, soph., Trinity Valley (Texas); Carol Smith, 5-5, fresh., Gulf Coast (Fla.); Gintare Cipinyte, 6-5, soph., Seward County (Kan.); Karlita Washington, 5-9, soph., Howard College (Texas); MyQuita Mackey, 6-0, soph., Shelby State (Tenn.); Jynetta Saunders, 5-10, soph., Bellville Area (Ill.); Norma Noel, 5-11, soph., Pearl River (Miss.); Tari Cummings, 5-10, soph., Westark (Ark.).

Second Team
Rainey Alling, 5-6, soph., Vincennes (Ind.); Patrice Sims, 5-11, soph., Central Florida; Tawanda Barnes, 5-8, soph., Tyler (Texas); Monet Sykes, 5-10, soph., Central Arizona; Ashley Miller, 6-0, soph., Salt Lake (Utah); Christina Kelley, 6-0, soph., Black Hawk (Ill.); Kelly Koepp, 5-9, soph., Bethany Lutheran (Minn.); Suzette McKenzie, 5-8, soph., Connors State (Okla.); Latasha Jackson, 5-11, soph., Middle Georgia; Katrina Dotson, 5-11, soph., Copiah-Lincoln (Miss.).

Third Team
Dainora Umbrassate, 6-3, soph., Weatherford (Texas); Sarah Nelson, 5-9, soph., Southern Idaho; Naomi Branson, 5-7, soph., Cincinnati State (Ohio); Rebecca Alvarez, 5-7, fresh., Otero (Colo.); Joy Rodefer, 6-0, soph., Sauk Valley (Ill.); Tanya Romer, 5-10, soph., Colorado Northwestern; Ayesha Smith, 5-5, soph., Cowley County (Kan.); Terrisha Osborn, 6-0, fresh., Seminole (Okla.); State; Liz Paulson, 5-11, soph., Central Florida; Alison Bach, 6-1, soph., Walters State (Tenn.).

Honorable Mention
Wendy Okeson, 5-9, fresh., Barton County (Kan.); Corissa Johnson, 6-0, soph., Western Nebraska; Shona Rucker, 5-6, soph., Kilgore (Texas); Tamila Murray, 5-11, soph., Tallahassee (Fla.); Crystal Davis, 6-0, soph., Florida CC; Seealita Drennon, 6-1, soph., Walters State (Tenn.); Jamie Lewis, 6-2, soph., Westark (Ark.); Torrie Scott, 5-7, soph., Northeast (Neb.); Katrina Joshua, 5-10, soph., Jones (Miss.) College; Tanisha Albert, 5-6, soph., Three Rivers (Mo.); Jessica Shanklin, 5-4, soph., Pearl River (Miss.); Victoria Jones, 6-1, soph., St. Catharine (Ky.); Janelle Romney, 5-10, soph., Dixie (Utah); Judy Gonzalez, 5-10, fresh., Midland (Texas); Athena McCoy, 5-4, soph., Connors State (Okla.); Kimberly Woodruff, 5-9, soph., East Central (Mo.); Amber Russell, 5-6, soph., Snow (Utah).

Big Spring poised for 5-4A meet

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

San Angelo Lake View's Chiefs and Maidens will clearly be the favorites Friday when the District 5-4A track and field meet gets under way at Blankenship Field on the Big Spring High School campus.

The meet's real headliner, however, will be Big Spring sprint phenom Tory Mitchell.

Mitchell, the defending district, region, state and national champion in the 100 and 200 meters, upstaged both San Angelo teams during last week's Big Spring AMBUCS Relays, even though his winning times — 10.15 seconds in the 100 and 20.63 in the 200 — were not his best of the year.

While Steers coach Randy Britton says not to expect Mitchell to erase district records he already owns in both events — the Blankenship Field track's surface is too soft to produce the fastest of times — he's convinced his sprinting star will again turn heads.

"Our kids ... not just Tory, but all of them ... not a little more incentive on Saturday ... they'll be looking for a little more incentive," Britton said, recalling the exchange of words between sprinters from both teams following the Chiefs' relay win.

"That upset our kids," he added. "We've taught them to do their talking on the track with their performances, so they don't respond well to trash talk after a race."

The result, Britton said, was a less than spectacular performance by Mitchell in the 100 meters.

"He hadn't had time to calm down and was still angry when they ran the 100 final," Britton explained. "But in the 200 he'd had time to put things in perspective and use it as incentive ... it showed in his time."

Fresh off having dominated the field at last week's meet, the Chiefs are a prohibitive favorite to defend their district championship.

Regardless of their incentive, the Steers simply don't have the depth to contend for the team championship, nor does any other 5-4A boys' squad.

But the girls' division will be a different matter.

While the Maidens took the team title at last week's Big Spring meet, snapping a four-year string of championships by the host Lady Steers, they will find usurping Big Spring's four-year reign as the district girls' champion more difficult.

The Maidens were aided in last week's win by Levelland's strength in the field events and distance races. But the Lady Lobos won't be involved this week, making those events pivotal Friday.

At least that's the plan Jay Kennedy and his Lady Steers have fashioned this week.

The Lady Steers will be making their bid for a fifth consecutive girls' team championship and have made a number of



Big Spring's Tory Mitchell, shown here winning the 100 meters during the Big Spring AMBUCS Relays last week, is expected to successfully defend his championships in the 100 meters and 200 meters at the District 5-4A meet set for Friday at Blankenship Field.

changes — beefing up their entries in some events and sacrificing strength in others — in a bid to maximize their point production.

Among those moves will be Amanda Rubio's insertion in the 800-meter relay and the 200 meters, taking her out of the 800 meters; the inclusion of Angela McGee in the Lady Steers' 400- and 800-meter relay teams; and the decision to put April McGee and Angelica Hinojos into the 100 meters, taking them out of the 800-meter relay.

The primary factor, Kennedy said, will be his team's showing in the distance races and the field events.

"We've got to cut points in the distances, jumps and throws," Kennedy said as he prepared his team for a workout in Wednesday's high winds. "We don't neces-

sarily have to win those events. If we can get inside of their people in every event ... pick up those seconds and thirds or the fourth and fifth places, we'll have a chance. We've won several district championships doing the same thing."

"The 400 is going to be important, too," he added. "I think Chanta (Farr) got an opportunity to come up really big there ... she's capable of winning it. We'll just have to see."

The meet will get under way with boys field events at 10 a.m. with girls' running preliminaries set for 10:30 a.m.

The girls' field events will start at 1 p.m. and boys' running prelims are set for a 1:30 p.m. start.

Running event finals for both girls and boys are set for 6 p.m.

Brand will leave Duke for NBA

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — Duke's first underclassman to head to the NBA apparently couldn't pass up what his coach called a sure thing.

"Elton Brand is not just an (NBA) lottery pick, he's a high lottery pick," Mike Krzyzewski said Wednesday during a news conference in which the 6-foot-8, 270-pound center said he would skip his final two years of college eligibility to turn pro. "It was inevitable it was going to happen in our program."

Brand, who helped lead the Blue Devils to a 37-2 record and NCAA runner-up finish this past season, showed little emotion at his news conference held in Cameron Indoor Stadium attended by his mother, Daisy, and a half-dozen teammates.

Krzyzewski, still recovering from hip surgery at home, joined in by telephone.

"(The NBA) has been a life-long dream of mine, and this just makes me one step closer to accomplishing it," said Brand, who received an ovation from about 50 fans as he entered Cameron. "I am going to miss my teammates and my friends I've made, and the staff, but coach felt it was the right decision and the right time."

Brand is the fourth player to come out early for the NBA draft, joining Ron Artest (St. John's), Steve Francis (Maryland) and Albert White (Missouri). Underclassmen have until May 15 to declare.

Brand admitted being Duke's first player to quit school for the NBA weighed on him some, but said Krzyzewski's support made his decision easier.

"It was a different situation for the Grant Hills and the Christian Laettners," Brand said. "Going pro wasn't as much of an option as it is now."

Brand will likely be picked in the top five of the June 30 NBA draft and become an instant millionaire. Krzyzewski called Brand's decision to leave the Blue Devils a "no-brainer."

"We talked to Elton when he first came to Duke that at the end of his time here he would have decisions to make. Going to Duke provides you with great decisions to make," Krzyzewski said.

Rangers' 9-6 win over Mariners 'bittersweet' for Zimmerman

SEATTLE (AP) — Texas pitcher Jeff Zimmerman called his first major league victory "bittersweet."

"I came in with runners on first and third, and my job is to keep them from scoring," Zimmerman said.

The young right-hander came into Wednesday night's game with the score tied 3-3 and runners on the corners. Zimmerman fell behind in the count 3-0 before giving up a sacrifice fly to deep left field by Jay Buhner that allowed David Segui to score from third.

Zimmerman pitched 2 2-3 innings of perfect baseball in relief of starter John Burkett, but he couldn't forget about Buhner's at bat.

"That first guy was the most important one," Zimmerman said. "I fell behind. I should have immediately challenged him."

The Rangers eventually took the lead on a RBI single by Tom Goodwin in the seventh, then added four runs in the ninth to beat Seattle 9-6.

Lee Stevens led the Rangers' 17-hit attack with three hits, including a two-

run homer in the ninth.

"It was nice to get a few insurance runs," Stevens said of his second homer of the season. "I was down two strikes. I was just trying to hit it hard into play."

The Rangers overcame a poor start by John Burkett, who gave up four runs and eight hits in 4 1-3 innings. Zimmerman (1-0) went on to get his first decision and John Weteland, the Rangers' fifth pitcher, got four outs for his third save, despite allowing RBI doubles to David Segui and Ken Griffey Jr. in the ninth.

Zimmerman pitched well for the second day in a row.

"He did a good job yesterday, and today he was awesome," said Roberto Kelly. "We're going to score some runs, so if our pitchers can hold it together and we play good defense, it will all take care of itself."

Kelly and Stevens each had three hits for the Rangers, who have won the first two games of the three-game series. Goodwin had two hits, scored two runs and stole a pair of bases.

Burkett has struggled against the Mariners. In eight starts, he has a 1-4 record with a 6.30 ERA.

Rangers manager Johnny Oates felt Burkett pitched fairly well, but would like to see his starters go a little further into the game.

"We're capable of pitching even better than we did tonight," Oates said. "It's only a matter of time before we get it all worked out."

Seattle tied a team record with eight doubles.

"We've scored runs the last couple of nights," Mariners manager Lou Piniella said. "You score 12 runs in two games and get beat by what? Fourteen? You should be able to win those games."

Seattle lost 15-6 on Tuesday night. Seattle pitchers have allowed 36 hits and 24 runs in the past two games.

Jose Paniagua (0-1) gave up Juan Gonzalez's sacrifice fly that tied it at 4 in the sixth, then walked Todd Zeile leading off the seventh. Zeile came around on singles by Stevens and Goodwin.

Stevens added a two-run homer in a

four-run ninth off Jose Mesa, and Mark McLemore and Rusty Greer hit RBI singles.

After driving in nine runs Tuesday, Ivan Rodriguez was 1-for-5 and stranded seven runners for Texas.

Seattle starter Butch Henry allowed four runs and 10 hits in 5 1-3 innings, walked five and struck out four.

"It seemed like I was pitching with runners in scoring position all night," Henry said. "Sooner or later, you're going to give up runs when you do that. I'd call it ugly."

Henry knew what he was talking about as the Rangers' leadoff hitter reached base in seven of the nine innings. That runner scored five times.

Kelly's RBI single put Texas ahead in the third, but Giomar Guevara's run-scoring double tied it in the bottom half.

Royce Clayton's RBI double and McLemore's sacrifice fly gave the Rangers a 3-1 lead in the fourth. Russ Davis hit an RBI single in the bottom half, and Seattle went ahead in the fifth on Segui's RBI double.

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Yankees win seventh straight game

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

When the Yankees play the Orioles at Yankee Stadium, it usually means a long night — and a win for New York.
Chuck Knoblauch went 5-for-6 as New York Yankees moved into sole possession of the AL East lead for the first time this season, beating the Baltimore Orioles 14-7 Wednesday night for their seventh straight win.

New York, at 7-1 a half-game ahead of Boston, has won its last nine home games against Baltimore and 12 straight overall at home during the regular season. This one took 3 hours, 51 minutes — 31 minutes shorter than the record for nine-inning games these teams set on Sept. 5, 1997.

Interim manager Don Zimmer said he doesn't know what Irabu's next step should be. "His confidence can't be high right now," Zimmer said. "We need to get him right. We got him into the perfect situation with a six-run lead. Before you know it, we were in a fight for our lives."

In National League games, it was Montreal 15, Milwaukee 1; Chicago 5, Cincinnati 4; New York 4, Florida 1; St. Louis 9, Pittsburgh 5; Atlanta 10, Philadelphia 4; San Diego at Colorado, p.p.d., snow...

At Yankee Stadium, Knoblauch hit a leadoff homer off Scott Erickson (0-2), then added singles in the second, fourth, fifth and seventh innings to tie his career high in hits and raise his average from .174 to .321. His RBI single in the seventh put the Yankees up 9-7.

Sandy Alomar hit his first homer since August and Manny Ramirez hit a three-run shot in Cleveland's nine-run sixth inning at Jacobs Field as Indians extended their winning streak to seven. Cleveland, which bunched all 14 of its hits in a three-inning span starting in the fourth, hasn't lost since opening day.

Blue Jays 7, Devil Rays 6
Jose Cruz Jr. hit a game-winning single off Albie Lopez (0-1) in the 11th inning at SkyDome as Toronto overcame Jose Canseco's 400th career home run.

Canseco became the 28th player in major league history to reach the 400-homer mark when he lined Kelvin Escobar's pitch 368 feet over the left-field wall in the third inning.

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Here is the way the Texas Parks & Wildlife report says to fish for crappie...

FISHING REPORT

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for April 14. (Report also available on Web as www.tdflshing.com.)

CENTRAL BROWNWOOD: Water clear; 65 degrees; Black bass are excellent on Rebel Super Pop-R's (the color doesn't matter, the topwater bite is on). Fish along the banks, the closer the better. Crappie are fair on minnows fished around the docks in 10 to 15 feet of water. White bass and hybrid strippers are excellent fishing the same pattern as the blacks. Watch the banks for the running shad and just follow behind.

BUCHANAN: Water clear; 67 degrees; 7' low; Black bass to 6.4 pounds are good on white Terminator spinnerbaits, 1/2 oz. chrome/blue Rat-L-Traps and silver Terminator buzzbaits fished around the apple orchards and islands in 2 to 5 feet of water. Striped bass are very good trolling 1.5 oz. bucktail jigs and live bait in mid-lake area around island points and humps. White bass are good fished in the creeks and river on Horizon jugging spoons and minnows. Crappie are good on minnows fished in 8 to 12 feet around the brush and trees. Channel and blue catfish are very good on cut baits and live yellow catfish to 27 pounds are good on trotlines.

PROCTOR: Water clear; 62 degrees; Black bass are good on spinnerbaits fished in 2 to 10 feet of water. Crappie are good on minnows fished at the dam and the bridge in 10 to 15 feet of water. Hybrid strippers are fair on silver slab spoons fished in 20 to 25 feet of water along the dam.

SOUTH AMISTAD: Water fairly clear; 70 degrees; 37' low; Black bass to 11.3 pounds are good on watermelon and motor oil worms fished in 10 to 20 feet of water (some topwater action early). Crappie are fair on minnows fished in Devil's and San Pedro Rivers. White bass are good on slabs and minnows fished up Rio Grande. Channel and blue catfish are fair on chesapeake and chicken livers fished in 8 to 10 feet of water. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines fished in 8 to 30 feet of water. Yellow catfish are slow.

WEST ALAN HENRY: Water clear; 64 degrees; 4.5' low; Black bass excellent on spinnerbaits and worms fished in the creeks. No reports on smallmouth or Alabama Spotted Bass. Crappie are good to excellent on live minnows and jigs fished off the crappie dock. No reports on catfish.

ARROWHEAD: Water clear; 60 degrees; 5' low; Black bass are excellent to 6 pounds on spinners and spinnerbaits fished in 10 to 10 feet of water. Crappie are good on minnows fished in shallow water around boat docks. White bass are good on minnows fished in 8 to 10 feet of water around boat docks. Channel and blue catfish are good on nightcrawlers and chesapeake bait fished in 10 to 12 feet of water. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with gold fish and perch.

BRADY: Water slightly stained; 70 degrees; 14' low; Black bass to 8 pounds are good on crankbaits and spinnerbaits fished in 3 to 10 feet of water. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows fished in 1 to 6 feet of water. White bass are fair on nightcrawlers and chesapeake bait fished in 10 to 12 feet of water. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with gold fish and perch.

COLORADO CITY: Water slightly stained; 66 degrees; 13.5' low; No fishing report available.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water stained; 64 degrees; 16.5' low; Black bass are fair on grubs and spinnerbaits fished in 5 to 6 feet of water. Crappie are excellent on minnows fished in 2 to 3 feet of water. Sand bass are excellent on jigs and minnows fished in 2 to 3 feet of water. Hybrid strippers are good on shad and chicken livers fished in 5 to 6 feet of water. Blue catfish are good on shad, minnows and chicken livers fished in 5 to 6 feet of water. Yellow catfish are good on perch and gold fish fished in 7 to 10 feet of water.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water on main lake clear, water in creeks stained; 63 degrees; 4.5' low; Black bass to 8 pounds are good on Rat-L-Traps, spinnerbaits, crankbaits (shad patterns) and lizards fished in 5 to 12 feet of water on main points. Crappie are good on minnows and small jigs fished in 5 to 10 feet of water around boat docks. White bass are excellent on small jigs and slabs fished all over the lake. No reports of hybrid strippers. Channel and blue catfish are good on nightcrawlers fished in 4 to 5 feet of water in the mouth of creeks on the flats. No reports of blue or yellow catfish.

KEMP: Water stained; 59 degrees; 12' low; Black bass to 5 pounds are fair on Rat-L-Traps fished in 2 to 5 feet of water. Sand bass are good on minnows fished in 4 to 6 feet of water. Crappie are fair on minnows fished in 4 to 5 feet of water around boat docks. No reports of blue or channel catfish. Yellow catfish are poor on trotlines baited with goldfish.

NASWORTHY: Water stained; 65 degrees; Black bass to 8 pounds are fair on spinnerbaits and crankbaits fished in 5 feet of water fished early or late. Crappie are good on minnows fished in the shallows. White bass are fair on crankbaits and jigs fished under lights at night. Hybrid strippers to poor on minnows and chicken livers fished in the hot water slow. There have been no reports of redfish. Channel and blue catfish to good on worms and shad. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with goldfish, shrimp and perch.

NOCCONA: Water stained; 64 degrees; 4.25' low; Black bass are good on pumpkinseed/chartreuse lizards fished in 1 to 8 feet of water and slow rolling a white spinnerbait on the edge of the grass. Also try a Shaggo as the fish are starting to bed. Crappie are good on chartreuse jigs and minnows fished in 2 to 8 feet of water. White bass and hybrid strippers are fair on lipless crankbaits and sassy shads fished in 8 to 15 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are good on prepared baits fished in 2 to 12 feet of water. Hybrid strippers are good on trotlines baited with live shad.

OAK CREEK: Water clear; 63 degrees; 11' low; Black bass to 6 pounds are excellent on worms, jerk baits, spinnerbaits and minnows fished in 10 to 18 feet of water. Crappie are excellent on small jigs and minnows fished in 5 to 18 feet of water. White bass are fair on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 15 feet of water. Channels and blue catfish to 25 pounds are good on minnows, goldfish, livers, nightcrawlers and stink baits fished in 5 to 20 feet of water. Yellow catfish to 13 pounds are good on goldfish, livers and minnows fished in 5 to 20 feet of water.

O.H. IVE: Water clear; 64 degrees; 8' low; Black bass to 10 pounds are good on green plastic baits fished on points and ridges in the main lake. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs fished in the big trees along the Concho river channel during the day. At night, they are good up the Colorado river under lights and in the big trees. White bass are good on spinnerbaits fished in 2 feet of water on the sandy flats up the Colorado river. Catfish are fair on stink bait fished in shallow water up the river.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 65 degrees; 9' low; Black bass to 7 pounds are excellent using Sluggos, watermelon worms and centipedes fished in 3 to 10 feet of water. White bass are good on minnows, roadrunners and Rat-L-Traps fished in 2 to 10 feet of water. Striped bass to 27.5 pounds are fair on shad fished in 20 to 30 feet of water. Crappie are good on flea flies and small jigs fished in 2 to 6 feet of water. Blue catfish are excellent on cut shad fished in 10 feet of water. Yellow catfish are fair on perch and shad fished in 10 to 20 feet of water.

SPEICE: Water stained; 68 degrees; Black bass are good on spinnerbaits, crankbaits and buzzbaits fished in 1 to 5 feet of water around boat docks. White bass are good on minnows, slabs and crankbaits fished in 5 to 15 feet of water on sand bars. Crappie are good on minnows fished in 6 to 12 feet of water on under water bluffs. Striped bass are good on white Rat-L-traps and crankbaits fished in 20 to 35 feet of water. Channel catfish to 5 pounds are good on minnows fished in 5 to 10 feet of water. No reports of blue catfish. Yellow catfish to 5 pounds are fair on trotlines baited with cut shad.

STAMFORD: Water stained; 63 degrees; 13' low; Black bass are fair on plastic lizards and minnows. Crappie are good on minnows fished in shallow water. White bass are poor on minnows fished near the power plant. Yellow catfish to 25 pounds are good on trotlines baited with perch, shad and goldfish. Channel catfish to 4 pounds are fair on cut shad and punch bait. Blue catfish to 4 pounds are excellent on punch bait and cut shad fished in 1 to 2 feet of water with sandy bottoms.

SWEETWATER: Water stained; 62 degrees; Black bass to 6 pounds are slow on white spinnerbaits fished in shallow water. No reports of crappie. White bass are good on minnows and crankbaits fished around boat docks. Blue and channel catfish are fair on minnows and stinkbaits fished on bottom. No reports of yellow catfish.

TWIN BUTTES: Water slightly stained; 63 degrees; Black bass to 5 pounds are good on buzzbaits and crankbaits fished in 2 to 5 feet of water along the dam. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows fished in 4 to 5 feet of water in Spring Creek and Main Concho. Channel, blue and yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live perch. The lake level is at 9% of normal due to the work on the dam. The work is scheduled for completion in May. While the level is down, the city of San Angelo is building a four-lane boat ramp for the North Pool near airport point to be used when the level is higher. They will also build a bank line boat ramp for the South Pool. This is very important because it is accessible on the south side of the North Pool.

WHITE RIVER: Water stained; 64 degrees; 22' low; No fishing report available. Due to the low lake level, extreme caution is advised on all boat ramps.

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The Mini Page
By BETTY DEBNAM

1999 Newbery Winner
Meet Author Louis Sachar

The award
The John Newbery Medal is awarded each year to the author of the most outstanding children's book. This year's winner was Louis Sachar for his book "Holes." This book also won the National Book Award for Young People's Literature.



Louis Sachar, 45, and his wife, Carla, have a 12-year-old daughter, Sherre. (She took this picture of her dad.) They have two dogs from the pound, Lucky and Tippy.



Advice to kids

"It is much more important to do what you like to do than to try to make money. I went to law school and passed the bar, and had to decide whether to become a lawyer or a writer. I was making very little money as a writer, but I loved to write, and I never really liked practicing law."

His work

He writes for about two hours every morning. Then he stops for the day. "I want to be at my very best when I'm writing, and after two hours I've lost the extra edge."

It takes him about a year and a half to write a book. While he is writing it, he said, "I never talk about it with anyone. No one is allowed in my office except Lucky and Tippy (his dogs)."

He writes and rewrites the book five or six times. His ideas come from many places.

The counselor in "There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom" was inspired by his wife. When he met her, she was working as a counselor at an elementary school. He said, "I didn't realize I would end up marrying her."

In "There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom," everyone thinks Bradley is a monster. But a new counselor teaches him how to see things differently.

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A: "May I take you out?"
(all jokes sent in by Erika Morris)

Louis Sachar said, "Most of my books start with a character. 'Holes' started with a place." He got the idea when he moved to Austin, Texas. It was so hot there he started a story about suffering in the heat.

He has had 17 books published, plus two that will be published soon.

His "Holes," Stanley is sent to detention camp for a crime he didn't commit. There he and the other boys must dig a deep hole under the dirt in the hot sun. Stanley digs up far more than dirt in this funny, exciting book.

The author's favorite things

Food: fresh fruits and vegetables

Hobbies: bridge and playing video games with his daughter

Sports to play: tennis, snow skiing

Music: Bob Dylan, the Beatles

Color: blue

Background
Louis Sachar majored in economics in college. While there he took a class about how to become a teacher's aide. He said, "I had no interest in education. I took it for an easy class. But I loved it. It became my favorite thing to do every day. That led me to write a children's book."

He wrote his first book, "Sideways Arithmetic From Wayside School," the year after he graduated. He worked at a sweater warehouse during the day and wrote at night.

After being fired, he went to law school. He worked part-time as a lawyer and kept writing. After eight years, his books started selling so well he was able to quit his job as a lawyer.

Rookie Cookie's Recipe Best-Read Bread

- You'll need:
- 2 cups biscuit mix
 - 3/4 cup sugar
 - 1 egg
 - 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
 - 3/4 cup milk
 - 1 apple, finely chopped
- What to do:
1. Combine biscuit mix and sugar in a large bowl. Mix well.
 2. In another large bowl, combine egg, oil and milk. Mix well.
 3. Stir egg mixture into biscuit mixture. Mix well.
 4. Stir in apple. Mix well.
 5. Pour mixture into greased loaf pan. Bake in a preheated 400-degree oven for 35 minutes.

PLACES TO READ

Names of places to read are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: COUCH, OUTSIDE, DESK, CLASS, CAR, BUS, AIRPLANE, TRAIN, CHAIR, BENCH, BED, TUB, YARD, GARDEN, DEN, HOME, KITCHEN, TREEHOUSE, CAB, PARK, POOL.

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and her friends are paying a visit to the library. See if you can find:

- apple
- pencil
- letter MINI
- heart
- butterfly
- letter E
- candy cane
- frog
- bell
- swan
- caterpillar
- letter D
- ear of corn
- book
- letter C
- ruler
- toothbrush
- hot dog
- question mark

Meet Illustrator Mary Azarian

The medal
The Caldecott Medal is presented each year to the illustrator of the most distinguished picture book for children. This year's winner was Mary Azarian for "Snowflake Bentley."



"Snowflake Bentley" by Jacqueline Briggs Martin is the true story of the man who showed the world that no two snowflakes are alike. He worked for 50 years to invent a way to photograph snowflakes. His photos never made him rich, but they made the world a richer place.

Her work

Mary Azarian creates her art with woodcuts. Before the movable press was invented, woodcuts allowed people to make many copies of one picture. She started making woodcuts when she was a kid. In college she studied more about this printing process. She also paints. About 30 years ago, she began her own business because she wanted to stay home with her three young sons. She sold her woodcut prints to craft shops and art galleries. In the mid 1960s, she made a series of alphabet posters for a poor rural school where she was teaching. Later she made alphabet sets for the entire Vermont school system. These alphabet posters became her first book, "A Farmer's Alphabet."

Creating her woodcuts

- To make woodcuts, Mary Azarian:
- draws a picture on a block of wood with a pencil;
 - draws over the picture with a waterproof felt-tipped pen;
 - cuts away the part of the image she doesn't want to print;
 - rolls ink over the design;
 - lays the inked block on the bottom of her hand-operated press;
 - puts paper on top of the block;
 - rolls a weighted cylinder over the block.

After the print is made she hand-colors each one.



Mary Azarian lives in Calais, Vt. She has three grown sons. She also has a beagle, Hilda, and three cats, Phoebe, Trey and Big Kitty. Big Kitty was the model for the cat in her book "Barn Cat."

Look through your newspaper for stories you would like to illustrate.

Next week The Mini Page celebrates Space Day with a look at some of the milestones of space exploration.

Check out our Web site at: www.minipage.com



"Barn Cat" by Carol P. Seal is a book of playful counting rhymes. The cat watches the world about her, looking for what she thinks is special.

Some favorite things

Food: "I love to cook. My favorite foods are what I make from scratch."

Color: blue

Hobbies: playing bridge, gardening

Music: medieval and Renaissance choral music; any kind of world music such as African or Middle Eastern

Time to read: the hour between her morning walk and before beginning her art work

Illustrator: Chris Van Allsburg

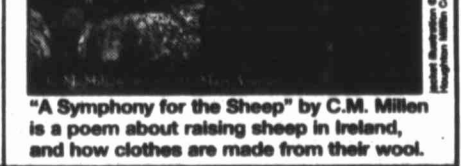
Sports: cross-country skiing

Advice for kids

"It's hard for kids to know what they really want to do. But if there's something they really, really want to do, they should try it even if it doesn't seem practical."

"Snowflake Bentley" is a perfect example of this. Nobody placed any value at all on his photographing snowflakes. But he just kept doing it.

"All too often we get pushed into ways of making a living that are practical but don't satisfy the needs of the heart."



"A Symphony for the Sheep" by C.M. Milien is a poem about raising sheep in Ireland, and how clothes are made from their wool.

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For Sale: In perfect condition: Floor length red velvet prom dress, scoop neck w/ white sequines & black gloves; size 12. Wore one time. Call Vickie @ 263-7331 8-5pm, after 5:30pm. 268-9495

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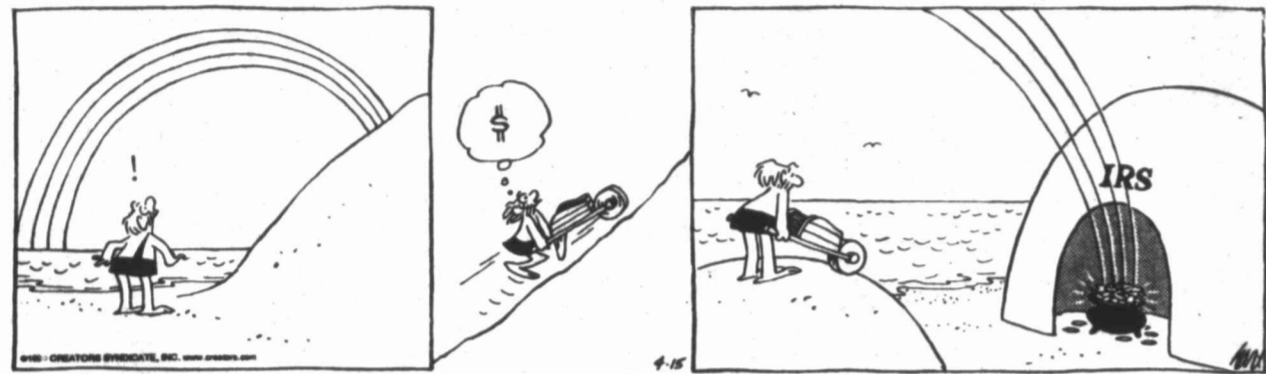
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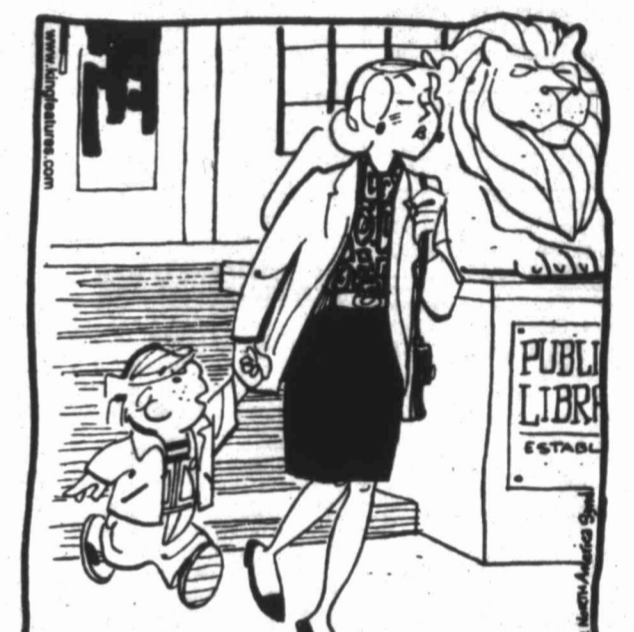
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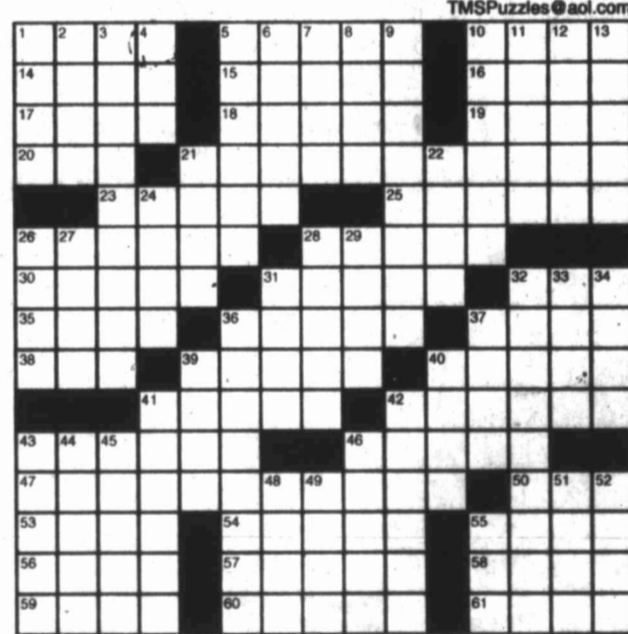
Today is Thursday, April 15, the 105th day of 1999. There are 260 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: In the early hours of April 15, 1912, the British luxury liner Titanic sank in the North Atlantic off Newfoundland, less than three hours after striking an iceberg. About 1,500 people died.

On this date: In 1817, the first American school for the deaf opened in Hartford, Conn. In 1850, the city of San Francisco was incorporated. In 1861, three days after the Confederate attack on Fort Sumter, President Lincoln declared a state of insurrection and called out Union troops. In 1865, President Lincoln died, several hours after he was shot at Ford's Theater in Washington by John Wilkes Booth. Andrew Johnson became the nation's 17th president. In 1945, during World War II, British and Canadian troops liberated the Nazi concentration camp Bergen-Belsen. In 1947, Jackie Robinson, baseball's first black major league player, made his official debut with the Brooklyn Dodgers on opening day. In 1959, Cuban leader Fidel Castro arrived in Washington to begin a goodwill tour of the United States. In 1986, the United States launched an air raid against Libya in response to the bombing of a discotheque in Berlin on April 5. Libya says 37 people, mostly civilians, were killed. In 1980, existentialist philosopher Jean-Paul Sartre died in Paris at the age of 74. In 1990, actress Greta Garbo died in New York at age 84. Ten years ago: Students in Beijing launched a series of pro-democracy protests upon the death of former Communist Party leader Hu Yaobang; the protests culminated in the Tiananmen Square massacre. Ninety-five people died in a crush of soccer fans at Hillsborough Stadium in Sheffield, England. Five years ago: Ministers from 109 countries signed a 26,000-page world trade agreement known as the "Uruguay Round" accords in Marrakesh, Morocco. One year ago: Pol Pot, the notorious leader of the Khmer Rouge, died at age 73. Today's Birthdays: Actor Michael Ansara is 77. Country singer Roy Clark is 66. Bluesman Frank Frost is 63. Actress Claudia Cardinale is 60. Rock singer-guitarist Dave Edmunds is 55. TV producer Linda Bloodworth-Thomson is 51. Actor Michael Tucci is 49. Actress Amy Wright is 49. Columnist Heloise is 48.

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