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## WEATHER

Tonight:



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## Kiwanis Club pancake supper planned Friday

Big Spring Kiwanis Club will hold its annual pancake supper from 5-8 p.m. Friday in the Big Spring Junior High cafeteria.

The all-you-can-eat pancakes and ham supper is by donation. Proceeds go to help youth organizations in Howard County.

For more information, call 267-6479 or 264-1813.

## Black History program slated Monday at VA

A program honoring Black History Month is planned at 11 a.m. Monday beginning in Room 212 at the Big Spring VA Medical Center.

The event theme is "Heritage and Horizons," and the program will include performance by a church choir, some traditional African chants and a performance of rhythm and blues music.

After the music, everyone is invited to move to the recreation hall for a soul food lunch.

For more information, call Stephanie Horton at the VA Medical Center, 264-4839.

## WHAT'S UP...

**TODAY**  
Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

**FRIDAY**  
Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Bring a lunch.

The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Restaurant.

Big Spring Kiwanis Club pancake supper, 5-8 p.m., Big Spring Junior High cafeteria. Meal by donation.

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. Members and guests welcome.

Census 2000 kickoff event, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Dora Roberts Community Center. Free hot dogs, hamburgers, entertainment, games.

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## Howard College's at-large district draws two trustee candidates

By **BILL McCLELLAN**  
News Editor

Howard College has a contested race for its at-large district which comes up for election in May.

John Freeman, owner of Freecom, and Michael R. Niklasch, owner of A&M Composites, have filed to fill the seat currently held by Sue Partee.

Partee indicated Monday she will not be seeking re-election. Freeman is a former chairman of the industrial education



**FREEMAN    NIKLASCH**  
program at Howard College. "I was born and raised in Big Spring and have seen Howard College grow," he said. "Part of

the reason I have had success in my business dealings is because of the education I received here at Howard College. I would like to continue that legacy and give something back to this college."

Niklasch moved to Texas from Milwaukee, Wis., to attend Texas A&M University. He came to Big Spring six years ago and opened a manufacturing plant on the Snyder Highway.

"I would like to see the college continue to extend itself and expand into technology, specifically such areas as industry and

machinery," said Niklasch. "The college has made a good start in those areas, and I'd like to see the manufacturing area of education at Howard College grow within the next five to 10 years."

"We are honored to have both of these men show an interest in serving on the Howard College board of trustees," said college president Dr. Cheryl Sparks.

The at-large position is one of three board seats up for election May 6.

Filing Monday for re-election

were two incumbents, District 3 trustee Harold Davis and District 4 trustee Don McKinney. Both are as yet unopposed.

Candidate filing for the three seats runs through March 22. Filing packets are available in the president's office at Howard College.

Anyone residing within the junior college district may file for the at-large position. Anyone interesting in filing for the District 3 and 4 positions must reside within those districts.

## 118th Court

### Former Big Spring woman receives five years probation in child abandonment case

By **CARL GRAHAM**  
Staff Writer

A former Big Spring woman was sentenced to five years probation the maximum sentence allowed by state law — in a child abandonment case heard before District Judge Robert Moore on Wednesday.

It took a 118th District Court jury just 16 minutes to find 41-year-old Sharon Houlihan guilty of the charge. She requested that the judge, rather than a jury, pronounce sentence. Judge Moore assessed a maximum sentence of two years in a state jail facility. However the 1997 law which was in force at the time of the offense required the judge to suspend the sentence and place her on

community supervision. Houlihan was then placed on five-year probation, the maximum allowed by state law.

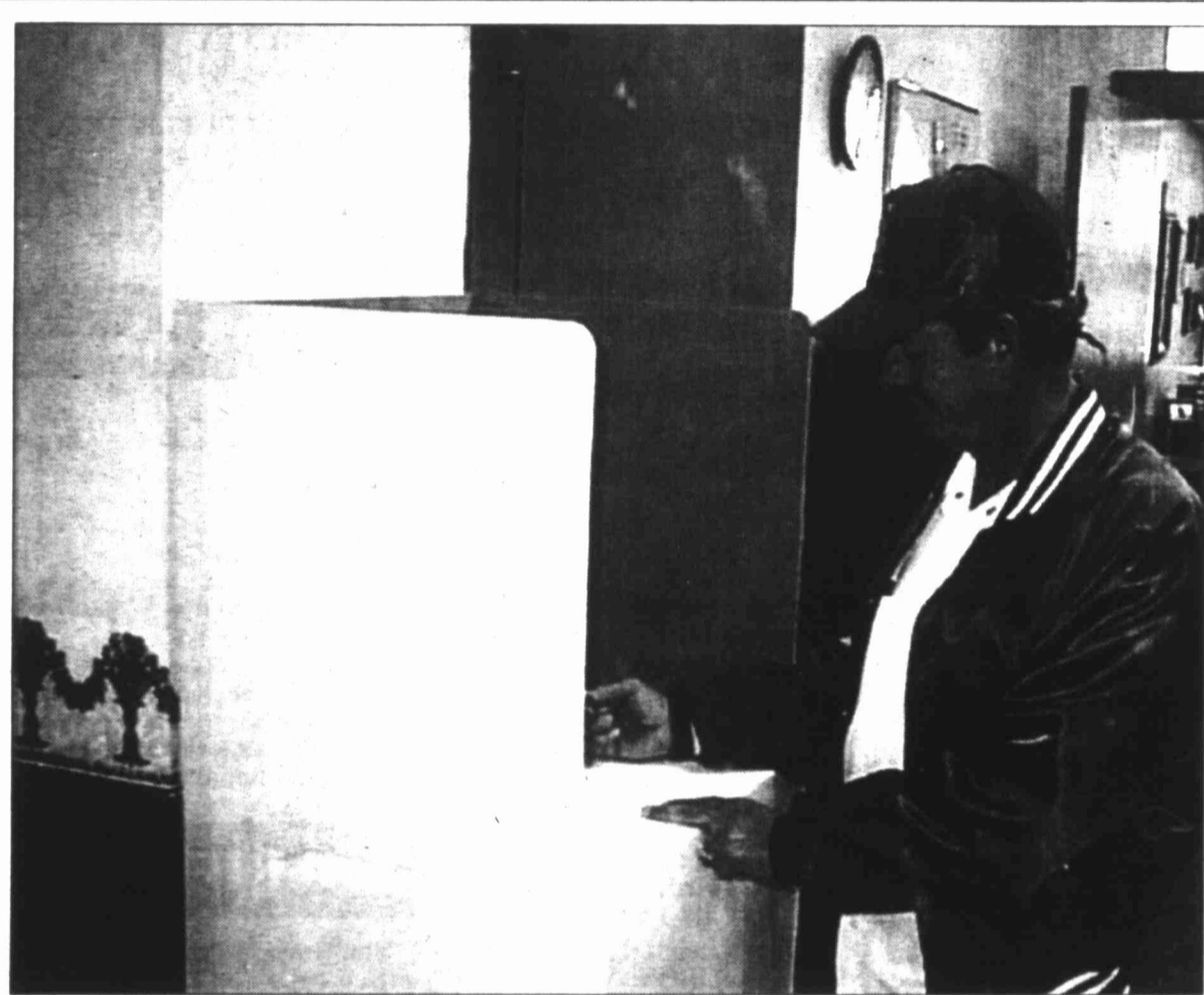
Testimony given in the trial indicated that at about 10 p.m. on July 20, 1997, Houlihan's 8-year-old son had gone to a neighbor's house to call police because he had not seen his mom in some time.

Witnesses described the child as filthy and unkempt and extremely hungry.

According to testimony, neighbors called police, who responded by going to the house.

Witnesses said no parent was home, and testified that the house was filthy and in a state

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**HERALD PHOTO/Carl Graham**  
Jose F. Martinez casts his vote in the Big Spring mayoral election. He is one of the nearly 500 that have cast their vote through Wednesday. Early voting continues through 5 p.m. Tuesday at city hall. Election day is March 4.

## Heart Association to host annual dinner

By **GINA GARZA**  
Staff Writer

The American Heart Association will host its annual dinner on Saturday at 6 p.m. in the Big Spring Junior High School cafeteria.

Guest speaker will be John Walker, publisher of the Big Spring Herald, and Linda Lindell will provide the music.

All proceeds will go to the AHA for their many programs aimed at helping to fight heart disease.

The cost is \$10 per person or

\$17.50 a couple and tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door. The meal, which will be "heart healthy," will be catered by the Big Spring Independent School District.

Heart disease survivors and volunteers will be recognized and a style show will be conducted by Beth Ann's.

"Recognizing survivors is very important because we want the community to know who has survived because of the funding the AHA has given them," said Carmen Brooks, coordinator.

Volunteers also play a very important role in the AHA.

"Volunteers help to raise adequate funds to support research education and service programs of the American Heart Association, to build public awareness of the memorial program, to conduct annual campaign activities, to conduct a major fall and spring event to reach the adult public, and to provide an opportunity for all to help in the fight against cardiovascular diseases," she said.

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## Local cable television subscribers to see another rate hike in May

By **CARL GRAHAM**  
Staff Writer

Effective May 1, cable television subscribers will see an increase in basic and standard rates, according to Cox Cable manager Barry Threadgill.



"Due to price increases to us we found it nec-

essary to increase the rate to our customers," said Threadgill. "We had our last increase last August. That raise was from \$13.50 to \$13.95 for basic and a raise from \$12.58 to \$13 for standard."

Threadgill said the raise in May will be from the current basic rate of \$13.95 to \$14.23, an increase of 28 cents per month. Standard cable rates will increase from \$13 to \$14.72 a month, an increase of \$1.72.

Threadgill said the company will continue to offer a \$20 credit to new customers when Cox

Cable misses their scheduled appointment to initiate service.

"We will call customers ahead of time to let them know we are coming," said Threadgill. "We will make it as convenient for our customers as possible and if we miss the appointment for the initial hook-up, we will give the customer a \$20 credit to his or her account."

Threadgill stressed that service calls would be taken care of the same day they are called in.

"We stress same-day service to our customers and if they are experiencing problems in their

## RECENT CABLE RATE INCREASES

| Year | Basic   | Standard | Total   |
|------|---------|----------|---------|
| 2000 | \$14.23 | \$14.72  | \$28.95 |
| 1999 | \$13.95 | \$13.00  | \$26.95 |
| 1998 | \$13.50 | \$12.58  | \$26.08 |
| 1997 | \$12.90 | \$11.57  | \$24.47 |

reception to call us and let us know," said Threadgill. "There are times some stations may be down due to something beyond our control but poor reception

is something that we can take care of here on a local basis."

Threadgill said Cox Cable is a

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## Glasscock ISD trustees narrow superintendent search to three

By **GINA GARZA**  
Staff Writer

Glasscock Independent School District has named its three finalists for superintendent.

Joe Spaulding, who is currently employed by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) in Austin as the Planner Three Division of Accountability Evaluation, Steve Long, superintendent of Rule; and Tommy Hancock, superintendent of Westbrook; make up the list of finalists.

Spaulding received his bachelor's degree from Harding University in Sercy, Ark., with a major in social science and a minor in English. He received his master's degree from the

University of Houston with a major in administration education.

He has been employed by TEA since 1988. Prior to that, he was the superintendent of the Dell City ISD, assistant to the superintendent at the Eanes school district, and principal of the middle school at Eanes.

Long has been superintendent at Rule since 1995. He received his bachelor's degree from Angelo State University majoring in science and physical education, and his master's degree from Abilene Christian University. Long received his superintendent certification from Sul Ross University, Alpine.

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**Johansen Landscape & Nursery workers Jeremy Green and Manuel Arriaga are installing irrigation lines for the new Sonic-Drive In on FM 700. Construction continues at a fast pace and burgers and fries will be served up in a few short weeks.**

HERALD PHOTO/Carl Graham

# OBITUARIES

## Rhoda Lemons

Service for Rhoda Lemons, 74, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. She died Thursday, Feb. 24, 2000, at her residence.

## COURT

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of disarray. They further described a scene of moldy food in the kitchen, roach infested and a pungent odor coming from the bathroom.

The child was turned over to Child Protective Services.

According to trial testimony, officers located Houlihan that evening and advised her of the situation but said seemed disinterested and did not return to her house until the next day.

Houlihan testified that she had left home that morning and had been with her boyfriend, who refused to take her back home when she asked. However, officers who spoke to her during the time of the offense testified that they saw no duress on her part.

According to District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson, the sentence did not exactly fit the crime.

"In regards to the punishment, it is regrettable the law requires probation for this offense and the judge was as severe as the law allows," said Wilkerson. "The law was changed in September of 1997 to allow harsher punishment but it came to late to affect this case."

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The dinner is sponsored by Cosen Credit Union, Beth Ann's, Big Spring Printing and the Big Spring ISD.

"We also hope to hear back from State National Bank and Norwest. They are usually large contributors," said Brooks.

"February is Heart Month. If we do well Saturday, we will try to have a bigger goal, possibly formal," she said.

For more information call Brooks at 264-3600.

## RATES

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community orientated company.

"We participate in local fundraisers such as United Way, food drives, and other functions," said Threadgill. "We also did the SOS (Save our School) project and will continue to participate in those functions."

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Prior to being superintendent, Long taught and was a coach in Roby and Water Valley.

Hancock has been the super-

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**NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home**  
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intendent for Westbrook since 1997. He received his bachelor's degree in agriculture education from Texas Tech University. He also received his master's degree from Tech. He achieved his superintendent certification from Sul Ross University.

Before being superintendent, Hancock was the principal in Ira from grades kindergarten through high school, as well as principal at Aspermont High School. He was also principal the junior high school in Friona.

"We received a list of what the Glasscock ISD, expected from their superintendent," said Clyde Greer, senior consultant superintendent search service of the Texas Association of School Boards in Austin. "We developed a profile with their major qualifications, put it in a brochure and sent it out to them."

According to Greer, the Glasscock ISD received 17 applications.

"They had interviews with each qualified one and then narrowed it down to just three," he said.

"Interviewing for the three finalists will be March 6-8," said Greer.

The trustees will make their final decision during their March 20, school board meeting.

The search for superintendent is being conducted due to the retirement of Charles Zachry who will retire at the end of the school year.

## CORRECTION

A story written for the Herald pertaining to the board elections at Howard College contained incorrect information regarding trustee Harold Davis.

Davis is not a lifelong resident of Howard County, as he moved here when he was in his early 20s.

He served as athletic director and dean of students prior to leaving Howard College for Texas Western College (now University of Texas at El Paso) and returned to those positions when he came back to Howard after leaving El Paso.

He was named man of the year by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce in 1997, not 1994 as the article stated.

Davis served as either chairman or president of the United Way, Boy Scouts, YMCA, American Business Club and Big Spring Country Club rather than as a member, as identified.

He worked for and was a vice-president of Gamco Industries, but did not found the organization. Gamco was founded by the late George McCallister.

He is not currently a member of the board of directors of Security State Bank. That bank no longer exists, but Davis was a director on the Security State board.

## 11th-hour appeals trying to stop execution of woman tonight

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A 62-year-old woman's claims of domestic abuse have failed to halt her execution set for this evening for fatally shooting her fifth husband and burying him in a flower garden outside her house.

Gov. George W. Bush and the federal appeals courts today remained the only hopes for life for Betty Lou Beets.

On Wednesday, U.S. District Judge James Nowlin denied Beets' request for a temporary restraining order and threw out

a lawsuit filed by her attorneys against the parole board and prison system. The suit, which said state officials were violating their own rules governing pardons, was another example of a prisoner attempting to delay execution at the last moment, the judge said.

Beets' attorney took the case to the federal appeals courts while prison officials Wednesday moved her from the female death row at Gatesville to near the death house in Huntsville, about 150 miles to the southeast.

A day earlier, the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles rejected the great-grandmother's pleas for a 180-day reprieve or commutation of her sentence to life in prison, meaning Bush, under Texas law, could grant Beets only a 30-day reprieve.

During Bush's 5 years as governor, 119 convicted killers have been executed in Texas.

Bush was back in Texas today and said he would review Beets' request with his staff.

"The question I'm going to ask about Ms. Beets is was she guilty of the crime? Did the jury hear all circumstances? Did the courts and appeals court hear all circumstances related to her case?" Bush said.

In previous death penalty cases, Bush has put off announcing a decision until all legal appeals have been resolved.

Beets went on television last week, pleading for the governor spare her life.

"I'm asking you to let me live," she said. "I'm asking for mercy."

## Moore Development to help sponsor spring economic conference

HERALD Staff Report

The Moore Development For Big Spring Board met Wednesday in an abbreviated open session before adjourning into an executive session to discuss real estate development property at Wrinkle-McMahon Airpark.

The board did approve sponsorship for the Texas Economic Development Council Spring Conference that will be held in Odessa on April 11-14. A \$500 sponsorship was voted on and approved. The money will go to help offset costs of guest speakers and snacks for the break-out sessions.

Mark Langdale of Dallas will be the guest speaker. Langdale was appointed by Gov. George W. Bush to be the chairman of the Texas Department of Economic Development.

No action was taken following the executive session.

## BRIEFS

PUPPY AND DOG OBEDIENCE classes are starting today, sponsored by the Big Spring Kennel Club.

Thursday classes begin at 6:30 p.m. today with puppy kindergarten. At 7:30 p.m., obedience training for dogs at least 6 months old is offered. Those classes both take place in the livestock barn at the Howard County Fairbarns. Use the back entrance.

Also, a general obedience class will be offered on Saturdays beginning March 4, at the same location. It is for dogs at least 6 months old.

Cost for either group of classes is \$40 for six weeks, and

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owners can sign up at the first class. Call Trellis Lucas for more information, 267-4194, or Rusty at 264-6427.

**A BENEFIT TURKEY DINNER** is planned Saturday for cancer patient Bertina DeLeon. Meals are \$5 a plate for dine in, carry out or delivered. The dinner is from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at La Vedera Club, 1100 W. I-20. Call 267-2200 for more information.

**VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE** is available each Monday through March 27, 9 a.m.-noon at the Spring City Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Drive.

All citizens are eligible to receive this free assistance. On Monday, the trained volunteers will offer electronic filing at no charge.

Interested persons should bring their tax booklet, all W-2 and 1099 forms, as well as anything else received showing 1999 income and their 1998 tax return. Please call Dorothy Kenemur, 398-5522, or the center, 267-1628, for more information.

## SUPPORT GROUPS

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

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

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

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

Alzheimer's Association Support Group, last Thursday of the month, Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway, 7 p.m. Call 267-9459.

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

Al-Anon support group, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

FRIDAY Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

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

Al-Anon support group, noon, 615 Settles.

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

## POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activities between 8 a.m.

**BIG SPRING MOVIE HOTLINE**  
For showtimes call 263-2479

## TEXAS LOTTERY

Pick 3: 6,4,6

Lotto: 6,13,24,27,30,37

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

Wednesday through 8 a.m. today:

**CHAD McMURTREY**, 19, was arrested on a charge of unauthorized carrying of a weapon.

**EDWARD HOWARD**, 20, was arrested on a charge of unauthorized carrying of a weapon.

**ALONDO JONES**, 37, was arrested on a charge of driving without a valid license.

**MICHAEL MOLINA**, 37, was arrested on a charge of driving without a valid drivers license.

**BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 400 block of E. 4th.

**CLASS B PUBLIC INTOXICATION** was reported in the 400 block of E. 4th.

**THEFT** was reported in the 600 block of E. 17th.

## RECORDS

Wednesday's high 75  
Wednesday's low 48  
Average high 63  
Average low 33  
Record high 85 in 1918  
Record low 14 in 1960  
Precip. Wednesday 0.00  
Month to date 0.07  
Month's normal 0.55  
Year to date 0.49  
Normal for the year 1.13  
Sunrise Friday 7:19 a.m.  
Sunset Friday 6:40 p.m.  
\*\*Statistics not available

## SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's office reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Wednesday through 8 a.m. today:

**SCOTTY JOE BRYANT**, 22, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana. (HCSO)

**ARMANDO BERLANGA REYES**, 51, was arrested on a charge of assault/family violence. (HCSO)

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**NA**, 35, was arrested on a charge of driving without a valid license/suspended. (BSPD)

**PAUL RODRIGUES PEREZ**, 34, was arrested on a bench warrant. (Dist. Court)

**MICHAEL DAVID MENDEZ**, 25, was arrested on a charge of issue of bad check. (HCSO)

**CLARENCE EDWARD YANEZ**, 23, was arrested on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. (BSPD)

## FIRE/EMS

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

**WEDNESDAY**  
6:30 a.m. — 400 block Vicky, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

9:28 a.m. — 2700 block Coronado, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

10:59 a.m. — 900 block North Gregg, traffic accident, patient transported to SMMC.

3:37 p.m. — 1600 block Lancaster, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

3:44 p.m. — 7500 block I-20, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

6:55 p.m. — SMMC ER, transfer to Lubbock UMC.

7:33 p.m. — 900 block Goliad, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

8:29 p.m. — Fifth and Goliad, traffic accident, patient transported to SMMC.

## MARKETS

March cotton 57.65, down 77 points, April crude 29.84, up 45 points; cash hogs steady at \$1 higher at 42 even; slaughter steers steady at \$1 higher at 69 even; April lean hog futures 56.05, down 15 points; April live cattle futures 70.30, up 5 points. courtesy: Delta Corporation. Other markets not available by press time.

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**CORRECTION NOTICE**  
"In the Sears advertisement dated Thursday, February 24th, the offer of an additional 10% off when you use your Sears Card inadvertently failed to exclude Nike athletic shoes. Nike athletic shoes are not part of the promotion. We regret any inconvenience this may cause our customers."

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# Santana wins a record-tying eight Grammy Awards

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Carlos Santana, who first gained fame a generation ago with a searing guitar performance at Woodstock, capped a triumphant comeback Wednesday with a record-tying eight Grammy Awards.

The 52-year-old guitarist's multi-platinum "Supernatural" won album of the year. His first No. 1 single, "Smooth," capped a sweep of the major Grammys by winning song and record of the year.

Santana tied Michael Jackson's 1983 record of most Grammys on a single night.

"Music is the vehicle for the magic of healing," he said upon accepting the album of the year trophy, "and the music of 'Supernatural' was a sign and designed to bring unity and harmony."

To a standing ovation, Santana performed "Smooth"

just before winning his final award. He kissed singer Rob Thomas at the end.

Only a lack of a writing credit for "Smooth" prevented a record-breaking performance by Santana. The song of the year trophy went to Thomas and Itaal Shur.

"I want to thank Santana for taking this song to the moon," Shur said.

Another nominee whose career began in the 1960s, Cher, won her first Grammy for dance recording. She enjoyed her biggest commercial success with the hit single "Believe."

In a mild upset, Christina Aguilera beat out her fellow teen queen and former Mousketeer, Britney Spears, for the Grammy as best new artist.

Feuding soul divas TLC picked up two Grammys — for best rhythm 'n' blues performance by a group for their

frank put-down of men, "No Scrubs," and best R&B album for "Fanmail." "No Scrubs" was also named best R&B song.

Sting sprang an upset in the male pop vocal category with a victory for "Brand New Day," beating out younger, Latin-influenced singers Marc Anthony and Ricky Martin.

Two '70s icons took home their first trophies ever: love god Barry White's "Staying Power" won best male R&B performance and Black Sabbath's "Iron Man" was honored as best metal performance.

Country's leading ladies, the Dixie Chicks and Shania Twain, won two Grammys apiece. George Jones, who had a near-fatal traffic wreck last year, won male country vocal for "Choices."

Tony Bennett, a familiar winner in the traditional pop vocal performance category, was hon-

ored with his ninth Grammy for his tribute to Duke Ellington.

Santana also won for rock performance by a duo or group with vocal, pop performance by a duo or group with vocal, pop instrumental performance, pop collaboration with vocals and rock instrumental performance.

In other categories, bluesman B.B. King won his ninth Grammy, for traditional blues album; Tito Puente won his fifth, for traditional tropical Latin performance; and Tom Waits won for contemporary folk album.

Diana Krall won for jazz vocal performance for "When I Look in Your Eyes."

Harry Belafonte, Woody Guthrie, John Lee Hooker, Mitch Miller and Willie Nelson received Lifetime Achievement Awards from the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences.

# Thefts are showing rise along with gasoline prices

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Amoco manager Jasmine Many watched the man pump \$17 worth of gas into his Grand Am — and then watched as he jumped behind the wheel and raced off without paying.

"He'd even taken off his license plate. He knew what he was doing," Many said Wednesday, hours after the seventh theft at the downtown Indianapolis station in two weeks.

With a gallon of gas averaging \$1.41 nationwide, it seems some motorists are exploiting the busy nature of gas stations and convenience stores by taking off without paying for gas.

Gas prices are expected to stay high into the summer travel season, and some analysts even predict pump prices could rise to \$1.70 per gallon before the problem eases.

At the Amoco station Wednesday, regular was \$1.55 a gallon, while premium commanded \$1.75.

Harry Murphy, a spokesman for the Service Station Dealers of America, said there's been a slight increase in gas thefts nationwide, but it's a far cry from the rash of thefts and siphonings during gas shortages in the 1970s.

"They may be going up a smidgen right now, but I haven't heard any hew and cry about it," said Murphy, whose Lanham, Md.-based group represents about 120,000 service stations in the United States and Puerto Rico.

Still, a quick survey of sta-

tions across the nation suggested a growing problem with gas thefts.

Al Carroll, who owns two gas stations in Shreveport, La., said two motorists stole gas from one of his stations in the past week — the first such thefts he could remember in years.

Both customers had big sports utility vehicles. One got away with \$22 worth of gas and the second \$28 worth.

"I think it's a matter of seeing if they can away with it," Carroll said. "We just caution the cashiers to be extra careful and be on the lookout."

Carroll said regular gas costs \$1.38 per gallon at his gas stations. A year ago, the price was about 99 cents per gallon.

In Oklahoma's Muskogee County, where prices are around \$1.40 per gallon, reports of people driving off without paying for gas have doubled in recent weeks.

One theft report came in as police dispatcher Stan Mathews explained that the sheriff's office is receiving about seven to eight calls a week.

"They're just taking a tankful right now — wait until the prices get over \$2," he said.

In Indiana's Porter County, the increase in thefts has mirrored the rise in gasoline prices, said county Patrolman Timothy Emmons. The agency had been getting about two such thefts a week until last week, now there are about two a day.

# Cable industry, television makers agree on digital standards

WASHINGTON (AP) — By next year, consumers should be able to buy digital TV sets that work with their cable systems, removing a key hurdle slowing adoption of the new technology.

An agreement between television makers and cable operators announced Wednesday ends an impasse over technical standards that let digital sets communicate with digital cable boxes. The industries expect cable customers should be able to buy cable-ready digital sets within 18 months. About two-thirds of Americans get their television signals via cable.

"With these agreements,

many more consumers will soon be able to access the wonders of digital television through cable," said Gary Shapiro, president of the Consumer Electronics Association. "This is yet another giant step forward in the transition to DTV."

Digital television allows broadcasters to squeeze more video and data into existing channel space, offering sharper pictures, more channels, stock quotes or other data transmitted to home computers.

The agreement includes specifications to ensure consumers can get their cable signals on

digital sets, said Robert Sachs, head of the National Cable Television Association.

He said the pact should prevent the need for government intervention, but regulators at the Federal Communications Commission said they still may need to step in if two key disputes remained unresolved.

The nation's broadcasting lobby balked at the agreement, saying that it leaves outstanding issues, including the definition of what constitutes a cable-ready receiver.

The first high-definition televisions began selling in late 1998, and more than 100 TV sta-

tions reaching 50 percent of the American people now offer the option of receiving high-quality digital TV signals. But the pictures are eroded through cable converters to quality not much better than traditional analog TVs. Cable TV customers with digital TV sets always have the option of using rabbit ears to receive broadcasters' digital channels.

FCC chairman Bill Kennard had set an April 1 deadline for a compromise on some issues and said he was circulating draft rules to his colleagues in case the differences were not resolved.

# Major tax cut could hurt surging U.S. economy, Treasury secretary says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican proposals for massive tax cuts would be "economically imprudent" and could threaten the nation's current prosperity, Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers says.

Summers, in an interview with The Associated Press, indicated that President Clinton was ready for a veto fight with the GOP-controlled Congress over a number of tax relief bills, which the administration

believes would cut too deeply into future budget surpluses.

Republicans already have succeeded in getting House approval of a 10-year, \$182 billion tax cut that would provide relief for 25 million couples who now pay more than if they were single.

And Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., has said the Senate soon would take up its own version of the bill as congressional Republicans still

smarting from Clinton's veto of their \$792 billion tax cut plan last year, try to force Democrats to accept a parade of smaller tax cuts or vote against tax relief in an election year.

But Summers said: "Excessive tax cuts outside of an overall fiscal framework that assures we are paying down debt and able to meet future obligations would be economically imprudent and could possibly put the economic expansion at risk."

The Clinton administration still believes the better approach is for Congress to adopt the more modest, targeted tax breaks included in the president's 2001 budget, Summers said.

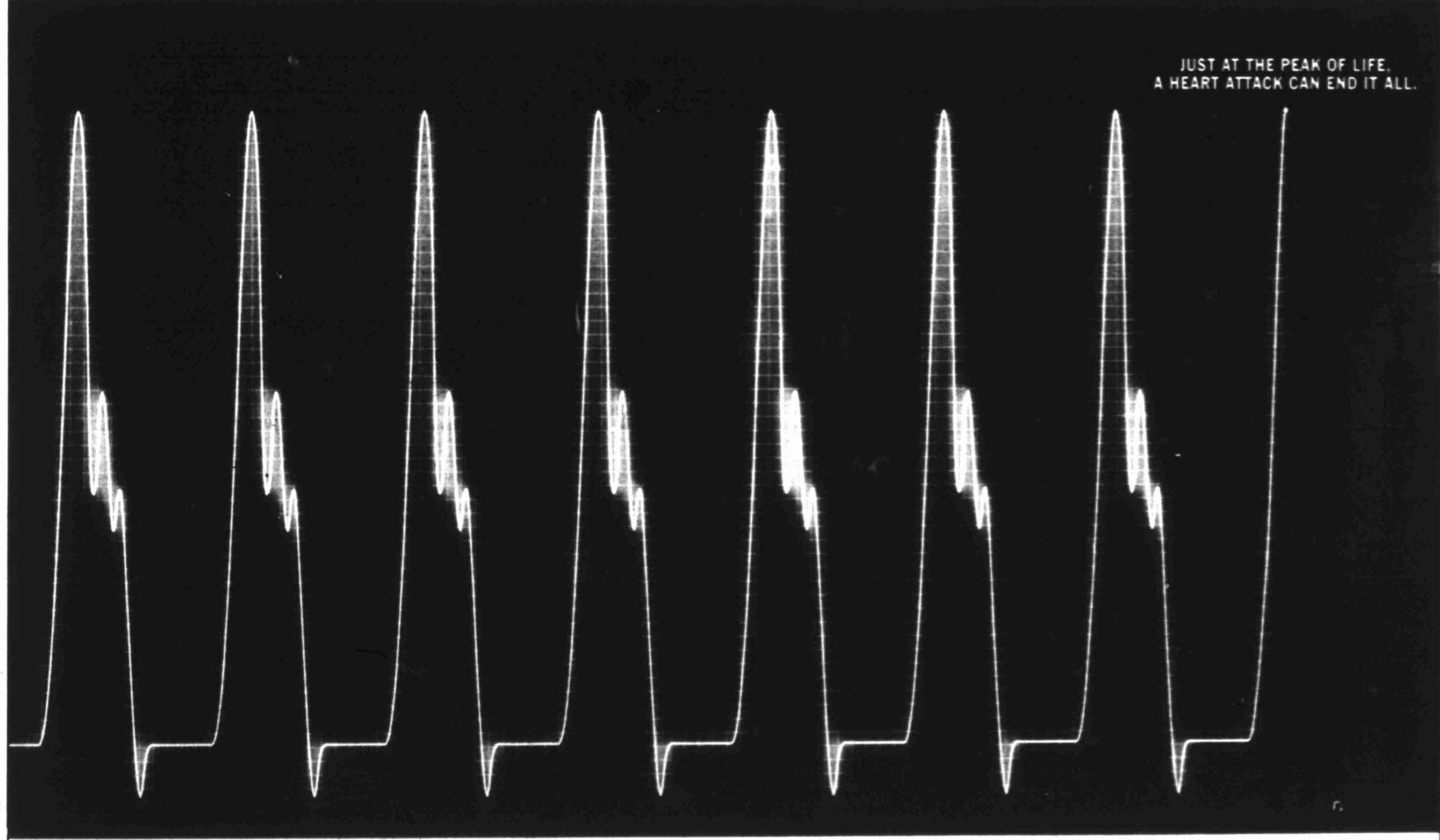
Clinton's budget includes \$351 billion in tax cuts for low- and middle-income taxpayers, partially offset by \$181 million in tax increases, including a 25-cent per pack boost in the cigarette tax.

The GOP tax cuts, Summers said, would spur consumer spending at a time when the economy is already running full tilt and the Federal Reserve has embarked on a series of interest rate increases to slow growth and keep inflation under control.

On another tax front, Summers indicated it's important to not let the Internet turn into a tax haven for Web entrepreneurs seeking tax breaks not

available to traditional brick-and-mortar stores.

Summers' comments reflect an effort by the administration to find a middle ground between one group, which includes GOP presidential candidate John McCain, who has called for the Internet to be totally tax-free, and state and local government officials who want to tap into revenues being generated by the fastest-growing part of the economy.



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## OUR VIEWS

# Help celebrate start of census in Big Spring

Saturday marks the start of a very important event for our city. It's the Census 2000 kickoff celebration, held at the Dora Roberts Community Center. There will be hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks, entertainment, games for the kids and a lot more.

The idea is to get Big Spring and its citizens thinking about the upcoming census.

Why is the census important? Information generated by the census helps decide how more than \$185 billion in federal funds is shared among the nation's communities. Officials with the city of Big Spring believe that with an accurate count, our city will show we have a population of more than 25,000 people. That means that our city would be entitled to additional funds from the federal government. These funds aren't handouts; they are monies that will go to various programs in communities across our nation. If we are undercounted, we will effectively be denying ourselves a portion of that funding.

Numbers taken from the census are the means by which populations are identified in legislation and other public policies at the federal, state and local level. A true determination of our citizens — ethnic makeup, poverty level, housing and other data — means more of an opportunity to be served by those various policies and programs.

The census is also used to determine how many seats in the U.S. House of Representatives go to each state. All of those are good reasons why it is important that every man, woman and child in Big Spring be counted.

Those who are hesitant need to know that the census is confidential. The Supreme Court has ruled that no government agency at any level has the ability to access those records for any reason other than the purposes we have mentioned above.

We want to get the census off to a good start in Big Spring. In addition to the free food and games, information about the census will be available. And there will be census recruiters available for anyone interested in considering employment as a census-taker. The job pays \$9.75 an hour, plus mileage.

So come join in the fun and activities, and let's get Census 2000 kicked off to a great start in Big Spring. Hope to see you there!

## OTHER VIEWS

What should not be overlooked is the Americans' ceaseless argument that Japan's unwillingness to pay necessary expenses will strain the alliance. Their argument sounds like a contention that if the Constitution prohibits Japan from using force overseas, and if it does not resort to collective self-defense, then it is duty-bound as an ally to take over the expenses for stationing U.S. troops to make up for its inaction.

But is that not a little too arrogant? The U.S. troops in Japan are assigned an important task — more important

than preparing for an emergency in regard to Japan — of following their forward deployment strategy with their eyes set on the Middle East and Africa.

The question of how much Japan should pay for the stationing of the U.S. troops must be examined in that context. Tokyo and Washington should accept this opportunity as an occasion for levelheadedly facing up to the facts about the alliance and deepening mutual understanding, rather than shying away from each other.

ASAHI SHIMBUN,  
TOKYO

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# Clarification about McCain's POW days

In a recent column on the New Hampshire primary, I inadvertently misled readers when I referred to Sen. John McCain's collaboration with the enemy. I knew what I meant because I was an adult in 1973 when the prisoner-of-war situation was common knowledge. Others not born or very young then, of course, do not. Besides, collaboration was a poor choice of words because it implies an act of disloyalty. John McCain's time as a POW was served honorably.

So let me publicly take my foot out of my mouth and give you the context missing in the original column. After the Korean War, the U.S. government devised a code of conduct for all military personnel. In effect, it demanded that no prisoner give any information other than his name, rank and serial number. The

problem was that the code was based on the assumption that Americans would always be lucky enough to be captured by a civilized government that would observe the Geneva Convention on the treatment of prisoners of war.

In Vietnam, Americans found themselves prisoners of a criminal government that did not observe even common decency, much less the Geneva Convention. It summarily executed some prisoners. It employed inhuman physical torture to the point of death or insanity.

Senior commanders among the POWs decided — and rightly so — that honor and duty did not require committing suicide. Therefore, it was understood that when the torture became too much, any prisoner could cooperate or, more properly, feign cooperation in order to survive. They trusted the American people to understand that any statements by them used for propaganda purposes were given under duress. Any so-called military information that they provided would be militarily useless information. And that, according to ex-POWs I greatly admire and respect, is all that McCain ever

did. There is a Web site owned by a man who claims to be an ex-Green Beret. He is an MIA activist and has several anti-McCain stories posted on his Web site. They are very cleverly done, always citing sources including McCain's own writings, but they are statements out of context. In one story, citing the code of conduct, the man lists each bit of information McCain gave as a violation. Unsaid, of course, is that the POWs had, as I pointed out earlier, effectively scrapped that part of the code of conduct. Incidentally, the U.S. government agreed with their decision and altered the code of conduct as a result of that experience.

Furthermore, the information McCain admitted that he gave was useless. The North Vietnamese already knew the names of the carriers on station. They didn't need McCain to tell them that his target had been the power station because McCain wasn't the only plane that attacked it. In short, McCain conned his captors by giving information that was militarily useless to them.

The Web site also implies that McCain received special

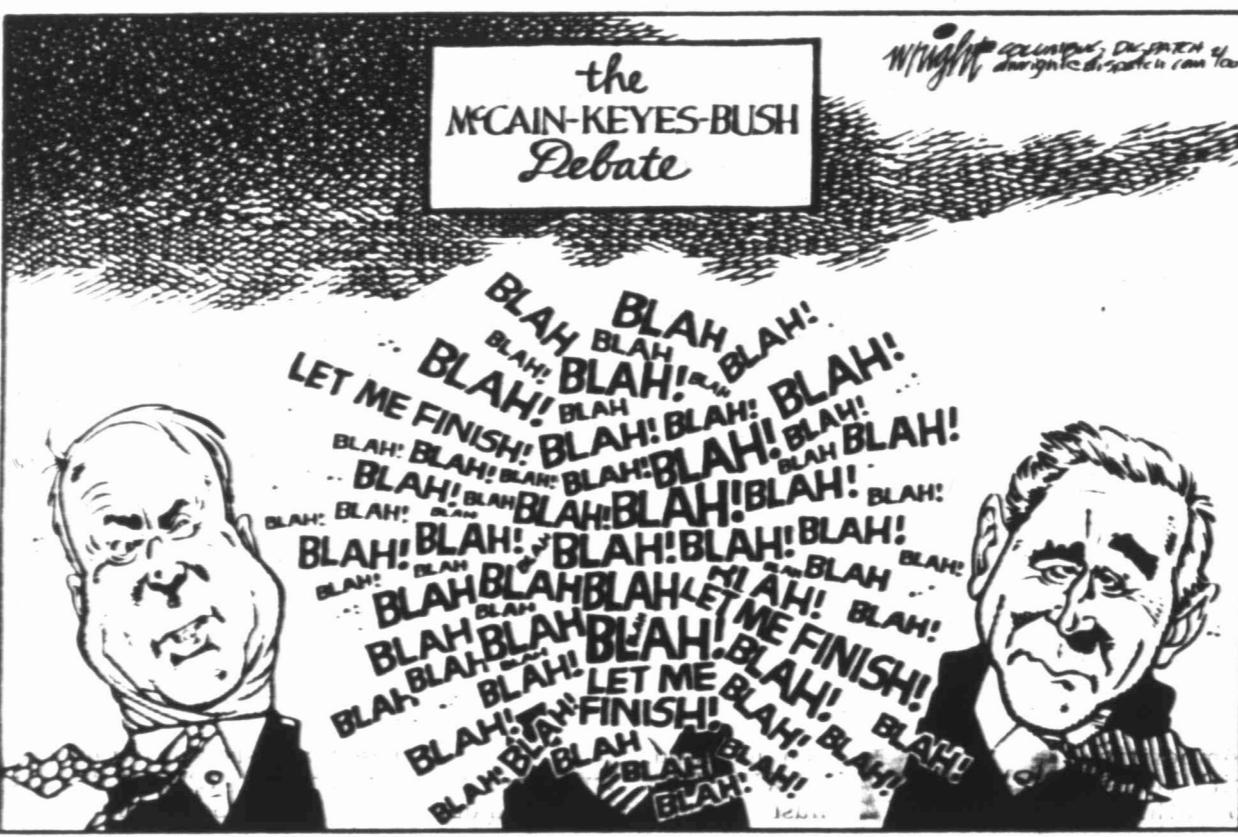
treatment in a Vietnamese hospital and was the only POW to receive it. Col. Bud Day, a Medal of Honor winner, puts the lie to that. It was to his credit that McCain was delivered after his hospitalization. The North Vietnamese had set his broken bones but certainly not in any humane way. Day said McCain weighed no more than 95 pounds and had been put into a full body cast without a liner, which had caused large, open sores on his body. Day was convinced that McCain would die. And other POWs were also treated in hospitals after the Vietnamese decided they would be more useful alive than dead. Day says John McCain at all times served with honor.

My original argument goes to the word hero. Being a World War II brat, I have always defined a hero as one who does more than his duty and performs some extraordinary feat. If, however, you wish to define as a hero any man who survives a brutal imprisonment with his honor intact, then McCain deserves that title the same as all the other POWs.

I still disagree with McCain on several political issues.



CHARLEY REESE



## A mouse's tale makes it to the movies

Last night was cold, but the darkness had in it that deliciously wet smell of spring, and of hyacinths blooming in homage at the foot of the old oak.

My dog terrorized a possum until it stopped hissing and pretended to be dead. That's exactly how most humans behave when cornered. We hold our own for a while, hissing and preening. Then we roll over.

I sat on the steps and thought for a minute about defeat, about the spacecraft orbiting an asteroid, about the deadly storm that had ushered in this calm, about the durability of crabgrass. Thoughts of things that last led to "Stuart Little."

Everyone is amazed at how well E.B. White's 1945 tale is doing in its 2000 movie incarnation. They say the little mouse is roaring into box office heaven, making millions for those who "gambled" by adapting the venerable story.

Stuart is outdrawing gangsters and aliens and hot babes and cold wars.

Once again, the masses prove partial to a simple story about the human condition, even when it's filtered through the mind of a mouse.

I have read (and reread) Scott

Elledge's biography of E.B. White, who was as fine a writer as American journalism ever produced. The chapter about "Stuart Little" gives hope to all who struggle with words and ideas on a daily basis.

E.B. White had been feeling down for a couple of years. In the summer of 1943, he had what he called a "nervous crack up." He was 45. He thought his work was off, his originality lacking. (I doubt seriously that E.B. White ever wrote a deficient sentence, but he was his own harshest critic.)

Then, White and his wife, Katharine, moved to Greenwich Village, where the writer had lived as a young man. With the move, his biographer wrote, White "touched his invigorating earth or ... made contact with charged memories."

At any rate, White finished "Stuart Little," a manuscript he'd fiddled with for years, in eight weeks. (White credited a dream for the original idea, "the only fictional figure ever to have honored and disturbed my sleep.") For years he used the character Stuart to entertain his 18 nephews and nieces.)

Even after he regained his creative balance, White met obstacles with his "dream-mouse." There were detractors.

Anne Carroll Moore, children's librarian emerita of the New York Public Library, read White's finished manuscript and urged him to withdraw it. As White put it, Moore said the

book was "non-affirmative, inconclusive, unfit for children, and would harm its author if published. ..."

The author said he was "shook up but not deflected. ... It is unnerving to be told you're bad for children."

White had recovered from his bout of self-doubt, and said he had followed his instincts in writing about Stuart, and that following instincts is the only way a writer should operate.

For White, critics weren't faceless abstractions; at The New Yorker offices where he worked, White ran into some of the country's best writers on a daily basis. It was a good place to get any idea creamed.

Harold Ross told him the mouse should have been adopted, not born. Edmund Wilson was "disappointed that you didn't develop the theme more in the manner of Kafka."

Despite all the traps, the mouse managed. In a year, Harper sold 100,000 copies; to date, "Stuart Little" has sold millions. No telling how many more will sell now that the movie's a blockbuster hit.

I haven't seen the movie yet. Haven't had the time. One night E.B. White's old friend Andy Rooney devoted his gentle TV tirade to the distaste White had for adaptations. (In 1956 there was a TV version of "Stuart.")

But I feel the urge to see the movie anyway, to sit in the dark and relish the fact that a dream-mouse gnawed its way from one writer's imagination, to library shelves, to Hollywood.



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### QUICK TRIVIA

◆Kate Douglas Wiggin, author of "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm," organized the first kindergarten west of the Rocky Mountains, in San Francisco in 1878.

◆The word "paper" comes from papyrus, a writing material made by stripping papyrus reeds of their bark, laying them next to each other and pounding them together in layers.

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## Elbow student fundraiser brings in \$2,000 for leukemia

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN  
Features Editor

Students, teachers and parents at Elbow Elementary School have reached deep into their pockets and purses in a fundraiser for The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

"Coins for the Cause" as the school is calling the drive, has collected spare change, dollar bills and even checks to help in research and treatment of leukemia and lymphoma, two types of cancer. For inspiration, Elbow students think of Blake Brorman, a first grader there who is now in home school because of leukemia.

"It has been amazing," said Glenda McDonald, teacher in Blake's classroom, where a seat is awaiting his return. "This has gone beyond anything we ever imagined."

As of Tuesday afternoon, Elbow had raised \$2,139, collected and counted in six glass jars divided by grade level. The first graders, most of whom know Blake, were leading the pack.

McDonald said every day teachers hear stories that bring tears to their eyes. There was Brandy Wilson, who walked along the local highways with her mother, collecting aluminum cans to sell for the fundraiser.



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Above, third grader Tessa Kendrick puts money in that class jar for the Elbow Elementary "Coins for a Cause" fundraiser for The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The fundraiser, which ends Friday, has raised more than \$2,100 for research and patient care.

There was Erica Garrett who, hearing her classmates proclaiming they were going to "win" the fundraising competition, said, "You know, the real winners are the kids with leukemia."

Then there was Blake's fifth grade "buddy," Bobby Roy, who wrote in a letter to his friend, "I wish I could take your illness away."

And then there was the \$170 donation brought in by Blake

himself. "We cry every day," McDonald said.

Local businesses have called to pledge donations, including \$500 by Cox Cable. Two banks, Norwest and Citizens Federal Credit Union, have both volunteered staff time to count the change.

Hairdresser Billy Turner, father of a student, pledged to give \$1 for every haircut he gave during the contest.



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From left, first graders Hall Wells, Zachary Hatfield and Sage Gibson add some cash to that class jar for the fundraiser. Classmates are donating in honor of fellow student Blake Brorman, who is now battling leukemia.

"We are just in awe of everything that has happened," said McDonald. She contacted the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, based in Dallas, and discovered that most schools their size, about 300 students, average \$600 in collections.

"I'm just so proud of these kids," she said. The school is now tied for first place in the state in the fundraiser, and if they take one of the top three spots, they will earn a trophy

presented by officials of the statewide organization.

Because of the remarkable effort, H-E-B is donating ice cream and soft drinks so every child in the school can enjoy a float. Because of the volunteer efforts of teachers, they will also be rewarded with a surprise at the end of this week.

The fundraiser goes through Friday, and a total of the money collected should be available early next week.

When the fundraiser began, McDonald crafted a bulletin board with thermometers to mark the donations collected by each grade level.

The thermometers have had to be extended several times, and now stretch onto the ceiling.

"We knew it would go well," McDonald said. "We thought we might raise \$1,000 and that would have been great. This is unbelievable."

## Sibling rivalry involves beauty, brains and brawn

QUESTION: I'm concerned about sibling rivalry between my two daughters. What are the areas of potential conflict that should be handled with care?

DR. DOBSON: There are three areas that are most delicate. First, children are extremely sensitive about physical attractiveness and body characteristics. It is highly inflammatory to commend one child at the expense of the other.

Suppose, for example, that Sharon is permitted to hear the casual remark about her sister, "Betty is sure going to be a gorgeous girl." The very fact that Sharon was not mentioned will probably establish the two girls as rivals. If there is a significant difference in beauty between the two, you can be assured that Sharon has already concluded, "Yeah, I'm the ugly one." When her fears are then confirmed by her parents, resentment and jealousy are generated.

Second, the matter of intelligence is another sensitive nerve to be handled with care. It is not uncommon to hear parents say in front of their children, "I think the younger boy is actually brighter than his brother." Even when the comments are unplanned and are spoken routinely, they convey

how a child is "seen" with in his family. We are all vulnerable to that bit of evidence.

Third, children (and especially boys) are extremely competitive with regard to athletic abilities. Those who are slower, weaker and less coordinated than their brothers are rarely able to accept "second best" with grace and dignity. Consider, for example, the following note given to me by the mother of two boys. It was written by her 9-year-old son to his 8-year-old brother the evening after the younger child had beaten him in a race:

"Dear Jim:  
"I am the greatest and your the badest. And I can beat everybody in a race and you can't beat anybody in a race. I'm the smartest and your the dumbest. I'm the best sport player and your the badest sport player. And your also a hog. I can beat anybody up. And that's the truth. And that's the end of this story."  
"Yours truly,



DR. JAMES DOBSON

"Richard"  
This note is humorous to me because Richard's motive was so poorly disguised. He had been badly stung by his humiliation on the field of honor, so he came home and raised the battle flags. Such is the nature of humankind.

QUESTION: Sometimes my husband and I disagree on our discipline and argue in front of our children about what is best. Do you think this is damaging?

DR. DOBSON: Yes, I do. You and your husband should present a united front, especially when children are watching. If you disagree on an issue, it can be discussed later in private. Unless the two of you can come to a consensus, your children's perception of right and wrong will begin to appear arbitrary. They will also make an "end run" around the tougher parent to get the answers they want.

There are even more serious consequences for boys and girls when parents are radically different in their approach. Some of the most hostile, aggressive teen-agers I've seen have come from family constellations where the parents have leaned in opposite directions in their discipline. Suppose the father is unloving and uninterested in the welfare of his kids.

His approach is harsh and physical. He comes home tired and may knock them around if they get in his way.

The mother is permissive by nature. She worries every day about the lack of love in the father-child relationship. Eventually she sets out to compensate for it. When Dad sends their son to bed without his dinner, Mom slips him milk and cookies. When he says "no" to a particular request, she finds a way to say "yes." She lets the kids get away with murder because it is not in her spirit to confront them.

What happens under these circumstances is that the authority figures in the family contradict and cancel out each other. Consequently, the child is caught in the middle and often grows up hating both. It doesn't always work that way, but the probability for trouble is high. The "middle ground" between extremes of love and control must be sought if we are to produce healthy, responsible children.

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## Moving on

Understanding why relatives relocated can be important to a family historian

We sometimes wonder why our ancestors moved from one place to another, when the area they moved from seemed to be a good place to live. One of the reasons so many people moved from North Carolina in the 1760s was the part the Regulators played in their local government.



BOBBY RAWLS

It seems that the Regulators started out as a group who protested the local fees and taxes they had to pay compared with the surrounding counties. Later they were considered outlaws and some were executed for treason. Below is an excerpt from the book "A Colonial History of Rowan County North Carolina," by the late Senator Samuel Ervin Jr.

"The regulators resisted all efforts on the part of the sheriffs of Rowan (County, N.C.) to collect taxes. Francis Locke informed the court that two thousand taxes for the year 1766 were unpaid, and that the collection of them was violently opposed by the Regulators. He attempted to 'take, seize, and detain a sorrel gelding' belonging to James Dunlap for his taxes for 1764, 1765 and 1766, but Dunlap and fifteen others unlawfully rescued the horse from Locke."

There were many men named in the papers pertaining to the Regulators. These lists help identify and help explain why so many people left an area that seemed to be perfect for

living and raising a family. The next excerpt helps explain some of the treatment of the Regulators after their trials.

"From May 30th to June 20th, the Supreme Court of Over and Terminer was held at Hillsboro for the trial of captured Regulators. Twelve were convicted of high treason, and six of them were executed."

The most distinguished victim was Benjamin Merrill, who had formerly been a captain of the militia in Rowan. In concluding his sentence, the chief justice said: "I must now close my afflicting duty by pronouncing upon you the awful sentence of the law; which is that you, Benjamin Merrill, be carried to the place whence you came, that you be drawn from thence to the place of execution, where you are to be hanged by the neck ... and this to be at his majesty's disposal, and the Lord have mercy on your soul."

It is small wonder why so many in that area decided to move out, and seek a place where they had fewer taxes and much less violence.

The frontier would seem to be a place to take your family members to get away from the unfair treatment by your own government, and to raise your family as you saw fit, not as others would.

In another time, it was the 1770s and they were taking oaths of allegiance and forming militias to fight for the cause against the crown. However, many of the frontiersmen along the New River were accused of being Tory sympathizers and their land was confiscated because they refused to take the oath and were considered

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## Microwave tonsillectomy may reduce pain, recovery time

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A new procedure promises to shrink swollen tonsils without the excessive discomfort and bleeding of a traditional tonsillectomy. But does it mean patients won't need ice cream afterward?

Dr. Mansoor Madani says his patients can feel free to indulge if they choose, but they won't be motivated by pain.

Madani says he has developed an alternative to tonsillectomies that works just as well as surgery but without the drawbacks. He has performed the procedure, which

uses radiofrequency-generated heat to shrink tonsils and takes only a few minutes, on 13 patients so far.

"It's just like when you put certain foods in the microwave and they shrink. It is very similar to microwave energy, but the heat is not nearly as high," said Madani, an associate professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery at Temple University and director of The Center for Corrective Surgery Techniques in Bryn Mawr.

In the procedure, which takes about one minute, Madani inserts a heat-emitting

probe about the size of a needle into three spots on each tonsil for a few seconds each.

The needle — heated to about 120 to 150 degrees — slowly shrinks the tonsils like a water balloon being stuck with a pin, with most patients seeing complete results in about eight weeks, Madani said.

Because the procedure is considered experimental, the cost — approximately \$2,000 — is not covered by insurance.

Matthew Addiego of Burlington, N.J.,

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### SCHOOL NEWS

Several students from the Crossroads area were named "outstanding" during the regional conference of gifted and talented students in Midland earlier this month.

Among those was Ricky Yanez, a junior at Big Spring High School. The son of Alma and Ricky Yanez, he is a member of the National Junior Honor Society, earns excellent ratings in French, plays tuba in the band and was selected for all-region band. He is the junior class representative for the student council, and a member of Key Club.



YANEZ

He plays football and baseball, sings in the church choir and plans to become a doctor or lawyer.

Bobbi-Leigh Spiller was named outstanding student from Coahoma High School. The daughter of Jan Spiller, she is a member of the National Honor Society and an accomplished singer in the choir. She has been selected for all-region choir all four years of high school, and plans to become a high school music teacher.



SPILLER

Spiller also performs with the band and participates in the UIL One Act Play competition. She is a volunteer pianist at church and was a Salvation Army volunteer.

Ashley Alexander was chosen to represent Forsan High School. The daughter of Jim and Susan Alexander, she has been recognized as all-district in basketball and was the Optimist Club Outstanding student. She was junior class vice-president and is president of the National Honor Society, plays in the band and on the tennis and basketball teams. A cheerleader, Ashley was chosen as homecoming queen this year, her senior year.

Garden City High School senior Jason Wilde was recognized at the event as well. The son of Leroy and Virginia Wilde, he plans to major in computer engineering in college and pursue a career in the field of technology. He is a three-year member of the National Honor society, and won the United States Mathematics Award. He is a UIL competitor in science, computer applications, calculator and math. He has been a member of the all-state band for three years, is football manager and a tennis team member.

Wilde performs community service, including work with the Midland Soup Kitchen, Christmas in April and Midland Association for Retarded Citizens.

# Straighten up, Mom and Dad

## Parents of some young athletes required to take sportsmanship program

JUPITER, Fla. (AP) — Jake Rus had attended his 15-year-old's baseball games for years without ever witnessing an on-field melee.

Then, in July, a Little League player was slammed in the head with a bat and adults threw punches at each other after coaches from both teams traded words, Rus said.

"I couldn't believe it," he said recently after attending a mandatory sportsmanship class which requires parents to sign a code of ethics promising to set a good example for their budding athletes.

If the parents don't sign, their children don't play ball.

"Parents are losing their perspective," said Jeff Leslie, a father of four and president of Jupiter-Tequesta Athletic Association, the athletic association organizing the class.

"We just want to try to de-escalate the intensity that's being shown by the parents at these games," he said.

The association sponsors basketball, soc-

cer, football, softball and baseball for 6,000 boys and girls in this community 15 miles north of West Palm Beach.

About 2,000 parents showed up for the class at a spring training center for major league baseball teams. Many parents said they didn't mind having to attend the mandatory session.

"There are so many freaks out here; they need this," said Doug Rasmussen of Jupiter, whose 7- and 12-year-old boys wrestle in a league.

Jeff Hardin, a 12-year-old catcher from Tequesta, doesn't think adults should be yelling at anyone during games.

"It's not all about winning," he said. "It's supposed to be fun."

A recent survey of 500 adults in five Florida counties showed 82 percent believe parents are too aggressive in youth sports. Across the country, parents have been arrested for assaulting referees, coaches and players.

In Greensboro, N.C., a soccer mom was

charged with hitting a teen-age referee after a game. A Cleveland father punched a 15-year-old boy on the soccer field because he said his son was being pushed around by the bigger player.

Parents at the sportsmanship class on Tuesday watched a 19-minute video on the roles and responsibilities of a parent of a youth athlete. Then they had to sign an 11-point code of ethics pledging to behave at youth sporting events.

For a first offense, the parent must go back to class, watch the video again and sign another pledge. If it happens again, the parent and child will be barred from the ballpark.

For parents unable to attend the class Tuesday night, their children's coaches can provide copies of the video and the ethics code at a cost of \$5.

The Jupiter group is the nation's first to require parents to attend the class and sign the ethics code, said Fred Engh, president of the National Alliance for Youth Sports.

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who suffered for years from recurring tonsil infections and sleeping problems, long considered having his enlarged tonsils removed but did not want to go through the traditional surgery.

Addiego, who recently underwent Madani's "tonsillar coblation" procedure, said, "I didn't want to be laid up for a week and a half."

"This took five minutes, and most of that time was the doctor's explanation. I was awake through the whole thing."

He suffered only a mild sore throat after the procedure, which he had done during his lunch hour from work. He was able to eat right away and suffered only minor discomfort — unlike some patients who have to subsist on ice cream and ice chips after a radical tonsillectomy.

"The only side effect is that I sleep better than ever before; I used to snore myself awake," Addiego said.

"Now my head hits the pillow and I'm out."

Madani had been using the technology on patients' noses and mouths for several years to treat chronic nasal congestion and snoring before trying it out on tonsils.

He plans to report his findings in April to the American College of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons conference in Washington.

The procedure holds promise, but it is unclear whether the positive results will last, said Dr. Ralph Wetmore, chairman of the tonsils and adenoids subcommittee of the American Academy of Otolaryngology and a professor at the University of Pennsylvania.

"Certainly if you shrink the tonsil and it stays reduced, it would offer significantly less (of a chance of) morbidity than performing a tonsillectomy," Wetmore said.

Wetmore said it also may be a difficult procedure to perform on children because they would be awake.

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enemies of the state.

Some of their lands were restored to them, but not all.

The above was in reference to the Revolutionary War and how it divided neighbors, friends and even families. Many Americans did not want to fight their own Government, which at the time was England. This led to many hard times before the Revolution and after for those families and led to them leaving their homes and going not only to England and Canada, but to the American frontier as well.

The story of the Loyalist will be my next article, and I hope will help explain another reason our ancestors moved from their homes. I hope to do that story justice.

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# Town founded by freed slaves disappearing

AFRICA, Texas (AP) — Mist floats among the pine boughs on cloudy days in Africa, Texas, a poor, rural unincorporated community tucked in the state's eastern Piney Woods. Even the town's history and name are foggy, and, like the mist, are likely to disappear.

"The young ones, they don't even call it Africa anymore," says Addie B. Clifton, 88, a woman born here and raised with nine siblings in a four-room house of not much more than 600 square feet. "They are going to lose all memory of it. And that's so sad," Clifton says.

Africa — also known as Webb, after an early property owner, or St. John's, after Africa's Baptist church — is in deep East Texas by the Louisiana border, where the culture of the Deep South spreads across the state line like roots flourishing under the shade of the thick pine forests.

The town's history is largely unwritten, its tales untold. Freed slaves with a dream of a new home founded Africa 135

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years ago. But their stories settled into the deep thickets and finally disappeared.

About 75 people live in Africa, which, according to Clifton, is not much more or less than the population has ever been. They drive into the nearby town of Center, population 4,950, to socialize or to work at the Bruce Hardwood Floors plant, or at Wal-Mart or one of the other retail outlets, supplementing the money they make cutting timber.

On the way to Center, the folks from Africa will drive along Shelby County Road 2050 and onto Martin Luther King Drive, the road that used to be called Neville Road. Some people still call it Neville Road, even in telephone book listings, because they were opposed to changing the name to MLK Drive.

"Some of the old (African-American) folks here just didn't want to change it," says Eddie

Logan, 70, a deacon at St. John Baptist Church in Africa. "They just wanted things the same."

Change has been slow to come to Africa and its environs, which have long been neutral ground.

In 1806, the region was declared a no man's land, where no one was supposed to live or lay claim to land until the United States and Spanish-ruled Texas could settle a border dispute. History books say most people passed through the area on their way to the open plains. By 1819, the dispute was settled and the Sabine River was designated the boundary between Louisiana and Texas. Although it was legal again to live in the region, only a few planters were attracted to clear the forests.

When the Civil War ended in 1865, freed slaves established communities throughout the South. A few found their way

to this place, started homes and farms, and named it Africa.

In Logan's possession is a ledger that lists long-ago members of the church in Africa. The first entry in the book of now-crumbling pages is dated 1894. The Texas State Historical Association says the once-thriving farming and poultry-raising community consisted of a two-story town hall, a gristmill, a syrup mill and three stores.

Clifton attended school in Africa. The school building is abandoned now, just the tip of its tin roof poking out of the pines. Years ago, much of the land was cleared. But the fast-growing pines have grown thick, covering up remnants of a life that used to be.

Clifton recently brought a visitor back to her now-abandoned childhood home. The floors of the two bedrooms sag with the weight of the years.

The family grew just about everything they ate, Clifton said. They had no telephones or televisions, just the church down the street.

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8 p.m.  
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### Radio

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Women  
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Hawks, KBYG-AM 14  
Men  
7:45 p.m. — South  
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Hawks, KBST-AM 14

### Television

JUCO BASKETBALL  
Men  
6 p.m. — Purdue  
ESPN, Ch. 30.  
8 p.m. — Marquet  
Florida, Ch. 30.

9:30 p.m. — Oreg  
FXS, Ch. 29.  
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## IN BRIEF

### Bufs' playoff scheduled Friday at 'The Dorothy'

Dorothy Garrett Coliseum will again be the site of high school basketball playoff action Friday night when Stanton's Buffaloes square off against Eldorado's Eagles in a Class 2A area game.

The Bufs will bring a 20-6 record into the 8 p.m. tip, while the District 2-2A champion Eagles are 26-7.

### Peggy Marshall shoots better than her age

Peggy Marshall, 84, of Big Spring shot better than her age recently while taking part in a Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association playday.

Marshall carded a round of 83 in high winds on Feb. 17 on the Comanche Trail Golf Course layout.

Those playing with Marshall were Connie Fowler, Mary Ruth Robertson, Dee Jenkins and Daury Cockrell.

### Weaver records ace at Comanche Trail

Mike Weaver of Big Spring recorded a hole-in-one which playing the Comanche Trail Golf Course on Sunday.

He chalked up the ace using a 7-iron on the course's 15th hole.

The shot was witnessed by Joe Sharpnack, Dewey Byers, Sherrill Farmer and Mike McCormick.

### YMCA slates meeting on inline roller hockey

Anyone interested in playing in a roller hockey league this spring should attend an organizational meeting set for 6:30 p.m. Monday at the Big Spring Family YMCA.

Coaches, referees and the parents of players are encouraged to attend the meeting.

For more information, call Pete Thiry at 267-8234.

### BSHS coaches warning telephone sales scam

Big Spring ISD athletic director Dwight Butler has warned local businesses that an out-of-town telemarketing firm has been misrepresenting itself as being affiliated with the high school in selling ads for a calendar.

"While we will be selling ads for a poster later in the year ... sometime in March or April," Butler said, noting the athletic department will again put out a sports schedule poster. "But people will be contacted from somebody from this community, not some telephone call from somebody in the Metroplex."

Butler stressed that anyone questioning whether or not someone is representing the school should call his office at 264-3662.

## AREA GAMES

### TODAY HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

4 p.m.  
• Lamesa Golden Tornadoes at Big Spring Steers

### JUCO BASKETBALL

6 p.m.  
• South Plains College Lady Texans at Howard College Lady Hawks

8 p.m.  
• South Plains College Texans at Howard College-Hawks

## ON THE AIR

### Radio JUCO BASKETBALL

Women  
5:50 p.m. — South Plains Lady Texans at Howard College Lady Hawks, KBYG-AM 1400.

Men  
7:45 p.m. — South Plains Texans at Howard College Hawks, KBST-AM 1490.

### Television

COLLEGE BASKETBALL  
Men  
6 p.m. — Purdue at Michigan, ESPN, Ch. 30.

8 p.m. — Marquette at South Florida, Ch. 30.  
9:30 p.m. — Oregon at UCLA, FXS, Ch. 29.

NBA  
7:30 p.m. — Utah Jazz at Dallas Mavericks, FXS, Ch. 29.

## Rangers have changed shape since winning 1999 AL West title

ARLINGTON (AP) — Pitchers Kenny Rogers and Darren Oliver are back in Texas, but Juan Gonzalez and Todd Zeile have gone.

The return of the left-handed starters and the departure of a two-time American League MVP and another of the team's better veteran hitters provide the best indication of the changing shape of the AL West champion Rangers.

A series of offseason moves built depth in the pitching staff and created a younger everyday lineup for the Rangers. This spring training could be like none Johnny Oates had his first five years as the Texas manager.

"We have a better, more accurate idea of what our pitching will do than our everyday players," Oates said. "When I first came here, we were trying to pick a 10-11 man pitching staff from about eight

pitchers. This spring we've probably got 16 or 17 guys with a legitimate chance of helping us."

Texas lost starter Aaron Sele (18-9, 4.79 ERA) to free agency, but got 12-year veteran Rogers and six-year major-leaguer Oliver back through the same process.

In the nine-player deal that sent Gonzalez to Detroit in November, the Rangers acquired left-handed starter Justin Thompson, an All-Star as a rookie three years ago, and promising reliever Francisco Cordero.

A Texas staff that hasn't had a left-handed starter since Oliver left midway through the 1998 season could have three this season.

If Cordero develops as expected, the 22-year-old with a 98-mph fastball could complement closer John Wetteland (43 saves last season) in the bullpen.

Cordero was 4-1 with 27 saves and a 1.38 ERA at Double-A Jacksonville last season, and 2-2 with a 3.32 ERA in 20 games with Detroit.

"Usually, we're queasy about our pitching," Texas general manager Doug Melvin said. "But if you put the bullpen next to the starters, this is the best pitching since I've been here. The look is much better, and the depth is much better."

The Rangers may have the deepest pitching staff in team history, but half of the everyday lineup will be different — and younger — than a year ago.

In addition to trading away Gonzalez, the Rangers lost third baseman Zeile, second baseman Mark McLemore and center fielder Tom Goodwin to free agency.

"Basically, I've penciled in a guy still

classified as a rookie in center, a second-year guy in right and maybe a rookie at third base," Oates said.

Outfielder Gabe Kapler came in the Gonzalez trade after hitting 245 with 18 homers as a rookie in Detroit last season. After hitting .336 at Triple-A Oklahoma, 22-year-old outfielder Ruben Mateo hit .238 in 32 games at Texas.

Mike Lamb is the likely starter at third base, even though he has just two at-bats above the Double-A level.

"Hopefully, youth brings some life and some energy to the game, and the older guys can help in diverting that into the right areas to win some games," Lamb said.

The unchanged part of the lineup is solid with veterans Rodriguez, first baseman Rafael Palmeiro, shortstop Royce Clayton and outfielder Rusty Greer



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Howard College guard Taneisha Harris (11) pulls up and knocks in a shot off the glass during the Lady Hawks' win over Frank Phillips' Lady Plainsmen on Jan. 17. The Lady Hawks will be trying to wrap up sole possession of second place in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference at 6 tonight when they play host to South Plains College's Lady Texans at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

## Everyone is beatable at Match Play, except, of course, maybe Tiger Woods

CARLSBAD, Calif. (AP) — If there was one theme players kept repeating heading into the Match Play Championship, it was that any one of the world's top 64 golfers could beat any other on any given day.

That might be true, unless one of those golfers is Tiger Woods.

While others struggled on a blustery and soggy opening day at La Costa Resort, Woods promptly won his first three holes Wednesday on his way to a 5 and 4 victory over Michael Campbell.

In doing so, he showed what others have left unsaid — that there are really 63 of the world's top golfers at La Costa.

And then there is Woods. "I'm playing better, putting better," Woods said. "I knew that if I played my own game,

put pressure on Michael, things should be all right in the end."

Woods was right, of course, on a day that saw such top 10 notables as Nick Price, Phil Mickelson and Vijay Singh looking for plane reservations after being eliminated in their opening matches.

Unlike many in the field, he seems to relish playing match play, a format he enjoyed great success in while winning three straight U.S. Amateur championships.

"It's nice to have that feeling of playing one-on-one," Woods said.

Woods, scheduled to play Retief Goosen today, birdied the first two holes and never looked back, closing the match with a par out of the greenside bunker on No. 14. It was Campbell's 31st birthday, but he was in no

mood to celebrate while facing a 15-hour flight back home to New Zealand.

Still, he had to pay tribute to a player he beat going down the stretch in November to win the Johnnie Walker tournament in Taiwan.

"Tiger's unique," Campbell said. "I think I was about 50 yards behind him on most holes. Every time he was over a chip or a putt, you thought he was going to hole it. That's a scary thought."

Woods, who made it to the quarterfinals last year before losing to Jeff Maggert, came into La Costa in a minislump of sorts.

Woods' putting was off and so was his swing in the two tournaments he played after having his string of six straight tour wins snapped.

## Cincinnati starts new winning streak by beating Southern Miss

### The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cincinnati didn't take long to start working on a new streak.

One game after their 42-game home winning streak and run at the top of the rankings came to an end, the third-ranked Bearcats beat Southern Mississippi 95-69 Wednesday night behind Kenyon Martin's 33 points.

It was Cincinnati's first game since losing the No. 1 ranking with a 77-69 loss to Temple on Sunday.

"We're going to be fine," said Huggins, whose team has clinched the Conference USA title. "I think the guys realize we're not playing for a conference championship anymore. We're playing for the best spot in the NCAA tournament."

Martin also grabbed 14 rebounds and

blocked three shots to give him a school-record 100 for the season.

"I just play. I come out every night and try to do something," Martin said. "It's all instinct. I just do what it takes to win. I take what they give me."

In other games involving ranked teams, it was No. 5 Michigan State 79, Penn State 63; No. 6 Ohio State 69, Northwestern 49; No. 7 Tennessee 74, No. 18 Kentucky 67; No. 9 Florida 90, Georgia 68; No. 13 Syracuse 91, Villanova 63; No. 15 LSU 64, South Carolina 59; No. 20 Oklahoma 83, Texas Tech 65; No. 23 Kansas 83, Nebraska 58; and Arkansas 78, No. 24 Vanderbilt 63.

Pete Mickeal had 18 points and 10 rebounds for Cincinnati (25-2, 13-0), which used a revised lineup because freshman guard DerMarr Johnson was

sitting out a one-game NCAA suspension.

No. 5 Michigan St. 79, Penn St. 63

Morris Peterson scored 17 points and Michigan State broke open a close game by scoring the first 10 points of the second half at Penn State.

A.J. Granger added 15 points, while Mateen Cleaves had 11 points and 10 assists for the first-place Spartans (21-6, 11-2 Big Ten).

Jarrett Stephens and Joe Crispin each scored 18 as the Lions (13-11, 5-8) lost for the fifth time in six games.

No. 6 Ohio St. 69, Northwestern 49

Michael Redd scored 25 points and

George Reese had 16 to lead host Ohio State past Northwestern.

Redd hit all five of his shots from the field in the second half for the Buckeyes (19-5, 10-3), who stayed within a game of the top spot in the Big Ten with three games remaining.

Ben Johnson led the Wildcats (5-21, 0-13) with 17 points.

No. 7 Tennessee 74,

No. 18 Kentucky 67

Tony Harris scored 27 points as Tennessee rebounded from an embarrassing loss to Vanderbilt and beat visiting Kentucky to tie a school record with its 22nd win.

The Volunteers (22-4, 10-3 Southeastern Conference) have won 22 games in a season only twice before.

## Lamesa calling as Steers open baseball season

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Managing Editor

A new era in Big Spring High School baseball officially begins at 4 p.m. today when the Steers play their 2000 season opener against Lamesa's Golden Tornadoes at Steer Park.

The Steers, under the guidance of new head coach Pat Loter, are bent on erasing the memory of a 1999 season in which they won just five games.

There's plenty of reason to believe that five-win season will rapidly become a memory, Loter says, because the Steers not only return seven starters from last year's largely inexperienced squad, but have already shown impressive team unity.

"That's the biggest thing that struck me about this bunch of kids... they like each other," Loter said. "They've really come together, so we've got good team chemistry. They're great kids and they're my kids... after just three weeks of workouts, they're my kids."

"They've taken to what we're trying to do like ducks to water," he added. "They've been working their tails off and we've already made a lot of progress."

That doesn't mean Loter is predicting the Steers will open the season dominating the competition, but Loter says he's certain there won't be any lack of effort on his team's part.

"When we take the field tomorrow, we're going to be doing our best to win... we want to win every time we play," Loter said after putting his charges through their first light workout of the season Wednesday afternoon. "That doesn't mean that we're going to be a really good baseball team, though. We're not supposed to be very good right now, because it's still February."

"We're not going to dwell on the fact, but this is basically a team that won five games last year," he added. "We've got a lot to overcome. But we've made tremendous progress in developing the team chemistry we've got. Now, we've just got to improve our baseball skills."

Unlike a year ago when the Steers opened the season with 11 straight games on the road with a team that featured just one returning starter, Big Spring's first three games will be in the friendly confines of Steer Park and only two

starters will be newcomers to the lineup.

Loter plans to send senior Ricky Solis to the mound at the start of today's opener, while another returning starter, junior Bowe Butler, will be behind the plate.

Other returning veterans in the infield include junior first baseman Clint Bamert, senior shortstop James Clements and senior third baseman Jay Kuykendall.

Sophomore Willis Morrison, who saw a brief stint on the varsity as a freshman last season, moves in as the starter at second base.

Another sophomore, Mike Smith, will be the lone newcomer in the outfield, holding the fort in left Junior center fielder Jason Choate and senior right fielder Jose Carnero round out today's starting lineup.

Loter is already singing the praises of Solis, Clements Kuykendall and Carnero for the leadership they've shown in three weeks of workouts and three scrimmages with Odessa Permian, Lamesa and Lubbock Estacado.

"This is a great group of seniors," the new Steers diamond boss noted. "They've assumed the leadership role that you have to have from your seniors. That's another one of the big factors that's going to make a difference this year."

Bamert, who saw plenty of pitching duty as a junior last year, will be the Steers' starter in the first game of a 1 p.m. Saturday doubleheader against Levelland's Lobos, and another senior, Daniel Beauchamp, will start the nightcap.

While Loter said the Steers have their sights set on winning from the outset this season, their long-range goal is centered on being ready to be competitive once District 5-4A play begins.

Although the Steers boss believes defending state champion Andrews and a seasoned Snyder team have to be considered the favorites as the season begins, he says the rest of the league's teams will be highly competitive.

"I think you have to make anybody that's the defending district and state champion the favorite," Loter said of Andrews' Mustangs. "Snyder had a lot of good players coming back from last year, too. But

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SPORTS EXTRA

TOP 25 - MEN

Table with 2 columns: Rank and Team Name. Lists top 25 men's college basketball teams.

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Text listing scores for various men's sports events, including basketball and volleyball.

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Text listing regional pairings for various sports events.

STEERS

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you just can't under estimate the advantage Andrews got from playing into June last year. Our season ended in late April last year, but they played seven more weeks under playoff pressure. You build a lot of tradition that way."

Big Spring owns a tradition of championship caliber baseball, as well.

"It's been a while, but we've got a tradition of going to the state tournament, too," he explained. "We don't take that lightly and we're trying to build on that. I remind our kids all the time that Big Spring's had teams at Austin, too."

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FISHING REPORT

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Feb. 23. (Report also available on Web as www.txfishing.com.)

**CENTRAL**  
**BROWNWOOD:** Water clear; 57 degrees; Black bass are good on jerkbaits fished in 2 to 10 feet. Crappie are good on white jigs fished around brush piles in the rivers Hybrid Strippers slow. Catfish are slow.

**BUCHANAN:** Water clear; 64 degrees; 1007-75; Black bass are good on silver/blue spinnerbaits, 1/4oz. pumpkin jig 'n' pig and Creme Scoundrel or Scremer worms fished along rocky points and flats in Morgan and Beaver Creeks Crappie are slow on minnows. White bass are fair trolling chrome crankbaits and vertically jugging 1/8 or 1/4oz. Horizon Pink Minnows. Striped bass are good drifting live bait and trolling bucktail jigs in the midlake area from Maxwell Slough and Shaw Island. Channel catfish are fair on cut and live baits. Yellow catfish are good on live goldfish.

**PROCTOR:** Water clear; 55 degrees; Black bass are good on black and chartreuse Texas-rigged Power lizards fished along the north shore. Crappie are excellent on minnows and jigs fished at the dam. Hybrid Strippers are good on chrome/blue or chrome/black Rat-L-Traps fished at the dam in the morning just after sunrise (use a stop and go retrieve). Catfish are good on trotline set in the river baited with perch or cut baits.

**SOUTH**  
**AMISTAD:** Water fairly clear; 58-64 degrees; 30' low; Black bass are good on brown jigs, Rat-L-Traps and crankbaits fished in 8 to 16 feet. Crappie are slow to fair on minnows and jigs fished up the Devil's River. White and striped bass are fair to good on slabs and shad fished in the Devil's River in 30 to 35 feet. Catfish are fair on cheesebait fished in 80 feet.

**WEST**  
**ALAN HENRY:** Water stained; 57 degrees; Black bass to 13.43 pounds (new lake record) are good on slow rolled spinnerbaits fished in 4 to 8 feet. There have been no reports of smallmouth or spotted bass being caught. Crappie are good at the crappie dock on minnows and jigs. Catfish are slow.

**ARROWHEAD:** Water clear; 50 degrees; Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits, minnows and jigs fished in 15 to 20 feet. Crappie are good on minnows and white jigs fished near the docks off the rocks and around the submerged brush by the docks in 15 feet. White bass are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on punchbait and large shiners. Yellow catfish to 15 pounds are fair on goldfish fished in 15 feet.

**BRADY:** No report available.  
**COLORADO CITY:** Water murky; 54 degrees; Black bass are fair on chrome Rat-L-Traps fished over the rocks. Redfish are fair trolling stickbaits. Few fishermen out.

**FT. PHANTOM HILL:** Water clear; 60 degrees; Black bass are poor. Crappie are poor. Hybrid strippers are fair on shad and shiners fished in 4 to 7 feet. Blue catfish are good on shad and shiners fished in 8 to 10 feet. Yellow catfish to 22 pounds are fair on goldfish and perch fished in 12 to 14 feet.

**HUBBARD CREEK:** Water clear; 54 degrees; Black bass are good on Rat-L-Traps and shad or crawfish pattern crankbaits fished off the rocky points and the rip-rap. Crappie are fair on minnows and white marabou jigs fished in Sandy Creek. White bass are fair to good on anything shiny fished in the back of Hubbard Creek. Channel and blue catfish are good on worms fished on the flats in 4 to 6 feet.

**KEMP:** Water stained; 49 degrees; Black bass are slow. White bass are fair to good on white and chartreuse slabs fished in 30 to 45 feet.

**NASWORTHY:** No report available.  
**NOCONA:** Water Stained; 57 degrees; Black bass are good.  
Carolina-rigged black and blue lizards fished in 8 to 10 feet and slow rolling a white spinnerbaits fished on the outside edges of the grass. Crappie are good on white jigs and minnows fished in 8 to 15 feet. White bass and hybrid strippers are fair on lip-less crankbaits and Sassy Shads fished in 8 to 15 feet. Channel and blue catfish are good on prepared baits fished in 10 to 15 feet. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live perch.

**OAK CREEK:** Water clear; 54 degrees; Black bass are fair on minnows, spinnerbaits and deep diving crankbaits fished in 10 to 20 feet. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished in 15 to 35 feet. White bass are slow on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 15 feet. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish to 10 pounds are slow on goldfish and live perch fished in 10 to 20 feet.

**OH. LIVE:** Water clear; 55 degrees; Black bass are fair to good fished in the rivers on rocky points and steep banks in 5 to 10 feet. They are also starting to move onto the main points that run out to the river channel (fish Carolina-rigs). Crappie are fair to good in the river channels in 16 to 18 feet during the day and in 40 feet of water along the river channel at night. White bass are good up the Colorado River on the sandy flats using crank baits and the deep flats in the 25-foot range. The catfish have been a little slow.

**POSSUM KINGDOM:** Water clear; 51 degrees; 8.5' low; Black bass to 7.3 pounds are fair to good on shad and jugs fished in 10 to 20 feet of water. Crappie are slow on minnows fished in 10 to 20 feet of water. White bass are fair on small jigs, crankbaits and minnows fished in 5 to 20 feet of water. Striped bass to 10 pounds are good on live shad fished in 30 to 40 feet of water. Blue catfish to 10 pounds are good on cut baits, perch and punchbait fished in 30 to 50 feet of water. Yellow catfish are slow on perch fished in 20 to 30 feet of water.

**SPENCE:** Water clear; 56 degrees; Black bass are slow on worms. White bass are fair on topwaters. Striped bass are slow on live shad fished in 12 feet. Channel and blue catfish are good on cut shad fished in 10 feet. Yellow catfish are slow on live perch fished in 3 feet of water.

**STAMFORD:** Water stained; 48 degrees; Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on nightcrawlers and minnows fished in 5 to 12 feet. Yellow catfish are slow.

**SWEETWATER:** Water lightly stained; 53 degrees; Black bass are slow on red Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are slow to fair on minnows and jigs fished in 25 to 30 feet of water. White bass are good trolling shad pattern crankbaits. Channel and blue catfish are fair to good on minnows fished in the shallows.

**TWIN BUTTES:** No fishing report due to extreme low lake level. Boats can be launched from Sailboat Point but caution is advised on entire lake.  
**WHITE RIVER:** No report available.

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The Basic Foundation  
**What Makes a City Work?**

Cities work well when they have strong infrastructures. We can see some parts of the infrastructure, but others are out of sight.

**The people**  
People who live and work in a city make it work. Citizens who pay taxes to support the city make it work.

**In sight**  
**Transportation**  
We cross bridges. The Brooklyn Bridge between Brooklyn and Manhattan in New York City was called the eighth wonder of the world when it was finished in 1883.

**Out of sight**  
Some parts of a city's infrastructure are out of sight. They are often out of town, hidden from view or underground.

**The water system**  
We turn on the faucet for water. We might see water towers, but we don't see the underground pipes that carry the water. The reservoirs and dams that collect and store water are usually out of town.

**The communications system**  
We talk on the phone and turn on our computers and fax machines. Many city wires that connect to the phone and cable companies are buried underground. Satellites are hundreds of miles overhead.

**The sewage system**  
We flush our toilets. But we usually don't see the sewer pipes or treatment plants.

**Trash disposal**  
We put out our trash. We see the trash trucks, but we usually don't see the trash disposal plant or the landfill.

**The power system**  
We flip on our lights, TV or appliances. Some of the wires to the power plant are underground. Other wires, especially out of the city, are on poles.

**The special attractions**  
Special attractions draw people to cities. For example, Disney World in Orlando, Fla., attracts many tourists and creates many jobs.

**The infrastructure**  
"Infrastructure" is a big word that means the supporting foundation of a city. It includes the basic systems and special structures built to serve all of the citizens and to make the city more livable.

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**MIGHTY FUNNY PHONICS**  
It's fun to learn phonics, or the sounds that letters make. This week's target sound is the one made by the letter E. The letter E makes two sounds. We are using the long E sound, as in the word "eat."

Q: What is a good way to keep a dog off the street?  
A: Put him in a barking lot!

Q: A man was trapped in a room with only his piano. How did he get out?  
A: He played the piano until he found the right key!

Doctor: You've broken your arm in three places!  
Alan: But I've been home all day!

Go on a long-E word hunt. What other words can you find with a long E? What sound do you hear?

**Rookie Cookie's Recipe**  
**Big Burgers**  
You'll need:  
• 1 pound ground beef  
• 3 tablespoons mustard  
• 1/2 cup dry bread crumbs  
• 1 egg, beaten

What to do:  
1. Combine all ingredients in a medium bowl. Mix well.  
2. Shape into 4 patties.  
3. Cook in a skillet over medium heat for 15 minutes or until done. Turn every 5 minutes.  
Makes 4.

**ENGINEERS TRY 'N FIND**  
Words that remind us of engineers are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: ENGINEERS, MACHINES, CHEMICAL, MATH, ELECTRICAL, MECHANICAL, PROBLEMS, CITIES, FOOD, SOLUTIONS, WATER, BRIDGES, POWER, TOILETS, SEWERS, GARBAGE, TUNNELS.

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**Mini Spy ...**  
Mini Spy is helping to put up a new building. See if you can find:

- hammer
- letter C
- strawbrush
- word MINI
- snake
- paint roller
- pencil
- paintbrush
- toothbrush
- sleepy face
- question mark
- exclamation mark
- letter A

**Who Makes the Infrastructure Work?**  
Engineers create what never was before. They use their imagination and skill in math and science to design bridges, power plants, roads, water systems and other parts of our infrastructure. They also keep these structures running and safe.

**Some types of engineers**

- A stealth job**  
Engineering has been called a stealth, or secret, profession. We see what engineers build, but we usually don't see the engineers themselves. Engineers who work on cities' infrastructures usually deal with city planners and other government employees and officials. Engineers often work together in teams. They do much of their work in offices, working at a computer screen.
- Civil engineers** build bridges, roads and other parts of the infrastructure.
- Geotechnical engineers** make certain the site is strong and safe.
- Mechanical engineers** build transportation machinery and power systems.
- Environmental engineers** try to clean up our cities and cut down pollution.

**City life through history**

- Water is the most important resource a city must have.** When cities first started, waterways were usually the best way to travel to nearby towns.
- The aqueducts, or channels of water, that the Romans built thousands of years ago are still standing.**

Look through your newspaper for news about your city's infrastructure. To do: Pretend that you are a traffic engineer. What changes would you make in your city to provide better traffic flow?

The Mini Page thanks: Chuck Blue of the American Association of Engineering Societies; Natalie Webster of the American Society of Civil Engineers; and Matthews P. Levy of Weldinger Associates, author of "Engineering the City," to be published in late 2000.

Next week: "As Maine goes, so goes the nation" used to be the saying when Maine was the first state to vote. It's not now, but we'll have fun finding out about this New England state.

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**The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have:**  
5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
Ride the wave of the present. Don't get tripped up by doing something you don't want to do. Friends provide unusual insight and perspective. Discussions can be rather intense, but decisions might not be made quickly. Tonight a quiet dinner for two.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
You have had your share of jolts and bounces. Part of the problem revolves around someone to whom you give power. What might have been a bright idea last night needs to be tested first. Right now, you aren't going to change another's mind. Tonight, S a yes.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
Dig into work and clear your desk. Don't beat yourself up about what you cannot change. Put your efforts into areas where you can make a difference. Listen to your own advice about exercise and diet.

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**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
Don't make waves with anyone today. Stay on a nice, even course. You could be surprised by how what you hear affects you on a deeper level.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
Bright ideas come from associates and close friends. Listen, but don't feel compelled to respond immediately. A partner creates uproar - he really knows how to get your attention! Emphasize fulfilling your needs and building more stability. Tonight: A quiet night for two.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
Others are full of information, though in some way you might have difficulty giving form to all the ideas you are hearing. Let go of what isn't working for you professionally, but don't accept a radical course of action just yet. Tonight: At a favor it's spot.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
Expenses go overboard. Have you overindulged a child or loved one? Be realistic about what you can and cannot do. Others actually need stronger boundaries from you. Listen to one who is frequently a source of financial wisdom. Tonight: Fun doesn't have to cost!

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
Beam in what you want. You could feel deserted by a family member as he leaves you holding up the fort. Use this situation as a reminder of choices you need to make. Your magnetism and energy get you through any problems. Tonight: Express a wish.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
Take a back seat and think before you burst another's bubble. The damages could be far greater than you intend.

Understand better through observation; you'll get clues about your motives as well. When you do take action, it will be constructive. Tonight: Clear out mail and errands.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
You could feel let down by a money snafu. Clearly, you don't have everything in order. Evaluate carefully before you give up a project. Could there be another path to the same place? Friends do their best. Still, give yourself several weeks to figure all this out. Tonight: Where the gang is.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
You could be more the cause of your problems than you realize. Your unpredictability, though natural for you, could undermine others who depend on and trust you. Be aware of your image and of others' expectations. Clear off your desk. Tonight: In the limelight!

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
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## Kind words for unhappy child came when they were needed

DEAR ABBY: As I climbed the stairs to the front door one day, I got a funny feeling. When I opened the door, I knew that something had happened. I ran to the bedroom closet and jerked the door open. All of my father's shoes were gone, and so was he! No one had said anything to me about his leaving.

At school I was a dreamer, irritated with the boring trivia people demanded I learn. At home one parent ignored me, except when I made a mistake - corrected at the loudest volume - while the other spent every spare moment teaching and quizzing difficult subjects.

No one listened or spoke to me during the previous four years. I had lived in my own world, nightmares, sleepwalking - once all the way down to the street - planning my death and funeral, and wishing I was dead. I lived in profound depression. No one noticed. Discovering that my father was gone felt like falling off a cliff after thinking I was on solid ground.

As I walked slowly to the kitchen I decided that I'd had enough of everything. After my usual milk and cookies and the San Francisco Chronicle - a new column had appeared a few days earlier (1956) - I would decide how and when to do it. My parents were very busy people, and I knew they wouldn't want to bother with my pain. I decided to write to the author of the new column. I haven't the first clue why I chose that person, but at least the columnist would know why I was dead.

A few days later, I got another shock. Being the first one home every day, I brought the mail in. I was stunned to see a letter addressed to me. ME! Someone thought I mattered enough to write to me even though I was only 10 years old. It was a long, thoughtful, caring response that advised me to find someone to whom I could talk or write.

An aunt living in Arizona seemed a good choice. I didn't know her, too well, but I liked her and began writing. She wrote back. When I became an adult, I told her how I came to write to her all my life.

I survived my childhood with a large unpaid debt. It is important to me that you publish this letter, Abby, so that it can be partially repaid by saying a public "thank you" for kindness to a child and for saving her life. That new columnist was you! Over the years I've thought of you often, always with amazement that you wrote to me. It was a very special thing that you did. Thank you.

With appreciation and thanks - D.L.G. IN BEVERLY HILLS

DEAR D.L.G.: I'm deeply touched by your letter and pleased that I was there for you when you needed someone. The most profound way to repay your "debt" is to pass that good deed along to others who need to know that they are important and that somebody who has nothing to gain cares.

DEAR ABBY: Your letters about husbands doing things for their wives sparked my interest. Not only does mine open doors, and does the laundry, goes shopping - and does a very good job of it.

He takes me out to dinner each and every payday, sweeps, mops the floors and shampooes the carpets, and keeps the yard beautiful. He does NOT mess in my flowerbeds, however. That's my baby.

He can't cook, but that's OK because I love to cook.

We are in our 50s and we leave love notes all over the house. He always kisses me goodbye on his way out the door to work - whether I'm asleep or awake.

I hear of so much family violence. I'm very happy and consider myself a lucky woman. In this imperfect world, I got the almost perfect man - A HAPPY COUPLE IN MISSOURI

DEAR HAPPY COUPLE: My congratulations to you both. My column is usually a trouble-dump. But with the exception of the series of letters I have printed about acts of kindness, I don't know when I've enjoyed printing letters more than those I've received from couples who take the time to express their love for each other. Perhaps they will provide inspiration to couples who need it.

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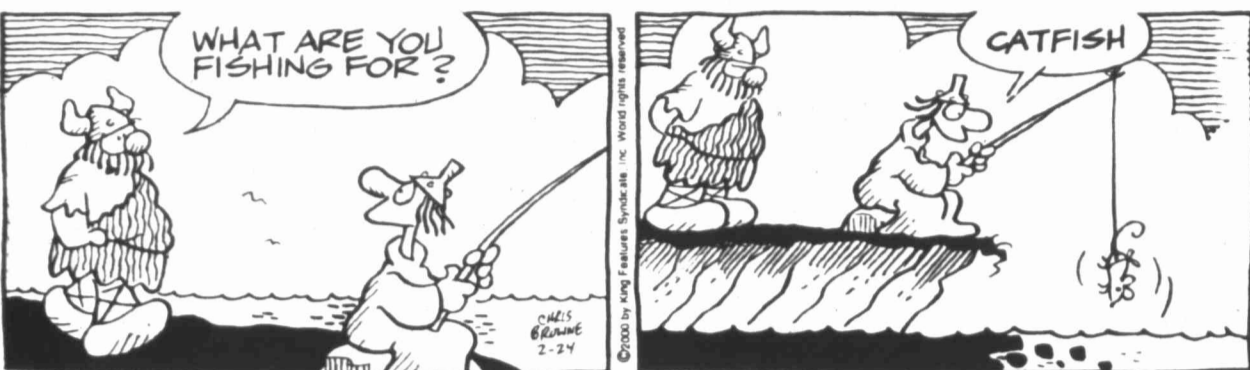
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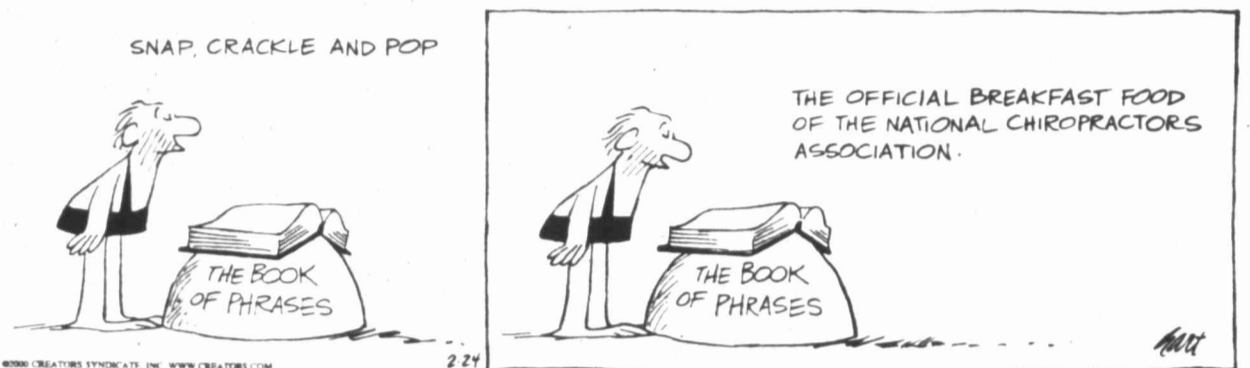
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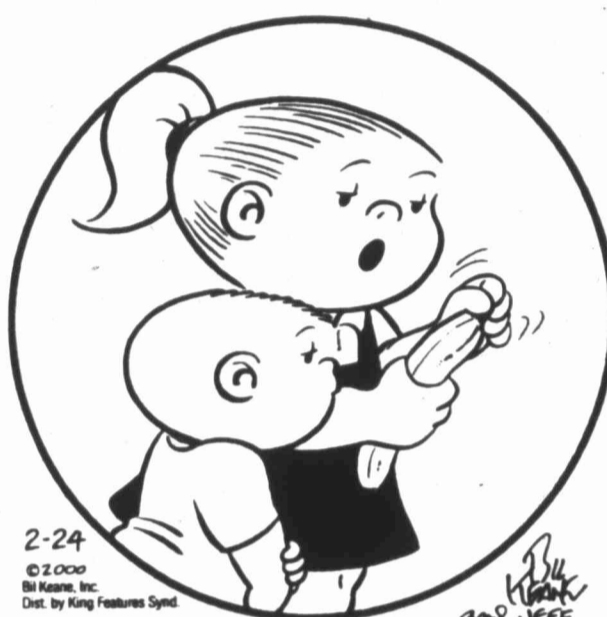
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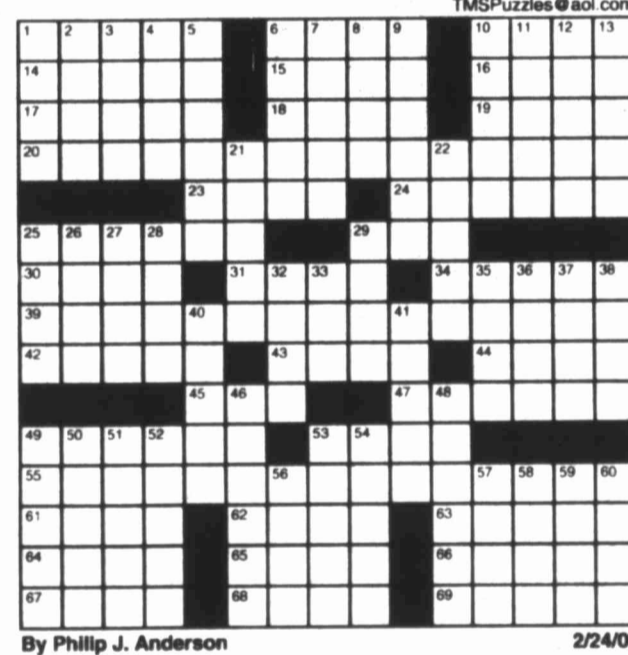
The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Thursday, Feb. 24, the 55th day of 2000. There are 311 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 24, 1868, the House of Representatives impeached President Andrew Johnson following his attempted to dismiss Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton; Johnson was later acquitted by the Senate. On this date:

In 1821, Mexico declared its independence from Spain. In 1863, Arizona was organized as a territory. In 1903, the United States signed an agreement acquiring a naval station at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba. In 1920, a fledgling German political party held its first meeting of importance in Munich; it became known as the Nazi Party, and its chief spokesman was Adolf Hitler. In 1945, American soldiers liberated the Philippine capital of Manila from Japanese control during World War II. In 1955, the Cole Porter musical "Silk Stockings" opened at the Imperial Theater on Broadway. In 1980, the U.S. hockey team defeated Finland 4-2 to clinch the gold medal at the Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, N.Y. In 1981, Buckingham Palace announced the engagement of Britain's Prince Charles to Lady Diana Spencer. In 1983, a congressional commission released a report condemning the internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II as a "grave injustice."

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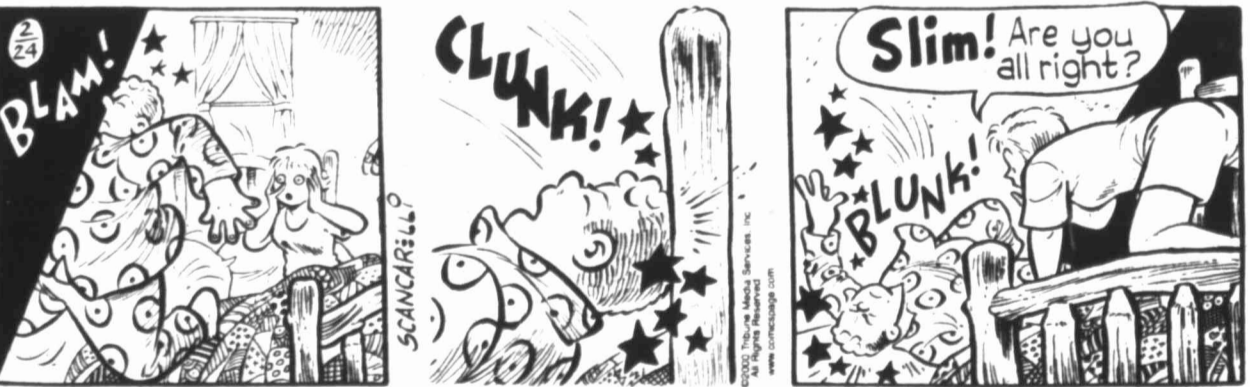


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In 1989, a state funeral was held in Japan for Emperor Hirohito, who had died the month before at age 87. Ten years ago: Magazine publisher Malcolm Forbes died in Far Hills, N.J. at age 70. Fifties balladeer Johnnie Ray died in Los Angeles at age 63. Five years ago: Under pressure from farm-state Republicans, House leaders abandoned a campaign promise to disband the food stamp program. One year ago: The Senate voted overwhelmingly to give the nation's military the biggest benefits increase since the early 1980s. Lauryn Hill won a record five Grammys, including album of the year and best new artist, on the strength of her solo debut album, "The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill." Today's Birthdays: Actor Abe Vigoda is 79. Actor Steven Hill ("Law and Order") is 78. Movie composer Michel Legrand is 68. Actor John Vernon is 68. Opera singer Renata Scotto is 65. Actor James Farentino is 62. Actor Barry Bostwick is 55. Actor Edward James Olmos is 53. Singer-writer-producer Rupert Holmes is 53. Fox News anchor Paula Zahn is 44. Country singer Sammy Kershaw is 42. Singer Michelle Shocked is 38. Thought for Today: "Nothing is more difficult for Americans to understand than the possibility of tragedy." - Henry A. Kissinger, former U-S Secretary of State (1923-).