THURSDAY March 9, 2000

WEATHER

Tonight:



PARTLY CLOUDY 43°-47° 68°-72°

'Dance Real Slow' to debut tonight

The Howard College Theater Department, under the direction of Clay Grizzle, will present the critically acclaimed "And They Dance Real Slow In Jackson" tonight at 8 p.m. in the Settles Building.

Admission is \$3 per person. Performances are also scheduled Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.

Coahoma Lions set pancake feed

The Coahoma Lions Club will be holding its annual Pancake Supper tonight at the Coahoma Elementary School Cafeteria.

The supper will be served from 5-7 p.m. and it will be an all-you-can-eat affair with pancakes, sausage, bacon and milk being served. Cost is \$3.50 per person with preschool children eating free when accompanied by a paying adult.

Advance ticketsare available at the Lil' Sooper, located on 101 South First in Coahoma. Those who do not purchase tickets in advance can get them at the door.

VFW chili supper slated for Saturday

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2013 will have a chili supper Saturday from 4-8 p.m. at the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.

The supper, which will include chili, cornbread and beans, is available for a \$4 donation. It is a fund-raiser for projects of the VFW, which benefit veterans in the

For information or tickets. call Leo Welch at 267-5290. Tickets will also be available at the door.

What's up...

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

THURSDAY ☐ Gideons International,

Hermans, 7 a.m. ☐ Big Spring Senior Citizens Center Art Classes,

9:30 to 11:30 a.m. ☐ Kiwanis Club, noon, **Howard College Cactus**

☐ Christmas in April noon, Lions Bingo Bldg. 1607 East Third.

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Clerk reminds those taking time off at spring break to cast vote first

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor

Howard County residents who plan on being out of town next week might want to make a note to cast their ballot Friday in the March Republican and



they haven't already done so. "Next week is spring break

and a lot of people will be going out of town Tuesday, which is election day," reminded Donna Wright, county clerk. "They can still vote early from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Friday."

Some 1,248 ballots had been cast at the early voting box by 5 p.m. Wednesday, which is located at the county clerk's office in **Howard County Courthouse. Of** those, 1,049 were cast in the

Rookie firemen Marcus Tatro, Danny Whitehead, Dustin Layman and Pete Ortega extinguish a car

fire in a training session at the airpark fire station Wednesday. The class began training Jan. 3 and

Denim and Diamonds Fiesta mailers out

stroll among party-goers on the

patio adjoining Newsom's home

Mexican finger foods, includ-

ing taquitas, chips and salsa,

miniature tacos and tamales,

and chocolate-covered strawber-

ries will be catered by longtime

volunteer Newsom and a num-

"The food is always wonder-

Following the reception,

party-goers can dance at the

Stampede from 9 p.m. until mid-

Dress for both events is casu-

Honorary project chairmen

are Stan and Sue Partee. Mrs.

Partee's mother, Dorothy

Garrett, was a longtime hon-

orary chairperson of the fund-

raiser and the Partees have

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ber of hospital volunteers.

and Wolfe's offices

ful," Johnson said.

Democratic Party primaries if Republican Primary; 199 in the there is only one county wide the Precinct 3 constable's post Democratic Primary.

While more than a thousand ballots have been cast, voter turnout has been trailing 1996 numbers, said Wright.

"There were two more early voting days in 1996 than we have this year. But with three days left in 1996 we had 1,719 ballots in both primaries com-Through yesterday (Tuesday) we had 1,097 ballots cast," she said.

Another difference is that

contested race Tuesday. That's in the Republican Primary were incumbent Howard County Sheriff Bill Jennings is facing a challenge from police detective Dave Mohn. The victor will face former police officer Javier Becerra, who is unopposed on the Democratic ticket.

Voters in the Tubbs Addition and those living south past Forsan, will choose between Boyce Hale and Joseph "Butch" Lesueur, who are both seeking See ELECTION, Page 2A

on the Republican ticket. There is no Democratic candidate.

There are several other contested races on the ballot of a state and national nature, including the office of president. On the Republican ticket are George W. Bush, John McClain, Steve Forbes, Gary Bauer, Alan Keyes, Orrin G. Hatch and Charles Bass Urban. On the Democratic ballot are Al

Amtrak

City officials anxious to get more information; excited about possibilities

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor

There's still no timeline for Amtrak's rerouting of the Sunset Limited through Big Spring, but city

officials expecting to hear some word "They've told

us that there is no firm timeline right now, but we're encouraged about the news

CORSON that they are coming through here," said Leigh Corson, city of Big Spring planning coordinator. "In visiting with them, I feel Amtrak is very serious about wanting to

work in close coordination with Amtrak intends to send information packets to cities along the new route.

"Hopefully they will get those to us by the end of March," Corson said.

Those packets will include information about depot recommendations, funding sources and other details, she said.

"Mary Jennings, Amtrak governmental affairs manager in Chicago, said Amtrak will be getting together with cities along the route to discuss those things. I don't know whether it will be one-on-one vet, or whether it will be one meeting with all of the cities present," said Corson.

"We're anxious to get information on what type of facility we might need to have, what the guidelines might be, square footage, what time of amenities need to be there.'

Big Spring no longer has a depot. Rail passenger service

was discontinued here in the 1960s. The old depot site located near downtown is a logical spot for a new one, but there are some problems, Corson noted.

"It's in a flood plane and that has to be dealt with. There may also be some environmental remediation involved. There are several factors that have to be addressed whenever you consider constructing a facility like this," she said. "Of course our first thought is that it would be ideal if it could be located close to downtown, but that will have to be studied."

The route change through Big Spring is part of a sweeping Amtrak reorganization that establishes Fort Worth as a major rail hub, restores full service to the Texas Eagle and promises to establish a rail link from San Antonio to Mexico.

Big Spring is in the system because the Jacksonville, Fla. to Los Angeles Sunset Limited will take a new route through Texas under the plan. Amt has announced it will eliminate service to Del Rio, Alpine and Sanderson, and instead route through Eastland, Abilene, Big Spring, Odessa and Pecos.

Amtrak officials said the reason for the route change is to serve more populated areas and to shave 10 hours off the Fort Worth to Los Angeles leg.

Kevin Johnson, Amtrak manager of media relations in Chicago said he has not been given any timeline on when the changes might take place.

"We still don't know at this point. I know they are working out the details, but as far as a timeline, I still don't have one," Johnson said.

Amtrak's Crescent Limited, which links New York with

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Cause of fire that destroys \$200,000 home under investigation

Elmira Forman is one of a num-

ber of volunteers who have been

stuffing more than 1,500

envelopes for the state hospi-

tal's Denim and Diamonds

By CARL GRAHAM

is due to graduate April 6.

The first mailing for Big

Spring State Hospital's Denim

and Diamonds Fiesta will be

sent out this week to more than

1,500 Howard County residents.

The hospital's major fund-

raising event is scheduled for

May 5 and is sponsored by the

Big Spring State Hospital

A reception at the home of

Don Newsom and the law office

of Troyce G. Wolfe, 1001 Scurry

St., at 7 p.m., will precede a 9

p.m. dance by Jody Nix and the

Texas Cowboys at the

This year's reception will

carry a touch of Old Mexico,

said Kathy Johnson, BSSH

director of community develop-

ment. The Familia Ramirez

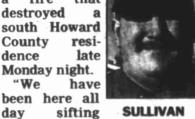
Mariachi Band of Odessa will

Volunteer Services Council.

Staff Writer

Stampede.

The State fire marshal's office is investigating fire that destroyed south Howard County resilate dence Monday night. "We



through the rubble that is left," Howard County Volunteer Fire Chief Tommy Sullivan Wednesday. "It will be a long, drawn-out affair I would imagine but we will resume the

investigation on Friday morning when the fire marshal returns.'

Sullivan said his Howard County unit was the first to arrive on the scene at 206 Todd Road after the call came in at approximately 10:59 p.m. "We were the first people to

arrive on site at 11:06 and by that time the structure was fully involved. At approximately 11:30 I pulled my crews off the fire and went into a defensive mode from outside to prevent any of my firemen from getting injured," said Sullivan. "At that time it was my determination that the home was unsalvageable and there was a lot popping noise going off, so for safety factors I pulled them



Forsan High School student David Higginbotham took a photo of

nce when it was engulfed in flames



Howard County VFD members Kim Brown, Misty Peterson, Laura Arpin and Terry Rumpff shovel away debris left from a structural fire that destroyed a residence at 207 Todd Road. The state fire marshal's office is assisting Fire Chief Tommy Sullivan with an investigation to determine the cause.

Sullivan said once the fire was extinguished he was able to begin a preliminary investigation. At that point he decided to call the state fire marshal's office for help in deterwell everything goes. mining the cause and why the structure went up so quickly.

The house was unoccupied and

back."

is valued at approximately \$200,000. The couple who own the house live in Midland, according to Sullivan.

Sullivan said the investigation could be a long one, depending on how

"I would estimate it will take about a week to two weeks

before a final determination of the cause will be forthcoming," said Sullivan. "We are about finished for today and start back again on Friday when the investigating team returns." According to Sullivan, things

went a lot faster in getting the

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Violet Russell 'Limey' Melton

Violet Russell "Limey" Melton, 73, of Big Spring, died on Tuesday, March 7, 2000, in a local hospital. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Sat-

urday, March 11, 2000, at Canterbury North, 1600 Lancaster, with the Rev. Jack Abendschan, retired Methodist

minister, offi-

ciating. She was born on March 4. 1927, in London, England, and came to Big Spring in 1947.

Mrs. Melton was a Methodist and a member of RSVP, the CPA Alumni Association, the Canterbury Auxiliary, the American Legion Auxiliary and was a Gray Lady volunteer at the Veterans Administration Medical Center.

Survivors include: one son and daughter-in-law, Jessie and Karen Henry of Sand Springs; one daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Gary Kinard of Coahoma; nine grandchildren, Murphy Henry and Steven Henry, both of Sand Springs, Russell Henry and his wife, Melissa, of Ft. Bragg, N.C., John Williford of Big Spring, Michael Kinard, Codey Kinard, Rodney Kinard, Kristy Kinard and Kimberley Kinard, all of Coahoma; one great-grandchild, Karissa Henry of Ft. Bragg, N.C.; and dear friend, Nancy Jones of Big Spring.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Jettie Lee Henry. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

paid obituary

Freddie Lee Wilson

Service for Freddie Lee Wilson, 56, Big Spring, is 2 p.m. Saturday, March 11, 2000, at McCoy Chapel of Memories with the Rev. Michael King, the Rev. Oddie B. Willams and the Rev. William Booker officiating. Burial will follow in

March 3, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center:

He was born on May 3, 1943, in Cameron. He was a graduate of Booker T. Washington High School in Sweetwater. He had lived in Big Spring since 1996. He was a Baptist

He is surgived by: four sons, Billy Joe Wilson and Richard Wilson, both of Lubbock, Robert Wilson and Fredrick Wilson, both of Dallas; two FIEST daughters, Cynthia Wilson and Donna Wilson, both of

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288 Pablo, F. Jara, 69, died Wednesday. Services are pending.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH **Funeral Home**



Dalton C. Hamby, 95, died Wednesday. Graveside services will be 2:00 PM Friday at Trinity Memorial Park Mausloeum.

Janice Pickle Harris, 95, died Monday. Graveside services will be 2:00 PM Saturday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Violet Russell "Limey" Melton, 73, died Tuesday. Memorial services will be 2:00 PM Saturday at Canterbury North.

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Lubbock; two brothers, Marvin Wilson of Odessa and Tommy Wilson of Fort Worth; three sisters, Bertha Mae Staten of Sweetwater, Jonell Thomas of Las Cruces, N.M. and Brenda Moore of Sweetwater; his father, M. T. Staten of Big Spring.

Local arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

Dalton C. Hamby

Dalton C. Hamby, 95, of Big Spring, died on Wednesday, March 8, 2000, in a local hospital. Graveside funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, March 10. 2000, at Trinity Memorial Park Mausoleum with the Rev. Monroe Teeters, Baptist minister, officiating.

He was born on July 31, 1904, in Floral, Ark., to J.F. and Ellen Berry Hamby. He married Mamie Morris on March 4, 1923, in Howard County, and she preceded him in death on July 30, 1994.

Mr. Hamby came to Howard County with his family in 1921, where they settled in the Luther Community. He worked as a welder for over 30 years and worked for the Big Spring Independent School District in maintenance and as a bus driver for 10 years retiring in

He was a member of Berea Baptist Church.

Survivors include: five daughters and two sons-in-laws, Marie and S.L. White of Big Lake, Edith and George Mandry of Fredricksburg, Winona Fincher of Midland, Eunetta McAnally of Big Spring and Myrna Unbehend of Lutz, Fla.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Elton and Lenora Hamby of Truth Consequences, N.M. and Darel and Brenda Hamby of Hamilton; 36 grandchildren; 57 great-grandchildren, several great great-grandchildren; and

numerous nieces and nephews. He was also preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, four brothers and one

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

Pablo F. Jara

Service for Pablo F. Jara, 69, Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Mr. Jara died on Wednesday,

March 8, 2000, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a sudden illness.

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agreed to continue the tradition said Billie Russworm, BSSH director of community relations.

The Volunteer Services Council expects to generate more than \$15,000 for the

patients at the hospital. Denim and Diamonds Fiesta attendees can assist the hospital in a number of ways, Johnson said. Benefactors can contribute \$200 a couple; Patrons, \$100 a couple; and Sponsors, \$50 per

couple. A donation to the state hospitals entities the couple to join the festivities with their name printed on the invitation, an invitation to the pre-dance reception, and two dance tick-Donations are tax deductible and all proceeds go to help patients, Johnson said. Couples wanting to attend the

dance only may donate \$25 to attend, she said. Anyone who does not receive

an invitation but who would like to attend is encouraged to call the community relations office at 268-7833.

"This has really become an event that everyone looks for-

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ward to," Jöhnson said. Everyone has a nice time and they get a chance to support the hospital and our patients at the same time."

FIRE

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rubble cleared and sifted through, due in part to the help of County Commissioner Gary

"Commissioner Simer sent a front end loader to help move some of the debris out of the way and that was a tremendous help to us," said Sullivan. "We were able to do more in one day that it would usually take in several days and we appreciate that help very much.'

Sullivan said he kept a pumper tank truck at the site throughout the night Monday and through most of Tuesday for safety's sake.

According to Sullivan, things went a lot faster in clearing the ruble because of the help sent by County Commissioner Gary Simer.

"Commissioner Simer sent a front end loader to help move out some of the debris and we were able to do in one day what it would have taken us several days to do otherwise, "said Sullivan.

Sullivan said he has kept a tank truck on standby since being initially called out but that they may be able to let them return soon.

AMTRAK

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Atlanta and New Orleans, will split at Meridian, Miss., and go through Shreveport, La., to provide passenger and express package service to Fort Worth. Amtrak also plans a new express train between New York and Los Angeles, officials The move allows Amtrak to

develop its mail and shipping business from the East Coast to the Dallas-Fort Worth area and tap into the flow of gamblers heading to Shreveport.

In other moves, service is scheduled to between cities on is Northeast Corridor and Chicago and Florida.

All in all, officials expect the growth to improve the government-owned passenger rail road's bottom line by \$65 million a vear.

ELECTION

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Gore, Bill Bradley and Lyndon H. LaRouche Jr.

Andy Draughn and incumbent Michael L. Williams are on the Republican ballot seeking an unexpired term on the Texas Railroad Commission. There is no Democratic candidate.

There are five candidates on the Democratic ballot for U.S. Senator from Texas. They are H. Gerald Bintliff, Don Clark, Charles Gandy, Gene Kelly and Bobby Wightman-Cervantes. The winner will face incumbent Kay Bailey Hutchison, who is unopposed in the Republican Primary.

Seeking the Republican nomination for U.S. Representative for District 17 are Shane Hunt Darrell Clements. and **Incumbent Charlie Stenholm is** unopposed on the Democratic

Running for Place 1 on the Texas Supreme Court are Valorie Republicans Davenport and Nathan Hecht. There are no Democratic candi-

dates for the office. Seeking Place 3 on the Texas Supreme Court Justice are Republicans Al Gonzales and Rod E. Gorman.

Running for the office of presiding judge with the Court of Criminal Appeals on the Republican ticket are Sharon

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

ALLAN'S 12 Months No Interest



Keller, Connie J. Kelley, Tom Price and J. Gary Trichter. Bill Vance is unopposed on the Republican Ticket,

BIG SPRING

and Guy Williams. There is no Democratic candidate.

Republicans seeking Place 2, Court of Criminal Appeals Judge are Pat Barber, Barbara Parker Hervey, W.B. "Bennie" House Jr., Sally L. Ray and Jim Wallace. William R. Barr is unopposed on the Democratic ballot.

"I would encourage everyone

BRIEFS

HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 2

SENIOR CITIZENS WHO **HAVE** witnessed the effects of childhood diseases are needed to staff a new volunteer program that will promote immunizations.

Volunteers 55 and older are sought for the effort, to be known; as the Seniors for Childhood Immunization Program. RSVP volunteers will visit new mothers at Scenic Mountain Medical Center and remind them of the importance of the immunizations.

To find out more about the program or to volunteer, call 264-2397.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

P.T. non-profit sup port 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-

IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMITITING.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activities from 8 a.m. Wednesday through 8 a.m.

• TYRONE WILLIAMS, 19, of Odessa, was arrested on a charge of minor in possession. ROBERT EVANS, 19, of 903 Sgt. Paredez, was arrested on a

charge of driving under the influence-minor. · SCOTT FOWLER, 42, no

address given, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication. • BRENT STEWART, 40, of Belan, N.M., was arrested on a

charge of public intoxication. · JERRY MARQUEA, 41, of 2509 Chanute, was arrested on a charge of driving while

license was suspended. · LAVON BALDOCK, 31, of

FURNITURE

Big Spring, Texas



TEXAS LOTTERY

AROUND THE TOWN

Republicans seeking Place 1. Court of Criminal Appeals, are John Boston, Alan Curry, Tom Greenwell, Charles Holcomb

to get out and vote. We'll be here until 5 p.m. Friday," said Wright. "You need to remember to bring your voter registration card or some form of identifica-

imbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery comm

1607 East 16, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication. · ALLISON REDDING, 28, of 2505 Central, was arrested on a

charge of public intoxication. • EARL HENKE, 41, of 2505 Central, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxi-

• RICKY HAGGARD, 28, of 1601 East 16, was arrested on local warrant.

• ELIGIO VIASALNO, 47, of 704 Johnson, was arrested on a local warrant. • KARRI TINDOL, 27, of 2206

Morrison, was arrested on a charge of driving while license was suspended. • THEFT was reported in the

500 block of Gregg.
• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 400 block of East 14 and in the 1800 block of State.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activities from 8 a.m. Wednesday through 8 a.m.

 TASHIA ROSE SPAETH, 20, of 910 East 6, was arrested on a charge of non payment of child support. (Atty. General) MANUEL VILLARREAL,

38, of Lubbock, was arrested on

a charge of driving while intoxicated(3rd or more). (HCSO) · ANTHONY ARISTA, 40, of 306 Northeast 10, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated (3rd or more).

• SCOTTY JOE BRYANT, 22, of 1105 Mulberry, was arrested on a charge of possession of

marijuana. (BSPD) **JOSEPH** ALTON MURLEY, 21, of 1105 Mulberry. possession of marijuana.

(BSPD) ANDREA DIANE EPPER-SON, 24, of 908 Lancaster, was arrested on a charge of posses-

sion of marijuana. (BSPD) PHILLIP TERREL KUYK-ENDALL, 19, of Stanton, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana. (BSPD)

Fire/ems

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS

WEDNESDAY

5:58 a.m. - 2200 block Williams Rd., medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

8:20 a.m. — 800 block Northwest Fifth, medical call, patient transported to SMMC. 8:33 a.m. - 1600 block Lancaster, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

929 a.m. — SMMC, patient

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Lotto: 1,13,17,28,29,44

transferred to residence. 10:28 a.m. - SMMC, patient transferred to residence. 11:13 a.m. - SMMC, patient

transferred to residence. 12:02 p.m. - 2000 block Gregg, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

12:06 p.m. — SMMC, patient transferred to residence. 1:37 p.m. - 500 block Northwest 10, medical call,

patient transported to SMMC. 4:33 p.m. - 1100 block North Gregg, automobile on fire, fire was out on arrival.

6:09 p.m. — SMMC, patient transferred to residence. 6:11 p.m. - 900 block. Abrams, medical call, patient

refused service. 10:18 p.m. - 2000 block Morrison, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

Records

Wednesday's high 76 Wednesday's low 39 Average high 67 Average low 37 Record high 87 in 1918 Record low 18 in 1932 Precip. Wednesday 0.00 Month to date 0.14 Month's normal 0.75 Year to date 1.19 Normal for the year 1.33 Sunrise Friday 7:02 a.m. Sunset Friday 6:51 p.m. *Statistics not available

CLARIFICATION

In Monday's edition of the Herald, an item in the police activity report indicated that police had arrested a 42-yearold man named Ricky Logsdon. Officials were later able to

and is not a local resident.

MARKETS

May cotton 62.63, down 16 points; April crude 31.05, down 21 points; cash hogs steady at 41 even; slaughter steers steady at 71 even; April lean hog futures 59.90, up 45 points; April live cattle futures 72.42, up 10 points. courtesy: Delta Corporation.

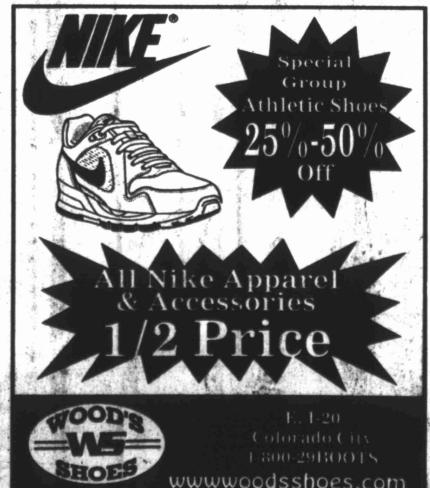
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Thursday, March

WASHINGTON (A lawmakers are prop 1993 gas tax of 4.3 ce be lifted temporaril burden of motorist cope with soaring prices this summer

House and Senate committees were idea, but a r Republican senato proposal might gain if prices at the pu more than \$1.50 many places, contin

"We've got to tal price of gas this su Sen. Ted Stevens, R gesting one way to was suspending the

And the tax could issue in the presid paign.

Sen. Don Nickle said Wednesday t was imposed in 19 Democrats held a m solid GOP opposit made a point to sa

Palesti SHARM EL-SH

(AP) — In a summi ed by the Egyptia the Israeli and Pale ers formally embar they hope will be th of more than six y and-go peace talks. Israeli Prime M Barak and Palest Yasser Arafat bot cessions this weel latestcrisis, with Is

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suspected of killing

while kidnapping girlfriend was at after a shooting which he shot thr ple, one of whom la The girlfriend wa

at the Elridge Hote alleged abducto Palczynski, 31, bec in a standoff with

to lower gasoline prices

WASHINGTON (AP) - Some lawmakers are proposing that a 1993 gas tax of 4.3 cents a gallon: be lifted temporarily to ease the burden of motorists having to cope with soaring gasoline prices this summer.

House and Senate tax writing committees were cool to the idea, but a number of Republican senators said the proposal might gain momentum if prices at the pump, now at more than \$1.50 a gallon in many places, continue to climb.

"We've got to take down the price of gas this summer," said Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, suggesting one way to help do that was suspending the 1993 excise

nt

And the tax could become an issue in the presidential campaign.

Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla., said Wednesday that the tax was imposed in 1993 when the Democrats held a majority with solid GOP opposition, and he made a point to say that Vice

President Al Gore cast the tie-

breaking vote.

"That was (the administration's) energy policy." Nickles
said. But some Republican lawmakers also questioned whether tampering with the federal gas excise tax might be an overreaction, especially if it gets reimposed once gas prices decline.

"I am for tax reduction whenever you can put them on the books. I'm a little concerned when we say we're going to do it, then we're going to take it back," said Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, which considers tax legislation.

And Archer questioned how much good a 4.3 cent difference would make when gasoline as some predict - hits \$2 a gallon during the peak driving period this summer.

Sen. William Roth, R-Del., chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, has not made a decision and will discuss the proposal with other lawmakers in the coming days, an aide to the senator said Wednesday.

While it might be politically attractive, such a tax cut, even if temporary, also would take billions of dollars away from the federal trust fund for highway construction, something that does not set well with lawmakers planning the transportation budget, nor the powerful highway lobby.

Sen. Frank Murkowski, R-Alaska, another senator favoring the idea, said lost revenue could be made up later when gas prices go down.

Meanwhile, Murkowski on Wednesday used the brouhaha over high oil and gasoline prices to once again push legislation that would open up an environmentally sensitive Alaskan wildlife refuge to oil drilling.

He long has argued that drilling could be conducted on the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in northern Alaska without harm-

ing wildlife or the area's ecology. His bill was introduced with 31 Senate sponsors, but its chances of becoming law this year are slim.

President Clinton previously has vetoed legislation to drill for oil in the refuge.

Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt quickly issued a statement saying he strongly opposed oil development in the refuge and that Clinton again would veto such legislation.

"We've made it clear again and again. We will protect this last undeveloped fragment of America' arctic coastline,' Babbitt said.

Meanwhile, the Senate was

expected shortly to consider a nonbinding resolution calling on Clinton to communicate the need for increased oil production to the Organization of **Petroleum Exporting Countries** before their meeting March 27. The OPEC members are expected to decide at the meeting on

whether to boost production.

Flameout on B-1 bomber sparks fires near Dyess AFB

fire forced a B-1 bomber from Dyess Air Force Base to cut a training flight short and return to the base Wednesday morning.

But before the plane landed safely, molten material dripped from the aircraft and onto the ground, igniting 15 small brush fires in and around the base and forcing evacuation of an elementary school, base officials said.

No injuries or major proper ty damage were reported, said Major John Boyle, chief of public affairs at Dyess Air Force Base. The cause of the fire was under investigation.

A damage estimate was unavailable on the \$200 million jet, which had no weapons on board, Boyle said.

"Shortly after 10 a.m. as the plane left the ground, the control tower noticed flames from

ABILENE (AP) - An engine one of the engines on its right side," he said. "The four-man crew shut down two of the plane's engines."

The plane landed about 30

minutes later. As it circled the airfield to land, melted material from the engine fell to the ground, igniting a dozen small brush fires in a grassy area near the runway and three small brush fires on private ranch land next to the base.

About 600 students from nearby Dyess Elementary School were evacuated, and classes were canceled for the rest of the day, said Deputy Superintendent Robert Glover The school is about 1) miles east of where the brush fires burned.

"The school was evacuated because of the extremely dry conditions in the area," Boyle

Palestinians, Israelis making major concessions to rekindle peace talks

(AP) - In a summit today hosted by the Egyptian president, the Israeli and Palestinian leaders formally embarked on what they hope will be the final phase of more than six years of stopand-go peace talks.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat both made concessions this week to end the latestcrisis, with Israelis allowing greater U.S. involvement in negotiations and the

SHARM EL-SHEIK, Egypt Palestinians accepting territory bordering that wasn't Jerusalem.

The compromise was to be sealed today in the Egyptian Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheik, under the auspices of two key mediators — Egyptian

President Hosni Mubarak Even though the original peace timetable was already outdated in large parts, Barak and Arafat agreed in two summit meetings this week to stick to the most important deadline

- a full peace treaty by Sept. 13. Under a new timetable, Israel

will withdraw from 6.1 percent of the West Bank in the next few days. Negotiations on a final peace treaty will resume in Washington around March 20, after the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Adha. May is the new target for a treaty framework originally due Feb. 13, to be followed in June by an additional Israeli pullback.

Still, the compromise appears to delay the next crisis and does

not take the two sides closer to agreement. Negotiators are far apart on the key issues of a peace treaty — borders, the status of Jerusalem, the future of Jewish settlements and the status of Palestinian refugees.

"We are not talking about a breakthrough, but a resumption of talks," said Israeli Arab legislator Ahmed Tibi, a former adviser to Arafat. "There isn't any drastic change in the Israeli position."

Arafat had suspended the

talks early last month over the 6.1 percent pullback.

The Palestinians wanted the withdrawal to include three West Bank suburbs bordering Jerusalem, a pullback that would enhance their stake in the disputed city. Israel resisted, offering the Palestinians unpopulated patches of land. Arafat said if he could not trust the Israelis on relatively minor matters, there was no way he could work with them on the major issues

Under U.S. pressure, Arafat backed down. Palestinian officials said Barak has handed Arafat a map featuring 10 percent of the West Bank, out of which Arafat could choose the 6.1 percent he wanted. The new map includes populous areas near, but not those adjoining Jerusalem.

Barak's chief policy adviser, Danny Yatom, said today it was possible Israel would hand the suburbs to the Palestinians at a later time.

Police track alleged murder suspect to small hotel, but search turns up empty

BALTIMORE (AP) - A man suspected of killing three people while kidnapping his estranged girlfriend was at large today after a shooting rampage in which he shot three other people, one of whom later died.

The girlfriend was found safe at the Elridge Hotel, where her alleged abductor, Joseph Palczynski, 31, became engaged in a standoff with police late

Early today, a room-by-room search of the small hotel didn't turn up the suspect. Police said they found an automatic rifle and a pistol-grip shotgun believed to have been used in the slayings.

George and Gloria Shenk were sheltering Palczynski's girlfriend. Tracy Whitehead. when a gunman walked into

their apartment in Bowleys Quarters, about 10 miles east of Baltimore, on Tuesday night.

The gunman told Whitehead: "Tracy, get up, you're going," according to police reports. The Shenks were fatally shot, as was David Meyers, 42, a neighbor who tried to help Whitehead, police said.

The gunman and Whitehead seen leaving in a van

By Wednesday night, police say, Palczynski had gone on a shooting rampage east of Baltimore. Major Jeff Caslin said the spree began about 7:45 p.m. when the suspect shot at and injured a woman traveling in her car with her husband.

About 15 minutes later, the man shot at a Chrysler LeBaron he was trying to steal, hitting a

woman and her 2-year-old daughter who were driving by. The suspect took the LeBaron, but the driver was unharmed, Caslin said. A short time later, the man stole another car from an elderly woman, police said.

The woman injured in the first attack Wednesday later died at Franklin Square Hospital Center in Baltimore. hospital officials said.

Conditions of the others injured in Wednesday's attacks were not immediately known.

Whitehead has told police that Palczynski beat her when she tried to move out of their apart ment on Friday. He was arrest ed but was later released, according to police documents. The circumstances of the release weren't immediately explained.

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OUR VIEWS

Saturday concert promises to be fun, uplifting, too

omething special is coming Saturday to the Municipal Auditorium. The All-City Children's Honor Choir and Big Spring Symphony Chorus will join the Big Spring Symphony in concert for "Sing Big Spring!"

It promises to be a musical extravaganza, leading off with the orchestra performing Beethoven's "Fifth Symphony" and closing with the adult and children's choirs combined for the "Hallelujah Chorus." In between, the children will perform "The Sound of Music," "All Things Bright and Beautiful" and numbers from the opera, "The Pirates of Penzanze."

Linda Lindell, Big Spring High School's choir director, has put together the youth chorus. Guest conductor will be Rob Hunt from the Midland-Odessa Symphony.

concert of the Big Spring Symphony's 1999-2000 season. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and \$8 for senior citizens and are available at Blum's Jewelers, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Dunlap's, First Bank of West Texas, the Heritage Museum and the Symphony office, 808 Scurry.

torium Saturday. The showcase of local talent will be 14 uplifting, and you'll be supporting not only their

Looking at some tennis greats of the '40s,

ecently I wrote a column about the great tennis player Don Budge, who had died shortly before age \$4. The col-

umn focused on his legendary fiveset win in 1937 over the German ace Gottfried von Cramm said to be one of the greatest: matches of all time. It meant that the United States



would win the Davis Cup, and the 1938 Cup finals would be in the United States rather than in Berlin. In the German capital, the event would have been a Nazi propaganda carnival as the war approached.

I received so much mail about that column that I thought a bit of gossip about the tennis players of that era would not be amiss. Gossip, after all, is inherently conservative. It does not aim to change the world but to enjoy it.

I learned the following from E. Digby Baltzell's fine book of tennis, "Sporting Gentlemen" (1995). It has to do with the elegant manners of Baron von Cramm. In those days, it was considered good sportsmanship for a player, if he thought that his opponent had received a bad call on a shot, to throw the next point, either not hitting

the ball at all or knocking it aside. The baron noticed Budge doing this during the Wimbledon tournament. He took him aside one afternoon, and they sat together on a

The baron raised the question of throwing points with Budge. He appreciated the sportsmanship angle. "But, Don," he said, "the linesman is doing his best. Think how he feels when you throw a point.'

A most delicate observation. It cost little for a player of Budge's stature to throw a point. He was going to win anyway. In that sense, it was a cheap gesture at the linesman's expense.

In the 1940 finals at Forest Hills, however, a young Kenyon College graduate named Don McNeill upset Bobby Riggs in a torrid five-set match in which every point counted. McNeill threw several points. He would not accept an unearned point. The baron had a refined sensibility that saw the whole thing as a complicated manner.

I have learned also about the aftermath of the great match in 1937 between Budge and the baron

Von Cramm went on from his loss to Budge to play in the Australian championships, where he publically refused to become a Nazi and criticized the regime. This was nothing new. He had always had an aristocratic scorn for the Nazis. When he got back to Germany,

he was arrested on charges of homosexual activity involving a German Jew. At the time, international opinion was in widespread agreement that the charges were political.

It seems certain that if Von

Cramm had beaten Budge in their 1937 match and brought the Davis Cup to Berlin, the Nazis would not have dared to touch him.

After a closed hearing, he was sentenced to a year in prison.

In protest, Budge, by then the best player in the world, canceled a promise to compete in Germany in 1938. That year, he was the first player to win the tennis Grand Slam. The counterpart to Budge in

women's tennis was Alice Marble, who also got caught up in rough politics. A tall, suntanned Californian with ashblond hair, wide shoulders, narrow hips and long legs, she was one of the few women players ever to hit a genuine American twist serve, and this still holds true. It requires a powerful back and a strong wrist. She had explosive strokes, liked to play the net and, like Budge, she dominated the field. In the 1940 finals at Forest Hills, she rolled over the former champion, Helen Jacobs, 6-2, 6-3.

Had it not been for the war, which cost her four years, she would still be in the record books. She played some 500 exhibition matches for the troops, and she married an

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Army pilot named Joe Crowley. He was killed in

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On that account, she was approached by U.S. Army intelligence, which knew about the Steinmetz affair, in 1945. The Nazis, she was informed, were shipping billions of dollars to Switzerland. Steinmetz, then a banker, was a prime recipient. In his basement safe, he had documents about the shipments. Marble agreed to cooperate. Though intelligence knew the safe was boobytrapped, it instructed her on safe-breaking and how to neutralize the explosives.

She found Steinmetz in Switzerland, revived the affair and moved into his chateau. One night when she was alone she cracked open the safe and scanned the documents. In the midst of photographing them. she heard Steinmetz returning early, hid behind a door and escaped in her car without the film. A pursuer shot at her and wounded her.

Army intelligence was not disappointed that she had failed to copy the documents. It knew that she had instant photographic recall, and though she could not understand the columns of figures on the pages, she could recite them accurately.

She retained the scar from the bullet.

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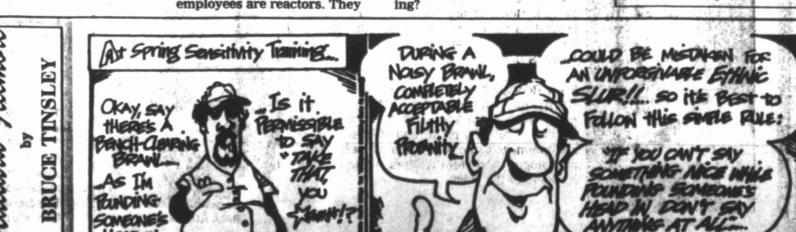
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Make plans to attend "Sing Big Spring!" at the audito efforts, but the Big Spring Symphony as well.

Your Views

TO THE EDITOR:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the doctors and staff at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for the courteous and professional care that was given to my wife when she became seriously ill on Feb. 15, 2000.

Our first inclination was to airlift her to Lubbock where we thought she would receive "better" care, but she was not stable enough to move Thanks to Dr. Toscano, Dr. Garza, the ER and ICU staff, she was stabilized and the move to Lubbock became unnecessary.

I cannot tell you how impressed I was by the profes sionalism displayed at SMMC Not only was excellent care extended to my wife; the doctors and staff were just as con cerned about my family members and me.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center will be our first stop for medical care, and I will not hesitate to recommend this fine facility to my friends and neighbors.

Thank you so much for all your help.

R. V. FUQUA AND FAMILY

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Airlines are not cargo-movers

ver tried to use the airlines to move cargo? If you haven't, take one busi-

nessman's advice: don't As it turns out - and in keeping with the historic tenets of division of labor people movers are

not cargo movers

In fact, companies involved in

the ongoing and losing proposition of moving cargo with people-moving airlines sooner or later ask the question: If they do such a poor job of moving cargo, how confident can I be that they will safely move me?

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But such a question only arises when we forget about division of labor, which by the very nature of the concept implies that each person or business should concentrate on doing what it does best - the corollary being that it is quite possible, even probable, that a company efficient in one endeavor can be utterly inefficient when it operates in another endeavor. We tried several airlines.

They failed to put the cargo on planes when there was time and space to do so, find the cargo at its destination when it was there, and release the cargo in a timely manner because their hours of operation did not permit it. And on and on and on.

But who can blame them? They are people movers. What this means is that they are in the business of transporting thinking cargo. People, unlike inanimate boxes, luggage and the like, can assist their movers. They can transfer from plane to plane, make new plans if a flight is canceled and raise strenuous objections

when they are bumped. Airline employees, on the other hand, are geared to handling such cargo. In the true spirit of division of labor, these employees are reactors. They

react to the requests and demands of their thinking

Inanimate cargo, however, requires a different sort of handling, a different sort of employee. It requires the work of an expediter, a person who acts rather than reacts to move the cargo along.

And because reactors and expediters are opposite sorts of people, they belong in different divisions of labor. That's the rub. The airlines, logically assuming that planes moving people should also be able to move cargo, endeavor to violate the division-of-labor principles by trying to make reactors simultaneously behave as expediters. It cannot be done, and that is why they lose our cargo and your luggage

Then again, the opposite might not be true. Expediters might just be able to behave as reactors, which means we could follow the late humorist Lewis Grizzard's advice and "fly cargo." After all, as he notes, when have you ever heard of a cargo plane crashing?

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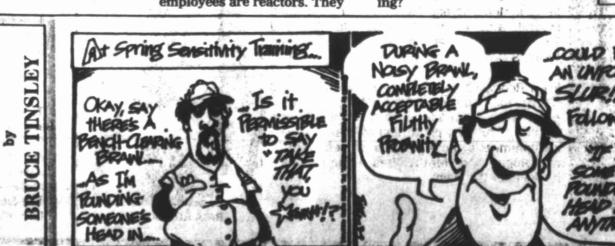
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Coahoma High School was the site of the Area IV, Region 2 Business Professionals of America (BPA) Competitive Events and Leadership Conference 2000. Conference highlights consist of contests in computer technology, public speaking and business related contests. The judging of special individual and team events enhanced the success of our conference.

Many area business leaders contributed to this success: John Scott, Pam Welch, Mark Morgan, Johnny Earp, Richard Steel, James Phinny, Shirley Greenfield, Lori Metcalf, Kenneth Boothe, Dee Jon Douglass, Sharon Hardeman, Kent Easley, Laurie Aguilar, Gina McEndree. Donna Merritt, Virginia Belew, Mireya Olivas, Lydia Perez, Johnnie Ray, Carroll Choate, Dene Sheppard, Joel Ford, Javier Flores, Cynthia Scott, Anna Walker, Bruce Griffith, Shirley Lee, Corky Mitchell, Ruth Neiman, Robin Thurmond, Terri Newton, Andi York, Jason Edens, Shea King, Amanda Reid, Dorothy Douglass, Donna Mansfield, Dottie Rogers, and Daniel Clark.

Coahoma's BPA chapter members were successful in their competitions. Students advancing to the state meet in Plano, Texas, March 3-5 are: Leslie Martin-1st Office Assistant, and 3rd Business Knowledge Skills; Amanda Morales-1st Information Processing Assistant; Leslie Phinny-1st Information Processing Specialist; Monica Chen-1st Document Formatting, 3rd Financial Math and Analysis; Marianne Mullins-1st Medical Concepts, 7th Proofreading/Editing; Norma Requejo-2nd Banking and Finance; Tyler Marshall-2nd Desktop Publishing.

Amber Verbal Johnson-2nd Communication, Prepared I; Natalia Tucker-2nd Verbal Communications, Prepared II; Rhonda Barnett-3rd Keyboarding; Ross Williams-3rd Administrative Assistant, 1st Business Knowledge Skills; Austin Barton-6th Financial Math and Analysis.

The following students are alternates to the state meet: Heather Cruz-4th Verbal communications, Extemporaneous I; Ginger Sullivan-5th Office Specialist; Ben Best, Marlana Blair, Joe Wright-3rd Small Business Management Team; Tony Tucker-9th Job Interview Skills; Robert **Boyett-9th Computer Aided Graphics**

Leslie Phinny was elected as Area IV, Region 2 President for the year 2000. This year, she will attend and assist at the State Conference in Plano and the National Conference in Minneapolis, Minn. TXU spansors Leadership Training for officers in Trinidad this summer where she will enhance her skills and understanding of a leader ship role in BPA and the community.

Coahoma FHA

Coahoma Future Homemakers of America (FHA) earned top honors at the recent Region I Conference in Midland, Feb. 24-25. Mandi Hanslik, Region I president and Coahoma FHA vice president, president at the executive council meeting.

Heather Rich, Coahoma FHA member, was one of the students chosen as a officer for the House of Delegates. She will serve as vice president for records in the region, 2000-2001. Heather Cruz was Coahoma FHA voting delegate.

Five teams participated in STAR, Students Taking Action for Recognition. Lindy Barr placed fifth in the Chapter Service Senior category and will advance to state in April.

Kara Smith and Toby Jackson received a fourth place in the Chapter Service Junior category and will advance to state. Meagan Lee earned fourth place in Focus on Children, junior category and will advance to state. Amber Dunlap earned second place in Illustrated Talk for "The Lifestyle for the Teen and Pregnant."

Jamie Carey and Ashley Casbeer earned fourth place in Skills for Life with the planning process to create a program for second graders relating to child abuse.

Johnny Justiss received Region Honorary Membership for his work with the Coahoma FHA, region and state organizations. He has assisted the group since 1963 and will receive state honorary membership at the state confer-

Heather Cruz and Natalie Uranga presented a workshop on Ready, Set Read. Candice Rose and Tina Ames served as hostesses in the hospitality room for STAR. Anna Cruz, Donna Rich and and advisor Barbara Justiss accompanied the group.

Coahoma High Vocal Students

Coahoma High vocal students competed in the Region II Solo and Ensemble contest Feb. 5, in

San Angelo.

Those attending were: Bobbi Spiller, Leslie Martin, Jackie Molina and Amber Johnson. Ashlee Smith, Kami Bennett, Natalia Tucker,

Fiffany Hancock and Marianne Mullins. Molina earned a superior rating on a Class II solo. The rest of the girls sang Class I solos and earned these ratings: excellent for Smith, Bennett, Tucker and Mullins. Superior ratings were awarded to Spiller, Martin, Johnson and Hancock who will advance to the state contest in

Coahoma Junior High Singers



These Coahoma Junior High singers recently attended Solo and Ensemble contest in San

Front row: Meagan Kothmann, Chelsea Griffin, Courtney Bridges and K.K. Kellar.

Back row: Haley Butts, Tiffani Paige, Whitney Wells, Anna Burgess and Elisha Teeler.

Ratings of excellent were earned by Butts, Paige, Kothmann and Bridges. Superior ratings were given to Wells, Burgess, Teeler, Griffin and

Coahoma High School Band



These Coahoma High School band students recently attended Solo and Resemble contest at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. Front Row: Bobbi Spiller, Leslie Martin-piano. Monica Chen and Marianne Mullins.

Back row: Monty Rowden, Austin Barton, Ken Hogan, Tony Tucker and Ben Best.

Mullins, Hogan, Tucker and Best received excellent ratings. A trio of Rowden, Barton and Spiller and soloists Martin and Chen will advance to the state contest with ratings of supe-

BSHS Student Council



Four officers of the Big Spring High School Student Council recently attended the Texas Association of Student Councils Advanced Leadership Workshop at Mo-Ranch near Hunt on Feb. 18-20.

The Officers attended concurrent sessions on eadership training and participated in hands-on experience workshops led by leadership consultants from all over the state of Texas.

The Big Spring students were among 350 students representing 65 school throughout the

Representing B.S.H.S. were: James Clements, President; Jon Bagwell, second Vice-president; Michael Morrison, Corresponding Secretary; and Cody Rubio, Recording Secretary.

They were accompanied by the advisor, Sharion Richardson.

Parents can be forgiven when they sometimes fall short

parents. They've never abused me or anything like that, but they do such stupid

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parents are valid -- that they didn't do a very good job of raising you your siblings. and Nevertheless, I urge you to cut them some slack. You'll learn someday just how hard it is to be a good parent.

Children are infinitely complex. In fact, I believe it is more difficult to raise children now than ever before. Be assured that you will not do the job perfectly, either. Someday, if you are blessed with children, one or more of them will blame you for your failures, just as you have criticized your parents.

Let me share one more suggestion with you and others who have been angry at their parents. Given the brevity of life and the temporary nature of all human relationships, can you find it within your hearts to forgive them? My mother closed her eyes

for the last time on June 26. 1988. She had been so vibrant - so important to each member of our family. I couldn't imagine life without her just a few years earlier. But time passed so quickly, and before we knew it, she had grown old and sick and incompe-tent. The human experience is like that.

As I sat at her memorial service, I was flooded with memories and a profound sense of loss. But there was not the slightest hint of regret, remorse or guilt. There were no hurtful words I wished I could have taken back. There were no prolonged conflicts that remained unresolved between my parents and me.

Why not? Was I a perfect son born to flawless parents? Of course not. But when Shirley and I had been married only two years, I remember saying to her: "Our parents will not always be with

QUESTION: I resent my us. We must keep that in mind as we live out our daily lives. I want to respond to both sets of parents in such a way that we will have no regrets after they are gone."

Again, I urge you not to throw away these good, healthy times. Please be careful not to create bitter memories that will hang above you when the record is in the books. No conflict is worth letting that happen.

QUESTION: I have to fight with my 9-year-old daughter to get her to do ANYTHING she doesn't want to do. It's so unpleasant that I've about decided not to take her on. Why should I try to force her to work and help around the house? What's the downside of my just going with the flow and letting her off the hook?

DR. DOBSON: It is typical for 9-year-olds not to want to work, or course, but they still need to become acquainted with it. If you permit a pattern of irresponsibility to prevail in your child's formative years, she may fall behind her developmental timetable leading toward the full responsibilities of adult living. As a 10-year-old, she won't be able to do anything unpleasant because she has never been required to stay with a task until it is completed. She won't know how to give to anyone else because she's thought only of herself. She'll find it hard to make decisions or control her own impulses.

A few years from now, she will steamroll into adolescence and then adulthood completely unprepared for the freedom and obligations she will find there. Your daughter will have had precious little training for those pressing responsibilities of

Obviously, I've painted a worst-case scenario with regard to your daughter. You still have plenty of opportunity to help her avoid it. I just hope your desire for harmony doesn't lead you to do what will be harmful to her in later years.

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

Searching cemeteries can help find lost ancestors

We, as a mobile society, often loss track of some of our relatives and have trouble filling in the gaps of our ancestors. We see on census records where there is a gap on the ages of children. In most families, there was a two-year gap from one child to the next. When you find a gap for more than two years, then you need

to find where that family was living at the time of the gap. You need to find the location they lived and then find the closest cemetery in that area.

By knowing the location of a cemetery



BOBBY RAWLS

nearest where the family lived in the time period of the gap, you can give yourself a chance to find the missing child. Many cemeteries have been searched and the people buried there listed in books. By searching these records for the surname of that family you have a chance to find that missing child. Please remember, not all burials were recorded simply because not all families could afford a marker.

One way to see if a child died is on certain census. It will ask the wife, how many children have been born to her, and then how many are now living.

You can check for a family Bible for that family or of the grandparents Bible. There just might be a name there. I have found many missing children n the records of the allied fami-

If a newspaper was running in that area, maybe there was a mentioning in it. There were also church records to search, and on occasion a death will be mentioned there. A family is not complete if ALL of the children are not found and their records recorded.

County histories will often list children not found in other family records. Your family may be included in the article of the spouses' family. This will many times add another perspective to your family folklore. You will see the in-laws side of a family.

When parents and children have differences, there are times when the child leaves, and his family speaks of him no more. This can make it very difficult to find out any information on them. They may even change their name. In many cases, they will still want to keep their name close to the original spelling, but just different enough to separate him from his family he just left.

In one case in my family, Hill became Hillhouse. When checking out the indexes, be sure to check all variations, you will be surprised.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Bobby Rawls writes a weekly column on genealogy for the Big Spring Herald. To contact him, call the life! desk at 263-7331, ext. 236 and leave a message, or e-mail to: jwalker@crcom.net with "life! section" in the subject line.

UC Santa Cruz votes to make grades mandatory for first time

Despite months of protests from students, professors at the traditionally liberal University of California, Santa Cruz, campus gave one of the school's founding principles — no required grades — a big fat F on Wednesday.

The professors voted to require new students to be graded in most of their classes, ending a 30-year experiment with alternative, narrative essay-like evaluations.

"Unfortunately, grades are the common currency in most modern universities and in the federal bureaucracy," said

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. (AP) — Tony Tromba, a math professor who resisted the change. Biology professor Martha

Zuniga said students who don't have grades to show often have a hard time getting grants and fellowships. The question rested with the

588-member Academic Senate, which represents the faculty. "You are processing us like

we are on an assembly line," said Student Union Assembly chair Kirti Srivasta, tears welling in her eyes after the But some students support

the change.

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YOUTH NEWS



Two students from Big Spring who attend P.S. Images Modeling and Talent Center of Midland recently attended the American Modeling and Talent Convention at the Hyatt Resort in Hilton Head, S.C.

Erica Rodriguez and Heather Hise, both of Big Spring, took part in the convention. They competed with other students from across the country in runway, photo and swimsuit as well as commercial acting. Erica placed third in monologue and Heather had numerous call-



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

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

The Lions group offers the eyeglasses the second Saturday of each month. For more information call Donna Groenke at 393-5298.

GRADES

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"I think the current system allows the slackers to hide, and I think that attracts a lot of students to this campus. Grades provide a lot more precision." said Jordan Benjamin, who is studying biochemistry and molecular biology.

Under the new system, set to begin in fall 2001, each new student would have to take 75 percent of his or her classes for a grade. The rest could be taken on a pass/fail basis.

The requirements are similar to those in place at the University of California, San_ Diego. Other University of California schools require students to take two-thirds of their classes for grades.

Opponents may have a chance to reverse the vote. Just 231 of the 588 professors voted Wednesday, and opponents are expected to petition for mail balloting in an attempt to get more to participate.

UC-Santa Cruz, which opened in 1965 as an alternative to the more traditional University of California campuses, remains one of the most liberal schools in the nation, with no ROTC military training, no football team, and a banana slug for a mascot. The '60s radical Angela Davis is a professor in the History of Consciousness Department.

Instead of letter grades, UC-Santa Cruz has given students narrative essays evaluating their work. Students could get a grade if they want one, but last year only one in three of the 11,000 students took that option.

The nontraditional grading system has long been a selling point for UC-Santa Cruz, which reported receiving a record 20,000 applications from prospective students for the fall quarter.

In November, in a move that stunned many students, 187 faculty members asked the Academic Senate to dump narrative evaluations altogether, saying they are time-consuming and are disregarded by graduate schools.

'The Narrative Evaluation System has an honorable history, but times have changed and a new approach to grading is required," the professors wrote.

UC-Santa Cruz students have held demonstrations and spoken at public meetings during the past few months in opposition to the grades.

While UC-Santa Cruz moves toward grades, there is a national movement under way to put less emphasis on A's and

"Grades can be limiting and not provide nearly enough information about what the student is doing or thinking or how they are progressing," said Karen Hartke at the Cambridge, Mass.-based Coalition for Authentic Reform in Education on Wednesday.

"A lot of schools, particularly elementary and high schools, are introducing portfolios and even student self-assessments because of the weakness of letter grades.'

G.I. Joe honors World War II Navajo Code Talker

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) - This G.I. Joe has plenty to The "Navajo Code Talker"

action figure comes with a short history of the famous World War II code talkers. Lift the foot-tall toy's arm and he says seven phrases in Navajo. followed by English translations. "Request air support" and "attack by machine gun" are among them.

Sam Billison provided the voice and phrases for the toy. During the war, he was part of a specially trained group of Navajo Marines who translated radio communications into unbreakable codes using the Navajo language and were known as code talkers.

"They came out and recorded me." said Billison, 74, a delegate to the Navajo Tribal Council who lives in Window Rock, Ariz. "I talk slow so they increased my speed.

Navajo G.I. Joe, shipped to stores nationwide in February, is one of 22 classic G.I. Joe figures. Among the others are a female Army helicopter pilot. Japanese-American soldiers in World War II and President Kennedy as a PT boat commander.

The toy's maker, Hasbro, agreed to donate \$5,000 to the Talkers Code Association and plans to give a Navajo G.I. Joe to each of the approximately 150 surviving code talkers.

School district recruiting overseas to alleviate shortage of teachers

SUGAR LAND (AP) - Like almost dates and hires a dozen or so to teach every school system in the country, the Fort Bend Independent School District is struggling to overcome a severe short- nity to have an adventure over here," age of teachers.

To help fill the ranks, Manuela Pedraza is willing to go halfway around the world - literally.

Pedraza, 55, travels to Spain to hire instructors who can help make up for the domestic teacher deficit.

Pedraza, associate superintendent of human resources for the Fort Bend district, spends one week each spring in Madrid, where she interviews candi-

Spanish and bilingual classe "We are selling them on the opportu-

she said. The program is a joint effort between

the Texas Education Agency and the Spanish Ministry of Education and

While some districts in other states have been recruiting teachers from Spain for as long as 10 years, the Fort Bend district began its program two years ago. Twelve other Texas districts. including Houston, also participate.

Pedraza said there is a national shortage of teachers, especially in math, science and foreign languages

"There was a time when we were able to recruit out of state and go to Michigan, Iowa, Ohio, Minnesota, where they had a surplus of teachers,' she said.

She blames the teacher shortage mainly on the strong economy and the fact that teachers are retiring in record numbers.

We lose a lot of veteran teachers," Pedraza said. "I tell them they could teach another 20 years and that they are now," Pedraza said.

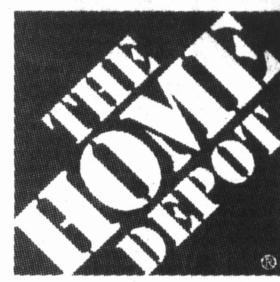
going to be bored playing golf all the time, but they don't listen to me."

To make matters worse, enrollment is growing and half of all people who become teachers leave the profession in their first five years, she said.

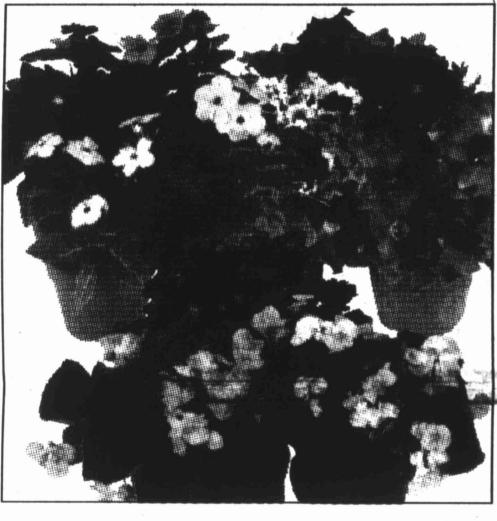
The recruitment program eventually is expected to work on an exchange basis, with teachers from the Fort Bend district swapping places with their Spanish counterparts.

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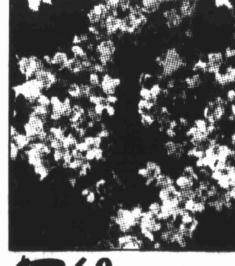
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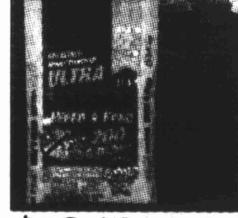
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IN BRIEF

Lake View football player gets 60-day jail sentence

San Angelo Lake View football player Bruce Lee Perez, 19, pleaded guilty Wednesday to a charge of sexual assault that occurred on the school's campus last fall and was sentenced to a 60-day term in the Tom Green County Jail.

Perez, who also confessed to a second sexual assault on the campus on Jan. 14. Though never charged in that case, Judge Dick Alcala considered the admission in sentencing

In addition to the 60-day jail term, Perez was sentenced to 10 years of deferred adjudication with stipulations he not leave the county without the judge's permission, adhere to a 10 p.m. curfew and is restricted from being alone with females younger than 18. Perez is scheduled to begin

his jail term Friday afternoon.

Softball boosters slate meeting for tonight

The Big Spring Softball Boosters Club will meet at at 6:30 tonight at the Big Spring **High School Athletic Training** Center.

Parents of all Big Spring softball players and other interested persons are invited.

Steers baseball boosters to recognize law officers

The Big Spring Baseball Boosters Club has designated the Steers' home game against Monahans at 2 p.m. Monday as the "Law Enforcement Recognition Game.

All law enforcement officers in Howard County are invited to attend the game and will be given free admission.

Little League umpires to meet on Saturday

The Big Spring Lattle League Umpires Association will have its first meeting of the year at 9 a.m. Saturday at the American League park. Anyone interested in umpir-

ing is vited to attend. For more information, call Kevin Pirtle at 267-5053 or 264-

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golf tourney for March 18 The Howard County Volunteer Fire Department will hold its first ever benefit golf tournament for Saturday, March 18, at the Big Spring Country Club.

Entry fees will be \$200 per team for the four-man scramble which will be limited to 36 teams. Registration ends on Tuesday.

For more information, call Tommy Sullivan at 393-5853 or Richard Willadsen at 267-7857.

'Break Clay for MDA' shoot set for March 25

A 2000 "Break Clay for MDA" sporting clays tournament has been scheduled for March 25 at Windwalker Farms in Stanton.

Tuesday will be the deadline for entries.

For more information, call

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Tournament quarterfinal, San Diego vs. UNLV, ESPN, Ch. 30.

5 p.m. - Big 12 Tournament semifinal, Iowa State vs. Nebraska, FXS, Ch. 29: 7:30 p.m. - Big 12 Tournament semifinal, Texas Tech vs. Texas, FXS, Ch. 29.

Three defending champs return to boys' state tournament

AUSTIN (AP) — Duncanville is back. so are Peaster and Moulton. And Happy? Well, the team's just happy to be here.

The state high school boys basketball tournament starts today with three defending champions looking for another piece of hardware for the school trophy case.

Duncanville (32-5) won the 1999 Class 5A title and returns its best player from that team, senior forward Brian Boddicker, a University of Texas signee who scored 52 points in last year's tournament and was named most valuable player of the championship game. At 6foot-9, 230 pounds, Boddicker averages 23.8 points per game this season,

But unlike last year's team, which featured three future Division I college players, Boddicker is the only Duncanville player currently signed to

play in college, said coach Phil McNeely. Just getting back to the tournament has been a challenge. Starting point guard Tre' Johnson has returned from a torn knee ligament early in the season, but still is not 100 percent, McNeely said. "I certainly wouldn't call us the favorite. We didn't even win our dis-

trict," McNeely said. The 5A favorite would be top-ranked Sugar Land Willowridge (34-1), which boasts a starting lineup of four juniors

Leading the talented group of Eagles is 6-9 senior post player Ivan McFarlin, who has signed with Oklahoma State.

Point guards T.J. Ford and fellow starters Daniel Ewing, Kenny Taylor and Curtis Walker are among the toprated juniors in Texas.

"They are loaded," McNeely said.

The Class 5A semifinals are Friday with Duncanville against Klein Forest (31-4) and Willowridge squaring off with San Antonio Taft (30-4).

Peaster (31-4) returns to defend its Class 2A title. Last year, the Greyhounds won with shocking blond hairdos from head coach Danny Henderson all the way down the bench — and timely free-throw shooting.

A.J. Hill, who converted three foul shots with 2.1 seconds left to send the championship game into overtime, scored 31 points in the 1999 final against Wellington. Peaster's tallest player at 6-3, Hill averages 23.3 points and 10.4 rebounds per game.

No word yet on what color hair Peaster will be sporting for its Friday semifinal matchup against Hale Center (27-6). Nacogdoches Central Heights (31-6) plays

Van Vleck (29-5) in the other 2A semifi-

In Class 1A, two-time defending champion Moulton attempts a three-peat with senior forward Robert Tovar, the smoothest player in the small-school

nament games last year. Moulton (34-3) opens its title defense against Graford (27-7), and Brookland (37-1) plays Happy (24-7). Happy, from

ranks. He scored 44 points in two tour-

the Panhandle's "town without a frown," is making its first state tournament appearance. In Class 3A, Waco LaVega (31-4) plays

Corpus Christi West Oso (28-7) and Kountze (32-6) meets Gainesville (28-7).

The Class 4A semifinals pit Dallas Madison (31-2) against Port Arthur Jefferson (24-11), and San Antonio Lainer (30-6) against Denton Ryan (28-6).

Hawks post 13-8, 9-4 wins over Hardin-Simmons JV

HERALD Staff Report

College's had to wait a day to play, but made the most of their opportunity against Hardin-Simmons University's junior varsity with a 13-8, 9-4 sweep in non-conference baseball action Wednesday.

Originally scheduled for Tuesday, the doubleheader had to be postponed a day due to high winds.

Of course, pitchers from both teams may have felt the wind was blowing too hard again on Wednesday, judging from the number of home runs hit during the twinbill.

Howard's Matt Burriss was taken deep three times in Wednesday's first game, but he survived to go the seven-inning distance and record the win.

All eight Cowboys runs were earned, as Burriss allowed nine hits and walked two. He Simmens patters.
The Hawks did plenty damage with the long ball, as

Howard jumped on top at the very outset when Jay Alsup hit a solo home run in the top of the first inning.

In the second the Hawks added seven more runs when Trey Ensor singled and scored on a triple by Tim Gilhooly. Zack Matthews followed with a single that plated Gilhooly.

The rally continued when Kennard Bibbs drew a walk and Danny McMurtry laid down a sacrifice bunt to advance both runners. Alsup then continued his power display with a double that plated both runners.

Ryan Devere kept things going with an RBI single and the assault finally came to an end when Caleb Reger blasted a two-run homer.

Hardin-Simmons managed to get some of those runs back in the bottom of the inning, pulling to within 8-4. The Hawks added another

run in the fourth and capped their 13-run parade in the fifth. Matthews led off the Hawks' fifth and was hit by a pitch. Bibbs followed with a single and McMurtry drove in both

runners with a double. Alsup reached base on an error that allowed McMurtry to score and Reger capped the



Howard freshman Andy Harrington pops up after sliding safely into third base during the Hawks' conference win over frank Phillips on Feb. 18. Harrington and his Hawks teammates swept a non-conference doubleheader Wednesday against Hardin-Simmons University's junior varsity with 13-8 and 9-4 wins. The Hawks host New Mexico Junior College at 2 p.m. Friday.

In the nightcap, only one of Hardin-Simmons' runs were earned, as Eric Gober worked five innings in taking the win. He gave up just two hits, but walked five while striking out

Frankie Keller came on to pitch the final two innings for Howard.

Cowboys' errors played a significant role in the Hawks' win in the nightcap. In the Howard second, Reger got things started when he singled and moved to second on a passed ball. Andy Harrington followed with a walk, and with one away, Tim Lilley hit a grounder that would up being a two-run error charged to the Hardin-Simmons third baseman.

Catcher Jason Jurgens capped the three-run rally with a sacrifice fly that scored Lilley.

The Hawks added to their tally in the third when McMurtry led off with a triple and scored when Alsup rally with single that scored reached base on an error.

Another Cowboys' miscue on a Harrington grounder allowed Alsup to score.

Reger hit his second home run of the day in the third to increase the Hawks' lead. In the sixth, Jurgens led off

with a double and was replaced by courtesy runner Trey Ensor, who promptly scored when Bibbs forced still another Hardin-Simmons error.

He Hawks' final two runs came in the top of the seventh when Reger singled, Rusty Maddux drew a walk and Lilley provide a two-run dou

The Hawks improved their record to 16-11 overall and will carry a 5-4 mark in Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) play into this weekend's three-game series with New Mexico Junior College's Thunderbirds.

The first game of that series is set for 2 p.m. Friday at Jack Barber Field. The three-game WJCAC series will conclude with a noon doubleheader on Saturday.

UConn wins rare Big East tourney first-round game Arizona defeat Portland State

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

For Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun, the opening round of the Big East tournament was a small first step in repairing an elevator season that perplexed the defending NCAA champi-

The 21st-ranked Huskies (22-8), winners of two straight Big East tournaments and three of the last four, thumped undermanned Boston College 70-55 in their tournament opener and earned a quarterfinal date today against Seton Hall.

Other first-round winners were Georgetown 70-67 over West Virginia; Seton Hall 85-65 over Providence; Notre Dame over Rutgers; and Villanova 65-55 over Pittsburgh.

had byes into today's Playing a first-round Big East game was a new experience for

Calhoun, whose Huskies usual ly earn a bye on the strength of their regular-season record. However, UConn has struggled through the season searching for some consistency and came into the conference tournament seeded No. 4. "We had a terrific season

overall," Calhoun said. "We had a good conference — not a great conference — season and we needed to play our way into Thursday. First time in a couple of years. This is our neighborhood. We'd like to try to win as many games as we can. We're trying to get to Friday

In Wednesday's lone conference championship game, Ball State edged Miami of Ohio 61-58 to earn the Mid-American's automatic NCAA tournament

Elsewhere, in first-round Atlantic 10 action, Xavier beat Rhode Island 75-60, UMass routed Duquesne 77-52, St. Joseph's defeated La Salle 65-56 and Virginia Tech got past Fordham

In the Conference USA tournament, Houston shocked Marquette 77-75, Saint Louis beat Southern Miss 59-51, Memphis edged South Florida 60-58 and UNC-Charlotte beat Alabama-Birmingham 76-73. Other games saw Northern

beat Weber State 73-68 in the Big Sky Conference quarterfinals. South Carolina State outlasted Florida A&M 61-51 and Coppin State beat Maryland-Eastern Shore 73-61 in the quarterfinals of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference tourney. The Big East postseason has been a playground for UConn. The win over BC was the

77-75 and Cal State-Northridge

10th in their last 11 games in this tournament. Now the trail gets a little more complicated. "I have no idea who the best team is going to be this week,"

Huskies' seventh straight and

Calhoun said. On Wednesday, UConn was one of the five best.

UConn 70. **Boston College 55**

BC, playing without injured Troy Bell, the conference Rookie of the Year, got off to a 14-6 lead and then went score less for nearly eight minutes. Then, when the Eagles (11-19) closed within four at the start of the second half, the Huskies went on an 18-4 tear that put them in control.

Jake Voskuhl with 16 points and 11 rebounds and Kevin Freeman with 11 points and 11 rebounds led Connecticut, which outrebounded the Eagles

Georgetown 70, West Virginia 67

Kevin Braswell's 3-pointer with less than one second left on the clock moved the Hoyas (17-13) into today's quarterfinals against Syracuse. Braswell fin-

ished with 19 points. "That game, we would have lost last year," coach Craig Esherick said. "We're learning how to win the close games. I can't say enough about the job Kevin did."

Seton Hall 85, **Providence 65**

Darius Lane scored 22 points, leading four players in double figures for Seton Hall (20-8). Ty Shine had 16 for the Pirates, who shot 50.9 percent from the Seton Hall had lost four of five

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Nee, Asbury may be in their last Big 12 Conference tournament

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Big 12 Tournament opens today with two major questions awaiting an answer: Will the league get six teams into the

NCAA tournament? And will this week mark the end of Danny Nee's 14-year tenure as head coach at Nebraska and Tom Asbury's

six-year run at Kansas State? The final decisions are beyond their control. But speculation has been rampant that both men, following bitterly disappointing seasons, are on their way

"I don't know, quite simply," Asbury said Wednesday. "You're asking the wrong person. I don't make those decisions.

Asbury's Wildcats (9-18) ended the season losing 15 of 17 games and went into today's first round facing No. 24 Kansas as the No. 12 seed. History would not seem to favor Asbury. The Jayhawks have beaten Kansas State 18 straight times and Asbury, at Pepperdine and Kansas State, is 0-19 against Kansas

He said there had been no signals from the administration and that he has no plans to resign.

"We have an evaluation at the end of the year critiquing the past year and what our needs are and what our strengths and weaknesses have been, Asbury said. "That's very consistent

with what has gone on previously.' Nee says that despite all the grief he has taken from fans and media this year, he has had no second thoughts that he went into the wrong profession 30 years ago or took the wrong job 14 years ago. In this afternoon's other afternoon game, his eighth-seeded seeded Huskers (11-18) will meet ninth-seed Baylor.

"The 14 years I've had at Nebraska -I understand I'm under fire now — but they were great," Nee said. "No, I have no regrets. I'm a coach. I want to be a coach the rest of my life. I could coach on any level and feel very comfortable." Even if Kansas should make it 19 in a

row against the hapless Wildcats, going

unbeaten through a fourth straight Big

12 tournament seems a tall order.

For the first time ever the Jayhawks did not qualify for a first-round bye. They would have to do something nobody else has ever done in the Big 12 tourney and win four games in four

"I think that it can be done," said coach Roy Williams. "I like the challenge of trying to do it when everyone says you can't. I think two of the three years that we have won it we haven't gotten the right amount of recognition for what we've done. Everyone says you're going to win because the other team has played four days."

No. 6 seed Missouri plays Texas Tech in the final game tonight. In the other game this evening, No. 10 seed Texas A&M plays No. 7 seed Colorado.

The Kansas-Kansas State winner will meet No. 17 Oklahoma State on Friday. In the other second-round matches, the Baylor-Nebraska winner meets, No. 7 Iowa State, the regular season champion; The Texas A&M-Colorado winner plays No. 13 Texas and No. 15 Oklahoma goes against the Missouri-Texas Tech victor.

"This year, you've got to go with Iowa State," said Williams. "Marcus Fizer is playing better than anybody. And when you've got the best player ...

Fizer, the unanimous choice for Big 12 player of the year, has been particularly unstoppable in his last five games. But Iowa State's lack of depth could hurt the Cyclones, some believe, in a tournament format where they play three games in

The Cyclones also do not expect to get

center Paul Shirley back this week. "There's something to the fact we aren't very deep," said coach Larry Eustachy. "But how many people is Missouri or Texas playing? There's a few teams in this league that have the luxu-

The Cyclones (26-4) are coming off a tough week in which they had to win two on the road to lock up the title.

ry of having 10-11 guys."

"Where we're at a disadvantage is we've put a lot of mental thought in winning the conference," Eustachy said. "You seem to flatten out at times because you're just spent.'

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CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Agreed to terms with RHP Lovenzo' Barcelo, RHP Carlos Castillo, LHP Scott Eye, RHP Keith Foulke, RHP Bob Howly, RHP Sean Lowe, RHP Kip Wells, G Josh Paul, INF Milke Caruso, INF Joe Crede, "NF Paul, Konerko, INF Jeff Liefer, INF Greg Norton, INF Craig Wilson, OF Jeff Abbott, OF McKay Christensen, OF Carlos Lee, OR Maggio Ordonez, OF Brian Simmons and OF Chris Singleton.

MINNESOTA, TWINS—Agreed with INF Denriy Hocking to a two-year contract extension.

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SEATTLE MARINERS—Reassigned P
leff Heaverlo. P Marc Kroon and P Jake
Meyer and C Ryan Christianson to their
minor-leagle camp. Optioned LHP Brian
Fuentes to Tacome of the PCL.

New York METS—Named Mark Dewey pitching coach for Kingsport of the Appatischian League.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Reassigned RHP Travis Baptist, RHP Alex Pena, RHP Danillo Leon, LHP Mike Gonzalez, INF Jarrod Patterson, NNF Rico Washington, C Yamid Haad, OF, Alex Hernandez, OF Adam Hyzdu, and OF Ray Montgomery to their minor-league camp.

DALLAS MAVERICKS—Waived F Dennis SACRAMENTO KINGS—Placed C Scot Pollard on the injured list. Activated C Bill Wennington from the injured list. FOOTBALL

ational Football League
ATLANTA FALCONS—Signed LB Marcus Buckley, Re-signed RB Winslow Oliver.
BALTIMORE RAVENS—Signed QB Trent

CAROLINA PANTHERS—Announced the retirement of OL Nate Newton.

DENVER BRONCOS—Released S Darrius Johnson.

GREEN-TBAY-PACKERS—Named Bruce Warwick director of Tootball administration.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Claimed WR Ryan Theilwelf, off, waivers from the Pittsburgh Steelers.

HOCKEY

DALLAS STARS—Recalled G Marty urco from Michigan of the IHL. Placed C uy Carbonneau on friured reserve.

NEW YORK ISLANDERS—Signed LW

Claude Lapointe to a three-year contract. OTTAWA SENATORS—Assigned LW Jeff Shevalier to Grand Rapids of the IHL.

Mikael Renberg, TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Traded LW Jeff Shevalier to the Ottawa Senators for luture considerations.

TOP 25 - MEN

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's college basketball poll, with

records through Mar
1. Cincinnati (66)
2. Stanford (2)
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Michigan St.
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Houston at Utah, 8 p.m.

Chicago at Boston, 6 p.m. Denver vs. Miami, 6:30 p.m.

L.A. Lakers at Gold. State, 9:30 p.m.
Friday's Games
New York at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
San Antonio at Washington, 6 p.m.

Deriver vs. Miami, 6:30 p.m. Indiana at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m. Vancouver at Detroit, 7 p.m. New Jersey at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.

Vew Jersey at minimatines, 7 p.m. Utah at Phoenix, 8 p.m. Golden State at Seattle, 9 p.m. Charlotte at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m. Toronto at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.

8:30 a.m. - Brookland (37-1) vs.

appy (24-7) 10 a.m. — Graford (27-7) vs. Moulton

2 p.m. — Waco LaVega (31-4) vs. corpus Christi West Oso (28-7) 3:30 p.m. — Kountze (32-6) vs. iainesville (28-7) Class 4A

Class 4A
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Port Arthur Jefferson (24-11)
8:30 p.m. — San Antonio Lainer (30-6)
vs. Denton Ryan (28-6)

9:30 a.m. — Peaster (31-4) vs. Hale

3 p.m. — Sugar Land Willowridge (34-1) vs. San Antonio Taft (30-4)

Nebrasika vs. Baylor, Noen Kansas vs. Kansas State, 2:30 p.m.

7 p.m. — Klein Forest (31-4) vs.

Heights (31-6) vs. Van Vleck (29-5) Class 5A

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turday 9 a.m. — Class 1A

8 p.m. - Class 5A

BIG 12 - MEN

Big 12 Conference At Kemper Arena Kansas City, Mo. Sigst Bound Thursday, March 9

x-clinched playoff berth Wednesday's Games Boston 112, Milwaukee 101 Philadelphia 107, Vancouver 90 Washington 118, New York 113, OT Orlando 103, Chicago 67 Detroit 130, Denver 116 New Jersey 115, Portland 103 Sacramento 105, Charlotte 92 Toronto 95, L.A. Clippers 94

Portland at Indiana, 6 p.m. San Antonio at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m. Minnesota at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

22. Purdue 23. Miami 24. Kansas TOP 25 - WOMEN

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll. with first-place votes in parentheses and records through March 5:

Tennessee (3) Georgia
Notre Dame
Texas Tech
Penn St. 8. Rutgers 9. UC Santa Barbara 10. lowa St. 11. Duke 12. Mississippi St. 13. Purdue 14. Old Dominion LSU 16. Auburn 17. Boston College

18. Oklahoma 21. Tulane 22. Arizona 23. George Washington 24. Oregon 25. Michigan

UIL STATE TOURNEY

on Sunday released the pairings, and schedule for the 2000 boys, state basket-ball tournament, being played Thursday through Saturday at the Frank Erwin Center

Oklahoma State vs. Kansas-Kansas tate winner, 2:30 p.m. Texas vs. Colorado-Texas A&M winner, Oklahoma vs. Missouri-Texas Tech win-

ner, 8:30 p.m. Semilinais Iowa State—Nebraska-Baylor winner vs. Oklahoma State—Kansas-Kansas State lorado-Texas A&M winner vs. 3:20 p.m.

Championship Sunday, March 12 Semifinal winner ners, 2 p.m

BIG 12 - WOMEN

Big 12 Conference At Municipal Audit Kanses City, Mo. First Round Tires Royal March 7
Oklahoma State 67, Kansas State 59
Nebraska 82, Baylor 61
Colorado 83, Missouri 69 Texas 83, Texas A&M 72

rezas 83, Texas nom 72 uarterfinale fednesday, March 8 Iowa State 93, Oklahoma State 58 Nebraska 80, Kansas 67 Texas Tech 76, Colorado 60 Texas 71, Oklahoma 68

Iowa State vs. Nebraska, 5 p.m. Texas Tech vs. Texas, 7:30 p.m. Championship Saturday, March 11

NHL

Vednesday's Games
Buffalo 2, Boston 1, OT
Montreal 3, Pittsburgh 0
Carolina 4, Chicago 1
Philadelphia 3, Tampa Bay 2, OT
Vancouver 3, Dallas 3, tie N.Y. Rangers 4, Anaheim 3, OT Detroit 1, San Jose 1, tie

Today's Games Pittsburgh at Ottawa, 6 p.m. Washington at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m wasnington at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m. Vancouver at St. Louis, 7 p.m. Toronto at Calgary, 8 p.m. N.Y. Islanders at Phoenix, 8 p.m. N.Y. Rangers at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m. Iden's Games

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New Jersey at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Florida at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Detroit at Nashville, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Edmonton, 8 p.m.

MEN'S SCORES

TOURNAMENTS Atlantic 10 Conference First Round Massachusetts 77, Duquesne 52 St. Joseph's 65, La Salle 56 Virginia Tech 51, Fordham 48 Xavier 75, Rhode Island 60 Big East Conference First Round

Connecticut 70, Boston College 55 Georgetown 70, West Virginia 67 Notre Dame 74, Rutgers 62 Seton Hall 85, Providence 65 Villanova 65, Pittsburgh 55 Big Sky Con First Round

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First Round Alcorn St. 80, MVSU 59
Grambling St. 100, Jackson St. 65
Prairie View 66, Alabama St. 57
Southern U. 64, Texas Southern 50 First Round Hawaii 77, UTEP 48 Rice 65, Fresno St. 47 SMU 99, San Jose St. 56

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Tulsa 64, TCU 56

Wednesday's Game Corpus Christi 5, Alexandria 3

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COLLEGIATE BASEBALL

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23. Illinois 24. Florida Atlantic (1) 25. Tennesse

ROUNDUP

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games, but bounced back after an eight-day break.

A year ago, UConn beat Seton Hall in Big East quarters 57-56 and the Huskies swept both regular-season meetings.

Notre Dame 74, Rutgers 62 Six Notre Dame players hit 3- points earlier in the season.

pointers as the Fighting Irish won their first Big East tournament game ever after four

straight first-round rubouts. Troy Murphy, the conference Player of the Year, had just one of the 10 Notre Dame 3s, but led all scorers with 25 points and 14

rebounds It was major payback for the Irish, who were beaten by 25

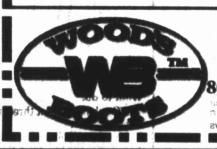
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FISHING REPORT

Here is the weekly fishing report as com-piled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for March 8. (Report also available on Web as www.txfishing.com.) CENTRAL

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BROWNWOOD: Water clear; 62 degrees;
Black bass are excellent on Chug Bugs
and Pop-R's (if the fish are following the
balts speed up your retrieve to make the
fish strike). Crapple are good on minnows
and small white jigs fished around the
docks at night in 10 to 15 feet of water.

Liberal strings and white hass are group. Hybrid stripers and white bass are excel-lent on Chug Bugs and Pop-R's fished in the mornings around Flat Rock Park.

BUCHANAN: Water clear; 66 degrees;

1007.69'; Black bass are fair to good on 1/4oz. silver/blue spinnerbalts, 1/4oz. Rat-L-Traps and pumpkinseed worms fished in 4 to 8 feet. Crapple are slow on minnows. White bass are good vertically jigging 1/4oz. Horizon Pirk Minnows and casting 1/8oz. Spin Traps upriver under diving birds. Striped bass are fair drifting live bait and trolling bucktail jigs in 28 feet on the points of the creeks and around Maxwell and Shaw Island. Channel and blue catfish are fair on live bait. Yellow catfish to 13 pounds are good on trotlines

PROCTOR: Water clear; 62-64 degrees; Black bass are good on Rat-L-Traps and spinnerbalts fished early. Crapple are good on minnows and jigs fished at the dam in 10 to 20 feet of water. Hybrid stripers are

AMISTAD: Water fairly clear; 60-64 degrees; 30' low; Black bass are good on Rat-L-Traps and watermelon or pumpkin-seed worms fished in 4 to 12 feet of water. Crapple are slow to fair on minnows fished around the trees in 20 feet of water. White bass are fair on slabs and minnows. Striped bass are good on live shad fished early and late by the dam. Channel and blue catfish are good on cheesebalt, chicken livers and shrimp fished in 5 to 20 feet of water. Yellow catfish to 30 pounds are good on trotlines and droplines balted with live perch or goldfish set in 20 to 30 feet of water.

ALAN HENRY: Water lightly stained; 60 degrees; Black bass are good on worms and lizards fished in 2 to 5 feet around the mouths of creeks. No reports on smallmouth or Alabama Spotted Bass. Crappie are fair on live minnows and jigs fished off the crappie dock. Channel and blue catfish

are good on minnows and shrimp.

ARROWHEAD: Water fairly clear; 59-62 degrees; 12' low; Black bass are good on shiners and spinnerbalts fished in 6 to 8 feet. Crappie are excellent on minnows and chartreuse jigs fished in 2 to 5 feet of water around the rip-rap, Henrietta Bridge and at the state park. White bass are good on minnows and Jigs fished in 6 to 12 feet. Channel and blue catfish are excellent on nightcrawlers, cheese balt and shrimp fished in 8 to 10 feet in the river. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines baited with goldfish and perch set on the south end of

BRADY: No report available.
COLORADO CITY: Water fairly clear; 61 degrees; 14.5' low: Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits. White bass are good on minnows and small spinners fished early and late. Crappie are poor on minnows. Redfish are good on Rat-L-Traps and cut baits. Channel catfish are fair.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water fairly clear; 60 degrees; 17.5' low; Black bass are fair on minnows and spinnerbalts fished in 6 to 7 feet. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs fished in 4 to 5 feet. White bass are excellent on jigs and minnows fished in 2 to 3 feet. Hybrid stripers are fair on shad Blue catfish are good on shad, minnows shrimp and chicken livers fished in 7 to 10

HUBBARD CREEK: Water lightly stained on the lower end, murky on the upper end; 58 degrees; 10' low; Black bass are good on Rat-L-Traps fished in 2 to 4 feet and Carolina-rigged lizards fished around the hardwoods in 8 to 10 feet. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on small spinner and crankbalts fished in the back of Hubbard Creek. Channel catfish are fair on cut baits and worms fished from the bank.

KEMP: Water stained; 62 degrees; Black bass are good on Rat-L-Traps fished in 2 to 5 feet. White bass are good on minnows fished in 4 to 6 feet. Crappie are excellent on minnows fished in 4 to 5 feet around boat docks. Catfish are fair on

NASWORTHY: No report available. NOCONA: No report available.

OAK CREEK: Water off-color; 59 degrees; 17'8" low; Black bass are excellent on worms, crankbaits, lizards and minnows fished in 4 to 10 feet. Crappie are good on small jigs and minnows fished in 5 to 15 feet. White bass are excellent on minnews and jigs fished in 6 to 12 feet. Channels and blue catfish are good on minnows, nightcrawlers and stinkbaits fished in 5 to 12 feet. Yellow catfish are excellent on goldfish and shad fished in 5

OH. IVIE: Water clear; 60-62 degrees; Black bass are good on Carolina-rigged lizards or worms and waterdogs fished in 4 to 10 feet. Smallmouth bass are fair on Carolina-rigs and Suspending Rouges fished on steep rocky banks on the main lake. Crappie are fair at night on minnows and jigs fished under lights. White bass are poor on minnows and slabs fished in 40 feet of water. Catfish are fair on trot-

lines baited with cut shad and live perch. POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 59-63 degrees; 8.5' low; Black bass are excellent on Slugos, worms and spinnerbalts fished in 5 to 10 feet. White bass are slow on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 20 feet. Striped bass are good on live shad fished in 20 to 40 feet. Crapple are slow on minnows fished in 5 to 10 feet. Blue catfish are good on cut shad fished in 10 to 30 feet. Yellow catfish are slow on perch fished in 10 to 30 feet.

SPENCE: Water clear; 60 degrees; Black bass are good on dark colored plastic worms fished in 1 to 5 feet. White bass are good on minnows, slabs and its fished in 6 to 10 feet. Crapple are good on minnows fished in 6 to 12 feet. Striped bass are fair on white Rat-Ltraps and crankbalts fished in 15 to 20 feet. Channel and blue catfish are good on minnows and cut shad fished in 5 to 10 feet. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with perch and goldfish.

degrees; Black bass are fair on plastic worms and minnows. Crapple are fair on minnows fished in shallow water. White bass are poor on minnows fished near the power plant. Yellow catfish are fair on trot-lines baited with shiners, shad and perch. SWEETWATER: Water lightly stained, 61.

degrees; Black bass are good on tube baits and worms fished in shallow water. Crapple are fair in minnows fished in 10 feet. White bass are good on minnows and slabs fished around boat docks. Blue and channel catfish are fair on minnows and stinkbaits fished on bottom.

TWIN BUTTES: No. fight.

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

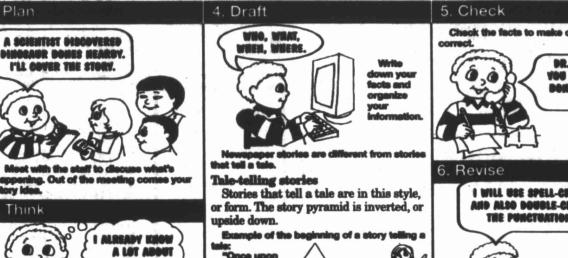


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• 1 teaspoon vanilla • 1 cup brown sugar • 1 cup pecans, chopped

What to do: 1. Combine the first three ingredients together in a large bowl. Mix well.

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3. Add ingredients in the medium bowl to the large bowl.

4. Add pecans. Mix well. 5. Spread batter into a greased 8-by-8-inch pan. 6. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 30 minutes. Cool

and cut into squares. Makes about 16.



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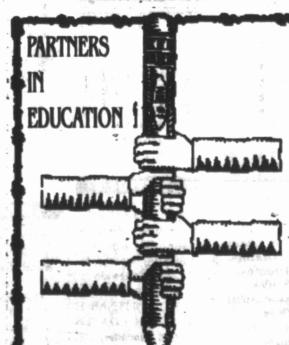
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fried from work and the

demands you put on yourself.

Worry less about completing

every detail. Tonight: C atch a

**** Feedback from a partner

could be difficult to hear.

Recognize what is happening

and take a breather. Another

might simply be difficult and

cantankerous. Dig into work.

Relax and don't let today's flak

get to you. Tonight: Mellow out

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** Clearly, you don't have

the whole story, and you might

wonder if you want to know it.

Others express defiance and

difficulty. Family remains

unpredictable. A problem on

the homefront unnerves you. A

touch of romance sparks your

energy. Tonight: Let t he good

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

** Your energy sags, possibly

because you are so over-

whelmed by work and others'

needs. Feel free to change plans

if need be; you might be better

off cutting back for now. Take

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

smile GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ** Assume a low profile. Information comes forward that might cause you to regroup and rethink. Others might be startled, but ultimately you feel that the burden has landed in your lap. Recognize when you need to say no. Mobilize selfdiscipline. Tonight: Head on

home. CANCER (June 21-July 22) **** Never lose sight of the pot of gold that's over the rainbow. You might wonder what you are going to do with an irascible, touchy associate. Explore options but recognize that others might not be as forthcoming as usual. Be sensitive, and you'll come out on top. Tonight: Where your

friends are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** Pressure builds. Getting out of the office takes unusual talent and perseverance. An associate's unexpected behavior leads you in a new direction. You feel you have your hands full. Listen to another. Make an effort to work as a team. Tonight: Chill out with a good friend

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extra work home if need be. You get a lot done quickly. Tonight: Easy does it . CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

**** You mean well, but you might not be able to handle a

young couple who were "going steady'

became pregnant. They terminated

the pregnancy early on at a reputable clinic. Few knew about it. The relationship

ended after a few months. Both went on to graduate

from college, marry others, and now have stable families with two and

three children respectively. My grandson is the result of a caring birth mother choosing to place the child she could not care for up for adoption thereby giving happiness to the

child as well as to our family. The key word is "choice. Only the girl/woman should make the decision to have an abortion or carry the pregnancy to term and keep the child or place the baby for adoption. The decision should NOT be up to self-righteous, ambitious politicians. — PRO-CHOICE

GRANDMA DEAR GRANDMA: Right on! Only the individual knows how much she can handle, and the decision should be hers to make. The key word is, indeed, "choice."

DEAR ABBY: I am writing in response to the reply you gave the young woman signed "Scared to Speak Up." She was 19 years old, recently married and expecting her first baby. Her parents claimed they would disown her if she became pregnant before age 24. They also expect her to repay the money they spent on her

college education. Your response for her to be responsible and begin paying back the money is ludicrous! Parents should not manipulate an adult daughter to do exactly as they want her to. Life has many twists and turns. It does not always follow a script that the parents have laid out. Her parents were willing to pay for her education in the beginning. Was there a signed contract stating she could not marry before her degree was

The parents should realize that a marriage and expected child need not be the end of the road for their daughter's formal education. Eventually she will probably decide to continue it. She and her husband will have enough expenses to worry about without this silly demand

wants you to take. Firmly stand your ground. You ultimately know what is best for you. Clear your desk, return calls and make plans for the weekend. Tonight: TGIF wi th

friends AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** Family proves to be testy and exhausting. Understand more of what you need to do to make another happier. You can't always have the control you think you need. Don't lose your temper in frustration. Indulge a family member.

Tonight: Order in. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **** Take the initiative and get past an immediate problem. Your sense of humor helps another lighten up. Laughter is contagious. Don't worry so much about how others react. Stay levelheaded and direct with those around you. Completely explain an idea. T

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When my own children were in high school in the '70s, a

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acquired?

from her parents. How controlling and manipulative can parents be to dictate they will disown their daughter if she gets pregnant before they think she

should? Her parents deserve a kick in the rear, as well as a message to stop dictating how their daughter should live her life. Abby, you goofed on your

reply. — DONNA KOPITZKE, HUDSON, WIS. DEAR DONNA: While I agree that the girl's parents are con-

trolling, I disagree that I goofed on my reply. The young woman dropped out of school as a freshman to marry someone her parents disapprove of so greatly they refused to attend the wedding. Since I don't know the young man, I can only assume that the bride's parents — right or wrong — believe the marriage won't last. That's the reason they tried to blackmail their

daughter into waiting before starting a family. As for paying back the money that was invested in her first year of college — the girl has already refused to do so. However, were she to attempt to repay it, I'm sure they would respect her for making the effort, whether or not she was able to reimburse the entire

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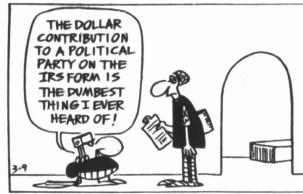
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Today's Highlight in History: On March 9, 1862, during the Civil War, the ironclads Monitor and Virginia (formerly Merrimac) clashed for five hours to a draw at Hampton Roads, Va.

In 1796, the future emperor of France, Napoleon Bonaparte, Josephine married

On this date:

Beauharnais. (The couple divorced in 1809.) In 1916, Mexican raiders led by Pancho Villa attacked Columbus, N.M., killing more than a dozen people.

In 1933, Congress, called into special session by President Roosevelt, began its "hundred days" of enacting New Deal legislation.

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. B-29 bombers launched incendiary bomb attacks against Japan.

In 1954, CBS newsman Edward R. Murrow critically reviewed Wisconsin Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy's anti-Communism campaign on "See It Now."

In 1975, work began on the Alaskan oil pipeline.

In 1977, about a dozen armed Hanafi Muslims invaded three buildings in Washington D.C., killing one person and taking more than 130 hostages. The siege ended two days later.

In 1989, the Senate rejected President Bush's nomination of John Tower to be defense secretary by a vote of 53-47.

In 1996, comedian George Burns died in Beverly Hills, Calif., at age 100.

In 1997, gangsta rapper The Notorious B.I.G., whose real name was Christopher Wallace, was killed in a drive-by shooting in Los Angeles; he was 24.

Ten years ago: Dr. Antonia Novello was sworn in as surgeon general, the first woman and the first Hispanic to hold the job.

Five years ago: House Republicans unveiled their long-promised tax cut for families, businesses and investors. President Clinton eased travel restrictions on Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams and invited him to the White House for St. Patrick's Day. Los Angeles police detective Mark Fuhrman took the stand at the O.J. Simpson murder trial, denying ever meeting a woman who had accused him of making racist remarks.

One year ago: RJR Nabisco Holdings Corp., the food-andtobacco conglomerate, announced it was getting out of the cigarette business.

Today's Birthdays: Author Mickey Spillane is 82. Singer Lloyd Price is 67. Actress Joyce Van Patten is 66. Actor-comedian Marty Ingels is 64. Country singer Mickey Gilley is 64. Singer Mark Lindsay (Paul Revere and the Raiders) is 58. TV personality Charles Gibson is 57. Chess player Bobby Fischer is 57. Actress Trish Van Devere is 55. Rock musician Robin Trower is 55.

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