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**WEATHER**

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**BSHS Key Club members selling Herald subscriptions**

Members of the Big Spring High School Key Club have begun going door-to-door in several areas of the community selling subscriptions to the *Herald* as a fund-raising project.

The students will be wearing Key Club shirts and will have a *Herald* identification card. The Key Club will receive between \$5 and \$7.50 for each subscription its members sell during the drive.

Key Club members will be asking for payment in advance, but will only be taking checks from subscribers. Those wishing to pay cash will be contacted by a *Herald* employee.

The neighborhoods the Key Club will visit include the areas west of Goliad Elementary School and east of College Heights Elementary School, the area south of Washington Street to 15th Street, areas west of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, areas south of Comanche Trail Nursing Home and the area between East 15th and East 18th Streets.

**WEEKEND TICKET**

**TODAY**  
 □ Ambucs Rattlesnake Roundup, Howard County Fair Grounds, 1-6 p.m., weigh-in of snakes.  
 □ Southwest Festival of Gospel Music, 7 p.m. Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Tickets are \$8 at the door and available at Trinity Baptist, East Side Baptist, KBYG, The Masters Touch and Nannie's Attic. Big Spring group Homeland, The Brashears of Russellville, Ark., the Revelation of Midland, Kings River from the Fort Worth area and West Texas Watchmen of Andrews will perform.  
 □ Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

**SATURDAY**  
 □ Ambucs Rattlesnake Roundup, Howard County Fair Grounds, 1-6 p.m., weigh-in of snakes, handling demonstrations, educational demonstrations, snake races, 1-7 p.m., skinning demonstrations, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. arts and crafts show in Dora Roberts Building and outdoor flea market.

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**Rocha selected as new Big Spring High School assistant principal**

By GINA GARZA  
Staff Writer

Big Spring High School students will see a new face next year as Osbelia Rocha takes her place as assistant principal. Her appointment was approved by the Big Spring



ROCHA

Independent School District board members Thursday in a special-called meeting. She replaces Craig Fischer, who will retire at the end of this school year.

"We had about 30 resumes, from not only the state but from Oklahoma and Utah," said Kent Bowermon, Big Spring High School principal.

"We (the sub-committee) went through all of the resumes and cut it down to eight," he said. "A group of 14 evaluated each one and ranked them from one to eight."

Bowermon added he took the top five from the list and took those to a faculty and staff committee who interviewed each of the candidates.

"They recommended two for final interviews and Mr. Ritchey, assistant principal, and myself interviewed them," he said. "I then selected Osbelia Rocha."

Rocha graduated from the University of Texas at the Permian Basin in 1999 with a mid-management certification

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**Big Spring ISD board of trustees OKs grant applications for reading programs**

By GINA GARZA  
Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District board of trustees approved a grant application Thursday for reading programs. "This is a two-part grant," said Murray Murphy, assistant superintendent. "We were made eligible for the first grant because of our socially-econom-

ically disadvantaged schools."

The two grants approved were the Reading Initiative and the Reading Tutorial. They are designed to fulfill new state mandates in reading improvement by funding new programs.

Murphy said the program goals are to improve reading instruction through actual

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**Infant's body recovered, search continues for young boy**

By CARL GRAHAM  
Staff Writer

The search for a 6-year-old boy swept away from his mother's vehicle by flood waters early Thursday resumed this morning as Texas Department of Public Safety dive teams joined local officials in the effort.

Dalton Lee Harbour and his 19-month-old sister, Peyton, were both washed out of the vehicle after their mother, Cindy Harbour, left them in an effort to find help after the car became stranded in Mustang Draw while she was driving the 6-year-old to Elbow Elementary School.

Following a day-long search, authorities found the infant's body around 7:45 p.m., but were forced to halt efforts later in the evening.

According to DPS public information officer John Barton of Midland, diving teams from Austin arrived on the scene around 8 this morning joining some 100 Howard County sheriff's deputies, Texas Department of Criminal Justice correctional officers, volunteers and family friends in the

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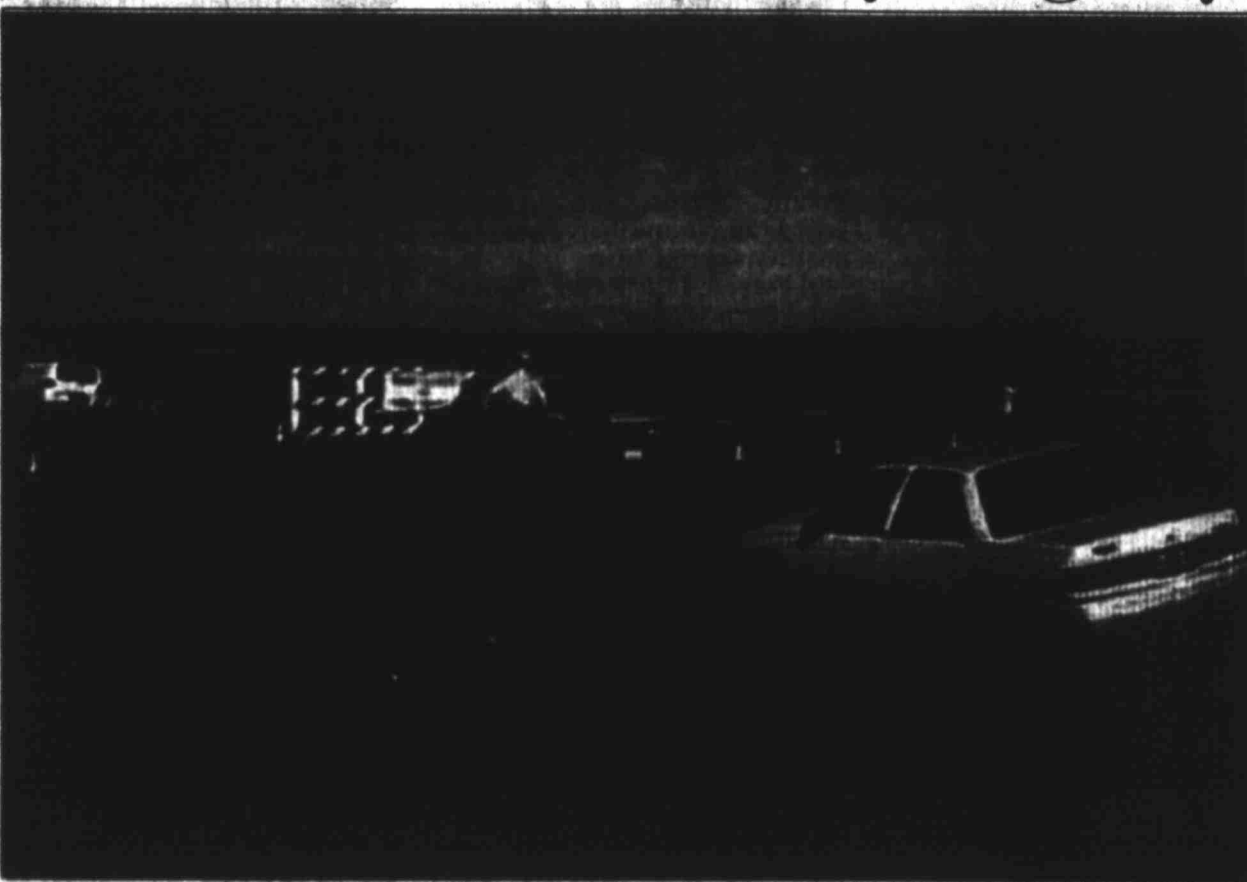
A benefit account has been established at First Bank of West Texas for Cindy and Dalton Harbour. Donations to the account, which will help pay for medical and funeral expenses, can be made at the Big Spring, Coahoma or Lorena branches of the bank.

search.

"As Ms. Harbour approached the water on the roadway her car started to be pushed by the swift moving water," Barton said in recounting the frantic story the woman told authorities. "She exited the vehicle in hopes of flagging down a passing motorist for assistance. She advised the children to stay in the car. Before she could get help she was swept away by the water... approximately one-half mile down stream."

The DPS regional headquarters in Midland was notified and a helicopter was dispatched to assist in locating the missing children. The search had to

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A helicopter joins the search for 6-year-old Dalton Lee Harbour, who was still missing at mid-morning today after rushing waters swept him, his mother and baby sister from FM 916 Thursday morning. The mother, Cindy Harbour, made her way to safety and called for help. The body of the baby, 19-month-old Peyton, was recovered Thursday night by relatives who were assisting in the search.

**Storms cause damage, anxious moments**

HERALD Staff Report

Severe thunderstorms that apparently caused at least one death in Howard County wreaked havoc across West Texas Wednesday and early Thursday, according to reports that were still coming in as of mid-morning today.

A tornado Wednesday night leveled two homes, swept away several storage sheds and injured a family of three near Big Lake.

A couple and their daughter in one of the houses was briefly hospitalized after they received

minor injuries in the storm, said Robin Collins, a dispatcher for the Reagan County Sheriff's Department. She said the owner of the other house wasn't home when the tornado hit.

A dispatcher from the Glasscock County Sheriff's Department said two people were injured when three mobile homes were toppled in Saint Lawrence, to the north in Glasscock County.

"We're not sure if it was a tornado that brought them down or if it was just winds," said the dispatcher, who declined to be identified.

A Midland County man and a

4-year-old child were rescued by a Department of Public Safety helicopter after their vehicle was swept down on draw on CR 1160 in Midland County. They were taken to Midland Memorial and treated for hypothermia, according to a DPS dispatcher from the Midland County Sheriff's Office.

In Fisher County, a 67-year-old man was pulled from his van by passers-by after he was trapped in the flood Clear Fork of the Brazos River.

Inmates from the Wallace

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**Local, area students to compete Saturday in TXU Electric & Gas solar car contest**

By CARL GRAHAM  
Staff Writer

Junior high school students from Big Spring, Coahoma, Garden City and Stanton will be competing in Midland Saturday as part of the TXU Electric & Gas fifth annual competition for solar-powered model cars.

This year's race has been dubbed "The Race of the Century."

These schools will be among 22 to compete in the area qualifying race that is set to begin at 10:30 a.m. Entries are limited to

one per school.

To qualify for the competition, students must be in grades 6-9 and build the model cars using kits supplied by TXU. Students are allowed to use their own creativity while building the model cars.

Winners of the area competition will receive trophies while prizes of \$50 to \$300 are at stake for their school science departments. The top four teams will advance to the championship race at the Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth on April 29. There they will compete against winners from five

other areas of Texas for additional prizes for their schools. Those categories are most creative design, best use of recycled material, best use of school mascot and overall creativity.

The "Race of the Century" is a culmination of a salute to Earth Week, according to Mike Nieto, TXU Electric & Gas manager in Big Spring.

"The championship race Saturday commemorates Earth Week and salutes environmentally clean, renewable energy resources such as solar power."

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Pictured just after being presented the award of Ag Producer of the Year at the annual Ag Expo Thursday is the family of David "Shorty" Barr. From left to right are Jim Purcell, "Shorty" Barr, Linda Barr, Patricia Barr, "Dutch" Barr and Debbie Barr.

HERALD photo/Carl Graham

**Rattlesnake roundup slithers into the city for big weekend**

By CARL GRAHAM  
Staff Writer

Slithery, sleek, exotic, repulsive — whatever your tastes, weigh-in of snakes for the 38th annual American Business Club (AMBUCS) Rattlesnake Roundup was



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to begin shortly after noon today at the Howard County

Fair Barn.

It's just the first step in a weekend filled with exhibitions and educational information centered around the poisonous snakes. For the more squeamish, there's also an arts and crafts show.

"We have already received about 400 pounds of snakes so we are in good shape for the kick-off of this year's roundup," said Ray Alexander, AMBUCS treasurer. "If we receive as much as 1,200 to 1,600

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and from Texas Woman's University with a degree in Library Science in 1991 and Learning Resources Endorsement in 1990. She received a master's degree in reading in 1977 from Texas A&I University as well as a reading specialist certification. In 1972, Rocha received a bachelor's degree in English and math from Sul Ross State University. She has been in education for 28 years. Presently, she is a Learning Resources Specialist (LRS) for Ector County ISD at Permian High School. She has also been the LRS for Ector Junior High School, Bowie Junior High School and Blackshear Elementary Magnet School.

Rocha taught from 1979 to 1988 in Ector County as well as from 1972 until 1979 in San Felipe Del Rio CISD.

She also has Conflict Resolution Training, Instructional Leadership Training, and is knowledgeable in the Professional Development Appraisal System. "She's outstanding and our community is going to be extremely pleased," said Bowermon. "She has been very successful every step of her career and she will be an asset to our school."

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grams for students and staff development, extended days for students and increasing parental involvement.

"With this grant, there will be a requirement to provide reading labs and parenting classes - to help parents learn the signs of potential reading problems," he said.

The Tutorial System Program grant will assist staff working with children who have reading problems.

"We'll use our staff in extended day (other hours besides school hours) to work with students and parents on reading problems," he said.

The Reading Initiative will cost \$350,000 per year for two years, and the Reading Tutorial will cost \$35,000 per year for two years.

"If we can get this money, we're off and running," he said. "Reading unlocks the key to education."

The schools to receive the grant money are Anderson Kindergarten Center, Washington and Goliad elementary.

In other action items, the board approved the hiring of Osbelia Rocha as assistant principal at the Big Spring High School.

"Mrs. Rocha comes to us from Ector County where she has been for the last 23 years," said Kent Bowermon, Big Spring High School principal.

According to Bowermon, one of her major duties will be working with the high school curriculum. Rocha replaces Craig Fischer, longtime assistant principal, who will retire at the end of the school year.

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said Nieto. "The solar cars are

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an effective way of making renewables real to the students and emphasizing TXU's commitment to clean air in the new century. All the kids will win in terms of their increased awareness of renewable energy sources and their hands-on experience."

Big Spring Junior High eighth grade students working on the solar-powered car are Jame Smiley, Chad Heinis, Ryan Beall, Mark Sheedy Jr. and David Brooks. Their sponsors are Lorianne Toombs and Jamie Seago, both science teachers at the new junior high school.

"Win, lose, or draw, we are very proud of these kids for the hard work that have put in to this project," said Toombs. "They have learned a lot about renewable energy sources which will be invaluable in the future in helping preserve the environment."

FILING

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thrown their hats in the ring for District 2. Larry Hollar, District 2 representative, decided not to run again.

Cochamo ISD drew ballot order Thursday morning. Those running are, James White, Ronnie Dodson, Eddie Corse, Larry Cordes and Jody Reid. All positions are at large.

In Forsan, Luis Baker, incumbent, Barney Hise, Robert Wash and Paul Spence have all decided to run in the May 6 elections.

Stanton ISD has three seats up for election.

In District 2, Dr. Pablo Trevini and Judy Fryar signed up to run. District 6, all at-large seats, had three sign up to run: Pinkie Jones, incumbent, Roberto Trevini and Randy Turner. In District 7, Rocky Barnes, incumbent, is unopposed.

Sands CISD drew names for ballot order Thursday morning, and all seats are at-large. Those entering the race are Phil Woods, Steve Parker, Van Gaskins, Diane Robinson, Robin Barraza, incumbent, Kyle Ware and Steve Blagrove. Joe Barnes, who has been on the board for 18 years, and Reggie Hambrick, who has served on the board for 15 years, both decided not to run.

Out in Grady, only two, both of them incumbents, elected to run again - Roy Cooper for District 6 and Jody Yates for District 5.

In Glasscock County ISD, all positions are at large. Those running are Tina Flores, incumbent, Dough Schaefer, Paul Schwartz, Randy Schmitz, Brad Avery, Cecilia Schwartz and Kenneth Branham.

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Unit at Colorado City helped build an earthen dike around a sewage lift station to prepare against flooding that city. Four families were evacuated as a precautionary measure, according to a Mitchell County sheriff's dispatcher.

According to Ralph Truskowski, operations manager for the Colorado River Municipal Water District, officials expect Lake Spence to gain 10-1/2 feet of water, resulting in an elevation that will make it rise to an elevation of 1,852.5. They expect the lake to gain 40,000 acre feet of water.

As of 7 a.m. today, Lake Thomas had risen 1.5 feet and was still having a flow coming in from three tributaries.

"I have spoken with someone at the power plant in Colorado City, and he said the water was four feet over the spillway and

still rising," Truskowski said. As of 7 a.m. today, the Colorado River was running 1,120 cubic feet per second at Gail, 15,900 cfs at Colorado City, 4,900 cfs at Beal's Creek at Westbrook and 8,900 cfs at Silver and rising. Truskowski said.

ROUNDUP

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pounds we will consider it a good roundup."

The public is invited to the festivities, which go on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 for children age 4 through 11.

Gate opens at 10 a.m. Saturday. Spectators can see handling demonstrations, educational exhibits of Western Diamondback rattlesnakes, milking demonstrations and snake races.

An arts and crafts show will run from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Building. There will be an outdoor flea market as well.

Sunday's roundup will be held from noon until 4 p.m. with the arts and crafts show going on until 6 p.m.

Trophies will be awarded at 5 p.m.

Concessions will be available throughout both days.

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Peyton Harbour was found about one-half mile northwest of the Harbour vehicle by Rand Pierce and Wesley Boren, who were searching the creek in a canoe. The infant was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center by private vehicle and was pronounced dead by Justice of the Peace Marilyn Carson at 9 p.m.

At 9 this morning, the vehicle was pulled from the still running water.

Barton said the dive teams then began searching the water where the vehicle was recovered, while the ground search continued down stream. That effort continued as the Herald went to press.

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FIRE/EMS

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

THURSDAY 5:24 a.m. - 2400 block Alabama, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

7:25 a.m. - 3400 block South F.M. 700, traffic accident, one patient transported to SMMC and one patient refused service.

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# House approves \$1.82 trillion budget early today, despite conservative unrest

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite unrest by some conservatives, Republicans drove a \$1.82 trillion budget for 2001 through the House early Friday, mapping deeper tax cuts and lower domestic spending than President Clinton wants.

Over the next five years, the measure would set aside at least \$150 billion for tax cuts and the entire \$1 trillion in projected Social Security surpluses for debt reduction. It would also provide up to \$40 billion to create a prescription drug benefit for Medicare recipients, though Republicans would narrow Clinton's plan to exclude high-

er-income senior citizens. Final approval came on a mostly party-line 211-207 roll call shortly after midnight, nearly 74 hours after debate began. And despite ongoing dissension by Senate conservatives, it moved Republicans a step closer to their goal of adjourning Congress by early fall so GOP lawmakers can go home and defend their House and Senate majorities in the November elections.

"If you're for the reform agenda, you're going to support this budget," said House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio, echoing a cam-

aign theme of apparent GOP presidential nominee George W. Bush.

In a replay of last year's budget fight, Democrats accused Republicans of equating surpluses from non-Social Security programs on tax breaks for the wealthy, and doing little to buttress Social Security and Medicare.

Likening the Republican budget to a television game show, Rep. Brad Sherman, D-Calif., asked, "Who wants to risk Social Security to give huge tax breaks to multi-multi-multi-millionaires?"

Democrats said the GOP plan

embraces spending cuts so severe that Congress would never approve, and they challenged the GOP's numbers, saying the Republican plan would eat into Social Security.

Republicans denied that, with Kasich saying that to arrive at that conclusion, Democrats had to "cook numbers and make things up."

The budget, which does not need the president's signature, sets overall tax and spending targets for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1.

The GOP plan would match or exceed Clinton's proposals for defense, schools and veterans,

and calls for tax cuts for many married couples and for health care and other expenses. But such details are advisory only, and lawmakers will shape specific programs in later bills.

Reiterating administration opposition to the GOP plan, White House budget chief Jack Lew wrote congressional leaders that it is "fundamentally flawed and fails to provide a

balanced and workable economic plan. In the past, this approach has delayed, rather than expedited, action on" subsequent budget legislation.

Most Republicans supported the proposal. But eight conservatives voted "no" on an early procedural vote because they said it lacked controls to ensure that spending remained within budget.

## White House officials knew of e-mail problems in '98

WASHINGTON (AP) — Top White House officials were notified in 1998 of computer problems but didn't tell Congress or the Justice Department of the glitches that prevented thousands of e-mails from being searched in response to subpoenas, according to documents and congressional testimony.

In testimony Thursday to the House Government Reform Committee, a White House aide acknowledged that he asked that employees keep quiet about the difficulties, but said he never threatened anyone.

"I did say ... that this was a matter that I believed that needed to be kept in bounds with those people who needed the

information to perform repairs to the system," Mark Lindsay testified. Lindsay said he didn't want people "talking around at the water cooler."

Details of the massive problem are only now emerging, while a Justice Department court filing revealed that prosecutors have launched a criminal investigation to learn what happened. Many of the e-mails apparently hidden from congressional and Justice Department investigators were Vice President Al Gore's messages on campaign fund raising.

Charles Ruff, who was the White House counsel in 1998, and John Podesta, deputy chief of staff at the time, were told

about the breakdowns in internal memos that year.

"This memorandum is to advise you of an anomaly in the system in the Mail2 server, which primarily supports the day-to-day e-mail traffic of the White House Office ..."

Podesta was informed by another presidential aide on June 19, 1998. Podesta is now the president's chief of staff.

In prepared remarks, Beth Nolan, the current White House counsel, told the House committee that after Ruff and Podesta were told of the problem, they thought it had not affected law enforcement and committee's subpoenas.

"Thus, as Mr. Ruff understood

the technical problem at the time, he did not think that the error had an effect on previous searches or that it might affect future searches of e-mail records," Nolan said. "As a result, Mr. Ruff had no reason to believe there was any need to notify investigative bodies of this error."

Another internal White House memo on Sept. 4, 1998, showed that computer officials were aware of problems "regarding OVP (Office of the Vice President) e-mail and records management." The memo laid out the problem in technical terms, but there was no indication it was discussed with Gore's staff.

## Lockney ISD stands by mandatory drug testing policy

LOCKNEY (AP) — The Lockney Independent School District would go to the Supreme Court to prove its mandatory drug test is constitutional, an attorney says after trustees stood by their across-the-board policy that effectively denied a father's appeal of his son's punishment for refusing to be tested.

"This is a major piece of litigation," attorney Donald Henslee said Thursday of a lawsuit filed by the American Civil Liberties Union on behalf of 12-year-old Brady Tannahill. "This is a case of such magnitude. It would be a case of first impression before the Supreme Court."

The district spent a long time working on the policy to make sure it was appropriate and it was what the community wanted. The district is very confident that it can defend this policy in court.

Attorneys for the ACLU aren't so sure. They say the policy is

unconstitutional. On Thursday, they asked the school board to reconsider the policy and its punishment of Brady.

"I don't want to come across as a guy who is smarter than you because I'm not," said Lubbock attorney Jeff Conner, who represented Brady's father, Larry Tannahill. "But I do have some grave concerns about this drug policy."

"When we drug test children who we don't suspect to be using drugs, I think it tells our kids we don't trust you. We are going to assume that you are lying to us. We are going to assume that you are using illegal drugs. We are going to assume you are guilty until proven innocent."

The policy requires that Brady be punished as if he tested positive because his father refused to sign a consent form handed out before the tests were administered in February.

Brady faces a 21-day suspen-

sion from extracurricular activities, at least three days' in-school suspension and three sessions of substance-abuse counseling.

He will also be required to take a monthly drug test for a year and each time he refuses, he will be considered a repeat offender, and the punishment becomes more severe.

The punishment will not be administered until the case has been fully litigated, Henslee said following the board's inaction on Tannahill's appeal. By not acting on the appeal, the board upheld the policy and Brady's punishment.

Representatives from the student body and faculty spoke in support of the policy, which requires that all students in grades 6-12 be tested.

"We feel that our right as students to attend a drug-free and safe school has been ignored by those choosing not to support

the drug policy," junior class president Lexi Jones read from a letter signed by 20 other students. "The overall consensus of the student body is in complete agreement with the drug policy. Upon signing of the drug forms, parents as well as students have shown their approval."

## Man awarded \$50,000 for finding stolen Oscars

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Willie Fulgear is oh-so-familiar with the Oscars.

The salvage man didn't get to keep any of the 52 stolen Academy Awards he rescued from the trash heap, but he's getting plenty of experience with acceptance speeches.

He's accepted an invitation to Sunday's Oscars ceremony. He's also accepted a \$50,000 reward from the shipping company that lost the statuettes.

"If anybody says honesty don't pay, send them to me,"

Fulgear said Thursday during the reward presentation. "I'm a poor man and I stumbled across, I guess, gold. And I gave it back."

A week ago, Fulgear, 61, made a living selling discarded machine parts. Now he hopes his find will get him a book contract or a movie about his life.

"This has really turned things around for me," he said earlier at his apartment about a block from the parking lot where he found the missing Oscars.

Fulgear said he'd like to use

the money to make a down payment on a home for his 22-year-old son, Allen.

Roadway Express, the Akron, Ohio, company hired to deliver the Oscars, decided to present Fulgear with the money after the Los Angeles Police Department concluded he had nothing to do with the theft.

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OUR VIEWS

Ag producers play vital role in all our lives

It seemed only fitting that rain which has been so badly needed for so long would arrive the evening prior to Thursday's annual Ag Expo and Appreciation Luncheon when the Crossroads Area's farmers and ranchers were recognized for their contributions to our community's economy.

Just as fitting was the selection of David "Shorty" Barr as this year's honoree as Agricultural Producer of the Year.

A life-long resident of the Vincent community, Barr has expanded his family's 160-acre farm to a family operation of approximately 3,000 acres of cultivated row crops.

One of the first in the area to begin bed planting and using precision planters to reduce seed cost and to cut down tillage in order to conserve moisture, Barr also operates 61/2 sections of grassland on which he raises European crossbred cattle.

Like so many area farmers and ranchers, Barr has seen his operations affected by the drought, not only in reduced cotton production, but having to reduce his cattle herd from 175 to 35 head.

The Herald wants to take this opportunity to congratulate not only Barr on his selection as producer of the year, but all of the area's farmers and ranchers.

Although continually challenged by West Texas' unpredictable climate, each of these producers play a vital role in each of our lives — not just by doing business in our community, but by providing us with the food we eat and most of the clothing we wear.

Thursday was a day set aside in their honor, but we should all take a few moments every day to remember the contributions they make in creating what is clearly the world's best standard of living.

We salute:

Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play.

This week we salute:

- COAHOMA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ROSS WILLIAMS AND LORIN WOLF, who put in a good showing at the state UIL Cross Examination Debate Contest March 13-14.

- CAST AND CREW OF THE BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL ONE ACT PLAY, who won district competition March 21 and are now on to area, and their director TIM HAYNES.

- WELDON MYRICK, 32-year veteran of the Grand Ol' Opry staff band and former local performer, who visited friends in Big Spring recently.

- WEST TEXAS CENTERS FOR MH/MR, which is moving and expanding its training center for clients.

- TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE EMPLOYEES, who raised money for the local Special Olympics program with a bake sale Saturday.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

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Another niche market: The art of getting your goat

There is such a thing as goat humor. Good, clean, goat humor. I didn't realize it before coming here, to the goat auction.

"Please do not go into the after-sales pens," auctioneer David G. Summers warns his customers. "All my employees know to get your goat if you do."

"Goat people get kidded a lot," one buyer says with a poker face. "We're the butt of a lot of jokes."

It is not particularly sophisticated, goat humor, but ranges from wry to unintentional. After all, unlike dour cows or handsome horses, goats are funny to look at, with old-man whiskers and devil horns and acrobatic habits.

But goats are more than a laughing matter to the 200 people who crowd into a converted chicken house on Summers' farm early one Saturday morning. (Sales are first and third Saturdays, goats and sheep only.)

The U.S. demand for goat meat is growing dramatically, ethnic markets in the Atlanta area, for instance, sell goat meat for as high as \$3 a pound. "Hispanics. Muslims. Chinese. Everybody eats goat meat but

American Caucasians," Summers says.

At the same time, the number of goats in the nation has fallen. Texas used to have millions more, but the federal government did away with a wool and mohair subsidy, and Texas farmers did away with goats. Meat goats from the Boaz auction might end up as far away as Los Angeles, New York or Miami.

Higher demand, lower supply. Goats are gold.

But the odyssey begins in little Boaz, best known for its outlet shopping. Boaz boasts one of the oldest outlet scenes in the country, and each weekend there's an onslaught of determined shoppers, happy church ladies crawling through town, snapping up linens, lingerie and French cooking pots, eating at a dell painted bubble-gum pink.

Five miles away, on Ala. 168, another kind of bazaar is under way.

The sign says Alabama Goat Auction. By 7 a.m. on sale day, the ragtag line of pickup trucks begins forming outside the old chicken house. The rigs carry makeshift pens that hold bleating goats. Car tags are from Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Mississippi and Kentucky. There's even an Indiana buyer here today.

Carl Goldsmith and his son Josh are bringing half a dozen goats and "can't wait to get rid of them," Josh says. "Raising goats is harder than it looks."

(Southeastern goat farmers must contend with worms and other parasites, coyotes, dogs,

poisonous plants and the threat of baby goats freezing in inclement springs.)

On the other hand, Jeff Alverson looks wistfully at his registered Nubian buck, Little Jeff. "He's just been a pet, really."

You can look at goats beforehand, where Summers' crew — including his stylish wife, Annita — herd them off trucks into pens. But if you want a good seat to see the 321 goats for sale, you don't tarry in the pen space.

The auction house is windowless and furnished with those ubiquitous molded plastic chairs. All seats are taken by 10 a.m., and overflow customers stand.

"So far, we've managed to keep the crowd from being rowdy," Summers says. "I had to ask one known thief and troublemaker to leave. I want people to be able to bring their kids."

Summers, 39, didn't fall into the goat business without considering the options. He researched ostriches, emus, catfish, pigs, cattle and chickens. But then he read about the growing meat-goat demand, and how a brood animal could be worth as much as \$5,000. He bought his first dozen but soon noticed that the only place to sell and buy goats was at a cattle auction.

"They laugh at goat people at cow auctions," Annita says.

Two years later, nobody's laughing — except at Summers' goat jokes. The auction is lively, with auctioneer Jimmy Isom's mesmerizing singsong

coming at warp speed. At times, the auctioneer's spiel might as well be in another language.

"Hey, lookie here, lookie here, a good-looking goat this one here, had triplets last year, going to put some good young 'uns on the ground."

"Or, 'A good sound goat here. He works!'"

"Or, 'This is a fine sturdy goat here, no papers, as is.'" "Or, 'This one here's a registered purebred, out of Pretty Boy and Money Maker."

Summers shows off the merchandise while the auctioneer rattles, posing one goat at a time, sometimes grabbing its back legs as if helping the animal do a handstand. That's to see if the goat's a billy or a "wether," which means gelding.

"The castrated males don't do all the nasty things that billys do, and they don't stink as bad," Summers explains.

The most a goat's ever brought at Summers' auction was \$900; that was a Boer brood goat. (Goats for butchering can bring hundreds; for breeding, sometimes thousands.)

There are dairy goats, meat goats, brood goats, show goats. There are goats so new they are sold with their mothers, like a belt with a skirt. Bids are all over the map. And you can consider your purchase while eating a goat burger from the concession stand.

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Another niche market evolves.



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Will Castro go out with an attack the United States?

Will Cuban leader Fidel Castro, the world's last Stalinist dictator, go out with a whimper or a bang? Most people who know him predict he will go out with a bang by attacking the United States.

Surely I jest, you might be thinking, but too many people close to Castro have said the same thing. This megalomaniac's ego simply cannot cope with being an old man discarded by his own people. He would rather commit the international equivalent of cop suicide by attacking the United States.

Here is a paragraph from a paper written by Ernesto F. Betancourt of the Institute for Cuban and Cuban American studies:

"Finally, the third scenario is advanced by those who think Castro would rather end in an apocalyptic last ditch struggle against the hated Americans, thus provoking a Goddammerung to seek a place in history for himself. In a letter to Celia Sanchez in June, 1958, Castro referred to a war with the United States as his true destiny. All those who over the last decades have been close to him in moments of crisis, coincide in concluding that an apocalyptic finale is his most likely choice."

Here are a few more bits of evidence offered by Betancourt:

A March 1996 article in Jane's Defence Weekly revealed Castro was training special forces for a pre-emptive attack on the United States.

In September 1998, the FBI arrested 10 members of a Cuban spy network in Florida. Bits of the indictments indicate that the spy network was considering sabotaging planes or hangars at undisclosed locations in Florida. An FBI affidavit states that one of the men had been tasked to provide information on: "deployment of aircraft, base daily

routines, descriptions of the interior and exterior of buildings, particularly one being prepared for a highly secret activity; the use of plane equipped for electronic warfare and the home addresses of hundreds of military personnel stationed at the base."

Dr. Luis Roberto Hernandez, who defected from Castro, has reported in a published article that he worked on a Cuban biological-warfare project that included identifying and producing virus strains that could be injected into migratory birds. The West Nile virus that killed some people in New York City this past summer has been found in some dead migratory birds in the area.

On May 13, 1999, a false report that seemingly came from three C-130 U.S. military planes was made to a New York airport. The broadcast was tracked by the Federal Communications Commission back to the Pinar del Rio

province west of Havana. Americans should never underestimate the malice and malevolence of Castro. Years ago, I interviewed Huber Matos, who was one of Castro's original lieutenants in the Sierra Maestra Mountains.

Matos said the same thing. He compared Castro to Adolf Hitler. He said that Castro had simply cut a deal with the communists who had offered him permanent power.

Americans are far too lackadaisical about Castro, in part because American leftists never cease painting him as a democratic socialist. He is far from being a democratic anything. He is a killer with a pathological hatred for America and Americans.

The United States had better increase its surveillance of Castro, especially now that he has allied himself with the Chinese. He has allowed the Chinese to build electronic surveillance stations similar to the Russian one that is still operating. I have a feeling that American complicity is in for a big shock one of these days.

Mallard Fillmore by BRUCE WINGLEY

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## CLUB NEWS

### Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library met March 9 at the Howard County Library. Several Friends volunteered to prepare donated books for the book sale April 8.

Additional books are needed in order to have a good selection. A group of Friends will be at the Library from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to assist patrons at the sale.

Friends recently purchased several chairs for use by Internet patrons at the Library. Several new members attended the meeting.

Final plans were made for the Membership Tea which will be held at 7 p.m. April 13, in the Community Room at the Library. The Friends will provide refreshments and door prizes of books and memberships will be awarded at the Tea.

The annual meeting of the Friends, including the election of new officers, will be held immediately following the Tea. The contest to determine who signs up the most new members will continue until April 13. Winner of the contest will be announced at the annual meeting.

### 1948 Hyperion Club

The 1948 Hyperion held its March meeting at the Dora Roberts community center with hostesses Fern Alexander and Betty Price. Mrs. Alexander introduced the guest speaker for the day, Pam Stevens, who gave a very interesting and informative talk concerning Scenic Mountain Medical Center's chapter of the Senior Circle. Her talk included information regarding local businesses who give discounts to members as well as a complete look at the weekly and monthly schedule of activities.

In the business meeting presided over by president, Joyce Choate, the club voted to again donate \$100 to The Relay for Life to sponsor a team at the event which is scheduled for May 12 and 13 at Blankenship Field.

### Big Spring Shrine Club

The Big Spring Shrine Club held its monthly meeting on Saturday, March 18, with 36 members, their ladies and nine visitors in attendance. The Potentate, Illustrious Sir Bobby Clark, presented J.D. Thompson his 50 year Shrine membership pin. Noble John Golen and his Lady Cherrie, from Abilene, were present to encourage all Nobles and their Ladies to attend the Spring Ceremonial in Abilene, May 5 and 6.

Following the dinner, Nobel Marvin Wise presented a program on Carrier Pigeons. All Shriners and Master Masons are encouraged to attend the next meeting at 6:30 p.m. April 15.

### 1905 Hyperion Club

1905 Hyperion Club met Thursday, March 16, in the home of Joyce Bradley. Bobbie Thomas was co-hostess, and 13 members attended.

The program was presented by Cecile McDonald. She reviewed the book "Esther" by Charles Swindoll. The book was a commentary of the many virtues of Esther and the many ways she helped her people.

The next meeting will be

## Spirituality and social work

### BSSH, VA plan workshop for mental health professionals

By VALERIE AVERY  
Herald Correspondent

Social workers recognize that tapping into their patients' spirituality gives them another tool in helping clients cope with mental illness.

That subject will be explored more deeply on Tuesday during an "Ethics and Spirituality" workshop from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Big Spring State Hospital Auditorium. The seminar is sponsored by Big Spring State Hospital and the Veterans' Administration.

About 50 to 75 mental health professionals from West Texas are expected to attend.

"Each person's spirituality is unique," said Kathy Salazar, Big Spring State Hospital director of social work services. "Everybody has their own ideas influenced by their culture, what religion/denomination they may have been raised in, and the impact of other life experiences," she said.

"It's important for us to help people get in touch with their own spirituality and sometimes that's difficult to do."

"One-on-one and group therapy sessions may be needed to help a person realize how their spirituality has been affected by life circumstances," Salazar said. "If people stray from their basic spiritual beliefs, they may feel guilty. The guilt can worsen their illness."

If that is an issue in their lives, social workers help their patients learn how to forgive themselves, which is important in recovery, she said.



Courtesy photo

Robin Riha, left, assistant director of social work services, and Kathy Salazar, director of social work services at Big Spring State Hospital, look over the agenda for a workshop planned Tuesday.

When people are admitted to Big Spring State Hospital, a team of psychiatrists, social workers, nurses, rehabilitation specialists and psychologists assess what may be impacting their illness.

To some, spirituality includes organized religion, so social workers call in the hospital chaplain or a local minister of a similar faith.

"Social workers are learning to tap into the issue of spiritu-

ality as a therapeutic tool. It is better to help people improve their inner resources than to depend on someone else to fix or meet their needs," Riha said.

The conference is in conjunction with National Social Worker's Month. It is open to social workers, case managers, counselors, mental health professionals, and other interested parties. Registration is \$10 and includes lunch. For more information, call 268-7277.

## Aging parents

### FUMC sets seminar April 1 for future planning

HERALD Staff Report

As the overall population of the United States ages, more people will confront the issue of supporting and planning with their aging parents.

First United Methodist Church's Family and Parish Life Committee has responded to this need with a workshop planned Saturday, April 1. The workshop, slated to run from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. in Garrett Hall at the church, is open to anyone in the area.

The title is "Planning With Your Aging Parent," and several topics related to that issue will be addressed by profession-

### DETAILS

- Workshop, "Planning With Your Aging Parent," is set for Saturday, April 1.
- Call First United Methodist Church at 267-6394 to reserve a spot.
- Cost is \$10, including lunch.

als in the field. It is aimed at anyone who may be facing a situation of caring for parents.

A cost of \$10 per person will include lunch and a nursery is available, but reservations are requested. The church can be reached at 267-6394.

Main speaker for the event is

Bert Steval, the Senior Methodist Retirement System. He is currently director of marketing for Parks Methodist Retirement Village.

Topics the program will address include:

- Trends in aging.
- Advanced directives, such as living wills, etc.
- The financial aspects of aging.
- Care options.
- Emotional and spiritual concerns.
- Caring for the caregiving adult children.

There will also be a light-hearted program at lunchtime on the topic, "Old Age Ain't for Sissies."



HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen  
Members of the Big Spring Art Association on Wednesday presented Loraine Redman, Howard County Librarian, right, with three art instruction videos. Representatives of BSAA shown are, from left, Jacquie Thomas, Fay Reed and Bobbie Alexander. That brings the total to more than a dozen videos the association has donated to the library's video collection.

## SLICE of life!

### LOCAL RELIGIOUS NEWS

A Jews for Jesus presentation called, "Christ in the Passover" is planned Monday at 7 p.m. at College Baptist Church. Using a visual display of accouterments, Jhan Moskowitz will enhance Christians' understanding of the Jewish background of the Christian Communion. Ancient and modern Jewish customs are discussed and described with an emphasis on the aspect of redemption which Christ accomplished at Calvary.

A table set with traditional Passover items, including representative foods which are explained, not eaten. Jews for Jesus has given this demonstration in over 5,000 churches. It was originally abstracted from the writings of the late Rabbi Leopold Cohn, who came to faith in Jesus in 1894 and died in 1936.

Those attending the program Monday will also have the chance to examine some related literature and materials. There will be a time for questions.



### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**ISAIAH 58, MULTI-CHURCH CHRISTIAN** assistance food pantry at 107 Runnels is conducting a fund raiser during the remainder of the month of March. The Feinstein Foundation of Cranston, has offered to match all donations of \$25 or more that are made to Isaiah 58 during March. (The Feinstein Foundation is dedicated to wiping out hunger in America). Donations may be sent to Isaiah 58, P.O. Box 1103.

Potential volunteers are always welcome to visit Isaiah 58 on Monday and Tuesday nights at 6 p.m. and Monday and Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

**VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE** will be available for the last time Monday from 9 a.m.-noon at the Spring City Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Drive.

All citizens are eligible to receive this free assistance. Interested persons should bring their tax booklet, all W-2 and 1099 forms, as well as anything else received showing 1999 income and their 1998 tax return. Please call Dorothy Kennemur, 398-5522, or the center, 267-1628, for more information.

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On April 13, members will gather in the home of Mrs. Milliken for a covered dish luncheon and to elect officers for next year.

Woman's Forum

Woman's Forum met March 17 in the home of Edna Faye Smith. Co-hostesses were Clara Zack and Pauline Wood. Thirteen members attended the meeting.

Edna Faye Smith introduced Tommie Mills who gave the

program on The Lions Club Eye Glass Program. He told about his trip to El Salvador with the Lions Club.

New officers for the 2000/2001 are: president, Betty Thomas, vice president, Edna Faye Smith, Emily Easley, and Evelyn Coker, recording secretary, Martha Fielder, and treasurer, Pauline Wood.

The April meeting will be in Sarah Boyd's home on April 21.

Art Association

The Big Spring Art Association met March 21, at the county library. Judy Gibbs presided. Plans for the BSAA Annual Big Spring Area Wide Juried Art Show were completed. The show will be at the Big Spring Mall Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Entries will be taken at the mall, today, from 2-8 p.m.

Honoring Betty Conley, who died March 6, there will be several of her beautiful paintings on exhibit.

Tipping of the Brush contest winners were Karen Chrane and Betty Koenig.

Toastmasters

Tall Talkers Toastmasters' Club of Big Spring had its meeting on March 22, at 6:30 a.m. at 606 Johnson Street.

Bailey Anderson resided as the toastmaster of the meeting. The topic master was Lyndel Moody who led the discussion topic on various topics. The speaker for the day was Dene

Sheppard, and gave a speech entitled "A Day in a Life." Lyndel Moody evaluated her speech. Joelle Ford was the timer/grammarian.

For the next meeting Steve Gray will be giving speeches.

Tall Talkers Toastmasters meet weekly on Wednesdays, August to June at 6:30 a.m.

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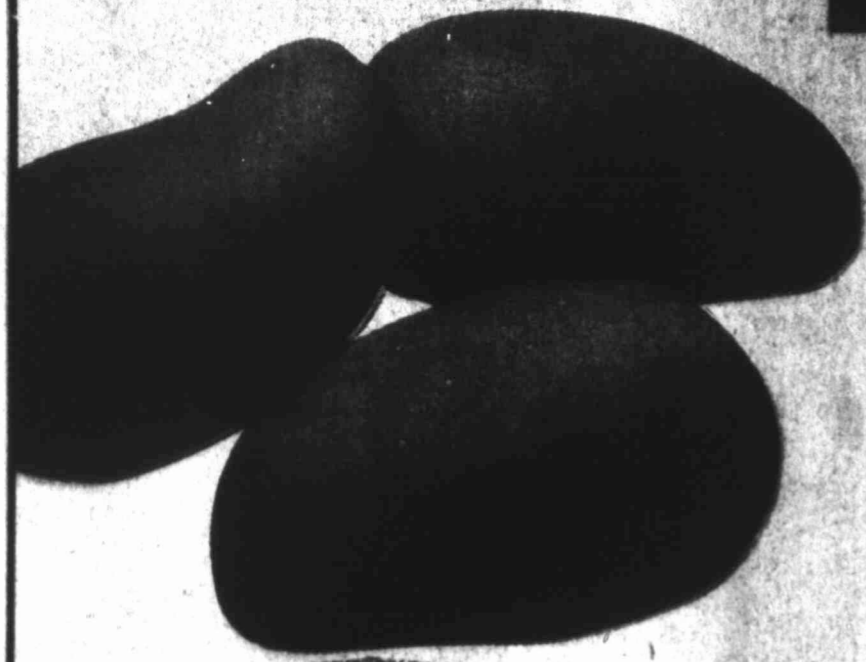
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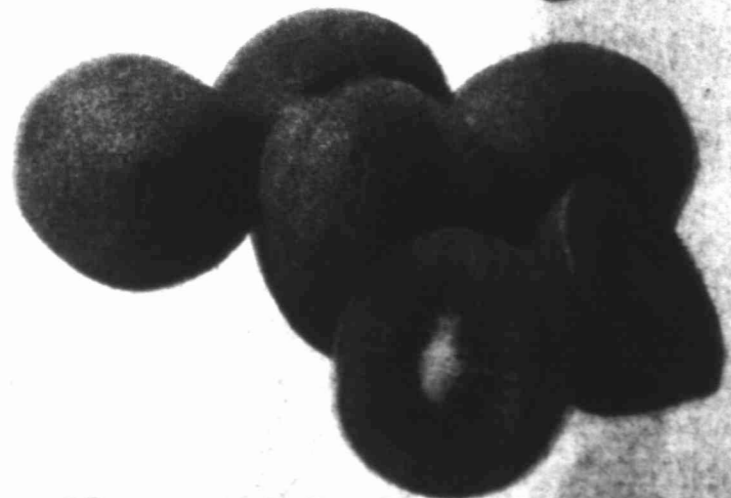
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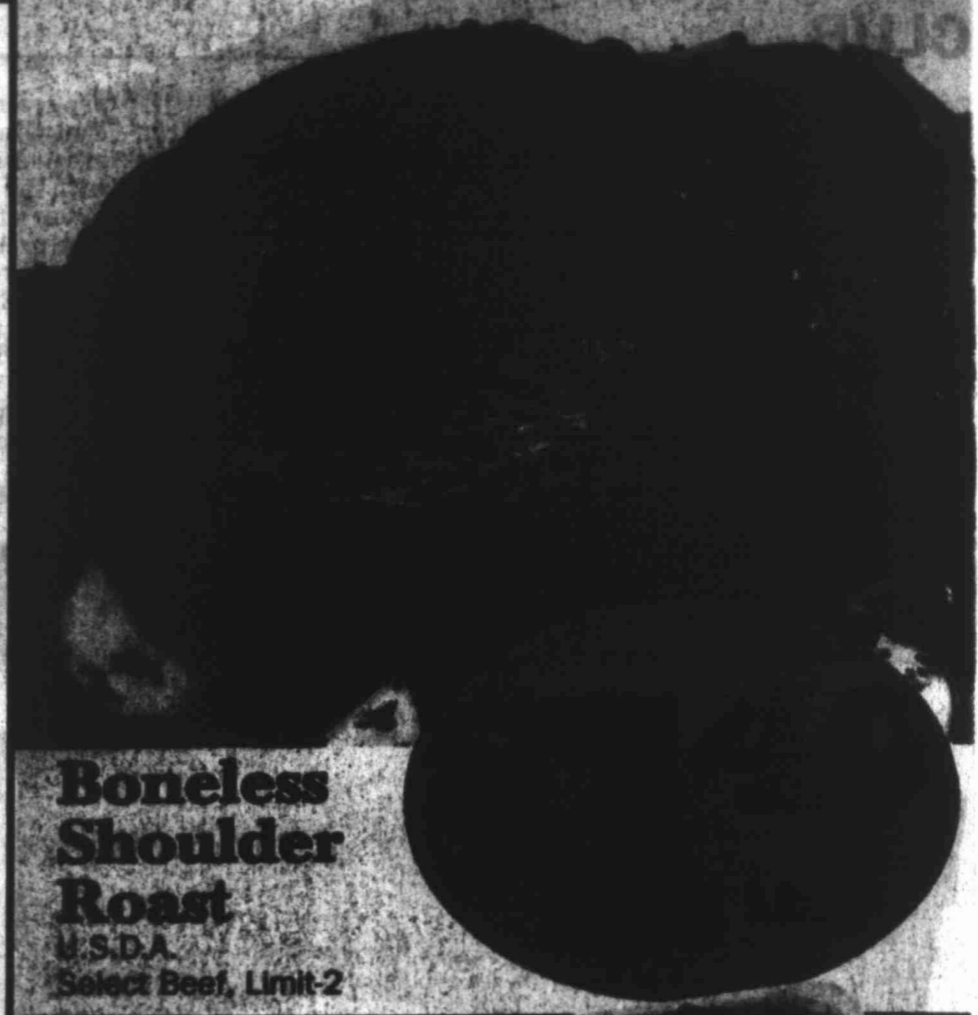
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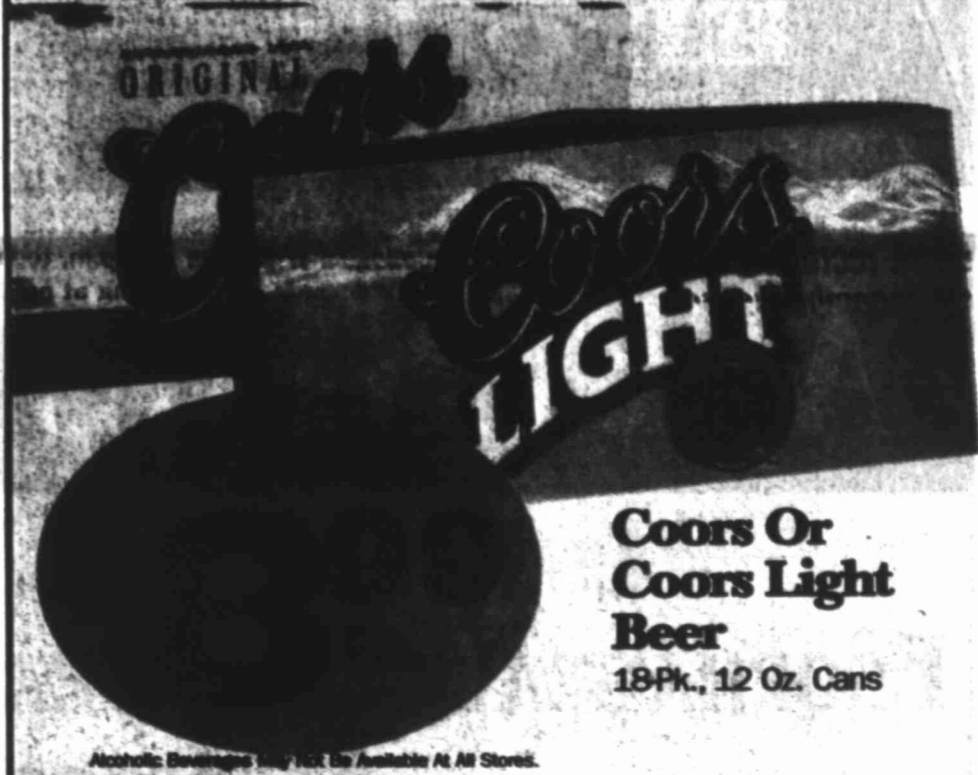
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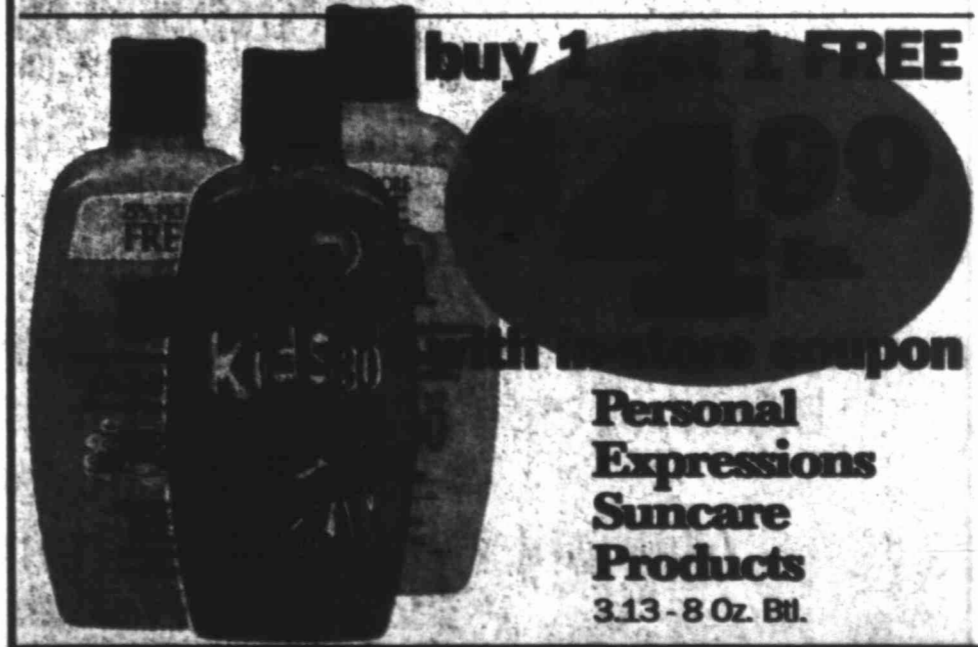
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### HC rodeo team in first round

Four members of Big Spring College's rodeo team made an impressive performance Thursday during the first round of the Odessa Rodeo at the Ed Coliseum.

Coy Leal led the Hawks, posting a clocking to take the calf roping tonight's second round at 7:30 p.m.

Jeremy Hughes McFadin grabbed third places in wrestling with time and 4.7 seconds, and Toby Schexnayev out the Hawks' to Thursday, his 74-p the bull riding giving second place.

### Junior high netball dominate dual

Big Spring Junior High School's tennis squad shut out Snyder match Thursday at 7 Tennis Center in Trail Park.

The Steers and won 18 of 20 matches and were dominant in seventh-grade winning 16 of 18 matches.

Big Spring's singles winners Smiley, Vishal Sh Ferrell, Will L. Wegman, Cole Jordan Cobb, Am Heather Parnell White, Lauren Ch Amanda Hart.

Seventh-grade winners Jason Vela, Nicholas Rivera, Keenan Jones, Villarreal, Heath Alex Gariepy, Jess and Kate Smiley.

### UGSA recruiting for upcoming season

The United Girls Association of Big Spring is recruiting umpires for the upcoming season.

A training session is set for 2 p.m. Sunday, April 2. For more information, contact UGSA officials at 267-2208.

### UGSA schedule registration for

Big Spring's UGSA Softball Association is holding its final registration from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Big Spring Mall.

The fee will be \$5 and applicants will receive a copy of their birth certificate. For more information, call 267-7466, 267-2208 or 267-2208.

## AREA GA

### TODAY

- 4:30 p.m. - Big Spring Steers Estacado Matadors.
- 5 p.m. - Coahoma Bulldozer Center Ovis.
- 4 p.m. - Snyder Lady Tiger Spring Lady Steers.
- 4:30 p.m. - Coahoma Bulldozer Wall Lady Hawks.
- JUCO BASEBALL
- 2 p.m. - Odessa College Howard College Hawk

### SATURDAY

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### IN BRIEF

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Jeremy Hughes and Seth McFadin grabbed second and third places in the steer wrestling with times of 4.6 and 4.7 seconds, respectively.

Toby Schexnaydre rounded out the Hawks' top showings Thursday, his 74-point ride in the bull riding giving him second place.

#### Junior high netters dominate dual match

Big Spring Junior High School's tennis squads all but shut out Snyder in a dual match Thursday at the Figure 7 Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park.

The Steers and Lady Steers won 18 of 20 eighth-grade matches and were just as dominant in seventh-grade action, winning 16 of 18 matches.

Big Spring's eighth-grade singles winners were Jake Smiley, Vishal Shroff, Justin Ferrell, Will Liggitt, Ryan Wegman, Cole Furquron, Jordan Cobb, Ame Blacketer, Heather Parnell, Amanda White, Lauren Chesworth and Amanda Hart.

Seventh-grade winners were Jason Vela, Nicholas Parades, Nick Rivera, Matt Islas, Keenan Jones, Veronica Villarreal, Heather Knappe, Alex Gariepy, Jessica Brown and Kate Smiley.

#### UGSA recruiting underway for upcoming season

The United Girls Softball Association of Big Spring is recruiting umpires for the upcoming season.

A training session is set for 2 p.m. Sunday, April 2.

For more information, call UGSA officials at 263-1526 or 267-2208.

#### UGSA schedules final registration for Saturday

Big Spring's United Girls Softball Association will hold its final registration session 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Big Spring Mall.

The fee will be \$30 per player and applicants must have a copy of their birth certificate.

For more information, call 267-7466, 267-2208 or 267-4947.

### AREA GAMES

#### TODAY HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

4:30 p.m.  
• Big Spring Steers at Lubbock Estacado Matadors.

5 p.m.  
• Coahoma Bulldogs at Hale Center Owls.

#### HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

4 p.m.  
• Snyder Lady Tigers at Big Spring Lady Steers.

4:30 p.m.  
• Coahoma Bulldogettes at Wall Lady Hawks.

#### JUCO BASEBALL

2 p.m.  
• Odessa College Wranglers at Howard College Hawks.

#### SATURDAY JUCO BASEBALL

Noon  
• Odessa College Wranglers at Howard College Hawks (DH).

#### JUCO SOFTBALL

1 p.m.  
• Midland College Lady Chaparrals at Howard College Lady Hawks (DH).

#### ON THE AIR

Television  
COLLEGE BASKETBALL

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

8:30 p.m. — NCAA Tournament, South Regional semifinals, CBS, Ch. 7

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

7:30 p.m. — Chicago Blackhawks at Dallas Stars, FXS, Ch. 29.

## Clayton set to be lead-off man in Rangers' offense this season

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) — The Texas Rangers are counting on shortstop Royce Clayton to be the fuse that ignites the offense this season.

Clayton will go from the bottom of the lineup to the leadoff position, hoping to be a catalyst for an offense that lost 34 percent of its 1999 RBI production with the departures of two-time MVP Juan Gonzalez, Todd Zeile and Lee Stevens.

"I'm getting a chance to score a lot of runs, sort of get things started," Clayton said. "I've got some great hitters behind me and if I do my job, we're going to score a lot of runs."

Clayton has tried leading off before and failed. Over the past five seasons, Clayton has hit .206 when behind in the count and .322 when ahead in the count. He hit .338 on first pitches and .194 with

two strikes. But working with hitting coach Rudy Jaramillo has given Clayton confidence.

"When I came over here, Rudy explained to me there were some things we needed to work on, but they all wouldn't sink in at once," Clayton said. "This hasn't happened overnight."

Jaramillo has been teaching Clayton to use the entire field instead of trying to pull the ball. He hit .325 after the All-Star break last season and really took off this spring, although he's cooled off recently.

"He started letting the ball come to him, trusting his mechanics," Jaramillo said. "That's why he had success last year. It's why he is having success now and it's why he is capable of doing the leadoff job."

Clayton has been valued for his field-

ing expertise at shortstop. However, he committed 25 errors at the position last season while his offense improved.

Batting mostly in the eighth and ninth spots last season, Clayton batted .288, drove in 52 runs and hit 14 homers. It was the highest average for a Texas shortstop since Scott Fletcher batted .300 in 1986. He hit .245 before the All-Star break when slowed by a shoulder strain.

"I was injured the first part of the season but we continued to work and come up with something that would get me in position to drive the ball the other way," Clayton said. "I'd get out in front a lot and pull balls even when I didn't want to pull it."

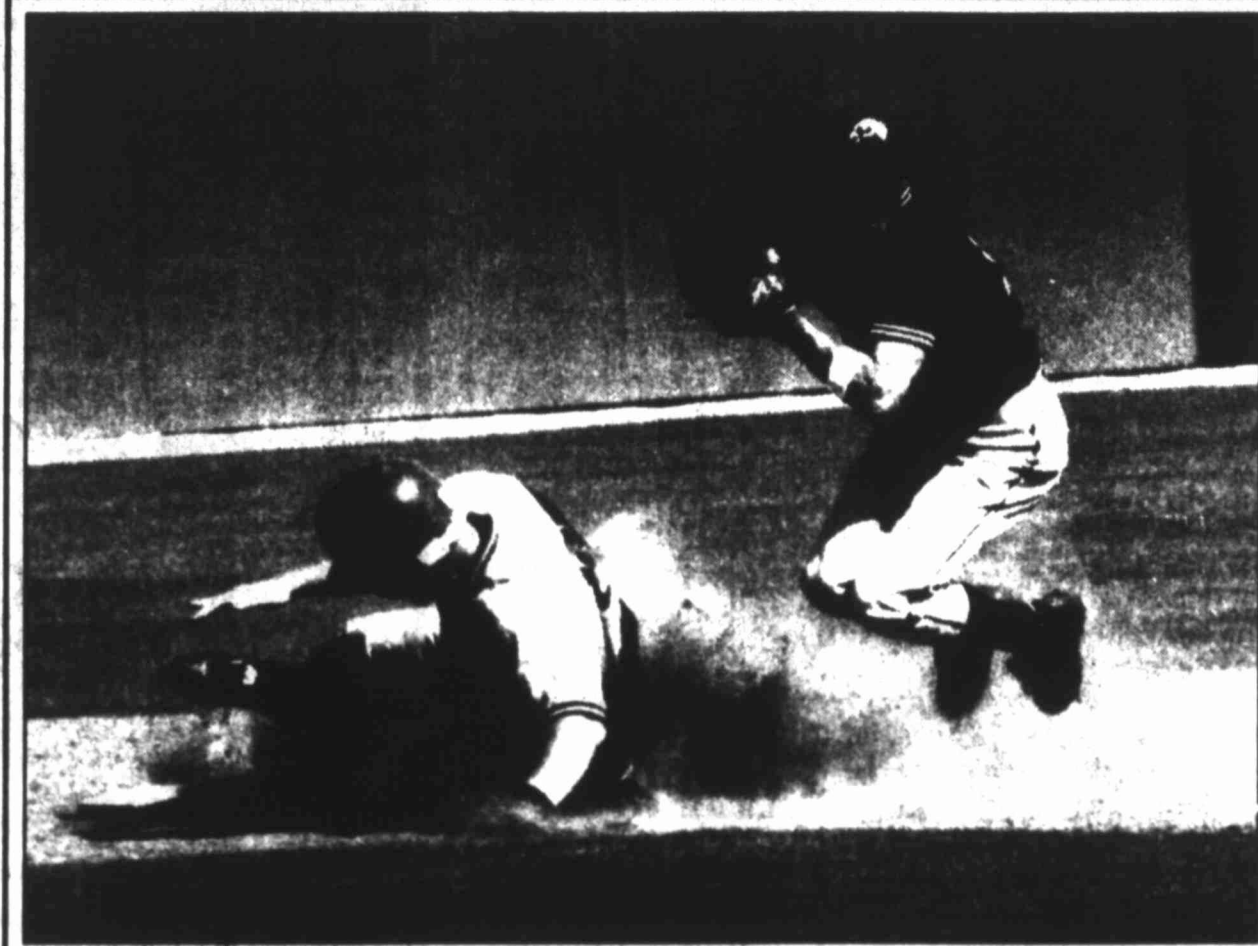
The Rangers expect him to resume his 1999 finish in hitting and regain his fielding touch.

Although the Rangers lost a lot of offense, they've got a lot of RBI power left with Rafael Palmeiro (148 RBIs last year), Rusty Greer (101), Ivan Rodriguez (113) and recently acquired David Segui (52).

"Johnny's giving him a chance to lead off and he got off to a good start," general manager Doug Melvin said. "He fits the role that we're looking for hitting ahead of Rusty, Pudge and Segui."

Clayton likes the Rangers mix after the off-season dealings.

"It keeps us from getting old and at same time, gives you a chance to be good for an extended period of time," Royce said. "We've got some young guys out there who can really play the game. We just want to have a solid year and see what happens."



Howard College shortstop Mike McMillan avoids the slide of a New Mexico Junior College runner at second and prepares to make the relay to first for a double play in the fourth inning of their game on March 10. The Hawks opened a crucial Western Junior College Athletic Conference series with Odessa College's Wranglers 5 p.m. today at Jack Barber Field. The two teams will follow today's game with a doubleheader starting at noon Saturday.

## March Madness

### Spartans, Boilermakers and Badgers guarantee Big Ten's in Final Four

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Big Ten is at it again.

Michigan State, Purdue and Wisconsin advanced to the final eight in the NCAA tournament Thursday night, and the conference is guaranteed a spot in the Final Four in Indianapolis.

"We knew all year it was a great conference," Wisconsin guard Jon Bryant said. "It's a gritty conference, a real tough conference — great defense and hustle."

The Badgers, sixth in the Big Ten regular-season standings, beat LSU 61-48 in Albuquerque, N.M., to set up an all-Big Ten West Regional final against Purdue. The sixth-seeded Boilermakers beat Gonzaga 75-66.

"It's amazing to know we have one more game — 40 minutes — and we'll be going home to Indianapolis," Purdue forward Brian Cardinal said.

The West champion will face the Michigan State-Iowa State winner in the national semifinals.

Top-seeded Michigan State, the Big Ten tournament winner and one of two conference teams in the Final Four last year, beat Syracuse 75-58 in the Midwest semifinals. Second-seeded Iowa State routed UCLA 80-56 in the second game in Auburn Hills, Mich.

Sparked by star guard Mateen Cleaves' halftime tirade, Michigan State (29-7) overcame a 14-point deficit against Syracuse before a partisan crowd at The Palace.

"At halftime, I didn't think we were playing hard," Cleaves said. "I don't mind guys missing shots. I don't mind if things aren't going right. But if you're not playing hard, then I'm going to get in your face."

Michigan State broke a 58-58 tie by scoring 17 straight points over the last 5:54.

"I had to pick up the pieces at halftime when I got to the locker room," coach Tom Izzo said. "Mateen did most of the challenging. He did a heck of a job in talking to them."

The Big Ten also was the last conference to send three teams to the final eight, with Michigan, Ohio State and Indiana making it in 1992. Ohio joined Michigan State in the Final Four last year.

Fourth-seeded Syracuse looked ready to run the Spartans (29-7) right out of The Palace, but Cleaves, who

returned for his senior season with the expressed hope of winning a national title, wouldn't let it happen.

Cleaves, scoreless in the first half, had 10 points — most of them early in the second half — to get the Spartans rolling. Morris Peterson scored 16 of his 21 points after halftime.

The Spartans took the lead for good on Charlie Bell's banker with 5:18 left, starting the game-ending 17-0 run. Bell, who had acupuncture this week on his left knee, scored nine of his 12 points in the second half.

Iowa State reached the final eight for the first time.

"We're a vast underdog coming up Saturday," Cyclones coach Larry Eustachy said. "We're playing the best team in the country. We'll have our hands full. We know what we're up against. We're going to have to play near perfect."

Gene Keady, Purdue's 64-year-old coach, is one victory from his first trip to the Final Four.

"I don't care if I fill my resume out," Keady said. "I've had a great career. I'd rather make a 20-foot putt against my buddies."

Still, one more victory, and the sixth-seeded Boilermakers (24-9) will be headed to Indianapolis, just a short drive from the Purdue campus.

The East and South semifinals are tonight. In the East in Syracuse, N.Y., Duke faces Florida, and Seton Hall plays Oklahoma State. In the South, Tulsa faces Miami, and North Carolina plays Tennessee in Austin, Texas.

#### MIDWEST REGIONAL Michigan St. 75, Syracuse 58

The Spartans, who also needed a second-half comeback to beat Utah in the second round, shot 68 percent in the second half.

"They came out in the second half and made some big 3s," said Syracuse guard Jason Hart, who had 11 points and 10 assists. "We held them off as long as we could."

Allen Griffin led Syracuse (26-6) with 14 points.

#### Iowa St. 80, UCLA 56

Marcus Fizer, Stevie Johnson and Michael Nurse had 16 points each as the Cyclones beat the sixth-seeded Bruins.

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## With some mystique gone, Lady Sooners say they now see UConn in human terms

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

With two first-team All-Americans and flashy offense, Connecticut can be downright scary. The Huskies are deep and talented, they run and press with abandon, and most of their games are blowouts.

At times, they can seem larger than life — but not to Oklahoma.

Oklahoma plays top-seeded Connecticut on Saturday in the NCAA women's Midwest Regional at Richmond, Va., their second meeting of the season. UConn beat OU 84-68 in Norman, Okla., on Dec. 29, a game that left the Sooners beaten, but not in awe.

After seeing the Huskies up close, some of the mystique has worn off.

"Sometimes they turn it over, just like we do," Oklahoma coach Sherri Coale said. "Sometimes they blow layups. Sometimes they foul, just like we do. They're very good basketball players and they're an exceptional team, but they're human."

Just like Oklahoma.

The fifth-seeded Sooners (25-7) shared the Big 12 championship with Iowa State and Texas Tech, both also still alive in NCAA play, then lost to Texas in their first game at the conference tournament.

Led by Big 12 player of the year Phylesha Whaley, Oklahoma regrouped quickly, beating Brigham Young in the first round of the NCAA tournament, then knocking off fourth-seeded Purdue on the Boilermakers' floor to advance to the round of 16.

"We are a wiser team than the one that went to Kansas City and lost to Texas," Coale said. "I don't think we would have beaten Purdue had we not endured what happened to us in Kansas City."

"That's why you play games, to find out what you're not very good at. Then you go home and fix it."

Oklahoma is one of just three underdogs to survive the first two rounds. Fifth-seeded North Carolina and 11th-seeded Alabama-Birmingham are still playing in the West Regional. Otherwise, it's a field of favorites, with all of the Nos. 1 and 2 seeds still playing.

A long day of regional play starts Saturday morning, with second-seeded Duke (28-5) meeting third-seeded LSU (24-6) in the other game at Richmond. In the Midwest Regional at Memphis, top-seeded Tennessee (29-3) plays fourth-seeded Virginia (25-8) and second-seeded Notre Dame (27-4) faces third-seeded Texas Tech (27-4).

The Midwest Regional is in

Kansas City, where top-seeded Louisiana Tech (30-2) will try extend coach Leon Barmore's career again in a game with the fourth-seeded Old Dominion (29-4). Barmore will retire after Tech's final game. Second-seeded Penn State (28-4) plays third-seeded Iowa State (27-5) in the other Midwest semifinal.

In the West at Portland, Ore., it's top-seeded Georgia (31-3) against North Carolina (20-12) and Alabama-Birmingham (21-12) against second-seeded Rutgers (24-7). The regional finals are Monday night.

Connecticut (32-1) won its first two NCAA games by 71 and 38 points and enter this round much more confident than a year ago. Frustrated by injuries and sporadic point guard play, the top-seeded Huskies beat Xavier by just two points in the second round last year, then lost to Iowa State.

This season, Sue Bird has been outstanding at the point and knows just when and where to get the ball to All-Americans Shea Ralph and Svetlana Abrosimova.

"This team is really focused right now," coach Geno Auriemma said. "I can't say I've had anything to complain about."

Texas Tech has no complaints

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## NC State heads to NIT semifinals with win over Ole Miss

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Finishing the season at Madison Square Garden wasn't exactly what North Carolina State envisioned.

But it seems fitting that the Wolfpack, who had 15 wins in early February and NCAA tournament dreams, reached the NIT semifinals for the first time since 1978 with freshman Damien Wilkins playing a key role.

Wilkins' father, Gerald, began his NBA career for the New York Knicks.

"It's definitely special for me. I get to finish my freshman year where my father started his," Wilkins said after N.C. State's 77-54 win over Mississippi in the third round on Thursday.

Kenny Inge scored 17 points, Wilkins added 16, and each grabbed 10 rebounds

to help the Wolfpack (20-12) reach 20 victories for the first time since 1991.

The Wolfpack had hoped to avoid a fourth straight trip to the NIT.

But a seven-game losing streak last month, the school's worst since 1991-92, and a loss to Maryland in the second round of the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament sealed the Wolfpack's fate.

"Everyone wants to be in the NCAA tournament. At the same time, in any field of competition, you've got to want to win," Wilkins said. "We have a shot to do something special. I think everyone has buckled down and decided we're going to win or lose."

N.C. State will play the winner of tonight's California-Wake Forest game in the National Invitation Tournament semifinals. Notre Dame faces Penn State in the other game in New York on

Tuesday.

"We kept playing and now we're going to the final four of the NIT," Inge said. "As a team, we have stuck together and battled all season long."

Wilkins said he hasn't been to the New York City arena since he was about 5 years old to watch his dad play. But all he remembers is having to rush to the restroom.

"I'm not that nervous anymore," Wilkins said as reporters around him laughed.

The Wolfpack didn't look nervous against Ole Miss (19-14) as they went ahead 3-2 on Anthony Grundy's 3-pointer a minute into the game and never relinquished the lead.

The Rebels closed to 40-31 after Jason Harrison's 3-pointer with 16:59 remaining, then made it 43-36 after Rahim

Lockhart's putback with 13:26 to go, only to have a technical foul derail any comeback possibilities.

After Wilkins hit two free throws, Ole Miss' Marcus Hicks was given a technical foul for slamming the ball after a foul was called. Archie Miller hit both free throws and Wilkins dunked Miller's miss for a 49-36 lead.

N.C. State jumped to a 23-7 lead with 10:57 to go in the first half, and the Wolfpack maintained a double-digit lead the rest of the half.

Jason Flanigan hit consecutive 3s to cut N.C. State's lead to 32-22 with 1:33 left in the first half, but the Wolfpack held the Rebels scoreless after that to lead 39-22 at halftime.

"I really like their team," Ole Miss coach Rod Barnes said. "I hope they go and win the NIT."

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**Thursday's Games**  
Florida 3, Boston 1  
Buffalo 4, Calgary 2  
Toronto 3, Ottawa 2  
Los Angeles 3, Philadelphia 2, OT  
Washington 4, N.Y. Rangers 1  
Detroit 6, Nashville 3  
Colorado 4, Phoenix 2

**Today's Games**  
New Jersey at N.Y. Islanders, 6:30 p.m.  
Pittsburgh at Phoenix, 6:30 p.m.  
St. Louis at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.  
Chicago at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.  
Anaheim at Vancouver, 9 p.m.  
Phoenix at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

**Saturday's Games**  
Los Angeles at Boston, 12:30 p.m.  
New Jersey at Toronto, 6 p.m.  
Washington at Ottawa, 6 p.m.  
Montreal at Florida, 6:30 p.m.  
Calgary at Nashville, 7 p.m.  
Vancouver at Edmonton, 9 p.m.

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	42	25	.627	—
New York	41	26	.612	1
Philadelphia	39	28	.582	3
Ottawa	33	36	.478	10
Boston	30	38	.441	12 1/2
New Jersey	29	38	.433	13
Washington	24	46	.343	19 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	45	21	.682	—
San Antonio	43	25	.632	3
Minnesota	41	26	.612	4 1/2
Dallas	29	39	.426	17
Denver	27	41	.397	19
Houston	25	43	.368	21
Vancouver	19	49	.279	27

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**EAST REGIONAL**  
At Richmond, Va.  
Regional Semifinals  
Saturday, March 25  
Connecticut (32-3) vs. Oklahoma (25-7)  
LSU (24-6) vs. Duke (28-5)

**Regional Championship**  
Monday, March 27  
Semifinal winners

**MIDWEST REGIONAL**  
At Memphis, Tenn.  
Regional Semifinals  
Saturday, March 25  
Virginia (25-8) vs. Tennessee (30-3)  
Notre Dame (27-4) vs. Texas Tech (27-4)

**Regional Championship**  
Monday, March 27  
Semifinal winners

**MIDWEST REGIONAL**  
At Kansas City, Mo.  
Regional Semifinals  
Saturday, March 25  
Iowa St (27-5) vs. Penn St. (28-4)  
Old Dominion (29-4) vs. Louisiana Tech (30-2)

**Regional Championship**  
Monday, March 27  
Semifinal winners

**WEST REGIONAL**  
At Portland, Ore.  
Regional Semifinals  
Saturday, March 25  
Rutgers (24-7) vs. Alabama-Birmingham (21-12)  
Georgia (31-3) vs. North Carolina (20-12)

**Regional Championship**  
Monday, March 27  
Semifinal winners

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**EAST REGIONAL**  
Regional Semifinals  
Friday, March 24  
Duke (29-4) vs. Florida (26-7), 6:38 p.m.  
Seton Hall (22-9) vs. Oklahoma State (26-6), 9:55 p.m.

**Regional Championship**  
Sunday, March 26

**SOUTH REGIONAL**  
Regional Semifinals  
Friday, March 24  
Tulsa (31-4) vs. Miami (23-10), 6:55 p.m.  
North Carolina (20-13) vs. Tennessee (26-6), 9:15 p.m.

**Regional Championship**  
Sunday, March 26

NIT

**Final Round**  
Wednesday, March 22  
Penn State 81, Kent 74  
Notre Dame 64, Brigham Young 52

**Thursday, March 23**  
North Carolina State 77, Mississippi 54  
Friday, March 24  
California (18-14) at Wake Forest (19-14), 6:30 p.m.

**Seminifinals**  
At Madison Square Garden  
New York  
Tuesday, March 28  
Penn State (18-15) vs. Notre Dame (23-14), 6 or 8 p.m.

**Championship Round**  
Thursday, March 30  
At Madison Square Garden  
New York  
Third Place  
Semifinal losers, 3:30 p.m.  
Championship  
Semifinal winners, 6 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

**BASEBALL**  
American League  
ALABAMA ANGELS—Traded OF Jim Edmonds to the St. Louis Cardinals for RHP Kent Botsford and 2B Adam Kennedy.  
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Placed RHP Brian Falkenberg on the 60-day disabled list.  
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Options LHP Tim Lincecum and OF Dan Brown to Omaha of the PCL. Assigned RHP Mike MacDougal to their minor-league camp.  
MINNESOTA TWINS—Options RHP Scott Renshaw and RHP Jason Ryan to Salt Lake of the PCL. Reassigned LHP Todd

**BASEBALL**  
National League  
CHICAGO CUBS—Placed OF Gianfranco Paganotto on the 15-day disabled list. Sent RHP Steve Rahn outright to Iowa of the PCL. Sent OF Chris Hatcher to their minor-league camp. Released RHP Greg Maddux.  
CINCINNATI REDS—Options RHP Scott Williamson to Louisville of the International League.  
COLORADO ROCKIES—Released RHP Billy Taylor.  
LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Agreed to terms with 3B Adrian Beltre on a two-year contract. Designated 3B Kevin Oniz and RHP Dan Naulty for assignment. Purchased the contract of RHP Mike Fetters and RHP Kevin Elster from Albuquerque of the PCL. Options LHP Jeff Williams to Albuquerque. Sent C Adam Melhuse to their minor-league camp.  
MONTREAL EXPOS—Placed RHP Mike Thurman on the 15-day disabled list.  
PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Released RHP Mark Leiter.  
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Acquired RHP Rodney Myers from the Chicago Cubs for OF Gary Matthews Jr. Reassigned LHP David Mauer from the San Francisco Giants per 5 guidelines and assigned him to Las Vegas of the PCL.  
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Placed C Halton Davis on the injured list. Activated F Matt Batista from the injured list.  
PHOENIX SUNS—Placed G Jason Kidd on the injured list. Signed R Kevin Johnson.  
WASHINGTON WIZARDS—Placed G Rod Strickland on the injured list. Activated C Calvin Booth from the injured list.

**FOOTBALL**  
National Football League  
NFL PLAYERS ASSOCIATION—Elected Gene Upshaw executive director, and Ray Brown, Eddie George, Tim Brown, Mike Tomczak, Lester McQueen, Jason Baker, Nolan Harrison, and Robert Porcher to the board of directors.  
BUFFALO BILLS—Signed NT Pat Williams to a two-year contract.  
CLEVELAND BROWNS—Named Mike Pitts defensive assistant coach.  
DENVER BRONCOS—Re-signed DT Mike Locksley to a one-year contract and OT Willie Jones to a two-year contract.  
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Signed LB Tedy Bruschi to a two-year contract. Released OT Zefross Moss.  
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Signed DT Wendell Garner. CB Shannon Garrett. S Eric Johnson and T Marcus Price.

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about its matchup with Notre Dame because the Lady Raiders were further depleted when Peppi Browne was sidelined by a knee injury in late January. Two years ago, Texas Tech was the No. 1 seed in the Midwest when they lost to Notre Dame at home in the second round. That prevented Tech from advancing to the regional semifinals.

"Any time anyone beats us, we've always got revenge on our mind," Tech's Keitha Dickerson said.

Duke has reached the regional semifinals for the third straight season after losing three starters from the team

WOMEN

that was beaten by Purdue in the national championship game last year. The Blue Devils were further depleted when Peppi Browne was sidelined by a knee injury in late January. Veteran Georgia Schweitzer has kept Duke on a steady course, and players such as Rochelle Parent, Lauren Rice and Sheana Mosch are making valuable contributions.

"This shows what happens when everyone pulls together and is willing to do their part," Duke coach Gail Goetsenkos said. "This is the perfect example of what can be done when no one cares who gets the points or recognition."

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**POINTE VEDRA** (AP) — It was the only Hal Sutton could win. And that's only what was winning.

Choosing his spot throughout a 60-round of golf, Sutton under-par 69 to take Thursday in the Championship.

He had a 1-stroke group of seven, Bernhard Langer and U.S. Open champion Janzen, after a win at one of the PGA's cult venues, the Sawgrass.

Tiger Woods was who persevered. Under despite a doubt his first in five weeks. No. 17 island hole. was the highest score the first round in the course.

So tough were the so thick the rough, laid up after driving thick grass on the of the tournament, converted a par 4 that out as one of biggest successes.

"When you get they have got here, stuff is like wire," said. "It only goes about deep. But it goes all the bottom. I mean, stuff. You can get some serious trouble hit it hard out of the hole."

There were 22 par would surely agree number who shot when darkness half round with another still on the course wind gusts up to 26 mph.

Among the vic Sergio Garcia (82) playing his first Sawgrass; Phil Mickel who shot 10-over on nine holes; and Chris (83), who duffed a rough on No. 16 and gusted that he walk ball and, without knocked it into the way to a triple bogey.

"I did a few things done," Stadler said. "I think I've shot in could have been in the goodness I made early."

Woods did, too, but was not immune to or the frustration.

After teeing off in on No. 5, he spent 5 minutes trying to figure club to hit after hitting the thick rough. A several clubs out, he ly tossed them back bag until he found one. He bogeyed the hole.

On No. 6, he hit a and tossed the c ground while walk green, then birdied.

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NCAA

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Jamaal Tinsley points to help the Cougars (4) extend their win to 10 games.

JaRon Rush, who UCLA's eight-game streak after returning 24-game-NCAA suspended to a season-long going 0-of-5 from 3-point range. The Bruins (21-11) sent from the field.

**WEST REGIONAL**  
Purdue 75, Gonzaga 66

Jaraan Cornell with 18 points. Casey Calvary points and Axel D'Amico for 10th-seeded Gonzaga. Richie Frahm had 10 points, but nearly in the game. He from 3-point range. Santangelo was 4-of-7 in the field, 1-for-7 on the line.

"Everything was a bit short," Santangelo said.

"That's just the way it goes."

Wisconsin 61, LSU 48

Bryant scored 11 points. Wisconsin held LSU to a season-low point total. Wisconsin (21-11) upset top-seeded Duke in the second round of its last 13 games. Three losses all State.

Stromile Swift and Smith each scored 15 points. LSU (28-6)

### Sutton passes Sawgrass' first trial of TPC

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — It was the kind of day only Hal Sutton could love.

And that's only because he was winning.

Choosing his spots carefully throughout a treacherous round of golf, Sutton shot a 3-under-par 69 to take the lead Thursday in The Players Championship.

He had a 1-stroke edge over a group of seven, including Bernhard Langer and two-time U.S. Open champion Lee Janzen, after a windblown day at one of the PGA's most difficult venues, the TPC at Sawgrass.

Tiger Woods was among those who persevered. He shot 1-under despite a double bogey — his first in five weeks — on the No. 17 island hole. Sutton's 69 was the highest score to lead the first round in 19 years at the course.

So tough were the conditions, so thick the rough, that Sutton laid up after driving into the thick grass on the fourth hole of the tournament, a par 4. He converted a par and singled that out as one of the day's biggest successes.

"When you get rough like they have got here, I mean, the stuff is like wire," Sutton said. "It only goes about 3-4 inches deep. But it goes all the way to the bottom. I mean, it is gnarly stuff. You can get yourself in some serious trouble trying to hit it hard out of this."

There were 22 players who would surely agree. That's the number who shot 80 or more when darkness halted the first round with another 21 players still on the course, fighting wind gusts up to 26 mph.

Among the victims were Sergio Garcia (82), who was playing his first round at Sawgrass; Phil Mickelson (83), who shot 10-over on his first nine holes; and Craig Stadler (83), who duffed a shot in the rough on No. 16 and was so disgusted that he walked up to the ball and, without pausing, knocked it into the lake on his way to a triple bogey.

"I did a few things I've never done," Stadler said. "I don't think I've shot in the 80s. It could have been the 90s. Thank goodness I made some putts early."

Woods did, too, but even he was not immune to the weather or the frustration.

After teeing off into the water on No. 5, he spent several minutes trying to figure out which club to hit after his drop into the thick rough. After pulling several clubs out, he disgustedly tossed them back toward the bag until he found the right one. He bogeyed the hole.

On No. 6, he hit a wedge short and tossed the club to the ground while walking to the green, then birdied the hole.

### NCAA

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Jamaal Tinsley added 14 points to help the Cyclones (32-4) extend their winning streak to 10 games.

JaRon Rush, who directed UCLA's eight-game winning streak after returning from a 24-game-NCAA suspension, was held to a season-low six points, going 0-of-5 from 3-point range. The Bruins (21-11) shot 33.9 percent from the field.

### WEST REGIONAL

Purdue 75, Gonzaga 66

Jaraan Cornell led Purdue with 18 points.

Casey Calvary scored 20 points and Axel Dench had 14 for 10th-seeded Gonzaga (26-9). Richie Frahm also had 14 points, but nearly all came late in the game. He was 1-for-5 from 3-point range. Matt Santangelo was 4-for-18 from the field, 1-for-7 on 3-pointers.

"Everything was just a little bit short," Santangelo said. "That's just the way it goes."

### Wisconsin 61, LSU 48

Bryant scored 16 points as Wisconsin held LSU to a season-low point total.

Wisconsin (21-13), which upset top-seeded Arizona 66-59 in the second round, has won 19 of its last 13 games, with the three losses all to Michigan State.

Stromile Swift and Jabari Smith each scored 12 points for LSU (28-6).

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

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
Good communication comes out of an initial misunderstanding. New beginnings are possible when you reverse direction. Overindulgence marks the moment. Get together with friends at a new spot. Be open to change. Tonight: Try something different!

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
Togetherness builds once you get past a minor ruckus or a misunderstanding. Good will flows through, enabling you to create what you want. A partner changes his position; you feel better together than you do apart. Tonight: Snuggle in.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
You are off kilter and not exactly sure what you want. Allow a partner to be more expressive by opening yourself up. Better understanding allows more togetherness. Indulge, rather than judge. Tonight: Say yes to a loved one.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
Make it OK to take time out. Fatigue marks your choices. A loved one or child expresses disappointment. Talk; you'll recharge and regain support. You make quite a team! A friend entices you to join him in an adventure. Tonight: Feel free to call if an early night.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
Use extra care with finances, and you will land on your feet. Following your instincts helps you develop better rapport with a loved one. Another is more willing to put himself on the line. Give someone the freedom to express himself. Tonight: Play it me.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
Nervous energy is high. Reach out for another. Make a difference to someone you care about. You'll feel a lot better as a result. Revise your thinking about a domestic situation. Relaxing brings inner peace.

Tonight: Happy at home.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)**  
Others clearly mean well, even though there could easily be a misunderstanding. Listen carefully to another's opinion. Get down to the basics. Review your thoughts with a partner. Together, you make quite a team. Tonight: Visit with a friend.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
Expenses could go out of whack. Think carefully about what is happening with a friend. Review a commitment. You see an issue differently once you talk to several friends whose judgments you trust. Don't go overboard with spending! Tonight: Indulgence comes in many forms.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
You can beam in whatever you want. Think carefully about a misunderstanding with a family member. How both of you see a situation could change substantially with good will and empathy. There's no need to prove yourself right. Tonight: Let the good times roll.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
Others are high-voltage, and you could easily overreact. You might be misreading a situation, but convincing you that you are off kilter could be difficult. Be creative and find a solution that works for both you and another. Tonight: Take a night off.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
Join friends. Carefully listen to a partner. Another means well. If you start working through a problem, you can both be happy. Take time for family and your home. Aim for a sense of unity and togetherness. Tonight: Where the gang is.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
You have strong opinions, but another just might not want to listen! You can get upset, or you can work with the situation. Lighten up about what is going on. Another really does care. Be more open in your communication. Tonight: A fun must appearance!

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Mother's heartlessness is not all in daughters' heads

DEAR ABBY: This letter is a late response to "Emotionally Bruised," whose mother was supercritical. My mother also says and does the most incredibly heartless things to us. When our father was alive, he used to cover for her as much as possible in order to keep peace in the family. Now that my father has passed away, my sister and I have had to deal with my mother's inappropriate behavior.

Due to a family blowup just before Thanksgiving (the first holiday since my father's passing), we got Mother to attend two therapy sessions with my sister and me. Mother was her usual heartless, mean self in front of the therapist, so he was able to get a clear picture of what we had been dealing with. Later, in a private session, the therapist gave me some valuable information. He explained that my mother is extremely narcissistic. She is not, nor will she ever be, able to become empathetic or understanding of others.

In many ways, it was wonderful to have the validation and acknowledgment from an outsider about my mother's behavior; however it also felt like a death sentence. The therapist advised me to do all I can to

protect myself from my mother, but to never stop telling her that her words and actions are hurting me. My silence all these years had led her to believe that I accept and agree with her.

It is always tough standing up to this woman, and the fallout afterward is difficult. However, I am not giving up. If I do, my children, who have witnessed their grandmother's heartless behavior for many years, will think that it's OK to allow someone to use you as a doormat. — DESERVES TO BE RESPECTED, SCOTTSDALE, ARIZ.

DEAR DESERVES: The money you and your sister invested in the therapist was obviously well spent. I find it admirable that the two of you are able to tolerate your mother's company after having suffered her verbal abuse for so many years — most victims wouldn't.

Since you have been advised that she is incapable of changing her behavior, it is essential that you "bullet-proof" your children if they are going to be exposed to her. They should not be led to believe that her behavior is something that should be expected from a mentally healthy person. Teach them that your mother suffers from a personality disorder, and they should not believe her when she says mean things.

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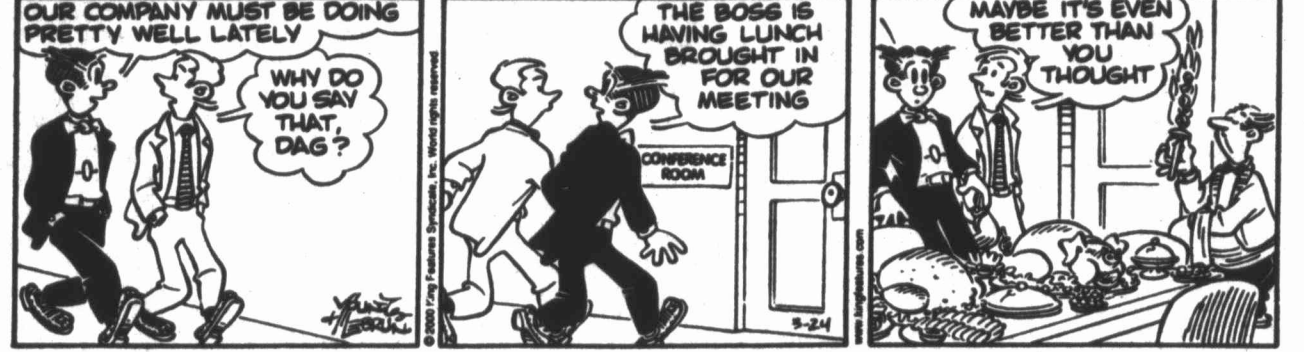
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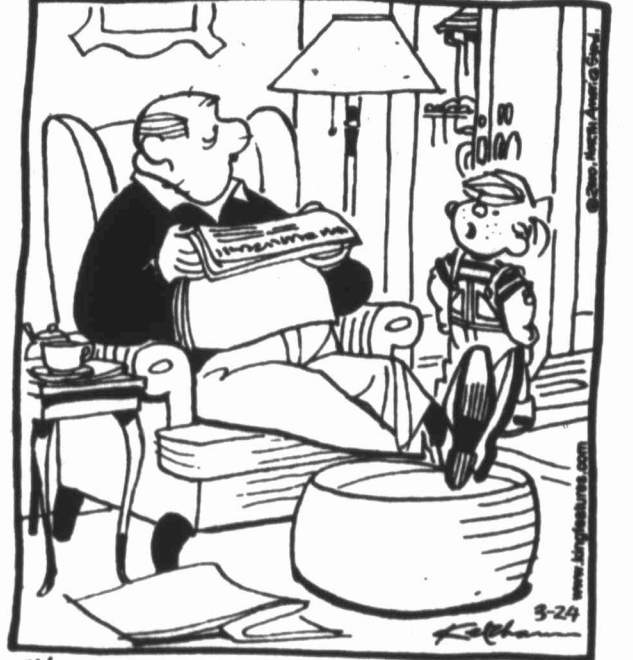
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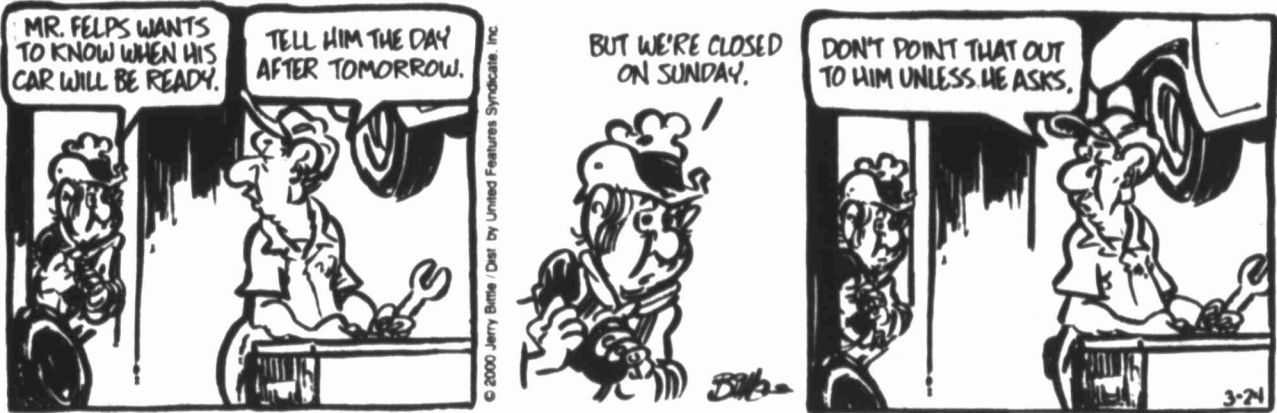
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Today's Highlight in History: One year ago, on March 24, 1999, NATO launched airstrikes against Yugoslavia, marking the first time in its 50-year existence that it had ever attacked a sovereign country. On this date: In 1765, Britain enacted the

Quartering Act, requiring American colonists to provide temporary housing to British soldiers. In 1882, German scientist Robert Koch announced in Berlin that he had discovered the bacillus responsible for tuberculosis. In 1883, long-distance telephone service was inaugurated between Chicago and New York.

THE Daily Crossword

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Crossword puzzle grid with numbers and clues. Includes 'Thursday's Puzzle Solved' section with a completed grid.

In 1934, President Roosevelt signed a bill granting future independence to the Philippines. In 1944, in occupied Rome, the Nazis executed more than 300 civilians in reprisal for an attack by Italian partisans the day before that killed 32 German soldiers. In 1955, Tennessee Williams' play 'Cat on a Hot Tin Roof' opened on Broadway. In 1958, rock-and-roll singer Elvis Presley was inducted into the Army in Memphis, Tenn. In 1976, the president of Argentina, Isabel Peron, was deposed by her country's military. In 1980, one of El Salvador's most respected Roman Catholic Church leaders, Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero, was shot to death by gunmen as he celebrated Mass in San Salvador. In 1989, the nation's worst oil spill occurred as the supertanker Exxon Valdez ran aground on a reef in Alaska's Prince William Sound and began leaking 11 million gallons of crude. Ten years ago: Soviet military vehicles rumbled through the heart of the Lithuanian capital of Vilnius as lawmakers in the breakaway Baltic republic voted to transfer their power to foreign soil if they were attacked or arrested. Five years ago: The House of Representatives passed, 234-to-199, a welfare reform package calling for the most profound changes in social programs since the New Deal; President Clinton criticized the bill, saying it was 'weak on work and tough on children.' For the first time in 20 years, no British soldiers were patrolling the streets of Belfast, Northern Ireland. One year ago: The National Transportation Safety Board concluded that Boeing 737 rudder problems caused two fatal airline crashes and nearly triggered a third. Thirty-nine people were killed when fire erupted in the Mont Blanc tunnel in France and burned for two days. Today's Birthdays: Fashion and costume designer Bob Mackie is 60. Actor R. Lee Ermey is 56. Movie director Curtis Hanson is 55.

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