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WEATHER

Today:



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TONIGHT 50°-52° TUESDAY 75°-78°

Census Questionnaire centers ready to help

Census 2000 Questionnaire Assistant Centers (QACs) are open in various locations in Big Spring. The centers are designed to assist individuals in filling out their questionnaires. They will also have questionnaires available for those who have not received theirs by Saturday. The centers will be opened from through April 15.

Centers will be at Howard College Student Center, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon, and the Big Spring Area Chamber, 215 West Third, every Tuesday and Thursday from 1 to 4 p.m.

The Census Bureau is still looking for volunteers to help man the centers. There will be a training session for the volunteers on Thursday at Howard College Student Center from 3 to 6 p.m. Those interested in helping at the centers are urged to attend the training.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 East Third.

TUESDAY

□ Intermediate line dance classes, 9 a.m. Senior Citizens Center.
□ Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

WEDNESDAY

□ Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room.
□ Senior Circle Big Spring Mall walkers meet 9:15 a.m. in front of movie theater box office.
□ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
□ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center.

THURSDAY

□ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. U42060, Hermans, 7 a.m.
□ Big Spring Senior Citizens Center Art Classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older.
□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

FRIDAY

□ The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
□ AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Restaurant.
□ Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

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Performance of blues compositions planned Thursday at Howard College

By GINA GARZA
Staff Writer

A special performance of original blues compositions by Howard College music students is scheduled for Thursday in the Fireplace Room of the Student Union Building.

The free concert begins at 8 p.m. and the public is invited to

attend.

"In our music program here at Howard College, we teach students how to bring their ideas to life. As we teach music composition, we must also teach our students the craft of creation, and how to take those two or three notes into reality," said Adolph Labbe, music instructor for Howard College. Five students will present

their original blues and jazz pieces to the public using small-group combinations of musicians.

"Each group will probably have a piano and a guitar and a bass and drums, and then other instruments may be added to those groups," Labbe said.

Students who will be presenting their original works are Stacey Bloodworth, Thomas

Haislip, Daryl Richardson, Farrah Schooler and Jimmy Shanks.

Other students may also submit compositions, and several students will participate in the performances.

Labbe also announced that the NightHawk Jazz band will be performing at a Special Olympics event Thursday in the Midland Convention Center.

This event will help raise funds to support the area-wide Special Olympics events.

"This will be our first time to participate in this worthwhile event. We are scheduled to perform at 4 p.m. and then again at 5," Labbe said.

In addition, Labbe announced the Annual Spring Recital for Howard College music students is set for April 25.

Roundup organizers call event another success

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

This year's Rattlesnake Roundup was another success, according to American Business Club treasurer Ray Alexander.

Though Saturday started out slow, the crowds picked up on Sunday, he said.

"This wasn't one of our biggest roundups but we were pleased overall," said Alexander. "We ended up bringing in 804 pounds of rattlesnakes."

Snake handler Monte Stallcup entertained the audience with his skilled handling techniques throughout the roundup and gave safety tips on handling snakes.

"We go from roundup to roundup and we try to educate the public in using safety when handling or encountering snakes," said Stallcup. "Next weekend we will be in Tucson, Ariz. in another roundup."

Stallcup said he is making plans on returning to the Spring City again next year.

"I enjoy it here in West Texas and the people are real friendly," Stallcup said. "We have every intention on being back next year if they let us."

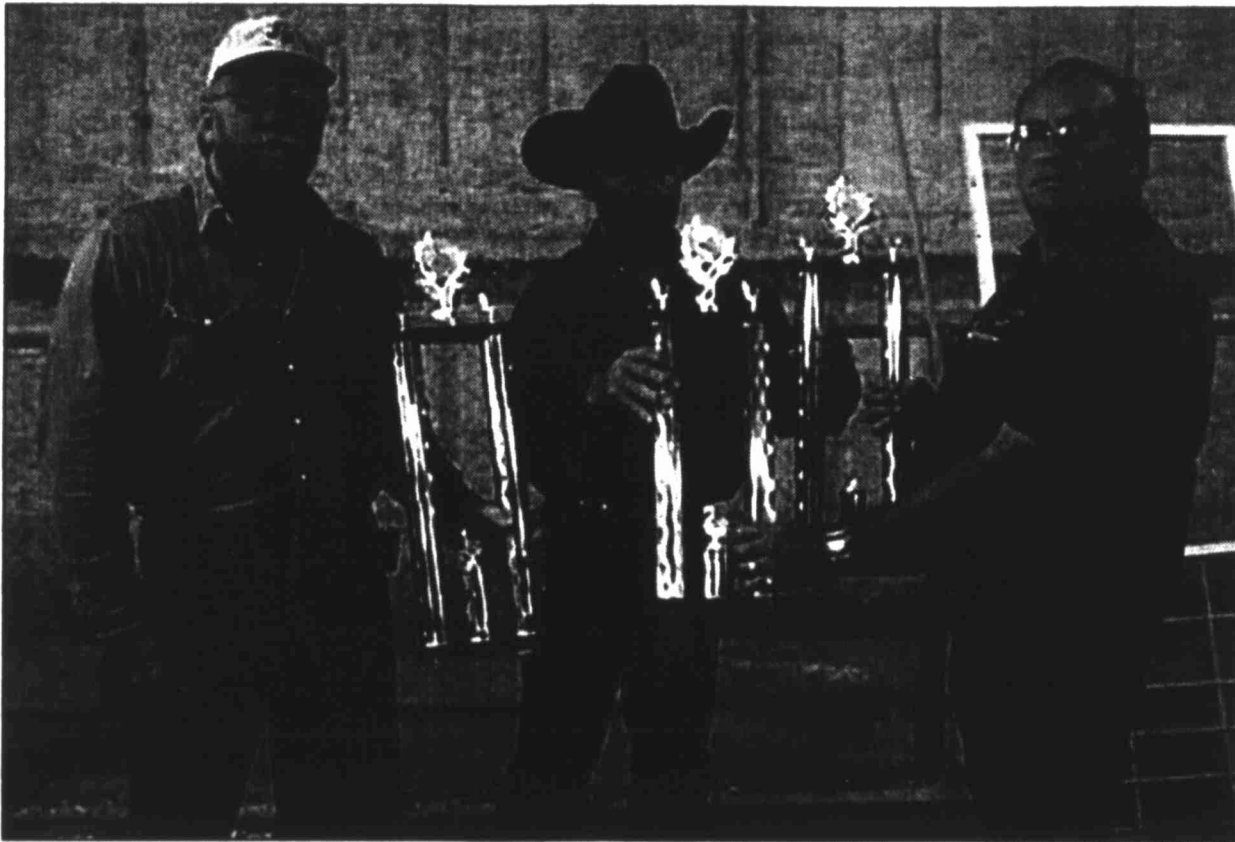
Taking the award for the most pounds brought in by a team was Calvin Cordes and Billy Joe Darden.

They brought in a total of 333 pounds of the creatures. Second place went to Jodie Griffin with 191 1/2 pounds.

Third place award went to the team of Bill Swenson and Lana Jones with 119 pounds.

Award for largest snake was given to the team of Cordes and Darden with a snake weighing 4 1/2 pounds.

They had the second largest also with a weight of 4 1/4 pounds.



Winning awards at this year's Rattlesnake Roundup for most snakes with 333 pounds, heaviest snake at 4-1/2 pounds and second place with 4-1/4 pounds were Calvin Cordes and Billy Joe Darden. Presenting the awards is Ray Alexander, AMBUCS treasurer. Cordes and Darden dedicated the awards to long-time snake hunter Dalton Carr. Below, veteran snake handler Monte Stallcup stares down a cobra.

The Sand Hills Snake Club brought in a snake weighing 3 3/4 pounds, which garnered third place honors.

Bill Swenson and the Sand Hills Snake Club tied for honors of bringing in the snake with the most rattles.

Alexander said the club will start making plans for next year's event.

"Now that this one is in the history books we can start making plans on next year's," said Alexander.

"We appreciate everyone who came out to support us this year and we hope everyone enjoyed it."

This year's show was sponsored again by the AMBUCS.



Big Spring city council members face full agenda Tuesday night

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Big Spring City Council has a full agenda plus a scheduled discussion on goals and objectives when it convenes at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in council chambers.

Consideration of bids on several items will be confronting the council. Those include an award for engineering services for the Capehart sewer line pro-

ject, asphalt and aggregate for seal coating, tank inspections, a hydraulic excavator and computer software for the police department.

Under new business, the council will consider an update from the Public Utility Commission in reference to telecommunications franchise compensation.

Council members will also consider providing funding to a TXU Electric steering committee. The committee is selected

by coalition city members in regards to proposed consumer rate increases.

An emergency reading of an ordinance approving the repeal of the August 2000 state sales tax holiday will be considered. The state first held the sales tax holiday last August, allowing the sale of tax-exempt clothing and footwear.

In the future, cities will be able to decide not to participate in the holiday if they wish. However, cities deciding not to

participate must inform the State Comptroller's Office by March 31.

Tuesday's meeting will open with a public hearing regarding the repeal of the sales tax exemption.

Also on first reading, the council will consider a contract for engineering services with Parkhill, Smith & Cooper Inc. in reference to sewer line replacement in the Capehart Addition. Approval of personnel policies for city employees and

payment of late homestead exemption refunds are also on the agenda.

On second reading, the council will consider fees at Moss Creek Lake as well as the investment report for the month ending Feb. 29.

The city manager's report, and board and committee minutes are other items.

Mayor Russ McEwen has requested the opportunity to discuss objectives for the upcoming year with the council.



Birdwell Lane was still blocked off today as a result of heavy rains here Wednesday night and early Thursday. The water, overflowing from Beals Creek, was also flooding most of the railroad yard in the downtown area.

Martin County Hospital correcting TDH complaints

By GINA GARZA
Staff Writer

Martin County Hospital District is working on some improvements to correct several deficiencies and bring the facility back into compliance with state regulations.

The Texas Department of Health and Human Services (TDH) noted several of these problems in an evaluation done earlier this month. It gave the district 90 days to correct the problems.

"Most of the deficiencies were very minor and we had about 90 percent of them corrected before the TDH inspectors had left," said Doris Bergerson, interim administrator.

According to the report, the governing body failed to ensure that there was an effective hospital-wide quality assurance program to evaluate the provision of the hospital services.

"All the people who were involved in these problems are no longer here," said Bergerson. "We have a whole new group of people working here and have corrected all of the problems TDH said we had."

One of the chief complaints by TDH was frequent repeat visits to the emergency room.

"That happened mostly during the terrible flu epidemic we were having, so I don't see that as a problem," she said. "After most of that epidemic was over, we made sure we caught repeated patients and set them up with a specialist. I'm sure we did miss a few treatments."

Bergerson added they have new policy procedures as well as a new system to keep the minor incidents from happening again.

Another complaint was that state surveyors found the facili-

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OBITUARIES

Bull Daylong

Bull Daylong, 85, of Big Spring, died at 7 a.m. Saturday, March 23, 2000, at Mountain View Lodge following a long illness.

Graveside service was at 2 p.m. Monday at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Herb McPherson, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating.

Mr. Daylong was born July 8, 1914, in Davis, Okla. He was the son of Stella Theresa Pearson Daylong and David Webster Daylong. The family came to Big Spring in 1914, and Mr. Daylong was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. He married Ester Lovell May 16, 1936, in Big Spring. He worked a number of years as a truck driver for Steere Tank Lines and later was truck pusher for Earthco. He also operated several service stations in Big Spring. He was a member of the First Assembly of God Church. He was very loved by his family and friends.

He is survived by: his wife, Ester Daylong of Big Spring; three daughters, Wanda Speaker (and her husband Barry), of Lake Jackson, Jody Washington of Odessa and Donna Daylong of Big Spring; one son, Preston Daylong (and his wife Janet) of Big Spring; one sister, Cozie Draper of Abilene; two brothers, Jim Daylong of Eastland and Andy Daylong of Orlando, Calif.; 18 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Albert Paul Daylong Jr., and one brother, Johnny Daylong.

Pallbearers were Preston Daylong, Paul McEvers, Shawn Coker, Donna Daylong, Donnie Jones and Abel Carrillo.

The family will be at 1317 Park. The arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

MYERS & SMITH
FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-4288

David Henkell, 84, died Friday. Funeral services were 11:00 AM, today at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial was in Pylon Cemetery in Hermligh, Tx.

Bull Daylong, 85, died Saturday. Graveside services will be 2:00 PM, today at Trinity Memorial Park.

Felipe Munoz, 73, died Monday. Services are pending.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH
Funeral Home

Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory

906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331

Maxine Forshee, 65, died Saturday. Funeral services will be 1:00 PM, Tuesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Dalton Lee Harbour, 6, and Peyton Renee "Peyt-Peyt" Harbour, 19 months died Thursday. Funeral services will be 4:00 PM Tuesday, at First Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

George "Jerry" Callahan, 71, died Sunday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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Ronny Wayne Crownover

Service for Ronny Wayne Crownover, 54, Denton, will be 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 28, 2000, at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Denton, with the Rev. Steve Plunkett and the Rev. Clint Loveall officiating. Burial will be 11 a.m., Wednesday, March 29, in the Texas State Cemetery in Austin.

He died Sunday, March 26, at Baylor Medical Center in Dallas.

Mr. Crownover, a fifth generation Texan, was born in Crane, on April 13, 1945, to Bill Riley and Joan Crownover. Having completed high school in Big Spring, he attended the University of North Texas where he received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. Thereafter, he attended Texas A&M University where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree and a degree in Veterinary Medicine. He married Myra Robinson on Feb. 1, 1970, in Big Spring.

After completing his schooling, Dr. Crownover established himself in Denton County. In 1978, he founded the Lake Dallas Veterinary Clinic where he served as the owner and as a veterinarian among four other veterinarians and administrative staff.

An outstanding leader in his profession, Dr. Crownover was a member of the Texas Veterinary Medical Association and the American Veterinary Medical Association. He served with distinction as past president of the Denton County Veterinary Medical Association and as past president of the North Texas Equine Practitioners Association.

Crownover was a member of the Texas House of Representatives representing District 64 and was a member of the House committees on Agriculture and Livestock and State Recreational Resources. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Dr. Crownover was a devoted husband and father and was married to Myra Crownover for 30 years. He was an active member of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include his wife, Myra Crownover of Denton; four sons, Scott, Luke, John and Dan Crownover, all of Denton; two sisters, June Rogers of Santa Ana, and Kay Lancelley of Fredericksburg, Va.; and his mother-in-law, Myra Robinson of Big Spring.

Visitation will be from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Monday, March 27, in the fellowship hall of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Ronny Crownover Marrow Foundation; 513 West Oak St.; Denton; 76201.

Arrangements are under the direction of Mulkey-Mason Funeral Home in Denton.

Paid obituary

Felipe Munoz

Service for Felipe Munoz, 73, Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home. He died Monday, March 27, 2000, at a local nursing home following a lengthy illness.

George "Jerry" Callahan

Service for George "Jerry" Callahan, 71, Coahoma, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He died Sunday, March 26, 2000, at his residence.

HOSPITAL

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ty failed to use a system that ensured the integrity of authenticity of records as well as security protection for clinical records.

"I know that all records were put in the administration office, and from there, I can't tell you where they went, especially since those responsible for those records no longer work here," she said.

Following the 90-day time limit, TDH will return to inspect the hospital to see if they have corrected all the prob-

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

lems. "I know when TDH comes back to reinspect us, we will pass with flying colors," she said.

SEARCH

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Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

"We want to show our support for the Harbour family and their relatives," said an organizer.

Those who can attend are asked to bring a candle. The informal gathering will feature music and prayer.

Another group of Big Spring residents is urging citizens to tie white ribbons around trees throughout the city.

Harbour, his 18-month-old sister, Peyton, and his mother, Cindy, were swept away by flood waters early Thursday morning when their vehicle stalled along FM 818. A series of thunderstorms Wednesday night and early Thursday had dumped up to seven inches of rain in the area.

Cindy Harbour was taking Dalton to school at Elbow Elementary when the tragedy occurred. She was able to get to safety after pulling herself from the water about a mile from the scene. Rescuers found Peyton's body later that night.

The search for Dalton has included divers from Austin, cadaver dogs from the Erath County Sheriff's Department, Texas Department of Criminal Justice correctional officers, inmates from the Wilderness Camp, Howard County Sheriff's Office, planes, helicopters and volunteers on foot, boat and horseback.

Cindy Harbour and her husband, Chad, who are residents of Lomax, have set a memorial service for the children at 4 p.m. Tuesday at First Baptist Church in Big Spring.

SUPPORT GROUPS

MONDAY

•TOPS Club (Take off pound sensibly), weigh-in 5 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m., College Heights Christian church, 21st and Goliad.

•Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

•Alzheimer's support group, 7 p.m., Canterbury South, 1700 N. Lancaster, first Mondays of each month. Call Galynn Gamble at 263-1271.

•Encourager's Support Group (for widows and widowers) will meet Monday, March 20, 6 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 7th and Runnels (enter through north door). Bring a covered dish and enjoy the fellowship and good food. Call 398-5522.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

•Alzheimer's support group, 6:30 p.m., Marcy House, 2301 Wason. Call 268-9041.

•Greater West Texas Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, 7 p.m., Canterbury South, 1700 Lancaster, Topic: suggestions for coping with grief issues. For more information call Galynn Gamble at 263-1271.

•Association of Retarded Citizens of Howard County meet 6:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month at 806 E. Third Street, the HARC bingo building. Call 264-0674 for more information.

•Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the fourth Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at 409 Runnels, Clyde Alsop Building. AMI meeting to follow. For more information call 263-0027 or 267-7220.

TUESDAY

•Support for MS and Related Diseases, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Canterbury South. Public invited. Call Leslie, 267-1069.

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.

•"Most Excellent Way," an addiction support group, 3610 Dixon, call 264-9900.

BIG SPRING MOVIE HOTLINE

For showtimes call 263-2479

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

BRIEFS

THE FORSAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL District will begin taking applications for transfer students for the 2000-2001 school year on Monday, April 3, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. New applicants will need to go to the business office at the Forsan campus to complete paperwork and have an interview. Parents need to bring a copy of the student's records if possible. Call 457-2223, ext. 220, for more information. No applications will be given out early.

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.

BIG SPRING FAMILY YMCA is offering a lifeguard certification course. The course is taught by Harlan Smith and cost is \$150 per person. First Aid and CPR certifications are included in the fee. You must be at least 16 years of age and be able to swim 500 yards.

Class will meet Friday, 5 to 10 p.m., Saturday, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Class registration is limited to 12 people.

To register, come by or send registration with fee to Big Spring YMCA; P.O. Box 1428/801 Owens St.

For more information call 267-8234

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

SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

FIRE/EMS

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

FRIDAY
4:49 a.m. - 3200 block Parkway, trauma call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

6:30 a.m. - F.M. 818, on standby.

6:36 a.m. - SMMC, patient transferred to 3200 block Parkway.

10:34 a.m. - SMMC, patient transferred to 2000 block Virginia.

3:51 p.m. - 3200 block Parkway, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

2:31 p.m. - 2000 block Virginia, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

2:54 p.m. - 500 block North 17, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

5:24 p.m. - 900 block Goliad, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

5:37 p.m. - I-20 and Highway 176, traffic accident, patient transported to SMMC.

5:59 p.m. - SMMC, patient transferred to Lubbock.

6:37 p.m. - 1512 block Sycamore, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

6:37 p.m. - MM 176 and I-20, traffic accident, patient refused service.

7:01 p.m. - 100 South First, medical call, patient transport-

ed to SMMC.

7:14 a.m. - 2300 block Wason, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

7:34 p.m. - 1500 block Phillips, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

9:52 p.m. - 1000 block Bluebonnet, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

11:36 p.m. - SMMC, patient transferred to 3200 Parkway.

SATURDAY

1:15 a.m. - 600 block East 16, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

10:22 a.m. - 100 block Jonesboro Road, medical call, patient refused service.

12:00 p.m. - 800 block West 18, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

6:47 p.m. - 800 block West 17, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

6:57 p.m. - 1600 block Lancaster, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

SUNDAY

6:03 a.m. - 700 block North Scurry, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

7:09 a.m. - SMMC, patient transferred to Lubbock.

7:30 a.m. - Highway 87 and I-20, traffic accident, two patients transported to SMMC.

10:16 a.m. - 4300 block Parkway, medical call, patient refused service.

10:19 a.m. - 1700 Lancaster, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

1:27 p.m. - SMMC, medical call, patient transported to Stanton.

1:35 p.m. - 3200 block Parkway, trauma call, patient transported to the Veterans' Administration Medical Center.

2:35 p.m. - 1000 block Lancaster, medical call, patient transported to VAMC.

3:23 p.m. - 300 block Owens, traffic accident, patient transported to SMMC.

4:53 p.m. - VAMC, medical call, patient transferred to residence.

5:50 p.m. - 1400 block West Third, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

6:33 p.m. - 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to VAMC.

11:24 p.m. - 1000 block North Main, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

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REBECCA BUSTAMANTE, 20, 406 Johnson, was arrested for minor in consumption.

EDWARD GARCIA, 21, was arrested for driving while license suspended.

LARRY WHITE, 28, HC 61 Box 444, was arrested for disorderly conduct language.

ANNETT BROMLEY, 34, 3702 Calvin, was arrested for public intoxication.

DANIEL FLORES, 31, 1402 West Second, was arrested for criminal mischief.

WILLIAM TILLEY, 19, P.O. Box 3551, was arrested for minor in consumption.

THEFT was reported in the 1300 block of Gregg, 1100 block of West Sixth, 2300 block of Wason, 300 block of Owens, 1100 block of North Lamesa, 400 block of East Fourth, 900 block of Willia, 400 block of Birdwell, 3300 block of East Marcy, 4100 block of Muir, and 2300 block of Wason.

ASSAULT was reported in the 600 block of East Sixth.

LOUD PARTY/NOISE was reported in the 2900 block of West Highway 80, 1800 block of Benton, 800 block of Creighton, 2900 block West 80, 4200 block of Dixon.

DRAG RACING/RECKLESS DRIVER was reported in the 1700 block of Owens and 1300 block of Harding.

CLASS C ASSAULT was reported in the 1200 block of Lloyd.

JUVENILE PROBLEM was reported in the 4200 block of Hamilton and 700 block of Highland.

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1400 block of Dixie, 2600 block of Ent, 500 block of Northeast 10, 1600 block of Cardinal, 1500 Wood, 1200 block of Lamar, 1600 Harding, 3300 block of West 80.

BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in 1100 block of East 12 and 500 block of East 18.

HARASSMENT was reported in the 2100 block of Morrison.

PUBLIC LEWDNESS was reported in the 200 block of West Marcy.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT/LANGUAGE was reported in the 500 block of Northeast 10.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 800 block of Baylor, 200 block of West Marcy, 500 block of Gregg, 1000 block of North Main.

INTOXICATED SUBJECT/DRIVER was reported in the 400 block of East Fourth, 1000 block of North Main.

BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 400 block of East Fourth.

ASSAULT FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1500 block of Johnson.

ACCIDENT/MAJOR was reported in the 1800 block of Lamesa Hwy.

RECORDS

Sunday's high 85
Sunday's low 55
Average high 70
Average low 42
Record high 92 in 1956
Record low 18 in 1931
Precip. Sunday 0.00
Month to date 3.72
Month's normal 1.28
Year to date 4.71
Normal for the year 2.74
Sunrise Tuesday 6:39 a.m.
Sunset Tuesday 7:03 p.m.
**Statistics not available

POLICE

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

TERESA GONZALES, 37, 1303 Kendall, was arrested for public intoxication.

FELIPE HERNANDEZ, 46, 1002 North Main No. 1, was arrested for public intoxication.

Supreme Court tackles major school prayer case

SANTA FE (AP) — Amanda Bruce thinks she knows why so few classmates and neighbors have joined her in speaking out against public prayers at high school football games.

"They're scared they'll be shunned by the community or be labeled an atheist or devil worshiper like I was," said the 18-year-old senior, who wrote newspaper columns against the practice.

Nearly five years after two families filed a lawsuit against the Santa Fe school district over the prayers, the U.S. Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in the case on Wednesday. It will be the court's first major school prayer ruling since 1992, when it barred clergy-led invocations and benedictions at graduation ceremonies.

At issue is whether public school districts can allow students to initiate and lead prayers over the public-address system before the football games. A decision is expected by late June.

For some of the 10,000 residents of Santa Fe, a bedroom community 40 miles southeast of Houston with more churches than restaurants, the Supreme Court's decision has profound personal implications.

If prayer at sporting events is upheld, "it probably will destroy my faith in the Constitution and what this country stands for," said Debbie Mason, a Baptist who testified for the plaintiffs in the lawsuit.

On the other side, school board President John Couch II foresees trouble if prayer is disallowed.

"It would be a huge disappointment not only for us but for the nation," he said. "Students and private citizens would have their rights taken away from them on public property. I think it would be the start of further downfalls."

Gov. George W. Bush, who is seeking the Republican presidential nomination, and state Attorney General John Cornyn filed briefs supporting student-

led prayer. The identities of the two families who filed the lawsuit — one Catholic and one Mormon — were sealed by the courts.

Their lawsuit alleged that the school district's policy of allowing students to lead prayers at home football games violated the First Amendment by creating a "pervasive religious atmosphere."

Mason, whose four children attended Santa Fe schools, said about 25 families, including by numerous incidents, engaged distribution of Gideon Bibles at Santa Fe High School, considered joining the suit but most dropped out as the conflict drew widespread attention.

A year ago, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld a federal judge's ruling that "nonsectarian and non-proselytizing" prayer could be allowed at public school events such as graduation.

The judge had also allowed the same limited prayers at football games. But the 5th Circuit

said those prayers are out of bounds, ruling that the games are "hardly the sober type of annual event that can be appropriately solemnized with prayer."

The Supreme Court is limiting its review to only the prayers-at-football games issue.

The district responded to the 5th Circuit ruling by crafting strict guidelines banning pregame prayer, and warned fellow students to deliver brief messages solemnizing football games, that she would be disciplined if she prayed.

Ward's family filed suit in September, arguing that the guidelines violated her free speech rights. A U.S. District Court judge agreed that the guidelines the school had written were unconstitutional and ruled that the school could not censor Ward's speech.

Ward was given a standing ovation when she delivered a prayer before the school's football home season opener.

'American Beauty' parlays oddball premise into gold

LOS ANGELES (AP) — When "American Beauty" hit theaters last fall, many were surprised when it became a box-office hit and an Oscar front-runner.

By Sunday night, though, it came as no surprise that the sobering satire of suburbia dominated the Academy Awards. In an industry whose recent top honors have mostly gone to splashy epics, "American Beauty" had simply built up too much critical and popular esteem to be denied.

The film won five awards: best picture, best actor for Kevin Spacey, best director for Sam Mendes, best original screenplay for Alan Ball and best cinematography for Conrad L. Hall.

Might the success of the dark yet wildly absurd "American Beauty" herald Hollywood's return to such thoughtful, character-driven films as "Midnight Cowboy" and "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," both best-picture winners?

First-time director Mendes, steeped in such films growing up, hopes so.

"The more of these sorts of movies that get made and the more they get acknowledged by the mainstream, the better," said Mendes, an acclaimed theater director.

Spacey, whose character undergoes a transformation after almost consummating an affair with his daughter's high-school friend, said the movie hit home with audiences because "we got to see all of his worst qualities, and we still grew to love him."

"We get a chance to see characters have experiences that make us feel that we're not the only ones who have those feelings," said Spacey. "We sort of have a collective admission when we see characters do those things that we do."

The best-picture win was

ACADEMY AWARDS

- Picture: "American Beauty."
- Actor: Kevin Spacey, "American Beauty."
- Actress: Hilary Swank, "Boys Don't Cry."
- Supporting Actor: Michael Caine, "The Cider House Rules."
- Supporting Actress: Angelina Jolie, "Girl, Interrupted."
- Director: Sam Mendes, "American Beauty."
- Foreign Film: "All About My Mother," Spain.
- Original Screenplay: Alan Ball, "American Beauty."
- Adapted Screenplay: John Irving, "The Cider House Rules."
- Original Song: "You'll Be in My Heart" from "Tarzan," Phil Collins.
- Original Score: "The Red Violin," John Corigliano.
- Cinematography: "American Beauty."
- Art Direction: "Sleepy Hollow."
- Visual Effects: "The Matrix."
- Film Editing: "The Matrix."
- Sound: "The Matrix."
- Sound Effects Editing: "The Matrix."
- Costume: "Topsy-Turvy."
- Makeup: "Topsy-Turvy."
- Live Action Short Film: "My Mother Dreams the Satan's Disciples in New York."
- Animated Short Film: "The Old Man and the Sea."
- Documentary Feature: "One Day in September."
- Documentary (short subject): "King Gimp."

sweet revenge for "American Beauty" distributor DreamWorks, the studio cofounded by Steven Spielberg, whose "Saving Private Ryan" lost best-picture honors last year to Disney-owned Miramax's "Shakespeare in Love."

Spielberg, who won for best director last year for "Saving Private Ryan," presented the director's award to Mendes. It was the first best-picture win for DreamWorks, founded five years ago.

The evening was not a sweep

for "American Beauty." Hilary Swank, a virtual unknown, won the best actress award for another dark film, "Boys Don't Cry," based on the true story of Brandon Teena, a woman who lived as a man and was killed when her true gender was uncovered.

"I consider myself someone who cares a huge amount about humanity and I think that this movie opens the door to letting people know what goes on in society and hopefully putting an end to intolerance in the future," Swank said.

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IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:
TO: LELA B. COLVIN
and any and all other unknown owners or persons, including adverse claimants, owing or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the following described property delinquent to Plaintiffs herein, for taxes, to-wit:
The State, District Two and Third District of Lot Six (5 62 & 2/3' of 6), Block Five (5), Wrights Second Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas.
Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$183.16, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.
You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against LELA B. COLVIN, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the 28 day of FEBRUARY, 2000, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. LELA B. COLVIN, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is T-00-02-04466 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.
Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.
All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor(s), shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefor, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.
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Other top winners included Angelina Jolie for best supporting actress for her turn as a hospitalized sociopath in "Girl, Interrupted." Michael Caine won his second best supporting actor award for his role as an ether-sniffing abortionist who runs an orphanage in "The Cider House Rules."

John Irving won for best adapted screenplay for the script of his novel "The Cider House Rules."

Phil Collins took the Oscar for original song for "You'll Be in My Heart" from "Tarzan." Pedro Almodovar's "All About My Mother" won for foreign-language film.

"The Matrix" won in all four categories for which it was nominated — visual effects, film editing, sound and sound-effects editing.

Caustic and kooky, "American Beauty" was a seriocomic tale of suburban lunacy that ran counter to big-picture epics such as "Titanic," "Schindler's List," "Braveheart" and "The English Patient" that have dominated the Oscars.

The Oscars have occasionally gone dark and disturbing in recent years. In 1991, the serial-killer flick "The Silence of the Lambs" was an atypical winner, while Clint Eastwood's anti-hero western "Unforgiven" took top honors the next year.

Shot for \$15 million, "American Beauty" has gone on to top \$108 million at the box office while playing in barely half as many theaters as many top Hollywood movies.

Screenwriter Ball said "American Beauty's" triumph taught him to "write what moves you."

"The lesson I've learned out of this is really follow your heart and follow your passion, and follow your guts and just sit down and write it," Ball said.

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HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, March 28;

Others respond to your energy this year. You are right on top of goals, and you lasso in whatever you want. Your tenacity carries you over rough spots and allows you to make strong decisions for yourself as well as for others. You expand your circle of friends, but your old friends remain important as well. If you are single, you have your pick of potential suitors. Choose someone who not only makes you happy, but with whom you are also unusually comfortable. If attached, communication becomes even better. You add to the quality of your home life after June through a new addition or home. CAPRICORN adores you.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Stay in control of your finances. You don't have to be affected by others. Don't shy away from a special opportunity, but understand just how long it will take to come to fruition. You are unusually sensitive to a co-worker. Taurus (April 20-May 20) You have an unusual ability to see the big picture. Listen to your inner voice. Follow through on what you know to be right. Others might not agree, but an independent, strong stance makes a difference. Others go overboard for you. Tonight: Make a long-distance call.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your sixth sense helps you with a partnership and a money matter. Your ability to move past a problem and find the answers impresses a boss or someone in the know. Let another know just how much you care. Tonight: Together-ness counts.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Others approach you, knowing what is necessary and wanting to enlist your help. Work as a team. Watch what is going on behind the scenes. Imagine what it might be like to walk in another's shoes. Your understanding can make or break a situation. Tonight: Out and about!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Dig into work, and you'll quickly get a lot done. Another is very uptight, and he pushes hard. Listen to your inner voice about a partnership, work and financial evolution. Another's intentions are honorable, no matter what your choice. Tonight: Indulge a partner.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Tap into the wellspring of creativity. Solutions come from left and right. Listen to another's reservations. Your attempts to get more information could be thwarted for now; try again tomorrow. Others pitch in. Make an important

request. Tonight: P lay the night away.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Review a decision carefully. A co-worker goes beyond the call of duty to make what you want happen. Good will filters through work. A partner, who is sometimes difficult, might have a good idea. Sort through your feelings, and listen to what is being said. Tonight: Home is your castle.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Others don't often see eye to eye with you. Think about what is necessary to make a particular situation work. A flirtation could have more than a superficial connection; proceed with caution. Understanding helps you relate to others. Tonight: An important talk with a partner.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Expenses are out of whack. Get in touch with your feelings toward a family member. Caring comes out of a difficult situation. You might need to ask another for his support. A walk during a break can reenergize you at work. Tonight: Don't push.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your charisma makes a big difference. You easily solidify a relationship. Others respond to your high energy. Approach a touchy situation carefully. Reach out for others; go all the way. You'll get the answer you seek. Tonight: Just ask.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Say little, think a lot. A potential investment could go many different ways. Understand what is motivating a family member who tests your patience and loyalty. Your gut feeling about an indulgence is right. Keep a secret to yourself. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Mean what you say when asking for what you want. Popularity soars. You gain favor because of your persistence. Don't be overly serious; use your charming ways. Network and attend a must meeting. You can make a difference. Tonight: Where the gang is.

BORN TODAY Singer Reba McEntire (1955), actress Dianne Wiest (1948), basketball player Byron Scott (1961)

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Government rejects Microsoft offer, prepares for suit verdict

WASHINGTON (AP) — Government lawyers have concluded that an 11th-hour offer by the Microsoft Corp. to settle its antitrust case was inadequate, and they are preparing for the trial judge to deliver his verdict Tuesday.

These sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, expressed skepticism Sunday that any late settlement would be successful, despite the four months of efforts by a federal appeals judge acting as mediator in Chicago.

U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson, who has signaled that he will rule strongly against Microsoft, earlier told lawyers in a private meeting that he will deliver his ruling Tuesday unless there is progress in the settlement talks being overseen by Circuit Judge Richard Posner. Posner has demanded strict secrecy surround the negotiations.

Government lawyers spent much of the weekend reviewing Microsoft's latest offer, which published reports said included promises to separate the company's Internet browser software from its dominant Windows operating system. The proposal, faxed on Friday, was sufficiently complex that some of the Justice Department's top technical experts were called to evaluate it.

But ultimately, lawyers for

Justice and the 19 states also suing Microsoft concluded the proposal was so inadequate in important areas that they did not travel to Chicago to resume negotiations.

Microsoft, meanwhile, already is considering its witnesses for the next stage of the trial — after the verdict when Jackson must decide punishment.

"I was pessimistic awhile back, and I remain skeptical," said Robert Litan, a former senior Justice official who negotiated with Microsoft in an all-night session in a related 1994 case.

The department has backed away from proposals to break up Microsoft to restrain what the judge has characterized as the company's abuse of its monopoly power over the technology industry.

But it was expected to demand some limits on what features Microsoft can add to its lucrative, flagship Windows software out of fear the company could thwart fledgling technologies from smaller rivals that might pose a threat.

"If they're going to be hung up on anything, it will be that tying issue," Litan said. "If Justice is insisting on some sort of future judicial determination whether a new (Windows) product includes an unlawful tie, I can't see Microsoft going for that."

Hospice enhances remaining life for patients and families

DEAR ABBY: I am a former hospice nurse, now completing my graduate training as a nurse-practitioner in oncology. I am dismayed by the frequency with which physicians and the media ignore or misrepresent hospice as an option for terminally ill people and their families.

Hospice is NOT "giving up." It is changing the focus of care to enhance quality of life. The hospice team of nurses, social workers, chaplains and physicians accompanies patients on a difficult journey with an eye to relieving physical, emotional and spiritual pain and suffering. Hospice care alleviates the fear of dying. Indeed, it allows patients to die with dignity and in a way that enhances the beauty and meaning of life and death for them and their families. — ROSIE TOWNLEY BAKEWELL

DEAR ROSIE: I hope your letter generates the kind of response it deserves, because it's an important one as our population ages. I'm sad to say that even today, patients die protracted and painful deaths because some physicians and misguided but well-intentioned families seem unable or unwilling

to admit that the person is terminal. Perhaps some of the fault lies with the medical schools, which have not given end-of-life issues enough attention in their curricula.

Since everyone has to die, a death with dignity seems like the way to make every minute of life one that's worth living.

CONFIDENTIAL TO "CALL ME LUCKY": You are right. As author J.G. Holland observed: "The most precious possession that ever comes to a man in this world is a woman's heart."

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EDITORIAL

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OUR VIEWS

Gospel festival was inspirational, family-oriented

What a night! Gospel music lovers filled the Trinity Baptist Church auditorium Friday night for an evening of old-time gospel music featuring both local and nationally-known groups.

The Southwest Festival of Gospel Music was a 31/2-hour show that included such staples of the music industry as The Brashears of Russellville, Ark., Kings River from Fort Worth and West Texas Watchmen of Andrews.

All reports gave the music a super rating, and the crowd a thumbs-up as well. It was a toe-tapping, family-oriented musical event the likes of which is rarely seen in smaller venues such as Big Spring.

We congratulate Trinity Baptist and thank Cleverger for choosing to hold the festival here in our own backyard. Good, clean fun is always a welcome addition to our slate of entertainment!

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

The Line Dance Festival sponsored by the Senior Citizens Center and the "Spring City Stompers" Line Dancers was a huge success. The festival was held at Spring City Senior Center on March 1, with 135 dancers from Lubbock, Abilene, Sweetwater, Brownwood, San Angelo, Midland, Odessa, Seminole and Big Spring performing.

We are grateful to Bobbie Leonard and the staff at the Spring City Senior Center for their patience and assistance in helping us host this festival. The cooks, servers and volunteers served a delicious lunch for approximately 250 guests and dancers.

We appreciate China Long, who did an outstanding job as announcer. She introduced the dance groups and their numbers. She also gave door prizes donated by local merchants to the out-of-town groups and announced who donated the items.

We thank Pam Stephens for her efficiency in playing the musical numbers, to the merchants who provided door prizes and items for "Goody Bags." We thank all the "Spring City Stompers" who performed so beautifully and who also contributed items for door prizes and "goody bags"

and for providing delicious refreshments, prepared posters, took photos, solicited prizes and served as greeters and registrars. We say a special thank you to KBST, KBYG, and the Herald for publicity concerning the festival. We thank Nancy Jones and RSVP for providing table cloths and other support; to Kay Kennemer who videotaped the dancing; and to all the dancers who came from area towns, we say, "A great big West Texas" thank you!

We want to express our gratitude to the following merchants and organizations that contributed merchandise and gift certificates: The Master's Touch, L&H Office Center, Tom Boys, La Mirage Salon & Boutique, Smartstyle Beauty Shop, Taylor's Beauty Supply, Gaze Crystal Kitchen, Party's & More, Tommye's Treasures, Big Spring Health Food Center, Classic Laundromate, Sacred Heart Church, Jody Nix, Dakota's Flowers, Senior Circle, KC Steak House, H-E-B, Wal-Mart, Hangar 25, First Bank of West Texas, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Canterbury Retirement Center and Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Thank you one and all. It would not have been so successful and fun without your help!

We'll see you again next year!

DOROTHY KENNEMUR, COORDINATOR BIG SPRING

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Sending you a postcard from Bainbridge, Ga.

Why only came here for big-city needs when I was a kid. It was 20 miles from my grandparents' house in Colquitt to bustling Bainbridge.

We came for a vital tractor part. For cousin Cliff to see the dentist. Important things. It was a big deal.

Even now, when I pull into this pretty, palm-graced town to crash, I feel important. Like I should have worn my best shoes. This, after all, is Bainbridge.

There's a bass tournament at nearby Lake Seminole, and every angler signed up for it must be staying at the Charter House.

I learned how to ski at Lake Seminole, amongst the cypress stumps. I tried never to fall because my cousin Little Carlton had told me stories of snakes that congregated in

giant wads. He never said why. I sit writing in my room, curtains open. I do a lot of staring out, too. Before I finish, the motel parking lot is full of giant diesel pickup trucks pulling obscenely shiny boats. Those boats have more equipment on them than the space shuttle does.

Like Boy Scouts, these fellows come prepared. Some of the men even have orange construction cones to put out to save their parking spot while they rush off to a fried mullet house for supper. Because everyone needs two spaces — one for the truck, one for the boat.

One fellow, I swear, sits and polishes the inside of his boat for hours. Maybe he knows something about fishing that I don't.

I do know full well what this scene will mean in the morning. As early as 5 a.m., I'll hear the happy fishermen leaving, backing up to their trailers and reconnecting the rigs. They'll be laughing and consulting charts and bragging about fish not yet caught.

I won't be sleeping in tomorrow.

For supper, on a whim, I drive down to Havana, Fla. It's

only about 20 miles due south, and I've only seen it passing through. I figure the motel restaurant here will be covered up with fishermen who don't own cones.

Havana, like Bainbridge, has lots of palm trees and nice old red-brick buildings, plus a zillion antique stores already closed for the evening. Thank goodness.

The only restaurant I can find is on the edge of town. Everything on the menu comes fried unless you specify otherwise — including deviled crabs. I don't specify.

The lights are bright in the restaurant, and the waitresses are banging dirty dishes around with abandon. Nobody seems to notice. We are all too busy eating a year's allotment of grease.

The moon over Havana is exotic. I promise myself to come back here soon and find out about the town's history. I drive past the only cannery, which is now an antique mall. Its bricks are painted up fresh with pictures of the products that used to be canned here. Soon the whole United States will be one big antique mall, which, I guess, is all right by me.

On the drive back to Bainbridge, I remember things. And I'm not even trying. Something about being on home turf does that to a body. The smells are familiar. The white, sandy dirt looks right. Even the way people say "sturm" for "storm" here sounds better, softer, more respectful of nature.

I guess this part of our state might seem desolate to those who prefer city lights. But it always is comforting to me, a softer, slower version of Georgia. Why use one syllable when two will do?

People down here still know their neighbors. Often they are related to them. They sit on their porches and yoo-hoo across the streets.

I bought the local paper, which had a feature story about old postcards. It was charming. "Back before the days of digital cameras and one-hour photo processing, there were postcards. ... They comforted the sick and the homesick, brought snappy messages from friends, carried gossip and good news to travelers and expatriates in other cities ..."

Consider this a postcard from Bainbridge.



RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON



Pick NRA in integrity/credibility contest

In a contest of who has more integrity and credibility — the National Rifle Association or President Clinton — there is no contest. The NRA wins by a landslide.

No president in the 20th century has abused the office, the Constitution and the truth more than William Jefferson Clinton, who is certainly a sociopath. And you're darned right that he exploits human tragedy to pursue his own political agenda.

He used the bombing of a federal building in Oklahoma as an excuse to attack Rush Limbaugh, a harmless radio critic of the president, and to push through an anti-terrorism bill that was aimed at Palestinians and had nothing to do with domestic terrorism.

And when a little boy shot a classmate recently, Clinton exploited that to call for gun-control laws that would have had no bearing whatsoever on the case at hand. Does anyone believe a lowlife uncle with a criminal record would have kept a trigger lock on the stolen pistol the little boy used? And since it was stolen, what has that to do with gun shows? And by the way, you hear to

point of nausea that guns are sold without background checks at gun shows, and that is a classic case of a falsehood by omission. Federally licensed dealers sell most of the guns sold at gun shows, and these dealers must do the background check, the same as if they had sold the gun in their store.

The only exception to the background check is that of private collectors who are not dealers but occasionally sell one or two pieces of their collections. You might think that it is a loophole, but only a small number of guns are sold by collectors. The majority of guns used in crimes are either stolen or else bought from the back of cars or vans on the street. And, of course, always keep in mind that criminals, by definition, do not obey laws, including any gun-control laws.

The NRA is a convenient whipping boy for those politicians who want to repeal the Second Amendment and deprive Americans of their right to keep and bear arms. The NRA, however, is one of the most respected and respectable organizations in the United States. It is exactly right when it accuses Clinton of hypocrisy, because while Clinton has incessantly demanded more restrictive laws, his Justice Department has been woefully inadequate when it comes to enforcing the already existing laws. Clinton, who has so often lied

and so often disgraced and abused his office, has perfected the art of outrage whenever anyone confronts him with the truth. His diatribe against the NRA is just one more performance of his finger-wagging, "I did not have sex with that woman" routine.

I've had enough of Clinton's posturing and lies. I wish he'd take the rest of his term off and go on a long cruise. He doesn't deserve a vacation, but we do from him.

As for the NRA, you'd do well to join it. It was formed in the late 19th century to foster marksmanship and gun safety. It has a long, proud history of supporting and promoting the shooting sports, law enforcement and the U.S. government. The NRA was calling for extra penalties for the illegal use of firearms long before the subject became fashionable.

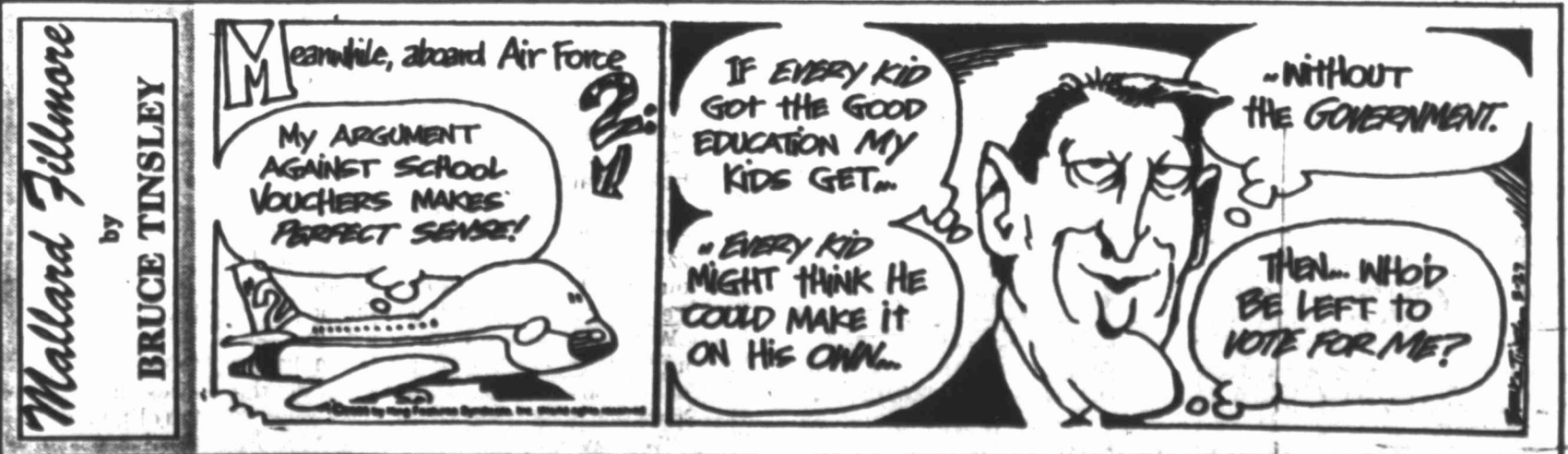
The only gun-control laws the NRA opposes are those that would restrict honest citizens from exercising their freedom to own and to enjoy their firearms.

On the other hand, the history of the gun-control crowd is one of chicanery, lies, misrepresentations and character-assassination attempts against their opponents.

Don't be misled. The subject of the gun-control debate is not guns. It's the Bill of Rights and the rule of law. It's your freedom, not just your guns, that the gun-control crowd really wants to take away.



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6 p.m. — NCAA Women's Basketball: LSU vs. UConn, ESPN. 8 p.m. — NCAA Football: Louisiana Tech vs. F. ESPN, Ch. 30. 11 p.m. — NCAA Georgia vs. Rutgers, 30.

IN BRIEF

Coahoma trio shines at state lifting meet

Three members of Coahoma's girls powerlifting team turned in impressive showings Saturday during the Class 2A state meet in Killeen. Roxanne Gomez led the way with a third-place finish in the 198-plus class, while Erin Stovall was fourth in the 123-pound class and Brandi Hart was fifth in the 132-pound class. Overall, the three produced enough points to place 11th in the field of 29 teams.

Bulldogs romp to 20-1 victory over Hale Center

Coahoma's Bulldogs set the stage for a Tuesday showdown of District 3-2A unbeaten when they rolled to an easy 20-1 win over Hale Center's Owls on Friday.

Aaron Ovalle chalked up the win, as he allowed one run on just one hit and struck out five in three innings of work.

Cody Teeler pitched the fourth inning and recorded two strikeouts, while left-handed ace Delvin White worked the fifth and struck out three more.

White also led the Bulldogs offensively, with a single, double and a solo home run. Travis McMillan also added a 3-for-4 showing as Coahoma pounded out a total of 14 hits.

The 'Dogs now play host to Tahoka at 5 p.m. Tuesday, the winner to take sole possession of the district's lead.

Forsan thinslads third at Sterling City meet

Forsan's Buffaloes finished third in the team standings Friday at the Sterling City Invitational track meet.

Adam Dunlap, Furrillo Subia and freshman Wes Longoria led the way for the Buffs with multiple finishes.

Subia was Forsan's top point producer, finishing second in the 200 meters, third in the 110-meter hurdles and fourth in the long jump.

In addition, Subia teamed with Longoria, Matt Mims and Brian Mims to finish second in the 400-meter relay.

Longoria added a second in the 100 meters, while Dunlap was second in the 3,200 meters, fifth in the 1,600 and sixth in the high jump.

Brad Gillihan added fourth-place finishes in both the shot and discus and J.D. Newton rounded out the Forsan production with a sixth in the 1,600.

The JV division saw Ross Rhoton finish second in the 3,200 and 1,600; Billy Kennedy finish first in the discus and second in the shot; Matt Ellis finish fourth in the 300 hurdles, Cody Lefever finish third in the 100 and fifth in the 200 and the 400-meter relay team of Lefever, Ellis, Collin Stanley and Billy Acosta finish second.

Steers JV sweeps twinbill from Frenship, 6-5, 7-6

Big Spring's Steers junior varsity took a pair of one-point wins Saturday in sweeping a doubleheader with Frenship's young Tigers.

In the opener, Eric Chavez pitched a complete game victory, recording 10 strikeouts in the 6-5 extra-inning win. Nathan Clements provided the game winning hit, driving in two runs in the bottom of the eighth.

The nightcap saw Brandon Mendoza strike out seven in recording the win, while Dustyn Beauchamp chalked up four more in chalking up the save.

Mendoza, Beauchamp and Nick Bailey all went 2-for-3 to lead the Steers' offense.

ON THE AIR

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Women
6 p.m. — NCAA Tournament, LSU vs. UConn, ESPN, Ch. 30.
8 p.m. — NCAA Tournament, Louisiana Tech vs. Penn State, ESPN, Ch. 30.
11 p.m. — NCAA Tournament, Georgia vs. Rutgers, ESPN, Ch. 30.

After solid Odessa run, Hawks set for own rodeo's start

HERALD Staff Report

Howard College's rodeo team had several of its members reach Saturday's short go-round of the Odessa College Rodeo at the Ector County Coliseum and two of them wound up placing in the average.

The Hawks' showing in the past two weeks at New Mexico Junior College and Odessa, have coach Greg Kernick looking ahead to an even better performance this week when Howard College holds its rodeo at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.

Coy Leal turned in a strong performance in the calf roping, his 11.8-second clocking in the short go leaving him with a 22.4-second total. That was good enough for fourth place points in both the short round and the average.

The Hawks' second placing finish came from Seth McFadden in the steer wrestling, as he posted a time of 4.2 sec-

onds in Saturday's short round, giving him an 8.9-second total and sharing first-place in the average with two other contestants.

Howard's Jeremy Hughes failed to place in the short round or average in the steer wrestling, his 6.6-second time on Saturday knocking him out of fourth-place standing.

And Toby Schexnaydre, who'd turned in a solid ride in Thursday's opening round of the bull riding, lost his chance at picking up points when he failed to stay on his second bull for the required eight seconds.

Leal, McFadden, Hughes, Schexnaydre and the rest of their teammates will be among the more than 500 contestants that are entered for this weekend's Howard College-National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association Rodeo. Performances are set for 7 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

"We have some great talent that will appear at our rodeo and they are set to put on a production that is second to none," Kernick said in looking ahead to the Hawks team hosting a NIRA-sanctioned rodeo after taking a one-year hiatus.

"Many of these contestants compete on a professional level while attending college, and we have national winners from Howard College who'll be competing, too," he added.

The nine events — bareback riding, calf roping, breakaway roping, steer wrestling, saddle bronc riding, team roping, goat tying, barrel racing and bull riding — will be featured in each of the rodeo's three performances.

"Everyone gets to compete," Kernick explained, "and the top 10 in each event get to come back for the short round on Saturday."

Slack competition, set aside for those

athletes unable to compete during the rodeo's regular performances, is set for Thursday night following the opening performance. It will resume at 9 a.m. Friday and again at 9 a.m. Saturday.

Kernick, in his first year at the Hawks helm after having spent seven years coaching at Cochise Community College in Arizona, said he is encouraged by the support his team has received from the community.

"To be honest, I'm inspired by the tremendous community support we've received," he said. "Several local businesses like Fiesta Dodge, Best Western, H-E-B, Culligan, B-Line Filer and Supply, Kydees and the Oasis Cafe have been just wonderful in helping us, not only in getting ready for our rodeo, but throughout the season."

Tickets for the rodeo will be \$5 each at the gate with children 12 and younger admitted free with an adult.



Howard College shortstop Jose Rosovich makes the throw to first after forcing a Midland College runner at second during a first-inning double play in the second game of the Lady Hawks' doubleheader sweep of Midland on Sunday. The Lady Hawks, who lost two games to the Lady Chaps on Saturday, rebounded with a 4-3 extra-innings win in Sunday's opener, then rolled to a 6-2 win in the second game.

Top women's seeds eye Four Final trip in tonight's games

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The NCAA women's basketball tournament is about to complete its Philadelphia line-up.

Three rounds are history, 56 teams have gone home for the year, and now only eight remain, including all four No. 1 seeds. They'll play tonight to determine the regional champions, who'll advance to the Final Four in Philadelphia next week-end.

"At the beginning of the season, everybody talks about the Final Four," said Connecticut coach Geno Auriemma, whose team is one of those No. 1 seeds. "It's the holy grail. It's where everybody wants to go."

Especially someone like LSU's Sue Gunter and Penn State's Rene Portland, the only coaches among the eight left who have never had a team in the Final Four. Gunter has been a head coach for 36 years, Portland for 24.

Getting there this year would be especially meaningful for Portland, who starred as a college player in the Philadelphia area at Immaculata.

"For myself, it would be something that you go to church about every day," she said. "We're hoping that everybody stays focused and that we're blessed enough to play hard and play smart. That will be a big thing for us."

Her team faces an imposing task, however, and so does Gunter's.

Second-seeded Penn State (29-4) plays top-seeded Louisiana Tech (31-2) in the Midwest Regional at Kansas City. Third-seeded LSU (25-6) meets Connecticut (33-1) in the East.

In the other regionals, top-seeded Tennessee (31-3) plays third-seeded Texas Tech (28-4) in the Mideast at Memphis and top-seeded Georgia (32-3) takes on third-seeded Rutgers (25-7) in the West at Portland, Ore.

Connecticut was the nation's most dominating team during the season and has remained so, winning its games by margins of 71, 38 and 22 points. The Huskies overwhelm opponents with an aggressive defense kept fresh by waves of substitutes.

So how does Gunter plan to slow them down?

"I don't have an answer to that, and I don't feel bad about

it at all," she said. "There's a lot of other coaches that haven't had the answer either."

Louisiana Tech, which is seeking an 11th Final Four appearance, is playing its last season under coach Leon Barmore, who'll retire when it ends. Barmore says he has great respect for Portland and admits he always has rooted for her to make it to the Final Four.

He won't be rooting tonight, however.

"I'll weep a few minutes right now for Rene. Then I hope she doesn't make the Final Four," Barmore said with a grin. "And I hope she gets emotional 'cause I'll hug her neck regardless. And if she happens to beat me and get to the Final Four, I'll hug it even at that moment."

Texas Tech hasn't been to the Final Four since winning the 1993 national championship. To get back, the Lady Raiders have to do something no one has ever done: beat Tennessee in a regional final in its home state. The Lady Vols are 6-0 in those games and will have the support of what's essentially a home crowd.

Not a problem, Texas Tech's Keitha Dickerson said.

"If everyone's cheering for us, it wouldn't be right," she said. "We always have to have someone against us, so I think it'll be a great atmosphere for us."

Tennessee is shooting for its fifth Final Four trip in six years. The Lady Vols did not go last year because of what happened in this round — a loss to Duke.

"While we know we're only one game away, I think this is always the most challenging game of the playoffs," Tennessee coach Pat Summitt said. "In my estimation, it's probably the toughest to play, and the opponent makes it even tougher."

Rutgers coach Vivian Stringer is trying to get a third team into the Final Four, having already done it at Cheyney State and Iowa. The Scarlet Knights are giving up only 54 points a game, but they'll be tested by a Georgia team that routinely scores in the 80s.

"We're not in awe," Stringer said. "We didn't come all the way here to Portland to say, 'Wasn't that nice to make the Elite Eight? We came here to take care of business.'"

Sutton gets one more night to think

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Nobody said beating Tiger Woods was going to be easy.

Or quick.

A rainstorm interrupted Hal Sutton's bid for victory over Woods at the 12th hole of The Players Championship on Sunday, leaving Sutton holding a 3-stroke lead with play scheduled to resume this morning.

Sutton was 1-under-par for the round and at 10-under for the tournament after snaking home a momentum-building 30-foot putt on No. 11 on the Stadium Course at TPC.

Then the storm hit, leaving the 41-year-old Sutton yet another evening to anticipate a showdown with the top player in the world.

Also on today's docket: the

No. 17 island hole, where Sutton made triple bogey Saturday to help Woods pull back in contention.

"There are a lot of different ways to try to figure out how to lose this thing, and I don't want to figure that out," Sutton said. "I want to figure out how to win."

It seemed as though he was headed that way over the front 9, with Woods hitting his approach shots close, but failing to convert a series of putts inside 12 feet. Woods was at 1-over for the day when the rain came.

On No. 5, he slid an 12-foot birdie try just off the cup, then stopped and stared at the hole for several seconds.

Sutton matched his par and, as the players were heading to

the sixth green, a fan shouted, "C'mon Hal, he's beatable."

Sutton built momentum on the par-3 eighth with a great sand save, reaching deep into the bunker to blast a shot out, then making a 12-foot putt.

"I'm thinking, this could be big here, it could really turn this thing around one way or another," Sutton said.

"I just made sure I stayed in the shot."

He stayed with the putt, too, and celebrated it with a big uppercut that has become common as the week has progressed.

Another confidence builder came on No. 11, where Sutton's long putt contrasted with Woods' miss on a birdie try from 6 feet to give Sutton the 3-stroke lead.

Bubble simply didn't burst for Wisconsin, North Carolina

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Maybe now, bubble teams will get more respect.

Usually a precarious place occupied by pretenders instead of contenders, this year's NCAA tournament bubble delivered two teams to the Final Four.

North Carolina and Wisconsin, who were both holding their breath on Selection Sunday, are on their way to the RCA Dome in Indianapolis, a couple of No. 8 seeds who turned out to be much better than that.

Both teams lost 13 games this season, but they've won four straight in the last two weekends, which means a ticket to the wrap-up of March Madness.

Once again, they will be underdogs for the national semifinals. Wisconsin going against Michigan State, the last remaining No. 1 seed in the field, and North

Carolina facing No. 5 Florida.

At No. 8, Wisconsin and North Carolina are the lowest seeds to reach the Final Four since No. 11 LSU made it in 1996. The last No. 8 to get this far was Villanova, which won the national championship from that spot in 1985.

The Wisconsin-Michigan State semifinal is a Big Ten rematch, the fourth time this season the Badgers and Spartans have played. Michigan State won the first three, and Spartans coach Tom Izzo thinks that could be a problem.

"I don't think it's ever easy to beat a team twice or beat a team three times," Izzo said. "We know it's going to be tough to beat a team four times. They are on a roll and making shots now."

Wisconsin plays hard-nosed, grind-it-out basketball, but that doesn't include a lot of points, especially against the Spartans.

"We haven't figured out a way to score

against them yet," coach Dick Bennett said. "Michigan State is one of the premier defensive teams in the country. They're hard to score against."

This is Wisconsin's first Final Four date since 1941. Bennett thinks it won't shake his team. "This is a very level-headed group."

Wisconsin finished sixth in the Big Ten, but has lost just three games since Feb. 2, all of them to conference champion Michigan State, winners of nine straight.

Michigan State depends on the senior leadership of Mateen Cleaves, Charlie Bell and Morris Peterson, and Wisconsin is riding the 3-point shooting of Division II transfer Jon Bryant.

Florida's young Gators followed their KO of No. 1 Duke to join the Final Four. They are matched up with a North Carolina team back for the 15th time and third in the last four years.

The Tar Heels were on the ropes before the tournament began, struggling with a 7-9 record down the stretch that left them on the edge.

"I think this team is in a class by itself," senior point guard Ed Cota. "It took a while to get used to each other and find a way to win. The teams that I was on in the past, guys knew what it took to win. This team got it done late in the season, but there couldn't be a better time for it."

Seven-foot Brendan Haywood gives North Carolina a presence inside, and Joseph Forte is the first freshman in school history to lead the Tar Heels in scoring. And, yes, that includes a fellow named Michael Jordan.

Under fourth-year coach Billy Donovan, Florida turns games into track meets with a go-go style and a freshman-sophomore dominated roster that can sustain it.

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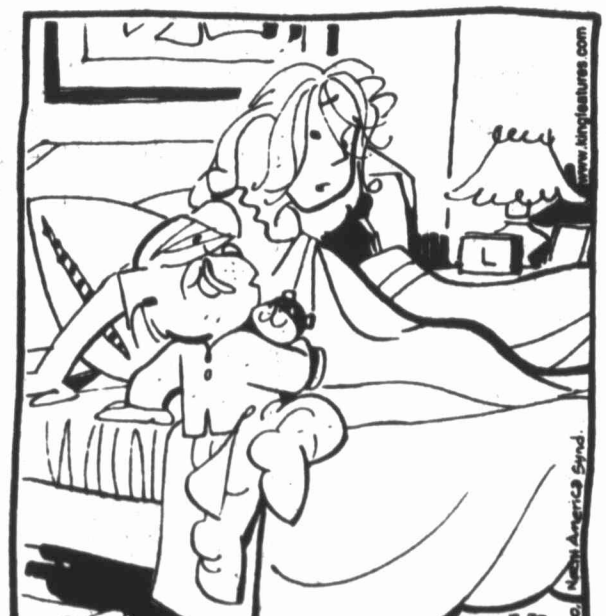
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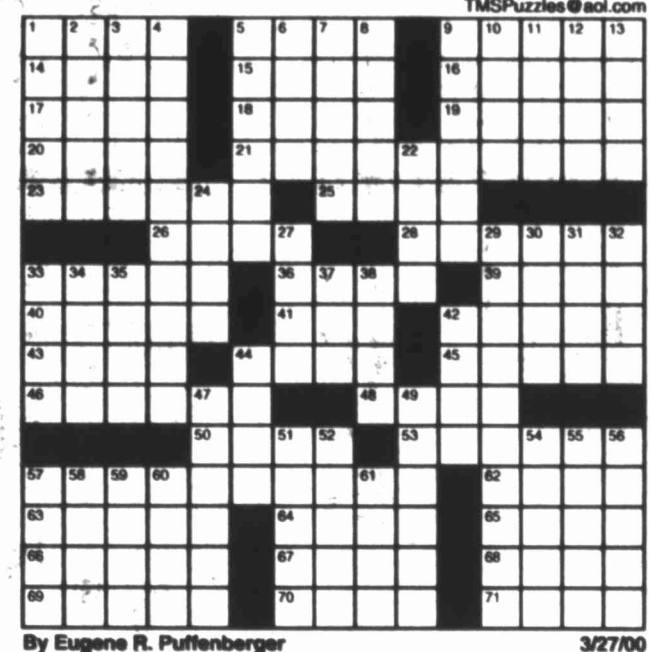
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