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WEATHER

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Forsan students set to present one-act play

The Forsan High School theater department will offer a free performance of its one-act play today at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Theater students will present "Sara Crewe," a play about a Victorian fairy tale presented in an unsentimental, realistic manner.

Raised alone by her father, a British Army captain in India, Sara is left by her father at a London boarding school. When news arrives that Sara's father has been killed, the headmistress turns Sara into a servant, banishing her to a rat-infested attic. Suffering cold, hunger and ill-treatment, Sara maintains her basic goodness.

The cast and crew of the play are Keshia Christian, Rachel Clinton, Heather Hise, Ashley Pierce, Abby Janca, Cassie Christian, Ruth Kaelin, Felicia Osburn, Casi Graves, Ross Rhoton, Cory Reyna, Trey Kuykendall, Clay Vickers, Rachel Kaelin, Kandis Snowden and Lakacia Lewis.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

Big Spring Band Boosters, 6 p.m. in the high school band hall.

Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. for dinner with meeting to follow at First and Goliad.

Big Spring Art Association will have a miniature auction at its regular meeting at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library.

Big Spring chapter 67 Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

WEDNESDAY

Optimist Club, 7 a.m. at the Howard College Cactus Room.

Senior Circle Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics meets at the SMMC cafeteria at 10 a.m.

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Local businessman eyes Big Spring ISD trustee seat

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

The race is on for the District 3 position on the Big Spring Independent School District board of trustees as local businessman Alan Partee will challenge incumbent



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Larry McLellan for the position.

"With an eye on controlling tax increases now and in the future while continuing to provide a quality, progressive educational environment for the children, I agree with the current BSISD trustees actions on the closure of the Anderson Kindergarten Center and realignment of students," Partee said. "As a business owner and a concerned parent of three children, I want to seek other cost contain-

ment measures without sacrifice to the children's education."

Partee and his wife, Della, have three children, Adam, a senior at Big Spring High School; Erin, a sophomore at BSIS; and Callie, a sixth-grader at Goliad Elementary. Partee owns Neighbors Convenience Store and filed on Monday.

"I have had the opportunity, over the past 12 years, to have personal contact with many of the schools, teachers, principals and support

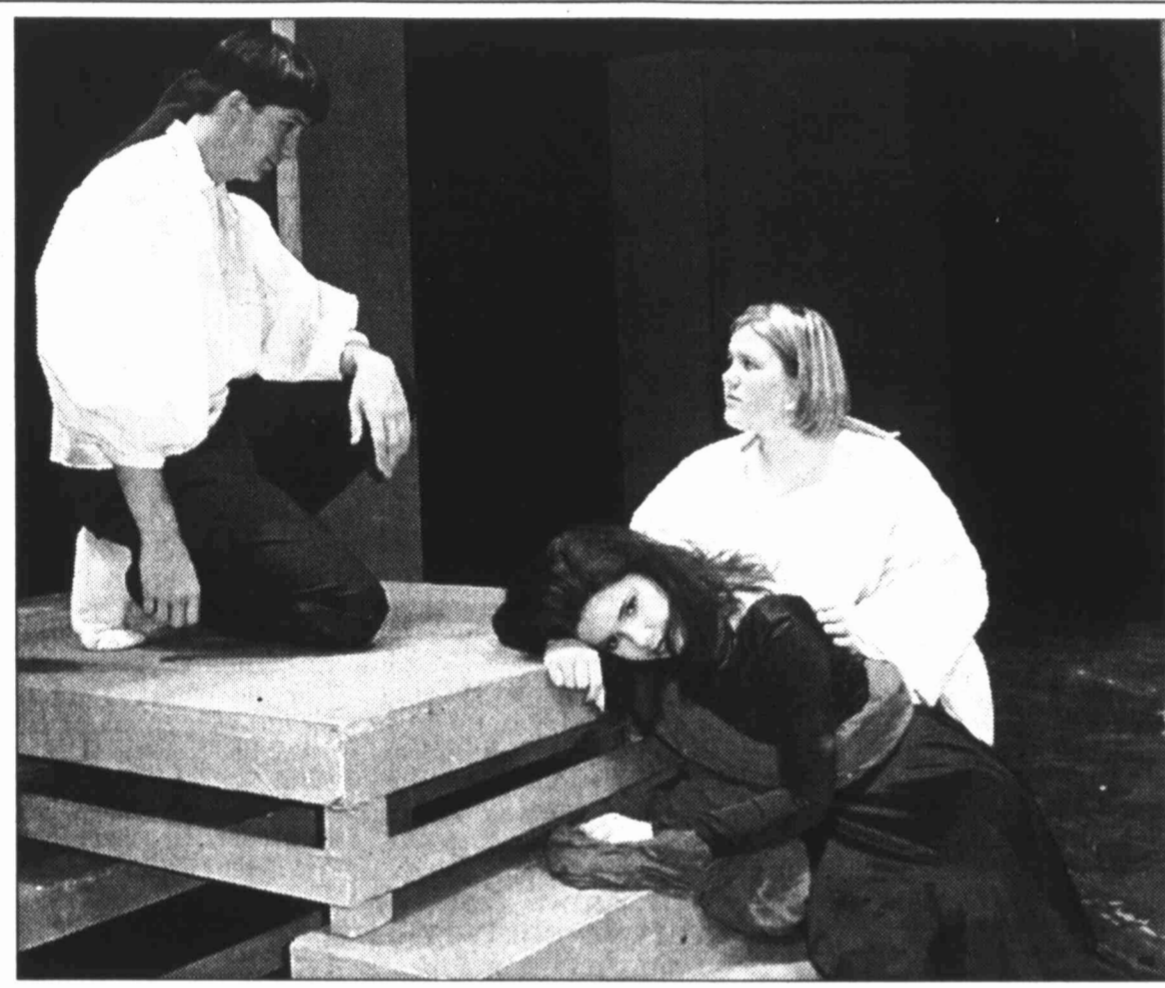
staff in the BSISD schools through our children's educational process and involvement in various school activities," Partee said. "Our teachers are dedicated beyond words and I feel it's very important to work with our teachers to provide the best financial situation possible for them. This will help ensure retention of the current quality staff."

Partee, a 1977 graduate of Big Spring High School, has degrees from Midland

College and Texas A&I. He has served in a number of civic activities involving children, including as an assistant scoutmaster in the Boy Scouts of America, president of the Big Spring Youth Soccer Association, a coach in the soccer association, in the Big Spring Youth Basketball Association and in the YMCA youth basketball program.

No challengers have filed

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Big Spring High School theater students Justin Plaia and Hollie Cobb, top right, comfort Amanda Sheedy in a scene from the school's one-act play "Medea." The students will perform the Greek tragedy at 7 tonight at the school auditorium. The general public will be admitted free.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Suspicious substance sparks alert at hospital

Special to the Herald

Four Big Spring State Hospital employees underwent preventative safety measures Monday afternoon after coming in direct contact with a suspicious-looking envelope.



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Safety officers ordered the immediate evacuation of 40 employees in the administration building, as outlined in the hospital's mail-handling guidelines. Ventilation systems were also shut off.

The four employees were immediately taken to the hospital's general medical services unit for decontamination purposes.

The Big Spring Police Department investigated the powdery substance and determined it was not hazardous. Interoffice mail envelopes on one of the units are stored underneath a chalkboard and traces of chalk were found on envelopes sent to the hospital's administration building.

"We are relieved the material was not hazardous," hospital CEO Ed Moughon said. "At the same time, it's satisfying to know that our emergency guidelines assisted us in continuing to provide safe and necessary care to our patients and provide a safe work environment for our employees."

"Our staff responded to our intensive training on mail handling procedures and were vigilant enough to capture what appeared to be a suspicious envelope."

"We are proud of how our staff responded. It's just one

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City council, mayoral hopefuls have one day left to file for May 4 elections

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

Local candidates have one more day to file for city elections.

The deadline to file to run in the May 4 city races is Wednesday at 5 p.m., according to a spokesperson for the city of Big Spring.

Candidates should see their local city secretary before then to file the necessary forms.

Two council seats are up for grabs in Big Spring, and both are already contested.

For the District 1 seat, incumbent Stephanie Horton, a VA Medical Center nurse, will face challenger John Henson, an engineer with Western Container.

The District 3 incumbent, Chuck Cawthon, has decided not to run for re-election, but three people have filed to fill his shoes. Cox Communications technician

TO FILE

Contact your city secretary or elections clerk before 5 p.m. Wednesday to fill out the proper forms.

Jimmy Ruth, VA Medical Center retiree JoAnn Staulcup and Dyer Plumbing owner Rick Dyer will vie for the position.

Seats held by council members Oscar Garcia in District 2, Tommy Tune in District 4, JoAnn Smoot in District 5, Greg Biddison in District 6 and Mayor Russ McEwen are not up for election this year.

In Stanton, District 1, 2 and 3 and mayoral incumbents have all filed, as has a second candidate for mayor.

Lester Baker, incumbent mayor, will face challenger Kyle Averitt in May, while Ronnie Christian in District

1, Jim Smith in District 2 and James Jenkins in District 3 are currently unopposed.

Incumbents Dan Shelburne, Paulette Lindsey and Eleanor Garrett are so far the only candidates filed in Coahoma, and, barring a late filing, will run unopposed for the three at-large seats up for grabs in that town.

In Forsan, two at-large council seats currently held by Buddy Gambrell and Jack Hancock are up for grabs, as is the mayor's post now held by Jim Buske.

So far, challenger Marie Wilson is the only filer for a city council seat in Forsan, but Councilman Clarence Williams, whose seat is not up for election, has filed to run for the mayor's job.

Repeated attempts to obtain information on filers from Ackerly city officials have been unsuccessful.

Reservations due for expo here March 28

Special to the Herald

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is taking booth reservations for the annual Ag Expo and Appreciation Luncheon.

The expo is set for March 28 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is free to the public. Businesses from insurance agencies to cell phone retailers and national vendors showcase their wares at the event.

A luncheon, held to show appreciation for area farmers and local agriculture businesses, will begin at 11:45 a.m. The luncheon is free to agriculture producers. Tickets for the general public are \$8 each.

To reserve a booth or to purchase a ticket, call Liz Adamson, Chamber of Commerce secretary, at 263-7641.

Snakes alive! Annual roundup slithers into Big Spring Saturday

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

"Snakes...why did it have to be snakes?"

Indiana Jones might want to steer clear of the Howard County Fairbarns Saturday and Sunday — it's time for the 40th Annual Big Spring Rattlesnake Roundup.

The event, sponsored by the American Business Clubs of Big Spring, will open its doors at the barns at 10 a.m. each day. Saturday the festivities will continue until 7 p.m. The roundup ends at 6 p.m. Sunday.

Snake weighing and purchasing will be held Friday, as will a free snake show not open to the public but to students from the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf and

patients from the VA Medical Center. The Roundup pays hunters about \$3 to \$4 a pound for rattlesnakes, and awards prizes based on the most pounds brought in, the heaviest snake and most rattles.

"We buy these snakes from the hunters," said Roundup Chairman Dennis Burns. "It basically started, to my understanding, with ranchers trying to get rid of the snakes and also to get the snakes away from populated areas."

The event has become a tradition in Big Spring.

"There are some concerns that the snakes are disappearing, but we've done this for 40 years and every year we have about the same

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Scenic Mountain Medical Center CEO Tim Schmidt presents a \$1,500 check to LaJean Bailey of Parents Who Care at the hospital Monday. The parents' group will hold an after-prom party for Big Spring High School students. Also shown are SMMC CFO Bill Beauchamp and Big Spring High School senior Leslie Wolfe.

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Operation Anaconda called a success

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. forces killed 16 fighters in an Afghanistan gunfight and captured 31 others at a military compound as the war shifted from the scene of the largest ground battle of the war so far.

Pentagon officials acknowledged that some al-Qaida fighters may have escaped the ring of U.S., Afghan and coalition troops that had surrounded their mountainous hide-outs during Operation Anaconda, which ended Monday. Some may have crossed into Pakistan, said Pentagon spokeswoman Victoria Clarke.

"Given the nature of the terrain and the porousness of the border, are ones and twos probably melting into the countryside or slipping over the border? Possibly. But we have not seen significant numbers," Clarke told reporters Monday at a Defense Department news briefing.

No U.S. soldiers were hurt in the latest fighting, officials said.

Those killed and captured did not appear to be senior al-Qaida or Taliban leaders, they said.

American forces and their coalition and Afghan allies will maintain pursuit of

Overseas warning

Terrorists' switch to 'soft targets' means new danger for Americans

WASHINGTON (AP) — Avoid places where fellow Americans congregate, even churches and schools. Drive to work a different way each day, with the windows up. Be cautious. Remain vigilant.

The government is giving Americans overseas those warnings after a weekend attack on a church in Islamabad, Pakistan, that killed five people, including an American woman who worked at the U.S. Embassy and her teen-age daughter.

Because embassy buildings and overseas U.S. military bases are now so fortified against attacks, terrorists increasingly might turn to more vulnerable targets — including schools, restaurants and even churches — where Americans gather, the State Department warned.

Taliban and al-Qaida fighters who escaped or are hiding out in Afghanistan, officials said.

"While this particular

"One would have hoped that there would be some respect for a church," said State Department spokesman Richard Boucher. "But even that doesn't always exist."

Total security is impossible, officials acknowledge. Private companies and the government need to have workers overseas, and those workers often want their families nearby. If families are nearby, they must do things like shop and go to school.

In recent months, some U.S. companies with operations in the Middle East or south Asia have chosen to relocate workers' family members to another location.

Others are cutting back on the number of Americans overseas, relying instead on more local workers.

operation's over, we're still actively pursuing al-Qaida and Taliban personnel throughout Afghanistan, and we're preparing for any

subsequent missions that may be needed," said Air Force Brig. Gen. John Rosa, deputy director of operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

President Bush, speaking Monday during a visit to St. Louis, also said that while Anaconda is over, the war in Afghanistan is not.

"I feel like we've got a lot more fighting to do in Afghanistan," he said. "These are people who are there to die, and we accommodated them. ... They are relentless, but so are we."

In a sign of the global scope of the war on terror, Rosa said American troops in the Philippines evacuated three Filipino soldiers from Basilan Island after they were wounded in a firefight with Abu Sayyaf, the small Muslim extremist group some say is linked to al-Qaida.

Rosa said the U.S. troops were not involved in the combat there.

In Afghanistan on Sunday morning, a team of Army Special Forces soldiers attacked a convoy of three vehicles about 45 miles southwest of the city of Gardez, killing 16 people believed to be al-Qaida fighters and wounding one. One other was detained.

Bush proposes tax relief aimed at small businesses

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush wants billions of dollars in new tax breaks to spur America's small businesses, arguing that improving the entrepreneurial climate will generate new jobs and help pull the nation from the economic slowdown.

The tax changes were the cornerstone of a package of initiatives Bush was unveiling today at a conference for women entrepreneurs.

He also wants the government to encourage small businesses to band together to obtain health care for employees, a move he says would expand coverage to more people and lower business costs.

Bush would remove regulatory "barriers" he says slow growth; encourage greater competition by small businesses seeking government contracts; and make the government a greater advocate for small businesses when it considers regulatory changes.

"More new jobs are created by small business people than anybody else," Bush told workers and managers at a switchboard plant in O'Fallon, Mo., on

Monday. "One of my jobs is to make sure that entrepreneurial spirit is strong and alive in America."

Bush signed a bill earlier this month meant to jumpstart the economy through an array of business tax cuts.

That came at a time when a growing number of experts believed the economy was pulling out of recession.

But with unemployment at 5.6 percent, he is eager to signal his continued attention to Americans still hurting, and to offer up fresh proposals to accelerate a recovery.

Bush revived a proposal to allow small businesses to increase the amount of equipment and machinery that can be deducted in one year from \$25,000 to \$40,000. It would cost the Treasury \$7 billion over a decade, the White House said.

The president also called for a permanent repeal of the estate tax, a move he says would allow small businesses to be "passed from one generation to the next without having to sell assets to pay a punitive tax."

Flash floods hit Texas; boy drowns in creek

LONGVIEW (AP) — A rain-swollen creek has claimed the life of an East Texas youth amid heavy rains that have prompted flash flood watches and warnings across the northern half of the state.

The 4-year-old boy drowned Monday in Marshall creek. The unidentified boy was swept underwater along with his 10-year-old sister and a 13-year-old friend while they were swimming.

Strong thunderstorms from an upper-level, low pressure system dumped up to four inches of rain

through early Monday on North and East Texas. The National Weather Service warned of flooding in the regions.

Some flights of American Airlines were delayed more than two hours at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport because of the severe weather.

Up to five inches of rain were expected from the storm system.

In the East Texas death, law officers believe the victim had been underwater for 10 minutes before police arrived and tried to revive him. His two companions

were treated for hypothermia and released Monday night from Marshall Regional Medical Center.

The boy, the girls and their parents were not identified by police, pending notification of relatives.

According to investigators, the boy had been playing with his sister and their friend in his back yard when the 13-year-old girl invited the other two to swim in a nearby creek.

Leland Benoit of the Marshall Police Department told the Longview News-Journal in Tuesday's editions.

Benoit said the boy began struggling in the water and the 13-year-old girl sent the younger girl for help at the nearest house. A man at the house, about 150 yards away from the creek, called 911. The boy's sister then returned to the creek and was in the water with the other two when police arrived.

"As officers responded, as they got to the creek area, all three kids were in the water," said Benoit. "The two that were visible appeared to be struggling at that time. The younger had gone under."

Russell Yates misses jury duty, makes talk show circuit instead

HOUSTON (AP) — After weeks of attending his wife's capital murder trial, Russell Yates was absent on the one day he was legally obligated to be at the Harris County Courthouse for another purpose.

Yates was a no-show for jury duty on Monday. He went to New York City instead to appear on NBC's "Today" show in the morning, then flew cross-country for an interview on "Larry King Live" in the evening.

In so doing, Yates missed his wife's formal sentencing Monday morning and his 12:15 p.m. jury call.

"We saw him all over TV the last day or so, so we

know he's preoccupied," said Harris County District Clerk Charles Bacarisse.

"Sadly, a lot of citizens in our county miss jury duty," he said.

"It's always unfortunate, but in this case it's unfortunate and ironic. It's completely bizarre."

Andrea Yates, convicted of capital murder, was sentenced Monday to two concurrent life prison terms for drowning three of her five children on June 20.

Yates, contacted in Los Angeles as he prepared for the King show, said he remembered seeing a jury summons but it slipped his mind.

Demand for Mexican consulate ID soaring

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Before sunrise one recent windy morning, Alejandro David stood in line outside the Mexican consulate waiting for identification cards issued to Mexican citizens living in the United States.

By 11 a.m., the line had grown to about 300 people, most waiting for the cards — now in high demand by people seeking the assurance of identification in a security-conscious, post-Sept. 11 atmosphere.

"Anywhere you go, they want an ID with your photo," said David, 30, who was taking a rare day off from his job as a gardener to wait in line. "It's better to have something on you and not be walking around with fear, nothing to prove who you are."

That a growing number of agencies are now recognizing the cards as valid forms

of identification means its bearers can open bank accounts, conduct city business in San Francisco and Oakland and identify themselves to police in several states, including California, Texas, Arizona and New Mexico.

Called a matricula consular, the card is helpful to undocumented immigrants with no other form of identification, though it is also sought by legal residents who use it when visiting Mexico.

But increased acknowledgment of the cards angers some groups, who say it rewards illegal immigrants. The cards are granted to immigrants both legal and illegal — as long as they have necessary documents such as a birth certificate or passport and proof that they live in the consulate's jurisdiction.

"This is a document that is aiding and abetting them to get just about anything they want," said Barbara Coe, chairwoman of the California Coalition for Immigration Reform.

Consular officials and those standing in line said the cards help ease details of daily life that would be impossible without identification: proving they are 21 at bars, signing up for library cards, returning merchandise to a store — even collecting jackpot winnings at casinos.

"Those of us who have always had an ID, you take it for granted," said San Francisco Consul General Georgina Lagos. "When you lack ID, then you're really in trouble."

The growing recognition of the card is the result of a concerted lobbying effort by the 47 Mexican consulates

in the United States. The Mexican foreign ministry has directed the consulates to promote the laminated, credit-card sized IDs.

Officials plan to issue a high-tech, more fraud-proof version of the card in the next few months.

The Chicago consulate, which introduced the new, digitized version earlier this month, has been issuing about 300 cards a day, said press attache Cesar Romero.

Pushing for wider recognition of the cards is an attempt to fulfill Mexican President Vicente Fox's campaign pledge to help Mexicans abroad so that "they might be able to be integrated into the society of the United States," said Roberto Rodriguez, Mexico's director general for protection and consular services.

Woman sought in husband's death in California is arrested in Florida

DESTIN, Fla. (AP) — A woman suspected of killing her husband with a dose of horse tranquilizers and burying his body in a California vineyard has been arrested in this Florida Panhandle beach town.

Laren Renee Sims, who spent six years as Elisa McNabney, was arrested late Monday.

Investigators say she killed Larry McNabney and put his body in a hastily dug grave in a San Joaquin

County vineyard.

Larry McNabney was last seen at a horse show Sept. 10 in Los Angeles. A day later, authorities say, Elisa McNabney began clearing out his office and selling his personal items.

She's a thrice-married 36-year-old who has a 113-page criminal record and is wanted in Florida and Washington for credit card and grand theft charges. Sims has more than a dozen aliases.

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OUR VIEWS

Deadline
nears to file
candidacy

Wednesday. That's the last day to file as a candidate for anyone wanting to seek a position on any of the school or city boards in the Crossroads area. Most businesses offices close at 5 p.m. After that, you're out of luck.

Most of the entities which have put out the call for candidates have seen a pretty good response. Locally, there will be contested races for both Big Spring City Council districts up for election. And there are four candidates for the three at-large Howard College trustee seats up for election.

There are many other races in the area. Some, including a bid for Coahoma Independent School District board of trustees and Stanton mayor, are contested at this point. Others are not.

It's not difficult to file. The rules are few. Most entities require only that the candidate live within the city or school district of which they wish to represent. An exception is on the Big Spring Independent School District board, where candidates for trustee of District 1 or 3 must actually reside within those particular areas of the community.

People choose to seek a council or trustee seat for a number of reasons, but there is really only one good one — a sincere wish for that city or school to be the best it can be, while keeping in mind the constituent's best interests.

Trustees and council persons have to realize that they are not going to please everyone. Sometimes it takes a "thick skin" to handle the job when funds are low and tempers flare. But they must consider everyone, gather the facts, and weigh each issue individually. And they must do all of this with the knowledge that the only compensation they may receive is that they did their best. And that can be very rewarding.

If you've been thinking about filing, time is almost up. For those who take on the challenge, we wish you the best.

YOUR VIEWS

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 47 and Auxiliary, and the Texas State Veterans Home, I would like to thank KBST for giving us air time and taking such a compassionate interest in the welfare of our veterans and their activities and programs.

I also want to thank the wonderful citizens of the Big Spring community who began responding from the heart just minutes after the program.

All donations were greatly appreciated, but please remember, gifts don't have to be physical things. In fact, if you could just donate a little of your time in the way of a personal visit, you would be

amazed what a world of difference it would make by warming someone's heart and putting a smile on his or her face.

I just returned from a DAV convention in El Paso. I again appealed to all of the district's chapters to help in any way they can.

As newly-elected senior vice commander for the district, my plan is to continue expansion of volunteer programs to the best of my ability.

Anyone can volunteer. With only just a few minutes of your time, you, too, can make a difference in someone's life.

Ed Meiser
Commander
DAV Chapter 47

Survival of Arthur Andersen in question

In January we wrote about the real culprit in the Enron fiasco, stating, "... if the financial information disseminated by the auditors is false or misleading, then employee stockholders, like all stockholders, have a legitimate legal complaint.

"... A public company does not produce financial statements; its auditors do.

The typical give-and-take between a company and its auditors usually has the company fighting to include revenue and defray expenses, but not always. Occasionally a company will do the reverse to lessen its tax liability, though this is more customary with privately held companies. In short, public companies like to show profits because their stocks will trade higher, whereas

private companies like to show losses because their taxes will be reduced. Either way, the decision is not made by the company, but by the auditor. So if there is a complaint about Enron's financial statements, place the blame where it belongs: with Arthur Andersen.

"These facts do not mean that Enron executives are blameless. Evidence will tell the tale ..."

On March 14, the Justice Department issued an indictment against Arthur Andersen, primarily alleging that the partnership had obstructed justice by engaging in the mass destruction of documents relating to Enron. As a result, the survival of Arthur Andersen, one of the nation's Big Five accounting firms, is now in question.

The cornerstones of auditing are integrity and competence. Initially, Arthur Andersen executives vowed adherence to the first and guilt to the second, essentially claiming they had been duped by Enron. But

it was their job not to be duped. The investing public relies upon audits of publicly traded companies when they make their investment decisions.

Now, according to the U.S. Justice Department, allegations, Arthur Andersen was well aware that much was amiss with the Enron audit, and this led to the destruction of what Justice officials described as "tons" of documents. By this scenario, incompetence was not a factor.

This leaves integrity. Here we need to be careful about righteous condemnation. The real problem is that the Securities and Exchange Commission allows auditors to also be consultants, even though the subject has been repeatedly debated in Congress. By their nature, auditing and consulting are in conflict because consultants inevitably end up advising companies on how to improve their situations with the auditors. If this scenario played out in a courtroom, it would be as

though the prosecutor (representing the people) and the defendant's attorney were both being paid by the defendant. Clearly, the people would lose every time.

It is this inherent flaw in the system that undermines the integrity of the system, and it is safe to say that Arthur Andersen has not been the only firm affected by it.

If a company fires its auditors, the new auditors are highly unlikely to offer opinions that would differ markedly from the fired auditors. But consulting is another matter. Companies often look for aggressive consultants, consultants who will advise and fight for the company. And who are they there to fight: the IRS, the SEC, various other entities — and the auditors.

So Arthur Andersen was hired to fight itself, and it would appear that their consulting arm defeated their auditing arm. But if Arthur Andersen goes under, consulting will have indeed won a Pyrrhic victory.

JACK
ANDERSON

Why should they not have guns in cockpits?

Our federal government gets awfully quirky at times. Take the issue of arming pilots with pistols so they will have a chance if terrorists breach the door and get into the cockpit.

The federal government opposes the idea. Too dangerous, it says.

On the other hand, the same federal government proposes to put armed air marshals in with the passengers, as well as have fighter jets on standby. The job, of course, of the air marshals is to shoot the hijackers, and if they fail, the job of the fighter jets is to shoot down the passenger plane if it veers from its flight plan. Not only that, but the government has stationed armed National Guardsmen in the airports. Personally, I don't fancy the idea of dodging ricochets if a poorly trained National Guard soldier decides to have a shootout with a terrorist.

Maybe I'm missing something, but I don't see that a pilot shooting a terrorist in a cockpit is any more dangerous than air marshals having a gunfight out amongst the passengers. And certainly a gun in the cockpit is less dangerous than being blown out of the sky by an F-16.

Furthermore, it seems absurd to trust pilots with an aircraft full of passengers, but not trust them to have a pistol. Most commercial pilots are ex-military and have had ample training with firearms. And all commercial pilots are people who know how to stay calm in a stressful situation. A hefty majority of the pilots want to carry personal firearms. They should be allowed to do so.

Just as it is now a given that passengers and crew will resist the hijackers, you can be sure that it is now a given among terrorists that mere box cutters will not be sufficient to take over an aircraft. The flaw in airport security is that the screening stations are well away from the boarding areas. Between those screening areas and the boarding areas are long corridors with offices, restrooms, shops and snack

bars. It does not require much imagination to persuade one of the hundreds of people in those areas to plant a firearm for a terrorist who can retrieve it after he's been screened.

And if the government is really serious about Americans being on continuing alert and watching out for terrorists, then it should encourage firearm ownership and pass a national right-to-carry law. A very scholarly work proves that privately owned firearms prevent more crimes than there are crimes committed with firearms. In Israel, private citizens wielding their own firearms have often cut terrorist attacks short.

Encouraging the public to go about their daily lives while armed would also greatly cut down on the crime rate, not to mention improving people's manners. Two of the most famous outlaw gangs, the James Gang and the Daltons, were shot to pieces not by lawmen or Pinkerton detectives, but by the citizens of the towns they tried to rob.

If you want to know how little that elitists think of us common folks, just watch the reaction to this

suggestion. The whole business of gun control is based on the fear of the common people by the elite. Maybe the elite have a guilty conscience and want to keep the common folks unarmed in case the folks figure out how they've been taken advantage of.

When the Florida Legislature was debating a right-to-carry law, I had to listen to really ridiculous predictions from my elitist comrades in the news rack. "Oh, if people can carry guns, there will be shootouts in the supermarkets and at every traffic signal." It was all rubbish. The law passed. A couple of hundred thousand people have permits, and the violent-crime rate has gone down, not increased.

I asked one of my elitist friends, "Do you really think your fellow citizens are stupid and mad?" The answer was "Yes." Nothing is so conducive to making a fool of oneself than a small brain and a big ego. I say, arm the American public and then watch our country become safe and peaceful once again.

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IN BRIEF

Lady Hawks sweep two from Ranger

Howard College's Lady Hawks had little trouble with Ranger Junior College's Lady Rangers in non-conference softball action Monday afternoon, posting 12-2 and 11-3 wins.

The sweep improves the Lady Hawks' record to 26-12 on the season.

Howard will play host to Seminole (Okla.) State College in a 2 p.m. Wednesday doubleheader at Foundation Field.

Weather washes out Hawk baseball game

Howard College's Hawks saw their game scheduled with Howard Payne University's JV washed out by rains in the Brownwood area on Monday.

The Hawks have replaced that game on their schedule with a 1:30 p.m. Thursday outing at Walt Driggers Field in Abilene. They'll play McMurry University in one seven-inning game.

Coahoma UGSA sets registration sessions

The United Girls Softball Association of Coahoma has scheduled registration for T-ball and softball for 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday at the Coahoma Community Center.

Fees will be \$30 per player.

Late registration will be from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday at the Community Center and the same hours on Saturday at the softball park. Those registering late must pay a fee of \$35 and will be placed in a blind draw.

Basketball banquet set for Thursday

The Big Spring Boys' Basketball Banquet will be 7 p.m. Thursday at the KC Steakhouse.

Tickets are priced at \$12 per person.

For more information, call Myrna Russell at 267-6891.

Steers finish 11th in golf tourney

Big Spring Steers finished 11th in team standings at the San Angelo Invitational Golf Tournament over the weekend with a 673 total.

Jerrold Simmons' two-day total of 159 led the Steers. Ryan Rodriguez had a 164 total, while Will Conley finished at 166. Clayton Weaver had a 184 total and Jason Murphree finished at 197.

The Steers will host the Big Spring Invitational this weekend.

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6:30 p.m. — Anaheim Mighty Ducks at Detroit Red Wings, ESPN2.
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Duke clearly has edge in experience in South Regional

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — How many points is experience worth in the NCAA tournament?

Duke hopes it's enough to get the program to another Final Four.

The five starters for the top-seeded and defending national champion Blue Devils (31-3) have played a combined 41 postseason games heading into Duke's South Regional semifinal against Indiana on Thursday night.

While Indiana is another one of college basketball's storied programs, the Hoosiers (22-11) haven't been this far in the NAAs in eight years.

And the two other teams in the bracket are even less experienced.

Pittsburgh's last round of 16 game was in 1974, while Kent State never made it before.

"Experience has something to do with winning," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said Monday. "We've been in tough situations where if you don't do well on that exchange down the court, that may be it. And our kids have pretty much produced under pressure for us. That's worth a lot."

Duke's recent NCAA numbers are impressive.

The Blue Devils are 18-3 in their last 21 NCAA games and are riding an eight-game winning streak, while Krzyzewski is 58-14 — the best winning percentage among

active coaches and second only to John Wooden of UCLA.

Krzyzewski's leadership is not lost on his players heading to Rupp Arena in Lexington, Ky., this week.

"He knows how to prepare, how to read his team, when to keep them loose and when to tighten everything up," Mike Dunleavy said. "To have a leader like that to take you through something like the NCAA tournament — I'm not going to say it makes it easy — but it certainly helps."

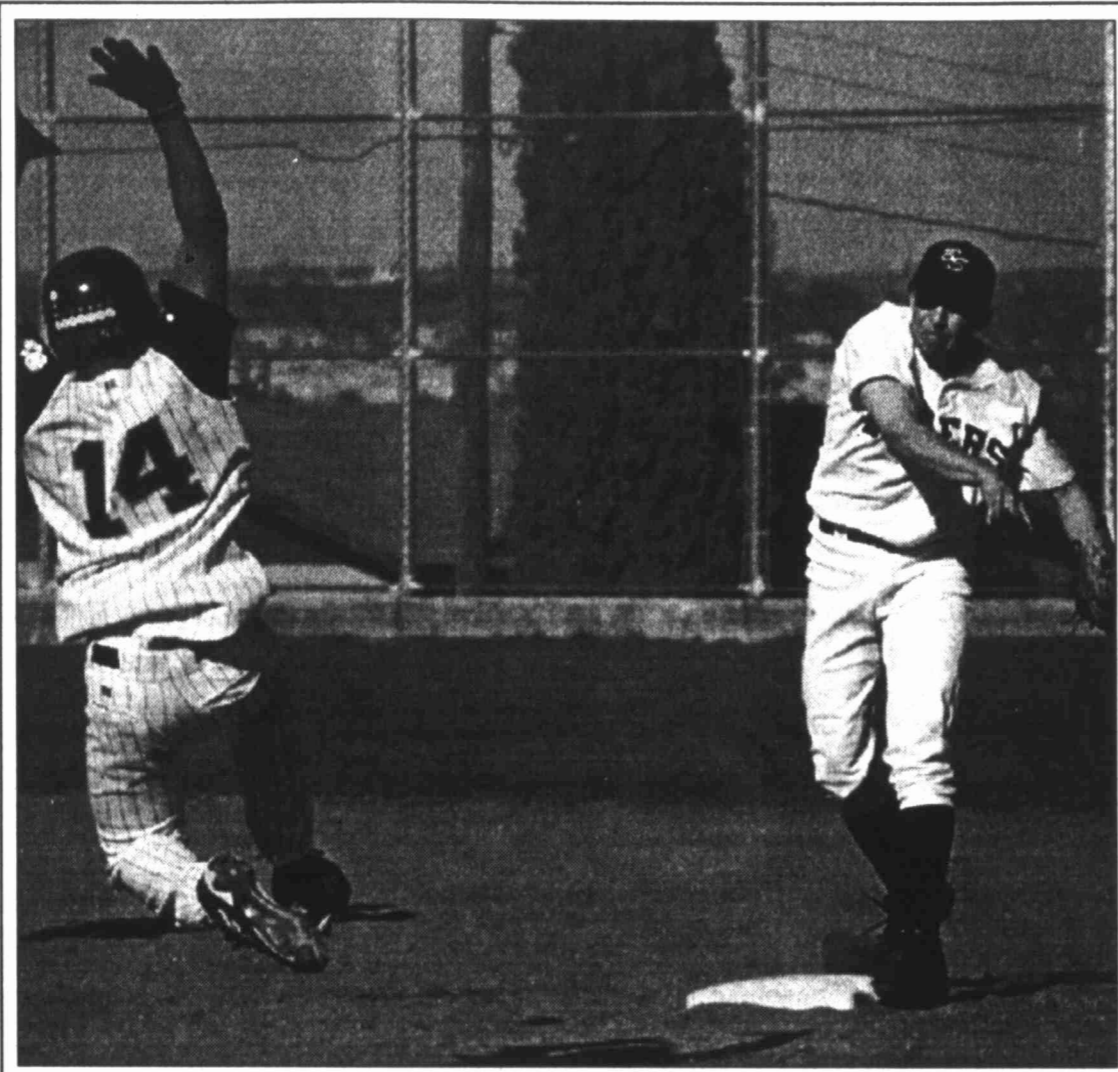
Duke's experience goes beyond Coach K and the players on the floor. After five straight trips to the round of 16, Krzyzewski's support staff runs offcourt issues like a well-

oiled machine.

"This is a time of distractions," Krzyzewski said. "They are not necessarily meant to be bad distractions, but people are excited about the tournament."

"More people want to see it, more people want to talk to you, more people want tickets, more people want things. If you already have the people around you that understand how to satisfy the needs of the people who want and take care of them properly, then you are well ahead of the game."

"If we get beat, it won't be because I've been distracted. Our people have been through this. That type of experience is invaluable."



Big Spring second baseman Ragan Phillips makes the throw to first and completes a double play started by shortstop Jon McKinnon during the Steers' district-opening win over Lubbock Estacado. The Steers, now 1-1 in District 4-4A play, travel to Snyder today where they'll face the No. 10-ranked Tigers at 7 p.m.

Surprise! BYU women reach the Sweet 16

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Old Dominion reaching the round of the 16 in the NCAA women's basketball tournament is one thing. But Brigham Young?

Believe it. The 11th-seeded Cougars pulled off the biggest upset of the tournament so far by beating third-seeded Iowa State 75-69 on Monday night in a second-round game before a noisy crowd on the Cyclones' own floor.

BYU, 0-4 in the NCAA tournament before this year, denied Iowa State a fourth straight appearance in the round of 16 and a chance to continue playing at home. The Midwest Regional will be played at Iowa State's Hilton Coliseum next Saturday and Monday.

"I'm glad I don't have to play those guys again," said BYU coach Jeff Judkins, whose team rallied from a 13-point deficit. "They've got very good balance. They're very much like us."

While BYU won't see Iowa State again, the Cougars will see second-seeded Tennessee, a six-time national champion. Tennessee advanced by beating defending national champion Notre Dame on Sunday.

Seventh-seeded Old Dominion also followed the upset route to reach the regional semifinals for the 11th time, beating second-seeded Purdue 74-70 in the Midwest Regional.

"We felt like we were better than a seven seed," Old Dominion coach Wendy Larry said. "It was a true battle of respect."

BYU and Old Dominion joined seventh-seeded Drake, which upset second-seeded Baylor on Sunday night, as the only teams seeded lower than fourth to make the round of 16. The 13 others who advanced all did so by winning at home.

Among them was Connecticut, the No. 1 seed in the Midwest. The Huskies improved to 35-0 with yet another impressive display of teamwork and defense, beating Iowa 86-48.

"They are a great team," Iowa coach Lisa Bluder said. "They have done this and will continue to do this to a lot of people."

In the other Midwest

games, top-seeded Vanderbilt beat ninth-seeded Arizona State 61-35 and fourth-seeded North Carolina came from behind to beat fifth-seeded Minnesota 72-69.

In the East, third-seeded South Carolina routed sixth-seeded Cincinnati 75-56. In the West, top-seeded Oklahoma beat ninth-seeded Villanova 66-53 and second-seeded Stanford was a 77-55 winner over 10th-seeded Tulane.

That sets up the following pairings for Saturday's regional semifinals:

East at Raleigh, N.C. — top-seeded Duke (29-3) vs. fourth seeded Texas (22-9) and South Carolina (24-6) against Drake (25-7).

Mideast at Milwaukee, Wis. — Connecticut vs. fourth-seeded Penn State (23-11) and Old Dominion (27-5) vs. third-seeded Kansas State (26-7).

Midwest at Ames, Iowa — Vanderbilt (29-6) vs. North Carolina (27-7) and Tennessee (27-4) vs. BYU (24-8).

West at Boise, Idaho — Oklahoma (29-3) vs. fourth-seeded Texas Tech (20-11) and Stanford (32-2) vs. third-seeded Colorado (23-9).

Jennifer Leitner scored 17 points to lead BYU, including six in the final 1:22. Her layup gave BYU the lead for good at 68-67, and she hit two free throws to make it 70-67. She got free for another layup for a 73-69 lead with 18.2 seconds left, and Erin Thorns sank two final free throws to finish off the upset.

"We just kept our focus, that was the big thing," said Thorns, who scored 16 points despite being the focus of Iowa State's box-and-one defense. "When the crowd got loud, we tuned into our coaches and we tuned into our team and we focused on us and not what was going on around us."

Iowa State (24-9) led 60-49 with 8:32 left, then went scoreless for more than four minutes while BYU ran off 13 straight points to get back in it. Angie Welle led the Cyclones with 22 points and 13 rebounds, and Tracy Gahan scored 20.

"At the beginning of the second half, we couldn't miss, and the middle of the second half, we couldn't make one," Welle said.

NFL schedule could now have late-season switches

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Changes in the NFL's television schedule are in the works. Stability in the league's TV dealings is ahead, as well.

On a busy Monday at the NFL meetings, commissioner Paul Tagliabue admitted owners will discuss switching important late-season games from Sunday afternoon to Monday night to attract more viewers.

Tagliabue also said the league's television future remains with over-the-air networks, not cable — where the other three major pro leagues have the bulk of their telecasts.

When the 2002 schedule is released before the end of March, Tagliabue wants provisions in place for the final four weeks allowing Sunday games to be moved to ABC's prime time showcase. The idea is to eliminate — or at least limit — games that look enticing now, but become duds when the teams involved have disappointing seasons.

"We will ensure that there will be attractive games in all the time slots on Sunday and on Monday nights," Tagliabue said. "I think we can make it a win-win situ-

ation. We would make sure that CBS and Fox both have strong programming late in the season."

The new plan must still be approved by Fox and CBS, although Tagliabue can unilaterally approve it for the NFL.

"We are surprised to hear of this through the press, since our executives met with the commissioner socially last night, and he didn't mention it," Fox Sports VP Lou D'Ermiolo said. "That said, we look forward to hearing from the NFL with great interest."

A CBS spokesperson wouldn't comment Monday. In the past, Fox has indicated a strong opposition to such a proposal.

Fox and CBS probably would ask for something in return for agreeing to give ABC first choice late in the season — cash, perhaps, or a return of limited in-game sponsorship.

With so much competitive balance and shuffling of the standings in the last three years, the league knows a December Monday night matchup of, say, the Redskins and Giants might not be nearly as attractive as 49ers-Eagles.

Both the NFL and ABC would like the flexibility to make a switch so that surprise teams such as the 2000 Ravens or 2001 Patriots can be televised instead of a lesser club that was previously scheduled on Monday night.

The games to be switched would have to be consistent with the two networks that carry Sunday games, meaning a Fox matchup could be moved to Monday night only to replace another Fox game.

Tagliabue said he doesn't foresee any substantial changes in the league's presence on over-the-air networks. The current \$17.6 billion contract runs through 2005 and has only one cable presence, on ESPN on Sunday nights.

"The future I see is we will continue to have the mass of our games on broadcast television," Tagliabue said. "We will be developing a number of different television offerings. We have plenty of opportunities to stay on broadcast television."

Something else Tagliabue expects in the future is an outdoor Super Bowl in a northern city.

Syracuse knocks Butler out of NIT with overtime win

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Preston Shumpert's right eye injury might have cost Syracuse an NCAA bid. There's no question that he's fully healed now.

The senior scored 36 points Monday, leading Syracuse over Butler 66-65 in overtime in the NIT's second round. Syracuse held the Bulldogs without a field goal in the extra period.

"The team is depending on me more than ever to go out and give it my all," said Shumpert. "I'm just going out there and playing. I got tired of worrying about this, worrying about that."

With Shumpert struggling, the Orangemen lost seven of their final

10 games to land in the NIT.

They'll play at Richmond on Wednesday for a spot in the semifinals at Madison Square Garden. Richmond beat Minnesota 67-66 in Monday's only other game.

Shumpert has returned to form in the postseason. His performance against the Bulldogs set a school record for points in an NIT game, eclipsing Dave Bing's 31 in 1964 against New York University.

"Sometimes, when you get in a zone like he was in, there's not much you can do," said Brandon Miller, who hit five 3-pointers to lead Butler with 15 points.

Syracuse, which won the preseason NIT, used its tough 2-3 zone defense to hold Butler down in OT. Syracuse and Butler were tied at

58 after regulation, and Shumpert's three-point play got the Orangemen going in OT.

After James Thues scored at the shot-clock buzzer to put Syracuse ahead 63-60 with 2:55 left, Thomas Jackson had what appeared to be an easy breakaway for Butler. But he slipped as he neared the basket and never got a shot off.

Shumpert then hit a 3-pointer to give Syracuse a 66-60 lead. The basket gave him 1,845 career points and tied him with Erich Santifer for eighth in school history.

Jackson was fouled by Hakim Warrick on a 3-point attempt with 39.5 seconds left and made all three free throws for Butler's final points.

The Bulldogs had a chance to win the game after Shumpert missed

two free throws with 5.4 seconds left. But Rylan Hainje missed a layup at the final horn.

Richmond 67, Minnesota 66

With his team trailing by three in the closing seconds, Minnesota senior Kerwin Fleming drove for a layup instead of trying a 3-pointer — and missed — allowing visiting Richmond to hang on.

After Fleming's shot didn't drop, teammate Dusty Rychar's putback sealed the final margin with a second left.

"I don't know what they were thinking," said Mike Skrocki, who led Richmond (22-13) with a career-high 28 points, but missed a free throw with 8 seconds left.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***** Much occurs that could trigger a strong reaction from you. Once you get past the emotional responses, your perspective changes considerably.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Someone could let you down, especially regarding your finances. You might not agree with how an associate deals with a problem.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Tread with care when dealing with close friends, associates and others in general. Unexpected behavior takes you in a new direction.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ** Work might be out of control. Getting yourself under control could take an

extraordinary effort. Talk and analyze all you want. You might want to see how the dust settles before you try to take action.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Greet the Vernal Equinox with a smile, as you feel far better in the spring.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ** Tread with care in different factions of your life. Family members test the limits of your patience.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** Choose your words with care. Understand others' actions rather than criticizing them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ** Use kid gloves with all financial matters, yours and others. At the same time, keep your wallet close to you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ** Be careful with decisions. Don't distrust others' information, but you might change your opinion about another's ideas.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** Much might be happening behind the scenes. Consider your options with care. What

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suits you fine right now could change. Work, and pace yourself evenly. Find a special friend with whom to discuss a problem or resistance you might encounter.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Carefully lie back when dealing with friends. Meetings and interpersonal interactions take you down a new path.

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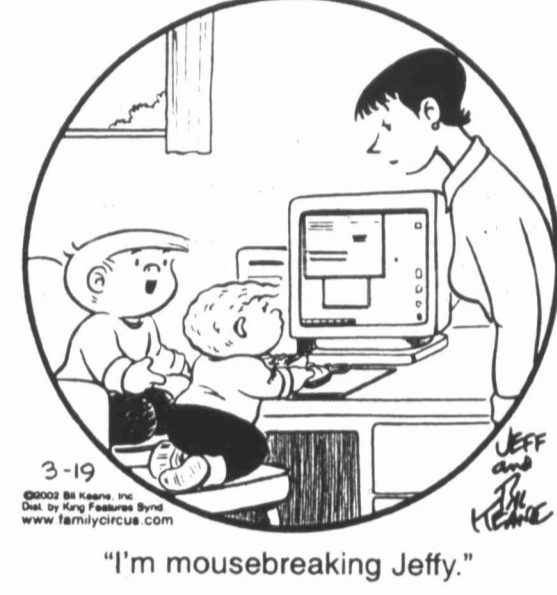
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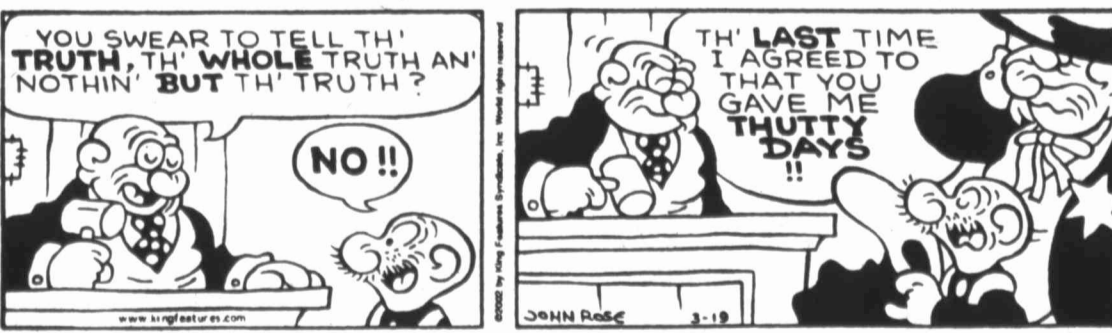
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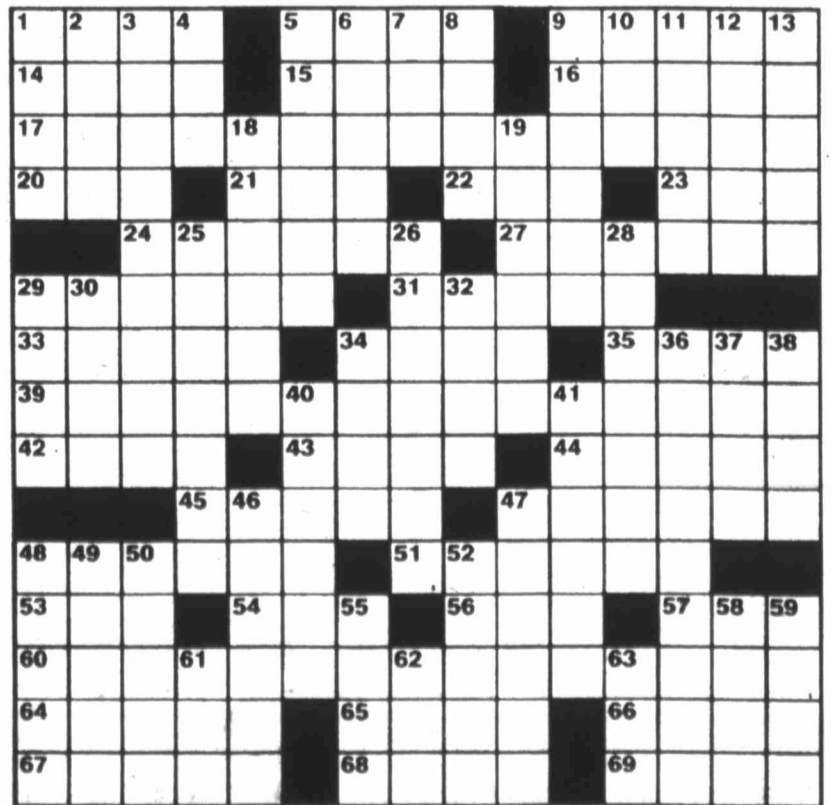
Today is Tuesday, March 19, the 78th day of 2002. There are 287 days left in the year. This is the date the swallows traditionally return to the San Juan Capistrano Mission in California. Today's Highlight in History: On March 19, 1920, the U.S. Senate rejected, for a second time, the Treaty of Versailles by a vote of 49 in favor, 35 against, falling short of the two-thirds majority needed for approval. On this date: In 1859, the opera "Faust" by Charles Gounod premiered in Paris. In 1917, the Supreme Court upheld the eight-hour work day for railroads. In 1918, Congress approved Daylight-Saving Time. In 1931, Nevada legalized gambling. In 1941, Jimmy Dorsey and

Orchestra recorded "Green Eyes" and "Maria Elena" for Decca Records. In 1945, about 800 people were killed as Kamikaze planes attacked the U.S. carrier Franklin off Japan; the ship, however, was saved. In 1945, Adolf Hitler issued his so-called "Nero Decree," ordering the destruction of German facilities that could fall into Allied hands. In 1951, Herman Wouk's war novel "The Caine Mutiny" was first published. In 1976, Buckingham Palace announced the separation of Princess Margaret and her husband, the Earl of Snowdon, after 16 years of marriage. In 1979, the U.S. House of Representatives began televising its day-to-day business. Ten years ago: Democrat Paul Tsongas pulled out of the presidential race, leaving Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton the clear favorite to capture their party's nomination. One year ago: California officials declared a power alert, ordering the first of two days of rolling blackouts. Today's Birthdays: Former White House national security adviser Brent Scowcroft is 77. Actor-director Patrick McGouhan is 74. Theologian Hans Kung is 74. Author Philip Roth is 69. Actress Renee Taylor is 69. Actress-singer Phyllis Newman is 67. Actress Ursula Andress is 66. Singer Clarence "Frogman" Henry is 65. Rock musician Paul Atkinson (The Zombies) is 56. Singer Ruth Pointer (The Pointer Sisters) is 56. Actress Glenn Close is 55. Actor Bruce Willis is 47. Rock musician Gert Bettens (K's Choice) is 32.

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Land of Enchantment
New Mexico From A to Z



New Mexico is the fifth-largest state in area, but only the 36th in population, with fewer than 2 million people.

Tourism, scientific research, raising cattle, growing hay, mining and art are important to the economy.

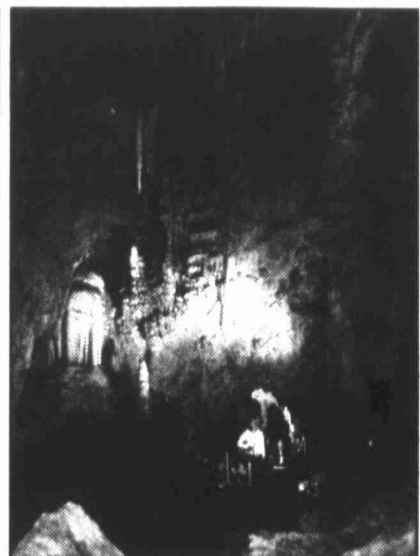
The first people came to the New Mexico area between 12,000 and 30,000 years ago. They had advanced skills in building and astronomy.

About 1,000 years ago, the Anasazi people built amazing homes in the high cliffs.

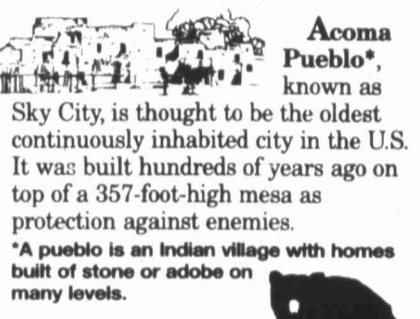
The first major European explorer was Francisco de Coronado, in 1540. He came seeking legendary cities made of gold.

Although no one found any golden cities, the Spanish stayed to set up a colony. Today, more than one-third of New Mexicans are Hispanic.

After the Mexican-American War of the mid-1800s, the U.S. took control of the region. It became a state in 1912.



Carlsbad Caverns is one of the world's biggest cave systems. It is famous for the thousands of bats that fly out at twilight and return at sunrise.



The Black bear is the state animal.

Chili peppers are one of the most popular foods. The official state question is "Red or green?"

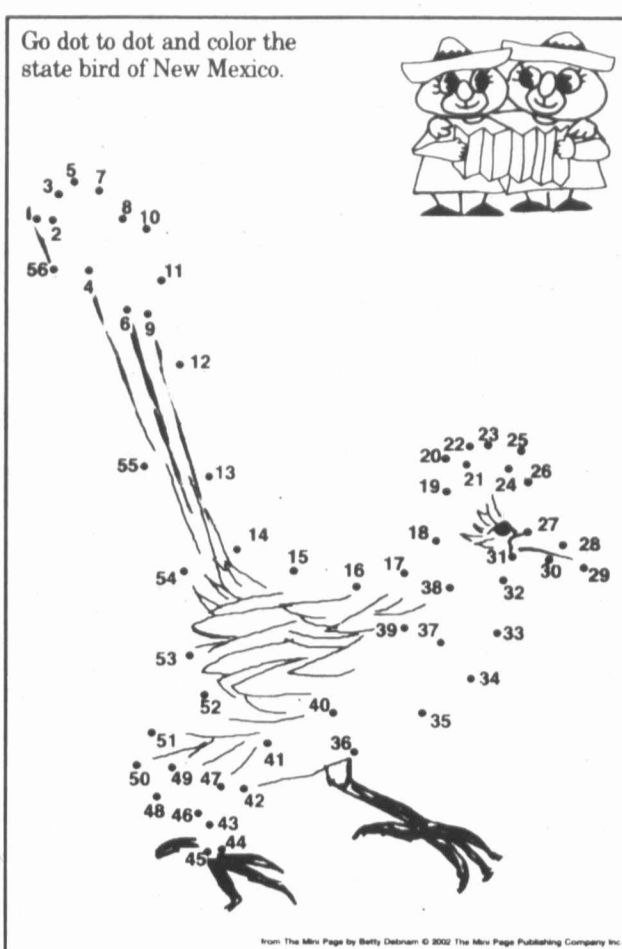
There is an average of 256 sunny Days each year in the state. It has an average of less than 20 inches of precipitation a year.

El Camino Real, or the King's Road, built about 1851, is the oldest U.S. road made by Europeans. It was an 1,800-mile trail following the Rio Grande from Mexico City to Santa Fe.

Fishing, hiking, camping, mountain biking, climbing, skiing, snowboarding, sailing and whitewater rafting are top tourist activities.

The **Rio Grande** flows through mountain ranges, providing needed water for crops.

Horse Lake Mesa Game Park is the largest single elk enclosure in the U.S., at 14,500 acres. It is run by the Jicarilla Apache Nation.



Go dot to dot and color the state bird of New Mexico.

Rookie Cookie's Recipe
Queso Dip
 "Queso" means cheese in Spanish.

You'll need:

- 2 cups cheddar cheese, grated
- 1/3 cup salsa
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

What to do:

1. Place cheese in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Cook 5 minutes, stirring constantly.
2. Add salsa and Worcestershire sauce. Stir until well-mixed.
3. Serve warm with tortilla chips.

Makes about 2 1/2 cups.

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Goldie Goodsport's Report
Supersport: Briana Scurry

Height: 5-8 Birthdate: 9-7-71
 Weight: 150 College: U. of Massachusetts

Since 1994, Briana Scurry has played goalkeeper for the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team. She also plays for the Atlanta Beat of the women's pro soccer league.

She is the only goalkeeper to have played in more than 100 games for the national team. She was the team's No. 1 goalkeeper from 1994-1999. She was also the goalkeeper when the team won the 1999 Women's World Cup and the 1996 Olympic gold medal.

Briana was born in Minneapolis and grew up in Dayton, Minn. In her senior year in high school, she was voted the top female athlete in the state.

She studied political science in college and volunteers for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Meet Jump 5

Jump 5 is a musical group made up of five very busy teen-agers. The members are Lesley Moore, 15; Brittany Hargest, 13; Brandon Hargest, 14; Libby Hodges, 14; and Chris Fedun, 16. They are from Nashville, Tenn.

Lesley began studying dancing when she was 4. She likes cheerleading, playing basketball and doing ballet. Brittany began dancing when she was 3. Her favorite group is Destiny's Child.

Brandon likes playing video games, reading, and the music of NSync.

Libby recorded her own CD when she was in third grade. She also likes Destiny's Child.

Chris used to play baseball. He likes the music of the Bee Gees.

MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes
 All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

Cho: What is the turtle's motto?
Nygen: All's shell that ends shell!

Julio: What do turtles wear to keep warm?
Juanita: People-necked sweaters!

Troy: Why did the turtle hurry to cross the road?
Shanelle: To get to the Shell station!

TRY 'N FIND
New Mexico

Words and names that remind you of New Mexico are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: ASTRONOMY, CLIFF, HISPANIC, STATE, TOURISM, CARLSBAD, MESA, PUEBLO, BEAR, CHILI, TAOS, SUNNY, MOUNTAIN, ELK, FRONTIER, GOLD, ATOMIC, NAVAJO, OIL.

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and her friends are enjoying Mexican food in New Mexico. See if you can find:

- safety pin
- snake
- mushroom
- two letter A's
- bird
- lima bean
- funny face
- letter C
- banana
- bell
- letter E
- canoe
- pencil
- lips

More About New Mexico

The American International Rattlesnake Museum in Albuquerque has the largest collection of rattlesnake species in the world.

The Jemez Mountains were formed by volcanoes about a million years ago. Experts believe the Jemez range was once one of the biggest volcano systems in North America. Its eruptions blasted material as far away as Kansas.

The Kit Carson Home and Museum in Taos tells the history of this famous frontier mountain man.

Los Alamos was the birthplace of the atomic bomb. The first atomic explosion was in a remote area of the New Mexican desert, two weeks before atomic bombs were dropped on Japan in 1945. Today, Los Alamos is the site of a U.S. scientific laboratory studying nuclear energy.

Mount Taylor is a volcanic mountain sacred to the Navajo, Acoma and Laguna peoples.

Native Americans belong to one of 22 tribes in the state, each with its own government and language. They include the Navajo, Hopi, Rio Grande Pueblo, Apache, Ute and Comanche.

Oil, natural gas, coal, potash, copper and uranium are top resources.

Petroglyph National Monument near Albuquerque has about 15,000 rock carvings made by Native American artists many hundreds of years ago.

The **Piñon pine** is the state tree.

Albuquerque is the largest city, with about 450,000 people. It is almost exactly in the center of the state.

The Roadrunner is the state bird.

Santa Fe is the oldest capital in the U.S. It was founded in 1607 as the capital of the Spanish colony. It has a population of about 70,000.

Site to see: www.newmexico.org
 Look through your newspaper for stories about your state.

Next week The Mini Page is about the animals of the Congo River Basin.

The Mini Page is created and edited by Betty Debnam

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Taos is a top tourist spot for outdoor lovers and skiers.

A **UFO** was reported to have crashed at Roswell in 1947, when the U.S. Air Force announced it had found the debris of a flying saucer there. The Air Force later said it had been wrong; there was no flying saucer. But today tourists flock to Roswell to have fun at its UFO museums and festivals.

The **Very Large Array**, the largest grouping of radio telescopes in the world, near Magdalena, searches for signs of life in outer space.

White Sands National Monument has the largest group of gypsum sand dunes in the world, covering about 275 square miles. Gypsum is used to make plaster of paris.

EXtraordinary beauty gives the state its nickname, "Land of Enchantment." The landscape ranges from deserts in the south to Rocky Mountain ranges in the north. Forests cover about one-fourth of the state.

The **Yucca** is the state flower.

Six of the seven **life Zones**, or types of habitats, on Earth give New Mexico a great variety of animal and plant life.

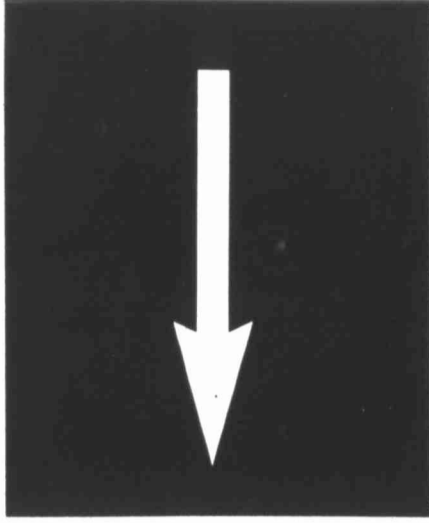
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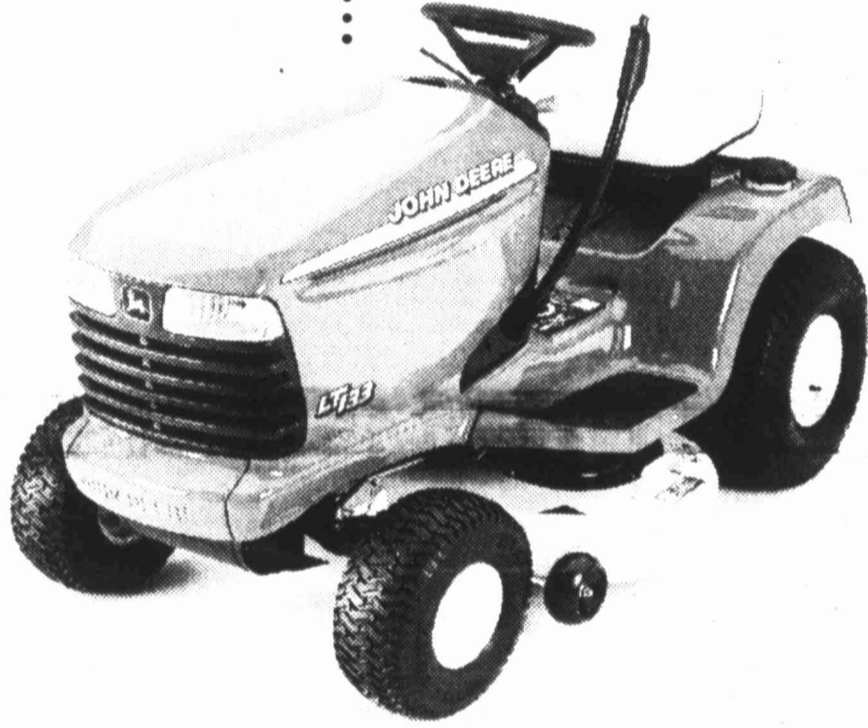


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