

BIG SPRING HERALD

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Moore Development officials feel Job Expo '98 both successful and beneficial

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

About 50 people and 30 West Texas area employers took part in Saturday's Community Wide Job Expo '98, which was sponsored by Moore Development For Big Spring Inc. and the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

Employers participating in the inaugural job fair at the Dora Roberts Community Center were from all around West Texas, according to Moore Assistant Director Pam Welch.

From 9:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m., prospective employers promoted their companies and talked to potential employees.

The job expo allowed local industries to visit with potential employees concerning benefits, screen potential employees and advertise the types of jobs available in the Big Spring area.

"This is an event to help our employers in the area," Welch said. "People looking for jobs in other areas such as Lubbock, Midland, Abilene and San Angelo as well as smaller communities also attended the job

expo."

"The people who came to the expo were highly qualified and had good skills," Welch said.

Events such as Saturday's job expo are especially beneficial to industries such as Cornell Corrections, which is scheduled to open its fourth facility in Big Spring within the next few weeks meaning about 100 new people will be hired, according to Welch.

Some of the business participating in Saturday's job expo included A&M Composites; Al's & Son Bar-B-Q; ABTEX

Beverages; Bealls Department Store; Big Spring State Hospital; Big Spring Workforce Center; city of Big Spring; Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center; Fina Oil and Chemical; Freecom; Furr's Family Dining; Lee, Reynolds, Welch and Company; Lee George Construction; Malone and Hogan Clinic; Mountain View Lodge; Price Construction; Red Mesa Grill; Scenic Mountain Medical Center; Signal Homes; Stage Door Inc.; Texas Department of

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Wanda Tubbs (left) talks with Janice Blount at the City of Big Spring table during Saturday's Job Expo '98.

TDH's childbirth classes deliver message

By KATHY GILBERT
Staff Writer

Childbirth may come naturally, but it helps to be prepared.

The Texas Department of Health (TDH) in Big Spring launched its free childbirth education classes last year, and by all accounts the lessons are welcomed by new mothers, fathers, friends and family alike.

"It prepares you to get into the delivery room without fainting," first-time father Ramiro Gonzales said recently. He and spouse Earmalinda Herrera got a letter from TDH inviting them to participate. Since it is their first child, the couple decided to enroll.

"She got the hang of how much pain she was going to have," Gonzales said, "she was scared."

Students come away with a positive experience of childbirth, teacher Laurie Burks, a registered nurse said. "They don't have to be frightened, they don't have to scream. The pain comes and goes. It's something they can handle."

Ten years of labor and delivery experience along with raising two daughters has given Burks a wealth of knowledge to share with her patients. Burks doesn't shy from tough or controversial subjects.

A recent class, for instance, covered circumcision, breast-feeding, cleaning, and birth control.

"Breast-feeding has a lot of advantages," Burks said. Breast milk is recommended these days, she said, because children have fewer health problems. It is also much cheaper. It is time-consuming, she said. "But the good news is you'll eat healthier and lose weight more quickly."

Breast-feeding is also a time for mothers to enjoy a deeper physical connection with their children.

Burks demonstrated several handholds for breast-feeding, and suggested changing breasts and positions frequently. Don't panic if the baby doesn't breast-feed well right away, she advised, "it takes babies awhile to get used to it."

Pregnant mothers should invest in lots of pillows, to get comfortable before and after delivery. Babies should be sponge-bathed in the early days, and special care should be taken to support their heads. Powder can be dangerous, she explained. Babies can inhale too much and die of suffocation. No or very little powder be used.

The young mothers in the class welcomed the birth control pamphlets Burks passed around. "I'm not going to get pregnant again," said one student.

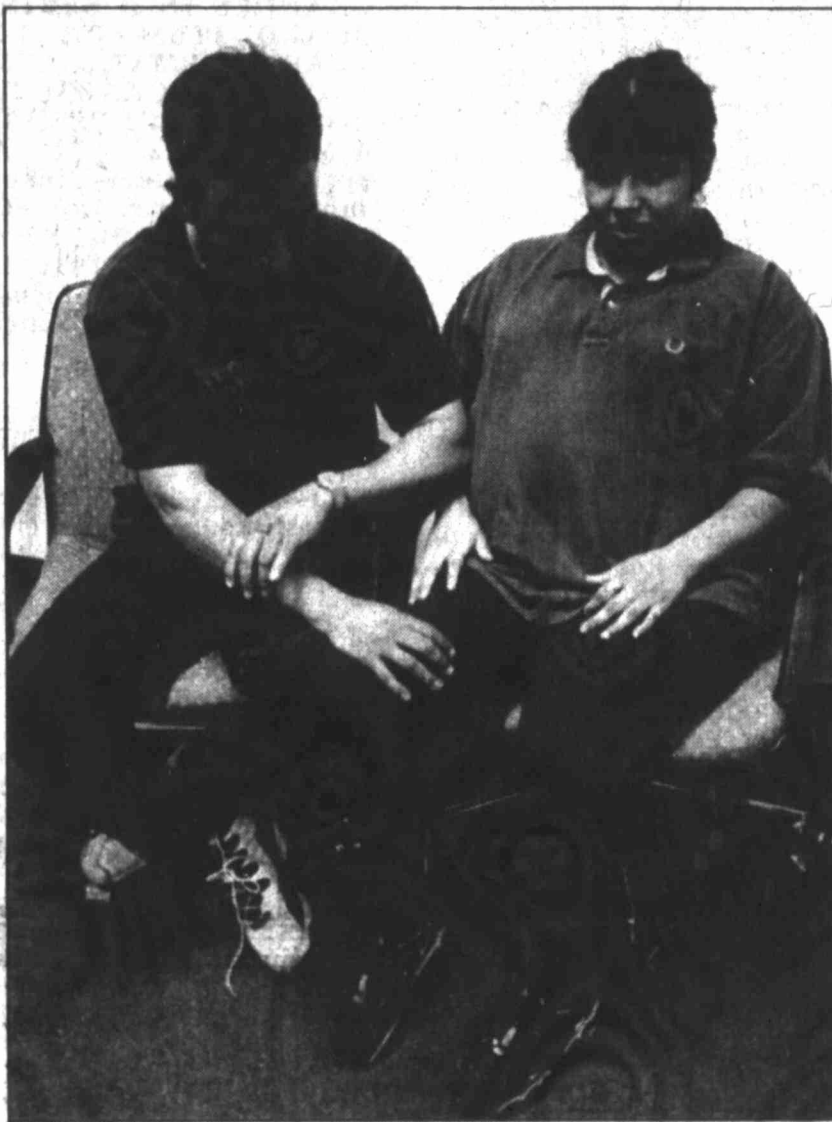
Breast-feeding is not an effective birth control method, Burks said. It is also possible to get pregnant again immediately after delivery if precautions are not taken.

Burks has taught the course to about 75 students in the past year or so, she said. The course consists of four 1 1/2 hour meetings held each Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. "We're just trying to get information to our pre-natal patients and then we opened the classes up to the community," she explained.

Students seemed to be ready to deliver, in more ways than one. Yes, they told the reporter, they feel more prepared because of the class. "I like the class," Rose York, due on April 23, said, "I'm ready for labor."

Universally, the mothers seemed to be tired of being pregnant, and ready to move on. "I can't wait until it comes out," said Herrera. "She's very ready," Kim Walters said of her friend Amanda Muniz.

For more information, call 263-9775. Mothers must be about 7 1/2-to-8 months pregnant to participate.



New mother Earmalinda Herrera practices breathing as her husband Ramiro Gonzales holds her leg and times the breaths during Childbirth Education class at the Texas Department of Health's Big Spring office.

TDH offers tips to new parents

You can never learn enough when having your first baby. Here are some tips from the Texas Department of Health about caring for your infant:

- An important part of mothering is learning to take care of yourself as well as your child. Eating a healthy diet, exercising, and knowing how to deal with new feelings will help you care for yourself so you can

care for your baby.

- Eat the foods you like. Listen to your body and watch your baby for cues. Your baby will tell you if he or she dislikes the foods you choose.

- Spicy foods and strongly flavored foods are okay to eat when breast-feeding. If your baby is always fussy after you

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Tornadoes

Twisters churn through southern Minnesota, killing 6-year-old boy

ST. PETER, Minn. (AP) — Powerful tornadoes cut a ragged swath of destruction across southern Minnesota, throwing a 6-year-old boy to his death and injuring at least two dozen other people.

Dustin Schneider died Sunday afternoon when a twister blew his van off the road and into a muddy field near St. Peter. The force sucked the boy out of the van and tossed him 150 yards.

At least 27 people were treated in hospitals in Mankato and Springfield, and three were listed in critical condition.

The twisters flattened homes, uprooted trees, downed power lines and shattered windows in St. Peter and Le Center in south-central Minnesota and Comfrey in the southwestern portion of the state.

Brad Bencke, 25, of St. Peter, said he drove into the tornado on his way to an emergency shelter.

"It picked the car up about 3 feet in the air and it was shaking, not just levitating," Bencke said. The windows along the passenger side and the back blew out, wounding Bencke's 11-month-old child, who needed 10 stitches.

Gov. Arne Carlson sent the National Guard to the hardest-hit communities and planned to tour the devastation today.

"It's devastating," said St. Peter Police Chief Brad Coleman. "The damage is very extensive and not confined to just one area. It took a path through the main part of the city."

Dozens of homes and businesses were damaged in St. Peter, a town of about 10,000 people.

Broken bricks littered the downtown, trees were uprooted, storefronts were broken and the shattered contents of a boat store lay scattered over a six-block area. One metal shed looked as if it had been scrunched up like a tinfoil ball. Debris landed in the St. Paul suburbs — 55 miles away.

"We have broken glass pretty much everywhere," said Axel Steuer, president of Gustavus Adolphus College. Many buildings on the picturesque campus were also damaged, including the chapel, which lost its spire.

Justin Larson, who was driving through St. Peter when the twister hit, said the winds rammed a 5-foot street sign through the back of his car. "I thought I was going to die," he said.

The tornado that struck St. Peter skipped about 10 miles northeast to Le Center and flattened 32 trailers in a mobile home park.

In Comfrey, a town of about 550 people, the fire station, the liquor store, a cafe and a church were completely demolished, and the school sustained heavy damage. Gas leaks forced residents to evacuate.

Tornadoes are rare in Minnesota in March. Craig Edwards of the NWS said unseasonably warm weather produced by El Nino seemed the most logical explanation.

Residents in the central Illinois town of Mattoon pulled together Sunday to clean up after a tornado ripped through town the day before, flattening at least 14 buildings, damaging more than 100 others and cutting power to some 5,000 homes and businesses.

Big Spring VICA students dominate district meet at Midland College

By KATHY GILBERT
Staff Writer

Big Spring High School students scored three first places and swept second through fourth places in the annual Vocational Industrial Clubs of America district competition at Midland College this weekend.

All three competitors in Chapter 15, the Industrial Cooperative Training chapter, took first place in their events. John Reed won first in the extemporaneous speaking contest, while David Parrish took



PARRISH and PERRY top honors in job skills demonstration. Chris Perry won first place in aviation maintenance.

Fielding three juniors and one senior, Corporal Carlos Diaz' team won second through fourth places in the law enforce-

ment competition, and vowed to come back strong next year. Jason Cerda won second, Angela Phillips came in third, and Jacob Flores won fourth place honors.

"I'm proud of them," Diaz said. "For a first time, with no experience, we did well. Out of 14 people, they placed second through fourth."

Angela Phillips, VICA chapter president, said the team was "a little disappointed," by not scoring a first-place victory. "I think we did real well. We were pretty prepared for it."

As one of the three juniors competing this year, Phillips said the group looks forward to doing well next year.

"It was a good contest," District Chairman and Career and Technology Administrator for the Big Spring Independent School District Loren Spencer said. "We had a good looking bunch of kids."

First place students advance to state speed skills competitions. If they win there, they move forward to national, and possibly international contests. Second and third place winners

take written technical information tests at the state-level, but cannot advance beyond that level, Spencer said.

David Parrish, 18, demonstrated grease packing a bearing and assembling a wheel hub. Parrish plans to continue running the family farm after graduating from high school, as he has been doing since eighth grade, he said.

Chris Perry, 17, started working with his father at Lone Star Aviation when he was 13. The only entrant in the category, Perry had a guaranteed win.

Automotive technology students Jason Canales and Brian Ward competed against 30 students in the automotive speed skills contest, but did not place this time, Spencer said.

Welding competitor Ed Ornales also did not place, competing against 25 other students, Spencer added.

"Everything went real well," Spencer said. "It's the first time we've ever rearranged the order of events and starting time since I've been doing this."

Starting at noon Friday helped things run smoothly.

Andrews wins District 4-4A academic meet

By KATHY GILBERT
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Andrews, Fort Stockton and San Angelo Lake View finished 1-2-3 in the District 4-4A UIL Academic Meet, held Friday at Howard College.

About 250 students from Big Spring, Andrews, Pecos, Fort Stockton, San Angelo Lake View and Sweetwater competed in the annual competition.

Andrews scored 322 points to win the competition, followed by Fort Stockton with 265 points and Lake View with 238. Pecos claimed the most first-place awards, 10, but the top three schools had a

more balanced finish. Andrews captured five firsts, five seconds and five thirds; Fort Stockton eight, four and four and Lake View four, two and five.

Sweetwater had seven firsts, four seconds and three thirds while Pecos had 10 firsts, two seconds and three thirds.

Big Spring had one second. In the Ready Writing contest, Big Spring's Kirsten Williams took second place, Annette Wennerbom came in fourth, and J.J. Aguirre took sixth.

In Accounting, BSHS student Sarah Kennemur took sixth place, and the BSHS team, Sarah Kennemur, Jennifer Morgan and Norma Rios, were named as alternates,

backing up team winners Pecos High School.

Kayne Stroup, from Big Spring, scored a fourth place in computer applications.

Andrews swept the Lincoln-Douglas Debate, and took first place in Extemporaneous Informative Speaking, Prose Interpretation, Feature Writing and Calculator Applications.

Ft. Stockton scored firsts in Extemporaneous Persuasive Speaking, Computer Science, Computer Science Team, Mathematics and Mathematics Team, and Number Sense.

San Angelo-Lake View scored firsts in Poetry Interpretation, News Writing, Literary Criticism, and Ready Writing.

WEATHER

Tonight:	Tues:	Wed:	Thur:

Wind advisory in effect for the northern Permian Basin today. Tonight, clear. Lows 35-45. Tuesday, sunny. Highs 65-70. Tuesday night, clear. Lows upper 30s to mid 40s. Extended forecast, Wednesday, fair. Highs in the upper 70s to lower 80s. Thursday, fair. Lows in the 40s. Highs in the 80s. Friday, partly cloudy. Lows in the 40s. Highs mid 70s to lower 80s.

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OBITUARIES

Brooks G. Bedell

Brooks G. Bedell, 76, of Big Spring passed away Wednesday, March 25, 1998, at the Department of Veterans Affairs Hospital in Albuquerque, New Mexico, from complications following a heart attack. Graveside service is 4 p.m. Monday, March 30, 1998, at Trinity Memorial Park with Joe Whitten officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Chapel. He was born on Jan. 30, 1922 in Howard County, Texas. He married Ivy Lee McMurray on Jan. 12, 1946, in Big Spring. He was a lifetime resident of Howard County. He was a member of the First Baptist Church and had served as a deacon and Sunday School teacher and had worked at the Colby, Kansas Mission.

Mr. Bedell was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving during World War II. He owned Bedell Brothers Motorcycle and Automotive on North Birdwell Lane.

He is survived by his wife, Ivy Lee Bedell of Big Spring; one son, Johnny and his wife, Cell Bedell of Big Spring; one grandson: Steve and his wife Lucy Bedell of Big Spring; three brothers: Ed Bedell of Kingfisher, Okla., Hoppy Bedell of Odessa and Deecy Bedell of Kermit; two sisters: Wenoka Roberts of Odessa and Frankie Sowers of Homer, Alaska; and a number of nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Clay Bedell Sr. and Stella Richardson Bedell; one brother: Clay Bedell Jr.; and one sister: Fern Bedell.

The family suggests memorials be made to Joe Whitten Prison Ministries, P.O. Box 1407, Big Spring, Texas 79721-1407.

Pallbearers will be Steve Bedell, Daniel Andrews, Dr. Reg Cranford, Jesse Hernandez and Steve Coleman.

Paid obituary

Helen Weaver

Service for Helen Weaver, 79, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, 1998, at the Myers & Smith Chapel with Rev. Cecil Maxey, associate pastor of Kelvyn Heights Baptist Church in Midland, officiating. Burial will follow in Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Weaver died Sunday, March 29, at Comanche Trail Nursing Home following a long illness.

She was born on Feb. 25, 1919, in Lincoln, Neb. She married Melvin Waver on Jan. 3, 1953, in Kansas City, Mo. He preceded her in death on Dec. 8, 1996. She grew up in Nebraska on a farm. She had lived in many different areas during her life; loved planes and flying, and also loved animals.

She is survived by: two daughters, Deborah Eberhard of Kechi, Kan., and Cheryl

Moore of Midland; one sister, Doris Babich of Kansas; one brother, Kenneth Muse of Arkansas; and two grandsons.

The family suggests memorials to The American Lung Association; P.O. Box 26460; Austin, Texas; 78755-0460.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

Martha Cortez

Service for Martha Cortez, 74, Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She died Sunday, March 29, 1998, at Midland Memorial Hospital.

David K. Workman Service for David K. Workman, Stanton, is pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home.

He died Sunday, March 29, 1998, in Midland.

TIPS

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eat a certain food, cut back on eating that food for a while.

- Eat a variety of foods.
- Eat when you are hungry and drink fluids to avoid being thirsty.

- If you want to lose weight, go slow. Lose no more than a pound a week. Increase your exercise level and cut back gradually on food intake.

- You may drink up to two caffeinated drinks each day. If your baby is restless or irritable after you have a caffeinated drink, cut back.

- If your baby shows signs of a reaction to certain foods, such as spots on the skin, fussiness or diaper rash, avoid that food for several days to see if the condition improves.

- The best time to wean is when either the mother or the baby decide it's time. This time can vary a lot and many women nurse babies with teeth.

- The actual foods you drink and eat aren't what makes breast milk. Your body takes nutrients from any food you eat and puts it toward making breast milk.

- Avoid sex for the four weeks following delivery. If breast-feeding a baby, you cannot take birth control pills during this time. People can and do become pregnant immediately after delivery. Breast-feeding is not an effective birth control method.

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Human Services: Wal-Mart; West Texas Centers for Mental Health and Mental Retardation;

Western Container; and Whataburger.

Where the potential for increased economic development and the size of the labor force is concerned, Big Spring and Howard County has competed with large as well as small communities for the last eight years. Events like the job expo gives Moore and area businesses an opportunity to assess the strength and quality of the labor force in Howard County.

BRIEFS

CONCERNED WOMEN FOR AMERICA of West Texas will welcome David Barton, nationally recognized speaker on American history, April 16 at 7 p.m. in Big Spring High School Auditorium. He will speak on "America's Godly Heritage," an uncensored view of American political and religious history. For information, call 263-0140.

GREAT STRIDES, THE WALK for cystic fibrosis, is Saturday at Comanche Trail Park. Walkers should meet at 10 a.m. at the Bolensky Pavilion.

T-shirts and other prizes are available for participants, who will be raising money to help find a cure for cystic fibrosis, the number-one genetic killer of children and young adults in the U.S. today.

For information, call Kay Watson, 264-3641, ext. 166.

THE CLASS OF '68 is having a 30 year reunion Oct. 9-10. We need your help in locating these missing classmates:

Bobby Ploewman, Melissa Cunningham, Linda Parras, Toni Dailey, Mario DeLeon, Helen Denton, Isabel Lopez, Betty Dominguez, Linda Olsen, Raye Nell Dyer, Billie Mike Eggleston, Sue Fannin, Donna Gerguson, Roanid Wrightsil, David Wright, Burt Nix, Doris Noble, Janice Morris, Wayne Murphy, Cynthia Johnson, Danny Johnson, Robbie Smart, Dona Reid, Becky Roger, Jerry Ryan, Eugene Scott, Chuck Smith, Pattie Henderson, Raymond Hattenbach, Diane Harkins, Karen Hanis, Richard Grimes, Randy Foster, Lynda Fuller, Jimmy Wilson, Karen Williamson, Joyce Walker, David Masquez, Sally Townes, Sheila Tidwell, Kay Atton, Don Burchell, Aida Carrasco, Carolyn Cates, Charles Byred, Terry Camarigg, Thomas Brandon, Rebecca Bright, Bill Bartner, Robert Boren, Ardella Brown, Kathy Bryan, Jimmy Belew, Maria Benitz, Myrla Benjamin, Bill Bennett, Paul Biffle, Janie Boodle, Don Boling, Nancy Baird, Dana Baker, Wanda Ball, Curtis Barnes, Judy Abbe, Mike Adams, Janet Allison, Jerry

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Attom, Cheryle Cederberg, John Choat, Martha Choat, Sue Clark, Steve Cook, David Cooper and Margaret Cooper.

If you have any information on any of these classmates, please call Jeanie Johnson Knocke at 263-1757, Nancy Mathis Marshall at 263-8053 or Vivian Dixon Glickman at 267-6808.

BIG SPRING WOMAN'S CLUB four-person scramble charity golf tournament is Saturday, April 4, at Big Spring Country Club starting at 8:30 a.m.

Entry fee is \$50 per person and teams will be based on handicaps. Call Julie Wolf at 263-7664 or Big Spring Country Club Pro Shop to register by April 3.

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 238, BETWEEN 8:30 A.M. AND 2 P.M. All Springboard items must be submitted in writing. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; bring it by the office at 710 Scurry; or fax it to 264-7205.

TODAY

- Big Spring Evening Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Al Valdes, 263-6810.

- Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of abuse, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.

- TOPS Clubs (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:15 p.m. weigh in and 6:15 p.m. meeting. Family Hospice, 3210 E. 11th Place.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

TUESDAY

- Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

- Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 Settles.

- Narcotics Anonymous, 6 to 7:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

- Beginning line dance class will be taught at 9 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628 for more information.

All ages welcome.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

WEDNESDAY

- Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Archie Kountz, 267-3821.

- Line dance classes, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, following lunch. For more information call 398-5522 or 267-1628. All ages welcome.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. 12&12 Study.

THURSDAY

- Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classed, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 55 and older.

MARKETS

May cotton 70.25 cents, up 41 points; May crude 16.56, down 20 points; Cash hogs steady at 50 cents lower at 34.50; cash steers steady at 62; April lean hog futures 52.25, down 47 points; April live cattle futures 63.55, down 47 points.

courtesy: Delta Corporation.

Other markets were not available by press time.

RECORDS

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Sunday's low 54
Average high 72
Average low 44
Record high 95 in 1963
Record low 19 in 1944
Precip. Sunday 0.00
Month to date 0.83
Month's normal 0.57
Year to date 2.71
Normal for the year 1.87

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 2 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. Monday:

- **PHILLIP PRICE, 34**, was arrested for public intoxication.

- **DALE RICHARD, 17**, was arrested for public intoxication.

- **ANTONIO ARMILLO, 19**, was arrested on Howard County warrants.

- **JERRY GOMEZ, 51**, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

- **GARY OLIVER, 26**, was arrested on local warrants.

- **RICHARD RAMIREZ, 32**, was arrested on local warrants.

- **ANGELA HINOJOSA, 20**, was arrested on local warrants.

- **KATRINA HARVELL, 24**, was arrested on local warrants.

- **ERNEST KERR, 33**, was arrested for no driver's license.

- **BONNIE MENDEZ, 28**, was arrested on local warrants.

- **DAVID CONKLIN, 17**, was arrested for resisting arrest.

- **TOMMY CHRISTIAN, 30**, was arrested on local warrants.

- **ERNEST CLARK, 57**, was arrested for public intoxication.

- **W. WILSON** was arrested for failure to identify himself to a police officer.

- **LEO COOPER**, was arrested for public intoxication.

- **DARRELL BURKEEN, 36**, was arrested for public intoxication.

- **LORENZO YANEZ, 23**, was arrested on county warrants.

- **CLASS B ASSAULT** reported in the 800 block of E. 14th, the 700 block of W. 7th, and the 1600 block of Martin Luther King, Jr.

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** reported in the 2900 block of Old West U.S. Highway 80; the 900 block of Willa, and the 400 block of Aylesford.

- **CLASS C ASSAULT** reported in the 2500 block of Hunter.

- **THEFT** reported in the 700

block of Willa; the 1700 block of E. Marcy; the 1100 block of Lamesa; the 2000 block of Gregg; the 900 block of Willa; and the 400 block of Johnson.

- **FOUND PROPERTY** reported at the police station.

- **BURGLARY/HABITATION** reported in the 900 block of W. 6th.

- **BURGLARY** reported in the 400 block of W. 5th.

- **BURGLARY/BUILDING** reported in the 1700 block of Gregg.

- **UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A VEHICLE** reported in the 1800 block of Gregg.

- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING** reported in the 1000 block of N. Main and the 500 block of State.

FIRE/EMS

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

Friday

6:54 a.m. — 500 block W. 17th, trauma call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

9:05 a.m. — 100 block NE 8th, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

10:30 a.m. — 3000 block Webb Lane, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

3:43 p.m. — 4th and Owens, traffic accident, five people transported to SMMC.

3:16 p.m. — 1800 block E. FM-700, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

5:01 p.m. — 700 block Capri, medical call, service refused.

Saturday

1:36 a.m. — 500 block W. 17th, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

7:05 a.m. — 2300 block Cauble Road, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

3:27 p.m. — S. Anderson Road and FM-700, traffic accident, service refused.

5:32 p.m. — 1500 block E. Marcy, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

Sunday

1:09 a.m. — 3800 block W. Highway 80, traffic accident, two people transported to SMMC.

3:03 a.m. — 1300 block Baylor, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

12:51 p.m. — 2300 block Wasson, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

7:10 p.m. — 2000 block Virginia, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

2:40 p.m. — 1600 block Gregg, traffic accident; one patient transported to SMMC, six others refused service.

6:32 p.m. — 100 block Gregg, traffic accident, patient transported to SMMC, one refused service.

10:05 p.m. — 1600 block Walter Road, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents between 2 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. Monday:

- **RICHARD DON ROWLAND, 21**, was arrested for revocation of probation/possession of marijuana.

- **BECKY MARTINEZ, 17**, was arrested for assault causing bodily injury.

- **JOHN DEE ROMAN, 28**, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, 3rd or more.

- **JAMES NICHOLAS WINN, 18**, was arrested for burglary of a habitation.

- **ANTHONY HAYES, 32**, was arrested for assault causing bodily injury/family violence, possession of a controlled substance.



Lucille Tryon and Vadella Hickey picked a shady spot to do some fishing at Comanche Trail Lake recently.

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Brooks G. Bedell, 76, died Wednesday. Graveside services will be 4:00 PM Monday, at Trinity Memorial Park.

Helen Weaver, 79, died Sunday. Services will be 2:00 PM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel, with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Martha Cortez, 74, died Sunday. Services are pending.

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Florida's 'Black Widow' murderess electrocuted early today

STARKE, Fla. (AP) — Judy Buenoano, the "Black Widow" who poisoned her husband, drowned her paralyzed son and tried to blow up her fiancé, was executed in the electric chair today.

She was the first woman put to death in Florida since 1848, and only the third woman executed in the nation since 1976.

Guards helped the frail-looking Buenoano, 54, walk into the death chamber at 7:02 a.m. Barely filling the seat of the large oaken chair, she was strapped in and asked if she had a final statement.

"No, sir," she answered weakly, squeezing her eyes shut and keeping them shut, not looking at the witnesses on the other

side of a glass partition.

The power was turned on at 6:08 a.m. (CST). Smoke curled up from her right leg through the 38-second electrocution.

She was pronounced dead at 6:13 a.m. (CST).

Buenoano, a former nail salon owner, was executed for the arsenic poisoning of her husband in 1971. Prosecutors said she committed that murder for the same reasons she killed her son in 1980 and tried to kill her fiancé in 1983. She also was suspected of killing a boyfriend in 1978 but was never charged because she had already been sentenced to death.

The last woman executed in Florida was a 30-year-old slave named Celia who was hanged

for killing her owner, who historians think was probably also her father.

Only two other women had been executed since the U.S. Supreme Court lifted the ban on the death penalty in 1976, and both were by injection.

In 1984, North Carolina executed Velma Barfield for poisoning her boyfriend. Last month, Texas put Karla Faye Tucker to death for a double-pickax murder. Tucker was a telegenic, avowed Christian who ministered to her fellow inmates, expressed contrition for her crimes and even received support from the pope.

Buenoano crocheted blankets and baby clothes in prison and said she wanted to be remem-

bered as a good mother. She adamantly maintained her son's drowning was an accident.

"Seeing the face of Jesus, that's what I think about," she recently told a Florida television station. "I'm ready to go home."

Until she tried to kill her fiancé, John Gentry, in 1983 by bombing his car in Pensacola, Mrs. Buenoano had not been suspected of the other killings. Gentry said she had given him pills that made him sick but told him they were vitamins.

When investigators realized Buenoano was Spanish for "Goodyear," and learned she had been married to Air Force Sgt. James Goodyear, they exhumed his body and found he

had lethal amounts of arsenic in his body when he died in 1971.

There was also evidence she fatally poisoned a boyfriend, Bobby Joe Morris, in Trinidad, Colo., in 1978.

She was convicted of drowning Michael Goodyear, her 19-year-old son, by giving him arsenic and pushing him out of a canoe. Today would have been his 37th birthday.

The motive for the murders was "twisted greed," because she was trying to claim about \$240,000 in insurance money, said prosecutor Russell Edgar, who gave Buenoano her nickname.

On Sunday, the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta and then the U.S.

Supreme Court denied her last appeals, which claimed she was innocent and called Florida's electric chair "barbaric." It belongs in Frankenstein's laboratory.

Another Florida inmate is scheduled to be executed Tuesday, for the fourth electrocution in the state in a nine-day span.

The state had stopped its executions for a year while a prisoner challenged the constitutionality of the electric chair, where flames shot out of an inmate's mask last year.

After an autopsy report said the prisoner died instantly and did not feel the fire, the state Supreme Court allowed the 75-year-old chair to be used again.

High-rise residents watch from above as cab driver is beaten to death

DENVER (AP) — Taxi driver Mostapha Maarouf dutifully sent his tips back to his poor family and sick father half a world away. The 27-year-old planned to join them in July, at his wedding, and he was collecting gifts to bring back to his tiny hometown of Youssofia, Morocco.

That dream died before dawn Sunday when four assailants beat him to the edge of death and then dumped his body in the trunk of his own cab as people watched — and did nothing — from the safety of their high-rise apartments.

"Eyewitnesses saw him being beaten and dragged by his feet and thrown in the trunk, but no one called 911," Detective Virginia Lopez said. "It's disgusting."

The attack may have started with a fight over a parking space.

About 40 of Maarouf's friends — fellow taxi drivers and Moroccan immigrants — gathered in an apartment Sunday night to mourn.

Walls were heard coming from the bedroom as one friend telephoned Morocco to inform Maarouf's brother of the murder.

"People are killed like flies in this country and nobody cares," said Halima Kasson, a close friend.

Police were alerted to Maarouf's death after one of his friends called from a nearby convenience store and said they were being robbed

and beaten by four men.

Officers then searched for Maarouf around the high-rise apartments, near the University of Denver, while neighbors quietly watched from their windows, Lopez said.

"They didn't tell police the body was in the trunk," she said.

Only when police went door-to-door did residents start talking — nearly an hour later.

By that time, Maarouf had died.

"We've received loud-music complaints from that area. People will call the police to complain about loud music, but not to report a murder," Lopez said.

One man was arrested late Sunday on first-degree murder charges and police said they were looking for at least three other men.

Apartment building manager John Contreras said Maarouf's taxi was parked in the suspect's spot before the attack.

Contreras' wife said the building's residents may have been afraid to report the crime because other tenants are involved with gang members.

Maarouf's death was reminiscent of the 1964 murder of bartender Kitty Genovese in the New York City borough of Queens. Her death became a symbol of urban apathy after 38 neighbors heard her screams and did nothing to help as she was stabbed to death.

Medical examiner recommends exhuming woman who died in 1994

HOUSTON (AP) — The Harris County medical examiner has recommended exhuming the body of a woman who died four years ago, after her family raised questions about whether her death was suicide or murder.

Authorities concluded Linda Joyce Baugus, 51, killed herself on May 24, 1994. Now, her relatives say the evidence points to her husband — who took his own life just last month.

The suicide of Dwayne Baugus has raised even more questions about the death of his wife. The 56-year-old insurance broker shot himself just days before a civil trial was to start in a lawsuit brought by Mrs. Baugus' family, accusing him of killing his wife.

With Baugus no longer able to answer, the family has turned to the medical examiner and others to solve the lingering mystery surrounding Mrs. Baugus' death.

On March 17, Medical Examiner Joyce Carter ended an extensive review of Mrs. Baugus' death by concluding the case may warrant exhumation of the remains for a full autopsy.

Mrs. Baugus' sister, Faye Ellis of Rock Hill, S.C., applauded the recommendation and said she would seek a court order to exhume the body.

With Baugus' suicide, Ellis said, "there's no closure for us. We believe there is still someone out there who knows what really happened."

Mrs. Baugus, a real estate agent, died of a gunshot wound to the head. A friend found her in the bed of the couple's master bedroom, seemingly relaxed with feet crossed. At the foot of the bed was a suicide note, typed on Mrs. Baugus' computer.

Citing the note and the lack of any struggle or confrontation, Harris County sheriff's deputies concluded the death was a suicide. They also noted Mrs. Baugus had been despondent before her death over health and other looming problems.

Perhaps most persuasive was that Dwayne Baugus had an alibi: He said he had been in Dallas the day his wife died, and his story was substantiated

by an auto garage repair receipt and the word of the garage manager.

"Don't get me wrong, it is a tragedy," said sheriff's Lt. Bert Diaz. "But all available evidence is that she committed suicide. Ninety percent of the families in this situation don't want to think their loved ones would do that. I'd be the same way, but it doesn't change the facts."

But Mrs. Baugus' family was not satisfied.

They hired private investigators and eventually learned Baugus received \$850,000 in life insurance from his wife's death, freeing him of debts he owed to the IRS and tax attorneys.

Baugus also had been having an affair with a woman in Dallas. A year and a half after his wife's death, the two married.

Mrs. Baugus' family also cite typographical mistakes in her supposed suicide note. They say Mrs. Baugus, who had years of typing training, would not have made such mistakes.

And while blood had sprayed over most of the area around her, none was found on the note, raising questions of whether it had been placed there later.

"As for Baugus' alibi, he had provided authorities the names of two managers at a Dallas-area apartment and the operator of the auto garage."

Neither apartment manager could vouch for his presence, and one said Baugus became very upset when she refused his request to swear to his presence.

The garage operator did provide detectives with the mechanic's work order on Baugus' car. But when detectives asked for other orders on the car, he said they were always thrown away after 30 days.

When asked how he had found that particular work order, he had no answer, authorities said.

Mrs. Baugus' family now contends Baugus paid off the mechanic. Their attorney, Alistair Dawson, alleges Baugus wrote him a \$30,000 check, supposedly as a "loan" to help his casual friend open his own auto garage.

Following their investigation, Mrs. Baugus' family filed a wrongful death lawsuit against Baugus, alleging he was responsible for his wife's death. Baugus shot himself just days before the lawsuit was set for trial.

"We were hoping it would be like a house of cards, that his 'cover' would collapse and it would expose the truth," Ellis said.

As the family still waits for answers, sheriff's investigator Roger Wedgeworth said he remains confident that Mrs. Baugus killed herself.

"Until there is evidence that Dwayne Baugus was in town, or something else substantial, I personally have no qualms calling it a suicide," Wedgeworth said. "You could go on endlessly with the 'what ifs,' and some people you can't convince no matter what."

Judge's call on friend's behalf may have been unethical, some experts say

HOUSTON (AP) — In a case that legal experts say raises ethical questions, a Texas appeals court judge called an influential minister to encourage him to give "all the help you can" to a lawyer handling a death row inmate's appeal.

Judge Charles Baird, who is seeking re-election this year to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, made the call at the request of attorney Gary Taylor, the judge's friend and former assistant, the Houston Chronicle reported Sunday.

While the call may not have broken any law, legal experts say it raises ethical concerns about how far a sitting judge should involve himself in a case outside the courtroom.

Baird insists he did nothing wrong in making the call for Taylor, who represents death row inmate Odell Barnes Jr.

Barnes was sentenced to die for the 1989 robbery and murder of Helen Bass of Wichita Falls. The victim was beaten in her home with a lamp and rifle, sexually assaulted, stabbed in the neck and shot in the head.

Barnes' appeal is making its way through the federal court system. When it came before the Court of Criminal Appeals in 1994, Baird was among those voting to uphold the conviction.

Baird acknowledges calling the Rev. Reginald Blow of Wichita Falls on Taylor's behalf. The judge did not actually speak with Blow but left a message on the minister's answering machine.

According to a transcript, Baird told Blow that he was "calling to follow up on a conversation you had today with a gentleman named Gary Taylor" and verified that Taylor once

worked for him and that they are close friends.

Baird also told the minister, "Gary needs all the help you can give him. He is convinced that the gentleman he represents is innocent and shouldn't be in jail, shouldn't be locked up, and he needs all the help you can give him."

"And apparently, knowing you the way I do, you can give him an awful lot of help. So, I wanted to call you and tell you personally that Gary Taylor is a good guy. He is on the up and up. You can take him — his word is his bond — and, uh, help him out every chance you can."

Baird told the Chronicle he called Blow only because Taylor said that, when he was investigating the Barnes case, the minister had seemed uncooperative and distrustful.

But former Court of Criminal Appeals Judge Bill White said the situation seemed "a little bizarre." White said the minister should have called Baird if

he wanted to verify Taylor's background.

"Talking about the guilt or innocence of a defendant who has a case pending in any of these courts and a chance of coming back before you is highly unusual," he said. "It's improper, also."

Robert Flowers, director of the state Judicial Conduct Commission, said the type call Baird made could be a violation of the Texas Code of Judicial Conduct's ban on behind-the-scenes ex parte communications.

Flowers was responding to a hypothetical question and not on Baird's activities.

Baird firmly disagrees that his call constituted ex parte communication.

Blow, meanwhile, noted he did not speak directly with Baird and said he felt no pressure to provide help.

Baird, one of two Democrats on the nine-member Court of Criminal Appeals, is seeking re-election to his second full term.

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OUR VIEW

No time to burn with high winds

With the recent high winds, we hardly need a reminder that a fire can burn quickly out of control.

But extra caution never hurts. Especially when a grass fire could be ignited by a few careless sparks, or even a casually discarded burning cigarette.

Burning, although prohibited in the city limits, is occasionally a problem, Settles said.

"There should be no burning at all in these winds," said Fire Marshall Burr Lea Settles. Although some people believe burning off the dead grass on their lawn will kill weeds, Settles said it may actually have the opposite effect and encourage weed growth.

Tall grass, though, is another hazard at this time of year. It's a good time to go ahead and mow your lawn while you are doing that spring cleaning. Put a fire break in between you and the vacant lot next door.

Don't allow your property to become a hazard: Cut tall weeds and clear away trash. It certainly wouldn't hurt to spruce up your yard some, and you'll be a whole lot safer if a fire does occur.

Anyone who sees a grass fire, Settles adds, should call it in to the 9-1-1 system immediately. Don't assume that because you have seen it, others have also.

"I'd rather have a grass fire called in over and over again than take the risk that we weren't notified about it," Settles said. The sooner that notice goes out, the sooner the burning can be stopped before serious property damage occurs.

Remember, burning is not allowed in the city limits at all. But even those who live outside the city should avoid trash or other burning when the winds are high. "It's just not safe," Settles said. "Don't do it."

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the 1997-98 Lady Hawk Basketball team and staff, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to some of the people who have helped make this past season one to remember.

We would like to send our utmost appreciation to John Walker and all of the people at the Big Spring Herald. You followed us, supported us and helped the community stay involved with our young ladies as we moved through the season. Thank you for promoting Howard College athletics and Lady Hawk Basketball. You were there every step of the way.

To all of the fans who came out to cheer us on at home, on the road in Midland and up in Kansas, we say thank you. You were an inspiration for all of us! It was a team effort and you are an important part of that team. You are the sixth man! Again, thank you from all of us with Lady Hawk Basketball, and we'll see you next season!

MATT CORKERY
Head Women's Coach
Howard College

TO THE EDITOR:

Johnnie Lou Avery's tribute to the women who have influenced her life and choices (March 18) causes me to write and thank you for printing it during Women's Month.

Johnnie Lou, herself, is a positive influence for a vast number of people. We have benefitted greatly from her presence in our community. I feel grateful for her positive influence on my life and for the help she has been in being supportive of endeavors of interest to me.

As a newcomer, I became interested in a project on the northside. In a discussing about it, a longtime resident made this comment, "If you want to get a worthwhile project going here in Big Spring, you do well to talk with Johnnie Lou Avery." He was right. Johnnie Lou has been a guiding star in countless important, worthwhile and even necessary accomplishments in our city and state. Many achievements bare the imprint of her expertise and concern for others.

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Fact, fiction blur together in 'Primary Colors'

By MARSHA MERCER

Media General News Service

WASHINGTON — "Primary Colors" pales next to real life. Sure, the movie is a sprawling cavalcade of excess, a story of power and sex, politics and principles.

But after the revelations of the last two months about Bill Clinton's personal life, the movie version of his first presidential campaign six years ago seems behind the curve, a period piece.

The gargantuan appetites of an exuberant Southern governor running for president and his wife's efforts to contain them are so familiar — even when fictionalized — that they've lost their ability to shock.

Jack Stanton's shenanigans and Susan Stanton's flinty pragmatism are old hat. We've been there. We know how the 1992 campaign turns out.

"Don't break our hearts," a supporter tells President Stanton at his inauguration. Those were the days.

Fast forward to 1998 and the time of Monica, Kathleen, Paula and Dolly. Of Ken Starr and Newt.

At the theater waiting for

"Primary Colors" to start, I overheard this bit of conversation:

Woman: "It's really between them. If they've worked it out between them, I don't see what business it is of anybody else's."

Man: "Unless he perjured himself."

Woman: "Right."

No antecedents to the pronouns were necessary.

This, of course, is a conversation that's playing in various forms all over America. We've moved well past Jennifer Flowers, how Clinton evaded the draft, and whether he inhaled.

Now, we ponder the legal ramifications of the president's latest deposition.

Every day brings more stories alleging crude advances answered by White House spin doctors and deafening presidential silence.

We wonder whether Ken Starr's multimillion-dollar investigation will come up with anything. We wait for the grand juries to sift through testimony and transcripts. We debate the political consequences for Republicans of impeachment proceedings against a popular Democratic

president. The worst may be yet to come.

As the Clintons tour Africa, back home their stormy marriage has become big business for no-longer-anonymous Joe Klein and for Hollywood. The movie is a box office hit. In its first weekend, "Primary Colors" made \$12.4 million, second only to the movie about a big ship.

John Travolta is uncannily aping Clinton's voice and mannerisms. Emma Thompson is wonderful in any role, and she presents a witty, profane, sad Hillary. Kathy Bates as a crazed lesbian campaign aide is terrific.

The picture is big and funny and engrossing — and it delves into the moral ambiguities and tradeoffs of contemporary politics.

But, with all this, it's worth remembering that "Primary Colors" is not the History Channel.

Cashmere McLeod, the Jennifer Flowers character, plays audiotapes of her conversations with the governor to prove her claim of an affair.

In the movie, the tapes turn out to be doctored. Flowers' tapes of her conversations with Clinton were not, according to

taping experts at the time, and, more recently, Flowers' sworn deposition in the Paula Jones case.

In the movie, Sen. Lawrence Harris wins the New Hampshire primary but then has a heart attack while arguing with Stanton on a radio talk show. In real life, Sen. Paul Tsongas won the primary.

In the movie, Fred Pickler, a former governor of Florida, takes on Stanton after Harris becomes ill. In real life, Texas billionaire Ross Perot, who'd never run for office, entered the presidential contest.

As a movie, "Primary Colors" feels real. It's so close to reality that viewers are likely to be lulled into believing they're seeing What Really Happened.

The blurring of fact and fiction makes the movie fun — but also work. Watching it, one's brain is constantly filtering the real from the unreal. You ask yourself, Did that happen? Was that the way it was?

Leaving the theater, someone said, "That was exhausting." Then again, so is real life.

(Marsha Mercer covers the White House for Media General News Service.)



Workplace relationships changed by claims

By BILL MAXWELL

St. Petersburg (Fla.) Times

I do not know about other men, but all of the fallout from the alleged sexual misconduct involving President Clinton and his women is changing my relationships with women in the workplace and how I view the opposite sex in general.

On the big front, I no longer know what we mean by "sexual harassment." I have given up on trying to understand it. And given today's supercharged rhetoric, amorphous definitions and razor-thin attitudes about interpersonal propriety, I would wager that the average man in the workplace, even here in the St. Petersburg Times newsroom, is often guilty of sexual harassment.

The bottom line is that I am more careful than ever about what I say. I am particularly wary of my body language in the presence of women. Much of this change has occurred during the last six months, mostly during the last few weeks.

As an ex-Marine and a former high school and college athlete who was reared in rough-and-tumble black neighborhoods, I have been immersed in the profane — cursing, off-color jokes,

practical jokes, loud talk, "playing the dozens," braggadocio. All are liabilities in my workplace; some are career-ending if colleagues, especially women, complain.

I can share a bawdy joke with only a handful of women, most of them older, without worrying about getting in big-time trouble. You could argue that a bawdy joke has no place in the workplace. I disagree. Adult friends have every right, for example, to share a Slick Willie joke. The problem, of course, is that a woman may overhear the exchange and report it.

As I have said, my relationships with females in the workplace are changing in ways that I do not like. Some readers may scoff, but I no longer compliment women on their attire, their hair or other traits (I still compliment men).

I no longer invite women to lunch. My favorite activity is going to a bookstore or the University of South Florida library in St. Petersburg at noon a couple of times a week. In the past, I regularly invited male and female colleagues along. Today, I would think twice before asking a female to accompany me.

A few friends argue that I am overreacting. Perhaps. But

overreacting is better than being accused of sexual harassment and being fired. Until the courts and society at large define sexual harassment to my satisfaction, I intend to play it safe.

In a column for The New York Times, Anita Hill, the woman who unwittingly started the modern sexual harassment movement, points out that "in our new national conversation on sex, including our discussions of the Paula Jones lawsuit and the resulting revelations from Monica Lewinsky and Kathleen Willey, the references to sexual harassment have expanded far beyond the legal prescriptions. The term has become cliché, and the perception of sexual harassment as a civil rights violation is now diminished."

Hill is right. The perception of sexual harassment as a civil rights violation, a legal matter, is diminished, which is too bad. But the perception that sexual harassment is an interpersonal menace in the workplace is not diminished but is growing.

I do not mean to suggest that I dismiss the seriousness of sexual harassment, because I do not. At the same time, though, I want to be perfectly

clear that many men believe that our new hypersensitivity is corrosive and will hurt us in the long run.

Although some of my colleagues disagree, I believe that our workplace is not as healthy as it was when I arrived four years ago. I feel a chill. I feel uncertain. Frankly, I am confused. And angry.

Again, Hill is on target in saying that "the inordinate amount of attention to incidents of overzealous enforcement of sexual harassment rules, like those cases where a young child is suspended from school for kissing a classmate, further expands the reach of the term and misinforms the public discussion."

In the end, everyone is left confused, and the workplace becomes a minefield to be negotiated at one's peril. As for me, I intend to sanitize my language (outside of the editorial board room). I most certainly will keep my hands to myself.

And my female colleagues can rest assured that Bill Maxwell will give them all of the personal space they demand.

(Bill Maxwell is an editorial writer and columnist for the St. Petersburg Times. He can be reached on the Internet at maxwell@sptimes.com.)

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Lady Vols make it three straight, conducting clinic for Lady Techsters

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Tennessee left no question. Not a shred of doubt.

The Lady Vols didn't stumble into their third straight national championship and their sixth overall, both NCAA records. They didn't lumber through the game that would be the deciding performance in a claim to the title "best team ever."

The Lady Volunteers just didn't give Louisiana Tech a chance.

Jump-started by national player of the year Chamique Holdsclaw, Tennessee opened a 21-point lead before the game was 10 minutes old on the way to a convincing 93-75 victory Sunday night.

"That's the greatest women's basketball team that I, personally, have ever

seen," Tech coach Leon Barmore said. "They've earned it."

They certainly did. The Lady Vols (39-0) finished the third perfect season in NCAA history with their 45th consecutive win, and they did it convincingly.

It started with Holdsclaw, who scored 12 of her 25 points in the opening 6:39 as Tennessee jumped to a 21-8 lead. But it didn't end there.

Tamika Catchings, one of the Lady Vols' four impressive freshmen, muscled her way to 27 points, and junior Kellie Jolly bombarded the Lady Techsters (31-4) with four 3-pointers on just five attempts on the way to a career-high 20 points.

Tennessee was relentless and, at least in the first half, as close to perfect

as a team can be as it took a 55-32 lead into the second half against a team many said might post an upset.

"I can tell you it's the quickest (team), the best defensive team I've coached and the best transition team overall that I've coached," said Tennessee coach Pat Summitt, whose six titles — all since 1987 — are topped in NCAA history only by the 10 of former UCLA men's coach John Wooden. "I also can tell you it's a team unlike any that I've coached in terms of their competitiveness and their will to win. A lot of players say they want to win. But this team, their preparation was tremendous."

So was their performance. The Lady Vols won by fewer than 10 points only three times this season,

and the average margin in their six tournament games was 28. On Sunday, they dismantled a Tech team that featured a talented — if undersized — starting five.

Playing in its ninth Final Four and seeking its third NCAA title, Tech had just two starters over 5-foot-9, a sharp contrast to Tennessee, which had only one player on its roster under 5-9. But because of their tremendous quickness, the Lady Techsters seemed to be a good match for the pressing, swarming Lady Vols.

"We knew what we had to do, and there's too many times we didn't get it done," said sophomore guard Tamicha Jackson, who led Tech with 26 points. "We knew we had to handle their pressure. Their full-court press — it's hard

to come up against a great ball club like that."

After Alisa Burras' third basket of the game pulled Tech to 8-6 in the opening minutes, Tennessee roared off on a 15-2 run to take control. Holdsclaw, who earned her second straight Final Four MVP award, did it almost by herself.

She scored on a layup to make it 12-6, then, after Jackson shot an air ball, Holdsclaw fed Jolly for a 3-pointer. Following a timeout, Holdsclaw hit three straight shots to make it 21-8.

"That's what coach expects me to do, is come out with a lot of intensity," said Holdsclaw, who now has won seven straight titles dating to her freshman year at New York City's Christ the King High School.

USAG state meet real success

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

When all was said and done, Big Spring's Sidewinders and the Sidewinders Parents Association wound up with virtually everything they could have asked from playing host to the USA Gymnastics Level 9/Level 10 State Championships at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

While the Sidewinders did not have any girls competing in the Level 9 divisions staged Sunday, all three girls on Big Spring's Level 10 team turned in scores good enough to qualify for the USAG Region III Championships set for Wichita, Kan., next month.

"It was a tremendously successful meet," said Sidewinders coach Russ McEwen, who served as the meet's coordinator, following Sunday afternoon's close of competition in the Level 9, Senior A and Level 9, Senior B divisions.

"We had a great event that brought more than 200 of the state's best young gymnasts to Big Spring and in the process had a huge positive financial impact on the community," McEwen added.

"But probably the most important thing for most of us was it gave our girls a chance to display their abilities in front of their hometown fans ... gave people in Big Spring and the surrounding area a chance to see the quality of athletes we have on our team."

Stephanie Stewart, a 15-year-old freshman at Big Spring High School who has battled injuries and illness most of the season, had the most success of the three Sidewinders' participants.

She finished tied for third place in the Level 10, Junior B division floor exercise competition and was fifth in the vault,

finishing 17th in the division's all-around standings.

For Brooke Lawrence and Mikelle Farris, Saturday's four rotations in Level 10, Junior A division competition was a study in coming up with big performances when they needed them the most.

Lawrence opened the afternoon's session with a vault that earned her 9.3 points — a score that became vitally important when she scraped her feet during an otherwise strong showing on the bars and then twice fell off the balance beam.

Farris, who struggled through the bars rotation, turned in solid performances on the beam and the floor exercise to surpass the 34 points required to qualify for regional competition.

In Sunday's final two sessions, athletes from the World Olympic Gymnastics team from Plano came up big.

World Olympic's Hollie Vise and Kaitlin White finished one-two in the Level 9, Junior A division all-around during the morning session — Vise piling up 38.375 points, while White totaled 38.05 points.

Charlotte Jones of Sunbelt Gymnastics finished third with 37.675 points, while Tarin Goodnight from World Olympic was fourth with a 37.425 total.

World Olympic's Lauren Kondikoff took the Level 9, Senior A all-around title in the afternoon session with a 37.20.

Kelly Turner of the Mega team finished second with a 36.624 total in the all-around, while Jennifer Phelt of the Go S.A. team was third.

The Infinite Bounds team had the most success in the Level 9, Senior B division, as Leah Platz and Becky Lewis finished second and fourth behind Stephanie Loudat of Neimand Gymnastics in the all-around.



Brooke Lawrence of the Big Spring Sidewinders summersaults during her dismount from the beam during Saturday's Level 10, Junior A division competition at the USA Gymnastics Level 9/Level 10 State Championships at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The meet concluded Sunday with competition in the Level 9, Junior A and Level 9, Senior A & B divisions.

March Madness set to conclude with wild finale?

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — This maddest of March Madness tournaments deserves a fitting climax.

Triple overtime with an 80-foot basket at the buzzer would do it when Kentucky and Utah meet tonight for the NCAA championship.

From first round to Final Four, this tournament has been special, one of the greatest ever, filled with overtime games, buzzer beaters and surprises from the likes of Valparaiso and Rhode Island, Stanford and Utah.

Like a big dish of Texas fried ice cream, all it needs now is whipped cream and a cherry on top to make it perfect.

And with two teams that know each other well, one with a grudge to settle, the other with a reputation to uphold, the chances are good for a combustible chemistry.

Utah and Kentucky have played each other in the NCAA tournament the last two seasons, and both times the Wildcats won. The stakes have grown each year, and Utah would dearly love some payback this time.

Two years ago, Kentucky crushed Utah 101-70 in the second round on the way to its sixth national championship. Last season, the Wildcats beat the Utes 72-59 in the regional semifinal before falling in overtime in the title game to Arizona.

"The main thing I remember about those two games is that we lost. That's about all you need to know," Utah senior center Michael Doleac said of the recent postseason history with Kentucky. "Sophomore year it was more like we were just watching Kentucky play instead of being in the game. ... Last year it was a lot different. We could play with those guys and we did play with them until they had that spurt at the end when we fouled."

"It's always a bad memory getting knocked out of the tournament. This year we are a different team and a lot better defensively and a great rebounding team."

Utah's 65-59 upset of top-ranked North Carolina on Saturday might have been an even bigger surprise than its 25-point laugher over No. 1 seed Arizona in the West Regional final a week before. But the common thread was excellent defense; the Utes lead the nation in lowest field-goal per-

centage allowed at 38 percent.

"We look to go out and keep teams under 60 points, and if we can do that we have a great chance of winning the game," Utah junior guard Andre Miller said.

Even though this is Kentucky's third straight championship game — the first team to do that since Duke from 1990-92 — the Wildcats (34-4) might have changed more than the Utes (30-3).

Gone to the NBA are Antoine Walker, Ron Mercer, Tony Delk and Derek Anderson. Even with the loss of All-American Keith Van Horn, the Utah roster with Doleac, Miller and sophomore forward Hanno Mottola might have more future NBA players than Kentucky. And the Wildcats, who beat Stanford 86-65 in overtime Saturday, have a new coach in Tubby Smith, a former assistant to Rick Pitino.

"There was no doubt in my mind we could back to the Final Four because I know how hard our guys work," Kentucky junior center Nazr Mohammed said.

And the work got even harder when Smith started making changes to Pitino's style of pressure defense and 3-point shooting. The Wildcats still do those things, but not at the same level, although they did use the tactics to come back from a 17-point second-half deficit against Duke.

"Kentucky was the number one defensive team in the Southeastern Conference last season and was number one again this season," Smith said. "I thought their halfcourt defense was outstanding last year and I think it's outstanding this year. It helps when you have players that understand the game and play together and are willing to sacrifice."

These teams have a lot in common on the defensive end but little in common in the trophy case. Only UCLA's 11 titles are more than Kentucky's six, while Utah's only title came in 1944 in its only other trip to the championship game.

The coaches are as different as the school's tournament success.

Smith is quiet with a small belly and got his name as a child for how much he liked to sit in the galvanized metal bathtub on the family farm.

Rick Majerus is outgoing and rotund, and has been known to have the media eating out of his hand.

New for Rangers' new season: A healthy roster

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers are kicking off a new season with something new for manager Johnny Oates: a healthy roster.

Oates says the Rangers, who finished the exhibition schedule with the second-best record in the majors at 21-10, are healthier to start the year than they've ever been for him.

"It will be nice to run the lineup we want to, short of a righthanded set-up man," he said Sunday. "We're about as ready as we're going to get, so we might as well tie it up."

Texas opens the year Tuesday afternoon at The Ballpark against the Chicago White Sox. For once, Oates will be able to field his best team.

Last year, he was without

defending American League MVP Juan Gonzalez, who was on the disabled list with a thumb injury suffered in winter ball, and first baseman Will Clark, who broke his finger chasing a popup just days before the opener.

Rusty Greer, meanwhile, was struggling with a hurt shoulder, after running into a wall in a spring game.

This time around, all three should be ready for opening day duty.

Not that Oates is complaining, but the Rangers aren't entirely healthy. Three righthanded middle relievers — Mark Brandenburg, Xavier Hernandez and Danny Patterson — start the season on the disabled list.

Hernandez and Patterson are working to recover from shoulder surgeries. Brandenburg has a strained chest muscle.

Oates said he doesn't know where that'll leave him in the middle innings on Tuesday.

"I have no idea and I'm not joking," he said. "It will probably be the seventh inning, with one out and runners on first and third on before I make a decision. I told all of the relievers that any pitcher can be called upon at any time."

Elsewhere, the Rangers return six-time Gold Glove catcher Ivan Rodriguez, Clark at first, Mark McLemore at second, rookie Fernando Tatis at third and Greer, Gonzalez and Tom Goodwin in the outfield. Lee Stevens again will DH.

Kevin Elster, whose career year in 1996 helped Texas win the AL West title, is back at shortstop after one injury-marred season in Pittsburgh.

He's expected to help shore up a porous defense that was partly to blame for last year's 77-85, third-place finish.

Oates said the whole team improved on fundamentals in spring training.

"We wanted to catch the ball better and we did. We wanted to pitch, run the bases and hit, and we did that," he said.

For what it's worth, all of the Rangers' starting eight except Tatis (.161) and Goodwin (.250) hit over .300 in spring training. Clark led the pack at .358, followed by Rodriguez (.355) and McLemore (.323).

Blinn's twinbill sweep puts damper on Hawks' swing along Gulf Coast

HERALD Staff Report

BRENNHAM — After having opened a four-day Gulf Coast swing with three wins over strong teams, Howard College's Hawks suffered embarrassing losses Saturday when they were swept by Blinn Community College in a doubleheader.

Blinn never allowed the Hawks to make it close in either game, as they opened the twinbill with an 8-2 win and closed with a 12-2 romp in the nightcap.

"We just didn't show up," Hawks coach Brian Roper said following the Saturday losses that left the Hawks with a 21-15-1 record going into this weekend's return to Western Junior

College Athletic Conference play when Howard plays host to El Paso Community College in a three-game series Friday and Saturday.

"Blinn has such a good team ... a great team," Roper noted. "And when you're not at the top of your game ... well, it could have been a lot worse than it was ... really could."

The Hawks opened the road trip with a 10-3 win over South Suburban College in Galveston on Wednesday, survived a 2-0 pitching duel with Alvin Community College on Thursday and then on Friday pounded Galveston Community College 12-3.

In the trip's first game, Josh Duve turned in a sterling 4-hit pitching performance against South Suburban. In

going the distance, he walked just one batter and struck out nine.

Offensively, the Hawks pounded out 10 hits.

William Hawkins broke open a 1-1 deadlock in the bottom of the third inning with a bases-loaded triple, igniting a four-run Hawks rally.

When Suburban scored two runs in the fifth to trim the Howard lead to 6-3, Kelley Pettit turned in the big hit, a 3-run homer that capped the four runs the Hawks added to the total in the bottom of the inning. Pettit finished the game 3-for-3 at the plate, while John Eric Munneke was 2-for-3 with three RBIs.

An even more impressive pitching performance was in the offing

Thursday when freshman Brandon Claussen scattered four Alvin hits, walked three and struck out nine in going the distance for the shutout.

The Hawks played error-free defense behind Claussen and provided all the run support he'd need in the third when Hawkins singled to drive Bryan Phillips and Shane Webb drove in Pettit on a fielder's choice play.

Howard's Friday was every bit as impressive, especially since it came against a Galveston team that had just beaten San Jacinto College and the state's top JUCO pitcher the day before.

Once again the Hawks turned in strong defensive play in a game Roper described as "one of the best games

we've played all year."

Sophomore ace Josh Jones went the nine-inning distance, scattering seven hits in the 12-3 Hawks win. His teammates, however, pounded Galveston pitching for 12 hits.

The Hawks' 12 hits were divided among five players — Brandon Plumlee, Ryan Mathews, Scott Fahey, Robert Ramos and Munneke.

It was Munneke, who finished the day 2-for-5 at the plate, that probably did the most individual damage, a double and a home run accounting for four RBIs. Plumlee clubbed two homers in chalking up 3 RBIs, while Mathews had two doubles and Fahey added three singles. Ramos finished 3-for-5 including a solo home run.

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You are unusually incisive and creative. Others view you as sarcastic because of your witty, insightful comments. A new friend leads you in a fresh direction. It would not be surprising for you to work toward an ambitious goal or to back a new cause. You can make a difference. Your perspective changes considerably because of the year's events. If you are single, you are likely to experience a big change in the type of relationship you choose. Be realistic about another's strengths and weaknesses. If attached, you work exceptionally well as a team this year. GEMINI chats your ear off.

MONDAY

MAR. 30

	KMD (2)	KPEJ (3)	KERA (5)	FAM (6)	KOSA (7)	WFAA (8)	KWES (9)	WTBS (11)	UNI (13)	DISN (14)	NASH (15)	TMC (16)	SHOW (20)	HBO (22)	KMLM (24)	A&E (25)	DISC (26)	TNT (28)	FSN (29)	ESPN (30)	AMC (31)	BET (32)
6 PM	Midwest	Odessa	Science Guy	Walters	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	Emerald	Double, Double, You're a Fool (CC)	Today's Country (CC)	Movie: Lethal Weapon 2	Movie: The Truth About Cats & Dogs	Movie: The Truth About Cats & Dogs	Movie: The Truth About Cats & Dogs	Movie: The Truth About Cats & Dogs	Movie: The Truth About Cats & Dogs	Movie: The Truth About Cats & Dogs	Movie: The Truth About Cats & Dogs	Movie: The Truth About Cats & Dogs	Movie: The Truth About Cats & Dogs	Movie: The Truth About Cats & Dogs
7 PM	Furness Home Videos	Melrose Place (CC)	Antiques Roadshow	Rescue 911 (CC)	Costley (CC)	Furness Home Videos	Suddenly House Rules	Edge	Movie: The Cutting Edge	Movie: The Cutting Edge	Movie: The Cutting Edge	Movie: The Cutting Edge	Movie: The Cutting Edge	Movie: The Cutting Edge	Movie: The Cutting Edge	Movie: The Cutting Edge	Movie: The Cutting Edge	Movie: The Cutting Edge	Movie: The Cutting Edge	Movie: The Cutting Edge	Movie: The Cutting Edge	Movie: The Cutting Edge
8 PM	20/20 (CC)	Earth: Final Conflict	Encore!	News-Letter	700 Club	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)
9 PM	Practice (CC)	Home Imp. Mad Abo. You	Nova (CC)	Bonanza-Lost	Ent. Tonight	Ent. Tonight	Ent. Tonight	Ent. Tonight	Ent. Tonight	Ent. Tonight	Ent. Tonight	Ent. Tonight	Ent. Tonight	Ent. Tonight	Ent. Tonight	Ent. Tonight	Ent. Tonight	Ent. Tonight	Ent. Tonight	Ent. Tonight	Ent. Tonight	Ent. Tonight
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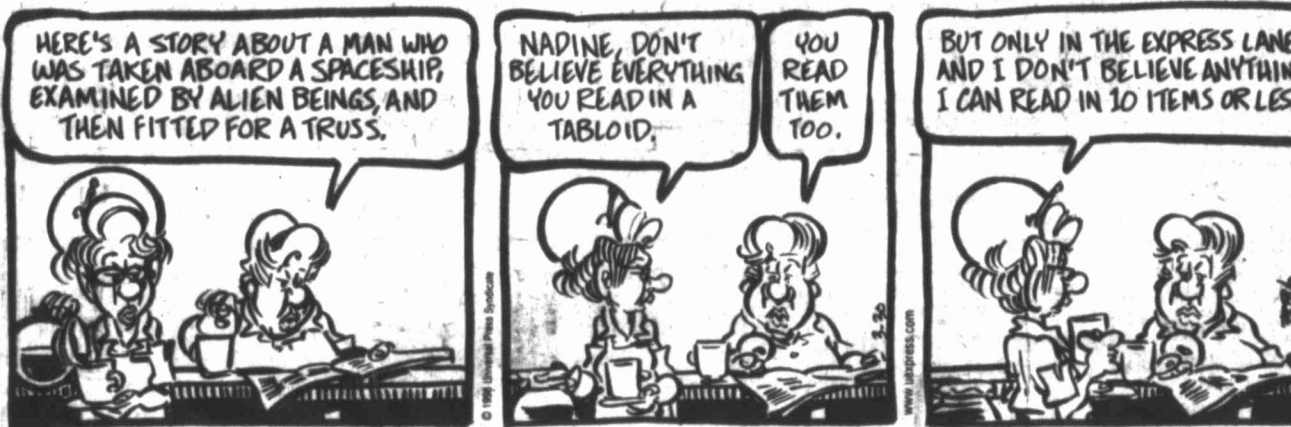
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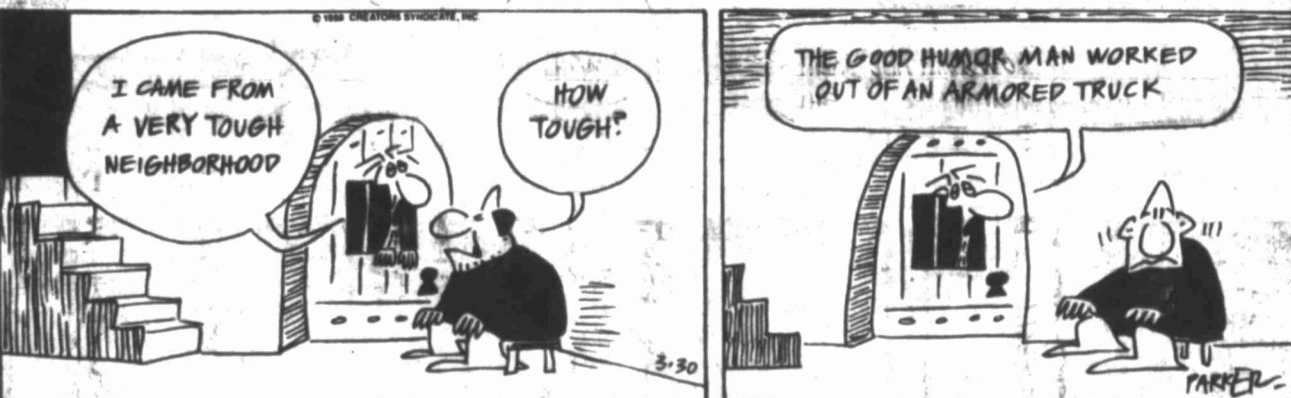
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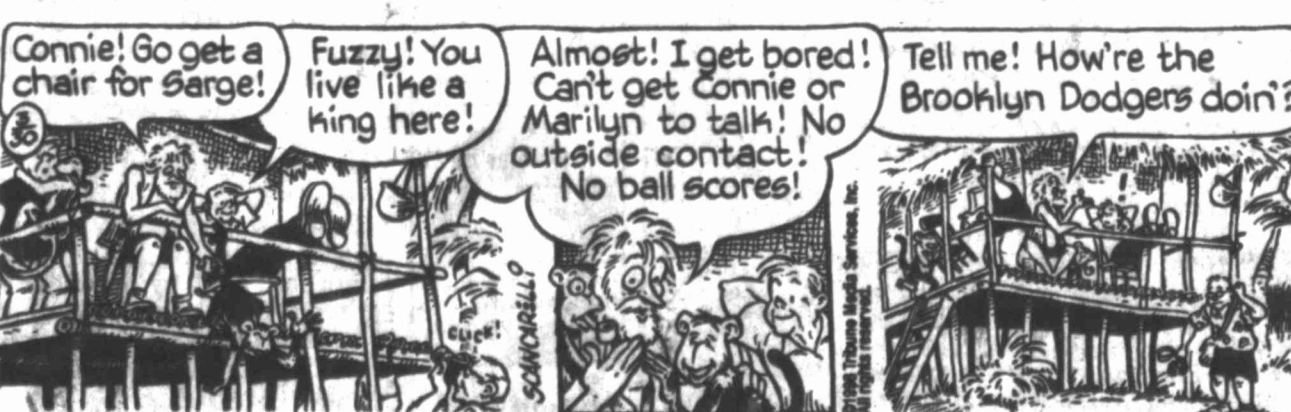
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THIS DATE
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Today is Monday, March 30, the 89th day of 1998. There are 276 days left in the year.

THE Daily Crossword

- ACROSS
- Flock youngsters
 - Sleep outdoors
 - French cop: slang
 - Eye: pref.
 - Spoken
 - Adress Turner
 - Ride a bike
 - Josep Broz
 - Burden
 - Type of impromptu party
 - Gossips
 - Word with up or fruit
 - Runs like colors
 - Scrutinize
 - Singer Anita
 - Ring in the ocean
 - Tax adviser: abbr.
 - Wearing one's birthday suit
 - Snaky turn
 - Two to one, e.g.
 - Arduous eager
 - Unit of capacitance
 - Strut
 - Like a temporary committee
 - Pittsburgh griddle
 - Designer's one of a kind
 - Skin problem
 - Trek of "Jeopardy"
 - Chick calls
 - Lift-off pressure
 - M. Descartes
 - Fairy-tale monsters
 - Formerly, formerly
 - Former mates
 - Russian rulers

- DOWN
- Hung loosely
 - Top trump
 - Wet soil
 - Shiner
 - Acted alone
 - Pigeon shelters
 - Piece of Puccini
 - Tangled masses
 - Stratagem
 - Covered with fine powder
 - Tropical porch
 - Accustom
 - Boxed in?
 - "Miniver"
 - Peculiarly
 - Steak cut
 - Robert and Alan
 - Plumbing problems
 - Sedate
 - Japanese dictator
 - Spat ending?
 - Nora's pooch
 - Polite
 - Group of lions
 - Pekoe server
 - Poisonous snake
 - Large northern constellation
 - Swiss river
 - Body below a swimsuit?
 - Shelwood
 - RR stop
 - Pekoe server
 - Words from the wise
 - Crapshooter
 - Sharpeners
 - Crapshooter's boxcars
 - Seldom seen
 - Holm oak
 - Sarazen of golf
 - Stretch of time
 - According to
 - Draft letters

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House press secretary James Brady, a Secret Service agent and a District of Columbia police officer.

On this date:
In 1822, Florida became a U.S. territory.

In 1842, Dr. Crawford W. Long of Jefferson, Ga., first used ether as an anesthetic during a minor operation.

In 1867, U.S. Secretary of State William H. Seward reached agreement with Russia to purchase the territory of Alaska for \$7.2 million, a deal roundly ridiculed as "Seward's Folly."

In 1870, the 15th amendment to the Constitution, giving black men the right to vote, was declared in effect.

In 1870, Texas was readmitted to the Union.

In 1909, the Queensboro Bridge, linking the New York boroughs of Manhattan and Queens, opened.

In 1945, the Soviet Union invaded Austria during World War II.

In 1964, John Glenn withdrew from the Ohio race for U.S. Senate because of injuries suffered in a fall.

In 1970, the musical "Applause" opened on Broadway.

In 1973, Ellsworth Bunker resigned as U.S. ambassador to South Vietnam, and was succeeded by Graham A. Martin.

In 1986, actor James Cagney died at his farm in Stanfordville, N.Y., at age 86.

Ten years ago: An attorney for the Rev. Jimmy Swaggart said the televangelist would return to the pulpit, defying national Assemblies of God church officials who had suspended him for at least a year for "moral failure."

Five years ago: Israeli authorities barred West Bank Palestinians from entering Israel after two traffic police officers were shot to death. Washington attorney Robert Altman went on trial in New York City, charged with wrongdoing in connection with the Bank of Credit and Commerce International. He was later acquitted.

One year ago: The reigning champion Lady Vols of Tennessee won their fifth NCAA women's basketball title by defeating Old Dominion, 68-69.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Frankie Laine is 85. Former CIA Director Richard Helms is 85. Actor Richard Dysart is 69. Actor John Astin is 88. Game show host Peter Marshall is 68. Actor-director Warren Beatty is 61. Rock musician Graeme Edge (The Moody Blues) is 57. Rock musician Eric Clapton is 53.