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News Digest

Plans underway for fourth Heart of City

The Chamber of Commerce is urging interested persons to begin making arrangements to participate in the ninth annual Heart of the City Festival.

This year's festival is scheduled for June 5-6 on Main Street between Fourth and First streets. HOC committee members have been planning the event for the past three months.

Tentative plans call for the festivities to begin June 5 with a street dance in the evening, featuring Destino, a Tejano band from Odessa.

A full slate of activities are scheduled for the next day, including events like gorilla volleyball, a car stereo contest, auto and fashion shows and a barbecue cookoff. The festival will close that night with another street dance, this one featuring country-western music.

Another regular HOC feature will be booths featuring food and specialty items for sale. Anyone interested in participating in this year's festival should contact Velia Ross at 267-4801.

Easter egg hunt slated

Big Spring's community Easter egg hunt will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in the 1400 block of South Gregg, just across the street from Don's IGA.

The hunt is co-sponsored by Don's and the Big Spring Herald.

The hunt is free to youngsters aged 10 and under, but a ticket is required to participate. Tickets are free and available at Don's IGA.

Youngsters also will have the opportunity to meet and have their picture taken with the Easter bunny and win prizes. Free candy Easter eggs, Cokes and balloons will be given away.

For more information, or to pick up free tickets, go by Don's IGA at either 1300 S. Gregg or 611 N. Gregg.

Texas

• Officials expect low vote turnout: State election officials were predicting a low turnout for today's congressional and legislative runoffs. See Page 2A.

Nation

• City employees knew of dangerous leak: City employees knew days and possibly weeks ago about a leak that apparently let river water flood old rail tunnels and bring downtown to a halt, the mayor said. "These people will be held accountable," he warned. See Page 3A.

World

• Miseries hit royal family: Princess Anne has filed for divorce and Prince Andrew is facing a separation — private marital miseries that arouse public sympathy for Queen Elizabeth II and her children. See Page 3A.

life!

• Time Machine celebrates two years on Earth Day: The Time Machine, 816 W. 42nd St., is recyclables collection central for West Texas counties, including Howard County. The recycling center is widely known throughout the southwest. See Page 1B.

Sports

• Astros hand Dodgers 4th straight loss: Orel Hershiser vs. Darryl Kile, a likely mismatch. Right! Kile and the Houston Astros didn't recognize the lopsided matchup. Kile struck out four and walked five before leaving in the seventh inning of an 8-3 victory Monday night that handed Los Angeles its fourth consecutive defeat. See Page 5A.

Weather

• Tonight, a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms, some possibly severe this evening. Low in the upper 50s. South wind 10 to 20 mph. Wednesday, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. High in the lower 80s. South wind 10 to 20 mph and gusty. Extended forecast, Page 6A.

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Sound off!

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Suspended teacher uncertain on charges

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

A Grady Independent School District teacher suspended with pay last month for alleged inappropriate behavior with students said he still does not know details of the allegations.

Russell Duncum, 33, a vocational agriculture teacher in his first year at Grady, is contesting the allegations and was scheduled to address school board trustees at a hearing Monday night to give his side of the story — but had nothing to say.

"Since I've never been presented with the charges, I don't know what to

say about it," said Duncum, whose contract for next year was not renewed by trustees last month.

Duncum said his attorney last month requested records, including the written complaints, under the Freedom of Information Act, but the records have not been procured.

Grady Superintendent Gerald Singleton did not return a phone call this morning.

Singleton said last month that the situation has divided the community. "We couldn't prove anything year or nay," he said. Three eighth-grade students said Duncum "touched too much" and was "too familiar."

Alleged incidents include striking a girl with a stick between the legs, patting another girl on the buttocks and offering information on AIDS education that was inappropriate, according to administration officials.

Duncum denied the allegations of touching the girls. He said he did answer questions on AIDS asked by students following an assembly that concerned AIDS. "This class is Life Management Skills, which goes into everything," he said. "The girls came back (from the assembly) and asked questions and I gave them some answers."

Duncum, who retained an Austin law firm, said he does not know yet whether he will consider filing a lawsuit. "My attorneys are handling everything right now."

Duncum said the hearing scheduled for Monday, which was postponed, was not at his request. "I never requested to be on the agenda or anything like that."

Singleton said last month that the issue would continue into this month's board meeting. Principal Richard Gipson said then, "I think he (Duncum) might be entitled to some sort of hearing."



Abdul-Salam Jalloud, a senior aide to Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi, speaks in Tripoli Monday about impending United Nations sanctions the Security Council has

voted to impose if Libya does not surrender two men suspected of the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103.

World Court rejects appeal

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — The World Court today rejected Libya's appeal to ban U.S. and British military or economic action to force it to surrender two suspects in the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103.

The decision came in two parallel cases brought by Libya in an apparent attempt to head off the imposition of U.N. Security Council sanctions on Wednesday.

Libya could not take the Security Council to the U.N. court, which only hears cases between sovereign nations, so it filed appeals aimed at the United States and Britain.

The two Western powers are trying to force Col. Moammar Gadhafi's government to give up two suspected Libyan intelligence agents indicted in the 1988 bombing of the Pan Am jumbo jet over Lockerbie, Scotland. The bombing killed 270 people.

The World Court issued its ruling after Libya put forth an eleventh hour proposal Monday aimed at forestalling the U.N. sanctions. It offered through the Arab League to have the Flight 103 suspects tried in Malta, a Mediterranean island nation with close ties to Tripoli, but diplomats said the Security Council was unlikely to accept the

proposal. The president of the court, Shigeru Oda of Japan, said the Flight 103 case was already being dealt with sufficiently by the Security Council, which he said took precedence.

Oda said the court voted 11-5 in both of Libya's cases, finding that a 1971 international convention governing civil aviation did not mandate the protections sought by Gadhafi.

Libya's Belgian lawyer, Jean Salmon, said: "This ruling places the Security Council above the World Court. It's a very sad ruling; it's the Security Council at work."

Bank cuts prime to 6.25 percent

NEW YORK (AP) — Analysts looked to other banks to follow the lead of Chemical Banking Corp. and cut their prime lending rate to 6.25 percent.

The nation's third-largest banking company on Monday lowered its prime rate a quarter percentage point, effective immediately, for both Chemical Bank and Manufacturers Hanover Trust, which Chemical Banking Corp. acquired last year.

The move followed the Federal

Reserve Board's decision Thursday to cut the federal funds rate, the interest on overnight loans between banks.

No other major bank immediately followed Chemical's move, but some analysts said they expected other institutions to do so eventually.

"With the lower short-term interest rates and lower (certificate of deposit) rates, banks might be in little bit better condition, profit-wise, to swallow a reduction in the key rate," said Carol

Stone, senior economist for Nomura Securities International Inc.

If the other banks follow suit, the prime will be at its lowest level since 1976.

The prime rate is watched closely because bankers use it as a basis for determining many types of fixed- and adjustable-rate loans.

The last cut in the prime was on Dec. 20, when banks lowered the rate a full point to 6.50 percent.

Council to consider nepotism, affidavit

By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council will address concerns rules concerning nepotism and the disclosure affidavit on the citizens advisory committee at its regular meeting today at 5:30 p.m. in Building 1106, McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

Council members are scheduled to have a final vote to amend the general fund balance to provide legal fees regarding a redistricting lawsuit. The council will adjourn into executive (closed) session to discuss the suit, filed by the League of United Latin American Citizens.

The council also will make appointments to the board of adjustments and appeals, the new plumbing board of adjustments and appeals, and the planning and zoning commission.

The council will vote on accepting a new policy and procedures manual presented by Police Chief Joe Cook.

Also, the council will review correspondence regarding punitive measures the government might take if the wastewater permit is delayed.

Other business to be addressed includes:

- Permission to close 14th Street for a city-wide Easter egg hunt.
- Permission to close streets for the

Heart of the City Festival.

- Proclamations regarding Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Fair Housing Month and Energy Appreciation Week.
- City support for the Christmas in April Project.

- Approval of keeping bees at 1903 Donley and 2602 Apache Dr.
- Renew a permit for livestock at 112 Grant Ave.

- Bids for lockers at the Big Spring Correctional Center and Interstate Unit.
- Authorization to sell two 1980 and two 1984 model garbage trucks.

- Review the American Medical Transport monthly report and the fire department's quarterly report.

Heart care bias?

Studies suggest women receive poorer care

DALLAS (AP) — Women with heart trouble are treated less aggressively than men because they often are too old or ill for risky procedures, not because of sex bias, two studies suggest.

However, two other studies came to opposite conclusions: Even when they are the same age and condition as male heart victims, women are less likely to receive the most up-to-date care.

Statistics clearly show women are treated less aggressively for heart problems. The question is why. And the conflicting results of the latest round of studies demonstrate the difficulty in sorting this out.

The subject received prominent attention at the annual meeting of the American College of Cardiology, which began Monday.

Among those who believe sex bias is a factor include Dr. Bernadine Healy, a cardiologist who heads the National Institutes of Health. She has called it the "Yentl syndrome," a reference to Isaac Bashevis Singer's short story about a young woman who had to disguise herself as a man to study the Talmud.

Women are less likely than men to receive one of the most important heart tests — the angiogram. These X-ray movies, taken by releasing dye into the heart, are used to determine whether blockages in arteries need to be fixed. When serious blockages are found, people often undergo angioplasty, which uses a balloon to clear the arteries, or coronary bypass operations. Women are less likely to receive either of these treatments.

However, people who are older or have severe heart disease or complications are also less likely to have these demanding tests and procedures. All the studies asked whether factors of age and complications could explain the differences between men and women.

Women who suffer their first heart attack are typically 10 years older than men.

"It's a truly complex issue," said Dr. Bernard J. Gersh of the Mayo Clinic, coauthor of one of the studies. "We are not ready yet to make an indictment."

Among the studies presented: • Dr. Vivek K. Varma and colleagues from the University of Alabama reviewed the records of 1,012 men and women hospitalized with heart attacks. While the women received fewer procedures, the difference could be explained entirely by their greater age, more severe heart disease and complications such as diabetes and high blood pressure.

Texas

Sidelines

Dump to be built in West Texas?

SIERRA BLANCA (AP) — A state lawmaker told West Texans he believes a low-level radioactive waste dump will be built near here, despite residents' opposition.

State Rep. Pete Gallego, D-Alpine, said Monday the only chance of stopping the dump is opposition from Mexico.

"This dump site is something that, chances are — if I was a betting man — is here," Gallego said.

The state has purchased a 16,000-acre ranch about five miles southeast of Sierra Blanca to build a disposal site for low-level radioactive waste. The waste would come from nuclear power plants, hospitals and universities and some industry.

Sierra Blanca is about 75 miles east of El Paso.

The proposal has drawn opposition from those who want the site kept out. Residents have created a group dubbed "Save Sierra Blanca."

"I wish I could stand here in front of you and say I'm going to fix it, but it's not that easy," Gallego said. "Many of the battles have already been fought."

Gas leak leads to evacuation

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — About 430 elementary school pupils were evacuated from their classrooms Monday after a construction accident caused a natural gas leak.

A backhoe doing construction work in front of Henry B. Gonzalez Elementary School on the city's west side smashed into a natural gas meter about 2:40 p.m., prompting the evacuation.

Vice Principal Frank Gonzalez said students left their classrooms in an orderly fashion and followed instructions they had learned in evacuation drills. Nobody was injured.

"The children were very cooperative," he said. "It's normal for them to follow procedures."

Gonzalez said no gas smell was evident inside the school, although the smell could be detected outdoors and the hissing sound of the leak could be heard.

City Public Service workers quickly capped the leak. By then it was time for dismissal, so students were sent home, Gonzalez said.

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Midnight demolition

A back hoe takes a bite out of the 124-year-old Brasher Building in Houston Saturday. Preservationists say the owners conducted the late-night operation to avoid detection after city officials denied a demolition permit.

Names in the news

BRISBANE, Australia (AP) — Prince got something more valuable than diamonds and pearls at the start of his Australian concert — he got good reviews.

"Rumors that the man is the hottest live act on the planet proved to be spot on the money," critic Noel Mengel wrote in today's Brisbane Courier-Mail.

The rock star opened his two-week tour Down Under on Monday with a sold-out concert before 15,000 fans. It featured old favorites, like "Purple Rain," and hits from his current album, "Diamonds and Pearls."

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Jane Goodall says after 30 years of studying chimpanzees in Africa, she's still learning about them.

"They are so like us. They're very, very complex ... individualists," Ms. Goodall said Monday during a stop on a fund-raising tour.

Ms. Goodall said she has been working in Tanzania and other African countries to save young chimps that are orphaned when poachers shoot the mothers for food or so they can sell the babies on the black market.

"They're sold as pets or to dealers for entertainment or medical research," she said. "We found one that had spent 2½ years chained to a toilet in a gas station."

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Eric Douglas, the 33-year-old son of actor Kirk Douglas, drew five days in jail and an \$810 fine for allegedly kicking a police officer. Douglas, who pleaded no contest to resisting arrest, was sentenced Monday.

The officer had been called to stop an argument between Douglas and his former attorney in August. The officer wasn't seriously hurt.

In December, Douglas was ordered to perform community service at a women's shelter after he pleaded no contest to assaulting two women.

He has appeared in the films "The Golden Child" and "The Flamingo Kid."

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Grammy-winner Natalie Cole has separated from her husband,



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music producer and arranger Andre Fisher.

"Both have expressed hope that the separation will only be temporary," Miss Cole's recording company, Elektra Records, said Monday.

Miss Cole won seven Grammy Awards in February for her "Unforgettable" album, a tribute to her late father, Nat "King" Cole. Fisher produced half the album's 22 songs and shared executive producer credits with Miss Cole.

NORFOLK, Neb. (AP) — NBC and its affiliates gave Johnny Carson an \$80,000 retirement present, and the talk show host gave it away.

The network had asked that Carson donate the money to charity.

He chose the radiation center at Lutheran Community Hospital in his hometown of Norfolk, the

hospital said Monday. Carson is retiring May 22 after 30 years as host of the "Tonight" show.

RADNOR, Pa. (AP) — Tim Allen says there are some frustrating things about having a hit sitcom like "Home Improvement" on network television.

"Sometimes I wish we were on cable so people could swear when they stub their toes," the comedian said in the April 18 issue of TV Guide.

The ABC comedy features Allen as host of a cable TV home-improvement show, on which he espouses a macho handyman image.

Allen said he sees his character as real-life home improvement expert Bob Vila "with a bad attitude."

NEW YORK (AP) — Elizabeth Taylor says she admires people with AIDS who go public because she knows how hard it is.

"As someone who has lived in the public eye for many years, I'm aware of the scrutiny that goes along with it," the 60-year-old actress said Monday at a jewelry auction and dinner for the American Foundation for AIDS Research.

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Officials expect low vote turnout

AUSTIN (AP) — State election officials were predicting a low turnout for today's congressional and legislative runoffs.

Katy Davis, spokeswoman for Secretary of State John Hannah, estimated that about 8 percent to 10 percent of Texas' nearly 8 million registered voters may go to the polls.

There are no statewide elections on the ballot, she said.

"Most of the runoff races are very low-profile, with a few exceptions," she added.

Ms. Davis said turnout for the March 10 primary election was 28.7 percent, Democrats and Republicans combined.

The runoffs are for races with no outright winners in the primary. Victors advance to the November general election ballot.

Races include three congressional runoffs.

Houston Democrats will choose a nominee for the new 29th District, one of three created after the 1990 census. It was regarded as one likely to elect a Hispanic.

Ben Reyes, a Houston city councilman, faces state Sen. Gene Green in the race. The winner faces Republican Clark Kent Ervin, a former White House aide, in

November.

The Dallas-Fort Worth area runoffs have small businessman Phillip Bielamowicz and Steve Masterson, trust administrator for a law firm, fighting for the GOP nomination to meet Democratic Rep. Martin Frost in the redrawn 24th District.

A Republican match between former sportscaster Chip Taberski and businessman Pat O'Rourke, former county judge, is the third congressional race, in El Paso.

The runoff's winner challenges five-term Democratic Rep. Ron Coleman in a race likely to be influenced by Coleman's writing 673 overdrafts at the House bank.

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Technical and health care professions want you

By AP Special Features

You don't have to roll up and hibernate waiting for the economy to improve if you have qualifications for certain fields. There are some industries campaigning hard to enlist professionals and to persuade students to enroll in allied studies.

Technical and health care fields continue to be good prospects for new recruits, as they have throughout the recession.

A study at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind., predicts that 90 percent of new jobs created in the next decade will be in these professional-level service jobs. Most likely to gain will be mathematicians and computer scientists, technicians (both inside and outside the health field), health assessment and treatment workers and health service workers, according to the university's Office of Manpower Studies. Food preparation and food service occupations also are likely to expand.

Information Technology
The economy's impact on the computer age is affecting the kind of information technology executive companies want, says New York search consultant John J. Davis. Demand is increasing for executives who can focus on increased productivity and smart investment in technology, he says. "And in a departure from prior years, they're looking for managers with a greater technological skill set able to operate with a leaner staff and to be less dependent on outside consultants."

Rochester Institute of Technology, for one, will be offering an information technology degree, pending state approval. The school, in upstate New York, describes the field as a "hot career" for technologists who can find ways to apply computer knowledge to everyday use in business and at home, in contrast to those focused on theory or programming.

Another, related "hot" area is



Associated Press photo

The health care fields, short of personnel, are offering increased pay and other inducements to bring in new recruits. Here, medical

telecommunications, the school says. They estimate that 30 percent of the American workforce is directly involved with employers using telecommunications technologies, including data transmission and computer networks. RIT says its undergraduate program is preparing graduates for posts in all types and sizes of industries to design, make, market, support and manage telecommunications.

Environmental Technology

There is a growing need for people who can design and manage plans to protect the environment and deal with solid wastes, says RIT. Its program in environmental management-solid waste includes solid waste technology, economics, public administration and communications, aimed at collection, recycling, composting, incineration and landfill management.

There's a pure-science approach to environmental study — crossing biology, chemistry, physics and earth science — at Gannon Univer-

sity in Erie, Pa. "Most of our programs are devoted to hands-on, problem-solving experiences," says Stanley Zagorski, associate dean of Gannon's college of science and engineering. Gannon students have been analyzing the waters of Lake Erie and Erie County streams for contaminants, for example. "They learn first-hand the effect man has on his environment through this practical exercise, and at the same time they learn standard scientific methods used in the examination of eco-systems."

Students majoring in environmental sciences and engineering are finding the job market easier to crack than many of their classmates, say career services officers at Clemson University in Clemson, S.C. "Corporations must comply with the government's environmental safety regulations," says Alan Elzerman, associate professor of environmental systems engineering, assessing the opportunities. "Their product development researchers use environmental engineering and science to design new products, determine the effects of those new products and replace outdated ones."

Nursing

Job opportunities for nurses continue to be strong, says Dr. Luth Tenorio, chairman of the nursing department of Miami University in

Oxford, Ohio, citing projections by both the Ohio Commission on nursing and the U.S. Department of Labor. The state commission wants at least 48 percent of the Ohio's nurses to have a bachelor's degree by the end of the decade; currently only about 25 percent meet that qualification.

Nursing specializations paired with management skills will be especially lucrative, says Dr. Joyce J. Fitzpatrick, dean of the Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. "As more innovative healthcare initiatives are required and launched in response to the healthcare crisis, nurses with management skills need to be involved in the design and management of those initiatives. This means nurses with management and business experience will be hot ticket items, and this should be an exceptionally attractive area for career-changers with management experience," she says.

She points to starting salaries of \$32,000 a year for nurses without a specialty, \$70,000 for specializations such as nurse anesthetists, and six-figure salaries for healthcare managers.

And because almost all parts of the country have nursing shortages, graduate nurses can take their pick. "There is absolutely unlimited mobility. You can go

anywhere anytime. You also can create work schedules that are ideal for family life and personal values," says Fitzpatrick.

A new Bolton Scholars program on her campus offers 75 percent tuition assistance, and candidates work in "hands-on, high-tech nursing" in major hospitals soon after classes start. For information about the programs, call 1 (800) 825-2540.

Occupational Therapy

There aren't enough occupational therapists, either, and the American Occupational Therapy Association continues its campaign to find candidates for study. An estimated 9 million people — the disabled, those who have had critical injuries or illnesses among them — receive therapy every year, and the organization says that number will increase.

OT graduates now can expect to receive an average of four job offers within a month of graduation, and many candidates are offered sign-on bonuses and salaries in the \$30,000 range or above, according to the group.

Jeannette Bair, AOTA executive director, says that the campaign is aimed not only at students but to people interested in second careers. For information about OT careers, call 1 (800) 366-9799.

Orthopedic Surgeons

Because of the aging of the population in coming decades, the demand for orthopedic surgeons will rise dramatically, according to the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons. Once a specialty devoted to children suffering from spine and limb deformities, orthopedists now treat patients of all ages with or without surgery for ailments of bones, joints, muscles, ligaments and nerves, including osteoporosis and back problems common to older patients.

The organization says that currently there are about 19,000 orthopedic surgeons and residents and estimates that by 2030, there must be about 28,500 — a 34 percent increase. For more information, write to the AAOS at 222 S. Prospect Avenue, Park Ridge, Ill. 60068.

Medical Physicists

Medical physicists who use radiation in therapy, such as cancer treatment, and in diagnostic imaging are another group in high demand, with salaries to match. "It's not unusual for a medical physics graduate with a master's or doctoral degree to start from \$38,000 to \$50,000," says George A. Sandison, director of radiation biophysics at the Indiana University Medical Center. "With some experience, they could earn \$70,000."

Sandison and Robert R. Landolt, professor of health physics at Purdue University, are joint coordinators of medical physics program run cooperatively by the two universities.

Medical briefs

Antihistamines as sedatives?

NEW YORK (AP) — There are some people who use antihistamines for their side effects — as sleep aids or tranquilizers, for example — rather than for their intended purpose; it's a potentially dangerous practice. Most antihistamines are used safely and effectively to relieve symptoms of colds and allergies. But because of legal restrictions on the sale of almost all sedatives and stimulants, some people turn to antihistamines, taking larger doses of an antihistamine to achieve a desired degree of sedation.

In a single overdose, antihistamines can cause nausea, dizziness, and impaired reaction and muscular coordination. Although serious reactions are rare, antihistamines have been associated with urinary retention, blurred vision and anemia. The drugs may be particularly dangerous to people with glaucoma, peptic ulcer or enlarged prostate.

Generally, antihistamines are meant to be taken for seven to 10 days, not indefinitely. If cold or allergy symptoms do not respond in that time, an underlying cause that requires medical evaluation may be the problem.

Early detection best defense

Colon cancer strikes an estimated 100,000 Americans each year, and the first line of defense can be early detection and removal of intestinal polyps.

Polyps grow out of the intestinal wall into its interior. And there is a definite link between some kinds of polyps and colon cancer. Patients will rarely have symptoms from polyps; it's not until cancer has developed that symptoms develop.

People with a family history of polyps or with long-standing ulcerative colitis seem to be most predisposed to colon cancer.

But all men and women over 50 should be tested for colon cancer every three years — more often for people at high risk.

Screening for polyps involves viewing the intestinal wall with a flexible fiber optical instrument called a colonoscope. Screening for colon cancer also includes tests to detect blood in the stools.

Home health care offers many services

If you are caring for an aging parent or chronically ill spouse and you think you need a break, there are services available:

Home health care. Services include nursing care and physical, occupational or speech therapy. Charges and hours vary according to services needed.

Meal services. Congregate meal programs provide one hot meal a day in a group setting. Volunteers also may deliver one hot meal a day to your home.

Adult day care. These provide

socialization and rehabilitative activities.

Respite care. Some nursing homes provide temporary care by the day or week. Or a respite caregiver may come to your home for a few hours.

Transportation services. Some organizations provide service to destinations such as doctor appointments, supermarkets or religious services.

For services that might be available in your community, check your local city or county office on aging, state or local health department or senior citizen center.

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Old friends have no words to console parents

DEAR ABBY: The son of our former neighbors died recently. I'll call him "John." There was no funeral service, no memorial service, and no obituary in the local newspaper.

My heart aches for John's parents. I didn't send a sympathy card, or even make a telephone call, because I was confused as to the "right" thing to do. Let me explain:

John was found guilty of murder, and he was executed by the state. I never knew him as an adult, but I remember him as a little boy who came to our house to play with our children. He was a lovable child who sang songs with our daughter and made her laugh. John's parents were decent, churchgoing people, and no one could have asked for better neighbors.



Dear Abby

What happened later in John's life, we do not know. But I do know that his parents must have died a thousand deaths before their son was put to death.

And so, to all parents who have lost a child in this tragic way, and to all their friends — like me — who said nothing because we didn't know what to say, I'd like to tell you now, "I'm sorry." — OLD NEIGHBOR

kind and compassionate person. Thank you for a very moving letter. Many parents will identify with it and find comfort and consolation in your words.

It is not too late to share your happy memories of long ago with these bereaved parents. Do not hesitate to write them a message of condolence. They need to hear what you want to share.

DEAR ABBY: I thought I'd seen everything in your column, but this problem is unique.

A little background: I'm a 48-year-old man with a 22-year-old son, whom I raised as a single parent. I thoroughly enjoyed being a parent and doing domestic chores, so I went to school last year to get my certificate as a "child care specialist" — otherwise

known as a "nanny."

Frankly, I think the \$2,000 in tuition was wasted. Since I graduated, I've sent out 50 resumes and made 10 to 20 phone calls a week. So far, only one person has called back. When I do get a live person instead of a recording, it's always, "Oh, we wanted a woman!" Or, "If we didn't have daughters, we might consider you" — despite the fact that the three families I've worked for have all had girls.

Abby, if women want to eliminate sexism in our culture, I think they should start at their own doorsteps. If we want our nation to become kinder and gentler, we have to accept men as caring and nurturimg individuals.

I know you can't do anything about society's attitudes, but I feel better just being able to unload this. Thanks for listening. — GARY JONES, BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.

DEAR GARY: Your situation is a new twist, but "society" and our culture do not easily accept male nannies. (They should be called "mannies.") I have no doubt about your being every bit as qualified as a female for that position. Let's hope that silly prejudice is done away with soon.

Jean Dixon

FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 1992

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: Avoid pushing too hard for resolutions and completions; steady pressure works best. Career matters will dominate your thoughts in August. Business trends you spot then will continue through late fall. A long-sought reunion could take place during the Christmas season. Seek fresh challenges early in 1993. The key to greater public recognition is better self-promotion. The family circle will be enlarged by next spring.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE: actress Julie Sommars, singer Roy Clark, rock star Dave Edmunds, actress Claudia Cardinale.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Brainstorming with your co-workers creates better rapport. An office romance begins to heat up. Go that extra mile for a friend who is in trouble. Finalize business deals.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Travel could help you land new business now. Meet prospective clients face-to-face. Family life improves if you make certain compromises. A reconciliation attempt meets with success.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Working closely with VIPs could bring new financial rewards. When push comes to shove, be decisive. A festive mood helps you shine at a social event. Put your best foot forward.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Romance is in the air. Do not let a feeling of discontent get the best of you. You win approving nods from your peers and higher-ups today by saying exactly what everyone feels.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Base a decision on hard facts. You need to weigh your options carefully before changing jobs or making a new investment. A professional relationship gets off to a terrific start.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Move boldly into new territory. Rich business gains await. Innovative ideas attract the attention of influential people. Be very clear when giving instructions or directions to subordinates.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Curb a tendency to lock horns with your co-workers. You can have a great time if you become part of the gang. Catch up on world events. Overseas contacts hold rich promise.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): The emphasis today is on being a good listener. Avoid sounding critical. A teen-ager volunteers some interesting information. Do not betray this young person's confidences.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Hatch a get-rich-and-famous scheme now and you could lay an egg. The focus is on fun and romance, not on who is top banana. Postpone signing a binding agreement.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Developing your creative talents should be a top priority now. Speculative financial ventures are not favored. Friends may want to participate in family activities; include them if it is convenient.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You can make real headway in financial negotiations today. Inquiries yield valuable findings. Explore the world of music, dance or photography for a change of pace.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You feel most comfortable on your own ground. Conduct as much business as possible over the phone. A loved one may be unwilling to compromise on a major issue. Rethink your position.

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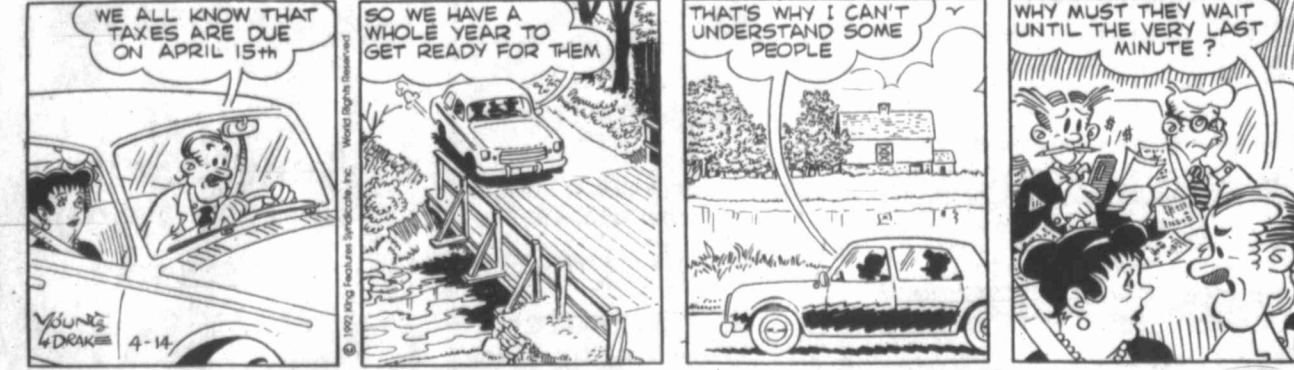
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