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Reflecting A Proud Community

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City's problems with TxDOT, FAA over airpark fund could be solved "if"

Proposal to TxDOT includes \$700,000 initial payment on \$2.6 million due to be repaid

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The problems with the city of Big Spring, Texas Department of Transportation Aviation Division and the way the Airpark Enterprise Fund had been spent could be resolved if TxDOT Aviation accepts the city's payback proposal.

Inconsistent financial records were discovered when the city applied for a Federal Aviation Administration grant

to sealcoat the airpark runways.

Questions were raised earlier this year by TxDOT Aviation about administrative fees, salaries at the airpark, fire station equipment and sewer and waterline systems.

Specifically, TxDOT Aviation is questioning several airpark expenditures from the last few years such as airpark fire station, its training tower and a used fire truck for \$619,000; a water and sewer system at the correctional center for \$604,000; and \$1.4 million for Western Container.

City Manager Gary Fuqua and Assistant City Manager Emma Bogard briefed Big Spring City Council members two weeks ago on the recent visit to Fort Worth by Fuqua, Bogard and former Colorado River Municipal Water District General Manager Owen Ivie, in which they met with FAA officials about the city regaining control of the airpark and about the Airport Enterprise Fund.

In September 1993 the fund had approximately \$2.6 million in it and down to about \$400,000 in September

1995.

TxDOT Aviation wants to know how, when and why, and how the city of Big Spring would get these funds back or in layman's terms when the investments made from the Airpark Enterprise Fund will show a return to the airpark.

Fuqua said, "It's like an investment and TxDOT Aviation wants to see a return or know how we plan to recoup the investments we've made."

Revenue generation and aviation are the two parts of the airpark. The FAA

is concerned about there being enough revenue generated to maintain the aviation part of the airpark.

After briefing the council on the findings of TxDOT Aviation and seeking its guidance as to how the city should respond to the questions raised by TxDOT Aviation, Fuqua said he and Bogard will probably make another trip to Austin around the first of April to present a proposal as to how the city plans to recoup the investments made

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Wednesday's moisture teases area farmers, ranchers

Howard, Borden, Mitchell, Scurry counties apply for federal aid for ranchers

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Ten West Texas counties — including Howard, Borden, Mitchell and Scurry — are among 130 counties statewide where officials have applied for emergency federal subsidies to help ranchers purchase cattle feed.

Less than 30 counties applied for aid last year.

Other West Texas counties that have applied for aid include Coke, Concho, Reagan, Sterling, Taylor and Tom Green.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture says more counties may have to apply.

Howard County Farm Service Agency Executive Director Rick Liles said, "Local ranchers are in just as bad a shape as other producers across the state. The precipitation Wednesday is a start, but just a little of what we need a lot of."

Liles added that normally at this time of the year, grass would be greening up, but because fields are so low farmers and ranchers are having to purchase more supplemental feeds, meaning supplies of feeds like hay are becoming scarce.

"To compound the problem, cattle prices are low as well," Liles said. "Without rain, a lot

of ranchers are having to cut down their cattle herds."

He added, "Any rancher will tell you that when you have to start feeding hay or other supplemental feeds, it's not a paying proposition."

As far as planting cotton is concerned, Liles said Howard County farmers usually plant between May 15 and June 20.

The drought has severely depleted underground moisture as well as top soil moisture, which is needed for planting, but Liles said most farmers have crop insurance and must plant to receive insurance benefits.

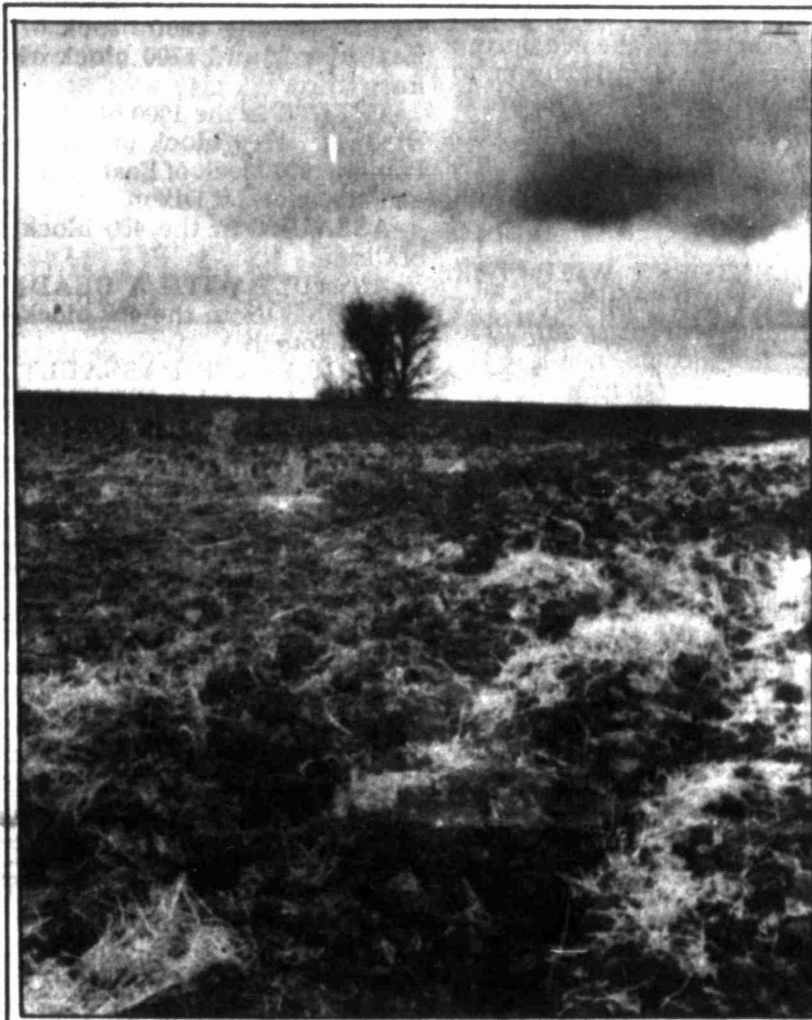
Little or no rainfall since the last part of 1995 has destroyed thousands of acres of pasture land, pastures that would normally be covered with grasses and wheat.

No rain and no pasture land means ranchers have had to buy more supplemental feed for their livestock.

The hit-and-miss rain and snow showers across Texas Wednesday gave little relief to drought-stricken farmers and ranchers suffering from drier-than-normal summer and spring seasons.

Wednesday's rains and up to 3 inches of rain that fell mostly in North Texas last week have

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A turned field quickly soaked up Wednesday's small amount of moisture as heavy clouds loomed overhead. Howard County is among 130 statewide to have applied for federal aid to assist ranchers in purchasing feed.

'Beautyless Pageant' slated to help fill Kid's Zone coffers

By SARA SOLIS
Staff Writer

A Kid's Zone Playground benefit will put a twist in an otherwise traditional beauty pageant at 7 p.m. Saturday in the City Auditorium. The Howard County Beautyless Pageant will feature prominent citizens and students cross dressing as beauty queen contestants and their escorts.

Beth Christy, organizer of the event, said 26 male contestants will dress and parade in women's clothing ensembles. They will be coming out in casual or play wear as well as evening wear, she said. "A couple of guys asked if they could wear swim suits" for the casual wear contest, she said. The contestants are making their outfits or getting them from their wives or from friends. "The other day in church a woman said, 'I need a size 54 dress for my husband,'" Christy said.

Several police officers and businessmen in the community will participate as beauty contestants in the event including, Sgt. Stan Parker, Lt. Scott Griffin; Cpl. Mark Couch; Carl Johansen, of Johansen's Nursery; and Ricky Robertson, of Mechanical Contractors. Christy said some Big Spring High School students and Key Club members, as well as some city employees will also participate. The city employees requested their names remain anonymous, she said.

According to Christy, each

contestant will be introduced by a stage name they have chosen. Some of the names are: Lolita; Bubbles; Cee Cee; Buffy and Muffin. The contestants real names will be listed alongside their stage names in the pageant program, "so people will know who their favorite impostor is," she said.

Diane Roach, owner of Nails by Diane, will kick-off the pageant by singing, "You Are So Beautiful." Roach will also sing during a short intermission between the casual and evening wear contests.

Christy said contestants can also choose to demonstrate a certain talent that will be performed during the casual/sports wear contest. She said she knows some of the contestants are planning on doing a lip-synch, and others have refused to tell her what they are planning.

She said female Big Spring High School Key Club members will dress as males and serve as escorts for the contestants. "They are going to wear tuxedo shirts, cummerbunds and black slacks."

During the evening wear contest, contestants will be asked a "beauty queen type question like, 'What would you do in the community to glorify the (Beautyless Pageant) crown,'" Christy said. She said while judges are tallying the votes, Stan Parker and Ricky Robertson, dressed in drag of course,

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Assault complaint filed over BSHS shoe-throwing

By SARA SOLIS
Staff Writer

A Class C assault complaint has been filed with the Big Spring Police Department following an incident at Big Spring High School when a teacher, Kay Wilson, removed one of her shoes and threw it at ninth-grade student Chauncey Ford, on March 20.

Additionally, BSISD officials have placed a letter of reprimand in Wilson's personnel file. Wilson declined comment on the incident.

BSISD Superintendent Bill McQueary said, "We are aware an assault charge has been filed at the police department and it is being pursued through the proper channels at this time."

According to Ford's mother, Bertie Ford, the teacher, tossed her shoe at Chauncey, "not in a mean way," in order to get his attention. "He (Chauncey) was staring into space" instead of doing his work, Ford said. "I have no problem with discipline, but do it the right way," she said.

Ford said Wilson apologized for her actions and received a formal letter of reprimand from the school district. But, "That type of discipline is no where in

because her son was not injured by the action, it was Wilson's first offense in the classroom and she has an excellent past history of discipline manage-

The law states, "a person commits an offense (class 'c' misdemeanor), if the person intentionally or knowingly causes physical contact with another when the person knows or should reasonably believe that the other will regard the contact as offensive or provocative."

Wilson will be notified by certified letter of her required appearance in court.

Ford said, "I would have been satisfied if they had suspended her (Wilson) for a couple of days ... I feel like if I don't do this it's going to be shoved under the rug and forgotten."

Ford said she feels the school district treats staff offenses less seriously than those committed by students. "I know if my child had hit her (Wilson) with a shoe, he would have been suspended ... They're not going to tolerate very much from these kids," she said.

She is circulating a petition that explains the incident with her son and asks the signers to choose which discipline they would prefer for the teacher; a letter of reprimand or suspension without pay.

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-Bertie Ford
student's mother

the book ... I told her (Wilson) I did not accept her apology," she said. According to Ford, Chauncey is still getting teased by classmates for the incident.

"I think she (Wilson) needs a couple of days suspension, without pay ... She needs to sit down, take some time out and think, 'does she really want to teach kids,'" Ford said.

Ford said a letter she received from McQueary, stated that the district supported a letter of reprimand instead of suspension

ment. The letter also emphasized that the district does not support such actions in the classroom, Ford said.

Ford filed the assault complaint with the Big Spring Police Department Monday.

Sgt. Victor Brake, of the Big Spring Police Department, said a Class 'C' assault case falls under the jurisdiction of the Municipal Court. If the person is found guilty, the judge can fine them up to \$500, he said.



Playground equipment in San Marcos, similar to that that will be constructed in Big Spring's Kids' Zone, is heavily used.

TEXAS TRIVIA

Who was the first lieutenant governor of Texas?

Albert Clinton Horton

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Security failed to protect Rabin

A day after Yitzhak Rabin's killer was found guilty, a report indicates Israeli security failed to protect the former prime minister. Page 6A.

Hubble gets shot of comet

The Hubble Space Telescope gets a shot of Comet Hyakutake as it streaks across the sky. Page 6A.

STATE

Showers give little relief

A day of showers across the state provides little relief. Page 5A.

Chlorine spill injures 2 dozen

A chlorine spill in Abilene injures two dozen and forces the evacuation of others. Page 5A.

TODAY'S WEATHER

Today **81** ▲ Highs **39**
Lows ▼

Tonight

Permian Basin Forecast

Friday: Warmer still, with highs near 85 and lows in 50s. Fair with some blowing dust.
Weekend: Continued warm and mild, highs in 80s. Some wind Sunday.

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OBITUARIES

Angel Lynn Gonzales

Angel Lynn Gonzales, 26, of Coahoma, died on Wednesday, March 27, 1996, at a Lamesa hospital, from injuries received in an automobile accident. Rosary services will be 7 p.m.



ANGEL LYNN GONZALES

Friday, March 29, 1996, at 1111 Hilltop Road. Services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, March 30, 1996, at St. Thomas Catholic Church with Rev. Robert Vreteau, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Coahoma Cemetery.

He was born on Aug. 21, 1969, in Big Spring, Texas, and married Aimee Cordero on February 12, 1994, in Midland, Texas.

Mr. Gonzales was a lifelong resident on Howard County. He graduated from Coahoma High School in 1988. He graduated from TSTI in Sweetwater in 1992 with a certificate in Auto Body Repair and then received a certificate in Criminal Justice from Western Texas College in Snyder in 1995. He had worked at Furr's Supermarket for a number of years and was currently working at the Rudd Unit, of the state prison in Brownfield, as a correctional officer.

He was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Aimee Gonzales of Coahoma; two sons, Mikael Gonzales of Big Spring and Nikolai Gonzales of Coahoma; his parents, Angel and Mary Gonzales of Big Spring; three brothers, Paul Gonzales of Coahoma and Jason Gonzales and Anthony Gonzales both of Big Spring; and one sister, Angela Gonzales of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Elvira Gonzales on Oct. 8, 1975.

Pallbearers will be Felipe Moran, Roman Padron, Daniel Gonzales, Jr., Oscar Gonzales, Michael Farmer and Robbie Mendias. Honorary pallbearers will be all of his cousins.

The body will lie in state at 1111 Hilltop Road.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Jessica Marie Rodriguez

Rosary for Jessica Marie Rodriguez, 8, Big Spring, will be 7 p.m. tonight at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Friday, March 29, 1996, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Rev. Chris Coleman, pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Miss Rodriguez died Tuesday, March 26, in a Houston hospital.

She was born on Sept. 28, 1987, in Odessa. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. She had attended school in Coahoma. Survivors include her parents, Juan M. and Maria Rodriguez, Big Spring; two brothers, Raul Rodriguez and John Rodriguez, both of the home; her maternal grandparents, Reynaldo and Raquel Hernandez, Presidio; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

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IN BRIEF

THE HERALD IS CURRENTLY updating the Springboard listing.

If you have anything listed in the Springboard, please contact Gina Garza between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. at 263-7331, to let us know that your listing is correct or needs changing.

After April 1, only those who have contacted us will be listed in the Springboard; all others will be deleted.

A KID'S ZONE PARK benefit will be held beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday on the old Webb Air Force Base Perimeter Road.

Bring your bicycles, roller skates/blades, wagons, skateboards to the three mile Walk/Wheels-A-Thon. Refreshments and door prizes will be available. Entry fee is \$5 per person with a \$20 maximum per family. For more information call Susie Lozano at 267-4660 or the Aerobic Connection at 263-3728.

THE FIFTH ANNUAL BIG Lake Bluegrass Festival is scheduled for today through Sunday at the Big Lake Community Center.

There will be entertainment by Big Sandy, Concho Grass, String Fever, Gore Brothers, Little Rascals and Star Canyon Band.

There will be cajun food and a handicraft show. Admission is \$5 Friday and \$8 Saturday. Doors open at 6 p.m. Friday and 1 p.m. Saturday.

Proceeds go to the Big Lake Volunteer Fire Department.

THE FCC AMATEUR RADIO "No-code" Technician License Test will be at 8:30 p.m. Saturday at the College Heights Christian Church, East 21st and Goliad. The test fee is \$6.05 which needs to be paid by check or money order. Candidates also need to bring a photo ID, a No. 2 pencil and a black pen. This test is sponsored by Big Spring Amateur Radio Club and will be administered by an American Radio Relay League Volunteer Examiner Team. For more information, call 263-5777 or 264-7527.

THE BIG SPRING HERALD is currently seeking submissions to its monthly "Readers Corner," formerly "Huh?", that runs the last Wednesday of each month. Stories or poems should be about a page and a half in length. Photos should be in focus and not too light or too dark. Make sure you identify who or what is in the picture and who took the photograph. When space is limited, submissions will be held over for the next month.

The next "Readers Corner" is scheduled for April 24 and the deadline to turn in your submissions is April 15. If you have any questions, contact Kellie Jones, 263-7331 ext. 112.

THERE HAS BEEN AN Alice Haynes Scholarship Fund established at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, Texas 79720. Attn: Cheri Sparks, President.

The Alice B. Haynes Dental Hygiene Scholarship will be awarded each year at Howard College to a deserving dental hygiene student, in honor of Dr. Haynes.

A ONE-DAY WORKSHOP for social workers, counselors, case managers, psychologists, nurses and other health care professionals is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday at Big Spring Country Club.

There is no registration fee and it will be presented by Dr. Suzanne Schmidt, a counselor and marriage-family therapist. The goals of the seminar are to promote self-evaluation, expose participants to strategies designed to increase energies and to challenge participants to learn skills needed for enhanced health.

There will also be a luncheon and ceremony at the Big Spring Country Club from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. to celebrate Social Work Month and to honor the 1995 social worker of the year.

To register, call 267-8216, ext. 7373.

VOLUNTEERS WITH THE VOLUNTEER Income Tax Assistance will assist senior citizens, low-income, non-English speaking and handicapped people with basic tax returns. The person's income is primarily from wages, tips, interest and dividends. They will also help with refunds of credit such as child care credit, earned income credits and credit for the elderly.

May cotton futures 84.14 cents a pound, up 30 points. May crude oil 21.37, down 42 points; Cash hog steady at 50 cents lower at 49.50 cents; slaughter steers steady at 62 cents even; April live hog futures 50.65, down 12 points; April live cattle futures 64.67, up 7 points. Courtesy: Delta Corporation.

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Big Spring ON THE RUN

TEXAS LOTTERY

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POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents in a 24-hour period ending 8 a.m. Thursday:

•CYNTHIA G. HERNANDEZ, 23, of 2515 Ent., was arrested for outstanding local warrants.

•CHARLES EDWARD THOMAS, JR., 43, of Lubbock, was arrested for a blue warrant.

•FRANCIS M. SIMPSON, 66, of Las Vegas, Nev., was arrested for unlawfully carrying a weapon.

•POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA in the 1100 block of Runnels and 700 block of East 11th.

•MINOR ACCIDENTS at Interstate 20 and Birdwell, mile marker 176 and 181 of Interstate 20 and East Marcy and Wasson.

•ABANDONED VEHICLES at 10th and Goliad, Third and Owens, in the 1500 block of East Marcy and 1700 block of East Third.

•THEFTS in the 1000 block of Birdwell, 1100 block of North Lamesa, 900 block of East Third and 4100 block of Dixon.

•ASSAULT in the 400 block of Circle.

•ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON in the 400 block of East Fourth.

•AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON in the 600 block of San Antonio.

•LOUD PARTY in the 100 block of East 16th.

•SHOTS FIRED in the 2500 block of Ent.

•DOG BITE in the 200 block of North Fifth in Coahoma.

•HINDERING A SECURED CREDITOR in the 500 block of Birdwell.

•JUVENILE PROBLEMS in the 1700 block of Donley and 1100 block of Mesa.

•INVESTIGATING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES in the 1600 block of Avion, 1700 block of East Third and 500 block of Birdwell.

•TINA CALDERON, 17, of 1602 Wren, was transferred from the Big Spring Police Department and arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces. She was later released on \$500 bond.

•GARY WAYNE CAREY, 35, of HC 61 Box 308, was arrested for indecency with a child. Bond was set at \$10,000.

•ELIZABETH JOY ALDRIDGE, 36, of 1106 Mari Jo, pleaded guilty in County Court to driving with a suspended license and theft. She was sentenced to two 90 day sentences and transferred to Mitchell County.

•ALEX DEWIGHT MINTER, 28, of 1103 B Runnels, was transferred from the Big Spring Police Department and arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces. He was later released on \$1,500 bond.

•STRUCTURE FIRE at Desert Hills Trailer Park.

•THEFTS on East Robinson Road and Eubanks Road.

•DEER HANGING IN TREE on Ritchie Road. Two suspects were arrested by the game warden.

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331, BETWEEN 8 A.M. AND 2 P.M.

YOU MUST CONTACT GINA BY APRIL 1 WITH ANY CHANGES, UPDATES OR TO CONFIRM YOUR LISTING OR THE INFORMATION WILL BE DELETED.

To submit an item to Springboard, put it in writing and mail or deliver it to us one week in advance. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79720; or bring it by the office, 710 Scurry. 1 TODAY

•Masonic Lodge #598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

•Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, free food for area needy, 10 a.m.-noon.

•Salvation Army drug education program, sponsored by Permian Basin Regional Council on alcohol and drug abuse, 7 p.m., Salvation Army Building, 308 Aylford.

•Spring City Senior Citizen Center art classes, 9:30-11:30 a.m. 8 and older invited.

•Battered women support group, 2:30 p.m. Call 263-3312 or 267-3626.

•Good Shepherd Fellowship, 610 Abrams, has services at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come.

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, small cafeteria on first floor.

•AA closed meeting, 8 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, noon open meeting, 615 Settles.

•The Fort Worth Chamber Orchestra will perform at 8 p.m. at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium. Tickets are on sale at Blum's Jewelers, Dunlap's and the Chamber of Commerce. Call the Symphony office at 264-7223 for additional information. Following the concert, Howard College food service is sponsoring a reception in the Cactus Room for the musicians and audience.

•Amateur Community Theater Society will be holding auditions, 7 p.m., Howard College Auditorium. Roles for 3 men and 6 women will be cast. Anyone interested in participating in community theater is welcome to attend. Several positions for stage crew and stage manager are also needed. Call 263-6407 for more information.

•Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

•Spring City Senior Center, free fashion painting classes, 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited.

•Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Music by CW & Company. Area seniors invited.

•Alcoholics Anonymous noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study, 615 Settles.

SATURDAY

•Amateur Community Theater Society will be holding a fundraiser/bake sale at the Big Spring Mall from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., or until everything sells. Money raised will be used to help pay royalty fees and expenses for the June play productions.

•Amateur Community Theater Society will be holding auditions, 1 p.m., Howard College Auditorium. Roles for 3 men and 6 women will be cast. Anyone interested in participating in community theater is welcome to attend. Several positions for stage crew and stage manager are also needed. Call 263-6407 for more information.

•Big Spring High School Choir Boosters car wash, Taco Villa, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

•Big Spring High School Choir Boosters parking lot sale, Bud's parking lot, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Craft supplies, clothing and misc. items.

•State Convention for Deomcrate Party held by Chairman Jerry Barker, Howard County District Courtroom, 7 p.m. Everyone who wants to attend the state convention in June needs to attend. Other topics include: make propositions, proposals for state convention and make more centralized voting.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, noon, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. open meetings, 615 Settles.

•Good Shepherd Fellowship, 610 Abrams, has services at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come.

•Incipient Shire of Crossroads, local branch of the Society of Creative Anachronism, weekly fighter practice, 2 p.m., Comanche Trail Park. Call Robert Black, 393-5438 or A.J. Hashem, 267-5825.

•Alcoholics Anonymous 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles.

•Howard County Youth Horsemen, 7 p.m., Howard County Youth Horsemen Arena Clubhouse. Call Paula Perry, 393-5617.

•Gospel Singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn. Call 267-6764.

•Tops Club (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), weight-in is from 5:30 to 6 p.m. and meeting starts at 6 p.m. Carriage Inn, 501 W. 17th St. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.

•Welcome Home Alcoholics Anonymous NON-SMOKING meeting, 6 to 7 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church located at 10th and Goliad.

•Project Freedom, Christian support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.

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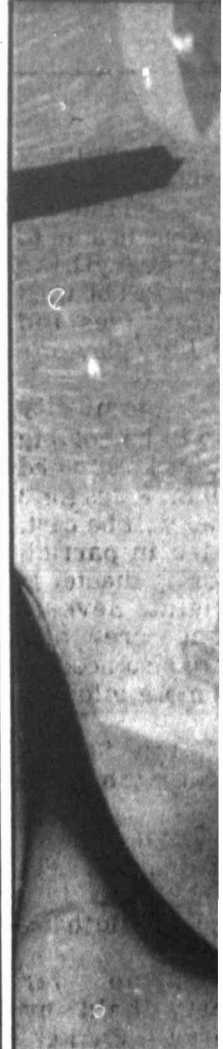
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Big Spring

By CARLTON J. Staff Writer

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Miguel Rodriguez applies carpet adhesive to the floor of the new Big Spring City Council chambers Wednesday before setting the carpet into place. Along with the carpet, other interior work currently being done to the old downtown fire station includes testing of the sound system.

Rape Crisis to hold candlelight vigil April 21 for victims, families

By SARA SOLIS
Staff Writer

The month of April is serving double-duty this year; it has been designated Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Child Abuse Prevention Month. Rape Crisis/Victim Services of Big Spring is sponsoring several events throughout the month to promote sexual assault awareness.

Governor George Bush will sign a proclamation on April 1 designating April Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Texas. Colleen Craver, executive director of Big Spring's Rape Crisis/Victim Services, said she said the designation is important because it brings sexual assault, something most people like to ignore, out of the closet. She said Rape Crisis/Victim Services centers across the state will be sponsoring different events in order to promote public awareness of sexual assault issues. Some will sponsor marches, poster and poetry contests, she said. The Big Spring center will host a candlelight vigil April 21. "Past victims will share their stories on the courthouse lawn at 8 p.m.," Craver said. The theme for Sexual Assault Awareness Month this year is "Listen to the Children ... Imagine A World Without Sexual Assault." This theme will focus on child

sexual abuse, how it effects families and their communities, and what concerned citizens can do to help prevent these crimes against children, Craver said.

She said Big Spring's Rape Crisis facility not only treats victims of rape but also victims of any violent crime. In the past the center has treated victims of domestic violence; sexual assault; incest; assault; physical abuse; marital rape; sexual harassment; verbal threats; stalking; emotional abuse; arson; indecency with a child; elder abuse; neglect; survivors of homicide victims; attempted suicide; and depression. "A lot of people don't realize we exist and are unaware of all the services we offer," Craver said.

In 1995 the center treated 866 primary victims, those that experienced violence first-hand, and 537 secondary victims, those that experienced violence through their relationship with a victim.

Craver said the center's case load doubled in 1993 and 1994 from the previous year, while 1995 numbers decreased about 5 percent from 1994. "I think for the size of our town, the violence is fairly high."

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will work the audience for tips. The show will be emceed by Dave Wrinkle, of KBST and judged by: Javier Becerra, Big Spring Police Department School Resource Officer; Tim Blackshear, mayor of Big Spring; Tim Diehl, manager of Wal-Mart; Gary Fuqua, city manager; and Charlotte

Williams, of the Harley Owners Group.

Christy said contestants will be competing for several awards, Miss Congeniality, Second Runner up, First Runner up, and Queen. "The Queen will receive a title, flower bouquet and a home-made crown," she said.

Admission to the show is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.

DROUGHT

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been the most significant in two months.

Added to the dry conditions, the Texas Forest Service says more than 3,000 wildfires have been reported this year, burning approximately 270,000 acres.

Worried producers are facing bottom-of-the-barrel cattle prices, because of ranchers flooding the market with cattle that can't be supported by dry rangeland.

And farmers, who don't even have their primary crops in the ground yet, face a lack of soil moisture necessary to boost the corn, cotton and milo that will be planted in the coming months.

Wednesday's showers brought an average of about a quarter-inch of rain in West Texas and

were expected to end by night fall. A rain was forecast for today according to the National Weather Service.

The severe drought area in the state is the Texas Pecos area. The High Plains, from Amarillo down through the Edwards Plateau to south Central Texas are considered mild drought areas.

The Low Plains (between Amarillo and Abilene) is considered an incipient drought area. North Central and East Texas is considered moderate.

For now, producers must wait and see and pray, which is what several cities, including Childress and San Angelo, have asked their residents to do in the form of official proclamations - pray for rain.

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from the Airport Enterprise Fund.

Bogard presented the city's proposal to the council Tuesday night, which included the following payback proposals:

-Water/Sewer line, \$604,000 less \$47,000 already paid back according to Bogard.

-Fire Truck, \$77,018, which is one half the purchase amount. One-half of the original amount has been proposed because the fire truck does service the airport as well as the west end of the city.

-Firemen salaries, \$70,716 for two firefighters.

The council debated about how to handle the firefighters at the airport fire station.

Six of the firemen at the sta-

tion are being paid from the airport fund and TxDOT thinks only two should be paid from that fund.

With the exceptions of Councilwoman Pat DeAnda and Mayor Tim Blackshear, the council voted to address the firefighter issue in fiscal budget 1996-97 by taking two to four firefighters out of the airport fund and transfer their salaries and benefits from the airport back into the General Fund.

Blackshear said, "If we need these four firefighters in the city, they should be paid for out of the general fund. If we don't need them, we need to cut the positions."

Blackshear's contention is to take the hit in the general fund now by putting the firefighters back into that fund and not

wait.

The proposal also says the water/sewer payback will come from the airport department.

Bogard said, "I might further explain this payback will not hurt the Utility Contingency Fund as there are ample monies still available for emergencies and unexpected expenditures."

With the council approving the proposal, the city's next move is to contact TxDOT aviation officials and try to reconcile the questions and concerns they have and keep the city and the airport from going into a noncompliance status with the FAA.

Big Spring, county unemployment drops

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Both the city of Big Spring and Howard County saw their unemployment rate drop by two-tenths of a percent for the month of February.

Big Spring's current labor force is 9,507 people with a total employment level of 9,019 and 488 people unemployed for an unemployment rate of 5.1 percent.

Figures for the previous month show a labor force of 9,458 with 9,050 people employed and 408 people unemployed for a 4.3 percent unemployment rate.

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Howard County's unemployment rate fell from 4.8 percent in January to 4.6 percent in February, employing 13,181 people from a labor force of 13,816. Last year, during the same period, Howard County employed 13,088 from a labor force of 13,699 and had an unemployment rate of 4.5 percent.

According to the Texas Workforce Commission the decrease in the unemployment rate is not unexpected as the local labor market continues to see persons

leave the labor market after the holidays. February is usually the final month of the holiday seasonal period.

The area is now expected to begin its move towards the summer seasonal employment pattern which usually begins in March and April.

The commission says there may now be a leveling of the labor market after more than a year of accelerated growth.

Statewide the unemployment rate was 6.2 percent for the month of February as 9.02 million people were employed from a labor force of 9.62 million.

You deserve a factual look at... The Legacy of Yitzhak Rabin Which direction for Israel in the wake of his assassination?

Yitzhak Rabin was an Israeli patriot and military hero. His assassination was an almost intolerable blow to his country, to Jews in Israel and in the United States, and to people all over the world. Now that the first shock has passed, it may be time to assess his legacy.

What are the facts?
Background of the "peace process": Rabin's party, the Labor Party, was elected primarily on the strength of its leader's promise to end the intifada (the Arab uprising) within six months of his assuming the government. He did also promise that he would never negotiate with the PLO; that he would not yield sovereignty over the Israeli heartland of Judea/Samaria (the "West Bank"); that he would not allow a Palestinian state to be created in the "West Bank" and Gaza; and that he would never yield the Golan Heights to Syria; and that Jerusalem would forever remain the undivided capital of the state of Israel. But, unbeknownst to him, his foreign minister, Shimon Peres, and his staff were secretly negotiating with the PLO.

These discussions culminated in the so-called "Declaration of Principles" and that historical handshake in Washington. With obvious misgivings, Prime Minister Rabin proceeded with the implementation of this "peace process". Having spent most of his life in his country's military service, he was well aware of the strategic importance of the "West Bank". It can be assumed that, whatever the pressures, he would never have given up military control over that area nor of the Golan Heights.

Things changed with Mr. Rabin's assassination. Shimon Peres, who had orchestrated the secret negotiations with the PLO, is now prime minister. Unfortunately, he is pursuing a much more heedless approach to the "peace process". There is now little question that full control over the "West Bank" will be transferred to the PLO, to Arafat and to his 30,000 soldiers (disguised as policemen), and that a Palestinian state will come into existence in the "West Bank" and in Gaza; that the Golan will be handed over to Syria in exchange for vague promises; and that Jerusalem, will be divided, with the western half being the capital of a diminished and vulnerable Israel and the eastern half the capital of the new Palestinian state. There now seems to be a headlong rush into

"peace at any price", without proper consideration for Israel's security interests and ultimately for its survival. **Life-and-death decisions without a mandate:** The "peace process" was initiated by Prime Minister Menachem Begin, leader of the opposition Likud Party, who signed the Camp David accord with Egypt. He had solid popular and Knesset support. But now, the Knesset majority of the Labor Party is paper-thin: 61/59. It is on the basis of this minimal majority that Mr. Peres now arrogates to himself the power of decision to change the borders of and to truncate his country. A clear mandate, a super-majority in parliament or in a plebiscite should be required to make such life-and-death decisions. Of the 61 votes in favor of the government, five belong to Arab parties. Especially since the Labor Party elevated the PLO terror organization to respectability, Israeli Arabs—mostly disaffected in any case—do not identify with and do not promote the interests of

Israel, the Jewish state. They identify with and promote the interests of the hoped-for Palestinian state. It is clear that, before too long, the Israeli Arabs, who are concentrated in Galilee, will demand severance from Israel and "Anschluss" to the new state of Palestine, thus further carving up Israel and contributing to its strategic disadvantage. If, as seems now to be foredoomed, Mr. Peres will yield the Golan to Syria, and with the "West Bank" in hostile Arab hands, Israel will be mortally weakened and virtually indefensible. The declared aim of the PLO, clearly stated in its covenant and never rescinded, is the destruction of Israel. The Arabs have recognized that, at least at present, that cannot be done by military means. The strategy, therefore, is the destruction of Israel in stages—first, by creating a Palestinian state in any territory that can be taken over through Israeli acquiescence, and then to foment an all-out assault against the critically vulnerable Jewish state. The policies of the current Israeli government seem to have made that goal more attainable.

The deluded fool who assassinated Yitzhak Rabin has accomplished the exact opposite of what he had intended. After having suffered more Arab terror casualties since the handshake than in any comparable period, it seemed pretty clear that the Israeli public had become disenchanted with the "peace process" and that the Labor government would be defeated in the elections scheduled for the end of this year. Because of Rabin's martyrdom, it is now quite possible that another Labor government will be elected and that the "peace process" will be continued, with the fateful results it may entail for Israel. One can only hope that Israelis, in homage to the slain premier, will take a very hard look at the flawed policies of Shimon Peres and at the "peace process" and its almost inevitable consequences, before it is too late.

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Quote of the Day

"Doubt isn't the opposite of faith; it is an element of faith."
-Paul Tillich

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OUR VIEWS

Why have commission if you don't follow its recommendation?

On Tuesday night, the Big Spring City Council was given the opportunity to approve on first reading a special use permit for a bingo hall for Howard County Association for Retarded Citizens.

The Planning and Zoning Commission, a group of volunteers appointed by the council, is charged with conducting hearings, checking plans and plats, listening to those pro and con and making a recommendation.

Granted, no where can you find a requirement that council follow the recommendation of its many bodies, boards and commissions — but more times than not, they do.

In fact, at Tuesday night's meeting the council followed recommendations regarding a pair of leases at Moss Creek Lake and six recommendations of the Traffic Commission regarding city streets and roadways.

Council, with the exception of one member, decided to not follow the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

As individuals, each council member should have their own reason for voting for or against the recommendation of their commission.

But it seems counterproductive to have a body of volunteers take the time to do the work that P&Z performs and then ignore the recommendation.

That even more so when, not so long ago, council members wondered why they should go against the recommendation of a committee they had appointed to study the switch from private to city-operated ambulance service.

If it was prudent to follow the recommendation of that body, it seems that you would follow the same logic throughout the process.

We don't know why Councilman Chuck Cawthon voted for the permit, but we do applaud him for standing behind his duly appointed commission.

As City Engineer and Utilities Director Ralph Truskowski pointed out, a specific use permit restricts the way the property of FM 700 can be used. There are a number of business operations that are not required to obtain a permit and don't have to have council's blessing.

HARC's bingo hall must have a permit and must have council blessing in order to obtain the specific use permit.

In the meantime, HARC can look outside the city limits and take their bingo game into the county if they desire. Odds are there's a location available and the county, we're sure, would be happy to take the tax monies the city doesn't want.

If HARC feels this is a fight worth waging, so be it. To those who say it is a dead issue, it is dead only if HARC no longer wants to pursue it... the city council deals with the business and interests of the city and her residents... all of her residents.

To paraphrase... *It ain't over until the citizens say it's over!*

Your Views

Reader questions council's decision to deny HARC permit for FM 700 bingo operation

To the Editor:

The Howard County Association for Retarded Citizens went before the city council for approval to build a bingo hall on F.M. 700, across from the mall and East of Burger King. This property is already light commercial zones.

A petition and opposition was submitted by Sharon Wilkerson on the grounds that a bingo hall attracts thieves and vandals and kids being destructive in the parking lot. Where do you suppose she got her information, since she admitted she does not play bingo? I resent bingo players being placed in this category as common criminals.

Even before the city council meeting, (council member) Pat DeAnda commented on the radio that she would vote to oppose a permit for Howard County A.R.C. No discussion was made by the city council only the vote to reject it.

I understand a dance hall or

other numerous businesses could be placed on this property, without permission (from the council), but the Howard County A.R.C. is being denied permission to build a bingo hall.

The City of Big Spring is always trying to get new businesses in Big Spring. How do they think this can be accomplished when they are influenced by a few citizens who want to stop everyone that desires to build in this town? How many times has this happened? How long is this city council going to follow this trend?

Bingo operations generate funds to support local charitable services. The city council is saying to the people, by their vote, that charitable services are not important.

In 1995, the City of Big Spring received \$51,297.06 from bingo revenue. Will the city accept the responsibility of supporting the various charitable services, if the organizations have no revenue from their bingo operations?

Letha Nixon
Big Spring



A racial quota ruling that brings hope

By PAUL CRAIG ROBERTS
Scppis Howard News Service

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals' ruling in Hopwood vs. State of Texas that racial quotas in university admissions are unconstitutional gives Congress the opportunity to end the divisive debate over racial quotas overnight and reclaim the Constitution from the hands of social engineers. All Congress has to do is to enact the ruling as a federal statute.

The alternative will be years, even decades, of turmoil as the bureaucracies and minorities with a material interest in admission privileges fight to overturn the ruling and to establish group-based law. These efforts will be countered by ballot initiatives, such as the California Civil Rights Initiative, seeking to reclaim individual rights and equal treatment under the law.

Already the Clinton administration's quota henchman, Assistant Attorney General Deval Patrick, is seeking to find a means of voiding the March 18 ruling. He may find a sympathetic Supreme Court justice to stay the ruling. More likely, pressures will be put on ambitious judges in other circuits with eyes on Supreme Court appointments for different rulings that would keep the final outcome in limbo.

More is at stake than race relations and the racial spoils system. In his famous dissent to the Supreme Court's 1996 segregation ruling, Justice John Marshall Harlan said: "Our Constitution is color-blind, and neither knows nor tolerates classes among citizens. In respect of civil rights, all citizens are equal before the law."

For the past quarter century, the practice of reverse discrimination has made a mockery of equal protection. Quotas arose unintentionally from federal judiciary decisions which at the time appeared to be limited rulings to open opportunities for minorities but had far larger implications. Before anyone realized what had happened,

racial quotas, which are unconstitutional and strictly illegal under the 1964 Civil Rights Act, were institutionalized in the federal government, private business and university admissions.

In brief, "diversity" has nullified both the Constitution and statutory law. Without the clarification and authority of a federal statute, the 5th Circuit's ruling will meet with massive resistance from university administrations. A "higher morality" will be invoked to shield non-compliance from criticism. Disrespect for law will be the winner.

There is also an economic reason for Congress to act. The 5th Circuit's ruling is a broad one that removes barriers that have prevented victims of reverse discrimination from suing in behalf of their right to equal treatment. Considering the extent of reverse discrimination in university admissions, a tidal wave of cases will soon hit the courts.

These cases will be expensive.

The 5th Circuit further leveled the playing field by opening the door to punitive or compensatory damages for white victims of racial discrimination. With every level of government strapped for funds and taxpayers with no more to give, it would be an extravagance for university administrations to squander their funds in defense of racial quotas.

Drawing on previous Supreme Court decisions, the appeals court said that the central purpose of the Equal Protection Clause "is to prevent the States from purposefully discriminating between individuals on the basis of race." It found that this unconstitutional behavior was precisely what Texas was doing in the case of law school admissions, and it ruled "that the University of Texas School of Law may not use race as a factor in deciding which applicants to admit in order to achieve a diverse student body."

The court ruled that "diversity" is not a compelling state

interest that justifies the creation of racial privilege. The diversity standard "treats minorities as a group, rather than as individuals," and fosters the creation of group law. Having different laws for different groups "contradicts, rather than furthers, the aims of equal protection."

The March 18 ruling is the first time since racial quotas were foisted on an unsuspecting country that a federal court has acted to disentangle constitutional law from the whims of social engineers. If Congress can find its own courage, the 5th Circuit's courageous common sense can save us from a Bosnian future, and we can get on with the business of being Americans.

(Paul Craig Roberts is chairman of the Institute for Political Economy, a distinguished fellow of the Cato Institute and author of "The New Color Line: How Quotas and Privilege Destroy Democracy" (Regnery Publishing, Inc.)

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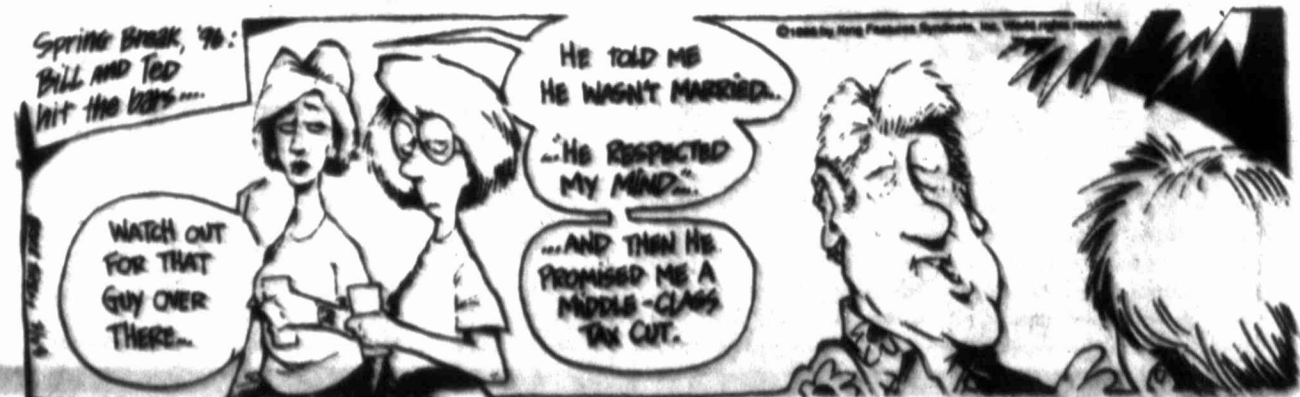
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Man who died in dentist's office was "dead man walking," defense attorney claims

FORT WORTH — A man who died in a dentist's office from an overdose of sedatives could have survived if he wasn't a "dead man walking" because of a serious heart problem, a defense attorney says.

Vincent Perini made the remarks Wednesday in an opening statement at the trial of Dr. James Michael Davis, standing trial on charges of involuntary manslaughter.

Perini told jurors that Davis did not know that his patient had a serious heart problem when he performed routine gum surgery in August 1989.

Davis, the first physician in Tarrant County to be charged with criminal malpractice, has acknowledged administering the overdose. But, a healthier patient could have survived the error, Perini said.

The heart condition that Richard "Greg" Garland suffered from is known as "the widow maker," Perini told jurors. If Garland had not died in the dentist's chair, he would have died unexpectedly somewhere else, Perini said.

FBI tries to avert bloodshed in Montana

WASHINGTON — The FBI has so far kept its standoff with militant "freemen" in Montana from erupting in the bloodshed that marked its sieges at Ruby Ridge and Waco, but experts warn that significant risks remain.

William Webster, the former FBI and CIA director, worries that politicians might try to force a prompt resolution. Other experts worry that a stepped-up FBI presence may create its own pressure for hasty action.

"Law enforcement should not be put under pressure by politicians to take precipitous moves," Webster said in an interview Wednesday.

day. "It takes a lot of patience and balance to make the response commensurate with the threat, and negotiators need a real opportunity to do their work."

James X. Dempsey, deputy director of the Center for National Security Studies, a civil liberties group, says if the FBI commits too many resources the investment alone could generate pressure for action.

Last week, there was no visible FBI or police presence near the group's 960-acre Montana farm whose foreclosure in April 1994 might be said to have begun the dispute. This week, two of the anti-government "freemen" were arrested away from the farm house, roadblocks were set up by black-uniformed FBI agents with flak vests and rifles, a command post was opened and Assistant FBI Director Robert "Bear" Bryant went to the scene.

Nearly two dozen injured in chlorine spill

ABILENE — Six people remained hospitalized today, one in critical condition, with injuries suffered during a chlorine spill at a welding supply company that forced nearby residents to evacuate.

Nearly two dozen people were injured in the Wednesday incident.

About 10 a.m., a worker at Paul Carroll Welding Supply Inc. loosened a valve on a one-ton tank and was sprayed by liquid chlorine, said Ken Dozier, division chief of training and safety in the fire department.

Part of the chlorine turned to a gaseous cloud and drifted into a north Abilene neighborhood. Authorities evacuated a number of residents around the company.

President David Carroll said worker Vernon Jones was doing a routine inspection, removing a safety plug from a cylinder to examine the inside and ensure it was clean and free of corrosion.

Day of showers across Texas spells little relief for farmers, ranchers

DALLAS (AP) — Sporadic showers across the state brought a trickle of relief to many Texas cities but merely teased farmers and ranchers running low on water and feed.

The National Weather Service forecast a warming trend that included no measurable rain through Friday.

In North Texas, Wichita Falls received the most rain by early Wednesday, with 1.79 inches reported during the 24-hour period ending at 6 p.m. Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport saw its first day this year with more than an inch of rain, recording just over that mark, said Douglas Cain, an NWS meteorologist in Fort Worth.

"This kind of rain is always helpful as dry as it's been," said Ed Callanese, a NWS meteorologist in Fort Worth. "This time of year, we need to get as much rain as we can. We had an unusually hot and dry summer."

Around dusk, Fort Worth police rescued two men stranded on the hood of their car by high waters in east Fort Worth.

Precipitation in Abilene came in the form of freezing rain, which iced roads all day as temperatures failed to top 32 degrees.

Showers near Waco, which received 0.71 inch, were just enough to spur some new grass

growth. Ranchers who have been desperately searching for something to feed livestock in the face of dry pastures and dwindling hay supplies can now look forward to new grass.

"I think we've had enough rain to get some grass. It'll take about three weeks to see it, though," Malone rancher Brad Henley said.

Because of the drought, more than 130 Texas counties have applied for emergency feed subsidies for ranchers.

Meteorologists said Texas has seen 3 to 4 inches less rain than normal for the first three months of the year. That followed an unusually dry autumn.

Outside North Central Texas, small amounts of rain did little but moisten the dust.

"Yes, the ground looks wet, but if you kick it, you will see it's dry underneath," Bexar County Fire Marshal Carl Mixon told the San Antonio Express-News. "What we need now is an opportunity for the grass to green up, and that will take several days after a rain."

Edwards Underground Water District officials said the meager precipitation did nothing to boost Edwards aquifer levels, except to reduce demands for water.

Even prayers have not helped. Childress and another West

Texas city, San Angelo, recently issued proclamations asking residents to pray for rain. But as of Wednesday night, Childress had seen a mere 0.14 inch of precipitation — including rain, sleet and snow — and San Angelo had reported 0.28 inch. Farther north in the Panhandle town of Dalhart, where residents began monthly prayers for rain and higher cattle prices in February, no rain fell.

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Line-item veto bill goes to House

WASHINGTON (AP) — Inviting presidential intervention to combat federal deficits, the Republican-led Congress is ready to give the White House historic authority to kill specific items in spending bills.

The House takes up so-called line-item veto legislation today — with passage there virtually assured — following a strong 69-31 vote of approval in the Senate on Wednesday.

Final passage would come more than a year after the House and Senate passed different versions of the bill, and after decades of debate over the wisdom of ceding legislative power of the purse to the executive branch.

"It will be the most significant delegation of authority by the Congress to the president since the Constitution was ratified in 1789," said Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, who helped craft the final House-Senate compromise.

Opponents warned that it tipped the balance of powers dangerously toward the executive branch. Senators, said Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., "are voting willingly to diminish their own independence as legislators. No longer will they feel absolutely free and independent to speak their minds concerning any president of the United States."

Judicial branch officials as

well have expressed concern that the measure gives the executive branch excessive power to affect judicial branch budgets and thus influence its operations.

The bill gives the president the authority to single out for elimination specific spending programs, tax benefits targeted at groups of 100 people or less and new entitlements included in larger appropriations bills. Currently, presidents can only veto spending bills as a whole, making it impossible to single out low priority or pork barrel spending items for deletion.

Like other vetoes, however, Congress could override the veto of a particular "line item" by a two-thirds majority.

"No longer will people get away with the time-honored practice of hiding appropriations," said Sen. Dan Coats, R-Ind., a chief sponsor of the bill.

The act must be renewed after eight years, giving Congress a chance to change or eliminate it if it's found that lawmakers have given up too much power or that a president is abusing that power.

"The one thing we should not do is elect a vindictive president," said Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., who hopes to live in the White House next year. "I don't think the present occupant is or the one chal-

lenging the president is, so we'll be safe for the next four years, and probably eight."

Dole and President Clinton agreed last week that the line-item veto would not go into effect until January 1997, removing it as an issue in this election year.

The House has included the line-item veto in a package of Republican "Contract With America" items attached to a bill to raise the federal debt ceiling. But House officials said the package contained language allowing the line-item veto bill to be considered independently so it can be sent to the president for signing.

"The unsavory task of increasing the debt limit underscores quite dramatically and urgently the reasons why we need the line-item veto," said House Government Reform and Oversight Committee Chairman William Clinger, R-Pa., who guided the original bill through the House last year.

There have been more than 200 attempts to pass a line-item veto since the first known bill was introduced in the 1870s.

Its success this year, Coats said, "is symbolic of a sea change in the way Congress views its role and how it spends the taxpayers' money."

Forty-three states give their governors a line-item veto.

Report: Israeli security failed to protect Rabin

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's security service failed to protect former Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, exposed him to "serious risks" and ignored warnings about plots to kill him, a government inquiry said today.

The findings came a day after Rabin's assassin, 25-year-old Jewish extremist Yigal Amir, was convicted of murder and sentenced to life in prison.

A government commission of inquiry blamed a lax "management culture" in government agencies and called for national soul-searching to remedy the climate of violence that encouraged the attack.

The commission's report included the sharpest criticism ever directed against the Shin Bet, leading its chief, Carmel Ellor, to resign. Ellor was responsible for allowing the New Assassination.

The report said it agreed with Ellor's decision to resign. Ellor was replaced by Ami Avnon, a former navy commander.

Ellor said today he accepted responsibility but said the commission did not adequately deal with the difficulties of preventing attacks by Jewish extremists.

"The commission did not agree to delve into... the special

problems in carrying out our missions, especially when facing a Jewish murderer and terrorist who came from among us," Gilon said.

The fact that a Jew killed Rabin shocked Israelis, who never thought Jews would turn their guns on one another. The Shin Bet, which usually focused on the threat of Palestinian violence, was slow to respond to warnings that a Jewish extremist could attack Rabin.

Rabin was killed as he left a Tel Aviv peace rally and walked down a flight of stairs to his waiting car. Amir leaped in the parking area without being questioned by police or Shin Bet agents. He walked up behind Rabin, passing by two bodyguards and fired three bullets into the prime minister's back.

The three-member commission was appointed by the government shortly after the killing. It held 11 meetings, heard 71 witnesses and published 214 pages of findings as well as a secret 218-page annex dealing with Shin Bet methods.

It said the Shin Bet had at least information of growing threat against the prime minister.

Since the signing of the first Israel-PLO peace agreement in

1993, Rabin had been increasingly targeted by right-wing activists who branded him a "traitor" and "murderer" for his willingness to hand over some of the West Bank and Gaza Strip to the Palestinians.

"The Shin Bet did not do enough in terms of adjusting its protection methods to the new risk to cope with the worsening threat and did not ensure that its VIP bodyguards properly understood the severity of the threat," the report said.

Methods used to protect Rabin were "unreasonable and exposed the prime minister to serious risks," the commission found, adding there was not enough security at the peace rally where Rabin was killed.

The panel said that despite the growing warnings, Gilon and other senior Shin Bet officials did not reevaluate protection methods.

The commission held Gilon directly responsible, saying that "the sensitive matter of protecting the prime minister is a matter in which the Shin Bet chief cannot divest himself of the responsibility for active supervision."

It also recommended that the head of the Shin Bet's VIP protection unit be removed.

Hubble Telescope captures comet's image

WASHINGTON (AP) — History may regard Comet Hyakutake as new, but astronomers say powerful jets erupting from the icy ball of dust suggest it has made many orbits around the sun.

New Hubble Space Telescope photos released Wednesday show that as Hyakutake cruises by the sun and is warmed by solar energy, jets of rapidly expanding gas and dust are erupting with great force through holes in a crust on the comet's surface, astronomer Harold Weaver said.

Weaver, a comet expert at the Space Telescope Science Institute, said comets that have made many trips near the sun develop a rigid envelope of debris and refrozen ice. As the comet returns to the vicinity of the sun, material under this crust will erupt, forming jets

of material.

"If the comet has been around the sun before, you get pressure building under the crust," Weaver said. "Then you get a hole blown through the crust and these jets."

If this was the first trip around the sun for Hyakutake, he said, then there wouldn't be this crust of rubble formed. You would get an even, uniform sur-

face instead of these jets."

The Hubble photos show the comet and its surrounding debris in red, but this is a false color created by filters and processing to help experts study the images, Weaver said. The photos show power jets streaming away from a glowing center.

Weaver said there is so much dust erupting that it will take weeks of studying the photos.

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Hippety-hoppety, rabbit rescuers bracing for Easter

DALLAS (AP) — Hippety-hoppety, Easter's on its way, and Barbara Yule doesn't need a calendar to tell her so.

She sees bunnies at pet shops, watches people sell them from cardboard boxes in discount-store parking lots. Those ears like exclamation points, penetrating eyes, fur softer than a baby's bottom steal her heart every time.

Break it, too. She knows in a few months the cuteness will be as stale as marshmallow eggs. That's when many owners release the rabbits. Many then become another animal's lunch. Other owners take their rabbits to animal shelters, where the pets are often euthanized.

The lucky ones end up in Yule's back yard. As founder and board member of the North Texas Rabbit Sanctuary, Yule rescues rabbits. Currently, she and two other board members have 100. And that, she says, is just the tip of the carrot.

"Probably 75 percent of rabbits born at Easter die," she says. "It's really, really sad."

OK, so sometimes rabbits chew. They might nibble an ankle if they're not getting enough attention. They might become aggressive if not spayed

or neutered. They're afraid of heights, so if dropped just might break a leg. From Yule's perspective, that about wraps up the negatives.

The positives? Lettuce see. ... They're smart. Their poop's virtually odorless and even decomposes. They can be litter-trained. They need no shots. And, coo-coo-coo-coo, they're pretty darn cute.

Just look at 1-month-old little Puff, snuggled and sleeping on its back in Yule's arms. To her, every bunny is some bunny. And black-and-white Dorothy, whose family left her with Yule when they moved away.

"She was upset. It took her a long time to like me," says Yule. "She has an attitude and I just love her to death. I like the ones with an attitude."

And blind-in-one-eye Harvey, found in a parking lot. Boomer, the "queen bunny," arrived at Yule's house one day in the wee hours.

One of Yule's cats, out on a nighttime romp, found the 4-ounce bunny, carried her home and deposited her on the kitchen floor. Yule bottle-fed her till Boomer was old enough to begin her backyard reign.

"She rules the whole back

yard," Yule says. "They all have their territory. The spotted bunnies are on one side of the yard, Boomer and her gang on the other."

With the exception of the few she can't bring herself to give up, the rabbits are up for adoption. If people carrot all, they don't mind paying the \$50 fee to cover spaying or neutering. Those who balk might be better off with a chocolate bunny.

Much as Yule wants each rabbit to have a home of its own, she sets strict rules:

— No bunnies for breeding. ("I wouldn't have to do what I'm doing if people were responsible.")

— No bunnies for snake food. ("People tell me snakes have to eat, too. I say they're not going to eat my bunnies.")

— No bunnies for families with hunting dogs, chows or German shepherds. ("People say they won't let the dog get close, but things happen. A rabbit will die from fright. Its heart will stop; it doesn't even have to be touched.")

— No bunnies for families with children under 8. ("Bunnies break easily. When I hear, 'Now Johnny, you're going to have to take care of this rabbit,' it doesn't go over with me. The main caretaker has to be an adult.")

— No bunnies for outside pets.

"The heat will kill them."

"I speak from experience," says Yule, who grew up in Australia. "When I was a kid, I did exactly what I tell people not to do. If my father hadn't fed my rabbit, it would have starved. It lived for three years, lonely, then got sick and died. I've always carried a certain amount of guilt because of that."

She turned her guilt into action several years ago. Her husband told her about a rabbit he saw in a pet store, living in an empty aquarium. She bought it and loved it. When it died, she got another. Then she started rescuing bunnies.

"Some have gone through abuse," she says. "They're so happy to have somebody reaching for them and giving them something to eat. Sometimes people have had a rabbit five or six years and decide they don't want it. If I get one under those circumstances, I have it out every night holding it and making sure it's feeling loved."

Through the years, Yule has learned lots about rabbits. She doesn't profess to know every breed and size. But she knows how to look for and treat most illnesses — at least until a veterinarian can see it.

Every three months, the North Texas Rabbit Sanctuary sponsors workshops at Richardson Square Mall. Members

teach how to clip nails, take temperatures and pick up a rabbit so it doesn't get scared.

The group is incorporated, operating on whatever donations it can raise (many plucked from Yule's pocketbook). A grocery store provides greens for the rabbits' meals. A Plano veterinarian often discounts services for the group's rabbits. Adoptive rabbit parents sometimes come over to help brush

bunnies looking for a home.

"We do well with our adoptions," Yule says. "Some people fall in love with their bunnies and bunnies rule the household. I've got people whose bunnies jump on the bed when it's time to get up. They know carrots and things are kept in the fridge and they'll bug you when you go there."

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3 University of Oklahoma students suspended in Indian tepee vandalism

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Three University of Oklahoma students were suspended from the university today for their role in the vandalism of an Indian tepee set up on campus as part of Native American Heritage Week.

University President David Boren said the students came forward and admitted their role in the weekend incident.

The tepee was stolen from a site near the Bizzell Memorial Library Sunday morning and found later on the lawn of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority house.

Boren said Corey Esser, Chad Creveling and Scott Phillips were suspended immediately, and would not be allowed to complete their work for the semester. Esser and Creveling also are suspended for the fall semester, Boren said.

Boren said Esser and Creveling were involved in the taking of the tepee while Phillips was involved in helping set it up on the sorority lawn.

Boren said two of the three were pledges and a third was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He said there was no evidence that the frat-

ernity itself was involved. He said the fraternity expelled the three individuals when it learned of their actions.

Two years ago, a tepee erected on the OU campus was vandalized by members of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

Boren said the three students suspended today were allowed to apologize to American Indian students and to the professor who owned the tepee. Fraternity representatives also apologized for the actions of the former pledges and member.

"The fraternity, by its quick action in severing its association with those involved, has made it clear that it does not approve of their actions," Boren said.

"I feel safe in saying that our chapter is the most racially diverse of any on campus and many of our alumni are Native American," fraternity president Jeff Nash said.

Boren said the matter is closed.

"It is my hope that lessons will be learned from this situation so that these kinds of actions will never be repeated in the future," Boren said.

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Symphony concert at city auditorium on Friday



SPIGELMAN

By KELLIE JONES
Features Editor

The Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra will be in Big Spring Friday to perform at an evening concert.

Tickets are still available at Blum's Jewelers, Dunlap's and the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. The concert will be at the city auditorium starting at 8 p.m.

The orchestra will also perform two concerts during the day strictly for the students of Howard County. Suzanne Haney with the Big Spring Symphony said the day concerts are a gift to the youth of the area from the Fort Worth

group.

Ron Spigelman is the associate conductor of the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra and Chamber Orchestra. He will conduct the concert in Big Spring.

He was born in Australia and until his recent appointment. In his native country, Spigelman was the Assistant to the Chief Conductor of the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra, a position created for him. The training project was designed to improve conductor training opportunities for young Australians.

Spigelman's is he was recently appointed as principal guest conductor of the Fort Worth/Dallas ballet. He plans

on returning to Australia on occasion to guest conduct at the Sydney and Adelaide symphonies.

Kevin Hall is the orchestra's principal bassoonist and will be performing a solo at the concert Friday.

He has been with the symphony orchestra for 19 years. He was awarded principal bassoon with the chamber orchestra in 1977 and the following year, he joined the symphony orchestra.

Hall also performs with several ensembles in the Dallas/Fort Worth area including Dallas Bach Society, Fort Worth Early Music and the Orchestra of New Spain.

The musician received his bachelor and master of music

performance degrees from the University of Illinois. He makes his own reeds for his instrument and produced a video to instruct others on the art of making reeds.

The concert promises music from Mendelssohn, Mozart and Weber including "Symphony No. 38 in D, K. 504, 'Prague'."

A reception at the Howard College Fireplace Room will follow the concert with entertainment and refreshments provided. The event is funded in part by a grant from the Texas Commission on the Arts.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7.50 for students and senior citizens and \$5 for children under 12.



HALL

Coahoma students win at contest

Special to the Herald

Coahoma Elementary competed in the University Interscholastic League Spring Academic Meet in Forsan on last Thursday as well as on Monday. The meet was zoned this year and schools participating were Forsan, Stanton, and Coahoma. The following list is the roster of events and students who placed in those events:

SECOND GRADE
-Creative Writing - Terrell Bibb, second place.
-Storytelling - Elizabeth Conley, first place; and Amber Arthur, second place.

THIRD GRADE
-Ready Writing - Shayla Walisa, third place.
-Spelling - Lance Roberts, fifth place.

FOURTH GRADE
-Number Sense - Josh Nobles, third place; and Jason Murphree, sixth place.
-Spelling - Brady Frazier, second place; and Trevor Bibb, sixth place.

-Oral Reading - K.K. Kellar, first place; Elisha Teeler, fourth place; and Cade Bowlin, sixth place.
-Ready Writing - Elisha Teeler, fifth place; and Trevor Bibb, sixth place.

-Art Contest (team event) - Haley Butts, Lindsey Schoeppner and Jason Murphree, all second place.

FIFTH GRADE
-Spelling - Derek Churchwell, first place; Justin Barnes, third place; and Chase Davis, sixth place.

-Oral Reading - Carl Wise, third place; Christy LaRue, fourth place; and Lauren Green, fifth place.

-Maps, Graphs and Charts - Trent Dehoyos, first place; Ricky Crawford, second place; and Nathan Sellers, fourth place.

-Ready Writing - Lauren Green, sixth place.
-Number Sense - Ashley Long, first place; Trent Dehoyos, fifth place; and Kristi Gonzales, fifth place.

-Music Memory (team event) - Natalie Rodgers, Michele Walker and Jennifer Hudson, all second place.
-Listening - Jessie Bennett, third place; Alicia Rodriguez, fourth place; and Megan Young, fourth place.

-Art Contest (team event) - Destin Noble, Derek Churchwell and Candice Rose, all second place.
-Dictionary Skills - Michael Batterton, first place; and Josh Brown, fourth place.

SIXTH GRADE
-Ready Writing - Erin Stovall, third place; and Lauren Nichols, sixth place.
-Spelling - Megan Reyes, second place; Cody Hogan, third place; and Jennifer Hurst, fourth place.

-Oral Reading - Lesa Monroe, first place; Tara Dickenson, second place; and Crystal Atkinson, third place.
-Number Sense - Cory Cook, second place; and Travis Hipp, fourth place.

-Music Memory (team event) - Jamie Corse, Amanda Bayes and Megan Reyes, all first place.
-Dictionary Skills - Paul Ruiz, third place; Brandon Halle, fourth place; and Richard Rye, sixth place.

-Calculator - Daniel Murphree, first place; Eric Henry, second place; and Derek Dehoyos, fourth place.

All about Readers Corner

The "Huh?" page has been renamed Readers Corner to better reflect that *Herald* readers are the ones submitting the stories, poems or pictures found on this page.

Submissions for the next Readers Corner page should be at the Herald office by April 15. The next Readers Corner page is scheduled for April 24.

Stories and poems should be about a page and a half in length. Photos should be in focus and not too light or too dark; please identify the subject and who took the photo.

If space is limited, submissions may be held over until the following month. For more information, call Kellie Jones, 263-7331 ext. 112.

Teen's boyfriend says he has right to force sex

Q: I am a high school freshman and am 14 years old. I am concerned about "date rape." I have been going out with this guy and he says that he can have sex with me whenever we go out because we are a couple. I don't enjoy the sex and sometimes I don't want to have sex. But he says that once we've had sex, I can't say no. Is he right and what can I do?

A: He is absolutely wrong! Just because you date someone or are part of a "couple" does not mean that your partner is entitled to sex. Any time that you are forced into sex against your will, it is legally rape. And in a number of states, including Texas, the law states if you are 14 years old or younger, you cannot legally say "yes" to sex anyway.

If this boy is forcing himself on you, it is rape and it should

be reported. You can call the police and make a report, or call the local Rape Crisis Center.

He needs to understand that simply because he dates you does not mean he owns you and that he can do things that you don't want to do. Say "no" and walk away. The very best thing you can do is not see him anymore. Talk to your school counselors or your parents and let them know what has been going on.

Realize that the patterns you are creating in your dating relationships have a lasting effect on you. Future relationships could end up the same if you continually choose the same characteristics in men. Stop dating the negative ones.

Look hard at this guy's aggressiveness toward you and ask yourself if this kind of man

is good for you. We don't think so.

You are not alone and there are support systems available for you. Use them and take care of yourself. Date rape is very serious and goes unreported a lot. Teens need to be more aware of their rights and know date rape isn't love. It's illegal.

Q: My ex-boyfriend went out with a girl and she won't leave me alone. She thinks I am going to take her away from her, even though we don't have anything going on. How do I get her off my back? She wants to fight me for no other reason. I think she's jealous. What should I do?

A: She's obviously very insecure in this new relationship, and it apparently means a great deal to her. Sometimes people behave strangely out of their

own fears.

Something you might try at first is to stay away from your ex-boyfriend. According to your letter, not seeing him won't be difficult.

If you have the opportunity to tell her that you don't want this guy back, do so. You have no reason to lie and you should tell her so. In time, their relationship may grow and she might be able connect your disinterest with truth and she begin to trust in what she has to offer.

Teen Talk is a weekly feature of the El Paso Herald-Post written by teachers Carolyn Lea Wilson and Rose Mary Carbajal. Questions may be mailed to Teen Talk, P.O. Box 371965, El Paso, TX 79937. Answers can be given only through this column.

Many young Americans are binge drinkers, study says

Scripps Howard News Service

On an average night in America, 40 percent of people aged 18 to 30 will drink enough alcohol to impair mental and physical performance, a survey released Monday shows.

The survey, commissioned by the American Medical Association, paints a disturbing picture of alcohol abuse among young adults:

-15 percent said they drink six or more drinks a night.

-One in five said they occasionally drive drunk and 5 percent said they drive drunk every time they consume alcohol.

-13 percent said they have been involved in accidents while in a drunken state.

-Nearly one in five is a frequent "binge" drinker, with males consuming five or more drinks and females four or more; 7 percent say they drink this much every time they drink.

"These results demonstrate a sad, unconscionable waste of talent and potential by our country's young people," said Dr. Nancy Dickey, chairman of

the AMA's trustees.

"It's an abuse of their minds and bodies that opens the door to other serious high risk behaviors, and threatens all of us and our loved ones on

The survey also confirms most earlier research in showing more men drink, and drink more, than women.

America's streets and highways," Dickey added.

The AMA has recently decided to establish an office on alcohol and substance abuse, which later this spring will launch a public health education program to combat drinking by the young.

Consistent with the overall national pattern among adults, 34 percent of the 800 respondents to the survey said they do not drink.

The survey also confirms most earlier research in showing more men drink, and drink more, than women.

Only 27 percent of men said they abstain, while 42 percent of women do.

Nearly one man in three, 31

percent, admitted to drinking five or more drinks at a sitting, while only 16 percent of women hit the four or more threshold. And almost one man in 10 said he binges every time he drinks,

while only 4 percent of women said they always drink to such excess.

People aged 19 and 20 may be the most vulnerable, with 20 percent of them saying they typically consume six or more drinks at a time.

White young adults are more likely to drink than other groups; 32 percent of whites say they never drink but 46 percent of non-whites are teetotalers.

Geography seems to play a role in heavy drinking. Young adults in the Northeast are almost twice as likely to binge as those in any other region, while in the Pacific Northwest almost three-fourths (71 percent) of young adults do not

binge.

LIFE! IN BRIEF

Here is a list of upcoming events in Big Spring and Howard County:

-The FCC Amateur Radio "No-code" Technician License Test will be at 8:30 p.m. Saturday at the College Heights Christian Church, East 21st and Goliad. The test fee is \$6.05. Candidates also need to bring a photo ID, a pencil and a black pen. For more information, call 263-5777 or 264-7527.

-April - Spring City Arts and Crafts Show at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum April 13 and 14; S.T.A.R.S. University Interscholastic League at Howard College and SWCID April 18-20 and Health Fair at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on April 20.

-May - Big Spring Square and Round Dance Festival on May 3-4 at the Square Corral; Cinco de Mayo Festival on May 5 and American Cancer Society's Relay for Life at Big Spring High School May 17 and 18.

-June - Big Spring Cowboy Raunion and Rodeo at the Howard County Fairgrounds and Rodeo Bowl June 26-29.

-July - Howard County 4-H Junior Rodeo at the Rodeo Bowl July 19-20; Comanche Warrior Triathlon at Dora Roberts Community Center and Comanche Trail Park July 27-28.

TIPS 'N' TRIVIA

Fishing tips

(NAPS)— Ways to increase your enjoyment.

-Short trips are more important to kids than great fishing. They'll learn to like fishing better if they learn about it a little at a time.

-Don't leave the dock without buoyant cushions for each boat occupant.

-If you're tired of your inside box sliding all over the boat, give a couple strips of Velcro to the bottom of box and boat.

-To remove old monofilament line from reel easily, use an electric drill. Insert a dowel in the chuck, tie line to it and run the line off with the drill open.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Springboard updates needed

The Herald is currently trying to update the Springboard. If you have anything listed in the Springboard, please contact Gina Garza between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. at 263-7331, to let us know that your listing is correct or needs changing. After April 1, only those who have contacted us will be listed in the Springboard; all others will be deleted.

Income tax help

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance will assist senior citizens, low-income, non-English speaking and handicapped people with tax returns. Volunteers will be at the First Presbyterian Church on Mondays through April 8. Appointments can be made by calling 263-5522 or 263-4211.

Relay for Life gearing up

The Howard Glasscock Chapter of the American Cancer Society is hard at work preparing for the second annual Relay for Life, scheduled for May 17 and 18 at Blankenship Field. Jay Pinney is in charge of team recruitment and information is available at the Krest Patch 1008 11th Place or call Jay at 267-1486. Clubs, church groups, businesses and families are urged to get a team and join the Relay for Life.

Program needs volunteers

The Mobile Meals Program, also known as Meals on Wheels, needs volunteers to deliver meals. If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you. About 25 to 30 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered in Big Spring. Call 267-4509 or 263-4016.

THE LAST WORD

It'll tell you how the sun rose; a ribbon at a time.

—Emily Dickenson

We are here and it is now. Further than that all human knowledge is moonshine.

—H.L. Mencklen

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Girdles to hide that 'spare tire' are now available for men

Scrapps Howard News Service

It sounds like the kind of product you'd find advertised in the back of National Enquirer: "Guys, Take Off Years and at least 10 Pounds with Amazing Body Briefs. Impress Her and Make That Unightly Beer Belly Disappear with the He-Man T-shirt."

But don't laugh. These products are as near as the underwear department in your favorite store.

Experts say we shouldn't be surprised. Guys have been wearing Lycra bicycle shorts for years, but such fabrics are newer to briefs and T-shirts.

So what's to keep men from donning underwear enhanced with Lycra?

Jockey is among the manufacturers offering elongated leg briefs with Lycra (the stretchy DuPont material) and such designers as Ralph Lauren include Lycra in their sport collections.

Vernon Peers, who searches for new markets for Lycra at DuPont, says the concept of shapewear is broadening from the sports arena to everyday wear.

"There seems to be a lot more interest in it in the past two to three years," he says. "As baby boomers are moving into the love-handle stage and are less firm in the belly, we see the need for it, but there's a certain amount of vanity that needs to be addressed," Peers adds.

Research shows that men look first and foremost for comfort in underwear, says Peers. Next are such factors as fit, style, support and how new-looking the item stays.

So they're not going to wear a garment that's too confining. And they'll run in the opposite direction if someone tries to sell them a "girdle" that looks like something their mother or grandmother might have worn.

Nancy Ganz, whose New York company, Bodyslimmers, sells about \$10 million in women's slimming undergarments annually, knows all these things.

Her Man and Woman Undercover Collection came about when buyers and customers began asking Ganz for a man's version of some of her shapewear garments. The new line includes a nylon and Lycra "Man Band" for the waist and gut, an "Ab Fab Cincher Tank" to control beer bellies, a "Double Agent Brief," to conceal love handles, and a "Double Agent Thighliner" which looks like bike shorts and can be used as activewear.

No man should be embarrassed to ask for these items, but the one that might cause a blush or two is the "Butt Booster," for those with a bagging or barely-there derriere.

All items will retail for \$15 to \$50. Ganz says she will be introducing the line on cable television's QVC so she can get consumer reaction to the line before rolling it out to department stores this summer.

The first big test came when she had her husband wear the garments. "He likes the Thighliner," Ganz says. "He's got a perfect body, but men are like that — they think they have a little something that needs slimming. And the collection makes them look more toned; their clothes look better. Men are perfectionists about fit."

Unlike the women's shapers Ganz has designed, the men's items have "hidden" nylon Lycra panels encased in cotton so that you get the slimming benefit of nylon but still have the appearance of cotton, as well as the softness of cotton next to your skin.

"It's kept secret," Ganz says of the panels. "Nobody will know."

So far, models have liked the items, Ganz says, but she's eager to have men try them. And who will be her customer? You might be surprised.

"Anytime we can convince customers they look taller, slimmer, younger and sexier, we can make a sale," says Max

Grassfield, owner of Grassfield's, a longtime Denver menswear retailer.

Men are self-conscious about their appearance, they just don't fess up to it as readily as women do, says Tom Julian, a menswear expert whose Main Floor television show is nationally syndicated.

"I've done makeovers with men and when I ask them for their size, they give their 'mind size,' the size they'd like to be,

or used to be. When I hear it, I know it's not right, because it doesn't mesh with their measurements.

Dressing slimmer is a matter of knowing your body type and what flatters it, according to menswear experts.

Men's fashion is in a slenderizing cycle, says Ned Mackey, a buyer. "Suits and sportcoats have extended shoulders and are trim in the hips and body. There's no vent through the

body. It's a nice silhouette," and more flattering than the traditional "sack" suit, Mackey says.

In higher fashion lines, high armhole placement and a suppressed waist are slimming, but men don't want to give up comfort, Mackey says.

Mackey suggests men avoid plaids if they want to look slimmer. Vertical stripes will elongate the body, horizontal stripes will make it appear

wider. And they shouldn't shy away from pleated pants.

Menswear expert Tom Julian offers these other tips on dressing slim:

- Wear a vest to help conceal an extra five to 10 pounds.

- Avoid "Cosby" sweaters — those big, busy, colorful knits actor Bill Cosby was fond of wearing on his television show. Instead, pick fine gauge knits that will complement casual, monochromatic outfits.

- Make sure your clothes fit. On pants, make sure the pockets don't pull and that pleats lie flat. Suit jackets and sportcoats should be able to button comfortably when you stand.

- Dressing in one color — as in a matched suit, or in complementary shades — is more slenderizing than wearing a lot of different colors. Try a charcoal gray sweater and pants with a vicuna sportcoat, something that will offer a "frame," Julian says.

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READ ALL ABOUT IT

This column is based on an Associated Press story that ran last month:

Test your reading comprehension by reading the story below and answering the questions that follow.

Firefighters Free Trapped Dog

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — A cat in a hat or even a tree is something firefighters sometimes see. But a dog in a drain?

George, a three and a half-month-old German shepherd mix, apparently chased a toy that rolled behind an old cast-iron kitchen sink, left sitting on the floor during a remodeling project.

The pup poked his head into the sink's 6-inch drain, and got stuck.

Owner Frayne Fischer couldn't budge George, so he carried dog and sink together to the local fire station on Tuesday.

Firefighters tried a hacksaw, but the blades broke.

A chisel only managed to "scare the thunder out of the little dog," said fire Capt. Allen Beck.

And soap and grease did no good because George's head had swelled.

The firefighters finally resorted to a heavy-duty, metal-cutting circular saw, cutting the heavy metal enough so they could use the Jaws of Life power tool, usually reserved for rescuing people from crushed cars.

"We've done a lot of extractions throughout the years, but a dog in a sink being brought to the fire department was a new one," Beck said. "That's one of the more fun ones."

Use information from the story to answer the following questions:

1. How did George get stuck in the drain?
2. Why was a kitchen sink left sitting on the floor in Frayne Fischer's house?
3. When the Missouri homeowner couldn't get the stuck pup from the sink drain, what did he do?
4. Why do you think that Fischer decided that the fire station would be a good place to get help?
5. Name the three tools used by the rescuers in their efforts to cut the heavy metal drain.
6. What happened when the firefighters tried to cut the metal with a hacksaw?
7. Do you think that it was a good idea for the rescuers to try to use soap and grease to free the puppy? Explain.
8. What is the Jaws of Life? What is it designed to do?
9. Why did the firefighters think that extricating (freeing) George was fun?
10. The 3-month-old pup was scared during his ordeal. If you had been there, how might you have comforted him?

Answer Key: (Wording may vary.)

1. George got stuck when he poked his head into the drain after chasing a toy behind an old sink.
2. The sink was on the floor because part of the house was being rebuilt.
3. When Frayne Fischer was unable to help George, he carried the trapped dog and the sink to the local fire station.
4. Answers will vary.
5. The firefighters tried to cut the metal with a hacksaw, a chisel and a circular saw.
6. When the rescuers used a hacksaw, the blades of the saw broke.
7. Answers will vary.
8. The Jaws of Life is a power tool. It is used mainly for rescuing people who are trapped in crushed cars.
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10. Answers will vary.

PART TWO: DOGGIE DILEMMA:

Puppies can get into a lot of trouble. Suppose that while you were watching your neighbor's pup, the dog found one of the objects listed below and chewed on it. Write a note to the dog's owner explaining what happened. Who's to blame?

- TRASH BAG
- PEN
- SOCK
- \$10 BILL
- CANDY BAR

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Mailbox Mysteries

Scoping Out Stamps



Stamps are really tiny works of art. It's fun to examine them closely with a magnifier. Today's kids who take time out of their busy schedules find stamp collecting fun.

The stamp hunt
Stamps can be free if you know where to look. Many of the stamps you notice might be the smaller ones, called definitives, you see over and over.

To get stamps, ask:

- friends who write to use larger, more colorful "commemorative stamps,"
- other collectors, neighbors and friends to save their extra stamps.
- neighbors and friends to save or trade their stamps. Your parents' business might collect them for you.
- librarians to help you find stamp magazines, newspapers and catalogs showing where to order stamps and albums.

World's top hobby?

For many years, collecting stamps has been the most popular hobby in the world.

For today's kids, stamp collecting might be a challenge, but it is well worth the effort and doesn't cost much, if any, money.

Where are the stamps?

E-mail, phone calls, faxes — we all have many ways of sending messages. We aren't getting as many stamped letters as we used to. Much of the mail we get is "metered," or sent through a special machine without a stamp.

Stuck on stamps

However, if you will spend some time and take an interest in stamps, you will discover how fascinating they can be. You might get stuck on stamps!

Even if you don't become a collector, it's fun to be aware of these tiny works of art, their subjects and their countries.

Where are they from?

Every country issues stamps to raise money to pay for mail delivery. A stamp also serves as a country's tiny symbol or message that can be sent and collected around the world.

Latest stamps

Last year, the U.S. Postal Service issued 214 stamp designs. Here are samples of some stamps of special interest to kids.



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Q: Did you hear about the musician who spent all his time in bed?
A: He wrote sheet music!

Q: When is an unsharpened pencil like a bad joke?
A: When it has no point!

(all jokes sent in by Peter and John Ludlow)

Rookie Cookie's Recipe

Morning Muffin

- You'll need:**
- 1 teaspoon butter or margarine, melted
 - 1 egg
 - 1 English muffin, split
 - 1 slice tomato
 - 1 slice cheddar cheese
- What to do:**
1. Place melted butter or margarine in a microwave-safe cup.
 2. Crack egg and add to cup. Mix well.
 3. Microwave on HIGH 1 minute or until done.
 4. Toast English muffin halves. Place one half on a microwave-safe plate.
 5. Top with tomato slice, egg and cheese in that order.
 6. Microwave on HIGH 20 seconds or until cheese melts.
 7. Top with other muffin half.

STAMPS TRY 'N FIND

Words about stamps are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: COLLECTION, STAMPS, DEFINITIVES, COIL, AIRMAIL, PERFORMANCE, MOUNT, DESIGN, PAPER, ADHESIVE, BLOCK, CONDITION, POSTMARK, SHEET, LETTER, GUM.

DO YOU COLLECT STAMPS?

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and her friends are comparing their stamp collections. See if you can find:

- bird
- snake
- apple
- ruler
- boomerang
- word MINI
- letter I
- pencil
- ax
- letter F
- lips
- lima bean
- letter D
- kite

Sticking to Your Stamp Hobby

Starting your collection

Beginning collectors don't have to have any special albums or equipment. All you need:

- a notebook
- a pencil
- tape
- scissors

Carefully cut around the stamp, leaving enough of the envelope paper around it to tape down but not touch your stamp.

Paste or tape the stamp with its border of paper into your notebook or album. Be very careful not to put the tape on the stamp itself.

Decorate the notebook or album any way you wish. You can label and decorate each page with drawings or paste in pictures that are about the subject of your stamp. As your collection grows, you might want to start making even prettier displays.

Using albums

Stamps can be better displayed by carefully removing them from the paper and protecting them. You can buy albums with clear windows or rows for your stamps. Or you can use special hinges or mounts to hold the stamps. You can find these at stores that sell hobby material. Don't paste down your stamps.

The Mini Page thanks James Bruns, director, National Postal Museum, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.; Kathleen Wunderly, director of education, American Philatelic Society; and the U.S. Postal Service.

Valuable stamps

Some stamps are very valuable. This might be because they are old and there aren't many left.

Do you see anything wrong with these stamps?



The most famous American stamp mistake is probably this upside-down plane. The plane, called a Jenny, was on an airmail stamp issued in 1918. A sheet of 100 stamps was sold to a dealer in 1918 for \$15,000. In 1995 one of these stamps brought \$150,000!

Stamps honoring former President Richard Nixon were found with this mistake. This stamp, issued in April 1995, brought \$16,675 at Christie's auction house in New York.

What to collect

Many kids collect stamps by themes. You might try:

- Animals
- Space
- Transportation
- Sports

Or you might start a new theme each time you find a stamp that does not fit into your favorites.

As you get more into stamp collecting, you might want to go to your library and find out where you can order stamps or a stamp-collecting kit.

How to take off the stamps

1. Cut the stamp away from the envelope and soak it in cold or lukewarm water in a shallow pan. It will float when it becomes unstuck. Don't soak too many at one time. Soak stamps from colored envelopes separately so they won't bleed.
2. Pick up the stamps with special stamp tongs. This way your fingers won't get dirt and oil on the stamps. Stamp tongs don't cost much and can be found in many stores selling hobby equipment. They may come with an album.
3. Lay your stamps face down on a paper towel to dry. Press them between the pages of a book if they have become wrinkled. A phone book works well for this.

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Got an item?

Do you have an interesting story idea? Call Steve Reagan, 463-7331, Ext 113.

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Coahoma hopes to be rude host at invitational

By RODERICK RICHARDSON
Herald Sportswriter

Coahoma golf coach Kim Nichols hopes the cold weather doesn't put a chill on the Bulldogs' performance this season.

Nichols will find out today in the Coahoma Invitational at the Comanche Trail Golf Course in Big Spring. That is if the weather allows him.

"If the weather breaks, we'll play," said Nichols. "If not, then we'll move (the invitational) to Friday."

Several schools are participating. Four of those schools - Forsan, Stanton, Winters and Jim Ned, are in Coahoma's district. Other schools competing are McCamey, Rankin, Midland Christian and Midland Trinity.

According to Nichols, the favorites to place are

McCamey, Forsan and Iraan. McCamey was of two state competitions the last three years. Forsan is the district's defending champion.

"Both (Forsan and McCamey) have played in big meets," said Nichols. "We hope our kids can jump in and compete."

Coahoma has a strong team of its own. Last year's all-district player Brock Carter returns; Josh Collum and Regi Roberts

fill the other top two spots. Jay McHugh and Blake Nichols are also big contributors for the first team.

The Bulldogs have competed in three invitationals this year. Last week Coahoma placed third in the Robert Lee Invitational. It was the Bulldogs' best finish in years according to Nichols. Collum shot an 84 to lead the team.

Two strong points for the

Bulldogs, Nichols says, is the team's experience and good work habits.

"We have four players out of the top five returning," said Nichols. "And they enjoy playing the game year round. That's why we're successful this year. They play all the time."

Coahoma's invitational is the final event for the Bulldogs before district competition. Before the district meet,

Nichols want the team to work out a few things.

"We hope to get some consistency going," said Nichols. "We want to shoot under 90, but it depends on the weather and the condition of the course. But playing good (today) will give us a little momentum going into district."

The district invitational for Coahoma is April 2 and 8 at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Early loss turned UK around

NEW YORK (AP) — A November loss to Massachusetts forced Kentucky to decide what kind of team it wanted to have this season.

The decision the Wildcats made got them started on a 27-game winning streak, a 32-2 record and, ultimately, a place in the Final Four against UMass in Saturday's semifinals.

"We had a meeting after the UMass loss, and I told the players there were two ways we could go," Pitino said Wednesday during a conference call for Final Four coaches. "With 11 talented players of this caliber, it could either be very difficult for all of us, or we could look at the Larry Bird and Magic Johnson philosophy to care only about the team. If we take the other road, we can reach our goals. And they chose the latter."

Before losing to Mississippi State in the Southeastern Conference tournament, Kentucky won every game by double-digit margins, most of them by considerably more than 10. In the NCAA tournament, the Wildcats have won all four games by at least 20.

But Pitino hasn't forgotten UMass' impressive November victory.

"I'm enjoying the Final Four experience very much, except that watching UMass on tape is not enjoyable," he said. "It makes me sick. So 10 percent of the time, I'm sick. The other 90 percent I'm having a heck of a time."

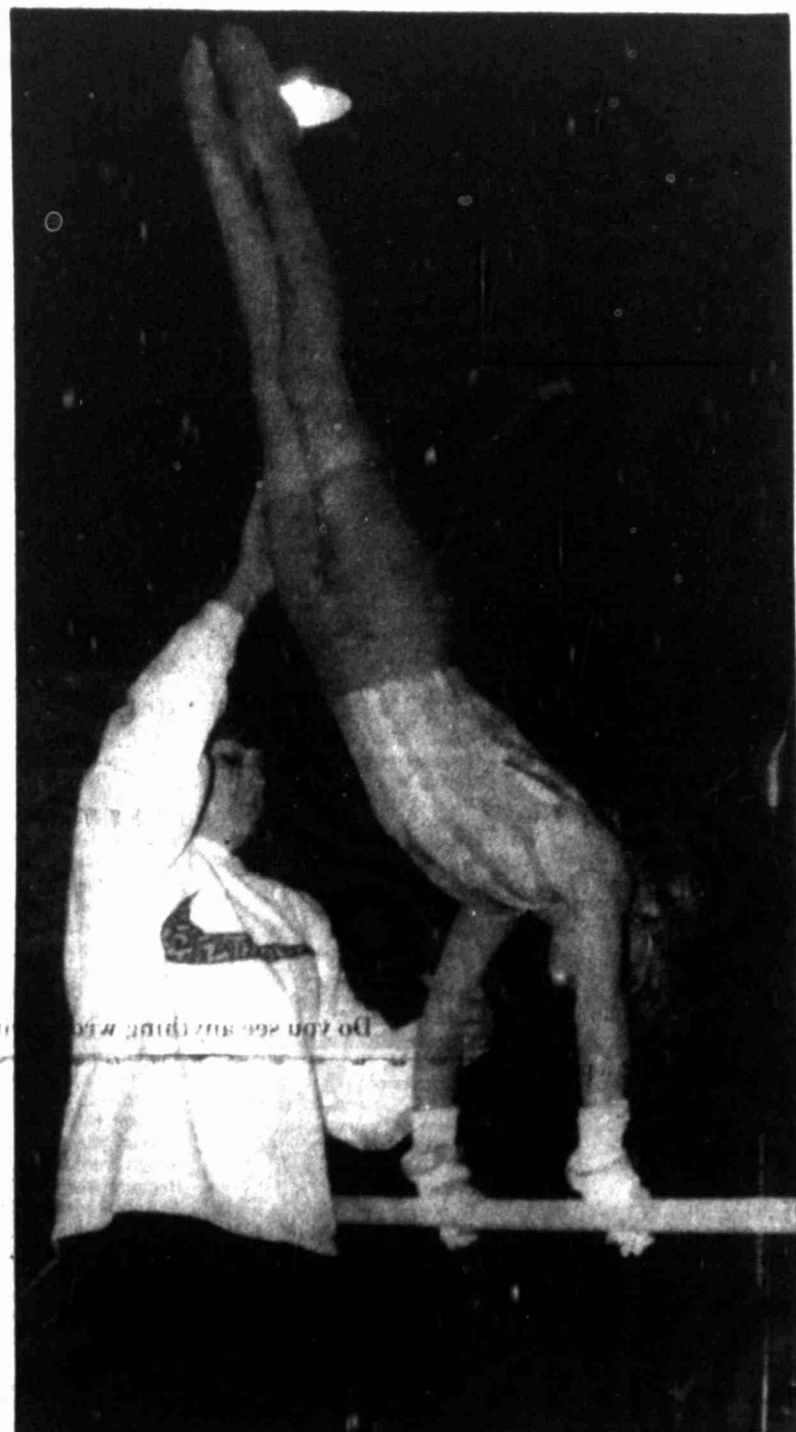
John Calipari, who was hired at Massachusetts by a selection committee that included Pitino, a UMass alumnus, said he has tried to incorporate Pitino's philosophy of meshing many talented players.

"We have a sign that says, 'It's amazing what can get done when no one cares who gets the credit,'" Calipari said. "Only a great coach can get great players to sacrifice for the team. It's difficult for people to understand how hard it is to get players to do that."

Mississippi State, which faces Syracuse in Saturday's other semifinal, followed through with impressive victories over the Southeast Regional's top seeds, Connecticut and Cincinnati, to reach the Final Four for the first time.

All of that convinced Mississippi State and coach Richard Williams that the Starkville, Miss., school belongs right where it is despite being the first fifth-place team in the tournament. Please see LOSS, page 2B

HERE'S HOW YOU DO IT



Sidewinders' assistant coach Casey Taylor gives some assistance to Michelle Shannon at the Big Spring YMCA Tuesday afternoon.

Morris arrest once again links Steelers, drug abuse problems

PITTSBURGH (AP) — And the Pittsburgh Steelers thought they had problems when Neil O'Donnell signed with the New York Jets.

Running back Bam Morris' arrest on marijuana and cocaine charges is the latest unsavory episode for an organization that takes pride not only in its involvement in the community, but also the close relationship between ownership and players.

It also is an association that may require further review as the Steelers' rap sheet of drug- and alcohol-related problems grows longer with each passing season.

Once synonymous with Super Bowls, the Steelers now must deal with the undesirable image of leading the NFL in substance abuse violators, or, at least, of those accused of such actions.

The Steelers' rap sheet has grown longer with each passing season.

Morris, the leading rusher with 73 yards in the Steelers' 28-17 Super Bowl loss to the Dallas Cowboys, was arrested Friday in Texas after police discovered six pounds of marijuana stuffed into a gym bag found in the trunk of his luxury automobile. Police say a search of the vehicle later turned up a small amount of cocaine hidden beneath an ashtray.

Offensive guard Terry Long, who at the time was marketing a snack called TL's Sports Nuts, attempted suicide after being suspended in 1991

for violating the NFL's steroids policy. He later rejoined the team but was not re-signed after that season.

Running back Tim Worley, a former first-round draft choice, drew a six-game suspension for violating the NFL's substance abuse policy in 1991. He later skipped a mandatory drug test and was suspended for the 1992 season.

Tight end Eric Green was suspended for a substance-abuse policy violation in 1992.

Carlton Haselrig, a former Pro Bowl guard, made a series of stays in drug and alcohol treatment centers following a DUI conviction. He left the team during the 1992 season for treatment, then skipped training camp a year later following an apparent relapse and didn't play for the Steelers again. He later signed with the Jets, only to disappear again late last season.

Despite the seriousness of the Morris charges — both are punishable by two to 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine — the Steelers are asking their fans to let the case be decided in the judicial system, not the public forum of call-in shows or letters to the editors.

But privately, the Steelers are troubled that yet another player has ignored repeated warnings by the NFL that players be mindful of their enviable position in society and the responsibilities that go with it.

Bam is a member of our football team, and a member of the Steelers family, and we're

trying to do what we can to support him," director of football operations Tom Donahoe said.

Steelers president Dan Rooney also spoke to Morris after his arrest Friday and pledged the organization's support.

"Bam is confident that when the entire story comes out and the whole story is told, hopefully, everything will work out for him," Donahoe said.

Even if he escapes the charges with a fine and probation, Morris would be considered a first-time violator of the NFL drug policy and would be subject to testing for the rest of his career.

If he is found innocent in court or works out a plea bargain, Morris would be free to join the Steelers for training camp in mid-July.

Regardless of the outcome, the Steelers likely will reexamine whether their undeniable popularity unintentionally creates a comfort zone that makes their players feel invulnerable to the rules of society.

"I'm amazed at the amount of interest these cases receive," said Galen Sumrow, the Rockwall County (Texas) district attorney who will handle the Morris case.

Morris' problems also complicate the Steelers' planning for the April 20-21 NFL draft. Because Morris' case probably won't be settled by then, the Steelers likely will be forced to draft a running back with the 29th overall pick.

Battle royal continues for final NBA East playoff spot

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

One of these days, either Miami, Charlotte or Washington will break from the others and lock up the eighth playoff spot in the East.

All three had a chance to start down that road Wednesday night, but none took advantage.

The Heat lost by 11 at home to the Los Angeles Lakers, the Hornets lost by 37 at Seattle and the Bullets dropped a six-point decision at home to Indiana. Each team has 12 or 13 games remaining. Miami and Charlotte are tied with 35-34 records and Washington is 33 games back with a 32-36 record.

"Tonight was just a tough loss for us," said Juwan Howard of the Bullets. "This game hurts to lose because it

hurts our chances of making the playoffs. But we have 12 games to go."

Washington has six games left at home and six on the road, half against teams with winning records and half against sub-.500 teams. The Bullets would need to win nine of them to finish at .500.

Miami and Charlotte have been playing well lately, the Heat winning eight of their last 10 and the Hornets winning six of nine, but neither gave its best effort Wednesday night.

Magic Johnson had 27 points, nine rebounds and nine assists in his first game against his former coach, Pat Riley, and the Lakers won in Florida for a second straight night. On Tuesday, they became the first team to win at Orlando Arena. "This team is coming on and

everybody better be ready," Johnson said of the Lakers.

Playing the third game of a five-game road trip, Charlotte had a letdown one night after beating the Denver Nuggets in double-overtime. Seattle was ahead by 21 after three periods and added to the blowout by scoring 11 consecutive points at the start of the fourth quarter.

"We can still have a good trip. We need to leave this one behind us and concentrate on beating Sacramento and Vancouver. We can't afford to go backward, so we can't dwell on this one," Kenny Anderson said.

In other games, San Antonio beat New York 90-84, Dallas edged Houston 117-114, Utah defeated Milwaukee 98-83, Boston downed Minnesota 121-116 and Philadelphia beat

Toronto 103-94.

Lakers 106, Heat 96
Miami's four-game winning streak came to an end as Los Angeles scored 14 of the game's final 20 points after Miami had pulled to 92-89 with 3 minutes left.

Johnson twisted his ankle in the first half, but shook off concerned trainers and stayed in the game. He made all 15 of his free throws and capped one of the best performances of his comeback with two sky hooks directly in front of Riley as time was running out.

"I think I'd be the last coach that was going to get beat by a sky hook," said Riley, who coached the great Lakers teams of the 1980s. "I thought Kareem (Abdul-Jabbar) retired that thing."

Nick Van Exel added 21

points for the Lakers, who have won 18 of their last 24 games.

Alonzo Mourning scored 19 points for the Heat but went only 3-of-13 on free throws, many of the misses coming at crucial points in the second half.

Sonics 132, Hornets 95
The Sonics tied their highest offensive output of the season and scored the most points of any Charlotte opponent.

Gary Payton had a career-high 17 assists and 19 points, and fellow All-Star Shawn Kemp had 21 points and 11 rebounds. Detlef Schrempf scored 18 points and Hersey Hawkins 17 in the Sonics' 55th victory of the season.

Glen Rice, Charlotte's top scorer at 22.5 points per game,

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BOTTOM of the ORDER

ON TAP

Today

Golf

Coahoma Invitational Tournament,
Comanche Trail Golf Course

Softball

Lubbock Coronado at Big Spring, 6 p.m.
Snyder at Coahoma, 7 p.m.

Friday

Baseball

Monahans at Big Spring, 4 p.m.
Rotan at Coahoma, 4:30 p.m.

STATE/NATION

Players booted from team

EAST BERNARD (AP) — Four members of the two-time defending Class 2A state baseball champions have been kicked off the team after admitting they put a cat in a sack and pummeled it with baseball bats until it was dead.

The cat was an adopted pet of sorts at Koym Field, the park used by the East Bernard High School team.

The four players turned themselves in Wednesday at the Wharton County sheriff's department on misdemeanor animal cruelty charges and signed statements admitting that they killed the cat on March 16.

Three of the teens admitted putting the cat in a bag and beating it with baseball bats. The fourth player admitted running over the cat with a pickup truck.

Marbury turning pro?

ATLANTA (AP) — Stephon Marbury, the star freshman guard for Georgia Tech, intends to leave college to enter the NBA, it was reported. However, the school said no decision has been made.

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution said today that Marbury planned to make the announcement next week in New York and the New York Daily News quoted his brother, Donald Marbury Jr., as saying "he's definitely coming out."

Florida has new coach

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Billy Donovan, a Rick Pitino protege who coached Marshall for two seasons, was hired as Florida's coach.

Donovan, 30, who signed a five-year contract worth \$375,000 a year, replaces Lon Kruger.

ON THE AIR

(listings subject to change)

Hockey

NHL
Anaheim at Dallas,
7:30 p.m., PRIME (ch. 29).

Basketball

NIT
Championship game,
8 p.m., ESPN (ch. 30).

Loss

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seeded team to reach the Final Four since 1982.

"I knew we had talented players, and I thought if they learned their roles and accepted their roles, that we could be a good team," Williams said.

"It didn't happen all at once. It was a gradual process."

Williams said he distinguishes between the kind of confidence his team has now and the confidence some teams put on for appearance sake.

"With kids this age, confidence can sometimes be false," he said. "They see it as a sign of weakness if you don't show confidence, even if it isn't real.

But as you win games, confidence increases. As you win games against quality teams, confidence becomes more real."

The run of upsets by Mississippi State (26-7) has made the Bulldogs the favorite in Saturday's semifinal against Syracuse (28-8), which is making its first Final Four appearance since 1987, when the Orangemen lost the final game to Indiana on a last-second basket by Keith Smart.

"You can't really say Mississippi State is a surprise the way they handled Kentucky and Georgia in the SEC tournament," Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim said. The Orangemen needed last-second shots in reg-

ulation and overtime to defeat Georgia in the NCAA.

Syracuse's 1991 loss as a No. 2 seed to 15th-seeded Richmond was one of the biggest upsets in recent NCAA tournament history. But this year the Orangemen were given just a marginal chance to even make the field.

"At the beginning of the season, I was worried," Boeheim said. "I thought we could win 18 games, but I raised my expectations because we played well. I knew it would be a long, long shot (to make the Final Four). But the tournament usually goes that way. There always seems to be a surprise team that sneaks in."

NBA

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was limited to 13 points. The Hornets looked to put the loss behind them.

"When you get beat this badly, it makes a loss that much easier to get over," Dell Curry said.

Reggie Miller scored 15 of his 35 points in the fourth quarter, including 11 in the final 3:33.

"When he started to get hot, I knew it was going to be tough for us to pull this one out," Howard said.

Rik Smits had 27 points on 12-for-18 shooting for the Pacers, who snapped their three-game road losing streak. Indiana has won eight of its last nine against Washington.

"I hope this is it. We've been inconsistent the last couple of months," Smits said. "We need to get close to our peak for playoff time."

Spurs 80, Knicks 84
At San Antonio, the Spurs won their 15th in a row on the one-month anniversary of their

last loss.

San Antonio trailed 47-39 at the half as David Robinson scored only two points on 1-of-8 shooting, but he rebounded to lead the Spurs with 21 points, and his four free throws in the last 24.1 seconds gave San Antonio an 89-82 lead. Sean Elliott added 18 points and Avery Johnson 17.

The Knicks finished 2-2 on an eight-day, four-game road trip to Chicago, Dallas, Houston and San Antonio.

Mavericks 117, Rockets 111
Dallas came back from a 16-point deficit in the third quarter to end its 11-game losing streak. Injury-depleted Houston dropped its sixth in a row.

Jason Kidd had 22 points and 11 assists and made two clutch free throws with 12.1 seconds left. Houston had a chance to tie it, but Melvin Booker and Sam Mack missed 3-point attempts in the final seconds.

Jim Jackson scored 21 points, Lucius Harris had 18 and Tony Dumas scored 13 of his 15

points in the fourth quarter.

Jazz 98, Bucks 82
At Salt Lake City, the Jazz jumped out to an 18-2 lead and coasted to its 18th straight home victory. Jeff Hornacek led the Jazz with 24 points and David Benoit had 20.

Milwaukee lost its 13th in a row.

Celtics 121, Timberwolves 116

At Minneapolis, Dee Brown and David Wesley hit five 3-pointers in a three-minute span of the second half and Boston overcame Kevin Garnett's career-high 33 points.

Rick Fox had 26 points to lead the Celtics, Wesley added 20 and Brown 17.

76ers 103, Raptors 94

At Philadelphia, the Sixers broke their eight-game losing streak behind Clarence Weatherspoon's 28 points.

Toronto rookie Damon Stoudamire missed the game due to knee tendinitis.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

CGA tourney rescheduled

The Chicano Golf Association will host a four-man selective drive tournament at Comanche Trail Golf Course Sunday morning.

The tournament was originally scheduled for last Sunday, but was postponed because of high winds.

Tea times are 9-11 a.m. and entry fee is \$15. Proceeds go toward the CGA Scholarship Fund.

For more information, contact Comanche Trail pro Al Patterson at 264-2366.

Runnels' eighth grade wins meet

Runnels eighth grade boys track team won the Andrews meet beating the host by 13 points.

Orlando Ledesma broke the school record in the 800-meter run. Ledesma won first place with a time of 2:14.33.

Rolando Ledesma took second place in that event, and Richey Solis won third.

Arthur Gonzales also broke a school record in the 300-meter hurdles. Gonzales won first place with a time of 44.03. Frank Moncada took fourth place in that event.

In the 100-meter hurdles, Gonzales won fourth. Lance Brock and Frank Moncada tied for fifth place.

Robert Evans won first in the 200-meter dash, and Toby Molina took sixth.

In the 400-meter dash, Rolando Ledesma took second place, Robert Evans won third and Orlando Ledesma won fourth place.

Richey Solis took first place in the 1600-meter run. Oscar Solis won third place, and Albert Carrillo took sixth.

In the relay events, the team of Molina, Luis Porras, Anthony Martinez and R.J. Baeza won third place in the 400-meter relay.

Evans, Gonzales, Orlando Ledesma and Rolando Ledesma took first place in the 1600-meter relay.

In the field events, Joe Loya won second place in the shot put. Chris Spence took fourth place.

Evans won first place in the long jump, and Gonzales took sixth. Evans also won first in the high jump, and Brock won third place.

Loya took third place in the discus event, and Jason Matthews won sixth place.

In the pole vault event, Brock won second place.

Country Club hosted golf scramble

The Big Spring Country Club hosted a three person golf scramble last weekend hosting a three division competition.

In the first division, Royce Cox, Randy Crockett and Byron Parish took first place finishing with 124. Ron Plumlee, Kyle Plumlee and Steve Wagner was second with 129.

James Hughes, Hardy Wilkerson and Archie Kountz won third with 132.

For the second division, James Welch, Morris Rhodes and Charlie Lawrence won first place finishing with 132 points.

Russ Rutledge, Tom Rutledge and Johnny Rutherford took second with 134 points. Jeff Rhodes, Chad Wash and Jim Swinney won third scoring 136.

In the third division, Sammy Sims, Jon Sims and Larry Hollar took first place finishing with 139.

There was a tie between four teams for second place in this division with a score of 141.

The second place teams were the following: Team 1, Bill Grace, John Wilson and Dickie Bailey; team 2, Chad Freeman, Kevin Freeman and Richard Steel; team 3, R.H. Keith, James Bellis and Junior Alexander; team 4, Stan Haney, R.H. Weaver and Ellis Britton. One of the weekend's highlights came from Jane Jones as she had her first hole in one at the country club sinking at the 18th hole. The drive was witnessed by Jelled Davis and

Patty Horton. The hole's distance was 102 yards and was a par three.

Striper tournament set next month

The Texas Striper Association is presenting the fourth annual Lake E.V. Spence Open Striper Tournament April 13.

Registration starts April 12 at Wildcat Marina from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

For more information contact Wildcat Marina at 915 453-281 or Paint Creek Marina at (915) 453-2982

Bass tournament hosted in Colorado City

The Colorado City Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the Fisherman Appreciation Black Bass Tournament April 13. The contest will take place at Lake Colorado City.

First place winner is guaranteed \$2,000. Other cash prizes range from \$500 to \$35 for the top 20 entries if there are 150 entries in the tournament.

For more information, call Ronney Conner at 915-728-8436 after 5:30 p.m.

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BASKETBALL

NCAA Men

All Times Local EAST REGIONAL First Round At The Providence Civic Center Providence, R.I. Thursday, March 14 Stanford 66, Bradley 58 Massachusetts 92, Central Florida 70 Arkansas 86, Penn State 80 Marquette 68, Monmouth N.J. 44 At Richmond Coliseum Richmond, Va. Friday, March 15 Georgetown 93, Mississippi Valley State 56 New Mexico 80, Kansas State 48 Texas Tech 74, Northern Illinois 73 North Carolina 83, New Orleans 62 Second Round At The Providence Civic Center Providence, R.I. Saturday, March 16 Massachusetts 70, Stanford 74 Arkansas 65, Marquette 56 At Richmond Coliseum Richmond, Va. Sunday, March 17 Georgetown 73, New Mexico 62 Texas Tech 92, North Carolina 73 Regional Semifinals At The Georgia Dome Atlanta Thursday, March 21 Georgetown 90, Texas Tech 90 Massachusetts 79, Arkansas 63 Regional Championship At The Georgia Dome Atlanta Saturday, March 23 Massachusetts 80, Georgetown 62

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MIDWEST REGIONAL First Round At Reunion Arena Dallas Thursday, March 14 Kentucky 110, San Jose State 72 Virginia Tech 81, Wisconsin-Green Bay 48 Iowa State 74, California 64 Utah 72, Canisius 43 At The Bradley Center Milwaukee Friday, March 15 Louisville 82, Tulsa 80, OT Villanova 92, Portland 58 Wake Forest 62, Northeast Louisiana 50 Texas 80, Michigan 76 Second Round At Reunion Arena Dallas Saturday, March 16 Utah 73, Iowa State 67 Kentucky 84, Virginia Tech 80 At The Bradley Center Milwaukee Sunday, March 17 Louisville 88, Villanova 64 Wake Forest 65, Texas 62 Regional Semifinals At The Metrodome Minneapolis Thursday, March 21 Kentucky 101, Utah 70 Wake Forest 60, Louisville 59 Regional Championship At The Metrodome

MINNESOTA Saturday, March 23 Kentucky 83, Wake Forest 63 WEST REGIONAL First Round At The PE Albuquerque, N.M. Thursday, March 14 Syracuse 88, Montana State 55 Drexel 75, Memphis 63 Purdue 73, Western Carolina 71 Georgia 81, Clemson 74 At The University Activity Center Tempe, Ariz. Friday, March 15 Santa Clara 91, Maryland 79 Kansas 92, South Carolina State 54 Iowa 81, George Washington 79 Arizona 90, Valparaiso 51 Second Round At The PE Albuquerque, N.M. Saturday, March 16 Georgia 76, Purdue 69 Syracuse 69, Drexel 58 At The University Activity Center Tempe, Ariz. Sunday, March 17 Arizona 87, Iowa 73 Kansas 76, Santa Clara 51 Regional Semifinals At McNichols Arena Denver Friday, March 22 Syracuse 83, Georgia 81, OT Kansas 83, Arizona 80 Regional Championship At McNichols Arena Denver Sunday, March 24 Syracuse 60, Kansas 57

THE FINAL FOUR At Continental Airlines Arena East Rutherford, N.J. National Semifinals Saturday, March 30 Mississippi State (26-7) vs. Syracuse (28-8), 4:42 p.m. Massachusetts (35-1) vs. Kentucky (32-2), 30 minutes after first game National Championship Monday, April 1 Semifinal winners, 8:22 p.m.

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NCAA Women

All Times Local EAST REGIONAL First Round At University Hall Charlottesville, Va. Friday, March 15 George Washington 83, Maine 67 Virginia 100, Manhattan 55 At Thompson-Boling Arena Knoxville, Tenn. Saturday, March 16 Ohio State 97, Memphis 75 Tennessee 67, Radford 56 At Allen Field House Lawrence, Kan. Saturday, March 16 Texas 73, Southwest Missouri State 55 Kansas 72, Middle Tennessee State 57 At ODU Field House Norfolk, Va. Saturday, March 16 Toledo 65, Mississippi 63 Old Dominion 83, Holy Cross 66 Second Round At University Hall Charlottesville, Va. Sunday, March 17 Virginia 62, George Washington 43 At Thompson-Boling Arena Knoxville, Tenn. Monday, March 18 Tennessee 97, Ohio State 65 At Allen Field House Lawrence, Kan. Monday, March 18 Kansas 77, Texas 70 At ODU Field House Norfolk, Va. Monday, March 18 Old Dominion 72, Toledo 66 Regional Semifinals At University Hall Charlottesville, Va. Saturday, March 23 Tennessee 82, Kansas 71 Virginia 72, Old Dominion 60 Regional Championship At University Hall Charlottesville, Va. Monday, March 25 Tennessee 52, Virginia 46

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Martinez brothers finally square off against each other

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Now the Brothers Martinez have history behind them. Claiming they'd never opposed each other — until Wednesday at Vero Beach, Fla. — nobody won bragging rights in their first encounter.

The record will show that both pitched well, although neither figured in the decision when Ramon's Los Angeles Dodgers beat former teammate Pedro's Montreal Expos 4-2. But older brother Ramon appeared to have the most fun.

He went 2-for-2 at the plate against Pedro, including a bunt hit down the third-base line in the second inning.

Before bunting, Ramon pointed his bat toward the Holman Stadium wall. He said he was inspired by the movie "Major League," where imaginary Cleveland Indian Jake Taylor calls his shot, then lays down a bunt during a key moment in the team's unlikely pennant drive.

"I wanted it to be like that movie, and I was going to call my shot, then try to bunt," Ramon said. "It worked out perfect because that was the best bunt I ever had."

It needn't have been, however. Pedro was in no condition to do anything about it.

"I was real surprised," he said. "He was pretending like he was going to hit a home run, and I couldn't stop laughing."

Ramon, who will pitch on opening day for the Dodgers at Houston on Monday, allowed two hits and one run in six innings. He held the Expos hitless after the first, when F.P. Santangelo doubled, moved to third on an infield single by Rondell White and scored as Hank Rodriguez grounded out.

Pedro was just as effective, scattering six hits in five shutout innings.

Garry Ingram singled home the go-ahead run in the eighth.

Ingram's two-out hit drove in Juan Castro to snap a 2-2 tie, and Wilton Guerrero also scored when left fielder Rodriguez made an error.

The Dodgers tied it in the sixth when Mike Piazza homered off Barry Manuel, and took a 2-1 lead in the seventh on an RBI single by Carlos Hernandez.

Dave Silvestri homered off winner Joey Eischen in the top of the eighth to make it 2-2.

Antonio Qsuna blanked the Expos in the ninth to earn a save.

Indians 13, Blue Jays 0

At Winter Haven, Fla., Manny Ramirez had two home runs and five RBIs to lead a 19-hit attack by Cleveland. Ramirez twice victimized Erik Hanson, connecting for a two-run homer in the second inning and added a three-run shot in the third. For the spring, Ramirez is hitting .358, with seven home runs and 18 RBIs.

Twins 2, Braves 1

At Fort Myers, Fla., Kirby Puckett's sixth-inning single proved decisive as Minnesota beat Atlanta in a matchup between four-time Cy Young winner Greg Maddux and Twins opening-day starter Brad Radke. Maddux gave up two hits and a run in four innings. Radke pitched six innings, allowing a homer to Ed Giovannola on the first pitch of the game.

Cardinals 8, Pirates 5

At Bradenton, Fla., Brian Jordan and Ron Gant hit 10th-inning home runs off Pittsburgh closer Dan Miceli as St. Louis won a longball contest. Jordan led off the 10th with a shot over the left-field wall to snap a 5-5 tie. Later, Gant added a two-run homer.

Jose Oliva and Gary Gaetti also homered for the Cardinals, while Al Martin and Midre Cummings connected for Pittsburgh.

Phillies 6, White Sox 4

At Clearwater, Fla., Lenny Dykstra's two-run single in the sixth inning made the difference as Philadelphia rallied to win. Dykstra's single off reliever Larry Thomas knocked in Mark Whiten and Mike Lieberthal, giving the Phillies a 5-4 lead.

Reds 6, Astros 2

At Kissimmee, Fla., Pete Schourek tuned up for his opening-day assignment by allowing three hits in six scoreless innings. Barry Larkin had two hits and two RBIs for the Reds, and Reggie Sanders drove in two runs on sacrifice flies. Schourek also drove in a run with a triple.

Tigers 5, Marlins 4

At Lakeland, Fla., Felipe Lira, who will pitch Detroit's opener, worked six innings. He gave up three runs on 11 hits, with two walks and four strikeouts. Matt Mantel, the second of six Marlins pitchers, took the loss.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 29:

This is an unusually dynamic year, when your creativity and understanding peak. Because of your willingness to buckle down and manage what you must, you come out a sure-fire winner. There will be an abundance of ideas, solutions and rewards. If you are single, romance is a natural this year. You might decide you want to finally settle down. If attached, romance blooms in your partnership as you make a decision to either add to your family or make a greater commitment. LEO is fun.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Wildness marks your creativity as well as your ability to deal with friends, loved ones and children. Or it might just be that they are acting in such bizarre ways that you end up scratching your head. Be ready to move in a new direction. Tonight: Do your usual Friday thing. *****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Be more centered about things that are important to you. Your family could be shaking up the status quo. Think through a change at work. Bosses may behave strangely. Keep upbeat, and be willing to take time to think through a decision. Tonight: Entertain at home. *****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Be impulsive, and reach out for another. Listen carefully, and question choices about plans that may seem a little risky. Understanding reaches a new level. Make a difference where it counts. Your more joyful side seeks center stage. Tonight: Hang at a favorite haunt. *****

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Your more possessive side emerges. You want what you want, and you want it now. Remain optimistic about what is happening. Be careful with partners, as they could put a major dent in your reserves. State your limits, and others will respond. Tonight: Strut your stuff. *****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
You feel empowered, but understand that a partner is his own person. Accept your limits when dealing with a child, but maintain your sense of humor. Give others space, and you will gain. They will clamor to be with you in the long run. Tonight: Be your happy-go-lucky self. *****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Gather information, and slow down your pace as soon as possible.

Pushing too hard may cause you to overreact. Be willing to state limits and let matters rest. The less tampering you do, the better the results. Take some time off for yourself. Tonight: Vanish. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Go for what is important when dealing with a friend. Focus on work but also the fun times. Knowing when to say "enough is enough" is necessary to your well-being. The reaction of a loved one or child surprises you. Follow the fun. Tonight: Playtime! *****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Pressure — lots of it — comes from colleagues, family and friends. A family member or roommate surprises you with a display of independence. Refuse to be manipulated; go off and do your own thing. You make the right choice for yourself. Tonight: Out and about. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Be ready to take off at the last minute. Unexpected opportunities or changes in your schedule open doors when you do what you do best: Take a risk. Be flexible, and enjoy the unpredictability of the day. Tonight: Go for the exotic. *****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
One-to-one relating marks your professional and emotional interactions. Get work done early so you will have plenty of playtime. Be careful because you might find yourself opening your wallet before you know what is happening. Tonight: Go for romance. *****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
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TO: JIMMY JOE EARNEST and any and all other unknown owners or persons, including adverse claimants, owing or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the following described property delinquent to Plaintiffs herein, for taxes, to-wit:

Lots Two & Three (2 & 3), Block Eleven (11), Cole & Strayhorn Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas.

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$4,831.24, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against JIMMY JOE EARNEST, as Defendant(s), by amended petition filed on the 23rd day of February, 1996, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. JIMMY JOE EARNEST for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is T-4041, that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up this tax claim herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of lien, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendants, and intervenors, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but also taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said cause by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 19th day of April, 1995 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

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Letters from old flame give woman glow of confidence

DEAR ABBY: "Irritated in Ojai, Calif." was bothered by the fact that her husband has kept love letters from a previous girlfriend for more than 12 years and through three moves. I've kept a previous boyfriend's love letters for 23 years and through seven moves. My husband has never asked me to dispose of them, and I wouldn't toss them even if he asked me to. These letters, along with other assorted keepsakes, help me define who I am now, based in part on who I've been in the past. The letters are nothing more than a record of a girl who was able to love and be loved — an important concept to someone who felt unloved by her family.

— DARLENE IN REDONDO BEACH, CALIF.

DEAR DARLENE: While it may be a "soul-searching experience" for some, it could be something else for others. People keep love letters for a variety of reasons, but it's a pretty good bet that there is an underlying sentimental reason.

DEAR ABBY: I seldom miss your column in our local newspaper. Our family often discusses and learns from the letters you publish. You have helped us many times, as you have so many of your readers.

It was only after the death of my granddaughter that I saw the letter you printed from the 25-year-old woman thanking you for saving her life by print-

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How I wish our beautiful 19-year-old granddaughter had seen that list. She had been living with a young man for four months. Although her family didn't approve of him and had tried to dissuade her from living with him, they made an effort to accept him and welcome him into the family so they wouldn't lose their daughter.

After a particularly nasty quarrel, my granddaughter separated from the young man and returned to her family. A week after she left him, he brutally murdered her. Although she had been close to her parents (and all the family), she had never once confided to anyone the abusive relationship she was in. Her parents are devastated. Their lives have changed forever.

Our family would like to be able to help other young women in these circumstances, but we don't know how to get started, Abby. Do you have any suggestions? And would you please print the warning signs of an abuser again? — TOO LATE IN TEXAS

DEAR TOO LATE: Please accept my deepest sympathy on the tragic loss of your granddaughter. I'm sure there are many ways in which you could help other young women in abusive relationships. The most obvious would be to explore what help is available to battered and homeless women in your city and find out what their immediate needs are — shelter, clothing, funds to tide them over.

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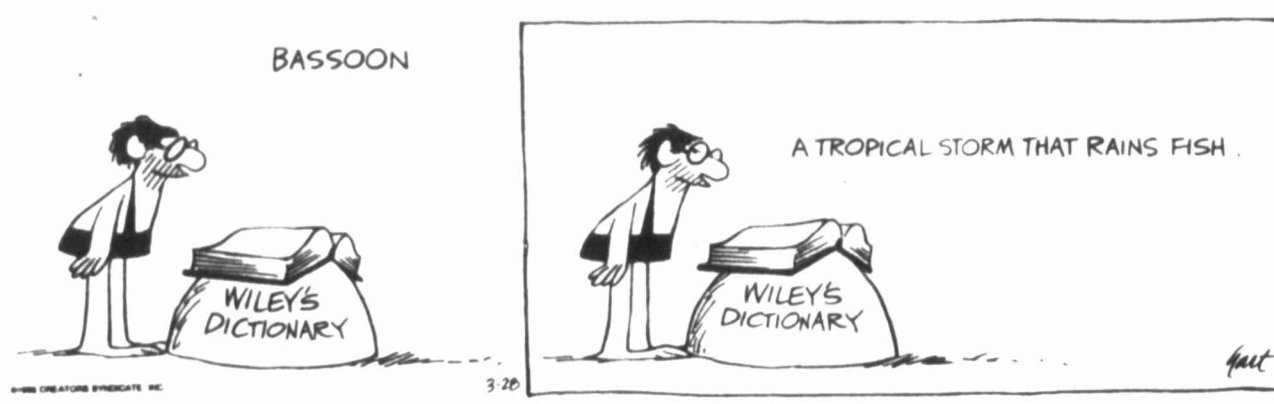
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, March 28, the 88th day of 1996. There are 278 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On March 28, 1979, America's worst commercial nuclear accident occurred inside the Unit Two reactor at the Three Mile Island plant near Middletown, Pa.

In 1834, the U.S. Senate voted to censure President Jackson for the removal of federal deposits from the Bank of the United States. In 1854, during the Crimean War, Britain and France declared war on Russia. In 1896, the opera "Andrea Chénier," by Umberto Giordano, premiered in Milan, Italy. In 1930, the names of the Turkish cities of Constantinople and Angora were changed to Istanbul and Ankara. In 1939, the Spanish Civil War ended as Madrid fell to the forces of Francisco Franco. In 1941, novelist and critic Virginia Woolf died in Lewes, England. In 1942, during World War II, British naval forces raided the Nazi-occupied French port of St. Nazaire. In 1943, composer Sergei Rachmaninoff died in Beverly Hills, Calif. In 1969, the 34th president of the United States, Dwight D. Eisenhower, died in Washington at age 78. In 1978, a nuclear chain reaction began inside the Unit Two reactor at Three Mile Island. In 1982, voters in El Salvador went to the polls for a constituent assembly election that resulted in victory for the Christian Democrats, led by President Jose Napoleon Duarte. Ten years ago: Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi presided over a rally in which he proclaimed victory over the United States in a just-ended confrontation in the Gulf of Sidra. (The demonstrators danced around, then killed, a black-and-white ox with the name "Reagan" written on it.)

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