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Council kills taxi wheelchair surcharge to comply with ADA guidelines

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Is it fair to charge handicapped people more for taxi fees because they use wheelchairs and other equipment to function in the same capacity as non-handicapped people?

That was the question posed

to the Big Spring City Council this week by Jo Anne Hyer, director of the Canterbury retirement center.

In a letter to Mayor Tim Blackshear and council members, City Secretary Tom Ferguson stated city officials have recently received comments from several handicapped citi-

zens concerning the fares being charged for handicapped persons and handling of wheelchairs. The comments were forwarded to Ferguson by Hyer.

According to Ferguson, the Americans with Disabilities Act prohibits charges by private transportation companies for

these services.

On an emergency reading, the council did pass an ordinance that repeals the City code section that provides for charges for handling of wheelchairs so that the city is in compliance with the ADA.

It is not known at this point what further action the city can

or will take concerning the regulation of the rates a taxi service can charge it fares.

Hyer said she has tried to be as civil as possible about this matter but something has to be done.

"We are not asking for extra treatment. We just want what the law allows," Hyer said.

She added, "We are not going to back away and be quiet. We just want to have some sort of decent public transportation."

Hyer pointed out that some of her residents have been charged as much as \$5 extra per trip just to have their wheelchair loaded.

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Runnels' condition raised at hearing

200 attend initial meeting on facilities

By SARA SOLIS
Staff Writer

The deterioration of Runnels Junior High was the main topic among several issues discussed by an audience estimated at 200 Thursday night at the Big Spring High School Auditorium.

The public meeting was called by the Big Spring Independent School Board to address the construction and renovation of school buildings and the possible call for a bond election.

Howard College President, Dr. Cheryl Sparks, moderated the session, while an independent building consultant, Tom Killebrew, gave a short presentation on the deteriorating condition of Runnels Junior High.

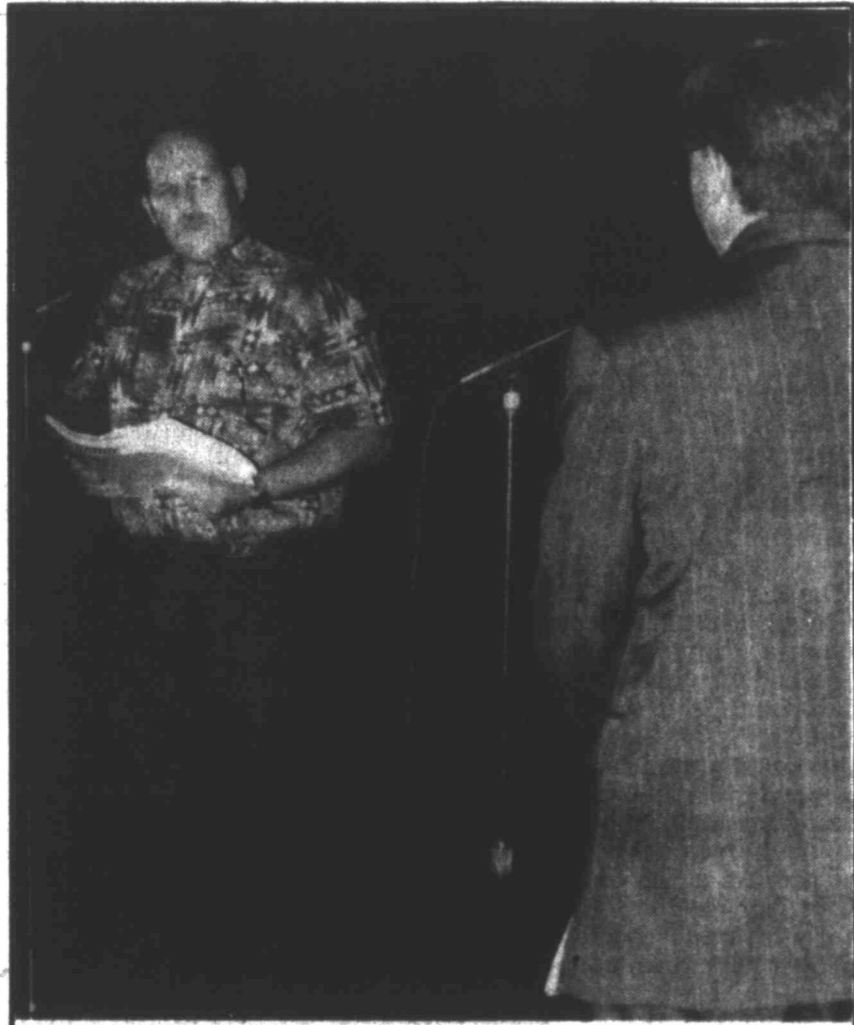
Sparks told the audience, "The purpose tonight is to begin our synergy, looking at different ideas and listening to each other."

Killebrew, a certified building official and past chief building inspector for the City of Fort Worth, recently completed an independent study of the Runnels building at the request of the BSISD board.

"They told me to go check it out," he said. Killebrew said the Runnels building is an approximately 70,000 square feet, three-story wood structure, with a brick exterior.

He said during the inspection, he was required to go underneath the building.

"If you're asked to go



Big Spring resident Steve Fraser, a member of the group Action to Build for Children, poses a question to facilities consultant Tom Killebrew during Thursday night's public hearing at the Big Spring High School auditorium.

underneath a building like that (Runnels), it tends to put a little fear in your heart," Killebrew said. He said the structure itself is sound at the moment, but the weight of the building is showing in the foundation.

Killebrew said renovation of the Runnels building would create many challenges. He said the mere vibration of the process of

remodeling would deteriorate the already falling foundation, effectively shortening its life span even more.

He said the building houses several shafts, which building codes no longer allow for a structure its size because of fire hazards. "The shafts need to be closed," he said.

Killebrew said bringing the building up to current American Disabilities Act codes

would present even a greater challenge. The codes change every three years to make buildings safer, "this building has not been able to be updated to ADA code."

The building would need an elevator installed to allow floor access to the disabled. The vibrations alone, of installing an elevator would cause problems, he said.

Another safety hazard inherent in the Runnels building is the air quality, Killebrew said. There is asbestos in the floor tile, ceiling tile and on the pipe. "There's not much air quality in there and stir up the dust you're going to create problems," he said.

Killebrew said the building is over the allowable area in size and height. "The building should be sprinkled (sprinkler system for fire prevention), but if you put a system in there, you're going to touch something, ceiling tiles to be exact" and that will stir up asbestos, he said.

Another hazard at the school is the lack of handrails in the stairwells.

And the stairwells themselves create a potential fire hazard. "If there was a fire, the stairs would act as a chimney, and smoke goes up," Killebrew said.

"When I go into a building I look at it and say, 'Could I fix this school?' When I walked out of that school (Runnels), I said no. It would be a challenge to anyone to fix this school," he said.

After his inspection, Killebrew said he advised the school district to limit their liabilities with the building.

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Cat spotted again; wildlife expert says it's not jaguarundi

By KELLIE JONES
Features Editor

Is it a wild house cat, a mountain lion, a jaguarundi or what? That's the question animal officials are trying to answer after a third sighting of a large black cat Thursday night.

Two cats were spotted in the Highland area around 8 p.m. Thursday in a vacant lot in the 500 block of Scott Street. The first sighting was on the hill between Barcelona Apartments the VA Medical Center Easter Sunday and the second one in Highland Wednesday night.

Billy Joe Darden lives on Boykin Road and spotted one of the cats in the lot on his way to visit John Yater in the 500 block of Scott.

"At first, there was just one of them and then the other one came up. It looks to be about three feet long. They just sat there until the police arrived," Darden said.

Yater added, "They were there at the edge of the weeds and they were laying there for about 20 to 25 minutes."

Once more people arrived on the scene, one of the cats disappeared and the second one ran along a fence that

borders the backyard of a house on Macauslan. The game warden didn't see the animal when it darted by so a positive identification wasn't made, according to Animal Control Lt. Terry Chamness.

Chamness said Hoppy Thurman, district supervisor of the United States Department of Agriculture Animal Damage Control in Fort Stockton, is on his way to Big Spring within the next two days to assist in identifying the animal.

At first it was believed to be a jaguarundi but now other animal experts in West Texas say it can't be one because they are not native to this area. Those animals are slightly larger than a house cat and have a weasel-type face. The animals also don't appear to be solid black but can be dark gray.

Dennis Miller, executive director of the Chihuahuan Desert Research Institute in Alpine, said, "It is almost impossible for it to be a jaguarundi. Based on your description, it is a dark colored mountain lion, which we also call a panther."

"It can't be a Mexican black

See CAT, Page 3A



Several residents in the Highland addition of Big Spring watch as animal control officials attempt to locate two large black cats in the area. Pictured in the foreground, left to right, are: Brent Yater, John Yater and Billy Joe Darden. Darden, with gun on shoulder, was the first to spot the animals and called officials.

Weekend ticket includes track, baseball, fund raisers

HERALD staff report

Looking for something to do this weekend? Here's your ticket to weekend activities in and around Big Spring.

This feature is published each Friday and will include a variety of activities. It is limited to activities of a general nature, community fund-raisers, community functions, free performances, etc. It is not available to commercial ventures or for such events as dances where admission is charged.

To submit your activity, send it to "Weekend Ticket," Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79720.

If you wish, you may fax your listing to 264-7205 or bring it by the Herald offices at 710 Scurry St. No information will be taken by phone.

• Flea market, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., today and Saturday, Sand Springs Community Center.

The flea market is sponsored by the Sand Springs Lions Club.

• High school track, today at Stanton. The District 6-2A meet features girls and boys teams from Coahoma, Forsan and Stanton. Running preliminaries began at 10:30. Field events are scheduled to start at 1:30 p.m. with running finals at 6 p.m.

• High school golf, Saturday at Comanche Trail Golf Course. The final leg of the District 4-4A girls golf tournament gets under way at 8:30 a.m.

• Car wash, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, bus lanes between old and new elementary school buildings in Coahoma. Sponsored by members of the Coahoma High School athletic teams, the car wash is a benefit for Bobbie Bryson, an Ozona High School athlete diagnosed with juvenile leukemia.

• Bone Marrow Drive, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Garrett Hall, First United Methodist Church.



What's happening this weekend in the Crossroads Country

In case you missed the first bone marrow drive for Meagan Stanley, here's your chance. There is a \$20 testing fee.

• Open house, City of Big Spring Baler, noon Saturday at the city's landfill, FM 700 near the intersection with I-20.

• Donkey Basketball, 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Coahoma High School

gym. Sponsored by the Coahoma Lions Club, advance tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. Tickets at the door are \$7 and \$5.

• College baseball, Saturday and Sunday, Odessa College vs. Howard College, Jack Barber Field. Saturday's doubleheader begins at noon, while Sunday's single game gets under way at 1 p.m.

• 7th annual Spring City Arts and Crafts Show, Saturday and Sunday, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Free admission from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday.

• Cut for Kids, 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Regis Hairstylists, Big Spring Mall. Proceeds from the \$10 cuts go to Kids' Zone.

• "Wheels for Life," bike-athon, 2 p.m. Sunday, Sands High School, Ackerly. This is a benefit for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn.

Texas Trivia

In square miles, what is the smallest county in Texas?

Rockwall, 128.7 square miles

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7-year-old pilot dies in crash
Seven-year-old Jessica Dubroff, her father and a flight instructor were killed in the crash of their small airplane while trying to take off in a thunderstorm at Cheyenne, Wyo. Page 6A.

Peacekeepers join in looting
Peacekeepers joined thugs in looting as Monrovia, Liberia unravels. Page 7A.

TEXAS

Guilty
A man who grabbed a hostage at the Bexar County Courthouse on Wednesday is found guilty of murder Thursday. Page 5A.

Texas sues EPA
The state of Texas has sued the EPA, alleging the possibility that radioactive waste could seep across the state line from the WIPP site, located near Carlsbad, N.M. Page 5A.

TODAY'S WEATHER

Today **89** ▲ Highs **50**
Lows ▼

Today
Mostly sunny. Highs in mid-to-upper 80s. Lows near 50 and clear.

Tonight
Permian Basin Forecast
Saturday: Mostly sunny, highs in mid-to-upper 80s. Lows in lower 40s and fair.
Sunday: Mostly sunny, highs in upper 70s. Lows in 40s and fair.
Monday: Mostly sunny, highs near 80. Lows upper 30s.

OBITUARIES

Mary Hodnett Visitation for Mary Lois Guffee Hodnett will be at Myers & Smith Funeral Home from 5 to 7 p.m. tonight.

Abel Cruz Sr.

Rosary for Abel Cruz Sr., 69, Big Spring, will be 7 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with funeral mass 3 p.m. Friday, April 12, 1996, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with Rev. Christopher Coleman officiating.



CRUZ

Mr. Cruz died Wednesday, April 10, in the Martin County Hospital following a long illness.

He was born on July 27, 1926, in Donna. He married his wife, Emma, on March 14, 1947, in Donna. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and had been a resident of Big Spring since 1968, moving from Petersburg. He had worked as a farmer for many years prior to moving to Big Spring, and then he worked at the VA Hospital.

Survivors include his wife: Emma Cruz, Big Spring; one son: Abel Cruz Jr., Big Spring; six daughters: Tomasa Molina, Van, Irene Woolson, Pleasanton, Calif., Irma Gonzales, Big Spring, Hilaria Moreno, Forsan, Angellita Cruz, Big Spring, and Rosalinda Garza, Stanton; two brothers: Moses Cruz and Joe Cruz, both of Donna; two sisters: Maria Casares, Kansas, and Celia Rodriguez, California; 14 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Ida B. Johnson

Service for Ida B. Johnson, 69, Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

She died Thursday, April 11, 1996, in a Midland hospital.

Nalley-Pickle & Welch FUNERAL HOME 906 Gregg St. Big Spring, Tx. (915) 267-6331

Nancy L. Sandell, 89, died Thursday. Services will be at 2:00 PM Saturday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Daisy Pearl Wright, 89, died Sunday. Graveside services will be at 11:00 AM, Saturday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL 24th & Johnson 267-8288

Erma Maxine Kimble, 53, died Monday. Services are 10 AM Friday at Mt. Bethel Baptist Church, with interment at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Abel Cruz, Sr., 69, died Wednesday. Funeral Mass 3 PM Friday, Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with interment at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mary Lois Guffee Hodnett, 80, died Wednesday. Services are 10 AM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with interment at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 5-7 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

Ida B. Johnson, 69, died Thursday. Services pending.

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IN BRIEF

THE 1976 CLASS OF BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL will be having a 20 year reunion August 9-11. Reunion organizers are needing assistance with locating old classmates.



SANDELL

Organizers are also in need of suggestions, ideas and monetary donations. Please send to: Class of '76; c/o Les White; General Delivery; Big Spring, TX; 79720. More details about the reunion will be given out during mailings from the organizers.

A SECOND BONE MARROW DRIVE will be for Meagan Stanley, a Big Spring youth diagnosed with Leukemia, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday in the Garrett Hall of the First United Methodist Church.

There is a testing fee of \$20 and the entire process should take 15 to 20 minutes.

THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) is sponsoring the 11th annual "Great Texas Trash-Off" this Saturday.

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

Bobbie E. Piper

Funeral service for Bobbie E. Piper, 76, Bowie, Md., was 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 9, 1996, at Grace Baptist Church in Bowie. Burial followed at the Maryland Veterans Cemetery in Cheltenham.

Mrs. Piper died Sunday, April 7, at her home.

She was born on May 20, 1912, in Portland, Ore. She spent much of her childhood in San Antonio, graduating from high school there. She attended King's College. She married Albert Brady Piper, a former Big Spring resident, in 1947. After moving in Bowie in 1963, Mrs. Piper became involved in the community as a volunteer while establishing her catering business, Bon Appetit Inc. She was an active member of the Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce, Bowie Crofton Professional Women's Club and of the local chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons.

Survivors include her husband: Albert Brady Piper, Bowie, Md.; nine children: Stephen F. "Sonny" Piper, Daniel R. Piper, David T. Piper, William A. Piper, Ronald G. Piper, Jr., Robin P. Yoder and Thomas F. Piper; three brothers: John, Dan and Richard Johnson; four sisters: Edna Rodriguez, Ann Mullinax, Alice Weathersby and Helen Eddy; 24 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Evens Funeral Home, Bowie, Md.

RECORDS

Thursday's high 88 Thursday's low 57 Average high 77 Average low 47 Record high 96 in 1972 Record low 27 in 1951 Rainfall Thursday 0.00 Month to date 1.00 Month's normal 0.32 Year to date 1.41 Normal for the year 2.34

FIRE

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following incidents which occurred from Tuesday to 8 a.m. Friday: -BOY CAUGHT IN TREE in the 700 block of East 17th.

-GRASS FIRE in the 100 block of Cottonwood.

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ON THE RUN

or the Captain's Meeting call Jay Phinney at 267-1480.

THE GARDEN CITY HEAD START will be having registration April 24 through April 26 and May 1 through May 3 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the head start classroom.

When registering please bring the following: Proof of income (income tax return, W-2 statement, salary check stubs, AFDC, unemployment, social security and child support payments), birth certificate, immunization record, and social security card for all household.

A FUND FOR MARY SOLIS, 24, diagnosed with uterine cancer, has been established. She is the wife of Vintz Allen and has two pre-school age children.

ASSE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMS is a non-profit, public benefit organization seeking local host families for boys and girls from France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Great Britain, Finland, Holland, Spain, Poland, Portugal, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Thailand, Brazil, and the former Soviet Union.

THE DAV CHAPTER #47 is going to have a rummage sale in May and needs donations of usable and saleable items. Call 263-1625 or 267-7773.

THE WORLD WAR II IWO JIMA SURVIVORS ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS is having its 52nd anniversary reunion Feb. 20-25, 1997, at the Harvey Hotel in Irving.

THE SAND SPRINGS LIONS CLUB will be having a flea market from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Sand Springs Community Center, Scout Hut Road on north service road, Friday and Saturday.

THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S RELAY FOR LIFE will be having a Team Captain's Meeting Friday. Team captains may choose to attend one of two meetings that day. The first meeting will be held at noon at the Golden Corral. Those who are unable to attend the noon meeting may attend an alternate meeting at 7 p.m. at the Karat Patch, located at 1008 11th Place.

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1657, Bowie, Texas 76230. Please specify your name, address, phone number, branch of service and approximate time at two.

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. To submit an item to the Springboard, put it in writing and mail or deliver it to us one week in advance.

TODAY •Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

SATURDAY •Howard County Scottish Rite Club, 7:30 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 21st & Lancaster. Breakfast served (\$4). All Scottish Rite Masons welcome.

•The First Year Confirmation Class of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church will have a car wash from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Wes-T-Go, 1800 Gregg. All proceeds will enable these students to attend a youth retreat in Pecos, N.M. Please support their efforts.

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MONDAY •Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Jan Noyes, 267-5811. •TOPS Club (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:30 to 6 p.m. weigh in and 6 p.m. meeting at the Carriage Inn, 501 W. 17th. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.

•New Voice Club, a support group for laryngectomees and their families, 6:30 p.m., Dora Roberts Community Center. •Survivors of Suicide will meet 7:30 p.m., Memorial Hospital and Medical Center in Midland.

TUESDAY •Comanche Lake Duplicate, 1 p.m., Dora Roberts Civic Center. •Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

•Encouragers support group, (for widow/widowers) 5:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 8th and Runnels. Marcy Weir, Creative Memories, will be the speaker. Call 398-5522 or 399-4369. Enter through patio. Please bring a salad.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents in a 24-hour period ending 8 a.m. Friday: •CHARLES SMITH, 39, of 1205 Mulberry, was arrested for outstanding local warrants.

•BURGLARY OF HABITATIONS in the 1600 block of Mesquite, 1100 block of Mesa and 2100 block of Nolan. •CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 4000 block of West Highway 80 and 1000 block of Nolan.

•THEFTS in the 900 block of East 14th, 700 block of Creighton, 2500 block of Wasson, 700 block of West 18th, 1600 block of East Fifth, 3600 block of Calvin, 900 block of East 14th, 2300 block of Wasson, 1800 block of East Marcy, 1100 block of North Lamesa, 1900 block of Runnels, 2100 block of Nolan, 1600 block of 25th and 700 block of West 18th.

•ASSAULT in the 1500 block of Wood. •INJURY TO A CHILD in the 1500 block of Wood.

•BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE in the 1000 block of Nolan. •POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE in the 600 block of Caylor. •CAT BITE in the 900 block of Sgt. Peredez.

•INVESTIGATING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES in the 300 block of West 18th, at Northeast 12th and Douglas, 200 block of West Marcy, 200 block of West 11th and 900 block of East 14th. •WELFARE CONCERN at Northwest Seventh and Bell. •MINOR ACCIDENTS in the 600 block of Gregg and 1700 block of Young.

•LOUD PARTY in the 3200 block of West 80. •ANIMAL PROBLEMS in the 500 block of Scott and 600 block of Bell. •JUVENILE PROBLEMS in the 600 block of Owens and 3200 block of Auburn. •DISTURBANCE/FIGHT in the 1000 block of North Main.

The Big Spring Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents in a 24-hour period ending 8 a.m. Friday: •WELVIN EDWARD ROSS, 41, of Colorado City, was transferred from the Big Spring Police Department and arrested for burglary of a habitation with intent to commit sexual assault. Bond was set at \$100,000.

•BILLY CORENZA MCGEE, 33, of 410 N.W. 11th, pleaded guilty in 118th District Court to credit card abuse. He was sentenced to 90 days in a state jail facility, given five years probation, fined \$1,124.50 and ordered to pay restitution of \$457.90.

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Saturday's "Trash-Off" gives local group chance to make city shine

By SARA SOLIS
Staff Writer

Proud Citizens of Big Spring, an affiliate of Keep Texas Beautiful, is alerting city officials to the local eye-sores and public hazards they find while patrolling the city. The organization is also gearing up for the "Great Texas Trash-Off" to be held Saturday.

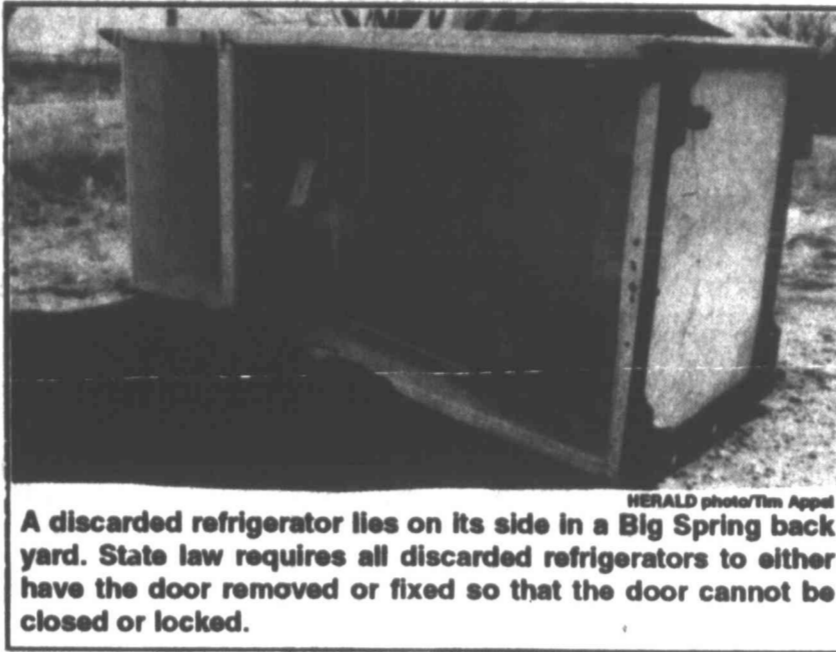
Burr Lea Settles, Big Spring fire marshal, said Proud Citizens of Big Spring informed him that they were spotting abandoned refrigerators in residents' yards. Their reports are cause for concern, he said. "People need to have the hinges removed (from discarded appliances) so a child cannot get trapped," he said.

Settles said residents who have not properly disabled a

refrigerator, by removing the door or preventing it from becoming locked, can be cited. "If I or the police department see a refrigerator that has not been disabled" the owner may be charged with a Class C misdemeanor, he said. "My opinion is the door should be removed or (the appliance) disposed of," Settles said.

"We'd rather they (residents) would just go ahead and comply ... than wait and have a child's life lost," he said.

Polly St. Clair, chairman of Proud Citizens of Big Spring, said the organization has a "Proud Patrol" that observes the city and alerts them to potential hazards and sites that need beautification. She said there is no city ordinance against improperly discarded refrigerators, however, there is



A discarded refrigerator lies on its side in a Big Spring back yard. State law requires all discarded refrigerators to either have the door removed or fixed so that the door cannot be closed or locked.

a state law that addresses their disposal. "Sometime ago they (the State Legislature) passed a law that said you cannot have a

refrigerator sitting outside with the door on it," she said.

St. Clair said the organization will help coordinate Saturday's local "Great Texas Trash-Off," part of the Texas Department of Transportation's "Don't Mess with Texas" anti-litter campaign. According to TxDOT the Trash-Off is one of the nation's largest one-day clean-ups, with more than 2,000 Adopt-a-Highway groups and 84 Keep Texas Beautiful groups participating. St. Clair said those interested in participating can come by Proud Citizens of Big Spring's office, located at 707 Scurry St., at 8 a.m. Saturday and register. She said they sponsored a similar clean-up day in November and had nearly 200 volunteers.

According to St. Clair, Big Spring has 10 highway groups, businesses that have adopted

sections of the highway to keep litter-free, that will also be cleaning their areas Saturday.

Pat Simmons, co-chairman of Proud Citizens of Big Spring, said there will be prizes for clean-up participants. "We mark coke cans with the date, and the night before we go around and trash-up the city with them." Those who return the marked coke cans to the office will receive a prize, Simmons said. She said a variety of local businesses have donated prizes which include; Burger King food certificates; lottery tickets; and gift certificates from Dunlaps.

St. Clair said Saturday's clean-up will focus on the area north of town, from the viaduct to Interstate 20. Proud Citizens of Big Spring will celebrate their second anniversary May 2.

CAT

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Jaguar because there has never been a jaguar recorded in Texas at all. That possibility is almost non-existent. We have seen more mountain lions now than ever since man arrived in West Texas because of the abundance of

deer herds," Miller added.

Miller added if it is a mountain lion, then it is a young one because those animals can get larger than three feet in length.

Thurman agreed it couldn't be a jaguarundi because the animal is native to South Texas and the brush country. Chamness wants the public

to know no matter what type of wild cat it is, it is federally protected. The punishment for killing the animal is very severe and it is a federal crime.

Chamness added, "It is not killing anything that we know of and it is not endangering anyone. You should just leave them alone."

WHEELCHAIR

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According to Hyer the standard rate is \$1.40 per mile, but a letter she presented to the council that was written by some of her residents claimed they were told by the Big Spring Taxi dispatcher that the one-way cost from Canterbury to Big Spring Mall is \$35 per person.

A two-way ride to the mall and back costs residents \$70 and, according to Hyer, an able-bodied person can go to Midland International Airport for \$75, which is five more than one of her residents can travel to the mall and back.

Hyer also read a letter from some of her residents to the council which stated many of them are charged \$5 to load, \$5 to unload and in many cases \$1 to load a suitcase.

A representative for David Mitchum, who owns Big Spring Taxi Service, was at the meeting and said, "These people are crying over something they don't have a right to cry about. Most of the drivers never charge \$5 for wheelchairs."

Hyer added, "I just want to help regulate taxi fees so they are fair for everybody."

Hyer says this practice has been going on for years and she has already been in contact with the Department of Transportation's Director of Civil Rights of the Federal transit

Administration as well as the Department of Justice Disability Rights Section.

Section IV of the ADA states, "Extra charges may not be imposed on individuals with disabilities to cover the costs of measures necessary to ensure nondiscriminatory treatment.

MARKETS

May cotton futures \$6.60 cents a pound, down 15 points; May crude oil 24.55, down 79 points; Cash hog steady at 50 cents lower at 51 cents; slaughter steers steady at \$1 lower at 60 cents even; June live hog futures 57.85, down 47 points; June live cattle futures 61.40, up 40 points. Courtesy: Delta Corporation.

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such as removing barriers or providing qualified interpreters."

Section V states, "A public accommodation must make reasonable modifications in its policies, practices, and procedures in order to accommodate individuals with disabilities."

RUNNELS

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"I told them to sell the building. Initially, prepare to build a new one and protect the children as much as you can, get them off the third floor."

Burr Lea Settles, Big Spring fire marshal, said in most structure fires inhabitants have approximately 30 seconds in which to evacuate the building to escape harm. "If there was a fire in the basement, we'd be lucky if any of those kids on the third floor could get out alive," Settles said. He added, "The code says two stories or more need to be sprinkled." Runnels escapes code requirements due to the grandfather clause, "Can the city go in and enforce it (the building codes)? They could," Settles said.

Several parents at the meeting expressed concerns related to the air quality at Runnels and the possibility of asbestos contamination. Steve Fraser, chairman for Action to Build for Children, said, "I'm not looking at this issue as a by-stander ... Is my daughter in danger today in an asbestos situation?" Killebrew responded by saying, "The air quality right now is hot, (however) it is not up to a level of danger."

Ron Logback, BSISD assistant business manager,

assured parents the air quality at Runnels is satisfactory. "It's (Runnels) asbestos-free from the standpoint of being hazardous to the children ... It is tested," he said.

Bowden Hampton, Lt. Col. Ret., said, "Bottom line, nostalgia aside, it's cheaper in the long term to build a new building and dispose of the present property (Runnels)." Killebrew agreed and said the cost for renovating the Runnels school would be at least one and a half times higher than that of building a new school.

Some opposition was raised supporting the historical importance of the Runnels school. "Runnels means a lot to a lot of citizens of Big Spring ... Many of us would like to preserve it," Lea Whitehead said.

Several ideas were suggested for preserving parts of the school, that could be used as in the construction of the new building, retaining some of the historical presence of the old school. Jay Phinney suggested the exterior archways above the entrance to the school could be used in a non-supportive manner as decor above the entrance of the proposed new school's library. "I think these things could be used even though the building needs to come down," he said.

Phinney went on to emphasize that the liability of Runnels Junior High is every tax payer's responsibility, not just the school board. "A law suit could cost us, the tax payers, millions and millions of dollars and we still wouldn't have a new building," Phinney said.

Ideas suggested as solutions for the renovation of the school's buildings were: build a new junior high school and invest a reported \$2.5 million in air conditioning for all existing schools; combining sixth, seventh and eighth grades at Goliad Middle School; moving the eighth-grade to the high school, which is currently under capacity; building a new junior high school on the same site as Goliad; and building a new junior high school on the site of the vacant Boydston Elementary School.

Computer problems result in baler delay

Landfill Supervisor Howard Shivers announced this morning that due to computer problems with the new baler at the city of Big Spring landfill, the grand opening ribbon-cutting ceremony scheduled for Saturday has been rescheduled for noon Wednesday.

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Quote of the Day

"Language is the light of the mind."

-John Stuart Mill

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each Friday, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play.

This week we salute:

- Members of the Howard County Minister's Fellowship, for their efforts and faith to maintain the annual Easter Sunrise service at Comanche Trail Amphitheatre.
- Students from Coahoma, Forsan and Stanton for their efforts at the District 6-2A University Interscholastic League meet.
- Students from Big Spring for their efforts at the District 4-4A University Interscholastic League meet.
- Cory Baker, Howard County Spelling Bee champion and Runnels Junior High student, on finishing third in the Regional Bee at Lubbock.
- Garden City High School's Bearkat Brigade drill team, which recently won two first-place awards in competition in Houston.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing — no phone calls.

OTHER VIEWS

The cure for taxation exasperation-dump IRS

As you sit down to fill out your tax form in this season of anxiety and dread, you may be tempted to curse the Internal Revenue Service for the endless complications you encounter and the unexpectedly high dollar amounts you may owe.

You won't be alone. U.S. News & World Report says fewer than a quarter of registered voters think the country would be in sorrier shape if the IRS took a long hike and never returned. The magazine also reports a survey at the University of Michigan Business School. Out of 200 companies and government agencies, the respondents ranked IRS lowest in customer satisfaction.

As surely as death and that other certainty of life, the agency deserves some of this disaffection. Anecdotes pile up, for instance, of taxpayers who stayed within the law, did everything they were required to do and still went through years of hassles with the agency, which kept dunning them for thousands of dollars that were not owed.

Perhaps the agency needs overhauling, but a case can also be made that the agency hasn't been granted sufficient manpower to do its job as well as it should. What's clearer still is that the chief cause of taxpayer aggravation is not the agency. It's the tax system itself — and the lawmakers who put it into effect.

"We don't write the tax laws," IRS Commissioner Margaret Milner Richardson is quoted as saying in the U.S. News article. "We administer them." It's Congress that writes those laws. It's Congress that has tinkered endlessly with the graduated income tax and various business taxes over the years. It's Congress that's responsible for the voluminous rules and regulations.

What to do? More tinkering is not the answer. Congress should redeem itself by considering a major shift to some version of a flat tax or perhaps even a national sales tax. The point would not be just to simplify taxes and reduce IRS intrusiveness in the private lives of the citizenry, but to better serve the causes of equity and the country's economic good.

Nothing is likely to happen until the conclusion of this year's presidential election, but a dramatic change in the tax system is something well worth thinking about as you struggle with your tax forms.

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On campaign trail it's what's out back that counts

Even for Slats Grobnik, it was a strange question. "Hey, you ever use an outhouse?"

You mean an outdoor toilet? "Yeah, like they used to have on farms in the old days." Well, it's been a long time, but, yes, I have used them.

"So, what do you think?" About what? "About an outhouse?" Think? I don't think about outhouses. I can't remember when a thought concerning an outhouse last crossed my mind.

"Then c'mon. Give me a curbstone opinion. Are they good, bad or in between?"



Mike Royl-o
Syndicated
Columnist

Well, I suppose they get the basic job done, but I definitely prefer in-house comfort and a bit of tile here and there. But why are we sitting here discussing outhouses? "See? Sometimes you don't keep up with the issues. I guess you don't even know that the outhouse is one of those liberal and conservative things?"

That is news to me. "Then let me straighten you out. I was reading a column by a liberal lady pundit in Washington. You know, the kind who is full of compassion and love for the downtrodden."

Yes, I'm familiar with the decency and capacity for love of liberal pundits. Some are quite frank and honest about confessing that they are among the most loving, decent people in our universe.

"Right. So she says that President Clinton is a real true-blue liberal and the outhouse proves it."

What, is Clinton putting an outhouse outside the White House? "Nah. She says Clinton is a true liberal because he don't like outhouses."

Well, I don't consider that any kind of liberal/conservative litmus test. I'm sure Pat Buchanan doesn't like outhouses, although I've never asked him. And I've never once heard Rush Limbaugh speak favorably of an outhouse.

"You still don't get it. See, this liberal lady pundit says that when Clinton puts together his federal budget, he wants to get rid of the outhouse." Whose outhouse? "Everybody's outhouse."

What do you mean, everybody's outhouse? Is there some sort of national outhouse I've never heard of?

"Uh-uh, what she means is that there are some parts of the country where people still got outhouses because they don't have the right kind of plumbing so they can stay home and pull the chain. And she says that Clinton wants to fix things up so everybody has got an indoor toilet."

Well, that makes sense. As the greatest nation in the history of the world, we have the amazing capacity to put a man on the moon, so we should be able to put every man, woman and child on an indoor toilet seat.

"Yeah, that's what I've always said." I'm sure you have. But I still don't understand how indoor and outdoor toilet seats become some kind of liberal and conservative issue.

"Because this liberal lady pundit says it takes a real liberal president with a big heart to figure out that it's the job of the federal government to worry about the little guy who ain't got an indoor toilet and to make sure that he gets one."

Ah, now I understand. We're talking about the liberal belief that the federal government should provide the basic needs that have been neglected by local government.

"Yeah, something like that." And where all of these outhouses? Not in Manhattan or Palm Springs, I'm sure.

"Right. The liberal lady pundit says that in the Texas panhandle and in some parts of Mississippi, you still got people

who got to get up at 3 o'clock in the morning and hoof through the darkness to get to their outdoor john."

Please, don't call it a john because people with that name are offended and might picket my office.

"OK, they got to go out at night to hit the outdoor can. And that ain't right, right?"

Right. "But why should I pay taxes so some guy in Texas can sit on an indoor toilet seat? Or why should a factory worker in Detroit or a bartender in Cleveland have to pay for someone else's indoor toilet?"

In other words, you are taking more of a conservative position that Texas and Mississippi should be responsible for providing the plumbing facilities that would make it possible for its citizens to sit comfortably indoors.

"Right. And if they don't do it on their own, then they ought to be ashamed of themselves."

But what if the states don't have the funds?

"Then they should put in a toilet tax. Everybody in Texas and Mississippi should pay a few bucks tax for every indoor toilet. That way a rich guy with five toilets would pay more than a working stiff with one toilet."

Yes, that should please liberals.

"And a state toilet tax would mean the federal government wasn't getting into the toilet business, which would make the conservatives happy."

But that would deprive Clinton of an opportunity to demonstrate his liberal generosity.

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By Bruce Tinsley



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Day after taking hostage at courthouse, man found guilty of murder by San Antonio jury

SAN ANTONIO — The day after he clubbed a 57-year-old woman bailiff and held her hostage, a 20-year-old man returned to the bullet-riddled courtroom and was sentenced to life in prison for killing a grocer.

Evodio Monsivias Herebia, 20, looked disheveled, with his shirt-tail pulled out and wearing beltless pants that hung low on his hips.

Shortly before noon Thursday, 144th State District Judge Susan Reed sentenced him as he stood stiffly by his lawyer's side.

He was sentenced to life for the 1994 shooting death of a West Side grocery store owner. The life sentence for Herebia was automatic after the jury found him guilty. Prosecutors had not sought the death penalty.

It was the climax to a courtroom drama that began Wednesday shortly after the case was turned over to the jury.

Texas sues EPA: Claims radiation could seep across state line

ALBUQUERQUE — The state of Texas contends safety standards for a proposed nuclear waste dump in southeast New Mexico were watered down, increasing the chances that radiation could seep across the state line.

Texas Attorney General Dan Morales filed suit against the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C.

The lawsuit says federal agencies held "closed-door discussions" that weakened final technical standards for the proposed Waste Isolation Pilot Plant near Carlsbad.

As a result, the lawsuit says, there was a higher risk of an accidental radiation leak from the site 15 miles from the Texas-New Mexico state line.

"The impact of such a release could be devastating to the State of Texas, Texas' citizens, its natural resources and its economy, particularly the agricultural industry located just miles from the WIPP site," the lawsuit says.

Police head for crash site; mystery bones at victim's home

JALAPA, Mexico — Police say they plan a new search at the site of a 20-year-old plane crash that apparently killed a U.S. doctor at whose home human bones have since been found.

The federal attorney general's office says the only person tentatively identified is Dr. David L. White of McAllen, Texas, a retired surgeon who vanished in the mid-1970s. The bodies of two women also were found.

Unidentified human bones were discovered last year in White's former home, according to The (McAllen) Monitor.

Searchers planned to fly by helicopter today to the crash site in the Santa Marta mountains near the city of San Andres Tuxtla, according to the Federal Judicial Police office in the city of Veracruz.

The plane, a Beechcraft Bonanza, was spotted April 3. Police officers who reached it on foot this week said they found the remains of a man, identified as White, and two women.

Mexican says Border Patrol agent beat him in Eagle Pass

SAN ANTONIO — The U.S. Border Patrol is investigating a claim by a Mexican national that he was beaten by an agent in Eagle Pass.

Jose Luis Ugalde Hernandez, 31, of Aguascalientes, Mexico, told the San Antonio Express-News he suffered a fractured rib when he was beaten after being detained by the Border Patrol late Tuesday afternoon.

"The agent began to strike me next to a wall," Ugalde said from a hospital in Piedras Negras, Mexico. "I couldn't move. I felt I was suffocating."

Benny Carrasco, agent-in-charge of the Border Patrol station, said he was told of the alleged incident Wednesday morning by Javier Aguilar Rangel, the Mexican consul in Eagle Pass.

Agents could see no signs of injury, despite Ugalde's complaint, but photographed Ugalde in an effort "to avoid being accused of things like this," Carrasco said.

Attorney John Hill defends fund-raising letter to judge

AUSTIN — A lawyer who solicited campaign funds for Texas Supreme Court Justice James A. Baker a week after arguing a case before the court says Baker's impartiality won't be affected by his action.

"Judge Baker is a very independent person. Everyone that knows him knows that. He is a man of the highest integrity. He's not going to be influenced by this at all in terms of his decision-making," lawyer John Hill Jr., a former Supreme Court chief justice, said Thursday.

Baker, who has been asked to recuse himself by Hill's opponents in the case, has been out of the office and didn't return telephone calls from The Associated Press on Wednesday or Thursday.

Hill signed a fund-raising letter sent out by Baker's campaign a week after arguing a case on behalf of Cincinnati-based Merrell Pharmaceuticals Inc., which is being sued by parents of a girl born without fingers on her right hand.

Citizen groups call on Texas support for changes

AUSTIN — Texas lawmakers in Washington claim to support changes in the way congressional races are financed, but only two have given the issue more than lip service, three citizens groups contend.

Common Cause Texas, Public Citizen of Texas and the League of Women Voters of Texas called on 28 Texas congressmen to pledge their support for a campaign finance reform measure foundering in a House committee.

The three groups said Thursday that the proposal needs support from 218 House members to bring it up for a vote.

So far, it has support from 22 lawmakers, including Reps. Lloyd Doggett, D-Austin, and Ron Coleman, D-El Paso.

Report: State needs back lot, sound stage to attract movies

HOUSTON — A recently completed report on Texas' film and video industry says the state needs a new back lot and sound stage to attract more movie business.

Funded by the Texas Commerce Department, the study will be the centerpiece of a legislative hearing in Austin next week on the feasibility of building such motion-picture facilities.

Civil suits filed by Branch Davidian survivors moved from Houston to Waco

HOUSTON (AP) — Nine federal court lawsuits seeking hundreds of millions of dollars in damages stemming from the Branch Davidian siege and fatal fire nearly three years ago are heading for trial — at least for the time being — in Waco.

U.S. District Judge Nancy Atlas' ruling came on a Justice Department motion that contended the Houston-based Southern District of Texas was the improper place to consider the lawsuits, which have been consolidated into a single case.

No trial date has been set. Atlas' ruling suggests any trial may be years away. The Waco federal court had 381 civil cases on its docket as of the start of this year. At the same time, the 11 federal judges in Houston averaged a backlog of 585 civil suits.

The civil rights suits against the federal government and top Justice Department and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms officials have been filed by a number of survivors of the Davidians who died in the April 19, 1993, fire. The plaintiffs also include a few surviving group members.

The blaze at the David Koresh-led Mount Carmel compound at Waco killed Koresh and 80 followers and climaxed a siege that began 51 days earlier with the fatal shooting of four ATF agents.

"We're studying it," Lawrence Schilling, one of the plaintiffs' attorneys, said Thursday of the ruling, entered a week ago. "We think the venue is in Houston. The criminal case was transferred from Waco to San Antonio."

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plaintiffs' attorney

The plaintiffs contended Houston was proper for the trial because the government's supervision of the Davidians' investigation and planning for the Feb. 28 ATF raid was based

prove justified and should the bias persist through the years during which discovery is conducted, and should there be a right to a jury trial on claims that survive after the defendants motions are decided, then this case may be transferred for trial to another division in the Western District...

Waco, the case will come under the scrutiny of U.S. District Judge Walter Smith, who presided over a 1994 trial he moved to San Antonio. In that case, seven Branch Davidians were convicted of weapons charges.

Attorneys for the plaintiffs in the Houston civil suits bolstered their arguments against Waco as proper venue for their case by arguing Smith was unfairly prejudiced in the case and biased against the Davidians.

Atlas disagreed, noting that Smith "already has demonstrated his sensitivity to the jury bias and pretrial publicity issues by transferring the criminal case over which he presided to San Antonio."

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The agents allege an ambulance company employee tipped off a KWTX photographer about the impending raid and that the presence of the newspaper and television station employees covering the raid constituted negligence.

The judge noted that Waco was the site of the Mount Carmel church, the Davidians, the injuries and fatalities, the Feb. 28 shootout and the siege and fire.

Atlas left open the possibility the case could be moved elsewhere within the Western District, which also includes Austin, Del Rio, El Paso, Pecos, San Antonio and Midland.

"This court shares plaintiffs' concern that the Waco community may be hostile to the survivors and decedents, and that plaintiffs therefore cannot get a fair jury trial in Waco," she wrote.

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7-year-old 'pilot,' father, instructor killed in take-off crash

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — A 7-year-old girl who hoped to become the youngest person to fly cross-country was killed Thursday when her small plane nose-dived to the ground "like a dart" soon after taking off in driving rain and snow. Her father and her flight instructor also died.

Jessica Dubroff, who used a red booster seat to see over the dashboard and extenders so her legs could reach the control pedals, spoke to her mother by telephone even as she revved the engine on the runway.

Lisa Blair Hathaway said she could hear rain falling on the airplane, but that there was no word of problems as the three began to take off and ended the communication.

"I beg people to let children fly if they want to fly," a teary-eyed Hathaway said in Massachusetts, where she had been waiting for the arrival of Jessica and her ex-husband.

"Clearly I would want all my children to die in a state of joy. I mean, what more could I ask for? I would prefer it was not at age 7 but, God, she went with her joy and her passion, and her life was in her hands," Hathaway said.

Later Thursday, she flew to Cheyenne to claim her daughter's body. Her plane landed just a short distance from the spot of her daughter's last takeoff. She was driven from the airport and did not speak with reporters.

Jessica, her father, Lloyd Dubroff, and flight instructor

Joe Reid began their journey Wednesday morning in Half Moon Bay, Calif., and spent the night in Cheyenne. They had planned to arrive Friday in Falmouth, Mass.

The Cessna 177B owned by Reid crashed about one mile north of the Cheyenne Municipal Airport, narrowly missing houses and cars. Its tail section came to rest just 25 feet from one home's garage.

"I kept thinking, 'Please! Please get some altitude!'" said Tom Johnson, a 15-year pilot who saw the plane fall. "It just went right into the ground. I knew no one survived. It would have been impossible."

Johnson, whose office is about a half-block from the crash site, said he spotted the plane short-

ly after takeoff and it appeared the pilot was trying to return to the airport. He said the plane never got higher than 400 feet.

"It stalled over my building, winged over and went straight into the ground like a dart," he said.

Hours after the crash, the Federal Aviation Administration said it would review rules that govern when a pilot can allow an unlicensed passenger to fly.

Youngsters have to be at least 16 to solo at the controls of an airplane. But children of any age can fly alongside a licensed pilot who determines that it is safe to let them operate the controls.

Shortly before takeoff, Jessica told a reporter for Cheyenne television station KKTU that she thought about one thing when flying: not crashing. But she said she did not worry about it.

Jessica lived with her mother, a 9-year-old brother, Joshua, and a 3-year-old sister, Jasmine,

in Pescadero, a rural community about 40 miles south of San Francisco. Lloyd Dubroff lived with his second wife in San Mateo.

The children were schooled at home, learning to read, write and do arithmetic through such activities as flying, riding horses and even helping rebuild a house.

On Tuesday, Lloyd Dubroff said he was inspired by another young girl's cross-country flight several years ago, and when Jessica expressed an interest in flying a year ago, he asked her if she would like to try such a flight. She agreed. "I'm the culprit," Dubroff said.

Reid, a 52-year-old broker with Dean Witter Reynolds Inc. in Palo Alto, was president of the Half Moon Bay Pilots Association and founder of the airport's flying club.

"Joe was certainly capable of handling any kind of emergency," said Forrest Storz, a flight instructor who worked with

Reid for many years and helped see the trio off Tuesday.

After landing in Cheyenne late Wednesday, Jessica was excited. "It's been a long day," she said. "I enjoyed it. I can't wait until the next day. I can't wait to sleep. I had two hours of sleep last night."

The plane took off at 8:25 a.m. — just minutes after a thunderstorm hit the area, accompanied by heavy rain, snow and winds gusting to 32 mph.

Surface visibility was about five miles and the temperature was 38 degrees, "right on the edge of icing being a problem," said Cheyenne Airport Manager Jerry Olson.

Olson said he did not know whether flight controllers had given clearance to take off, but said there are apparently no rules that would have allowed them to keep the girl on the ground.

NTSB investigator Steve McCreary said he had been told the short flight was filmed.

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Israeli airstrikes hit Beirut, south and east Lebanon

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Israeli aircraft fired rockets across Lebanon on Thursday, targeting the command center of Hezbollah guerrillas in Beirut and bombarding cars suspected of carrying the guerrillas' commanders.

It was the first time since the 1982 invasion that Israeli forces have attacked the Lebanese capital.

The airstrikes were in retaliation for Hezbollah attacks on Israeli soldiers in southern Lebanon and rocket assaults on northern Israel that killed one soldier and wounded 38 other Israelis this week.

But with Israeli elections just weeks away and recent suicide bombings deep inside Israel still fresh in Israelis' minds, the nine hours of strikes went beyond the usual reprisal.

Casualty and damage reports were conflicting, with four or five people reported killed and about a dozen wounded.

Speaking not long after the airstrikes, Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres refused to rule out further attacks on the Shiite Muslim guerrilla group.

"We are not trigger-happy, (but) if someone prefers a confrontation to a dialogue we have the ability to confront them," he said.

Ahmed Younis, a 35-year-old aide to a Hezbollah commander in the south, was seriously wounded when his car was gutted by a helicopter missile on the highway near the southern port of Sidon.

The commander was not in the vehicle, Lebanese security sources said. A 27-year-old woman passenger was killed and two other civilians were wounded at an adjacent highway rest stop in the fishing harbor of Jiyeh. A third civilian was wounded when a missile hit a car at Dirdghaya, near the southern port of Tyre, the sources said.

Israeli fighter-bombers also attacked bases of the Iranian-backed Hezbollah in eastern and southern Lebanon.

Hezbollah's top commander in southern Lebanon, Sheik Nabli Kaouk, swore to "burn (the Israelis) with their fire and blow up the ground under their feet."

Hezbollah won't limit its retaliatory attacks to Israel, Hezbollah Secretary-General Sheik Hassan Nasrallah said.

"The reprisals will not just be in northern Palestine. We'll choose the place and the time," he said.

Thousands of Israelis fled the border town of Kiryat Shemona, where 36 people were wounded by Katyusha attacks on Tuesday, to safety in cen-

tral Israel. The army ordered all children under 16 to be evacuated from the north.

The attack on Beirut was Israel's deepest assault inside Lebanon since its troops invaded nearly 14 years ago to rout Palestinian guerrillas.

Four Apache helicopter gunships swooped in over Beirut under overcast skies from warships off the Mediterranean coast to blast Hezbollah targets in the slums with at least seven missiles.

In a joint news conference with Peres, Israel's army commanders described why they selected certain structures as air raid targets.

A 10-story building in a densely populated southern suburb of Beirut served as Hezbollah's command center from which attacks on Israel were being planned, said Maj. Gen. Moshe Ayalon, head of military intelligence.

Helicopter gunships fired three missiles into three windows of a first-floor office in the building, which also housed Hezbollah leaders and their families, said the air force commander, Maj. Gen. Herzl Bodinger.

The army commanders played a videotape of the air strike that showed the missiles hitting the lower left of the high-rise, followed by puffs of smoke. The building remained standing.

Other videos showed the destruction of two buildings in south Lebanon that served as residences for Hezbollah fighters — but were likely evacuated before the attack; and an attack on what Israel said was a "major Hezbollah logistics center" but the guerrilla group claimed was only a garbage dump in the Bekaa Valley.

Hezbollah said "residential buildings" were struck in the Bir el-Abed and Haret Hreik neighborhoods, and denied the group's office was hit.

In the news conference, Peres said he ordered the air strikes after Hezbollah ignored attempts to restore calm through a political dialogue.

"We are sending a simple message. There will be calm in Lebanon if there is calm in all of Israel."

Since Palestinian suicide bombers killed 58 victims in Israel six weeks ago, Peres has been under extreme pressure to strike hard against guerrillas who threaten Israel's security.

With elections scheduled for May 29 and his own popularity flagging under the burden of guerrilla attacks, domestic politics may have colored Peres' decision to retaliate harshly and risk engulfing the region.

Peacekeepers join outlaws in Liberian thievery

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) — Warriors are battling beyond the control of their warlords. Peacekeepers are joining outlaws in thievery. Food and medicine are scarce. Desperation has overcome the residents of Liberia's seaside capital.

"Lord, please help us out of this madness," housewife Maima Jones said Thursday. "Your children are dying."

Up to 20,000 people have sought refuge in the U.S. Embassy compound and U.N. offices since fighting broke out between rebels and government troops last Saturday.

A few people jumped the wall at the embassy compound on Thursday, but were quickly run off by U.S. special forces, said U.S. State Department spokesman Glyn Davies in Washington.

The Washington Post, citing an unidentified European diplomat who witnessed the clash, reported today that the U.S. troops exchanged gunfire with the group. The diplomat said there were no American casualties.

U.S. military helicopters have been evacuating people from the compound. By late Thursday, 712 people had been flown out, including 130 Americans and citizens of at least 35 other countries, officials in Washington said.

No one knows how many people have died.

Dozens of corpses, mostly those of young men, lay by the side of downtown streets on

Thursday amid burned-out vehicles and Lebanese-owned shops that were looted and vandalized.

"You Liberians have a good country that God has given to the wrong people," said Joseph Hage, 36, a Lebanese businessman, who saw his electronics shop looted and destroyed.

The U.S. military was expanding its evacuation effort as street fighting among rival factions pinned down some U.S. citizens trying to reach the embassy.

With a U.S. Marine amphibious group expected to arrive in a week, more than 4,000 U.S. military personnel will be involved, U.S. defense officials said.

The seven-year war involving seven rebel factions has killed more than 150,000 people in the West African nation, founded in 1847 by freed American slaves. It has also left at least half the country's 2.3 million people homeless.

A peace accord was supposed to clear the way for elections this year, but civil order col-

lapsed despite the presence of some 12,000 West African peacekeepers.

"A serious humanitarian crisis is likely to erupt if fighting continues," said Tarek El Guindi, director of the U.N. World Food Program in Liberia.

Aid workers from Doctors Without Borders said they had treated dozens of gunshot victims and were running short of medical supplies because sniper fire prevented them from reaching the central hospital.

Groups of people broke down the gates at the U.N. compound on Thursday morning, cutting communication with headquarters in New York, spokesman Sylvana Foa said.

Reports from the U.N. mission spoke of a "frenzy of looting" and said it appeared that leaders of the warring factions had lost control of their own fighters, Foa said.

Some peacekeepers, particularly Nigerians, were reported to have joined in the looting, said U.N. sources, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Two Bosnian Croat soldiers killed, nine wounded by mine

ZAGREB, Croatia (AP) — Two Bosnian Croat soldiers were killed Thursday and nine were wounded when they stepped on a land mine in northern Bosnia, police said.

Military officials at Tuzia Air Base first reported three civilians were killed and four injured near the town of Dobo, about 35 miles northwest of the U.S. headquarters in Bosnia.

Bosnian police in Zenica, north-central Bosnia, con-

firmed a later report by the state-run Croatian news agency HINA that said two soldiers were killed and nine wounded.

The explosion occurred in the tiny Bosnian Croat village of Makljenovac, located inside the NATO-patrolled separation zone between Bosnian Croats and Serbs, HINA said.


Military officials at Tuzia Air Base said Danish soldiers gave first aid to the injured before they were evacuated to the hospital.

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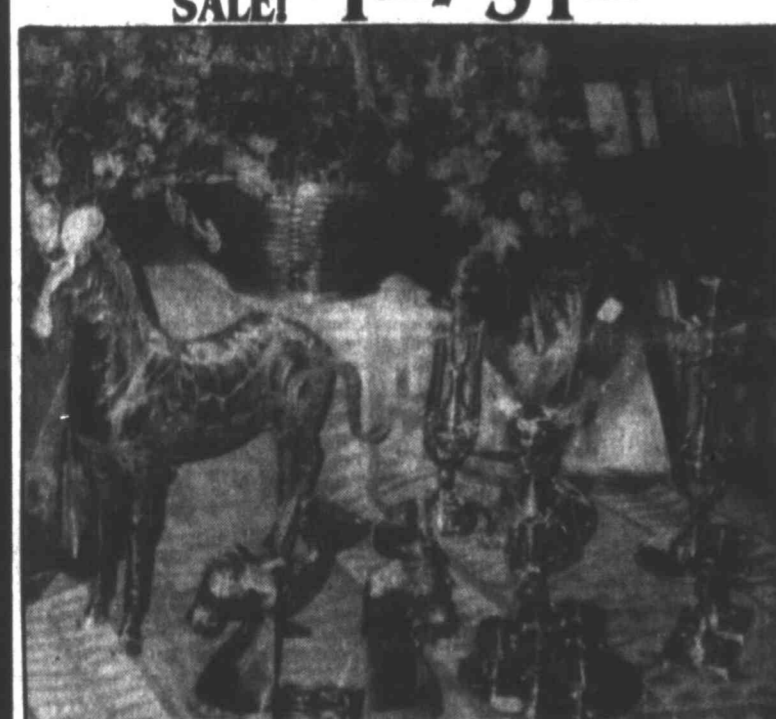
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April is Child Abuse Prevention Month: Awareness is important

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The month of April has been designated as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

It has also been named Sexual Assault Awareness Month with Crime Victims Rights Week scheduled for April 21-27.

Statistics compiled by Rape Crisis/Victim Services of Big Spring show between Jan. 1, 1995 and Dec. 31, 1995, 67 children were primary victims of sexual assault, 12 children were primary victims of physical abuse and one child was a victim of indecency.

Rape Crisis/Victim Services says these numbers are pretty high, especially considering the size of the Big Spring community. Also consider the fact many cases go unreported, 80 cases of child abuse, in one

form or another, is still too high.

As part of the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission's Permian Basin Child Abuse Prevention and Protection Regional Plan, Howard County has provided the PBRPC with information listing the county's law enforcement officers, and who to reach as part of the county's child abuse protection plan.

Statistics also show in 1994 the total child population of Howard County was 8,578; the child at-risk population was 1,390; and county child abuse statistics showed 327 investigations; 33 children in legal responsibility; and 32 children in substitute care.

One of the most difficult forms of child abuse facing society today is child sexual abuse.



Approximately one out of three girls and one out of six boys is sexually abused by the time they reach the age of 18.

In a 1991 survey by the National Victim Center, 61 percent of the adult women who said they had been raped said

they were assaulted before the age of 18. The majority of abusers are family members or acquaintances.

According to Texas Department of Health Sexual Assault Program Specialist Richard Orton, the need for effective prevention programs becomes even more dramatic when we consider its long term effects on children.

Some of the psychological reactions sexually abused children may exhibit include fear, anger hostility, guilt and shame, low self-esteem, anxiety, early overt sexual behavior and other behaviors such as running away and truancy.

He noted 40 percent of child sexual abuse victims seek mental health treatment as adults and many victims of child sexual abuse are vulnerable to sexual assault as adults.

According to Orton, it is crucial that sexually abused children be identified as early as possible and effective intervention occurs to stop the abuse and begin the healing process.

A good child abuse prevention program, especially sexual abuse, will teach the following two basic concepts:

"No one has the right to touch a child in private areas in a way that make them uncomfortable or to force a child to touch them in an uncomfortable way."

"Should that happen a child should be reminded they have the right to get help from a trusted adult."

Big Spring's Rape Crisis/Victim Services offers a 24-hour a day, seven day a week, 365 days a year, service to victims of crime, including, but not limited to violent crimes of assault, sexual assault, and domestic violence.

A candlelight vigil, to remember and recognize the victims of crime, will be April 21 at 8 p.m. on the Howard County Courthouse lawn.

CLUBS IN BRIEF

Deadline for club news is Wednesday at noon.

Elbow FCE Club

Barbara Pavolich was hostess for the Elbow FCE Club on April 4. Seven members and guest, Faye Croker answered roll call with "An April Fool Trick I Remember." Myrl Soles read Corinthians 15:21 for the devotion.

"The thought for the day was 'True Superiority Lies In Being Superior To Your Previous Self.'"

The raffles were won by Lou, Sybil, Faye, Myrl, Erma and Winifred.

TAFCCE week is the first week in May. Dana Tartar and Roselle Dohoney will have a display in the library.

Nominees for delegates to the State Meeting at Tyler in September are Myrl Soles, Barbara Pavolich and Lou Vincent.

Olnee Menges presented the program on Coping With Lactose Intolerance. The sugar in milk is a problem for many. Be sure and read food labels and plan your meals carefully.

Delegates from City and Elbow Club will go to El Paso on April 18 for district meeting.

Eastern Star

Big Spring Chapter No. 67 Order of the Eastern Star. Election of Officers, 7:30 P.M. April 16, 1996. Friendship night, dinner, 6:00 p.m. April 20, 1996.

Big Spring - Howard County Retired Teachers

Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers will meet Monday, April 15 at 11:30 a.m. in the Cactus Room on the campus of Howard College.

Members of the Masonic Lodge will have the program - "The History of the United States Flag."

Daughters of the American Revolution

The Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution met recently at the Big Spring Country Club. Vice-Regent, Mrs. Sue Ann Damron,

presided.

The program on the Stanton Convent was given by Mrs. June Reid. Mrs. Sophie White also spoke as she was actually a student when the convent school was open.

Four members of the Chapter returned recently from the State Convention of TSDAR in Corpus Christi. Those attending were Mrs. Carole Lawson, Regent; Mrs. Martha Cummings, Region 8 Director; Mrs. Sara Tipton, Incoming Regent, and Mrs. Lora Mae Pollard, Incoming Vice-Regent.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Boyd and their three daughters also attended. Ernie received his award for the State Veteran/Patient of Texas and the South Central Division.

Mrs. Martha Cummings and Mrs. Lora Mae Pollard will be leaving this week for Washington, D.C. to attend the National Convention of NSDAR. The next club meeting will be April 20 at noon at the Big Spring Country Club.

Big Spring Art Association

The Big Spring Art Association met March 19 at the Kentwood Older Adult Center. Officers for the coming year were elected. President, Kay Smith; vice president, Elnora Hart; treasurer, Bonita Lyght; and reporter Betty Conley.

Kay Smith gave a watercolor demonstration for the program. Carol Berry is artist of the month for April with painting at the Heritage Museum. Judy Gibbs will be artist of the month for May.

JoBeth Getlian, watercolor artist from Lubbock gave a workshop March 23 at the West Texas Art Center and will return May 10-11 for a two day workshop. The fee is \$5.00. Call Kay Smith 263-6466 for information.

The Art Association will have a tea and paint-in at the Heritage Museum April 27. The student art show will be on exhibit at that time also. Members have judged the students art work at the elementary schools.

The association will have a supper for artists who are not members at the Kentwood Center. Members will exhibit and explain their art work also.

The following members had paintings exhibited in the



Lubbock watercolorist JoBeth Gilliam is shown next to her painting during her recent workshop at West Texas Center for the Arts. Jointly sponsored by Big Spring Art Association, Gilliam's next class is open to the public on May 10-11. For more information, call Kay Smith at 263-6466 or Sheree Moates at 264-5195.

Odessa Art Show now open to the public at the Art Institute. Those accepted were Carol Berry, Estelle Howard, Letha Lewis honorable mention and Judy Gibbs, honorable mention.

life! Section Sunday Deadlines

All Sunday items (weddings, anniversaries, engagements, birth announcements, Who's Who, military) are due to the Herald office by Wednesday at noon. Wedding, engagement, anniversary and birth announcement forms are available in the editorial department. Pictures are to be picked up no later than 30 days after publication or they will be discarded.

Scholarships now available

Special to the Herald

The Permian Basin Area Foundation announces applications for the Marie Hall Scholarship Fund are available for distribution to residents in West Texas.

The scholarship is available to students living in the following counties: Andrews, Borden, Crane, Dawson, Ector, Gaines, Garza, Glasscock, Howard, Kent, Loving, Lynn, Martin, Midland, Mitchell, Scurry, Sterling, Ward and Winkler.

Scholarship awards, ranging from \$500 to \$1,500, are available to students of any academic pursuit. Recipients of the financial aid must attend one of the following colleges or universities:

- Howard College, Big Spring
- Sul Ross University, Alpine
- University of Texas of the Permian Basin, Odessa

- Midland College, Midland
- Odessa College, Odessa
- Texas Tech University, Lubbock

- Texas Tech University, Odessa

- Angelo State University, San Angelo

An application can be requested by contacting the financial aid office of one of the above listed colleges or universities. Applications are due to the financial aid office by April 29.

For more information about the program, contact the foundation at (915) 682-4704.

CHURCH AND CLUB NEWS DEADLINES

Church and Club News items are due at the Herald office by noon Wednesday for Friday publication.

Items should be dropped off to the office, 710 Scurry, mailed to P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring Texas, 79721-1431; or faxed to 264-7205. For more information call 263-7331, x112.

CHURCH IN BRIEF

Deadline for church news is noon Wednesday.

Baker's Chapel Church

Baker's Chapel Church will have barbecue dinners, Saturday, April 13 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The dinners will consist of choice of meat, brisket, pork ribs or chicken, potato salad and red beans. You can pick up dinners at the church, 911 N. Lancaster or call 267-7158 for delivery. Proceeds will go to the improvement of the church. Your help will be appreciated.

East Side Baptist Church

"Forever His" will be in concert Sunday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the East Side Baptist Church, East Sixth and Settles. Free admission. Doug Shelly, pastor of the host church noted, "We set the concert time at 7 p.m. in hopes that folks will come after their regular Sunday evening services."

"Forever His" has been traveling, singing, and preaching since 1985 under their name which is not just a "catchy" title, but a way of life for them. They began to sing in churches all around Texas and recently expanded their travels throughout the United States. The group has also expanded into a full time ministry of preaching and winning souls for God. They are a family group with a close harmony gospel sound and diverse abilities, ages, and jobs.

"Forever His" invites you to join them in their desire to see souls saved, to lift up hearts, and to testify Jesus Christ is Lord.

Immaculate Heart of Mary

The First Year Confirmation Class of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church is having a car wash Saturday at Wes-T-Go, 1800 Gregg. Hours available 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Proceeds will enable these students to attend a youth retreat in Pecos, N.M. Please support their efforts.

Evangel Temple Assembly of God

Evangel Temple Assembly of God will host a marriage and family seminar Sunday, April 14 with Rev. Robert Slaton, district superintendent of the West Texas District Council of the Assemblies of God.

Rev. Slaton has many years experience serving as a pastor and counseling the needs of the contemporary family, and travels extensively to churches and conferences speaking on this topic. He served as pastor at First Assembly of God in Amarillo for over 20 years and has served in the district office nearly 10 years.

He will be at Evangel Temple for three services on Sunday at 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. The church is located at 2205 South. Call 263-1136 for more information. The public is welcome.

Sand Springs Church of Christ

Plans for the spring gospel meeting at Sand Springs Church of Christ, nine miles east of Big Spring, have been announced by Phillip M. Burcham Sr., minister.

The meeting will be May 5-8. The speaker MONTGOMERY will be Gary Montgomery, minister of the Westside Church of Christ in Midland. He plans to present a series of lessons on daily living, based on texts from the New Testament book of James.

Montgomery, was raised in Graham and educated at Abilene Christian University, was the speaker at Sand Springs in May 1995, when new attendance records were set. Those records are expected to be broken at this year's meeting.

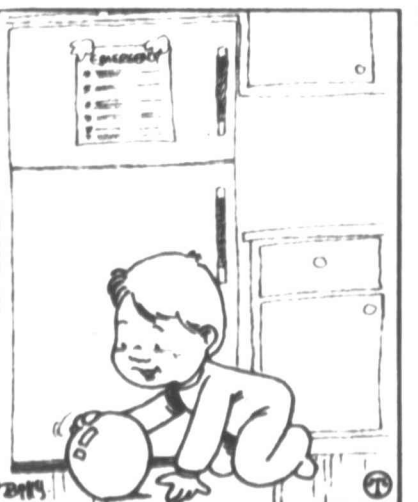
Song leader for the meeting will be Dan Pettitt of Midland. Please see CHURCH, page 9A

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- (NAPS)— Are you prepared?
- Be familiar with the emergency preparedness page from telephone book.
- Every home and car should be equipped with a first aid kit.
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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Sand Springs flea market

The Sand Springs Lions Club will be having a flea market from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Sand Springs Community Center, Scout Hut Road on north service road, Friday and Saturday.

Few spaces are still available on inside and outside. For more information call 394-4579.

Cystic fibrosis 'Great Strides'

The cystic fibrosis "Great Strides" will be 9:30 a.m. May 4, according to Wanda Wise.

The project helps raise funds for research to help fight cystic fibrosis, the No. 1 genetic killer of children and young adults in the U.S.

For more information, call Wise at 267-1929

Bone marrow drive

A second bone marrow drive to benefit Meagan Stanley will be this Saturday at First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A small sample of blood will be taken to see if the bone marrow is compatible with Meagan's, who has been diagnosed with leukemia.

There is a \$20 fee to cover the cost of the testing.

Donkey basketball Saturday

The Coahoma Lions Club is sponsoring Bob Crosby's Donkey Basketball this Saturday. The game will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Coahoma High School gymnasium. Admission is \$5 in advance for adults and \$7 at the door. Advance tickets for grade school students are \$3 and \$5 at the door.

THE LAST WORD

Some things have to be believed to be seen.
—Ralph Hodgson

America is the best half-educated country in the world.
—Nicholas Murray Butler

We must open the doors of opportunity. But we must also equip our people to walk through those doors.
—Lyndon B. Johnson

Don't talk about yourself; it will be done when you leave.
—Wilson Mizner

Church

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a former member of the Sand Springs Church.

An evangelist since 1965, Montgomery has led meetings and workshops in many states and in Canada, Mexico, Asia and the Middle East. He has served churches in New Mexico. He has specialized in family counseling programs. He is a member of the president's council for Lubbock Christian University. He has been honored with citizenship awards in cities in Texas and New Mexico where he has lived and served churches.

At Sand Springs, Montgomery will speak at the morning and evening services Sunday, May 5. He also will speak at 7:30 each evening, May 6-8.

The Sand Springs church is on the north service road of Interstate 20, just west of the Salem Road exit (Exit 186).

Big Spring Gospel Opry

The Original Big Spring Gospel Opry will be at the Kentwood Community Center, 2807 Lynn located in Kentwood Addition, on Friday, April 12, at 7 p.m. In addition to gospel music, there will be comedy featuring the ever-lovable clowns, the Rufus Brothers i.e. Ding-Dong Dummy and Dufus with their funny antics. The special line-up of talent for this month will include: Solid Gospel of St. Louis, MO., Tucker Sisters of Coahoma, Carolyn Farris of Big Spring, Ed Luhmann of Big Spring, and the Grace Victors, Inc. (recording artists), also of Big Spring and others.

Solid Gospel has received national notoriety since joining the Nashville based recording company, the Zion Music Group. Their music can be heard on radio stations across America, and has been played in the European market as well.

Solid Gospel consists of Gary O'Neal, singing lead. Singing tenor for the group is Rick Brown. Gary and Rick have



SOLID GOSPEL

written many of the group's most requested songs. Rounding out the group's three part vocal sound is Phil Danner, singing baritone.

Solid Gospel is a ministry oriented group, as well as very entertaining. Their style blends traditional Southern Gospel with a touch of Christian Country.

Be sure to attend this special event. The music performed by the various groups, will cover many styles of Christian music, therefore appealing to all ages. First and second place prizes for the persons that brings the most guests will be given, as well as, a door prize. The public is encouraged to attend for an evening of inspiration, laughter, and fellowship for the whole family. Concessions will be available and admission to the concert is free.

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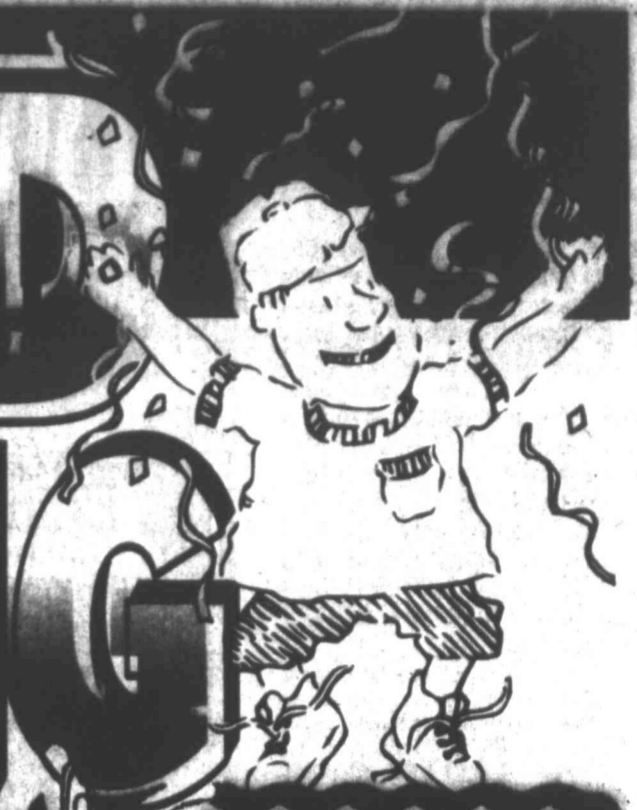
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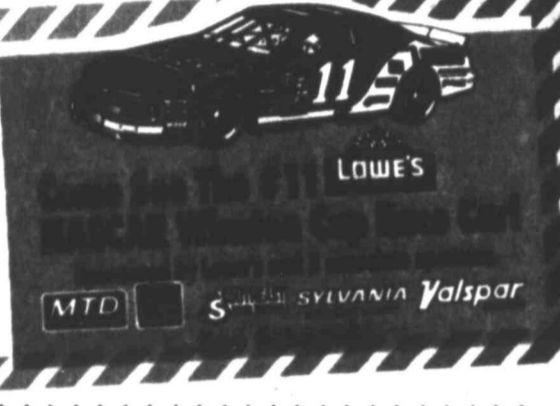
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Hawks struggling to shake off recent slide

By STEVE REAGAN
Sports Editor

Odessa College comes to town for crucial 3-game series

The Howard College baseball team, on cruise control most of the season, is kind of stuck on neutral now.

The 12th-ranked Hawks are going through their roughest stretch of the season, having lost three straight games, their longest winless streak of the year.

This minislump - despite the team's overall 32-9 record and its standing in second place in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference - has head coach Brian Roper very concerned.

"Every team is going to have

slumps, but it's the teams that are mentally tough that will slump and still not let things get out of control," Roper said. "So far, we're not responding well, and I'm disappointed, because this is a good team."

What makes the team's recent slide even more irritating to

Roper is that WJCAC leader Odessa - a game up on Howard in the standings - is coming to town for a three-game series this weekend. The series begins with a doubleheader at noon Saturday and concludes with a single game at noon Sunday. All games are at Jack Barber Field.

Roper's players acknowledge that the team is not playing as well as it might.

"Baseball works that way - there are ups and downs all season," sophomore Chad Polk said. "But it's just a matter of time until this team comes

back to life. There's too many good players on this team for this to affect us for too long."

Sophomore outfielder Brady Mills agrees with Polk.

"I think we just lost a little bit of our focus," Mills said. "The key for us is not to get distracted, and not get frustrated... We've got some guys who are battlers. They're not going to lay down and die."

Stat-wise, the Hawks appear to be in perfect health. The pitching corps, a team strength all season, is cooking with a 2.62 team ERA, while the hitters are batting an admirable

average of .362.

But a loss to conference foe

Frank Phillips, then a doubleheader loss to No. 8 McLennan, have definitely put a damper on proceedings at Barber Field.

"It's been different things for different games," Roper said. "At New Mexico (in March), we didn't

swing the bats well. At Frank Phillips, we didn't play defense and didn't pitch particularly well. And Tuesday (against McLennan), we didn't do anything well at all.

"I just want them to play hard," Roper added. "If we do that, there's no doubt we can achieve the goals we've set."

His players have received the message.

"You've got to play hard every day," pitcher Mark Uberecken said. "We decided to put it in cruise control for a while, but that's not working for us... The train got off the track for a while, but everybody out here is a battler, and it'll get back on track. There's no panic at all."



MILLS



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Tennis team eyes district tourney

By RODERICK RICHARDSON
Herald Sportswriter

After a year of competing at the top level, Big Spring's tennis team will pick on someone their own size.

Today, Big Spring travels to Midland for the District 4-4A tournament. Play began at 9:30 a.m. today.

During the fall and spring semesters, the teams entered 5A tournaments in Midland, Dallas and San Antonio. The tough competition should develop a more solid team.

"Our philosophy is to play the toughest tournaments we can. That means the 5A tournaments," said tennis coach Ralph Davis. "Hopefully it will make us a better team when we go against other 4A teams."

There are certain setbacks to facing bigger teams. Though the players are aware the pre-district tournaments are for sharpening skills, the outcome might effect the team's morale. It helps if a coach has an experienced team - something Davis doesn't have.

"(Our schedule) could have worked against us," said Davis. "We have two young teams. The girls are especially young. We have three freshmen and three sophomores on varsity. That's extremely young."

Now Big Spring is concentrating on taking district, and it has a good chance of winning. The boys team has the top two seedings in singles with Hsiao-Hsuan Li and Jeff Moss.

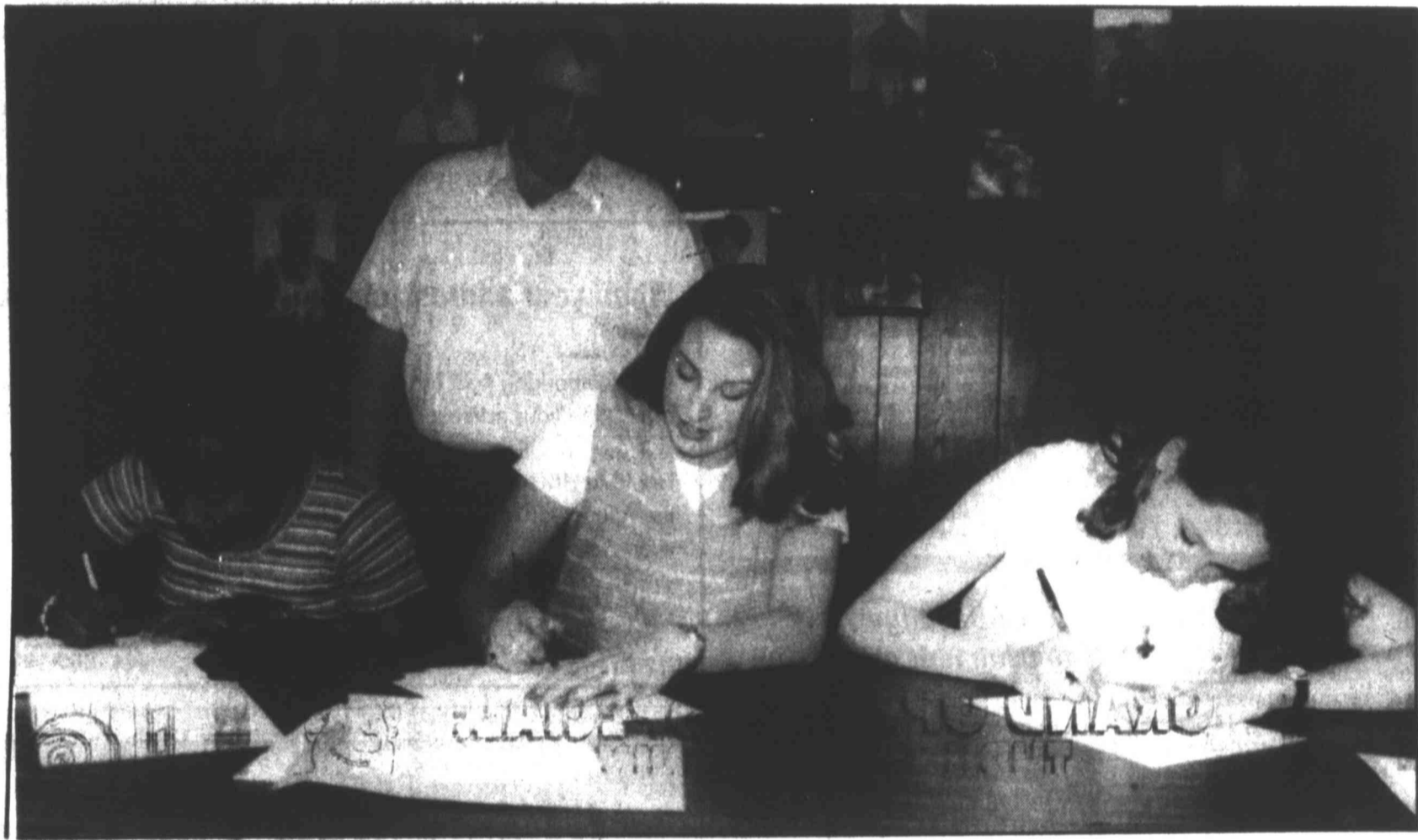
Top seed Li was last season's state semi-finalist. Because Li is a sophomore, Davis has high expectations for him. However, Li is going to try to relax throughout the tournament.

"I'm going to try to play loose," said Li. "I want to take it easy, have fun and see what the outcome will be. I've been playing a lot of USTA matches. I don't want to be stressed out of playing."

Big Spring has the No. 2 seed in boys doubles with Drew

Please see TENNIS, page 2B

TRIPLE PLAY



Howard College Lady Hawks, from left, Joyce Howard, Toni Westfall and Summer Swoboda sign letters of intent Thursday to play basketball for former head coach Terry Gray at the University of Texas-San Antonio. In the background is HC athletic trainer Everett Blackburn.

HERALD photo/Tim Appel

Rangers' streak grinds to a halt

CHICAGO (AP) - The major leagues or playground games, it's all the same to Lyle Mouton.

Mouton hit a three-run homer with one out in the 11th inning Thursday, giving the Chicago White Sox an 8-5 victory over the previously unbeaten Texas Rangers, snapping their seven-game win streak.

"Who knows how long the streak could have gone?" Rangers starter Bobby Witt said. "But tomorrow, we'll try to start a new one."

With one out in the 11th, Mike Henneman (0-1) walked Frank Thomas and gave up a single to Harold Baines, advancing Thomas to third and setting up Mouton, who drove a 1-0 pitch into the right-field bleachers.

"Everybody wants to hit a home run to win the game, whether it's in the backyard or in the big leagues," Mouton said. "I've done that many times in the backyard, and in the backyard I'm always victorious."

Henneman thought the ball had stayed in the ballpark. He turned away because the ball was a certain sacrifice fly.

"Was it a good pitch? Well, where did it end up?" said Henneman, who didn't know he'd given up a home run until he was told by a reporter.

"I guess it was a bad pitch," Henneman said.

"The way the fence is set up, I thought it hit the fence and was on the warning track," Mouton said. "I knew I did my job and got the ball in the air."

Larry Thomas (1-1) picked up the win with two innings of hitless relief.

The Rangers took a 5-4 lead in the 10th on Will Clark's leadoff homer, his first, but the White Sox tied the game 5-5 in the bottom of the inning on Ozzie Guillen's sacrifice fly to deep center, scoring Jose Munoz, a utility infielder who got on base with his first major-league hit.

"Give the kid credit - though, he's not a kid," Texas manager Johnny Oates said of Munoz, 28.

'Shark' takes a bite out of Augusta National

MASTERS

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) - For one day at least, Greg Norman punished Augusta National Golf Club for every time it's caused him a Masters heart-break.

Take that Augusta - three birdies in a row to close the front nine. A down payment on that second-place finish in 1986.

Here's four more birdies in a row on the backside to help wash away the taste of the play-off loss in 1987.

And whap! A birdie-birdie finish for a 63, tying the lowest round ever in a major championship.

For all the times Norman's greatness had been denied in a major championship, especially at Augusta where he has finished in the top six seven times but never won, golf's greatest money winner was for one day golf's greatest player.

Norman's round, only the fourth 9-under-par round in the history of all the majors, was an overwhelming effort on a lightning-fast course, leaving him two strokes ahead of Phil

Mickelson and four better than Scott Hoch and Bob Tway.

It started normally enough with six consecutive pars. Then the talent that has astounded, baffled, amazed and confused a generation of golf fans took over as Norman birdied nine of the last 12 holes.

"When you get into that type of roll like I got into today you just decide to let the reins loose and let the horse run," Norman said.

Run they did. Birdie putts of 10 feet, 10 feet and 14 feet to close the front nine in 33. After pars on Nos. 10 and 11 - a bunker save on 10 that he almost holed - Norman birdied Nos. 12 through 15, making two-putt birdies on both of the par 5s.

He tied the course record set in 1986 by Nick Price with a 10-foot birdie putt on No. 17 and a 24-footer on the final hole to close the back nine in 30.

"This was one of my handful of great rounds," Norman said after posting only the 18th 63 in major championship history and the fourth on a par-72 course.

Norman, who has only two British Open titles to claim as major championships, has made no secret about how much he wants this tournament.

"Those two guys have something I want," Norman said Wednesday night at a dinner where he was honored, looking at Tom Watson and Ben Crenshaw and speaking about the green jackets they've won. "And I'm going to go get it."

His performance was so crushing it all but overshadowed a brilliant day by Mickelson, the 25-year-old left-hander looking for his first major championship victory.

His 65, posted as Norman was finishing the front nine, was a savvy round that showed how much he has learned about the course.

"The really difficult thing

about this tournament, this golf course and these greens," Mickelson said, "is we don't really see anything like it ever, except this one week of the year."

As always on Augusta, position was the key.

"I had a lot of putts from underneath the hole on the back nine and was able to go at them," Mickelson said. "I don't think I've ever seen it this fast," he said about the greens. "But they gave us pin placements we could go at."

The back nine, with its two par-5s reachable in two, was the easier nine. The 30s by Norman and Mickelson were just a stroke off the record 29 shot by Mark Calcavecchia in the final round of 1992.

Tway shot a 31 on the back and Hoch a 32 as they both finished at 67. Lee Janzen, alone in fifth place at 68, had a 33 on the back side.

Mickelson has gotten better every year at the Masters, first

Please see MASTERS, page 2B

BOTTOM OF THE ORDER

ON TAP

Today

Baseball

Big Spring at Pecos, 7:30 p.m.

Track

Big Spring boys/girls at District 4-4A meet, San Angelo. Coahoma, Stanton, Forsan boys/girls at District 6-2A meet, Stanton.

Tennis

Big Spring at District 4-4A meet, Midland.

Saturday

Baseball

Odessa College at Howard College (DH), noon.

STATE/NATION

SWSTU track coach suspended

SAN MARCOS (AP) - Southwest Texas State track coach Doug Erickson has been suspended with pay after an internal investigation uncovered NCAA rules violations, the university said.

Also, distance runner Sammy Unberhagen has been ruled ineligible for competition, said James Studer, vice president of student affairs.

"The investigation, which is expected to continue into next week, centers on alleged illegal cash payments to Unberhagen," Studer said.

"We notified the Southland Conference and the NCAA immediately after uncovering the violations," he said. "The investigation is ongoing, so that's where we are right now."

The NCAA declined comment. Galina Bukharina, who is in her fourth year as assistant coach, was appointed interim track coach.

Wilkins a winner at last

PARIS (AP) - Dominique Wilkins, playing in a finals for the first time in his pro career, became a winner when his Greek club Panathinaikos beat Barcelona 67-66 to capture the European club championship.

The 36-year-old forward finished with 16 points and 10 rebounds.

McMahon stays with Packers

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) - Jim McMahon accepted a two-year contract with the Packers as backup quarterback to Brett Favre.

McMahon, 36, has seen little action the last two seasons, throwing only 44 passes. Green Bay is McMahon's seventh team since he was drafted by Chicago in 1982.

ON THE AIR

(listings subject to change)

Golf

PGA
Masters first round, 3 p.m., USA (ch. 38).

Baseball

MLB
Atlanta at San Diego, 9 p.m., TBS (ch. 11).

Hockey

NHL
Chicago at Detroit, 6:30 p.m., ESPN (ch. 30).

SPORTSEXTRA

BASKETBALL

NBA

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Includes Eastern Conference and Western Conference standings.

New York at Miami, 2:30 p.m. Seattle at San Antonio, 2:30 p.m. Dallas at Houston, 5 p.m.

Boston 3, Hartford 2 Pittsburgh 5, Ottawa 3 Philadelphia 3, Montreal 2

American

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Includes All Times Local and Central Division standings.

HOCKEY

NHL

Table with columns: Team, W, L, T, Pts, GF, GA. Includes Eastern Conference and Western Conference standings.

BASEBALL

National

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Includes All Times Local and Central Division standings.

Tennis

Continued from page 1B McKimney and Kayne Stroup. For Big Spring, the highlighted match-up will come from its second doubles team of Jeff Johnston and Keagan Welch.

redeem ourselves and take them out... I know we stand a chance of beating them. Johnston/Welch are unseeded this year, but Welch hopes to use that to the team's advantage.

Villarreal feels confident she'll perform well. She is ready to play, and she knows what she has to do in order to compete.

Masters

Continued from page 1B ishing 46th, 34th and then seventh last year, when his 66 led after the first round.

hole, landing it lightly with no spin. "I didn't have that shot last year," he said.

back to 8 feet below the cup, leaving an easy uphill birdie putt.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Colorado City boys win 8-3A golf title

The Colorado City boys golf team took the District 8-3A Golf Tournament in Big Lake. Colorado City (963) hit 54 strokes under Sonora (1,017) to win.

Baseball reunion set for Alpine

The Alpine Cowboy/Sul Ross State University Lobo Baseball Reunion in Alpine will be July 4-7.

Cinco De Mayo tournament open

The Snyder Chamber of Commerce will host the first Cinco De Mayo Men's Softball Tournament May 4-5 at the Winston Park in Snyder.

Golf games set at Comanche Trail

With the return of daylight savings time, weekly golf competition will resume at Comanche Trail Golf Course. Each Monday at 5:30 p.m., the nine hole ladies game will take place.

Striper tournament set this week

The Texas Striper Association will hold the fourth annual Lake E.V. Spence Open Striper Tournament Saturday. Registration starts Friday at Wildcat Marina from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Knights of Columbus schedule tournament

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Texas Tech schedules tennis camp

The Texas Tech Tennis Camp is scheduled for this summer. The day camp starts June 24 and 28. The overnight camps takes place June 30 through

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HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 13:

Your goals change dramatically midyear. First, you focus on accomplishment and change. Then, you pull back to internalize and evaluate what you have hatched up to that point. Career remains your strong suit all year, although a project you have been working on behind the scenes may not be what you want. If you are single, you might be too involved with other matters to develop a relationship. If attached, share with your loved one the changes you are experiencing. PISCES reads you cold.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have:

4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Though you have planned a busy day, fatigue or simply a need for some downtime encourages you to cancel plans. Take care of you first as you recycle and think through a change. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Handle responsibilities early on in order to clear time for you and friends. Be willing to aimlessly pursue happiness or whatever whim appeals to you. Hook up with friends. A joint project is likely. Tonight: Whatever makes you happy!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Reach out to another who is at a distance, and make travel plans. Discussions involve the future. Get together later in the day with an older relative. Another lets you know he puts you on a pedestal. Tonight: You're a force to be dealt with.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Mix close time with a desire for adventure. Invite a loved one on a day trip to enjoy the setting, the activities and the mood of the day. Structure the day as little as possible because you need time to just sit and enjoy. Tonight: Try a new restaurant.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You cannot help your social style and happy nature. You feed off attention; however, the wise Leo will find this an excellent time to dote on a loved one. Under the present influence, a little nurturing goes a long way. Express love in a way that counts. Tonight: Do the tango.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Get domestic chores done early because you will want to join friends for a party. In any case,

make it a point to get out and be among people. This is a case of the more, the merrier. Avoid causing trouble when there is none. Tonight: And the party continues.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) By the afternoon, you may question the idea that emerged in the morning. You wonder why you ever thought this idea was fun. Maintain a sense of humor, and be willing to read-just to make today's events memorable. Tonight: Call a halt to the fast pace.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Start this day slowly, but once you are on a roll, there is no stopping you. Regardless of your status, your thoughts may flow to a relationship. Resist going to extremes. A risk could backfire where it hurts most: in your wallet. Tonight: Go for cheap fun.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Stop and listen before you take action. Be aware of another's resistance to your ideas. This is an excellent time to regroup, start up talks and get reacquainted. You need a slow, easy pace more than you are aware. Tonight: Home is your castle.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your possessive side emerges this morning, so you have your hands full trying to act cool. Pull back, and detach from your emotions. You are overly hard on yourself when you don't need to be. Spend time with a friend, and discuss what is happening. Tonight: Hang out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Keep up your pace, and don't get sidetracked by a friend or loved one who throws an obstacle in your path. Your strength, humor and flexibility pay off in your dealings. Be careful with finances; hold back for now. Tonight: Your treat.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You have a hard time getting started. Whatever motivates you out the door delights you in a big way. Make time for a "must" appearance. After that, give yourself permission to let go and enjoy. You are the cat's meow. Tonight: Beam in everything you want.

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Dad does not take lightly marriage to a heavyweight

DEAR ABBY: My father has lived with a lady for several years, but he will not marry her because of her weight. (Of course, he has not told her this.)



Abigail Van Buren
Columnist

She is not fat, but she is a little overweight, a size 12 to 14. When we ask Dad why he hasn't proposed yet, he just says, "She's on a diet right now, and as soon as she loses some weight and stays slim for a while, I'll see about it."

Should I tell her she's wasting her time with my dad? It seems to me that he's just waiting for something better to come along. She cooks, cleans house, washes his clothes, everything. I feel he is just using her. He says he "loves" her.

I think if he loves her, he should marry her. What is your opinion? — A SOUTHERNER

DEAR SOUTHERNER: It is not your place to tell the lady anything. When your father asks for your opinion — and not until then — give it to him with both barrels.

DEAR ABBY: I am a single mom looking for a job. Recently I was called for an interview, and it seemed to go very well, as I was called back for a second interview.

The prospective employer told me he would call me next week with a decision. Abby, I waited a whole week without any word, so I decided to call them back. I left a message, and again no response. Abby, if someone is called in

for an interview, wouldn't it be simple, common courtesy for the interviewer to take a few minutes to say, yes, no, or thank you? — SNUBBED, BRAMPTON, ONTARIO, CANADA

DEAR SNUBBED: Yours is a question that I have been asked several times.

Of course you should have been called back (as promised) and told that you did not get the job, so you could feel free to continue your job search.

DEAR ABBY: My personal frustration with today's impersonal communications systems led me to write the enclosed poem. It was printed in my local newspaper, and is also posted in the library. It gets lots of laughs — and is yours to print if you see fit. — RAE LUDWIG, PLEASANTVILLE, N.J.

DEAR RAE: It's a hoot — and well worth sharing.

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You have been sued. You may employ an attorney, if you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. The Amended Motion to Modify in Suit Affecting the Parent-Child Relationship, Restraining Order and Order Setting Hearing for Temporary Orders, of RHONDA (OVERTON) GILLILAND, Movant, was filed in the Court of Mitchell County, Texas, on April 4, 1996, against WYATT LYNN OVERTON, Respondent, numbered 12,882 and entitled "In the Interest of JON WYATT OVERTON, A Child." The suit requests modification of the Final Decree of Divorce. The date and place of birth of the child who is the subject of the suit: BIRTHPLACE: Stanton, Martin County, Texas. BIRTH DATE: July 13, 1990.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you.

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR TEMPORARY ORDERS: APRIL 18, 1996 AT 10:00 a.m. MITCHELL COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COLORADO CITY, TEXAS
Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Colorado City, Mitchell County, Texas, this 4th day of April, 1996.

Sharon Hammond
Clerk of the District Court
of Mitchell County, Texas
0819 April 12, 1996

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF BIG SPRING
ENGINEERING/UTILITY DIVISION
REQUEST FOR BIDS

The City of Big Spring is seeking bids for the following Contract:
1. HVAC and Electrical Repairs at the City Hall Basement
Sealed Bids shall be addressed to the Office of the City Engineer, City Hall, 310 Nolan Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720-2857 on or before 2:30 P.M., Tuesday, 23 April 1996. Bids will be opened and read aloud at 2:30 P.M. in the City Hall Council Chambers.
A MANDATORY Pre-bid conference will be held at the following location:
Location: Big Spring City Hall Basement
Time: Tuesday, April 16, 1996; 10:00 A.M.
The Award of Bids will be considered at a legally scheduled meeting of the City Council.
The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all formalities.
Only bids submitted on the City bid form shall be accepted. Bid packages can be examined or obtained from the City Engineer, (915) 264-2500.
SIGNED: TIM BLACKSHEAR, MAYOR
SIGNED: TOM FERGUSON, CITY SECRETARY
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
The Big Spring Independent School District shall receive sealed bid proposals until 2:00 p.m. April 30, 1996, for the following athletic areas:
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Specifications and bid documents may be secured from the school district's Business Office, 708 Eleventh Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720-4610, phone number (915) 264-3620. Bids will be publicly open and read immediately following the deadline for receiving the bids in the Business Office of the Big Spring Independent School District. Bidders are invited to be present at the bid opening. Bids received after the opening date and time will be returned unopened. The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all formalities.
Signed: Tim Blackshear, Mayor
Signed: Thomas D. Ferguson, City Secretary
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, sealed bids will be accepted until 2:00 P.M. Tuesday, April 30, 1996, for the consideration of selecting a city depository. Bids are to be opened and read aloud in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 310 Nolan St., Big Spring, Texas 79720, with award to be made at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Big Spring City Council. Bid information and specifications may be obtained in the office of the Director of Finance, Room 102, First Floor, City Hall, 310 Nolan St., Big Spring, Texas 79720. All bids must be marked with the date of the bid and a general description of the bid item. The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all formalities.
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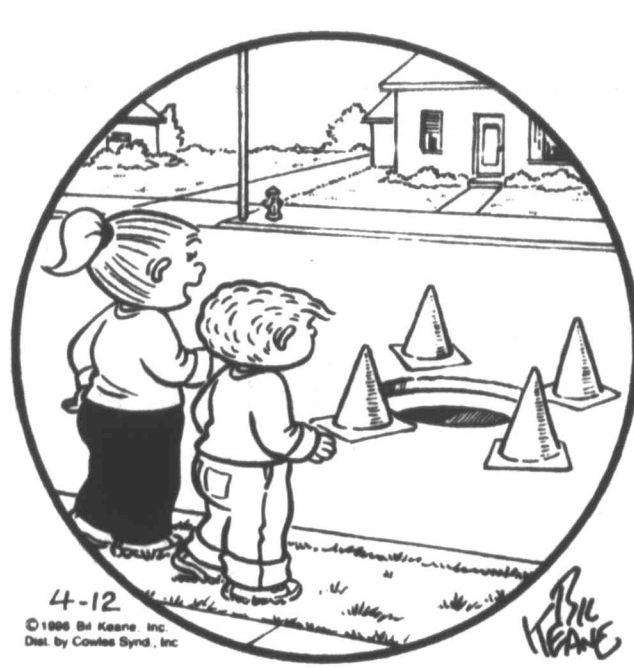
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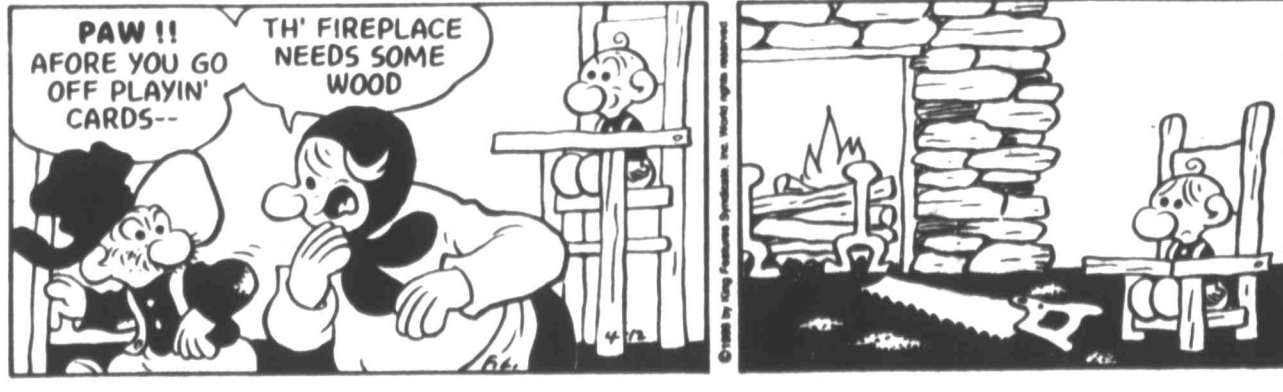
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THE Daily Crossword by Stanley B. Whitten

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

Thursday's Puzzle solved: A grid with words filled in, including ERASE, CLAD, HAW, RAVEN, etc.

Big Spring Herald advertisement with contact information and office hours.

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