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City, state investigating old landfill, possible link to cancer death

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The city of Big Spring called a press conference this morning to shed light on an environmental investigation currently going on within the city.

According to City Engineer and Utilities Director Ralph Truskowski, the city was contacted a couple of weeks ago by a resident who said her husband died of cancer last July.

This type of cancer, multiple myeloma, is thought to be caused by exposure to benzene, a colorless volatile flammable toxic liquid aromatic hydrocarbon used in organic synthesis, as a

solvent, and as a motor fuel, or exposure to radiation according to Truskowski.

The resident family in question was told by some long-time residents in town that the location in which they live is in the same proximity of an old city landfill.

"We were not able to find any records of a landfill," Truskowski said.

He added the city contacted the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission about the matter and they are investigating.

Truskowski said the city has already met twice with the TNRCC. Sanitation Supervisor Howard Shiv-

ers, according to Truskowski, was able to contact a past County Commissioner who told him that up until the mid-1940's, Howard County did operate a landfill outside the city limits.

Truskowski said the location of the old landfill is in the Stanford Park Addition, which is bounded by Hill Street, Circle Drive, Stadium Street and Ridge Road.

Truskowski said the Texas Department of Health and an Epidemiologist will be meeting with the family to do a study.

Other known facts about this matter indicate the landfill in the area in the 1940's was owned by Howard, Ector,

Martin and Midland Counties. Prior to being a landfill, the site in question was used as a gravel quarry for the construction of Bankhead Highway (U.S. 80). Also the people who have claimed contamination have continuously drank well water from a private well south of town off Kyle Road.

"The TNRCC has a preliminary belief that the resident death in question could be work-related or from some other exposure," Truskowski said.

The TNRCC is taking soil samples of the area and also a sample of the well water for testing.

"The TNRCC is doing a systematic

investigation of the matter and the city is cooperating fully with that investigation," Truskowski said.

He added the city is basically waiting on guidance from the TNRCC.

"If there is a health hazard, we will work with the TNRCC to develop a solution, but first we need to determine if there is a problem. We don't want to unduly worry our citizens, but we do want to public to know up front what's happening," Truskowski said.

Truskowski added, "Just because there was a landfill in the area doesn't mean we have a problem. It will depend on what was put in the landfill."

NEW BALER



Persons attending the dedication of the new \$500,000 City of Big Spring baler got to see the equipment in operation Wednesday afternoon. The baler was received last week, but a computer programming problem delayed the dedication ceremonies.

Howard County farmers could lose under provisions of new Farm Bill

By DIRK FILLPOT
Staff Writer

The farm bill signed into law April 4 could result in losses for family farmers in Howard County.

The Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (FAIR) is designed to phase out federal government involvement in the next seven years and move agriculture to a free market system.

"I am signing H.R. 2854 with reservation because I believe the bill fails to provide an adequate safety net for family farmers" because fixed payments would leave farmers vulnerable to crop prices or yields, President Clinton said at the time.

Family farms in Howard County account for an estimated 90 percent of farms in the county, said Don Richardson, county agricultural extension agent.

Clinton said he is "firmly committed to submitting legislation and working with the Congress next year to strengthen the farm safety net."

The Farm Bill's planting flexibility provision states that any commodity can be grown on contract acreage with the exception of fruits and vegetables. The restrictions on haying and grazing of contract acreage were dropped from the bill before it was passed.

Production flexibility contracts are available to producers who had certified acreage in wheat, feed grains, cotton and rice programs during any of the past five years. A 50 percent advance payment will be available to producers within 30 days after their contract is approved and the remaining sum will be paid by Sept. 30. Signup for the contracts begins 45 days after the bill was enacted and continues no later than Aug. 1, according to Title I of the bill.

Beginning next year, the payments due under the production flexibility contracts will be paid on Sept. 30, and producers can opt for receiving half of their annual payment in advance either on Dec. 15 or Jan. 15.

The bill establishes a \$40,000 per person per year limitation on amount of payments available under the production flexibility contracts and an additional limit on market loan gains and loan deficiency payments to

\$75,000 per person per year.

Incentives are available under the bill for technical and educational assistance to landowners who graze livestock on private land. Funding for this program in 1996 is \$20 million, increasing to \$40 million in 1997, and remaining at \$60 million each subsequent year.

Several changes will occur to crop insurance during the next years as a result of the bill. Beginning with the 1997 crop season, the bill phases out catastrophic coverage through the Farm Service Agency in areas with sufficient private providers. Producers may also opt out of having to obtain catastrophic crop coverage in order to obtain "Freedom to Farm" or certain other USDA assistance payments.

The bill establishes the Office of Risk Management as a separate agency for administering the crop insurance program for insured crops. USDA will be required to consult with the Commodity Futures Trading Corporation to provide education on agricultural risks.

The bill's provisions also allow for soil erosion and other conservation violations. The Highly Erodible Land Conservation provisions provide for an inquiry or action to be taken if a USDA employee observes a possible conservation compliance deficiency after one year has passed since notification to the suspected violator.

If compliance with conservation regulations causes an economic hardship to the producers, the bill allows for county committees to provide appropriate relief.

Producers of wheat, feed grains, cotton or rice who have production flexibility contracts can receive one consolidated USDA payment rather than specified payments if the producers implement a conservation plan which addresses soil, water, water quality, wildlife habitat or other related resources. Participation is voluntary and based upon a 10-year contract with the USDA Secretary.

The Safe Meat and Poultry Inspection Panel will be formed to review various aspects of the meat and poultry inspection system and will submit recommendations to achieve interstate shipment of meat and poultry products inspected under state programs.

The bill continues and broadens agricultural export programs, and the program will identify markets with the greatest potential for increases in exports and which would require federal assistance.

State Comptroller John Sharp estimated that cotton will account for \$2.3 billion in the state's agriculture profits in 1996 and livestock production will earn \$6.7 billion this year, accounting for about one-third of agricultural earnings.

Coahoma ISD forum set for tonight

By SARA SOLIS
Staff Writer

A candidate's race for the May 4 election of the Board of Trustees for the Coahoma and Forsan Independent School Districts is heating up. Meanwhile, two incumbents up for re-election on the Big Spring ISD board are going unchallenged.

Sandy Wallace, Coahoma ISD teacher, said seven candidates are running for three at-large seats on the Coahoma School Board; a one year unexpired term replacing Benny Fishback, who resigned in November; and two three year terms. "It's a pretty hotly contested election this time," Wallace said.

The Texas State Teacher's Association is sponsoring a school board trustee forum in Coahoma at 7 p.m. tonight in the audio-visual room of the Coahoma Elementary School, she said. Candidates will be on-hand to express their views and qualifications for office. The

forum will give the public an opportunity to get acquainted with the candidates, she said.

Donna Merrick, Coahoma ISD secretary to the superintendent, said David Elmore and Bo Fryar are running for Fishback's one year unexpired term and Bill Gressett, Brian Marlar, Ken McMillan, Shanna Roberts and Tracy Frazier, incumbent, are running for two three year terms, Merrick said. Loy Hahn is not seeking re-election.

Early voting at the Coahoma ISD Administration Building started Monday and will run through April 30. She said for the election, residents of the Coahoma School District will have the choice of three polling places; the Sand Spring's Lion's Club; the Coahoma Community Center; and the Vincent Baptist Church. Merrick said most of the candidates are long-time residents of Coahoma.

Early voting for the Forsan ISD School Board election also began Monday at the Forsan ISD Administration Building.

At-large positions, held by Gary (Barney) Hise, Dale Humphreys and Bill Mims, are up for re-election. Candidates include; Betty K. Clere; Donnie Andrews; Carlton Baker; Gary Tabor; and incumbents, Humphreys and Hise. Mims is not seeking re-election.

Ron Logback, BSISD assistant business manager, said school board members, Irene Bustamante, from District 1 and Larry McLellan, from District 3, are up for re-election. However as of the April 4 write-in deadline, no one had filed to run against them. "They (the public) must feel they're doing a good job ... That would be my opinion," Logback said.

A resolution empowering the BSISD School Board to cancel the election, if they so desire, will be presented at the April 25 board meeting, he said. He said the resolution will most likely pass. "Early voting is taking place and there are no ballots prepared," Logback said.

Local farmers, ranchers eligible for aid

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm's office recently announced that businesses depending on farmers and ranchers in Andrews, Borden, Dawson, Gaines, Glasscock, Howard, Martin and Midland counties are eligible to apply for low-interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the U.S. Small

Business Administration.

The loans are available to help businesses meet normal operating expenses that cannot be met due to the effects of a disaster. Drought, high winds and cool temperatures which occurred between May 1 and Sept. 9, 1995 caused many farmers and ranchers to experience reduced incomes which may have had an adverse economic effect on businesses depending upon these produc-

ers.

The program covers small businesses which are without credit elsewhere. The interest rate is 4 percent with a maximum 30 years allowed for repayment.

The SBA provide these loans to small businesses which have sustained substantial economic injury resulting from natural disasters.

1996 FAIR IMPLEMENTATION DATES

EARLY MAY:
FSA will provide farm base and yield notices to producers, which will be the basis for computing commodity payments under the bill.

MAY 2:
Deadline for producers of spring-planted crops to obtain catastrophic risk protection coverage, which will be effective 10 days after application's filing.

MAY 20-JULY 12:
Producers can sign production flexibility contracts. Advance 1996 payments will be made 30 days after FSA approves contracts.

AUGUST 1:
Deadline for contracts to be signed.

SEPT. 30:
Final 1996 payments to producers will be made.

Source: Farm Bill Almanac, updated April 11, 1996

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TODAY'S WEATHER

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▲ Highs ▼ Lows

Today
Mostly sunny. Highs in low 90s and windy. Lows in mid-50s.

TO OUR READERS:

A change in the style of the index and weather box at the bottom of page one, which we implement today, will allow us to provide you, our readers, with even more local news on page one of the newspaper. The new style index box will appear daily and will continue to include the newspaper's index, how readers can reach us and the weather forecast. As always, we welcome your feedback.

JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

KIDS' ZONE CHECK

Scenic Mountain Medical Center
KIDZONE \$ 3000.00
Three thousand dollars and no cents

Katy McAtear receives a \$3,000 check from Kenneth Randall, administrator of Scenic Mountain Medical Center, for Kids' Zone.

OBITUARIES

Donald R. "Daddy Don" Brooks

Graveside service for Donald R. "Daddy Don" Brooks, 77, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Thursday, April 18, 1996, at Trinity Memorial Park with Chaplain Dean Thomas, of the VAMC, officiating.

Mr. Brooks BROOKS died Monday, April 15 at the Veterans Administration Medical Center. He was born on July 5, 1918, in Woodhull, N.Y. He married Anna McCain on Oct. 11, 1956, in Mineral Wells. He had been a resident of Big Spring for 35 years. He was a member of the Baptist church, past member of the American Business Club, Howard County Council on Aging, past Commander of V.F.W. and a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during World War II. Mr. Brooks had worked as a broadcaster for KHEM Radio for 25 years.

He is survived by his wife: Anna Brooks, Big Spring; two sons: Rocky Brooks, Abilene, and Herb McCain, Midland; two daughters: Andrea Booth, Vacaville, Calif., and Rebecca Lara, El Paso; one sister: Wilda Sayre, Orlando, Fla.; one brother: William Brooks, Corry, Pa.; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. The family suggests memorials to the American Business Club Endowment Scholarship Fund for Therapist, P.O. Box 5127, Highpoint, N.C. 27622. Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home. *Paid obituary*

Emilio R. Villa

Service for Emilio R. Villa, 63, Stanton, will be 10 a.m. Saturday, April 20, 1996, at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Rev. Terence Brenon officiating. Burial will be in St. Joseph Cemetery. A rosary will be recited 8 p.m. tonight and Friday night in the church. Mr. Villa died Wednesday, April 17, in Midland after a lengthy illness.

He was born Jan. 10, 1933, in Marfa and had lived in Stanton all of his life. He was married to Margarita Contreras in 1959 in Stanton. He was retired from Dr. Pepper and was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and was an usher in the Knights of Columbus.

Survivors include his wife: Margarita Villa, Stanton; five sons: Emilio Villa, Jr., Johnny Villa, Reynaldo Villa, all of Stanton, Beto Villa, San Antonio, and Oscar M. Villa,

Tucson, Ariz.; two daughters: Belen Lozano, Midland; and Lorena Ramirez, Odessa; six sisters: Cruz Hernandez, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Herminia Saenz, Odessa; Juanita Hinojosa, Josefa Ramirez and Carolina Stone, all of Stanton, and Patsy Garza, Lenora; two brothers: Jose Villa, Odessa, and Lucio Villa, Jr., Houston; 22 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home, Stanton.

Pantaleon Herrera

Service for Pantaleon Garcia Herrera, 85, Stanton, was 3 p.m. today at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Stanton with Rev. Terence Brenon officiating. Burial will be in St. Joseph Cemetery.

Mr. Herrera died Tuesday, April 16, 1996, in Stanton. He was born on July 27, 1910, in Ojinagua, Mexico and came to Texas when he was two years old. He had lived in Stanton since 1948. He was a retired farmer and a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church. Mr. Herrera married Elvira Herrera on Sept. 13, 1936, in Presidio. She preceded him in death on May 26, 1962.

Survivors include five sons: Roberto Herrera, Higino Herrera, Israel Herrera, all of Midland, Carlos Herrera and Pantaleon Herrera, Jr., both of Odessa; three daughters: Lupe Herrera, Stanton, Emma Hernandez, Midland, and Eva Jones, Odessa; a sister: Manuela Ramos, Big Lake; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home, Stanton.

RECORDS

Wednesday's high 92
Wednesday's low 53
Average high 81
Average low 51
Record high 101 in 1925
Record low 32 in 1921
Rainfall Wednesday 0.00
Month-to-date 1.00
Month's normal 4.56
Year-to-date 1.41
Normal for the year 2.60
**Statistics not available

IN BRIEF

THE SEMINAR AT THE HOWARD COLLEGE COLISEUM regarding business opportunities, asthma, allergy, sickness as well as high blood pressure, high cholesterol and diabetes on Saturday, April 20 at 8:30 p.m. has been cancelled. It was cancelled due to the sudden death of the mother of Jeff Sabino, presenter of the seminar. A new scheduled date will be announced later.

A WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP will be conducted by JoBeth Gilliam of Lubbock May 10-11 at the West Texas Center for the Arts at Howard College. The workshop is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and tuition is \$70 with a \$25 deposit required by May 1. The class is sponsored by the Big Spring Art Association and is open to beginners as well as advanced artists. Call Sherree Moates at 264-5196 or Kay Smith at 263-6466 for more information.

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. If you have an address of an ex who

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moves frequently or had a name change or is otherwise difficult to locate, please call 263-7219 and leave a message.

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.

THE TEXAS STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION is sponsoring a school board trustee forum at 7 p.m. tonight in the audio visual room at Coahoma Elementary School. The forum will give Coahoma Independent School District School Board candidates the chance to express their views and qualifications for office. The forum will be free and open to the public. Early voting for the candidates began Monday at the Coahoma ISD Administration Building. The election will be May 4.

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 MIDLAND COUNTY CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS has started a campaign to send cassette tape messages and letters to our troops stationed in Bosnia. West Texans are urged to write or record messages of support. The Red Cross Emergency Response Vehicle will travel to various sites throughout the region collecting and recording messages or the public may drop off pre-recorded messages at the local recruitment offices, 4706 N. Midkiff, Suite 10, or the Midland American Red Cross located at 2306 Elizabeth. Other drop-off locations include: Big Spring - April 20, 3 to 6 p.m., at Wal-Mart; and Garden City - April 26, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the courthouse.

THE 33RD ANNUAL MOORE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY REUNION will be April 28 from 2 to 4 p.m. The reunion will be at the 14th & Main Church of Christ fellowship hall. This is for all descendants of those who lived in the Moore community as well as present members and friends.

APRIL IS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH and Child Abuse Prevention Month. At 8 p.m. Sunday, April 21, on the courthouse lawn facing Main Street, Big Spring's Rape Crisis/Victim Services will be sponsoring a candle light vigil to honor the designation of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Child Abuse Prevention Month and April 21 through 27, as Crime Victims' Rights Week.

The Office of the Attorney General, Rape Crisis/Victim Services, along with other programs throughout Texas will be simultaneously holding this candle light vigil to acknowledge all crime victims. Residents of Big Spring and Howard County are asked to attend the vigil and show their support for the strength of all survivors of violent crime, their families, friends and significant others. A few guest speakers will also be present to share their personal stories of violent crime, how it affected their lives and how they faced the adversity.

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331, BETWEEN 8 A.M. AND 2 P.M. To submit an item to the Springboard, put it in writing and mail or deliver it to us one week in advance. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; or bring it by the office at 710 Scurry.

TODAY
•Free food for the needy, 10 a.m., Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright St.-Masonic Lodge #1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster. Call Dalton Lewis, 263-6411.
•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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POLICE

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

•DANIEL A. DENHOLM, 17, of San Diego, Calif., was arrested for burglary of a building.

•VICTOR MANUEL CORTEZ, 23, of El Paso, was arrested on a Tarrant County warrant, driving without a license and failing to maintain a single lane.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 1400 block of Nolan, 1300 block of Nolan, 1500 block of Cherokee and 1500 block of Wood.

•THEFTS in the 3200 block of East 11th, 1600 block of East Fifth, at Comanche Trail Golf Course, 400 block of South Birdwell, 900 block of East 15th, 1600 block of Gregg, 1800 block of East Marcy, 1100 block of North Lamessa, 1600 block of East Fifth, 3200 block of East 11th, 400 block of Birdwell and 300 block of Owens.

•ASSAULTS in the 1400 block of Stadium, 300 block of Main, 400 block of East Fourth and 1900 block of Rannels.

•BURGLARY OF A BUILDING at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

•INVESTIGATING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES in the 1600 block of West Marcy, 2800 block of Crestline, at Roy Anderson Baseball Field, 1400 block of Nolan; 400 block of East Marcy and 300 block of Tulane.

•MINOR ACCIDENT in the 2000 block of Gregg.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE in the 1900 block of Rannels.

•DISTURBANCE/FIGHT in the 1700 block of Austin.

•JUVENILE ARRESTED in the 1900 block of West Marcy.

•ANIMAL PROBLEMS in the 500 block of East 14th.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents in a 24-hour period ending 8 a.m. Thursday:

•ANTHONY PAUL MUNOZ, 37, of no known address, was transferred from the Big Spring Police Department and arrested for criminal trespass. He was later released on \$500 bond.

•SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE on Oasis Road.

•FIRE at an iron and metal shop on Highway 250.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF on North Tubbs Road.

•ANIMAL PROBLEMS in the 5100 block of Dawson Road and 300 block of Dealy Road.

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

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

E.B. Early, 91, died Tuesday. Graveside services were at 10:00 AM Thursday at Trinity Memorial Park.

Dakota's Flowers and Gifts 263-8323

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Health inspectors begin probe of Philippine monkey farm

CALAMBA, Philippines (AP) — Health officials on Thursday began investigating conditions at a rustic monkey farm that shipped primates to Texas infected with the Ebola virus. The farm, Ferlite Scientific Research Inc., is owned by Alex Lina, a businessman who owns several popular discos and is under investigation over questionable land sales to the government.

Ferlite, which consists of hundreds of chicken-wire cages spread under a tropical orchard, was also the source of monkeys found infected with Ebola at a Boston, Virginia, primate center in 1993.

After that outbreak, the farm incinerated all its monkeys, sanitized its cages and took fresh breeding stocks from Mindanao in the southern Philippines, Lina told reporters Thursday.

"If I am told to kill all the monkeys again, I am going to object," he said, tears streaming from his eyes. "I can take the loss in terms of money, but the monkeys are like babies to me." Lina has been linked to a land scam involving the sale of hundreds of hectares (acres) of arid land to the government at high prices under an agrarian reform program. That case is still

under investigation.

He owns many businesses across the country, including the popular Equinox Discotheque in a suburb of Manila and Spirits in northern Baguio. He is also the cousin of the governor of Laguna, the province just south of Manila where the farm is located.

Public health officials in the United States say the Texas and Virginia Ebola strains are not the same type that has killed hundreds of people in Africa and pose virtually no threat to humans.

After the Virginia outbreak, several workers at Ferlite were found to have Ebola antibodies in their blood — suggesting that the virus is transmissible to humans — but none showed any signs of actual illness, a Ferlite veterinarian said Thursday.

Health officials are investigating facilities and operating procedures at the farm. It is one of five Philippine monkey exporters which together ship about 2,000 primates a year, mostly for scientific research in Europe, the United States and Japan.

Of that, Ferlite exports about 500 animals, selling each for about \$150.

On Thursday, about 1,600 macaque monkeys were being

fed bananas and pig feed pellets at the farm under mango, coconut and jack fruit trees.

The cages, many containing breeding colonies of eight females and one male, have concrete floors and corrugated iron roofs. The animals are tended by four veterinarians and about two dozen workers.

"As you can see, the situation now is normal. The monkeys are healthy and frolicking," Lina said. "I invite everyone to come and see this farm because the report (of Ebola) could ruin the industry."

However, about 80 of Ferlite's monkeys were confined to a sick pen. The veterinarians insisted that most are being treated for wounds caused by fighting, not the Ebola virus.

Ebola is spread through bodily fluids, commonly through a break in the skin.

On Wednesday, the Philippine government halted all monkey exports pending an investigation of export procedures.

Currently, Philippine monkeys are quarantined for at least 45 days, tested for tuberculosis, and inspected for general healthiness before government export licenses are granted.

The monkeys must be products of captive breeding and not captured from the wild.

Former cop convicted in wife's murder

HOUSTON (AP) — A former policeman has been convicted of arranging for the murder of his wife 17 months ago after their marriage disintegrated into a bitter child custody battle.

State District Judge Bob Suredete ordered a jury to return to court today to hear evidence in the punishment phase. Robert Fratta, 39, a former Missouri City public safety officer, faces death by injection or a life prison term with at least 40 years before becoming eligible for parole.

Fratta was charged with the death of his wife, Mary Gipp, in 1994. She was found dead Nov. 5, 1994, in a rooming house in Atascocita.

Testimony showed that Fratta approached several people,

many of them body-builders at the spa he frequented, before getting his workout partner, Joseph Prystash, to agree to find someone to kill his wife.

Prystash allegedly found Howard Guidry, who, according to testimony, used Fratta's .38-caliber revolver in the hit. The gun was recovered after Guidry allegedly used it in a bank robbery.

Guidry and Prystash also face capital murder charges. Their attorneys refused to allow them to testify.

Through the testimony of Prystash's girlfriend, Mary Gipp, the jury even heard a description of Prystash removing spent shells from the weapon after the shooting.

Gipp said Fratta promised Prystash and Guidry \$1,000 and a Jeep for shooting Mrs. Fratta.

Prosecutor Kelly Slegler told the jury that Fratta's marriage fell apart because of his bizarre sexual demands. Eventually, she said, Fratta's wife stopped meeting his needs and sought a divorce and custody of their children.

The divorce action was still pending at the time of the slaying.

Several witnesses testified about the oddities of Fratta's sexual preferences and how they disturbed his wife. Defense lawyers, however, called two women to testify about affairs they had with Fratta after he separated.

TEXAS BRIEFS

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

FBI agents search Wilmer-Hutchins schools
DALLAS — Federal agents have custody today of boxes and cabinets full of records seized from the troubled Wilmer-Hutchins Independent School District, already the target of a state takeover.

Agents from the Internal Revenue Service and the FBI entered the building with a search warrant Wednesday morning and began the all-day process of hauling cabinets and boxes filled with school records from the administration building in South Dallas.

Among the records and computer files removed were purchasing receipts, payroll records and vendor contracts. District employees were told to go home.

The federal agents acted after receiving results of a state audit that criticized former Superintendent Delores Roberts-Quintyn.

The state audit said Roberts-Quintyn contributed to the district's out-of-control administration and refused to cooperate with auditors.

IRS: \$61,000 discrepancy due to bribes

LAREDO — More than \$61,000 in discrepancies in suspended Hidalgo County Judge J. Edgar Ruiz's bank accounts are traceable to bribes, a federal tax agent testified in a federal corruption trial.

William Mitchell, a special agent with the Internal Revenue Service, testified Wednesday as a rebuttal witness for federal prosecutors.

He said he believes more than \$61,000 in cash was deposited in five bank accounts belonging to Ruiz.

Ruiz is one of five past and present Hidalgo County officials on trial for alleged public corruption. Also on trial are county commissioners Samuel Sanchez and Aberlardo Arcaute, former County Commissioner Leonardo Camarillo and suspended Head Start director Luciano Ozuna.

All are accused of more than 100 counts ranging from mail fraud to bribery to extortion.

Molester on probation when he was bus driver

SAN ANTONIO — The parolee who claims to have molested scores of children had a criminal record in Louisiana he hid from Texas courts until after he was sentenced here for indecency with a child, the San Antonio Express-News reported.

Larry Don McQuay hid his conviction and probation on theft charges from Texas court officials, the school district where he drove a bus and even his lawyer until after he was sentenced in 1990 for molesting a young boy, the newspaper said in copyright story in Wednesday's editions.

The Bexar County Adult Probation Department oversaw McQuay's probation on the theft charge. Deputy chief probation officer Ed Castan described him as a model probationer.

McQuay successfully completed his probation in November 1989, but was arrested four days later on charges he sexually assaulted his girlfriend's young son. The charge was reduced to indecency for McQuay, whom the court pre-

sumed to have had a clean record, and he was sentenced to eight years in prison.

Bexar County District Attorney Steven Hilbig did not return a phone message left by The Associated Press.

Collins calls prison build up stupid

AUSTIN — Former Texas prison chief Andy Collins says a Houston company and a New Jersey company got extraordinary contracts under his watch and admits he had hoped to work for either of them after his retirement.

Collins, who has spoken little since allegations arose that he improperly awarded a contract to a third company for which he eventually did work, told Texas Monthly for its May issue that there were more problems at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice than the contracts with which he dealt.

The magazine's May issue hits newsstands April 25.

Questions over a \$33.7 million contract with Canadian firm VitaPro Foods surfaced just after Collins retired from TDCJ last year.

After he left the department, Collins joined VitaPro in a \$1,000-a-day consulting job. He resigned when the contract questions later arose.

Some minority enrollments could drop 30 percent

AUSTIN — Texas Higher Education Commissioner Kenneth Ashworth says minority enrollment in some colleges or universities could drop significantly this fall unless a federal court halts the effect of an anti-affirmative action decision. "There are projections that (there) may be as much as a 30 percent reduction in minority enrollments in some institutions just as a result of this," Ashworth said Wednesday.

"That's why we're hoping there'll be a pretty quick decision, because the admissions process is going to go on. The schools are going to fill their fall enrollment," he said.

According to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, there were 406,466 students enrolled in Texas four-year public universities in fall 1994. Of them, 261,119 were white, 71,401 were Hispanic and 36,012 were black. The rest were members of other minority groups.

Of 400,323 students enrolled in community colleges that year, the last for which an ethnic breakdown is available, 244,750 were white, 41,767 were black and 80,130 Hispanic.

Moses limits participation by teacher groups

AUSTIN — Education Commissioner Mike Moses told teacher groups they can be seen but largely not heard at meetings of a panel advising him on developing a new teacher appraisal system.

Moses said Wednesday the teacher group representatives were welcome to attend meetings of the panel and to comment on the appraisal proposal to him.

But he said he didn't want a repeat of a fall meeting where "representatives of teacher organizations were more engaged in the dialogue than were the members of the committee."

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OTHER VIEWS

Middle East's peace could be casualty

The most serious damage from Israel's offensive against Iranian-backed Hezbollah guerrillas in Lebanon could be to the Middle East peace process. If that proves to be the case, the body count will be much greater.

While it is hard to blame Israel for striking with aircraft and artillery at the sources of rockets that rain down on its northern settlements, Prime Minister Shimon Peres' decision to order large-scale retaliation is not a sure-fire solution, either. Fanatic groups like Hezbollah (the Party of God) tend to redouble their outrageous efforts in the face of attack. The cycle of vengeance has no ending.

A part of Israel's strategy is to create such an unmanageable flow of frightened refugees from the principal war zone that Lebanese authorities and their Syrian overseers will be forced to curb Hezbollah and ease Israel's security concern. The movement north of 400,000 refugees is a massive problem for Beirut as well as a spectacle of massive civilian suffering. But Hezbollah remains defiant, parading dozens of potential suicide bombers to show Israel what horrors it can expect.

Israel's move against its enemies in the "security zone" of southern Lebanon is partly the outgrowth of previous terrorism in Israel proper — four deadly suicide bombings by Palestinian extremists of the Hamas movement, who oppose the Israeli-PLO peace accord. These attacks pose a threat to the prospects of Peres' Labor government in elections scheduled for May 29, with the Likud opposition claiming to be tougher guardian of Israeli security. Peres' peace effort on the Syrian front was stalled when U.S.-sponsored talks in Maryland broke down.

It is important to quell the fighting and stop the mainly civilian toll of casualties as soon as possible, so that the focus can be put back on peace-making. None of the neighboring countries has any future in the continuance of such bloodshed.

The responsible governments should join to put fanatics like those of Hezbollah out of business. Claims of helplessness by Beirut and Damascus are less than convincing.

-SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER



Symbolic silence marks Elizabeth's 70th birthday

By MARTIN KETTLE
Manchester Guardian Service

LONDON — On Sunday, Queen Elizabeth II will be 70 years old. That's an important milestone in any person's life, but in the life of a woman whose very role is to embody the nation of which she is the head, it's of more than usual importance.

In a society which was enthusiastic for, or even merely comfortable with, its monarchy, the sovereign's 70th birthday would surely be an event of some symbolic moment. But where is the bunting? Where are the commemorative mugs? Where are the flags, loyal addresses, public events and fireworks which will mark a nation's homage on April 21?

There are no souvenir brochures, no parties, no nothing — not even a "Happy Birthday Ma'am" tea towel. This neglect cannot be a mere oversight. It silently articulates a new space which is opening up in the center of British public life. In the popular royalist culture of the 1980s, any royal birth, marriage, death or anniversary was an excuse for putting on a show.

Yet the woman who is not only Britain's head of state but who is also acknowledged as one of the few members of the House of Windsor to emerge unscathed from the past decade is determinedly planning a low-profile day. She will celebrate her 70th birthday deep inside a distant palace, far out of range of the telephoto lenses of the paparazzi, ignored by a nation of Sunday shoppers.

This mutual keeping of distance says something both about her and about us. It is an intuitive separation on both sides. She has retreated, while we have lost our enthusiasm. There is residual goodwill, of course, whose existence should neither be under- nor overestimated. But there is also a growing vacuum between the monarchy and its subjects. And the wider truth is that neither we nor the Windsors know what to do about it any longer. The instinct must surely have been to put on a party for

the Queen's 70th. For, in spite of all their troubles, the royal family and their courtiers still believe they can count on us. Deep down they believe that everything's all right, really.

They took the VE Day celebrations last year as a powerful sign that the old loyalty and enthusiasm flourish undiminished. They are certain that the death of the Queen Mother will one day prove that the magic is as powerful as ever. Forget Diana and Fergie, they are saying, just keep following the coffin.

It is a bit odd, to put it mildly, that the monarchy is now so dependent upon such wholly backward-looking events as these. But it is also significant. Vera Lynn's wartime song said "We'll meet again. Don't know where, don't know when. But I know we'll meet again some sunny day." It perfectly embodies Buckingham Palace's current belief in its relationship with the British people. They believe we are still at heart One Nation under the Crown, but they can only recreate their ideal by tawling the mythology of World War II.

They do not know how to look forwards, only back. When it comes to the 1990s, as opposed to the 1940s, they have almost nothing to say.

In spite of occasional attempts to adapt in small ways, "they" remain imprisoned by themselves. "They" are an anachronistic and isolated landed coterie, frequently related to one another, invariably privately educated, often with a military background,

sharing a liking for blood sports, schooled in deference, speaking a version of the English language and wearing clothes which set them apart from the rest of the nation.

To this day, nothing in their inheritance or outlook equips them to do more than wave at the world beyond the palace walls or the estate boundaries. In the 1960s and 1970s, they began the process of transforming themselves into a populist monarchy. The climax of that phase was the Charles and Diana wedding of 1981. Then, slowly at first, the contradictions of the populist lurch began to destroy the strategy from within. The elixir ceased to work. The monarchy couldn't and wouldn't adapt to the changes which media-driven populism increasingly demanded.

Its image of its relevance was hopelessly Victorian — Prince Albert reincarnated as Prince Charles — in a world where public values are set by Rupert Murdoch, not by John Ruskin. As the dream marriage curdled into a nightmare divorce, the monarchy has lurched once again, this time towards its imagined past.

That's why big public celebrations — be they for the Queen's 70th or for a Prince Edward-and-Sophie marriage — have suddenly gone severely out of fashion. Confidence has been replaced by hesitation.

The instinct at Buckingham Palace is now to try to reconnect with the innocent, deferential 1950s. It is doomed to fail.

It is understandable to retreat when things go wrong. People do that in all sorts of situations. It is not hard to imagine the Queen, exhausted by the media siege and surrounded by courtiers congenitally opposed to change, looking out over her gardens to the comfort of the surrounding walls and concluding that a period of quiet consolidation is required. Put the blame on Diana and Fergie. Sit tight and wait for the trouble outside to die down.

Understandable, perhaps, but possibly also fatal to the embarrased cause of constitutional monarchy.

It is often said that the monarchy is a reflection of the society over which it presides. By this token, the revival of monarchism in the Thatcher years showed us the contradictory backwardness of radical economic liberalism existing beneath a carapace of feudal populism.

But what do we see today in what the author Tom Nairn calls the "enchanted glass"? We see an exhausted institution whose only serious agenda is its own survival and which survives now purely because of our failure — not the monarchy's failure — either to reform or to replace it.

It is not a flattering reflection for any of us. Do we just leave things as they are? Or do we have a plan? It is surely time that we had something better to look at when we hold the glass to ourselves. At the moment there is just a big nothing.

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MALLARD FILMORE

By Bruce Tinsley



Freemen meet with negotiators; FBI moves closer to compound

JORDAN, Mont. (AP) — Five members of the anti-government Freemen met face-to-face with negotiators for about two hours in what was believed to be the first such discussions in almost two weeks. Two men drove to within about 500 yards of the compound's main house Wednesday and reporters recognized one of

them as an FBI agent. Five people walked from the house. During the meeting inside the 60-acre, barricaded compound, the group sometimes sat inside the vehicle and occasionally stood near it. It was apparently the first such meeting since four Montana legislators met with a group of Freemen on April 4

and 5. The compound has been surrounded by the FBI since March 25, when agents arrested two leaders of the group. The FBI agents at the scene refused to comment. Meanwhile, the FBI moved closer to the compound, occupying the foreclosed home of a Freeman family just two miles from the complex.

FBI agents moved carloads of equipment into the former home of William and Agnes Stanton. They moved onto the property with permission of rancher Tim Phipps, who bought the house and farm property at a foreclosure auction almost two years ago. Agnes Stanton and her son left the house last week and surren-

dered to the FBI on a variety of federal charges. William Stanton is serving a 10-year prison term for threatening public officials and writing a bad check for \$25,000. Also Wednesday, Michigan militia leader Norman Olson was barred by officials from entering the compound. He said he was an ordained Baptist min-

ister and wanted to minister to the Freemen, not mediate. Tuesday, Olson was turned away by armed agents when he tried to enter the FBI's command center in Jordan, about 30 miles from the compound. He said he wanted to meet with the FBI field commander. About 18 people remain inside the complex, and about 10 of them face charges ranging from writing bad checks to threatening to kidnap and murder a federal judge.

Feds say con man masqueraded as doctor since 1970s

LOS ANGELES (AP) — He was the image of a good doctor, a knowledgeable professional with a soothing bedside manner and a rapport with patients. Now authorities say Gerald Barnes was a fake, a failed pharmacist who took a real doctor's name, and off and on since the 1970s examined patients, prescribed drugs and diagnosed illnesses — at least once with deadly results. Even through two previous arrests and an 18-month stint in prison for manslaughter, Barnes always found a way to slip through the cracks in the system and pick up his ruse where he had left off, authorities said. "He's a very good con man," said Frank Heckl, a retired investigator for the California Medical Board who previously has arrested Barnes. "He has very good patient rapport, bet-

ter than most doctors." Barnes, 62, who held the post of chief physician at a prominent downtown clinic, was charged Monday in federal court with fraud and practicing medicine without a license. He had been at the Executive Health Group, where he did contracted physicals of senior executives at dozens of large corporations, as well as determine whether officers were fit for duty at the FBI and CHP. His story began in Illinois, where under his given name — Gerald Birnbaum — he received a pharmacology degree and worked in a Chicago medical clinic as a pharmacist. But in the mid-1970s, his career as a pharmacist ended when Illinois regulators revoked his license amid allegations of Medicare fraud. He then moved to California and legally changed his name to

Gerald Barnes — the same name as a real physician in Stockton. He asked for — and received — copies of the real doctor's license documents from California medical regulators. Armed with those documents, he obtained a job at a clinic in East Los Angeles, and later a better-paying job at a medical center in Irvine. The charade began to unravel in 1980, according to court papers, when Barnes sent home a 29-year-old patient after failing to recognize the man's complaints of dizziness, thirst and weight loss as classic symptoms of serious diabetes. The man drank a soda at home and died, and Barnes was imprisoned after pleading guilty to involuntary manslaughter. But once he got out of prison, he resumed his act. He was convicted again in 1984 of grand theft and forging prescriptions

while posing as a doctor at two Los Angeles County clinics. At his latest clinic, Barnes had conducted five to 20 physicals a day. Court papers show that Barnes is believed to have performed medical examinations on hundreds of workers at the Los Angeles office of the FBI, including special agents, which is probably the reason the investigation has led to federal charges. Like all good con men, Barnes was careful "not to get in too far over his head," Heckl said. "Normally, he'd recommend a difficult case to another doctor." It was unclear how Barnes was able to go undetected, since his latest employer claimed to have done an extensive background check. Paul W. Frankel, who owns Executive Health's New York-based parent, Life Extension Institute, said his company's

investigation included a review of Barnes' medical license, driver's license and Social Security card. It also had four letters of recommendation and had a criminal background check done by a private investigator. "We're dealing with a turn-of-the-century cottage industry of licensing doctors," Frankel said. "This is an example of system failure." Even Barnes' wife, Lisa, told investigators she had no idea her husband was a fake. At his court appearance, she appeared shaken and was choking back tears. Barnes appeared frail before the magistrate, telling her in a barely audible voice, "I have diabetes and prostate cancer." When he was confronted with the allegations of impersonating a doctor last weekend, he tried to kill himself with an overdose of pills.

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Jurors agonized over Menendez brothers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jurors who chose life imprisonment over a death sentence for Erik and Lyle Menendez agonized during deliberations that one said were eerily similar to the defendants weighing whether to kill their parents. The panel, which took 13 hours over three days to recommend life without parole, said Wednesday they spared the brothers because of their youth, lack of criminal history and the impression that they seemed like good boys. "There was no way we could put them to death," said juror Bruce Seitz. "There were other good things about them that warranted their life, that warranted their living." Juror Andrew Wolfberg, who spoke emotionally about the agony of such a decision, said he felt as if he was in the brothers' position when they opened the door to the family room of their parents' Beverly Hills mansion and began firing shotguns. "It's eerie to be in the position of deciding someone's life or death," Wolfberg said. "It's cold. It was almost like the defendants when they made their decision to kill. It was very difficult to deal with." The penalty verdict, which drew gasps from relatives, ended a long effort to place blame in the Aug. 20, 1989, murders of millionaire entertainment executive Jose Menendez and his socialite wife, Kitty. Prosecutors portrayed the

brothers as greedy brats out to get their parents' fortune. But the brothers claimed they killed after years of incestuous abuse in a dysfunctional family, a defense powerful enough in the first trial in 1994 to deadlock two juries — one for each brother. In the wake of acquittals in the murder trials of O.J. Simpson and rapper Snoop Doggy Dogg, prosecutors got a much-needed victory despite the jury's rejection of their call for the death penalty. Verdicts like pale statues, showing no emotion. Lyle's lawyer, Charles Gessler, wept. "Lyle is relieved because he wants to live," Gessler said. "You know life without parole is not something to be looking forward to. So you can't say he is happy, but he is relieved." Leslie Abramson, the fiery lawyer who represented Erik through two trials over six years, said the brothers are "both such considerable human beings that they will find a way to be productive." The verdicts will be appealed, she said, and on July 2, when the brothers are due for sentencing, the defense will ask for a new trial. While the jury's decision is only a recommendation, the judge does not have the option to impose a death sentence in contradiction of the jurors' wishes. Had they pronounced death, he could have reduced it to life.

For jurors, the trial's emotional impact was overwhelming. Though they said their decisions were made purely on the law, they spoke of hiding their feelings behind stony faces, of fighting back tears when lawyer Barry Levin pleaded for Erik's life, and crying when they rendered their guilty verdict and their life penalty recommendation. "It will always be something I will relive," said Wolfberg, who recently passed the bar. "I was impressed juror Seitz said a "nice person" during his long stay on the witness stand, and juror Lesley Hillings said panelists were convinced that the brothers had a horrible childhood. "We felt the parents were very controlling, demanding. We felt they did not have a normal childhood and we felt sympathy," Hillings said. "We did think there was psychological abuse." As for the alleged sexual abuse of the sons by their father, she said, "I don't think we will ever know if that's true." The jurors said they never believed that greed was the brothers' sole motive in killing the parents, nor did they ever agree on a motive. "We're glad that motive wasn't an element of the crime," Wolfberg said. "We wouldn't have been able to come up with it."

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Israelis, Palestinians to resume peace talks

EREZ CHECKPOINT, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israel and the Palestinians will resume their peacemaking and begin talks on a final settlement on May 4, as scheduled, Prime Minister Shimon Peres announced today.

The Palestinians will try to fulfill their pledge to revoke sections of the PLO charter calling for Israel's destruction, Peres said.

He said Arafat told him the Palestine National Council, which has to revoke the charter, would meet in Gaza City on Monday, two weeks before the May 7 deadline. The council is the Palestinians' parliament-in-exile.

Today's meeting was the two leaders' first after three months of icy silence brought on by a wave of anti-Israel terrorist attacks by Islamic militants.

"We have agreed to go ahead and fulfill the different parts of the agreements," Peres told reporters, adding that negotiations on the final status of the West Bank, Gaza and Jerusalem would begin May 4, as stipulated in previous peace accords.

The two leaders met as Israel is waging a military offensive against Hezbollah guerrillas in Lebanon and shows that the two leaders are determined to pursue their peacemaking despite the turmoil.

The handling of the peace process with the Palestinians is a key issue for Peres in his battle for re-election next month. A resumption of attacks by Muslim guerrillas, or an Arab failure to amend the PLO charter, could undermine the Israeli leader and bolster the election chances of his right-wing opponents, who oppose the peacemaking.

Some Palestinian officials have suggested Arafat might have trouble mustering a majority, especially if Israel does not ease its closure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Israel imposed the closure and delayed its troop pullout from the West Bank town of Hebron after Islamic militants carried out four suicide bombings in Israel two months ago, killing 63 people.

The closure bars 2 million people from Israel and keeps tens of thousands from their jobs.

The talks on the final settlement are to address tough issues like the Palestinians' demand that their autonomy in the West Bank and Gaza be upgraded to full statehood.

Israeli officials had suggested that those talks might be delayed until after Israel's May 29 general elections.

Unknown gunmen kill 18 Greek tourists in Cairo

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Gunmen shouting "God is Great" opened fire on a group of Greek tourists at a Cairo hotel today, killing at least 18 of the tourists and wounding 17 other people.

No one claimed responsibility, but suspicion fell on Muslim militants who have been waging a violent campaign since 1992 to overthrow the largely secular government and install strict Islamic rule. The insurgents have targeted tourists in the past to cripple Egypt's vital tourism industry.

At least three men opened fire with automatic weapons and pistols as members of an 88-member tour group walked to a bus outside the Europa Hotel near the pyramids about 7 a.m., said Interior Ministry spokesman Mahmoud el-Fishawy.

Witnesses said the attackers also entered the hotel and shot into a ground-floor restaurant before escaping with an armed accomplice in a van-like taxi.

Eighteen of the tourists were killed and 16 were wounded, Fishawy said. An Egyptian man was also wounded. Officials at the nearby Pyramids Hospital said three of the wounded were in intensive care and the rest were in stable condition.

The attackers wore black leather jackets and fired at both the tourists and at the bus they were boarding, said bellboy Sayed Zaghoul.

"Suddenly we saw people falling," Zaghoul said. "If the bus had not been there, it would have been worse."

Tour operators said the Europa Hotel was sometimes used by Israeli tourists, but a hotel employee said the only Israeli guests today were a group of Israeli Arabs. The employee would not give his name.

"This is a terrible attack. It is the worst shooting that we have had," said Fishawy, whose ministry is in charge of Egypt's police. He added that he did not think the attackers were looking for Israelis but were targeting tourists in general.

Mohamed Sid-Ahmed, a leftist newspaper columnist, told Britain's Sky Television that the shooting "is very much linked to the Middle East" and that the gunmen may have mistaken the Greek tourists for Israelis.

A group of Australian tourists, who are of Greek descent and were traveling with the Greek group, said two men with guns barged into the lobby and killed at least one man in the restaurant.

Anna Borkowska, of Sydney, said she was about to leave the restaurant when the shooting started.

"The man in front of me was shot ... shot in the legs," she said. "There was blood everywhere. He must have died from the hemorrhaging."

She said the tour group had been visiting

holy sites in Israel and Egypt.

"The people who died died for their faith and belief in God, and they were martyrs," she said. "They died after worshipping and paying respects to the Almighty in Jerusalem."

The front of the eight-story hotel was punctured with bullet holes, and windows were shattered on all sides of the bus. The hotel steps were covered with pools of blood, and the sandwiches and water bottles that the victims had been carrying.

The group's tour operator, Mistakidis Tours of Athens, Greece, said the group had left Greece before the Greek Orthodox holy week that ended Sunday with Orthodox Easter.

Most of the people on the tour were elderly, agency employee Vassilis Trizonis said. The group had visited Jerusalem and monasteries in Egypt and was to return to Greece on Saturday, he said.

Gamal Mahmoud Hussein, a bus driver, told the official Middle East News Agency that one gunman with a pistol stood across from the hotel while three others with automatic rifles opened fire. The man with the pistol apparently was the driver.

"I tried to chase after them when they were getting into a microbus, but one of the terrorists starting aiming his weapon at me so I had to stop," he was quoted as saying. "They got away."

Clinton urges Japanese to play greater role in global affairs, leadership

TOKYO (AP) — President Clinton appealed to the Japanese today to "forge a partnership for leadership" with America to battle against terrorism, nuclear proliferation and other post-Cold War dangers.

Clinton, the first U.S. president in 13 years to address Japan's parliament, urged America's World War II allies to "join forces" for a larger role in global affairs.

"No nation can solve these problems alone," he told the Diet in a speech that climaxed the last day of Clinton's three-day visit. He later left for St. Petersburg, Russia, the next leg of his trip.

With a mixture of security and economic themes, Clinton's speech was a call for Japan to resist isolationism and accept its responsibilities abroad.

The question of how far Tokyo should go in relaxing military restraints imposed by American conquerors five decades ago is sensitive in Japan and other Asian nations. China in particular is concerned about a more active U.S.-Japan security alliance.

Clinton referred to a broad 21st century partnership, not only in defense but also in trade and economics, the environment and space, science and technology.

He made no proposals for specific new forms of security cooperation with Japan but cited several key threats the two nations can work together to combat: organized crime, the spread of weapons of mass destruction, drug trafficking, terrorism and environmental decay. These are examples, he said, of how "problems that start beyond our borders can quickly penetrate our borders."

"Working together and leading together," the United States and Japan as Pacific powers can "bring the blessings of peace and progress to other people all around the world," Clinton said to occasional bursts of polite applause.

In 1983, Ronald Reagan became the first U.S. president to address the Diet.

Clinton fleshed out the alliance theme at a luncheon with Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto. "The United States and Japan must forge a partnership for leadership in the 21st century," he said.

Later, the president visited a Chrysler dealership in Tokyo to underscore his administration's efforts to help American car-makers gain a stronger foothold in the tough Japanese market. Ducking his head beneath the hood of a Neon, the president exclaimed, "This is a wonderful car."

But trade issues took a back seat to security matters during Clinton's visit.

He and Hashimoto signed a joint security declaration Wednesday saying the United

States would keep about 100,000 troops in the Asia-Pacific — including the current 47,000 in Japan — and Tokyo would for the first time consider ways its limited defense forces might operate outside national borders.

In Russia, Clinton planned a day of sightseeing in St. Petersburg before attending an eight-nation conference on nuclear security. He was meeting with President Boris Yeltsin on Sunday, then heading home to Washington. Mrs. Clinton, who kept a low profile in Tokyo, was headed home today.

In his speech today, Clinton apologized on behalf of America for the rape last September of a 12-year-old Okinawan girl by three U.S. servicemen, who were convicted and sentenced to prison last month.

"Our hearts go out to her, to her family and her loved ones, and to the entire Okinawan community," Clinton said. "We are gratified that justice has been done."

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QUICK TRIVIA

◆ In 1994, there were an estimated 3.9 million births in the United States. This was the first time since 1989 that the total has fallen under four million.

◆ The fiddler crab is so called because he moves his huge front pincer back and forth much as a fiddler moves his arm when playing a violin.

Got an item?

Do you have a good story idea for the *life!* section? Call 263-7331, Ext. 112.

CONTEST WINNERS



Winners of the Howard Soil and Water Conservation District poster contest were, from left to right, front row: Keth Hilaric of College Heights, Crystal Ramirez of Moss and John Staffan of Marcy. Back row: Romero Villarreal of Washington, Lindsay Wilks of Kentwood, Sharissa Williams of Bauer and Ian Coccozza of Coahoma.

Students headed to nation's capital

Special to the HERALD

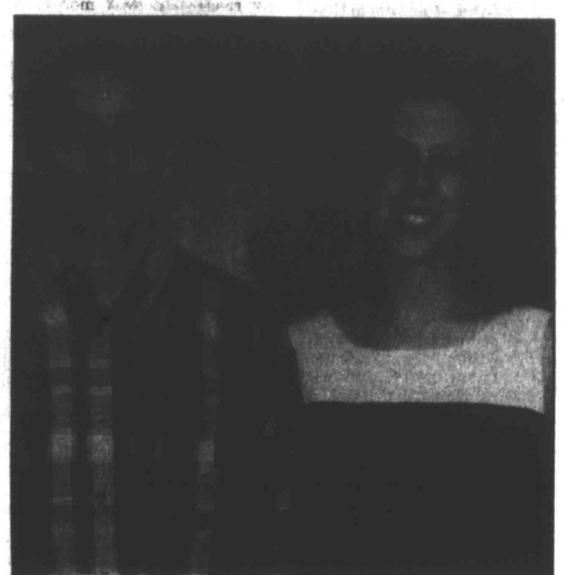
Two West Texas high school students recently won an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C.

The award is presented each year by Cap Rock Electric with offices in Midland, Stanton, Colorado City and Celeste. One boy and one girl receive the trip in the company's Government-In-Action Youth Tour competition.

This year's winners are Sheree Webb and Jeremiah Riggins and both are students of Klondike High School. Alternate winner, Greg Rhodes,



will go to the nation's capital if one of the winners is unable to make the trip this summer. Rhodes received a \$100 savings bond as well. The competition is open each year to students in every school district in Texas where Cap Rock has at least one electric meter. This covers 20 counties in West and Northeast Texas. A record 100 students entered the competition this year.



Jeremiah Riggins, left, and Sheree Webb are headed to Washington, D.C. in June thanks to the generosity of a local company. They are students of Klondike High School and were winners of a recent essay competition.

CAREER CORNER

Occupational title: Health Club Manager

Duties: The manager is responsible for the efficiency and safe environment of the facility. He or she makes sure the club is productive and enjoyable for the members. They must know how each fitness device works. Also, it is usually necessary to work extended days to accommodate their patron's schedule.

Working environment: They work indoors and outdoors. They may work on a cruise ship, resort center, or manage a company fitness center.

Helpful high school classes: Business classes, English, social science, health, biology, algebra, geometry, and physical education

Continuing education: Junior college (basics) and senior college

Some sources of training or education: They are health club training programs, but I do not know of any in Texas. A college degree with emphasis on management and physical education would be helpful. Angelo State, Sul Ross State University, Texas Tech and Howard College (basics).

Salary: In 1995, salaries ranged from \$11,000 to \$45,000 a year. Some managers receive bonuses for each new member.

Job prospects: Excellent

All about Recipe Corner

If you have any recipes you would like to see published, please submit them to the Herald office at 710 Scurry or mail them to: P.O. Box 1431; Big Spring, Texas; 79721; attention: Kellie Jones.

Submissions for the next recipe corner need to be in the Herald office no later than April 29. It is scheduled for May 8.

If you have taken a recipe and reduced the fat, sodium and/or calories in it, please submit these as well. For more information, call 263-7331, ext. 112.

Teens tailor proms to their dreams

Scrpps Howard News Service

Proms have changed since the days when balloons and crepe paper festooned the school gym.

These days most high-school proms are held in late April or May at hotel ballrooms, exclusive clubs or even on the deck of rented excursion boats.

Teens rent limos or sports cars, go to sit-down dinners before the prom and sometimes extend the evening into a weekend of fun with friends.

What hasn't changed, however, is a young woman's quest for the perfect dress. It must be sophisticated, glamorous, unusual. Most guys say they'll wear tuxedos personalized with carefully chosen shirts and accessories.

Some girls are determined to have a simpler, more subtle dress than what they typically find in ready-to-wear stores.

Amanda Corkern, 18, senior class president at Germantown High School in suburban Memphis, says that from shopping with her mom last year left them both in tears. So this year Corkern is having a sleeveless, empire gown made in shell-colored silk shantung. It's styled after the gown her

mother wore when she was 18 in a Farm Bureau beauty pageant in Baton Rouge.

"I've seen this picture of it a million times, and I've always loved that dress," says Corkern.

"It used to be everyone had to have sequins," says Nichole Ric, 18, a senior. "But now some are looking for a softer dress, something more simple like satin. ... I want something long, kind of fitted, with a really low back."

Like a lot of girls, Caitlin Jaynes, 17, is tired of black. The senior is searching the magazines for something simple, classic and colorful. Her dream dress, she says, is a sleeveless, lavender A-line similar to the one worn by Uma Thurman at the Oscars last year.

But not everybody digs the quiet look. Terika Pittman, 17, calls the prom "a fashion show. Everybody is dressed to impress." Girls favor entrance-making sequins and beads.

Michael Thompson, 18, a senior, has his prom attire down cold. He'll wear a shawl-collared tux with a plaid vest in navy or red, and a matching bow tie.

"The shawl collar is the most popular collar ... the jacket

should be single-breasted ... and you button the first button only, not the second," he advises. "They give you cuff links (at the rental store), but you get your own and be different because they're going to show when you take your coat off."

What's the worst that can happen? Unwrapping the tuxedo on prom night and finding it doesn't fit or some piece is missing, says Thompson. It happened to him at a cotillion dance. His jacket was too tight; his pants too short. He had to wear his pants unbuttoned and pulled down to his hips. Not cool.

Finding a date for prom night is not the problem it once was. Girls without dates often go in groups. Some boys find advantages in going stag. It's also now acceptable for girls to ask boys. And it's common to attend the prom with a friend, instead of a boyfriend, especially if the boyfriend attends another school, says Nichole Rice, 18, a senior at Memphis Catholic High School.

"Last year I went with my best friend who is a guy and that was fun because you can just be with everybody."

Thompson said some guys go stag because they know there'll be an opportunity to link up

with a girl at the prom. And, meanwhile, they haven't shelled out for dinner, corsage, maybe a rented car — all for a girl who was perhaps not his first choice for a date.

But kids worry about more than just dates and clothes.

"Our school is strict on drinking rules, and most all our students observe them," says Chad Eatherly, a 17-year-old senior. "But that doesn't stop some from hitting the alcohol as soon as they leave."

He says he always makes sure there's a designated driver in his group. But he remains concerned "because I know there are people that don't."

Prom celebrations don't always end with the night. Some teenagers keep their rented car, drive off after the prom on Friday night and don't come back until Sunday. Sometimes groups of girls chip in for a hotel room and stage an all-night gab fest.

Last year, Rice and about 10 others rented a suite, watched movies and talked about the prom until dawn. The hotel was full of girls from other schools doing the same.

"We'll always have that memory that we were together," she says. "You want to make those nights last forever."

Parents must listen when children want to talk

Scrpps Howard News Service

Q: My parents never seem to have time for me and I think it's awful that I have to write you to say so. What can I do?

A: We also think it's awful that you feel you have to write to strangers just to say that you need to talk with your parents. But we are glad that we can be here to provide a service for you.

Recently, we have had an overwhelming number of students ask if they can talk with us. And the common thread in all their conversations was that each student wished they could talk to their parents. Many, like you, explained that their parents never seemed to have time for them. A few said their parents don't really listen when they do talk. How sad!

There is no excuse for this. On behalf of our students and you, we'd like to tell any parents who read this column to stop being too busy for your own kids.

When you make a decision to become a parent, you make a choice to be there for your children. Many times that means sacrificing something — like time. So here are some tips:

- When your child asks to talk with you, stop everything and be ready to listen.
- Block out a period of time each day just for you and your kids.

•Really listen. If you don't, your kids will stop talking with you and start talking with others — some of whom you might not choose as people to confide in.

•Don't give advice unless asked to. When you do, be kind and remember that kids have feelings, too.

•Remember to tell your kids you love them. And give them a hug every day.

We know how demanding the workaday world can be. But when we see kids who feel left out and parents who allow their professional world to take over their lives, we feel it's time to stop and examine priorities. And they need to begin with our children.

When our children see that we can do our jobs professionally and come home at night to our families, and that we care for our families as much and more than we do our professions — that our families have just as great a meaning — we teach children the value of families. In turn, they will develop strong families of their own some day. When that happens, you'll see our society change for the better.

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

TIPS 'N' TRIVIA

Cleaning carpet:

(NAPS)—Tips on cleaning carpet and upholstery:

- It is recommended you professionally steam clean high traffic carpet areas every six months.
- Vacuum high traffic areas every four days and other areas every seven days.
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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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Mobile Meals needs help

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If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 267-4503 or 263-4016.

Fund set up for Mary Soils

Mary Soils, 24, has been diagnosed with uterine cancer. She is the wife of Vintz Allen and has two pre-school age children.

There has been a fund set up at Norwest to help defray expenses and cover costs of operation in Galveston.

If you have any questions contact Brenda Claxton at Norwest.

THE LAST WORD

Victory goes to the player who makes the next-to-last mistake. —Saviely Grigorievitch Tartakover

It is hard to feel individually responsible with respect to the invisible processes of a huge and distant government. —John Gardner

Express a mean opinion of yourself occasionally; it will show your friends that you know how to tell the truth. —Ed Howe

Heredity is nothing but stored environment. —Luther Burbank

READ ALL ABOUT IT

This column is based on an AP story that was for use on March 21. Test your reading comprehension by reading the story below and answering the questions that follow.

Art Aboard! Train Takes Artwork on Tour
WASHINGTON (AP) — A former passenger train outfitted as a mobile art museum began its latest national tour Thursday, carrying prints commissioned for the Smithsonian Institution.

Artrain will visit some 100 cities and towns over three years. The five-car train is designed to bring art to students and adults who don't live near museums or just don't visit them.

"Some people are very intimidated by these large marble buildings with the big pillars," said executive director Debra Polich. "Artrain brings them in a very inviting way. Everybody likes trains."

Artrain, a Michigan-based nonprofit organization, was created by the Michigan Council of the Arts in 1971. About 500,000 people have seen its exhibits.

The new show — "Art in Celebration!" — is a collection of commemorative works commissioned by the Smithsonian Associates since 1972.

Students from local Stuart-Hobson Middle School were the first to take the tour. They saw prints hung at their eye level and tried shaping clay with the train's on-board artist. Lorraine Watkins, 12, appreciated the museum's compact size.

"You can't get lost," she said. "You get lost in the Smithsonian."

In 1996, Artrain will visit Chambersburg, Pa.; Edenton, Hamlet, Chadbourne, Lexington and Hendersonville, N.C.; Brunswick, Ga.; Williamson, W.Va.; Norfolk and Pulaski, Va.; Huntsville, Ala.; Jackson and Tullahoma, Tenn.; Louisville, Ky.; Sydney, Ohio; and these Michigan cities: Ypsilanti, Greenfield Village, East Tawas, Pinconning, Petoskey, Caro, Holly, Owosso, Trenton, Livonia, Warren and Detroit.

Use information from the story to answer the following true and false questions:
.....1) Artrain is the name of an organization that sets up art exhibits (displays) near museums.
.....2) In 1971, the Michigan Council of the Arts decided to buy the Smithsonian's art collection.
.....3) All of the artwork selected for the traveling art museum is from the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.
.....4) The most recent show, "Art in Celebration!" will be seen by people in 500 cities throughout the United States.
.....5) Artrain brings art to out-of-the-way places.
.....6) According to the article, the train is about five times the size of most museums.
.....7) When students from Stuart-Hobson Middle School took the tour, they had no trouble seeing the prints (pictures).
.....8) An artist, working on board the train, showed the schoolchildren how to make clay.
.....9) Lorraine Watkins thinks the mobile (moving) art museum is a good idea because the displays can't get lost.
.....10) This year, Artrain will be visiting, among other states, Georgia, Michigan and North Carolina.

.....BONUS: People who do not usually visit art museums will probably be intimidated (frightened) by the touring train.

.....Answer Key:
1. False
2. False
3. True
4. False
5. True
6. False
7. True
8. False
9. False
10. True
Bonus. False

.....PART TWO: MAKING CONNECTIONS:
The Smithsonian Institution is the largest group of museums in the world. Find its location, Washington, D.C., on a map of the United States. How many of the other places mentioned in this article can you find? Plan a tour route by connecting the stops.

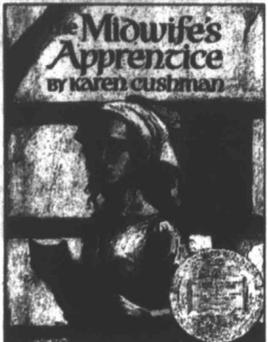
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The Newbery Winner

Meet Karen Cushman

The award

The John Newbery Medal is awarded each year to the author of the most outstanding children's book. This year's winner was Karen Cushman for her book "The Midwife's Apprentice." Last year her first book, "Catherine, Called Birdy," was named a Newbery Honor Book.



"The Midwife's Apprentice" tells the story of Brat, a homeless girl in the Middle Ages. She keeps warm by sleeping in a dung heap, a pile of garbage and manure. She is taken in by the town midwife, the woman who helps deliver babies. Even though she is overworked and underfed, Brat learns to be independent and proud of herself.

National Library Week is April 14-20. Its theme is "Libraries Change Lives."



Karen Cushman is 54. She started writing about five years ago.

Some favorite things

- Food: "Hardly anything wouldn't be on that list. Pizza."
- Color: dark green.
- Hobbies: working in the garden, especially growing tomatoes.
- TV: old movies.
- Children's author: Patricia MacLachlan ("Sarah Plain and Tall") and Cynthia Rylant ("Missing May," and the Henry and Mudge series, "Gooseberry Park," and Mr. Putter and Tabby series).
- Music: medieval.
- Time and place to read: anytime in bed, especially in the mornings.

Advice to kids

"Read a lot, write a lot and listen well. Listen to what's going on around you, listen to facts in school, but also listen on the bus to people talking next to you. Listen to funny stories, to what people are saying."

Her background

Before writing her first book, she taught full-time in a university museum studies department near San Francisco. Her husband, Philip, is a psychology professor, a therapist and a writer. Their daughter, Leah, 23, works in a bookstore. They have two cats and are caring for a neighbor's cocker/sheltie dog.

Her books

Karen Cushman is an unusual author. Not only did her first book get published right away, but it also was a Newbery Honor Book. It took her 3½ years to write "Catherine, Called Birdy." Her second book took only six months. Now she is working on a third book, "The Ballad of Lucy Whipple," about a girl in the California gold rush.

The author's autograph

All the best to the readers of the Mini Page. Keep reading!
Karen Cushman

MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mimi Jokes

WHAT IS THE BEST YEAR FOR GRASSHOPPERS?
LEAF YEAR!

WHAT'S MIGHTY FUNNY?
A SPIDER!

Q: What do spiders like with their hamburgers?
A: French flies!

Q: Where do sheep get their hair cut?
A: At a ba-ban shop!
(all jokes sent in by Molly Wankless)

Meet Jim Carrey

Jim Carrey is the favorite actor of many people. This summer he will star in the movie "The Cable Guy." Last summer he played the Riddler in "Batman Forever."

Jim, 34, was born in Newmarket, Ontario, Canada. During a school Christmas play when he was 3, he began doing silly things. As punishment, the teacher made him perform for the whole class. He did, and they loved it. That's when he knew he wanted to be in show business. He began performing in comedy clubs at 15. After a few years his career took off, and now he is a huge star. Jim is divorced and has a daughter.

The Mini Page Rookie Cookie Cookbook

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Encourages kids to read and follow directions!

Rookie Cookie's Recipe April Applesauce

You'll need:
• 6 apples, cored and chopped
• juice from ½ lemon
• ½ teaspoon cinnamon
• ¼ teaspoon nutmeg

What to do:
1. Place apple pieces in a medium saucepan.
2. Add enough water to cover.
3. Cover and bring to a boil over medium-high heat.
4. After mixture reaches a boil, lower to simmer. Cook 15 minutes or until tender.
5. Drain. Mash with a potato masher or fork.
6. Add lemon juice, cinnamon and nutmeg. Mix well. Serves 6.

BOOKS TRY 'N FIND

Words about award-winning books are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: NEWBERY, WINNERS, AUTHOR, ILLUSTRATOR, WIN, HONOR, BOOK, AWARD, ART, WRITE, DRAW, READ, ANNOUNCE, LIBRARY, MEDAL, PICTURE.

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy loves to read at night before she goes to bed. See if you can find:

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Meet Author/Illustrator Peggy Rathmann

The Caldecott Medal is presented each year to the illustrator of the most distinguished picture book for children. This year's winner was Peggy Rathmann for her book "Officer Buckle and Gloria."

Winning the award
Peggy Rathmann said everything is very different now that she has won the Caldecott. People are paying a lot more attention to her books. "This is the greatest gift anyone ever gave me," she said. She got a lot of pleasure out of telling her family the news. "My dad even cried. "It is the most exciting thing to call someone who really cares about you and wants you to succeed and to surprise them in this happy way."

"Officer Buckle and Gloria" is the story of a policeman trying to teach kids about safety. But they are bored until he brings his dog, Gloria, and she acts out the safety tips behind Officer Buckle's back. At first his feelings are hurt, until everyone realizes that both partners are needed.



Next week, Vice President Al Gore gives environmental tips and The Mini Page looks at global warming.



Peggy Rathmann tours schools and libraries telling kids about her books.

Her background
Peggy Rathmann went to many different colleges and studied many different subjects. Her main subject was psychology. She also took a lot of art classes.

When she was 37, her brother signed her up for a class on writing and illustrating children's books. She and her mother took this class over and over. The first versions of every one of her four books were done in the first weeks of this class.

"I know it's hard to do what the teacher says, but I tell you, some of them really know what they're talking about," she said. She is now 43 years old. She and her husband, John, a house builder, were married in February. They live in San Francisco.

More Peggy Rathmann books



In "Good Night Gorilla," a gorilla steals the keys to the zoo cages and follows the keeper home.

She illustrated her teacher Barbara Bottner's book, "Bootsie Barker Bites." It tells how a girl deals with a bully.



Best Wishes to the Mini Page Readers!

Some favorite things:
• Food: chocolate.
• Color: colors together, especially black and green next to each other.
• Children's authors: Dr. Seuss and A.A. Milne.
• Music: polka.
• Time and place to read: in bed and in the bathtub.

Advice to kids

"Try what your teacher tells you. You need to go over your work a million times, making it better and better. Try to fix things so they're perfect."



In "Ruby the Copycat," Ruby is the new kid in school. She copies everything about a brand new friend until she learns that she herself is special.

Writing the books

Her books take her several years to write. She reworks them over and over. She gets many of her ideas from things that have happened to her.

Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body

- Sir Richard Steele

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Corkery faces Howard challenge with enthusiasm

By RODERICK RICHARDSON
Herald Sportswriter

At age 25, Matt Corkery finds himself coaching one of the nation's best junior college teams: the Howard College Lady Hawks.

But Corkery knows it is not how old you are but what you put into your position.

"I believe age is not a big factor," said Corkery. "In fact, I think it's a plus. I have a lot of enthusiasm, intensity and excitement about this opportunity. I am fortunate the people and administration (of Howard College) would offer me the job."

Corkery is no stranger to women's basketball, nor is he

new to Howard. After a stint as graduate assistant at West Texas A&M University in the 1993-94 season, Corkery came to



CORKERY
assistant coach.

When former head coach Terry Gray resigned March 26, Corkery faxed in his resume.

Corkery was in Charlotte, N.C. for a convention and the NCAA Women's Final Four when he got the call from athletic director Tommy Collins for an interview. Corkery returned immediately - a big sacrifice.

"I didn't get to see any of the games," said Corkery.

According to Corkery, he was offered the job April 4. However, Corkery is still waiting for the honeymoon to begin. Immediately, Corkery hit the road to recruit. He says he didn't want to waste time.

"I was offered the job that Thursday, Saturday, I was in Dallas talking to prospects," said Corkery. "It's that time of year when everyone's signing intents to colleges, and you

have to put your name out there.

"I had to be quick about recruiting, because everyone's been doing it all year long. Here I am getting the job just a couple of weeks ago."

But there is no complaints when it comes to talking about Corkery's new position. In fact, he feels very lucky to get this chance to coach here.

"I knew what Howard College had to offer since I was here before," said Corkery. "I knew what a great program it has and (Big Spring) is a great community."

"I said I'd like to work somewhere like Howard College, but I didn't know the opportunity would present itself."

Now that he has the job, he must concentrate on proving himself as a head coach. Corkery steps into a program that is use to winning.

Gray and his predecessor, Royce Chadwick, coached the team to five conference championships. The Lady Hawks won four consecutive Region V titles. Corkery hopes to keep Howard's dynasty alive by keeping some of the old ways and adding a few ideas of his own.

"There will be some differences in philosophy, but there will also be a few similarities," said Corkery. "In defense, I have the same philosophy (as Gray). On offense, I plan to have a more up-tempo style. I

believe in getting to the ball quickly, pushing the ball down the floor quickly and looking for a fast transition.

"I am tremendously excited about the potential of success Howard College has. It will be a big challenge for me and the players to keep up the winning tradition here."

Corkery is confident of his ability in coaching. He is more confident of the players' ability to have another successful season.

"I am very fortunate to have a good group of returners," said Corkery. "Many of them are experienced, and they know what the competition will be like in the conference. I am very fortunate in that aspect."

Bagwell's making up for last year's slump

NEW YORK (AP) — Jeff Bagwell knows that if the Houston Astros are going to make a run at the playoffs this year, he is going to have to do his part.

Bagwell, trying to atone for his poor start a year ago, hit a three-run homer propelling the Astros to a 7-5 victory over the New York Mets on Wednesday.

"That hurt our team and killed any chance we had of winning a title," Bagwell said of last year's start when he was hitting .183 on June 1. He's batting .385 so far in the early season.

Bagwell hit his sixth homer, a three-run shot in the first inning and added an RBI double in the eighth as the Astros completed a two-game sweep of the Mets, but he remains unsatisfied since Houston has won only seven of 15 games.

"Granted, I'm playing well, but the team is still only 7-8. I am more concerned with winning than in being MVP or anything like that," said Bagwell, the 1994 National League MVP.

Bagwell's first-inning homer helped make a winner of Darryl Kile (1-2) and came off Mets rookie Paul Wilson (0-1).

Wilson walked Brian Hunter and hit Craig Biggio with a pitch before Bagwell's homer.

"I'm not throwing strikes and I have to find an answer," said Wilson, who was making his third major-league start after leading all minor league pitch-

ers with 194 strikeouts last year.

Wilson issued four walks, had no strikeouts, hit two batters and gave up five hits while allowing five runs in only 2 1-3 innings.

"I've walked 12 guys in the last two ballgames, and that's hurting this ballclub," Wilson said.

After Bagwell's homer gave the Astros a 3-0 lead, Butch Huskey doubled home a run in the Mets first and Wilson singled in another with his first major-league hit in the second to cut the lead to 3-2.

Although the Mets hit three home runs for the second straight game, they couldn't keep pace with the Astros.

Houston increased the lead to 5-2 in the third on Derrick May's RBI double and Hunter's sacrifice fly.

Wilson allowed three hits to start the third, but was helped when Mets shortstop Rey Ordonez threw Sean Berry out trying to score on Orlando Miller's grounder.

But after Wilson walked Kile to load the bases, he was relieved by Dave Milicki, who allowed Hunter's sacrifice fly but got out of the inning without any further scoring.

"He's not doing what you have to do to be successful," Mets manager Dallas Green said of Wilson, a key part of the Mets highly touted young pitching staff.

READY FOR REGIONALS



Coahoma tennis player Kayla Stanislaus hits a serve during team practice Tuesday at Coahoma High School. Five members of the team will participate in the Class 2A regional tennis tournament April 24 in Abilene.

Hill enjoys his new home with Rangers

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Ken Hill has found The Ballpark in Arlington to be to his liking.

Hill, signed away from the Cleveland Indians as a free agent in the offseason, has won all three of his starts at his new home as the Texas Rangers trounced the Oakland Athletics 12-1 Wednesday night.

"Anytime you can give the bullpen a day off it's great," said Hill, who pitched the 12th complete game of his career.

"I felt strong from beginning to end. The main thing was to pitch my game even though we had the big lead. It was important to keep hitting my spots and try to mix in some breaking balls and changeups."

Hill improved to 16-6 lifetime in April and gave Rangers starters a 10-2 mark this season, leading the American League in wins. Texas starters are 8-0 with a 2.45 ERA at home.

Hill (3-1) allowed only four hits, walked three and struck out nine in his first career start against the A's. He retired eight of the first nine batters he faced, yielding only a walk, until Ernie Young singled with two outs in the third.

"His fastball was just as good in the ninth inning as it was in the first," Rangers manager Johnny Oates said. "He was in command from the first pitch to the last."

Will Clark got the Rangers

offense started with a first-inning RBI and Texas scored seven runs in the first two innings. Texas is 8-1 at The Ballpark, its best home start in franchise history.

"In the past, we really haven't played that well at home," said Dean Palmer, who was 3-for-5 with a two-run homer in the seventh. "We're not going to win at home at the same percentage we are right now, but hopefully we can keep it going."

Texas has scored in the first inning in six of nine games at home. The Rangers have outscored their opponents 12-1 in those nine games and have trailed at the completion of an inning in just four of 81 innings at home.

Texas also had plenty of offensive heroes as the Rangers improved to 10-4, their second-best start in club history. They started the 1989 season 12-2.

Palmer returned to the Texas lineup after missing three games with back spasms. Ivan Rodriguez went 3-for-5 with three RBIs, including a two-run double to key a five-run second. Juan Gonzalez, also back in the lineup after missing three games with a strained muscle under his left arm, and Clark had two RBIs apiece as the Rangers belted out 13 hits.

The Rangers battered A's starter Carlos Reyes (1-3) for two runs in the first and five more in the second.

Baseball hall-of-famer's daughter dies of leukemia

ORANGE, Calif. (AP) — Rod Carew's 18-year-old daughter died of leukemia Wednesday after the Hall of Famer's appeal for a bone-marrow donor drew 70,000 responses but not one match.

"All we did was we told her that we love her, that we're all here, and I just told her to have a safe journey," Carew, tears in his eyes, said hours after Michelle's death.

Michelle died with her father, her mother, Marlynn, other family members and friends by her side at Children's Hospital of Orange County.

Her battle against the disease

had been followed by people nationwide after her father issued a plea in November for bone marrow donors.

"That unprecedented response, no doubt, will save the lives of other cancer patients in the future," hospital spokesman Orman Day said.

Carew, who starred with the Minnesota Twins and California Angels and is now an Angels batting coach, said: "When this started she just wanted me to do not only for her but for the other kids."

Michelle received a transplant of fetal umbilical cord blood on March 22 in an effort to rebuild

her immune system.

It was tried as an alternative after no matching marrow could be found. Michelle's two sisters and her parents were incompatible. Her father is of West Indian and Panamanian ancestry; her mother has Russian Jewish roots.

Chemotherapy was used to kill the cancerous cells, but it left her body blistered and raw.

"The percentages weren't in her favor as far as finding a match," Carew said in the hospital lobby. "She just ran out of time. ... She just lost the battle."

The hospital received thou-

sands of calls and letters. Many promised to be tested as donors. Some knitted snowflakes for this young woman who had never seen falling snow.

Michelle was diagnosed in September 1995 with non-lymphocytic leukemia. The transplant of the umbilical cord is a relatively rare operation.

"We really didn't have enough time to see the fruits of that transplant," said Dr. Mitchell Cairo, director of blood and bone marrow transplants at the hospital.

She died of cardiac and respiratory failure at 6:28 a.m., the

hospital said. Since the March 22 operation, she had been kept in a sterile room, family and other visitors sealed off by a window.

The family had thought Michelle was going to die in December. For seven months, the Carews had stayed in a spare hospital room or in a motor home in a rear parking lot.

Carew, a seven-time American League batting champion who retired in 1985, has been on leave from the Angels.

"She kept our spirits up by

telling jokes," he said. "We would walk in the room and she would always say something funny to make sure we were smiling."

Carew, red-eyed, mustered a smile at the recollection. "She became more famous than her dad," he said, "and we talked about that a lot."

A private memorial service was scheduled Friday in Santa Ana. The funeral was planned for Sunday at 11 a.m. at Temple B'nai Emet in Minneapolis, with burial at United Hebrew Brotherhood Cemetery in Minneapolis.

BOTTOM of the ORDER

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Friday Baseball

Brookhaven at Howard College (DH), 1 p.m.
Big Spring at Monahans, 7:30 p.m.
Coahoma at Jim Ned, 5 p.m.

STATE/NATION

Gag order stands in Irvin trail

DALLAS (AP) — A trial for Dallas Cowboys receiver Michael Irvin on drug charges was set for June 24 but a judge took no action on several media organizations' request to lift a far-reaching gag order.

Irvin and two women were indicted April 1 on felony cocaine possession and misdemeanor marijuana charges. He will face trial alone.

Police say they found Irvin and three others with nearly 2 ounces of cocaine in three packages, 3 ounces of marijuana, and assorted drug paraphernalia and sex toys at an Irving motel March 4.

"We're going to have a good time, and we're getting ourselves ready for it."

UT plans to repair stadium

AUSTIN (AP) — Improvements totaling more than \$60 million for Memorial Stadium and surrounding athletic facilities should be completed before the end of the century, according to a preliminary time line issued by the University of Texas.

The athletic department unofficially has begun a \$30 million fund-raising drive, with half the money targeted toward paying for the improvements and half to the endowment of the athletic program and debt retirement.

Sampras' back at No.1

TOKYO (AP) — Pete Sampras, back atop the world rankings, served 15 aces as he beat France's Lionel Roux 6-3, 6-2, while No. 2 seed Michael Chang topped Germany's Alex Radulescu 6-2, 3-6, 6-1 in the second round of the Japan Open.

ON THE AIR

(listings subject to change)

Baseball

MLB
Florida at Atlanta, 6:35 p.m., TBS (ch. 11)

Basketball

NBA
Denver at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., PRIME (ch. 29)

Hockey

Stanley Cup Playoffs
TBA (Game 2)
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TBA (Game 2)
app. 9:30 p.m., ESPN (ch. 30)

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Coahoma sets athletic banquet

The Coahoma Athletic Booster Club will hold its annual athletic banquet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 29 in the elementary school cafeteria.

Lions grab first win

The National Little League Lions picked up their first win of the season with a 7-4 victory over the Yankees in major league action this week.

A's edge Rangers in NL slugfest

The A's remained undefeated, but they definitely had to work out at, edging the Rangers 12-11 in National Little League major league action this week.

Jon McKinnon picked up the win for the A's, while Shawn Shugrue had the game-winning RBI when his single scored Taylor Fraser in the bottom of the sixth inning.

CGA to golf for Kids' Zone

The Chicago Golf Association and Friends of the Park will hold a golf tournament to benefit the CGA's scholarship fund and the Kids' Zone April 27-28 at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

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 July 4 and July 21-25.

Softball tournament held at Stanton

The Indios Softball Tournament will be held at the Stanton softball field in Stanton April 26 through 29. Trophies are awarded to the top four teams, and T-shirts to the top two teams.

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.

TRACK

State bests

HOUSTON (AP) — This year's high school track and field season in Texas (x-denotes unofficial 49-time state leader).

BOYS

- 100 METERS 10.00 Louis Turner, Dallas Roosevelt 10.2 Monte Flowers, Dallas Skyline 10.2 Tony Mitchell, Big Spring 10.2 Tyson Wilson, Dallas Kimball 10.24 Willie Lee, FW Dunbar 10.25 Michael Martin, Galveston Bell 10.26 Ashley Mayberry, Greenville 10.28 Chris Clay, Dallas Skyline 10.28 Tre Gardner, Coppell x-9.9 Henry Neal, Greenville, 1990; Greg Scholer, FW Southwest, 1994

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POLE VAULT

- 17-0 Jacob Davis, Orange Field 16-9 Jim Davis, Godley 16-0 Jimmy Astereth, Houston Memorial 15-6 Bill Collins, Houston Stratford 15-6 Robert Constantine, Ham-Fennell 15-6 Chad Covington, Magnolia 15-6 Shane Gunter, Sanford Fritch 15-6 Jon Harce, Whitehouse x-17-10 Dale Jenkins, Ab. Christian, 1991

HIGH JUMP

- 7-0 Brock Bassler, Rockdale 7-0 Damien Turner, Rockdale 6-11 John Munoz, SA Holmes 6-11 Jerrod Carter, Dallas Carter 6-10 Jacques Bergeron, Hamshire-Fennell 6-10 Roddy Anderson, La Porte 6-10 Chad Foreman, Eastland 6-10 Chris Johnson, Alief-Hastings 6-10 Jeff Mueller, Cy-Fair x-7-41 James Lot, Refugio, 1993

LONG JUMP

- 25-6 Greg Schmidt, Plano 24-58 E.J. Hill, Klein Oak 24-50 Darvin Patton, Lake Highlands 24-50 Jason Eldridge, Lake Highlands 24-48 Terrance Dixon, Houston King 24-48 Sedrick Lusk, Lancaster 24-5 Tywa Carter, Alief-Hastings 23-10 Ivan Gaines, DeSoto 23-10 Andre Hom, Newton

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400 METERS

- 47.48 Derrick Drew, Klein Forest 47.5 Paul Westcott, Del Rio 47.6 Brandon Couts, Greenville 47.8 Floyd Thompson, Clear Creek 47.83 Pap Howard, Round Rock 47.92 Kendrick Campbell, Everman 48.00 Gene White, Arlington Bowie 48.12 Randy Farr, Big Spring x-45.1 Marion Ramsey, Bea, West Brook, 1994

800 METERS

- 1:52.74 Marcos Martinez, La Porte 1:54.04 Ebony Scott, La Porte 1:54.06 Jonathan Pike, Odessa 1:54.1 Karim Alston, Kempner 1:54.1 Lewis Jones, Humble Kingwood 1:55.16 Hovey Martinez, Del Rio 1:55.2 Ron Blencoll, Kempner 1:56.09 James Green, Longview 1:56.2 David Calmer, Mansfield 1:56.20 Kevin Ross, Temple x-1:48.00 John Draw, Houston Memorial, 1995

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You finally pull it together, professionally and financially. Discover new ways to add to your lucre and status. Discussions with authority figures prove rewarding. It is okay to commit to a purchase you have been considering. Shop at lunch time. Tonight: Your treat. ****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) What you wish for could very well happen. Try not to negate someone else's path to the same goal. Creativity, imagination play a role. Spread the word, make long distance calls and ask for special information. A trip is in the offing. Tonight: Reach out for another. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A quiet revelation on your part brings extra closeness and caring. Be sure of yourself and your long term desires. A partnership is enhanced by your caring and willingness. Thoughtfulness is a plus. A financial expenditure needs to be discussed. Tonight: Snuggle night. ****

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Go for what you want. Socializing and partying make up a good part of your day. You can be more confident right now. The world is your oyster. Make time for a group or business meeting. It could prove to be much more than just that. Tonight: Where the gang is. ****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You do an extraordinary job following through on a leadership matter or responsibility. You clearly have the respect of another. Expect compliments. Accept the limelight graciously. A co-worker is full of great ideas but they could cause you more work. Tonight: Out and about. ****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Let your imagination go its own way. You discuss getting more information with the possibility of a trip. Opt for classes or perhaps another means of learning. Relationships flourish

today as the result of your caring and time. Go with a flirtation. Tonight: Consider an off-beat invitation. ****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) One-to-one relating comes naturally to you. You are in the process of building stronger foundations and a better relationship. Consider what is best for you above all. A financial partnership is right up your alley. Ask and expect to receive. Tonight: The heat is on. ****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Defer to another and their ideas. Communications open new paths to understanding. To accomplish what you must, prioritize. Make plans for the weekend, at lunch time or as a break. Keep daytime socializing to a minimum. Tonight: Out among the maddening crowds. ****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You can increase your business and financial status. Be more self assured. Expenses are extravagant and you need to be more stringent or disciplined. Learn to say "no". You have the energy to accomplish all you want. Make a health decision. Tonight: Get physical. ****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Let your libido rule. You concoct wonderful ideas, create much happiness and feel as if the quality of your life is excellent. Allow your emotions to come to the foreground. Share what is on your mind. Step forward and state your case in a positive manner. Tonight: Expect to hear a yes. ****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Change the standard of your home life with the expectation of making it much more to your liking. The result will be pleasant. Listen to another's feedback. You come from a centered point of view. Share inner feelings and draw another closer to you. Tonight: Go for cozy. ****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Communications accelerate because of your ability to understand what is motivating another. Accent effective discussion and getting your job done. Listen to the tom-toms. Join friends for a fun event and happening. Go for what you want. Tonight: Be a lounge lizard. ****

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Concert cougher's ill wind
blows no one any good

DEAR ABBY: For our 33rd wedding anniversary, my husband took me to see "Miss Saigon" at Cincinnati's new Aronoff Center. We had wonderful seats for this spectacular play; however, it was totally ruined by a very inconsiderate 60ish man who was seated directly behind me. He coughed incessantly during



Abigail Van Buren
Columnist

the entire performance. There were times when I felt my hair blowing from the force of his cough! He seemed oblivious to the fact that he was annoying anyone, never bothering to cover his mouth, or take a cough drop, or perhaps get up and leave.

Abby, he was not alone; he had a nicely groomed woman with him who could have at least nudged him or told him to cover his mouth. When telling my daughter about this, she suggested that from now on I carry cough drops to offer people who do this, thus conveying the message that their coughing is very annoying.

Abby, what's your opinion on handling such a situation? I came very close to saying something, but I didn't want to stoop to his level of rudeness. — SALLY IN CINCINNATI

DEAR SALLY: No one would deliberately cough under these circumstances, but since this gentleman (?) seated behind you made no effort to cover his mouth and had coughed so vio-

lently you felt your hair blowing, you would have been justified in turning around and asking him politely to please cover his mouth when he coughed.

DEAR ABBY: The "I remember your name but can't think of your face" solution to forgetting someone's name reminds me of an experience I had at my 50th class reunion at DePauw University in Indiana. "Fred Anderson!" a fellow classmate greeted me after having obviously parted too long and too well. "You sure have changed. You used to be kind of fat and not as tall." "I am not Fred Anderson," I replied. "I'm Jack Runninger." "Oh, you changed your name, too, eh?"

I remember a true story from many years ago about the danger of pretending to know who someone is.

A lady couldn't remember the name of someone she ran into on the street one day. As she racked her brain, the other lady finally mentioned something about her brother. "Oh, yes... your dear brother... what is he doing these days?" she asked, figuring this might give her a clue to the lady's identity. "Oh, he's still the president of the United States," she replied. (She was Calvin Coolidge's sister.) — JACK RUNNINGER, ROME, GA.

DEAR JACK: Speaking of Coolidge, he was a man of few words and was nicknamed "Silent Cal."

It was reported that Coolidge was seated next to a lively woman at a dinner party. She turned to Coolidge and said with a smile, "Someone bet me \$10 that you wouldn't say three words to me all evening," to which Coolidge replied (with a straight face), "You lose."

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF CITY ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION CIUDAD)

To the Registered Voters of Coshona, Texas: (A los votantes registrados del Condado de Coshona, Texas) Este es el momento de votar en las elecciones municipales. Las elecciones se celebraran el Viernes 20 de Mayo a las 7:00 p.m., en el Ayuntamiento de Coshona, Texas. El lugar de votacion es el Ayuntamiento de Coshona, Texas, 122 N. 1st, Coshona, Texas 75811.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Coshona City Hall, 122 N. 1st, Coshona, Texas 75811. (Las votaciones por aparicion personal se llevaran a cabo de lunes a viernes en el Ayuntamiento de Coshona, Texas, 122 N. 1st, Coshona, Texas 75811).

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 18, 1996 at 12:00 p.m. (Las solicitudes para boletines que se votaran en su domicilio por correo deberan enviarse a: Ginger Metcalfe, P.O. Box 1, Coshona, Texas 75811).

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE GLASSCOCK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

will accept bids at the regular meeting on May 13, 1996 at 10:00 a.m. for Landfill Operation. The commissioner's court has the right to reject any or all bids submitted.

For more information, contact the County Judge, W.E. DeWitt at 615-384-2582 Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 0628 April 18, 1996

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF BIG SPRING

Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, sealed bids will be accepted until 5:00 P.M. Friday, May 2, 1996, for the consideration of the sale of Real Property. Said real property being on Westover Street, Lots 1, 2 and 3, 180' x 140', Block 3, La Loma Addition, to the City of Big Spring, Texas.

Bids are to be opened and read aloud in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 310 Nolan St., Big Spring, Texas 79720, with consideration of 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.

The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all formalities. Signed: Tim Blagohor, Mayor Signed: Thomas D. Ferguson, City Secretary 0627 April 18, 1996 & April 25, 1996

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