

# BIG SPRING HERALD

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Reflecting A Proud Community

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## Big Spring has five more paramedics, loses EMS coordinator Tina Stone

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

The city of Big Spring has five more paramedics as a result of the successful retake of the state's paramedic exam by five of seven candidates.

The addition of five new paramedics to the fire department's ambulance service means the department now has 17 paramedics, four intermediate emergency medical technicians and 11 basic

emergency medical technicians.

Emergency Medical Services Coordinator Tina Stone said one set of results is still in the computer, so Big Spring could end up with another paramedic if those results are passing.

Another medic is planning to take the test Thursday in Midland and Stone added there are two or three other medics who are planning to enter paramedic programs to become certified.

But all of the news about the ambulance service has not been good for the city as City Manager Gary Fuqua announced Stone's resignation to the Big Spring City Council Tuesday night.

Stone has accepted a position in the infirmary with the Big Spring Federal Correctional Institute.

Stone said, "I had applied for this position before I accepted the coordinator's job with the fire department. My contract was originally for six

months and the council recently extended it for six months."

According to Fuqua, the contract extension given to Stone a month ago was in view of the work Stone had done to see that the city's ambulance service was operating successfully.

Stone, who will remain with the city for another 30 days before leaving, added her new position is full time and more secure than her present situation.

Fuqua said Stone is to be commended for her efforts considering how many communities have failed in their attempts to operate their own ambulance service.

Stone was also praised by several council members, at the time of her contract extension, for presenting them with a better overall picture of what the ambulance service entails and how it can best serve the residents of Big Spring and Howard County.

## Pilot project kicked off in Big Spring

Erosion-control study project one of only four in Texas

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
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It's not often that the city receives a grant for \$9,500, but that's the amount of the check Big Country Resource Conservation and Development Area Inc. member Sonny Choate presented to city officials Tuesday afternoon as part of a pilot project to study erosion.

The Resource Conservation and Development grant was given to the city because Big Spring is one of a few cities across the state to join forces with farmers to demonstrate the use of yard trimmings as a protective mulch on highly erodible, agricultural land to reduce the potential for water pollution from nonpoint source (NPS) and improve soil for better crop production.

Landowners in Big Spring, Nacogdoches, Pampa, and Lubbock have agreed to participate in the three year cooperative project funded by the Environmental Protection Agency Section 319(h) nonpoint source program through the Texas Soil and Water Conservation Board.

The Big Spring project is being conducted on the farmland of Marcellous Weaver.

Weaver said he is more than happy to help with the project and added he hopes it works.

BCRC&D Area Inc. Executive Director said, "This three year project will be monitored on a regular basis. A weather station is already on the Weaver property and will take a number of different measurements every 60 seconds that will be used to evaluate the program."

He added, "This has been a pretty good partnership already (referring to the different entities and agencies involved) and come September you should be able to see a difference in the cotton and in the size of the bolls. The compost being used

will provide a lot more nutrients to the land."

Yard trimmings and woody material from urban areas are diverted from landfills and compost. The compost is then applied to the farmland to control erosion and reduce sediment loads in nearby water bodies threatened by nonpoint source pollution.

NPS pollution refers to diffuse sources of pollutants usually associated with runoff from agriculture/silverculture, urban stormwater and construction activities.

The Big Spring Regional Compost Center is supplied the compost made from grass trimmings and wood chips from tree limbs and the application and monitoring of the project is being done by the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the BCRC&D Area Inc.

Mark Freeman of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service said, "It is a win-win situation for both rural and urban areas. By maintaining or improving water quality, weather used for drinking, recreational, irrigation or everyday use, both groups benefit."

He added, "The agriculture producer has the potential to benefit from less erosion and runoff problems, increased organic matter in the soil for better crop production and possibly less water, fertilizer and maybe even less pesticide usage. On the urban side, it will provide an alternative method for the landfills to dispose of the waste and extend the life of the landfills."

Eddy Spurgin, district conservationist for the Big Spring Field Office of the NRCS said a rainfall simulation team will be in Big Spring next week to simulate rainfall on the Weaver farm to study runoff and perform other tests such as looking at chemical runoff and whether there is wind and soil erosion.

The compost and woodchips were spread over eight different quarter acre plots (80-foot wide



Howard County Commissioner Sonny Choate and land owner Boosie Weaver look at a bulldozer bucket full of wood chips that will be spread over the land in a project to test the use of compost on agricultural land.

and 136-foot long) in different amounts including a compost check plot with no application; compost at five tons per acre; compost at 10 tons per acre; compost at 15 tons per acre; wood chips at five tons per acre; wood chips at 10 tons per acre; wood chips at 15 tons per acre; and a wood chip check plot with no application.

Spurgin said, "One of the real benefits of this program is that the waste stream going to landfills will be reduced."

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission,

through its Clean Texas 2000 program, has set a goal to reduce the solid waste going into landfills by 50 percent within five years, meaning finding new uses for organic waste materials on a large scale is very important.

Those involved with the project recognize agriculture as a multi-billion dollar business capable of handling large amounts of compost and the project will demonstrate the economic benefits gained by both urban and agricultural communities.

## Piles of tires growing due to recycling woes

By SARA SOLIS  
Staff Writer

Used tires are piling-up all over town due to problems in the recycled tire industry.

Robert Reagan, an employee of Big Spring Tire Co., said a pile of about 400 used tires has accumulated over the past few months at the company's Gregg Street location. "They belong to the state of Texas," he said. The tire company collects a \$2 recycling fee for every new tire they sell and \$1 for every used, he said.

Reagan said the business is still submitting their tire fees to the state. "The state's supposed to be paying somebody to pick them up and they haven't done it," Reagan said. The last time they were picked-up was before Christmas, he said. He added, "The fire marshal has been up here to talk to us" about the fire hazard the tires are presenting.

David Mault, Big Spring's Goodyear Tires store manager, said, "We probably have 150 to 200 tires right now" that need to be picked-up. "It's an eye-sore. All over town it's an eye-sore," he said. He said a company out of Houston was supposed to come Monday and get the tires, but they never showed-up. The last time the tires were picked-up was over a month ago, he said.

Charlie Rodriguez, manager of Phillips Tire on Fourth Street, said he is not having a problem with used tires accumulating on the property, like some of the other tire dealers in town. Scrap Tire Recycling, Inc., of Pasadena, picks-up the used-tires each month, he said. Rodriguez said he has been working with Scrap Tire for over a year now. "Some of the people that used to be hooked-up with Safe Tire (Disposal) are having problems. We didn't go back to them" when they experienced legal problems, he said.

Harry Green, of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission in Odessa, said the area processor of used tires, Safe Tire Disposal, Inc., of Odessa, reached their maximum storage capacity in November. They have been unable to receive any additional tires, he said. Therefore, the generators; filling stations; tire stores; municipal and city facilities, began having to store their tires at their own facilities. "And They've just about reached their storage capacities," Green said.

He said the problem began because of a lack of markets for the recycled tire shreds. Now, TNRCC has found a user for the tire shreds. The cities of Midland and San Angelo are using tire shreds for a leachate collection system in their landfills, Green said. He said using tire shreds as a leachate is a relatively new concept.

TNRCC established a pilot program using tire shreds in leachate in McKinney, Texas about three years ago, he said. "Rock aggregate was used before for a leachate system," Green said.

"As they move shreds out (to the cities of Midland and San Angelo), it'll open-up capacity and they should be able to start receiving more tires."

Terry Hadley, spokesman for TNRCC in Austin, said Safe Tire Disposal company has had some problems complying with TNRCC regulations. Currently, there is a proposed penalty under negotiation between TNRCC and Safe Tire Disposal, he said. The penalty amounts to \$470,480 and is being levied against the company because of record-keeping violations made at the Cleveland and Midlothian, Texas facilities.

He said TNRCC requires daily manifests attesting to the origin and weights of recycled tires. "We saw manifests with false transporter identifications, false weights of tires, and false entries into the required daily logs... It's certainly substantial, it's major violations," Hadley said.

He said three Safe Tire Disposal employees from the Cleveland, Texas facility were convicted in federal court in December for conspiring to defraud the state of Texas. They used the U.S. mail and telephone wires to transfer falsified tire receipts, he said. They were sentenced to two years in federal prison and fined \$10,000 each, Hadley said.

"They're still in business... We're still working with them (Safe Tire)," he said. He said aside from Safe Tire, there are 17 other approved tire processors in Texas.

Hadley said the TNRCC recently approved tire shreds to be used as a liner for landfills. There is also a financial incentive towards using tire shreds in leachate systems, he said. Landfill operators using tire shreds will be eligible for a reduction in their solid waste fee payable to the state.

## Council appoints negotiating team; Holiday Inn on way

HERALD Staff Report

On second reading the Big Spring City Council approved a resolution authorizing Mayor Tim Blackshear to execute a letter of intent on behalf of the city to sell the city's interests in the Big Spring Correctional Center facilities.

Tuesday's council meeting also included the council appointing a negotiating committee to negotiate the sale of

the city's interests in the Correctional Center facilities.

The committee, headed by City Manager Gary Fuqua, will include Jim Purcell, Max Green, Eddie Cole and Chuck Williams.

The five-member committee will now meet to review and discuss the proposal and to enter into negotiations with Midtex Detention and Cornell Corrections.

Also, council members voted

to first abandon and then sell a block on north Douglas Street, located between 9th and 10th, to assist in the development of a Holiday Inn Express on the site.

The street allows the developer, from Midland, to have the continuous property so that the site can accommodate the structure.

The council also voted to approve awarding a bid for air conditioning work on the City Hall complex to Johnston Con-

struction.

Council expressed concern over Johnston's getting the nearly \$40,000 contract after experiencing trouble with the firm in the remodeling of council chambers.

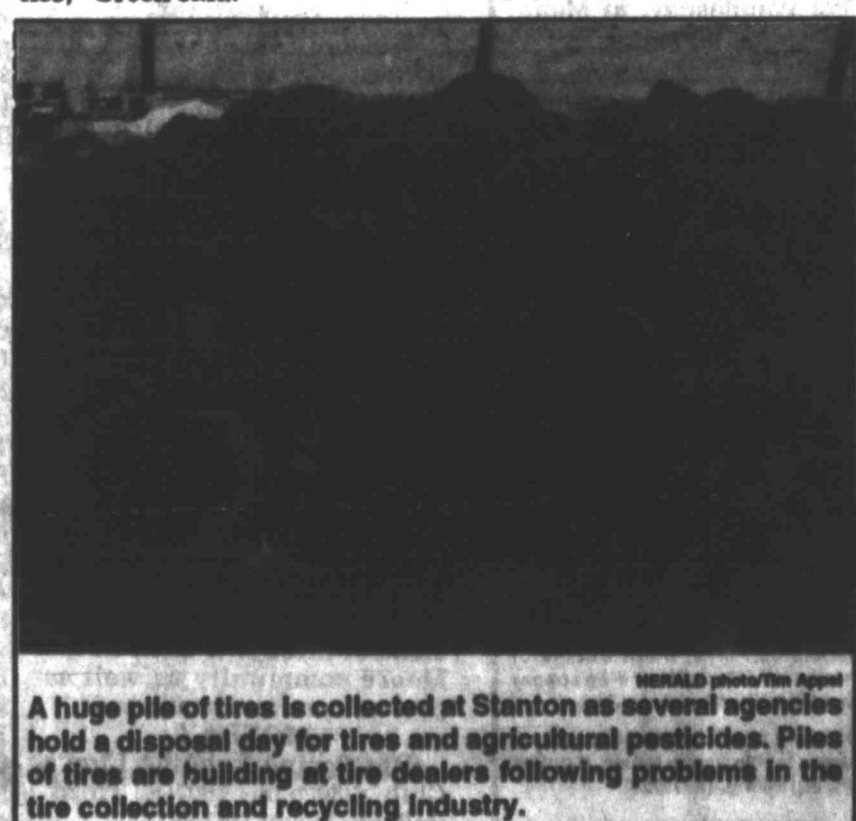
City Engineer Ralph Truskowski told council members that Johnston would be the general contractor and that separate firms would handle the electrical and air conditioning portions of the contract.

### HOG CHECK



Barry Barnett presents a check for \$2,195 to Katy McAteer at the Harley-Davidson Shop Tuesday afternoon. The money was raised by the Harley Owners Group for the Kids Zone project.

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A huge pile of tires is collected at Stanton as several agencies hold a disposal day for tires and agricultural pesticides. Piles of tires are building at tire dealers following problems in the tire collection and recycling industry.

OBITUARIES

Roy Joe Holiody

Funeral service for Roy Joe Holiody will be 2 p.m. Thursday, April 25, 1996, at Westside Church of Christ, Midland, with Gary Montgomery officiating. Burial will be in the Resthaven Memorial Park, Midland.

Mr. Holiody died Monday, April 22, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. He was born on Feb. 25, 1960, in Midland. He was raised in Midland before moving to Big Spring in 1983. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

He is survived by his mother: Della Holiody, Midland; two brothers: Clarence Ray Holiody, Odessa, and William Shark Holiody, Midland; two sisters: Leota Mae Lane, Narneja, Fla., and Della A. Holiody, Midland; his grandmother: Arnetta Burch, Big Spring; four nephews; three aunts; and one uncle.

Arrangements under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home, Midland.

Virgie May Dyer

Funeral service for Virgie May Dyer, 83, Crowley, was 2 p.m. Saturday, April 20, 1996, in the Greenwood Chapel. Burial followed in Greenwood Memorial Park, Fort Worth.

Mrs. Dyer died Friday, April 19 in Crowley. She was born on Jan. 4, 1913, in Dorchester. She was a member of South Hills Baptist Church and a member of the Chapter 67 Big Spring, Texas O.E.S. She was a past member of the Big Spring Garden Club and was a Sunday School teacher and greeter at the First Baptist Church of Big Spring for 25 years.

Survivors include one daughter: Billie Jean Swinea, Crowley; one brother: Leonard McDaniel, Hurst; one sisters: Leota Massey, Fort Worth; one grandchild; one great-grandson; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements under the direction of Greenwood Funeral Home, Fort Worth.

Juan Miguel Reyna

Graveside service for Juan Miguel Reyna will be 3 p.m. today at Mount Olive Memorial Park with Horace Yanez officiating.

He died at birth on April 23, 1996, at Medical Center Memorial Hospital in Odessa.

Survivors include his mother: Maria De Loudes Ramos, Big Spring; his father: Reynaldo Reyna, Mexico; one brother: Arnulfo Martinez, Big Spring; his grandparents: Ramona Ramos, Big Spring, Margarita Sanchez and Jose Isabel Reyna, both of Mexico; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

**Nalley Pickle & Welch**  
FUNERAL HOME  
24th & Johnson 267-8288  
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George Creeley, Jr.

Service for George Creeley, Jr., 65, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Friday, April 26, 1996, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Mr. Creeley died Tuesday, April 23, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center following a long illness.

He was born on Nov. 22, 1930, in St. Louis, Mo. He had lived in the Big Spring area since 1975. He had been a truck driver for Oil Transport for 18 years, retiring in 1994. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. Mr. Creeley married Margaret Aken on July 25, 1986, in Midland.

Survivors include his wife: Margaret Creeley, Big Spring; seven daughters: Reatha Jean Henley, Midland, Ginger Faye Beecher, Tanya Jolene Weathers, both of Georgia, Kandil Clanton, Big Spring, Rose Mayhew, Kilgore, Pat Sanders, Indiana, and Carylann Hartley, Oregon; two sons: Leonard Aken, Virginia, and Albert Aken, Kilgore; one sister: Ilabel Clara Creeley, Missouri; a half-brother: Glenn Creeley, Missouri; a half-sister: Florence Creeley, Missouri; 25 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

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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.

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**TOPS Clubs (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:30 to 6 p.m. weigh in and 6 p.m. meeting. Carriage Inn, 501 W. 17th. Call 263-1940 or 263-9633.**

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ON THE RUN

American Cancer Society's Relay for Life at Big Spring High School May 17 and 18.

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

July - Howard County 4-H Junior Rodeo at the Rodeo Bowl July 19-20; Comanche Warrior Triathlon at Dora Roberts Community Center and Comanche Trail Park July 27-28 and Dora Roberts Pro Am Summerfest at Big Spring Country Club on July 28 and 29.

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Persons wishing to request preview of the films may call Mrs. Pam Winn, media supervisor of the Education Service Center, at 563-2380.

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Watercolor workshop 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 264-5195 or Kay Smith at 263-6466 for more information.

Applications are being accepted for the 1996 Mrs. Texas Pageant, the official preliminary to the Mrs. America and Mrs. World Pageants. The contest will take place in San Antonio June 21st through the 22nd. The Mrs. America Pageant, now in its 19th year, was created to recognize the one person most ignored in all major beauty competitions - America's married woman. It is one of the fastest growing pageant systems in the world. Contestants for the Mrs. Texas title are accepted at large from throughout the state. They must be over 18 years of age, married, a citizen of the United States and a Texas resident for at least six months. Information may be obtained by calling 210/341-0321 or writing to the Mrs. Texas Pageant, 8452 Fredericksburg Road #288, San Antonio, Texas 78229.

There will be a benefit for Gloria Alexander on Sunday April 28 at the Sunset Tavern. This is to help with medical costs incurred by bypass surgery. There will be a 32 player pool tournament (guaranteed \$100 first place), a raffle for a video cassette player (tickets are \$1 each and can be purchased at the benefit or at Movie Warehouse), and food will be available for a small donation. The festivities will be at 1 p.m.

International Student Exchange Inc. (ISE) is seeking host families for foreign exchange students to be arriving for the 1996-97 school year programs. Students from a number of different countries between the ages of 15 and 18 are carefully screened by ISE for suitability. They bring their own spending money and are covered by health insurance. These students speak English and are anxious to share their native culture with an American family. If you are interested in learning more about ISE's student programs, or becoming an Area Representative please call ISE, toll free, at 1-800-233-4678.

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

-CLAUDIE JOE HORN, 19, of 2512 Hunter, was arrested for outstanding local warrants.

-INVESTIGATING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES in the 2300 block of Marshall, 1300 block of Monmouth, 1400 block of Wood and 400 block of East 10th.

-HARASSMENT in the 1100 block of Birdwell and 1100 block of Runnels.

-MINOR ACCIDENT at 17th and Gregg.

-THEFTS in the 1500 block of Wood and 400 block of Gregg.

-DOMESTIC DISTURBANCES at 11th and Settles and in the 1100 block of Sycamore.

-JUVENILE PROBLEMS in the 700 block of Bell and 1500 block of Kentucky Way.

-LOUD PARTY in the 1000 block of North Main.

-RUNAWAY in the 2900 block of West Highway 80.

SHERIFF

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

-STEPHEN CRUZ, 17, of 901 Runnels, was transferred from the Big Spring Police Department and arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces. He was later released on \$1,500 bond.

-JESSE RAY CAMPA, 27, of 109 East 16th Apt. # A, was arrested for forgery by passing.

-MARILYN MARIE MORCE AKA MENDEZ, of 1613 Bluebird, pleaded guilty in 118th District Court to violating her probation by being in possession of marijuana. She was sentenced to six years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

-WANDA ELAINE GONZALES, 43, of Sweetwater, pleaded guilty in County Court to theft over \$20 and under \$500. She was sentenced to 10 days in jail, and fined \$500.

-LISA ANN MOLINAR AKA CARSON, 26, of 109-A East 16th, pleaded guilty in 118th District Court to forgery by passing. She was sentenced to one year in a state prison facility, five years probation and ordered to pay restitution.

-WELFARE CONCERN on Opel Lane.

-JUVENILE PROBLEMS on Angela Road and on the north service road of Interstate 20 near Coahoma.

-ANIMAL PROBLEM on Longshore Road.

FIRE

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following incidents occurring from Monday to 8 a.m. Wednesday:

-GRASS FIRE in the 700 block of Birdwell.

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# Small school has big ideas

MUMFORD (AP) — In the back roads of Robertson County there is a small school with big ideas — and a big savings account.

The community school is located about 30 miles west of Bryan in Mumford and is one of Texas' 54 school districts who only offer classes through the eighth grade. Mumford has 150 students and has been in the same building since 1925. That is about to change.

With only 15 staff members and a school board, the school district is tackling a \$1 million building project without raising the already low tax rate of \$1.14 or having a bond election. They've already paid for the 22,240 square-foot school through a simple idea — saving.

"We've been saving for 19 years to build this school," said Superintendent Pete Bienski. "By practicing good management and doing a lot of the work yourself you can save money."

Sheryl Pace, senior analyst for the Texas Research League said there are not many small school districts who can save enough money to handle this type of project.

"I would have to commend any school district who could do this without raising taxes," said Sheryl Pace, senior analyst for the Texas Research League.

Amassing such a surplus is not unprecedented, Bienski said. Other rural schools in recent years have done likewise, he said.

In addition, the Mumford school district is unable to secure bond financing because of its small tax base, Bienski

said. Bienski said the districts saved money by securing subcontractors on their own without retaining a general contractor. They have also maintained a small staff over the years.

"We don't have any excess personnel," said Bienski. "Between myself and my secretary we do everything."

Bienski's wife, Carol, said he is not exaggerating when he says "everything."

"He taught the kitchen staff to cook turkey and dressing for Thanksgiving one year," said Carol Bienski. "He's come home before with burn holes in his pants from popping corn for the kids."

The school secretary, Barbara Brannon, has worked in the school for 17 years. Besides the normal secretarial duties, she acts as school "nurse," attendance clerk, lunchroom record keeper and whatever else falls into her lap.

"I like working with the kids," Brannon said. "It's like I found my niche, and I'll probably stay until I retire."

Bienski said the school does fine without such crucial positions as a principal, personnel director, financial director and transportation director.

Bienski said another amazing feat is its TAAS test scores.

"We're always above the state average in our scores," he said.

"That's really good for a school that's 80 percent minority and 90 percent of students are on free or reduced lunch."

Mumford's 1994-95 TAAS test scores show that they are several points higher than the state average. Mumford's scores were: 82.1 percent in reading, 64

percent in Math and 84.6 percent in writing. The state's average scores are: 76 percent in reading, 60 percent in math and 79 percent in writing.

Mumford is a farming community that was founded in 1867 and named after Jesse Mumford who operated "Mumford Ferry."

"He would ferry people, their wagons and their animals across the Brazos River for one dollar a trip," said Bienski.

The school was begun in 1917 by the mother of school board vice-president Frances C. Foyt.

Foyt helped the school district save money by donating land adjacent to the current building for the new school.

"I went to the Mumford School, and my two children went also," said Foyt.

School trustee Sam Frank DeStefano also graduated from Mumford and has served on the board for 32 years.

"I think (the building program) is great," said DeStefano. "It's greater not having to raise taxes."

Bienski said he has must credit to the school trustees for their help in the savings program.

"Some of them don't even have kids here anymore, but they still want to see that the community kids get a good education," Bienski said.

In addition to the school board, Bienski credits the community for its support.

"It's a small, rural community, and everybody works together and cooperates. That's why this school is still here," said Bienski. "It's survived because the people in the community want it."

## TEXAS BRIEFS

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Group protests interracial adoption ruling

AUSTIN — A state judge has refused to certify a lawsuit by white parents of two adopted black children as a class action on behalf of all minority children in the state's foster care system.

Adoptive parents Scott and Lou Ann Mullen of Lexington, east of Austin, have accused the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services of illegally holding up interracial adoptions. They are represented by the Washington-based Institute for Justice.

Judge F. Scott McCown of Austin said in a Tuesday ruling that Mullen, who is white, and his wife, who is American Indian, cannot adequately represent the class composed primarily of black and Mexican-American children.

"Generally parents share an identity of interest with their children, but that general rule does not apply here. These are parents whose desire was to adopt minority children. Their point of view is that of the adopting parent, not the adopted child," McCown said.

McCown said people who want to bring such a lawsuit don't have to be blacks or Mexican-Americans who once were awaiting adoption under state conservatorship. He also said the adoptive parents' race isn't the only reason they cannot adequately represent the minority children.

### Fratta to die for soliciting wife's murder

HOUSTON — Jurors have handed a former police officer the death sentence for his part in the murder-for-hire scheme that ended his wife's life.

Harris County jurors deliberated eight hours over two days before returning the sentence Tuesday against Robert Fratta. The 39-year-old showed no emotion and was immediately led from the courtroom.

The parents of Fratta's slain wife, Farah, said they had hoped for a sentence of death even though it can't bring back their daughter, the mother of three.

"There can be no punishment in this world severe enough that can justify the everlasting

grief, pain and suffering he has brought upon his three minor children," said Les Baquer, Farah Fratta's father.

The 33-year-old woman was shot twice as she got out of her car on Nov. 9, 1994. Prosecutors said Fratta, a former Missouri City officer, commissioned the killing.

### Judge halts affirmative action at HTA

HOUSTON — A federal judge says Houston's transit authority can no longer consider race or sex as factors when awarding contracts.

U.S. District Judge Lynn Hughes signed the order Monday, effectively barring the Metropolitan Transit Authority from using race or sex as factors in awarding contracts until the constitutionality of using such criteria can be reviewed.

METRO awarded \$41.4 million worth of contracts to businesses owned by women and minorities last year.

According to Metro's 6-year-old Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program, bidders on prime contracts must attempt to use DBE subcontractors and suppliers for at least 21 percent of the gross contract price.

When bids are submitted, prime contractors must identify subcontracted businesses owned by minorities and women, their work and their price.

### New central Texas railroad to start May 6

AUSTIN — The Longhorn Railway Co. says it has received a federal OK that puts it on track to start freight service through Central Texas early next month.

"We are beginning service May 6 and have big plans for improving railway freight service in Austin," Donald Cheatham, Longhorn general manager, said Tuesday.

Initially, the new railroad will operate from McNeil, north of Austin, northwest to Marble Falls.

Service beyond Marble Falls to Llano will begin as soon as needed track repairs are complete. The same is the case for service from Austin to Giddings.

Cheatham said operation of the line was approved by the federal Surface Transportation Board in Washington.

## Report: TxDOT's Corpus office a mess

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — The Corpus Christi district of the Texas Department of Transportation will have to answer questions about how its being run as a result of an investigation by the Harte-Hanks Austin Bureau.

The Corpus Christi Caller-Times reported Wednesday that it obtained documents showing the state transportation department's Corpus Christi district has failed to pay bills, fallen behind on projects and under-

gone 44 percent employee turnover in the past two years.

The documents also show that managers in the district office did not reimburse the state for personal calls made on cellular phones.

"The atmosphere was very hostile. There was always a problem," said John Sefan, a former area construction project manager who retired in August after 31 years with the department.

Officials at the Corpus Christi

district, which oversees more than 10 percent of the state's roadways, declined comment on the inquiry.

Joey Longley, director of the state's Sunset Advisory Commission that evaluates the effectiveness of state agencies and decides whether they should be abolished, said Tuesday the findings will lead to an informal inquiry.

He said commission staffers were reviewing information about the district.

## Former police officer takes plea bargain

GALVESTON (AP) — A former Galveston police officer whose 1994 conviction for sexually assaulting five prostitutes was overturned on appeal has agreed to a five-year prison sentence just before a retrial was to begin.

Belarmino "Billy" Sanchez accepted the plea bargain Tuesday. Terms also included four years of supervised release and a public apology to his victims at his formal sentencing Aug. 2 by U.S. District

Judge Sam Kent.

Sanchez, a Galveston policeman for 14 years, also agreed to permanently waive his certification as a peace officer and promised not to seek employment as a security officer while on supervised release.

In September 1994, Kent sentenced Sanchez to 13 years in federal prison. The maximum punishment — for sexually assaulting five prostitutes

During sentencing, Kent said Sanchez had turned his police uniform into a "cloak of evil."

The conviction was reversed in February by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals because Kent should not have kept the identity of the jury secret during the trial.

On April 4, a federal grand jury returned a new indictment against Sanchez, according to the U.S. Attorney's office in Houston.



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# EDITORIAL

### Quote of the Day

"There is nothing permanent except change."  
-Heraclitus

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Charles C. Williams  
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Managing Editor

### OUR VIEWS

## Hatchet apparently buried, meeting productive for all

It was obvious at Tuesday night's Big Spring City Council meeting that extended efforts have been made to bury hatchets and put hard feelings aside in order to work for the best for the community.

In fact, the effort was so obvious that persons were talking about the council's having "made up" after the meeting was over.

Two things we believe noteworthy took place Tuesday night:

- There was good, open discussion that allowed council members to be informed as well as the public.
- Council decided against a 30-minute work session prior to each council meeting.

We're pleased about the first for obvious reasons. Any meeting of an elected body has to be productive when the citizenry can walk away understanding what went on and feeling informed.

The second is not so obvious. While we believe a work session could prove beneficial and help those of us in the press as well as those on the council, we share the feelings voiced by several council members Tuesday night.

We agree with mayor Tim Blackshear that "it's just one more meeting to have to attend" and we agree with council member Jimmy Campbell that, while well-intended, it could be misperceived by the public as an effort to conduct business outside the range of the council meeting.

We also understand city manager Gary Fuqua's desire to have an opportunity to brief members at one time, rather than having staff try to track down council members and go over agenda items.

As Fuqua pointed out, a one-time briefing removes the "he said, she said" aspect of making certain everyone is told the same thing.

We believe, however, that if the council can continue to conduct business as it did Tuesday night... asking questions when needed, tabling items that needed to be tabled and addressing the issues at hand... then that can be the best work session of all — for everyone.

### LETTER POLICY

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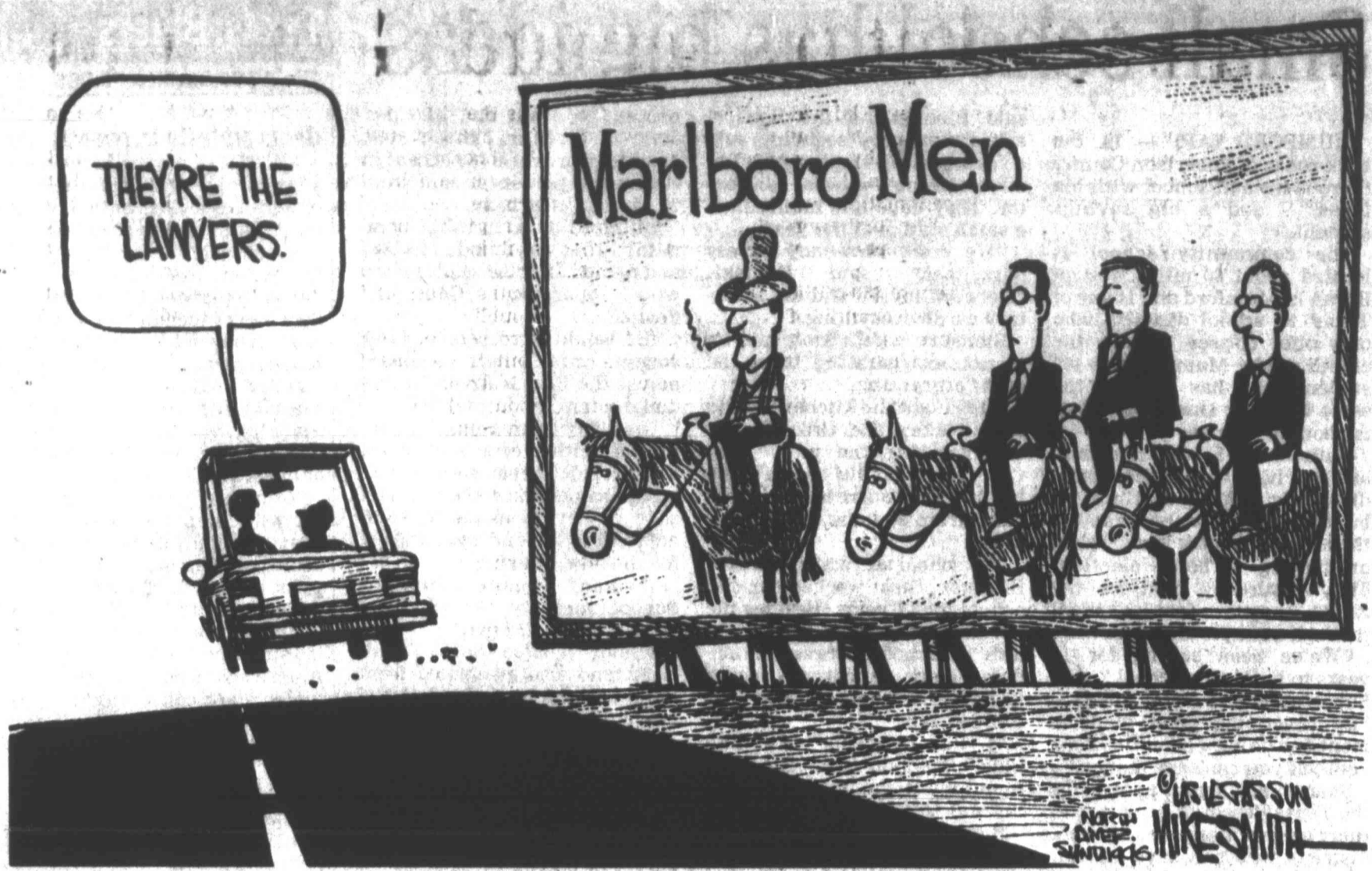
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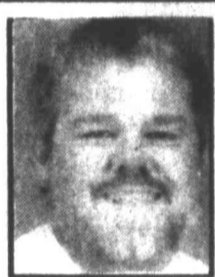
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## What about rights of those that prayer doesn't bother?

Through hundreds of sporting events, as a player, a coach, a sports writer and a spectator, I've always participated in a pre-game prayer, but I never took that as an effort by someone to force their religious views on me.



John H. Walker  
Managing Editor

Pre-game prayers as heard by fans and those in the press box aren't any different from those heard by players and coaches... they ask God to let the competitors play their best and to avoid injury. They also ask that everyone in attendance be watched over as they head home.

In Elgin, located just east of Austin, there is a furor over two coaches who led their respective teams in pre-game prayers and played Christian music in the locker room.

The American Civil Liberties

Union filed suit against school athletic director and head football coach Eddie Bacca and baseball coach Brad Osborn on behalf of several students and parents.

The ACLU proposed a settlement under which the coaches would stop using Christian music, prayers and biblical passages and would admit to trying to force students to join Christian groups.

Several years ago, I traveled to Marfa to report on the Short-horns and Eunice, N.M. football game to open the season. Because Marfa was playing a team from out-of-state, they were allowed by the University Interscholastic League to open the season a week early.

That, in itself, was not newsworthy. The fact the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals had just issued a ruling striking down official school-led prayers before football games, coupled with the fact Marfa officials had moved up the starting time so that their game would be the first in the state and the fact there would be an official, school-led prayer made it newsworthy.

Marfa officials were clear in

their thoughts — they told me in an advance story that they figured they had to answer to a higher authority than a judge and that while they weren't attempting to be disrespectful or defiant, it was their intention to open the game and season with a pre-game prayer.

Up at Nazareth, about half way between Plainview and Dimmit, the folks open every school year with a prayer on the steps of the school building.

Nazareth, a German Catholic community, is another that's not defiant in their defiance of separation of church and state, but they clearly recognize a supreme being and they ask for guidance and that their students be watched over and protected.

I have no problems with pre-game prayer.

I remember hearing a story about a student athlete who was not of the Christian faith and excused himself from the locker room during the prayer... but because coaches and teammates were concerned that he was uncomfortable, they came up with a wording that worked — something along the lines of the ruler or leader of

your faith.

The issue of Christian music could be a bit more touchy, but there's always some sort of music going on in a locker room... who is the ACLU to say there's anything wrong with Christian music? There could be just as many darts thrown at country music or rap or rock and roll or oldies, couldn't there?

I listen to a wide variety of music, but one of my favorite tapes is "Most Requested Southern Gospel." I don't listen to Christian radio and I don't own another Christian tape, but I truly enjoy that one and have just about worn it out.

Regardless of your preference of music, there's always some sort of music going on around locker rooms — and everyone should have the opportunity to listen to music they like.

Right or wrong, my question is what happened to the "rights" of those students who didn't have a problem with Christian music being played? Don't they have rights, too?

(John H. Walker is managing editor of the Herald. Letters in response may be sent in care of this newspaper.)

## Bulls won't let their fans down, will they?

Although I'm one of those cheerfully optimistic people who always looks on the bright side of life, I think we should ponder the possible psychological damage to Chicago if the Bulls happen to blow the National Basketball Association championship.

Not that I expect them to lose, since their 70 wins prove they are superior to all other basketball teams.

But there is a troubling precedent. In 1954, the Cleveland Indians set an American League record that still stands: 111 wins in the regular season. Yet they lost the World Series in four straight to the New York Giants. Most people forgot or don't know that until that year, Cleveland was bigger than New York and prettier than Paris. Now look at it.

Many years ago, the Chicago Cubs set the record for most regular-season wins. Then they blew the World Series to the Chicago White Sox.

Only last year, the San Antonio Spurs won more regular season basketball games than anyone else but were shamed in the Western Conference finals by the Houston Rockets.

So we must keep in mind what the great philosophers of the 1960s taught us: Doo-doo happens.

And who can be certain that it can't happen to us? Some of the experts say this is not the time for such thoughts. Professor Bernard Beck of Northwestern University (Evanston, Ill.), who specializes in popular culture and sociology of the arts, said:

"Asking that question at this point is a violation of an unspoken rule on what is appropriate to talk about on different occasions. It's like standing up at a wedding and saying: 'What is it going to be like for you 30 years from now when she has wrinkles?'"

It's a coincidence that he mentioned that. At weddings of young people, I often say:

"Hey, congrats to both of you. Of course, in 30 years, you'll be bald and have a pot gut and gravity will have transformed her girlish figure into something shaped like a pear. But I know you'll be happy."

But Beck did concede that so devastating a loss "could become part of the legendary character of the city. I don't think people want it to happen, but it would go down as a cosmic event in the city's sacred history, even more than the '69 Cubs folding."

The '69 Cubs? What about Mrs. O'Leary's stupid cow and the Great Chicago Fire?

Dr. Robert Burton of Northwestern, who practices sports psychiatry, also said this is not a good time for such a negative inquiry.

"At this stage, it's pretty meaningless to talk about it. An infectious attitude is operating that we as fans have gained from Michael Jordan that everyone hates to lose at this point."

But if they do lose?

"There will be shock and denial. Then the reality will sink in and there will be a period of depression. There will be resolution and people will move on, get on with their lives and put it back into perspective."

Ah, bless the bartenders. Finally, I talked to my personal consultant, Dr. I.M. Kookie, the noted expert on lots of stuff.

"Sure, like these other fellows said, when something awful happens, there can be denial. But you got to be careful with denial. You go denying they lost to Cicero Tony, the big bookie, and he'll beat your shins with a baseball bat until

you are cured of denial.

"See, one of the big problems with some fans is what we call transference. You place characteristics of important people from your childhood on people you don't really know. We react to them as we would important figures in our childhood. Parents, father figures, that kind of stuff."

You mean it's like my favorite crazy aunt who wore the same kind of clothes and had the same color hair as Dennis Rodman? Is that why I think of him as Auntie Dennis?

"Yes, but he's not your aunt. Don't say that, I'm crushed."

"Then you got real thought disorders, delusions. Like if Joe Glotz the fan thinks he's great because the Bulls won, that there's some connection between his life and the Bulls, and when they win or lose, it is aimed at him."

Then he's crazy, because when the Bulls win, I'm the one who's great, not this Joe Glotz. Who does he think he is, anyway, my Auntie Dennis?

And another thing, Jordan is a Mike and I'm a Mike. You ever notice that? Of course, my vertical leap isn't what it used to be.

"But don't worry. If they lose, your grief will pass and you'll get on with your life."

Of course, I know that. But just in case, do you have Doc Kevorkian's phone number?

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# Teen-ager shot by Bernard Goetz wins \$43 million verdict

NEW YORK (AP) — In the end, Bernard Goetz may have been done in by his racist remarks and smirking testimony that shooting four black youths in 1984 could be viewed as a public service.

A jury on Tuesday awarded \$43 million to Darrell Cabey, who was paralyzed by Goetz's final bullet on a subway train and now has what Cabey's family says is the mental capacity of an 8-year-old.

"Our break came when Bernie Goetz took the witness stand and told people who he was, what he did and why he did it," said Cabey's lawyer, Ronald Kuby, who had tears running down his face as the verdict was read.

"This sends a message to all racists with guns who think young black lives are worth nothing — they're worth a lot," he said.

The jury of four blacks and two Hispanics deliberated for 4 hours before deciding unanimously that the white gunman had acted recklessly and without justification in shooting Cabey.

Goetz claimed that he opened fire because the youths were trying to mug him. Kuby argued that Goetz is a racist who panicked while the youths were panhandling for \$5.

The jury awarded Cabey \$18 million in compensatory damages and \$25 million in punitive damages. He had sought \$50 million.

The chances of Cabey ever collecting are slight. Goetz's notoriety and legal bills have left the self-employed electronics expert with little money.

Goetz, 46, planned a news conference today. He will not appeal, said his lawyer, Darnay Hoffman, who admitted during closing arguments that Goetz's testimony "damned him tremendously."

Goetz didn't testify at his 1987 criminal trial, which ended with a mostly white jury acquitting him of attempted murder. He served 8 months in jail for possession of an illegal weapon.

During the two-week civil trial, Goetz remorselessly recounted the Dec. 22, 1984, shootings on the train, saying it

was the shine in victim Troy Canty's eyes and the youth's smile that led to the shootings.

Goetz said he walked up to Cabey, then 19, and shot him with the .38-caliber pistol after announcing, "You don't look so bad, here's another."

The shootings of the four unarmed youths, Goetz said, could be viewed as a public service. He added that it had "crossed my mind" to gouge out Canty's eyes with keys.

Goetz also admitted to complaining about "spics and niggers" at a 1980 community meeting, and to saying in a recent interview that it would have been better if Cabey's mother had aborted him.

"It is as damning a chronicle as one could ever have," Kuby told the jury during closing arguments, referring to some of Goetz's remarks.

Hoffman reminded the jury that Cabey was quoted in a 1985 newspaper interview as saying that his friends were about to rob Goetz because he "looked like easy bait."

"He's a nerd, a geek, a peckerwood, a cracker," Hoffman said of his own client. But Goetz was "not some cool, calculating racist," just a frightened man, the lawyer said.

Shirley Cabey, who lives with her son in a city housing project, hailed the verdict as sweet vindication.

"I just want people to know, the world to know, my son did not do anything," Mrs. Cabey told The Associated Press. "He was just sitting there."

Cabey, who uses a wheelchair, was not in the courtroom for the verdict. Neither was Goetz, who reportedly rode the subway back to his apartment.

Court papers show Goetz's annual income fell from \$100,000 a year to about \$20,000 in the years since the shooting, and he went through \$60,000 in donations and \$250,000 of his own money on legal costs. The National Rifle Association donated \$40,000 toward his legal expenses.

Hoffman said Goetz has no assets. But Kuby said last week that he believed Goetz had a \$100,000 inheri-

tance now held by relatives. Under state law, Cabey can collect 10 percent of Goetz's earnings for the next 20 years.

The three other youths shot by Goetz all recovered, and were subsequently arrested on various criminal charges. One remains in prison for rape. None ever sued Goetz.

During the trial, Hoffman, trying only his second case, sat stonelike as a smirking Goetz gave the damaging testimony under harsh questioning from Kuby.

Hoffman rested his case after only two hours and two witnesses — a psychiatrist who testified about reactions under stress, and columnist Jimmy Breslin, who related Cabey's "easy bait" remark.

Hoffman never questioned Goetz but said any lawyer would have struggled with such a client.

"You can't make a statement like, 'You don't look so bad, here's another,'" Hoffman said. "There's nothing more I could have done."

## United Methodists vote to seek merger with three largest black churches

DENVER (AP) — U.S. churches are shaking up their black-or-white Sunday morning world.

United Methodists on Tuesday night approved plans to seek a merger with the three largest black Methodist churches.

"The time is right now for us to openly confess to sins of our past and to realize these brothers and sisters belong in one church," United Methodist Bishop Melvin Talbert said at the General Conference of the 8.6 million-member denomination.

The move by the nation's second largest Protestant church follows nearly two years of attempts at racial reconciliation by white Christians, including an apology from the Southern Baptist Convention for racism and the creation of an alliance of white and black Pentecostal churches.

The United Methodists voted 767 to 45 to establish a Commission on Pan-Methodist Union, which will draw up a plan with the 3.5 million-member African Methodist Episcopal Church, the 1.8 million-member African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church and the 720,000 member Christian Methodist Episcopal Church.

The commission is to submit a plan of union to the general conferences of three of the churches by 2000 and to the CME church for its meeting in 2002.

Church officials said that in the beginning the churches will work more closely on cooperative ministries, but the hope is to eventually have one Methodist church. The merger is probably eight to 12 years away, Talbert said.

Bishop Joseph Johnson of the AME Zion Church said the merger may not happen in his lifetime but the churches must try.

"We'll be able to be in concert with the teachings of Jesus Christ that we all be one," he said.

However, Bishop Thomas L. Hoyt Jr. of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church said to break down the color barrier in pews, predominantly white churches must be willing to share power in the church hierarchy and incorporate black styles of worship.

"Until that time, I'm very skeptical," he said.

American Methodism formally began in 1784 with the organization of The Methodist Episcopal Church, but quickly split over racial issues. In 1796, the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church was formed over such issues as restrictions in public worship and the failure to ordain black clergy.

When a former slave was forced to move to the balcony during prayer at a Philadelphia church, the seeds were planted for the African Methodist Epis-

copal Church, founded in 1816. The Christian Methodist Episcopal Church was founded in Jackson, Tenn., in 1870, due to racism.

The vote comes at a time when several Christian groups are addressing racism in the church. In 1994, leaders of major Pentecostal denominations created the Pentecostal-Charismatic Churches of North America, with an executive committee of six blacks and six whites.

Last year, the Southern Baptist Convention, the nation's largest Protestant church, denounced racism and repudiated the denomination's failure to support the civil rights movement of the 1950s and '60s.

The Promise Keepers Christian men's movement has made racial reconciliation a priority. The Christian Coalition offered a \$25,000 cash reward Monday to help catch and convict those responsible for a series of fires at black churches in the South.

Some of these groups may be at the vanguard of bringing about a racially inclusive church, Johnson said. "There's a new wind blowing," he said.

Hoyt, however, said he is concerned that much of the rush to repentance doesn't address the "systemic evil" of racism in society.

"Even those that are raising their hands toward heaven," he said, "some of them won't show you anything in everyday life."

## Three boys held for beating month-old baby

RICHMOND, Calif. (AP) — A month-old boy was placed on life support after being beaten at his family's home by three elementary school pupils who broke into the house to steal a Big Wheel tricycle, police said.

Ignacio Bermudez was in critical condition today at Children's Hospital in Oakland. He

suffered two skull fractures and internal bleeding.

Two 8-year-old boys and one 6 years old were booked Tuesday for investigation of attempted murder, burglary and conspiracy, and held in a juvenile lock-up, police Capt. Ray Howard said.

The district attorney's office

will decide whether to file criminal charges against them.

The boys were friendly with at least one child in Ignacio's family and police were baffled about why they beat the baby.

The boys broke into the house Monday while Ignacio's 18-year-old stepister was in another room, police said.

## USA says three new Kaczynski letters found

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — Three newly discovered letters and a newspaper contest entry offer additional insight into the mind of Unabomber suspect Theodore Kaczynski, USA Today reported today.

The paper said it obtained three letters written by Kaczynski to the Montana Department of Public Service — one in 1993 and two last year — asking such things as whether he could get rabies from a skunk.

"Can rabies be communicated through a skunk's odor-bearing spray?" he asked in a July 24, 1995 letter. It asked several other questions about the possibility of contracting rabies from a skunk "since I have a skunk hanging around my property."

"Thank you very much for your help," he concluded.

The next day, he wrote saying he forgot to ask about something else on his mind: "Is it safe to eat rolled oats raw?"

A 1993 letter asked about possible health hazards one might encounter visiting a certain town in Mexico. He said he had "been invited to visit a poor Mexican family that lives in the

town of Magistral del Oro."

The paper did not indicate whether the letters were answered, but quoted Peter Blouke, director of the Montana public health department, as describing the Kaczynski inquiries as "fairly common sorts of questions." Blouke told the paper one letter was discovered by accident and that a subsequent search came up with the other two letters.

USA Today said Kaczynski was a 1987 winner of a contest by the biweekly newspaper The Western Spur in which readers were asked to find mistakes in the paper.

Kaczynski came up with 147

errors in the 32-page Montana paper and won a \$10 gift certificate.

"It was kind of cute," said Maureen Fisher, co-owner of the paper, with her husband. "Everything was circled in red, just like a schoolteacher. He used little arrows and circles, with quotes in the columns. ... As I remember, he said things like, 'Take a little time to research your thoughts better.'"

A 1991 fire destroyed the winning entry at the paper, now called the Blackfoot Valley Dispatch.

USA Today said the FBI has the original letters sent to the Montana health department.

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# Israeli warplanes blast water pipeline, hit U.N. vehicle

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Israeli warplanes in pursuit of Hezbollah guerrillas blasted a pipeline providing water to 23 villages in southern Lebanon and damaged a U.N. armored vehicle today, U.N. officials said.

As Israel's bombing blitz continued for a 14th day, a buildup of Israeli armor and troops was reported along the border with south Lebanon.

Lebanese security sources said at least 50 Merkava tanks and 100 armored personnel carriers were positioned along the border abutting an Israeli-occupied enclave in south Lebanon.

Some of the armor has been in place in the region for about a week, ready to intervene against guerrillas fighting from

bases in Lebanon close to the occupied zone.

There was no confirmation of a buildup from sources on the Israeli side of the border.

The reported buildup came amid U.S. diplomatic efforts and vows from the guerrillas to continue attacks against Israeli forces in south Lebanon even if a cease-fire were reached in the cross-border fighting.

Secretary of State Warren Christopher arrived in Damascus from Israel today and headed into talks with Syrian President Hafez Assad.

"I hope the parties come to a very prompt resolution," Christopher said on arrival, indicating his patience was growing thin: "Every day that goes by runs a risk for civilians

on both sides of the border (between Israel and Lebanon)."

Christopher was then taken by limousine to Assad's palace for a meeting that was postponed Tuesday by Assad without explanation. American officials said the 65-year-old Syrian leader, who has been battling health problems for more than a decade, appeared exhausted.

France has offered a competing truce plan, and the French foreign minister, Herve de Charette, is engaging in his own shuttle diplomacy.

The Hezbollah guerrillas' leader, Sheik Hassan Nasrallah, vowed to press attacks against Israeli troops in southern Lebanon even if a cease-fire were reached.

"Hezbollah's ink is not ever

going to be next to Israel's ink" on any accord with Israel, he said in a televised interview.

Nasrallah said Washington cannot be a mediator in the current conflict.

"America is responsible for the Zionist regime's crimes in the region, because the aggressive actions of that regime enjoy America's financial, political and military support," he said.

Hezbollah has been fighting for years to evict Israel from the buffer zone it holds in southern Lebanon.

The South Lebanon Army, a local Israeli-sponsored militia of 2,500 troops, helps a permanent garrison of 1,200 Israeli police the enclave, which has been occupied since 1985.

Israeli gunboats enforced a

blockade on the coastal highway linking south Lebanon with the rest of the country. The warships fired intermittently at any vehicle driving south on the 50-mile road, police said.

There was no immediate word on casualties today from Israel's air, sea and artillery bombardment against suspected Hezbollah bases and their supply routes in the south.

In the air raids, rockets hit near a convoy of U.N. peacekeepers that was taking food and supplies to besieged villages and evacuating people southeast of Tyre.

Rockets fired by the jets hit a water main near the village of Jouaya southeast of Tyre, cutting off service to several thousand people in 23 villages and to Irish, Finnish and Ghanaian U.N. positions.

The U.N. officers, speaking on condition of anonymity, said no one was hurt. But the rockets also severely damaged a road.

Israeli warplanes conducted 55 raids and artillery positions fired 2,300 rounds on villages near the southern port of Tyre and on the inland market town

of Nabatiyeh from dusk Tuesday to dawn today, officers said.

Hezbollah guerrillas fired 60 Katyusha rockets at northern Israel in the same dusk-to-dawn period, said the U.N. officers, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

In an impassioned speech to the General Assembly on Tuesday, Lebanese President Elias Hrawi appealed to the United Nations to put a halt to Israeli attacks as a "test for the conscience of our era."

"How could the world accept the killing of Lebanese civilians ... while this same world hastens to denounce ... the explosion of a bus in Israel?" Hrawi asked, speaking at the beginning of a two-day debate on the Lebanon fighting.

At least 91 Lebanese refugees were killed in Israeli shelling of a U.N. base in southern Lebanon on Thursday.

Since Israel embarked on a military offensive April 11 in an effort to stop Hezbollah rocket attacks on northern Israel, 151 people have been killed, most of them Lebanese civilians, and about 320 wounded.

# Japan's "Trial of the Century" opens with silence

TOKYO (AP) — To the quiet sobs of a widow and a roll call of the nearly 4,000 victims, cult leader Shoko Asahara replied today with silence, refusing to answer charges that he masterminded last year's subway gassing in Tokyo.

At the opening of what has been billed as Japan's "trial of the century," the bearded, long-haired guru rebuffed judges' attempts to ask even simple questions.

The long-haired, bearded cult leader refused to answer to the name he was born with, Chizuo Matsumoto, saying: "I abandoned that name." Asked his address, he said: "I don't remember." And asked to make his plea to murder charges, he told the judge: "I won't speak."

Asahara, whose disciples once drank his bathwater to show their devotion, did make one brief mumbled statement near the end of the session.

"I pity those who do not know the truth," he said softly, echoing the language of recruitment pitches for his cult, Aum Shinri Kyo. "I have no concern about things like lack of freedom, and pain."

Under Japanese law, the proceedings will continue despite Asahara's refusal to make a plea. He will have another chance later.

Much of today's opening session was taken up with a dramatic gesture meant to underscore the individual suffering in the subway attack: a solemn

reading of the names of 3,789 victims.

It took six hours, including breaks for lunch and an intermission.

In the spectators' gallery, the widow of one of the victims cried as the names were slowly recited, beginning with those of the dead. Michiko Hishinuma's husband, subway stationmaster Tsuneo Hishinuma, died after removing a poisonous parcel from a subway car.

Twelve people died and more than 5,500 were injured when sarin nerve gas spread through cars in central Tokyo at the height of morning rush hour on March 20, 1995. Many of the injured still suffer neurological, eye and internal problems, along with psychological scars.

For reasons having to do with rules of evidence, Asahara is charged with 11 deaths and more than 3,700 injuries.

The attack shattered a cherished sense of safety in Japan, where violent crime is rare. And it raised troubling questions about whether some of the country's fundamental social values — deference to authority, conformity — had helped fuel the rise of Aum Shinri Kyo.

If convicted, Asahara could face death by hanging. The trial is expected to take years, with most sessions separated by weeks or months. A second session was set Thursday, but after that there was to be a month-long break.

Asahara's lawyers complained

that prosecutors had not disclosed enough of their evidence, making it difficult for them to prepare a defense. They also said public fury over the attack made it hard for Asahara to get a fair trial.

"Society, because of its fears, has already made a judgment on the accused," said one of the defense lawyers, Osamu Watanabe.

The defense has fears of its own, though. Some of Asahara's 12 court-appointed lawyers have demanded anonymity, not wanting to be publicly linked to the cult.

After the court session ended, the victims' anger spilled over. They held an emotional news conference near the courtroom to denounce Asahara.

"I think he just wants to save his own life," said Shizue Takahashi, whose husband died in the attack, referring to Asahara's refusal to confess.

Public interest in the trial was intense. More than 12,000 people lined up beginning at dawn for a lottery awarding the 48 seats available to the public. TV networks repeatedly broke into programming with live reports from in front of the courthouse.

"It was such an enormous crime, so unforgivable, that I felt I had to see him with my own eyes," said 43-year-old Tatsue Suzuki, who was waiting for a seat.

Security was tight, reflecting authorities' jitters over several cultists wanted in the attack

who remain at large. Riot police surrounded the courthouse, the street was lined with armored vans and police helicopters patrolled overhead. No other proceedings were scheduled in the courthouse today.

The cult leader was made to stand while prosecutors recited the first names on the list. He was seated for the remainder of the reading.

Court guards watched warily as Asahara fidgeted, rubbed his eyes, stretched and took his blue jacket off and put it on again. At one point he glanced impatiently back at the gallery, and at another he appeared to be mouthing something.

Along with the subway attack, prosecutors have charged Asahara with murder for an earlier nerve gas attack that killed seven people in central Japan; for the killing of two cult members; and for the kidnapping and murder of an anti-cult lawyer and his family.

Because of the case's complexity, Asahara's case is being heard by a panel of four judges, not the usual three. There are no jury trials in Japan.

Asahara's trial had been scheduled to begin in October, but on the eve of the opening he fired his lawyer, forcing a delay.

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# Chechen rebel leader killed in airstrike by Russian planes

MOSCOW (AP) — Chechen leader Dzhokhar Dudayev was killed in a Russian airstrike and buried today, the vice president of his secessionist region told the ITAR-Tass news agency.

Russian officials denied any involvement in Dudayev's death and said they were still trying to confirm it.

Dudayev "was buried this morning in the presence of close relatives at one of the rural cemeteries in southern Chechnya," said Chechen vice president Zelimkhan Yandarbiyev. Top Chechen officials said Yandarbiyev has succeeded Dudayev as head of the separatist movement.

Yandarbiyev would not say where Dudayev was buried, but earlier reports said it would be in Shalazhi, site of his mother's grave.

Dudayev's burial followed nearly two days of mixed

reports about his fate.

The first report came Tuesday from Khozh-Akhmed Yarikhonov, a former Dudayev peace negotiator who released a statement in Grozny saying he had seen the body.

The statement, carried by ITAR-Tass, said Dudayev was wounded Sunday in a Russian airstrike when he walked into a field to hold talks with a mediator by satellite phone. He died that night, it said.

The report also said a top aide to Dudayev and an unidentified "high-level guest" from Moscow also were killed in the attack near the village of Gekhi-Chu, 18 miles southwest of Grozny.

Chechen field commander Shamil Basayev said on rebel television late Tuesday that the breakaway republic was observing three days of mourning for Dudayev, the Interfax news agency reported.

Dudayev's representative in Moscow initially denied the reports, and in Istanbul, Dudayev aide Khasan Khazouyev insisted to Interfax that he had spoken to Dudayev by telephone Tuesday.

Some Russian officials said today they were waiting to see a body before accepting the report as valid.

"Federal troops have nothing to do with the death of Dzhokhar Dudayev," Vyacheslav Tikhomirov, head of Russia's troops in Chechnya, told ITAR-Tass.

"Neither the aviation nor the artillery had carried out any combat operations near the settlement of Gekhi-Chu on the night of April 21-22."

Dudayev's death would have major consequences on the bitter separatist war that has raged for 16 months in Chechnya.


His fighters could splinter, making negotiations with Moscow even more difficult. As a martyr, Dudayev could become a powerful rallying symbol for his followers, who have already said they will avenge his death.

Peace talks had gone nowhere under Dudayev, and it was possible that a successor could emerge with new ideas.

The most wanted man in Russia, Dudayev had eluded the Russians since his capital, Grozny, fell early last year. His death comes at a time of intensified Russian airstrikes against suspected rebel strongholds.

Russia's military brass, who suffered a humiliating loss of more than 90 men in a rebel ambush last week, are largely ignoring an order by President Boris Yeltsin that combat operations cease except in cases of self-defense.

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# Auction of Jackie's property brings big bucks; may set record

NEW YORK (AP) — They're selling Camelot piece by piece, and the prices are sky-high: nearly \$50,000 for a tape measure, half a million for a humidifier.

Sotheby's on Tuesday began a four-day auction of hundreds of objects — including furniture, china, books and artwork — from the estate of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis.

In front of a crowd that gasped as the prices soared, most items sold for well over their presale estimates. A walnut humidifier, a gift from Milton Berle to John F. Kennedy, was expected to sell for \$2,000 to \$2,500. It sold for

\$574,500.

An oak rocking chair JFK used in the White House went for \$442,500. John F. Kennedy Jr.'s high chair and Caroline Kennedy's rocking horse each fetched \$385,000.

"The sale started and it just took off by itself," said auctioneer Diana Brooks, Sotheby's president and chief executive officer.

The total for the night was \$4.5 million; Sotheby's conservative estimate had been \$516,000 to \$718,000. The prices include Sotheby's commission, which is 15 percent of the first \$50,000 and 10 percent of anything

above that amount.

Prices quickly escalated for even the simplest items, like a silver tape measure from Tiffany's (\$48,875), as bidders competed to own a piece of history.

"This is a big event," comedian Joan Rivers said. "This and Halley's comet."

The long-awaited sale of the belongings of the former first lady, who died of cancer in 1994, has generated an unprecedented level of hype.

In addition to the 1,500 people in the Manhattan auction house, about 300 potential buyers were hooked up by phone

from the Chicago and Los Angeles offices of Sotheby's, which received 70,000 written or faxed bids.

"People will pay thousands of dollars for an ashtray not because of its intrinsic worth but because it belonged to Jackie," said Bruce Wolmer, editor in chief of Art & Auction.

He said it was "a safe bet" that the Onassis sale would surpass Sotheby's 1987 Duchess of Windsor jewelry sale, which brought in \$50 million.

The auction continues through Friday, with Mrs. Onassis' jewelry on sale today — including a 40-carat diamond

she received as an engagement gift from Aristotle Onassis.

Items to be sold later in the week include JFK's golf clubs, Mrs. Onassis' 1992 BMW, and even the doors from her White House dressing room.

The more than 5,000 items are being sold by her children, Caroline and John F. Kennedy Jr. Proceeds of the auction will go to Mrs. Onassis' estate, which has already turned over thousands of objects and documents to the John F. Kennedy Library in Boston.

Most of the buyers remained anonymous.

Some did not, including

singer Jimmy Buffett, who bought over the phone a Jamie Wyeth lithograph of the president in a sailboat for \$43,700.

Another was Marvin Shanken, the publisher of Cigar Aficionado magazine, who was the night's high bidder, purchasing JFK's humidifier.

A high school student when he volunteered for Kennedy's 1960 presidential campaign, Shanken celebrated his purchase by lighting up in Sotheby's sale room.

"I, like many other people my age, was in love with the man and thought he was a great president," he explained.

# New breed of Mafia woman emerging from shadows in Italy

PALERMO, Sicily (AP) — The Mafia kept her back in the shadows and away from its secrets. If she knew, she didn't tell. She washed clothes bloodied by killings and bore the next generation of killers.

For centuries, the "Mafia Woman" knew her place.

The Mafia's world is changing, and so are its women.

Often it is the Mafia's women who are giving their men the courage to break with the mob and confess crimes to investigators. The swelling numbers of turncoats have proved a key weapon in the state's uphill war against organized crime.

While some women repudiate the Mafia way of violence and vendetta, others are using their autonomy to carve out new roles for themselves inside Cosa Nostra.

By tradition, only men could take the blood oath that seals entrance into the Honored Society, as the Mafia calls itself. Turncoats say that ceremony is held no more, and evidence is building that many women are now as much a part of the Mafia as their men.

A Palermo criminologist, Giorgio Chinnici, said the changes are most obvious in eastern Sicily, especially in the Catania area, where the Mafia's reach across the island was last to be broken and thus is tied to tradition.

"We're discovering that some women have taken the place of their arrested husbands, taking over businesses, directing rackets," Chinnici said. Police listening in on tapped phones have heard women "acting like bosses, ordering killings."

While traditional Mafia wives stayed home when their husbands went underground, turncoats told police that if they ever captured Cosa Nostra's reputed No. 2 man, they would surely find his wife at his side because she was so bound up in the life of crime.

When dozens of police burst into a farmhouse hideout outside Catania one night in 1993 to capture Nitto Santapaola, sleeping next to him was his wife, Carmela Minniti.

Investigators say she started her life of crime early, accompanying Santapaola as he cased jewelry stores to rob by pretending to shop for wedding bands.

Two years after her husband's capture, killers posing as policemen rang her bell, pushed past her daughter and fatally shot her in the chest.

"She ran his affairs," said Lilliana Madeo, author of a book on the Mafia's new women. "If she was just the little woman, she wouldn't have been killed."

Increasingly, women are lending their "clean" names to money-laundering businesses, said Palermo prosecutor Guido Lo Forte. It is the same tech-

nique used by Colombia drug cartel bosses to protect their riches.

Cosa Nostra is using its women more and more to slip messages in and out of high-security prisons, Lo Forte said.

Under a state crackdown, top bosses now do time on tiny islands or other out of the way places, and wives, mothers and daughters are sometimes the only ones allowed to see them.

"No longer can we go on saying women are not part of the Mafia," said Lo Forte.

In 1983, Palermo police sought court orders to send five

women, suspected of helping their Mafia husbands, into "internal" exile in northern towns. The judge refused, arguing that Sicilian women weren't liberated enough to work for the Mafia.

Partly for pride, partly for practicality, Mafia's perpetuated the myth that their women knew nothing.

Piera Aiello, who married into a Mafia family, told the Italian weekly *Venerdì*: "If you ask your Mafia husband something, he won't respond. But if you're good and quiet, those fools will confide in you, because that

makes them feel important."

Her husband was gunned down in a pizzeria after a failed attempt to avenge his father's murder at the hands of the Mafia. She is one of a growing number of women who are defying their families to collaborate with the law. Many are young. Ms. Aiello began talking to police when she was in her 20s.

Others try to persuade their men to turn "pentito," or turncoat.

"Sometimes the women come to us and say, 'Help us make this decision,'" said Lilliana Ferraro, a former justice min-

istry official and close aide to Giovanni Falcone, the Palermo prosecutor who pioneered the "pentiti" protection program and was killed by a Mafia car bomb in 1992.

Mafia women's new independence can mean deciding to stay behind when husbands and brothers go over to the side of the law.

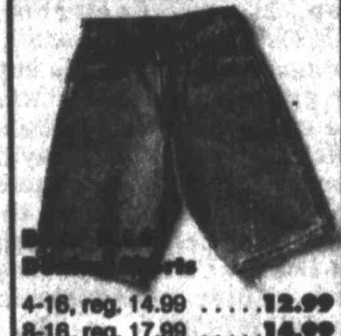
These women have gone to TV stations and newspapers to repudiate their men's decisions. Some show up in court, when their husbands testify, to shout out their allegiance to Cosa Nostra.

"They speak out so the Mafia will protect them, so they can stay where they live, their kids can continue to go to school," said Ms. Madeo.

Mafia women can also send clear messages without saying a word.

Three years ago, police captured the man investigators say is Cosa Nostra's Numero Uno, Salvatore "Totò" Riina, after 23 years as a fugitive. Two days later, his wife, Antonietta, and their four children came out of hiding and returned to the family's hometown in Corleone in the hills outside Palermo.

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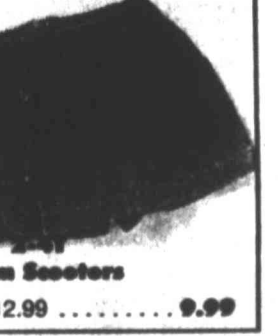
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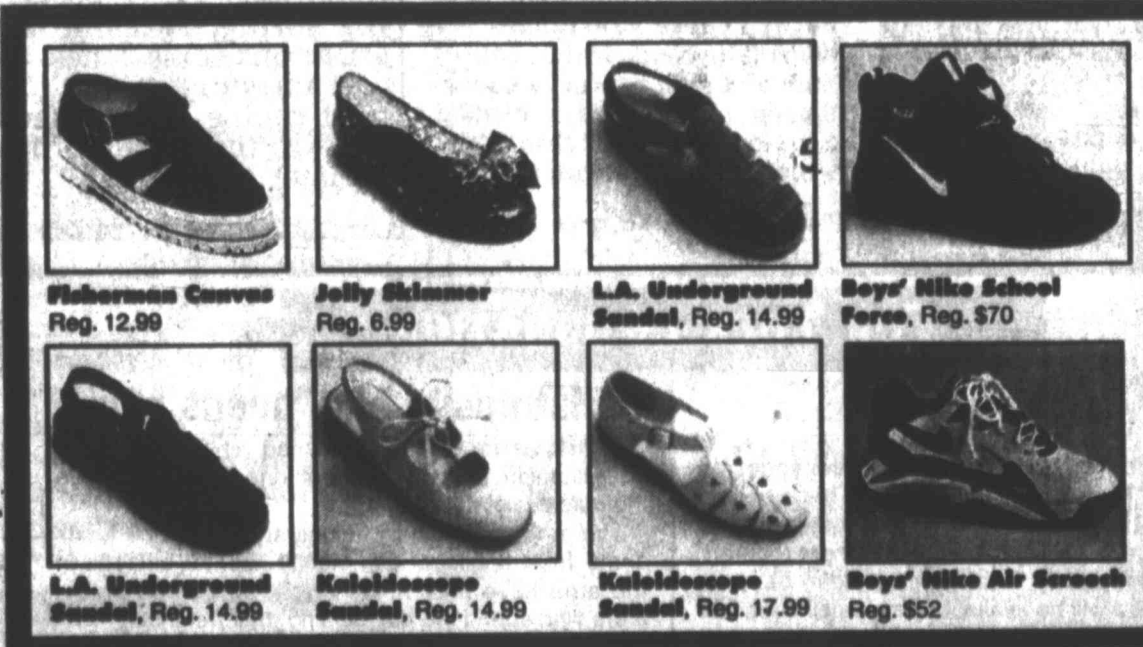


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◆ Foot-candle is a unit of measurement of illumination, the amount of light that falls on a subject.

Do you have a good story idea for the *Life!* section? Call 283-7331, Ext. 112.

## Plan morning routine to reduce stress for rest of day

While there will be an occasional hitch, with some planning you can lessen morning stress. Begin by asking yourself "What tasks can I take care of the night before?" With the help of your toddler or preschooler, set out the next day's clothes, make lunches, set the table for breakfast and put coffee in the coffee maker and set the timer. Having eliminated some of the morning's tasks, identify the remaining hassles and consider the following strategies:



Dana Tarter  
Extension Agent

•If possible, give yourself

enough time to get ready without having to get a child ready at the same time.

•Eat quick nutritious breakfasts including fruit, yogurt, juice, frozen waffles, and bagels. Save more elaborate meal preparation for the weekend.

•Set a morning routine. A familiar pattern of activities such as eat breakfast, brush teeth, and get dressed, gives a child the sense of control by letting him know what will happen each day. Create a poster of these steps with your child from snapshots or drawings.

•Create a routine to get the day started on a positive note. Favorites include games (e.g. peek-a-boo, pat-a-cake), silly songs, special hugs and going for a short walk.

•Add extra time in your morning for the slow-to-wake-up child. These children benefit from a little time cuddling,

watching TV or just laying in bed. If possible feed him just a little breakfast and have your day care provider give him a mid-morning snack when he is finally ready to eat.

•Help your preschool age child get ready by teaching her to dress herself and by placing breakfast foods and utensils at a level she can reach. Out of habit we often do for children what they can do for themselves.

•Ask older children for help with constant problems. "I hate having to nag you to get out of bed. Any ideas?" Children often amaze us with their ability to solve problems and when they have had a say in the solution they're more likely to cooperate. For help with solving problems pick up a copy of "How to Talk So Kids Will Listen And Listen So Kids Will Talk" by Adele Faber and Elaine

Mazlish.

•Help your child remember that important blanket, stuffed animal or toy by placing a note on the door with a picture of the item and "Please remember me."

•Designate a launching place for coats, hats, keys and everything else needed for quick exit.

•Keep an extra set of keys in a convenient place (just in case!)

•If you ride the bus or park at meters keep a roll of quarters or bus tokens in your car so you don't get caught short.

Mornings set the stage for how the rest of your day will go. If your morning routine leaves your children in tears and you in a rush, it's time for a change. Whether you need to make serious changes or just minor adjustments, your family can get off to a better start.

## SUPPORT GROUPS

### MONDAY

•Al-A-Teen, 7:30 p.m., 615 Settles.

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

•TOPS Club (Take off pound sensibly), weigh-in 5:30 to 6 p.m., Carriage Inn, 501 W. 17th, meeting starts at 6 p.m. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.

•Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

### TUESDAY

•Encouragers Support Group (formerly Widow/Widower support group) first and third Tuesdays each month, 5:30 p.m. First Tuesday meetings are at a local restaurant. Third Tuesday meetings are at First Presbyterian Church, Eighth and Runnels (enter through patio), followed by dinner at a local restaurant. For more information call 398-5522 or 399-4369.

•Support for MS and Related Diseases, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Canterbury South. Public invited. Call Leslie, 267-1069.

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.

•Compassionate Friends support group for parents who have experienced death of a child, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday in February, April, June, August, October and December in the Family Life Center Building, First Baptist Church, 705 West Marcy. Enter by southeast door. Call 267-2769.

•VOICES support group for adolescent victims of sexual abuse, incest, rape, date rape, any other crime of indecency. 3:45 p.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312.

•Diabetes support group, second Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom.

•Cancer support group, first Tuesday of each month, 7-8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Beverly Rice, 263-7361 ext. 7077.

•"The Most Excellent Way" drug and alcohol support group meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m., Cornerstone Bookstore, 1909 Gregg. Call 263-3168 or 267-7047 from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m., after 5 p.m., call 267-1424.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed meeting.

•Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the

Corral, 611 E. Third followed at 7 p.m. by the monthly meeting of the Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill.

### WEDNESDAY

•Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

•Survivors sexual abuse support group, 10-11:30 a.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

### THURSDAY

•Salvation Army drug education program, sponsored by Permian Basin Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 7 p.m., Salvation Army building, 308 Aylford.

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

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

•A.D.A.P.T. non-profit support and learning organization about attention deficit disorder, learning disorders and dyslexia. Meets second Thursday of September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May, Cerebral Palsy building, 802 Ventura, Midland.

•Grief Support related to the death of a loved one. Call Nurses Unlimited, Inc., at 264-6523.

### FRIDAY

•Survivors, 5:15-7 p.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312.

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

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

### SATURDAY

•Family support group for current and former patients and their families, 1 p.m. weekly, Reflections Unit of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Call Beverly Grant, 263-0074.

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

•"So I Forget," Attention Deficit Disorder support group for individuals and couples, first Saturday of the month from 9 to 10:30 a.m., Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas, Inc., Midland. Call the center at (915) 563-4144 or 1-800-325-4144. Cost is \$15.

•West Texans Living with Chronic Fatigue & Immune Dysfunction/Fibromyalgia, 1-3 p.m., on different Saturdays of the month, HealthSouth facility at Hwy. 191 and Loop 250, Midland. Call Joann Carney, (915) 686-7977, or Marsha Brunet, (915) 337-4829 to get the correct meeting date.

### SUNDAY

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

## Annual square dance festival set for May 3-4

Special to the Herald

The 27th Annual Big Spring Square and Round Dance Festival is scheduled for May 3 and 4.

The festival will be at the Corral on Chapparral Road starting at 7 p.m. that Friday with rounds and 8 p.m. with squares. Dancing is expected to continue until 10:30 p.m.

The next day's activities begin with a round dance workshop from 1-3 p.m. and a square dance workshop will follow from 3-5 p.m.

Dancing starts up again with rounds at 7 p.m. and squares at 8 p.m.

Joe and Kay Clark, publicity chairpersons, said dancers will be coming from a 100-mile radius to attend the festival including people from the towns of Abilene, San Angelo,



Members of the Big Spring Square and Round Dance Club practice for the annual festival on May 3 and 4. Dancing begins that Friday at 7 p.m. and concludes Saturday at 11 p.m.

Lubbock, Midland, Odessa, Lamesa, Sweetwater, Snyder, Crane and McCamey.

The festival will end on that Saturday around 11 p.m. with a party when the dancers enjoy food and fellowship. Spectators are welcome to come and watch

## Smoking passes cancer-causing chemicals to babies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Women who smoke during pregnancy — or even breathe other people's tobacco fumes — pass cancer-causing chemicals into their unborn babies' blood, where they linger for months, scientists say.

Evidence already abounds that smoking during pregnancy is dangerous to the fetus. Smoking mothers' babies tend to be smaller than usual and more likely to have breathing problems.

However, research released Sunday suggests a way in which maternal smoking might also contribute to childhood cancers, as some have suspected.

Dr. Steven R. Myers of the University of Louisville presented evidence that three toxic chemicals linked to a variety of cancers and found in cigarette smoke make their way from mother to child during pregnancy. He said his study is the first to show that even the babies of passive smokers have small but measurable amounts of these substances in their blood.

"The compounds can cause DNA damage and may be a prelude to childhood leukemia and cancers developing later in the babies," Myers said at a meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research.

He and colleagues studied 410 pregnant women, including smokers, non-smokers and women exposed to other people's smoke for at least six hours a day.

They measured levels of three different tobacco carcinogens in the mothers and their newborns. These substances are benzo(a)pyrene, which causes lung and skin cancer, 4-aminobiphenyl, which causes bladder cancer, and acrylonitrile, which causes liver cancer.

## Rare steak is better than well done

WASHINGTON (AP) — Like your steak well done? Lots of pan drippings?

Not a healthful choice, says the National Cancer Institute.

The latest research suggests that cooking meat too long increases the risk of cancer.

And pan gravy? Better not even think about it.

Red meat has long ridden high on the list of questionable foods, largely because of its high-fat link to heart disease. Meat-eaters are also known to have a higher-than-usual risk of some kinds of malignancy, especially colon cancer.

So researchers set out to see if the way people fix their steaks and hamburgers has a bearing on this risk. Their study was conducted on beef-loving Nebraska farmers — 176 stomach cancer victims and 503 healthy people — and is the first to examine this question.

"We found increasing risk with increasing doneness," said

Mary H. Ward, a cancer institute epidemiologist who presented the findings Monday at a meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research.

Her team discovered that folks who prefer their meat medium, medium-well or well-done are about three times as likely as those who eat their beef rare or medium rare to get stomach cancer.

Why? Stuff with the decidedly unappetizing name of heterocyclic amines may be the key. These are carcinogens — cancer-causing agents — and they are formed when animal protein known as creatinine is heated to high temperatures.

About 22,800 Americans will be diagnosed with stomach cancer this year. The risk has declined substantially throughout this century, probably because of better ways of preserving and storing food.

"There are still ways to eat

meat," said Rashmi Sinha, another cancer institute researcher.

They found that people who eat mostly roasted meat, which cooks at a much lower temperature than frying or grilling, have no increased risk of stomach cancer, even if they like their roast beef well done.

Even though roast beef does not have heterocyclic amines, the juice that bubbles in the bottom of the roasting pan does. So gravy made from these drippings is high in carcinogens.

For those who enjoy steaks, the researchers said a prudent choice is to cook meat through but not so it's well done. And cook it at a relatively low temperature so the outside doesn't turn brown.

Burning meat on the outside introduces another class of carcinogens — polycyclic aromatic

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Slice of Life!

## TIPS 'N' TRIVIA

### Outdoor fun

(NAPS)—Top motivators for seeking outdoor activities, according to a recent survey:

- to have fun - 76 percent
- for relaxation - 71 percent
- health and exercise - 70 percent
- family togetherness - 68 percent
- stress reduction - 66 percent
- to experience nature - 64 percent
- to be with friends - 60 percent



## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Benefit on Sunday

There will be a benefit for Gloria Alexander on Sunday April 28 at the Sunset Tavern. This is to help with medical costs incurred by tumor surgery.

There will be a 32 player pool tournament (guaranteed \$100 first place), a raffle for a video cassette player and food will be available for a small donation. The festivities will be at 1 p.m.

### Retired workers to meet

Senior employees and retired Malone and Hogan Hospital workers are invited to a luncheon on Tuesday, April 30 at noon at the Golden Corral.

Anyone who worked at the old hospital is encouraged to attend including those who worked in the lab, housekeeping or retired nurses. Contact Peggy Kirby at 263-4519 for more information.

### Christmas in April needs help

Christmas in April is scheduled for Saturday and your financial support is urgently needed to continue the success of the program.

The program is run by volunteers and all the funds come from the local community. Senior citizens in the area have their homes repaired by 500 volunteers who spend the day helping their neighbor.

Send your tax deductible donation to: Christmas in April, P.O. Box 2326; Big Spring, Texas; 79721-2326. The money is used to help purchase materials for the renovations.

### DAV looking for items to sell

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 LAST WORD

You know children are growing up when they start asking questions that have answers.

—John J. Plomp

America is a country that doesn't know where it's going but is determined to set a speed record getting there.

—Laurence J. Peter

They intoxicate themselves with work so they won't see how they really are.

—Aldous Huxley

There may be more beautiful times, but this one is ours.

—Jean-Paul Sartre

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# Sisters Memories

Remembering is a fun thing to do. Especially when that someone is your. I can still see you sitting on daddy's lap learning to whistle - escaping your nap. Daddy rocked and whistled - whistled and rocked as you watched and puckered - blew and mocked. Looking in a mirror and telling all "I see four spools of thread" when only two was all. Gee, how I envied you wearing those wire framed glasses sitting at home and playing while I went to classes. Then the twins came along.

Two babies at once - what joy! Goodness, did they have to be boys! Each day we could depend on tubs of dirty diapers to rub. You would wash and I would scrub. Just what is so great about two babies anyway - pooh!

Remembering is the fun thing to do??? School time was a good time for we two. Only books to read and lessons to study. NO DIRTY DIAPERS TO DO!!! Our freedom was short-lived as we were presented with a new toy. Oh no! Not another boy!

## Words of Hate

A racial slur, an unkind word can wound the heart of man.  
Why can't we learn that words can hurt? Words can wound the heart of man.

Sticks and stones may break bones. Words can break and wound the heart of man.

May we do God's will and help heal the hurt within.

May we all join hands. It is time we love our fellow man.

May our words no longer scorn and harm the heart of man.  
With God's help, we can

Joys of Life  
The meadow looked so peaceful.

The flowers smelled so sweet. A rabbit scampered by until he stopped to eat.

A beautiful butterfly seemed to float on the gentle breeze. Birds sang their songs so happily.

These tender moments of life God gave to you and me. True joys of life are always free.

God gave them to you and me.

Why?  
A time to laugh,  
a time to cry,  
a time to live,  
a time to die.

Must we all ask why?  
If we did not laugh  
we could not cry.  
If we did not live,  
we could not die.

Must we all ask why?  
Yes, why?  
by Fannie Price

Well, we are ages 10 and 12 so that's Ok. What two girls can't take care of three boys any old day!

Then is that's not enough we are again presented with another "Boy" to the family tree. Say, that's two girls and four boys, enough don't you agree?

Oh well, we can still go to school, see our friends and play ball too.

Yup, remembering is the fun thing to do!

Seems we hardly got started and already school is over.

We looked around for someone to share our lives with - what we needed was a four-leaf clover.

All too soon we had children of our own - just boys, so what if they are boys. After all we had a home, four brothers and a mother and dad!

by Bernell Bayes

Editors note:

This is a letter written to Bernell Bayes from her sister, Ida Lou Beall, several years ago. She revised it a little bit to submit to the paper.

## Smell the Roses

Some of us work hard all our lives,  
just to keep up with the neighbors next door.

Some of us work hard all our lives,  
to save what we can and wish for more.

We all need to work to make ends meet,  
but life gets shorter day by day.

Somewhere during our lifetime,  
We need to enjoy the free things down lifes way.

Have you ever just watched,  
for a moment,  
natures majestic splendor  
unfold before ones eye?

As an unseen paint brush reaches down from heaven to paint a rainbow across the sky.

In the spring, have you taken the time to watch the flowers display their beauty for us all?

Have you ever noticed all the glorious colors of the tree leaves in the fall?

Just watch the sun rise reach out  
with its rays, to spread light across the land.

Just watch the sun sink its head behind  
the horizon, knowing darkness is at hand.

Many of us are going through our life,  
at such a break neck pace.

Lets try to slow down a little,  
there is no way we can win the race -

all the material things we have worked hard for  
will be left behind us, someday.

Let's just take a little time in life,  
to smell the roses along the way.

By Dale Gustin

## Steak

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hydrocarbons. These are especially common in barbecue.

When the researchers looked at beef consumption without considering how it was cooked, they found a clear association between the amount eaten and the risk of stomach cancer.

Those who ate beef at least once a day had about double the risk of those who had it just once a week. However, they found cooking duration turned out to be more important than the amount eaten.

They divided consumption into three categories - low, medium and high. People who ate their meat rare and in low quantities had the lowest risk. It was just 10 percent higher for those with high consumption of rare beef and 20 percent higher for those with low consumption of medium beef.

The risk was 3.2 times higher for people who ate high quantities of medium beef, 2.8 times higher for those who ate low quantities of well-done beef and 3.3 times higher for those with high consumption of well-done beef.

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Photo submitted by Leland Wallace  
Leland Wallace and his wife, Gerald Marie, have been married 56 years. They celebrated their anniversary on April 14.

## Country Boy Just One Pebble, Lord

I've walked this land for some 49 years,  
From coast to coast I have seen some tears.

Snow and rain, sleet and hail,  
Sunshine and winds from above.

I've done some good—oh yes I've been bad—  
But through it all, I am still glad

To be the man that I have become.  
I would not change one thing I've done.

Oh there are those that would say,  
"You wouldn't change not a day?"

To change one thing that I have done  
Would change my life and the race I've won.

So I'll hold my head way up high,  
Walk some more until I die.

The things I do are as those I have done;  
For me, there is still a race to be won.

By Bill Morris

Lord, please move this mountain...  
I'm trying hard to climb,  
Even if it's only...one pebble at a time.

Though I'm sometimes weary, and think that I might fall,  
All I'm really asking for... is just one pebble, Lord.

Lord, you didn't promise skies forever blue,  
You asked me, Lord, to trust you and said you'd bring me through...

Any path that I might tread, though I may not see... the way ahead, you said your grace is always there for me.

Lord, this mountain seems so tall...  
Please, just let one pebble fall.

By Dorothy McCauley

## Blind people use visual area of brain when reading Braille

NEW YORK (AP) — Blind people reading Braille use an area of the brain usually reserved for processing visual information, a surprising study found.

That was in addition to the normal brain circuitry for getting information from touch.

Using the vision area as well might help blind people develop a more acute sense of touch, said Dr. Mark Hallett, clinical director of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke in Bethesda, Md.

The vision area, called the primary visual cortex, lies in the back of the brain. Brain scans showed it was activated when people blind from birth or childhood read Braille or did other tasks that involved getting information from touch.

"We were very surprised," said Hallett, who reported the work with institute colleagues in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature.

Since the activation occurred even in people who had been blind since birth, it's apparently not due to simply visualizing the information from the fingers.

He said it's not clear whether the rerouting of the signals within the brain involves an anatomical reorganization of brain circuitry or altered use of normal brain cell connections.

The results appeared in eight Braille readers and six other blind people. In contrast, 10 sighted people who closed their eyes and did tasks that involved feeling for information showed reduced activity in the primary visual cortex.

# My Mother

My Mother  
Death has claimed my mother  
She would not, could not get well.

Emptyness left in sister and brother,  
does not compare with my inner whall.

Yes, mother has gone away,  
asleep in Jesus, not astray.  
How I wish she were here to share a laugh and a tear.

Fleeting memories within my touch,  
I miss my mother very much.  
I awoken at night for no reason.

They say pain eases each passing season.

By Bernice Jones

Editor's Note: This poem was written by Bernice Jones shortly after her mother died. Bernice wanted to remind readers that Mother's Day is May 12 and is a day set aside to pay honor to our mothers. Bernice wrote, "please give up just one day of your precious time and spend it with your mother. Your presence is a lot more important to her than your presents. Make her feel special, because she is! We think of mother as being truft-nite, but one day she will be taken from you as was mine. Time is on your side not her, so make the best of it and have no regrets."

## Brrr It's Cold

Woke up this mornin didn't know what to think  
couldn't see!

The sky was dark, couldn't see the stars wink  
driving down the road couldn't see!

There was this white blurry cloud all around  
some new kind of rain?

No, snow is what I was told never had anything come at me so bold

I'm really not a newcomer to this

just a little joke but now I really remember just what I really didn't miss,  
Brrr it's cold

by Charlie Noble

## Readers Corner

Submissions for the next Readers Corner page should be at the Herald office by May 20.

The next Readers Corner page is scheduled for May 29.

Readers are encouraged to submit stories, poems and pictures. Stories and poems should be about a page

and a half in length.

Photos should be in focus and not too light or too dark; please identify the subject and who took the photo.

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

## Smoke

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The smokers' consumption ranged from less than a pack a day to more than two packs. The researchers found that the more the women smoked, the higher the level of these carcinogens in their newborn babies' blood.

All three substances attach themselves to hemoglobin, the oxygen-carrying protein in red blood cells. As a result, the carcinogens continue to circulate through the babies' blood for the entire life of the red cells, typically four months.

"This is very important. We already know these chemicals cross the placenta in experimental animals," said Dr. Bogdan Prokopczyk of the American Health Foundation in Valhalla, N.Y.

The study found that levels of the three chemicals were four to five times higher in the passive smokers' babies than in the non-smokers' infants, and they were 10 to 20 times higher in the cigarette smokers'.

The chemical levels were about half as great in the smokers' babies as in the smokers themselves.

Tobacco smoke contains over 500 compounds, and about 50 of them cause cancer in laboratory animals.

"A mom who smokes during pregnancy is exposing the baby to these compounds found in tobacco smoke. Our study is looking at the effect of the carcinogens on the baby," Myers said.

He said that for many years, experts mistakenly thought the placenta, which connects mother and child, acted as an effective barrier keeping toxins from reaching the baby.

There is no direct proof that prenatal exposure to the tobacco chemicals actually puts children at higher risk of cancer. However, Myers noted that 4-aminobiphenyl, in particular, "does in fact cause bladder cancer, and we are finding very high levels in the circulation of babies of moms who smoked."

His group plans to follow the babies for many years to see if those exposed to tobacco chemicals in the womb grow up to have a higher risk of tumors.

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Do you have an interesting story idea? Call Steve Reagan, 263-7331, Ext 113.

# B

# Li punches ticket for second trip to state

By CHARLES BRYCE  
Special to the Herald

SAN ANGELO - Hsiao-Hsuan Li might as well schedule a trip to Austin every year when the second week of May rolls around.

For the second straight year, the Big Spring High School sophomore captured the boys singles crown Tuesday at the Region I-4A Tennis Tournament at Angelo State University. The victory qualifies Li for the the UIL Class 4A State Tournament in Austin in two weeks.

While Monday's action was full of drama, Li's matches Tuesday had very little suspense.

Li was nursing a bad shoulder during the tournament, but it didn't seem to bother him Tuesday.

After a 4-6, 6-3, 6-3 quarterfinal win over unseeded Adam Pickett of Waxahachie, the top-seeded Li lost only seven games in his semifinal and final matches Tuesday.

The 5-foot-4, 135-pound Michael Chang-look alike overwhelmed unseeded Brooks Gentry, 6-0, 6-2, in the finals. About the only drama in the

match was a nine-deuce game in the final game of the first set.

"I took my rest yesterday and I came prepared," Li said. "I was really concentrating (Tuesday) morning."

Li lost in the semifinals at state last year, and he says his dream is to one day capture the 4A title. If he doesn't do it this year, he'll have two more chances in the future if he maintains his streak at regionals.

Big Spring's other sophomore standout, Monica Villarreal, lost 6-4, 6-4 to nemesis Lacey Jordan of Borger in the semi-

nals. Jordan is the only Class 4A player who has wins over Villarreal this year. She also beat Villarreal in straight sets earlier this spring.

Villarreal whipped Sweetwater's Liz Moses 6-0, 6-0 in the third-place match, and Villarreal would have earned a playback match for the runner-up spot if Jordan won the final. But, unfortunately for Villarreal, top-seeded Emily Johnson of Dumas topped the second-seeded Jordan 6-2, 6-2, ending the Big Spring sophomore's state-tournament dreams.

Villarreal and her older sis-

ter, Maria, captured the regional girls doubles crown last year before losing in the semifinals at state.

Monica was second-guessing her strategy in the semifinals.

"I felt like I was pressing too much," she said. "I wasn't playing my game at all. I have to give credit to (Jordan). She played well. I'm just going to go home and work as hard as I can and see how I can do next year."

The Steers' boys doubles team of Drew McKimmey and Kayne Stroud lost 5-7, 6-2, 6-4 in the semifinals against Canyon's Eric Marable and Cliff Martin.

McKimmey and Stroud finished in third place after a 4-6, 7-5, 6-3 win over Hereford's Andrew Carr and B.J. Lockmiller.

### Golfers finish in sixth place

SAN ANGELO - The Big Spring High School boys' golf team finished in six place at Tuesday's Region I-4A golf tournament in San Angelo.

Borger shot a team total 602 to win the event, followed by Waxahachie. The Steers shot a team total 622 to finish behind Granbury.

# Hit the beach

Rockets following familiar procedure

GALVESTON (AP) - It's worked before, so Houston Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich isn't messing with anything that helped his team win the last two NBA titles.

For the third straight year, the Rockets have returned to their surf and sand getaway on the Texas A&M University at Galveston campus to prepare for yet another improbable run at an NBA championship.

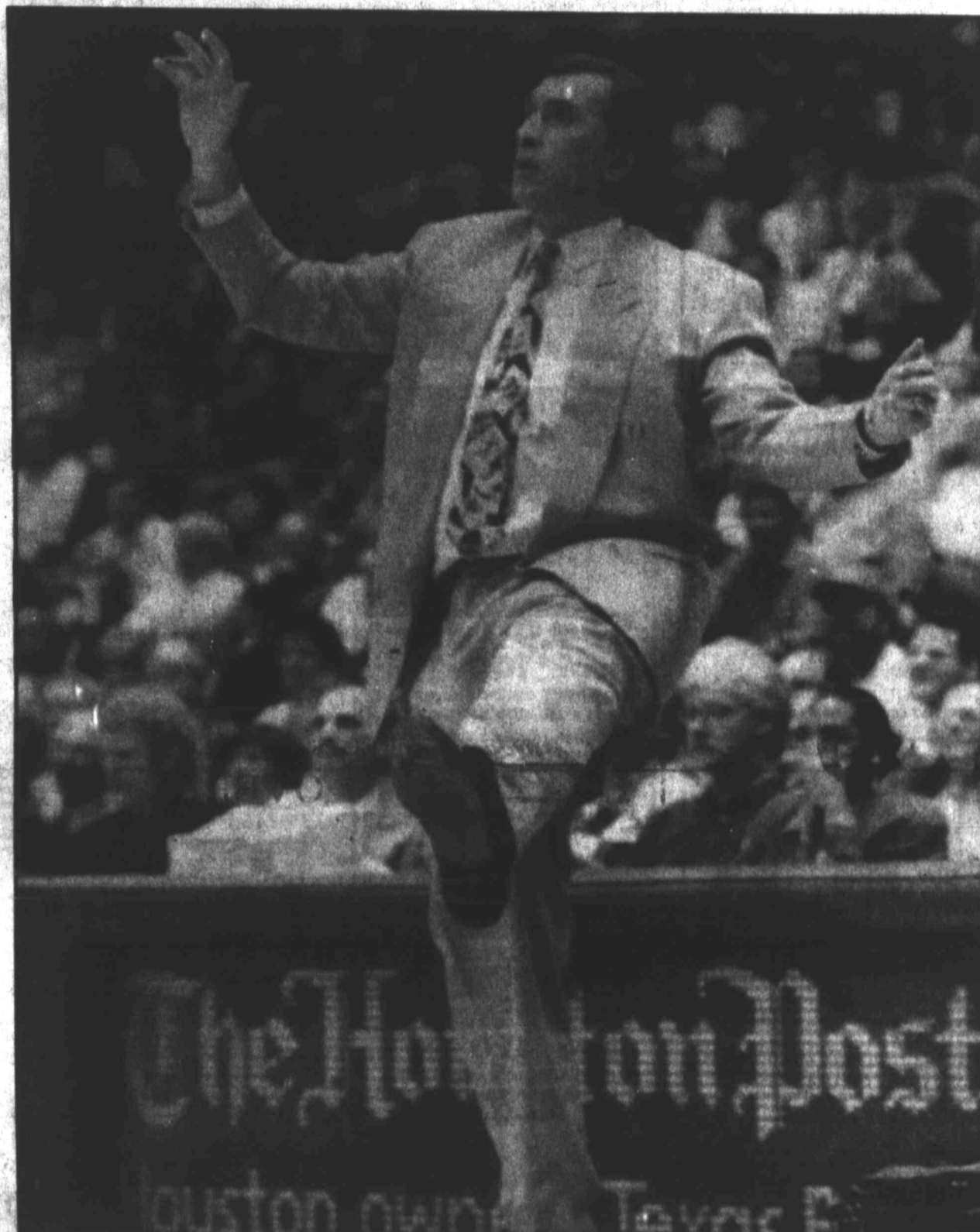
The Rockets open their best-of-five, first-round playoff series against the Lakers on Thursday in Los Angeles and it's unlikely the Rockets had time to lounge on the beach in their three-day visit.

"It's been all work. It's hard to get the adrenalin going as much in practice, but we need this," forward Robert Horry said following Tuesday's three-hour practice.

All they're hearing from Tomjanovich is one word: defense.

"If we get our defense focused, there's always a chance," Tomjanovich said.

"When I took over this team, please see ROCKETS, page 2B



Houston coach Rudy Tomjanovich is following a familiar routine - having the team practice in Galveston before the playoffs start. He can only hope it results in a third NBA championship.

# 'The Dream,' 'Air Jordan' heading for a showdown

Everyone is asking, "Are the 1995-96 Chicago Bulls the greatest basketball team of all time?"

Maybe. But I'm not getting into that - I'll let others argue the point.

What I am want to examine is the potential clash in the NBA finals. Unlike pro football, the NBA championship has rarely failed to have an exciting series.

Even last year's sweep by the Houston Rockets was more interesting than 10 of the more recent Super Bowls.

I'm going to stick my neck out early and say the series will be between the Houston Rockets and the Chicago Bulls. The individual clash will be between Michael Jordan and Hakeem Olajuwon - arguably two of the greatest basketball players of all time.

Sure, they play different positions, but as franchise players, they always take their teams to the top.

You have "Air" Jordan. He just grabbed his eighth scoring title, and is a sure bet for his fourth MVP award.

With Jordan's moves, shooting ability, leadership and constant defiance of gravity, he took the Bulls to a historic three consecutive titles.

Jordan always had his charisma, a team everyone respects

and most importantly, the endorsements.

Then there is Hakeem "The Dream." He is now the NBA's all-time shot block leader. During his career, Olajuwon won Defensive Player of the Year, league MVP and NBA finals MVP awards.

At 7-foot-4, Olajuwon's grace and quickness for his size wows sports fans. It is as if he never does the same post move twice. Last but not least, he carried the Rockets to consecutive NBA championships.

What will make the finals exciting is that Houston will have to pass through Chicago to tie them for three straight.

Just thinking about it makes my hands sweat with anticipation.

In contrast to Jordan, Olajuwon is quiet. Unlike the Bulls the Rockets get almost no respect (although they should by now).

Jordan and Olajuwon are different players and both have unbelievable skill. Here comes the sweat.

You readers may ask me why have I picked my teams so early.

My reason for picking the Bulls is obvious. I know everyone starts over in the playoffs, but 72 wins in a season definitely gives a team an edge.

Houston's case is more complicated. If Seattle doesn't have its annual first round choke, the SuperSonics won't know what to do with themselves against Houston.

My only worry is the San Antonio Spurs. They're hot, hungry and without Dennis Rodman. However, the Rockets will make it past the Spurs.



Roderick Richardson  
Sportswriter

# McVae definitely not lost in the crowd

By RODERICK RICHARDSON  
Herald Sportswriter

With the small squad Big Spring has in boys' track, finding your niche may not be too difficult.

However, Toma McVea's niche is shared with several others.

McVea is part of the Steers' regional qualifying 400-meter relay and 1600-meter relay. The only event he has the lime-light to himself is the long jump.

But McVea's contributions doesn't go unnoticed.

"He's a great asset to our

team," said track coach Randy Britton. "If it wasn't for him and some others, we wouldn't have a good relay team."

As part of last year's state-qualifying 400-meter relay team, McVea is looking toward that goal again. He says he can give his team a better effort than last season.

"I've gotten a lot faster," said McVea. "I learned more about running this year than last year. This year, I had to make a few minor adjustments."

With those improvements, Britton says he will make a few adjustments of his own concerning the 400-meter relay.

"I'm going to have McVea as our first leg," said Britton. "I feel with him as first leg, we won't be as far behind at the start. He did a good job at the third leg. I think he'll do better at this spot."

Relay teammate Jason Sanderson says McVea helps the team by doing his share of the work.

"He's a good team contributor," said Sanderson. "We all work hard through the week, and he does his best throughout. He is always up there with us. He's not a slacker, and I'm

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# Sox complete series sweep of Rangers

ARLINGTON (AP) - When the Chicago White Sox left Comiskey Park on April 14 for an eight-game road trip, they were limping along at a 4-7 clip.

But Tuesday's 6-5 win over the Texas Rangers completed a 6-2 road trip that put them over .500.

"This was a good road trip, something we struggled with last year," said White Sox manager Terry Bevington, referring to his team's 30-42 road record last season. "Our pitching did a good job and we got the big hits when we needed them."

Rookie James Baldwin (1-0) got his first major league win,

but it wasn't easy. Baldwin gave up five runs in the fifth, but Bevington allowed him to finish the inning to pick up the victory.

Chicago's bullpen then shut down one of the hottest-hitting lineups in the majors.

"I can thank Bev for the opportunity to get my first win out of the way," said Baldwin, recalled from Triple-A Nashville for his fifth major league start. "I was looking at the (Rangers) stats before the game and I was thinking, 'Oh my God.' But all you can do is ask a pitcher to throw strikes."

Harold Baines homered for

the second straight game and Tony Phillips went with 3-for-5 with two RBIs to lead the White Sox, who came to Arlington after games in Kansas City and Oakland.

Baldwin allowed one hit over the first four innings before the Rangers' offense came alive in the fifth. But Baldwin had been staked to a 6-0 lead and that was enough.

Two of the five runs were unearned. Baldwin made a fielding error that allowed one run to score and eventually led to another, misplayed a potential double-play grounder in the fifth.

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#### All-SWC tennis team selected

DALLAS (AP) - Paul Robinson of TCU, the nation's top-ranked collegiate tennis player, has been named Southwest Conference men's tennis player of the year and heads the final all-SWC squad.

Farley Taylor of Texas, ranked No. 10 nationally among women collegians, is the women's player of the year on the all-conference teams, announced Tuesday by the SWC.

TCU, the regular-season and tournament champion, placed three players on the 1996 SWC men's dream team. Joining Robinson on the all-conference squad are teammates David Roditi and Gonzalo Corrales, Christian Dalzell of Southern Methodist, Peter Danolic of Texas Tech and Paul Martin of Texas.

#### Frazier works on clot problem

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - Tommie Frazier, the quarterback who led Nebraska to consecutive national titles only to be snubbed by the NFL, could be on blood thinning medication for up to a year.

Frazier told Lincoln's KOLN-TV he has decided to take this year off and give the NFL another shot next year. Frazier missed much of the 1994 season after doctors found blood clots in his right leg and was hospitalized earlier this year when another clot developed in the leg.

### ON THE AIR

(listings subject to change)

#### Baseball

MLB

Boston at Baltimore, 6:30 p.m., ESPN (ch. 30)

Detroit at Seattle, 9:30 p.m., ESPN (ch. 30)

College

Jacksonville at Florida State, 8:30 p.m., PRIME (ch. 29)

#### Basketball

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Indiana at Detroit Pistons, 7 p.m., TBS (ch. 11)



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2 BEDROOM, 1 1/2 BATH. 305 E. 6th. 267-3841 or 556-4022.

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2 FAMILY GARAGE SALE: 1300 Kinde. Friday 8:00am-1:00pm, Saturday 8:00am-12:00pm. Clothes, miscellaneous, fans, chandelier.

GARAGE SALE: Saturday Only! 1014 E. 20th. Twin beds, clothes, lots of miscellaneous items. 1988 GMC Truck.

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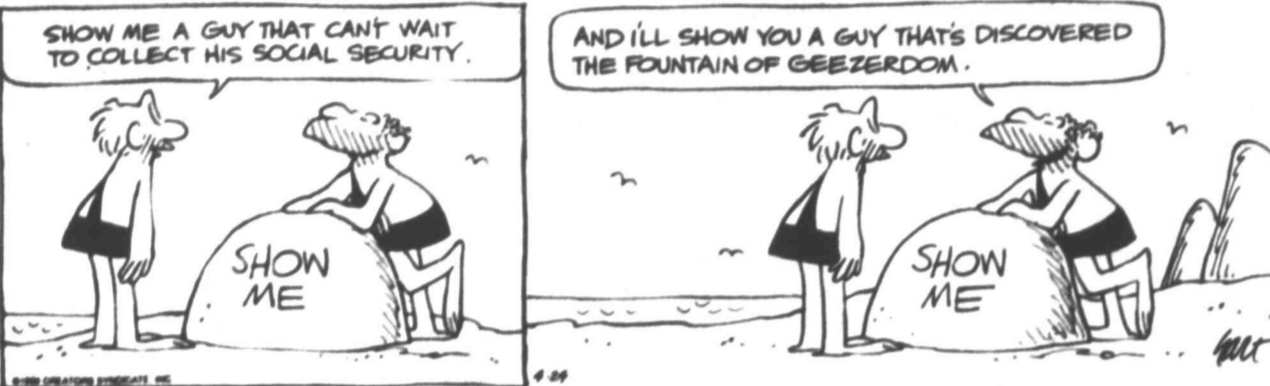
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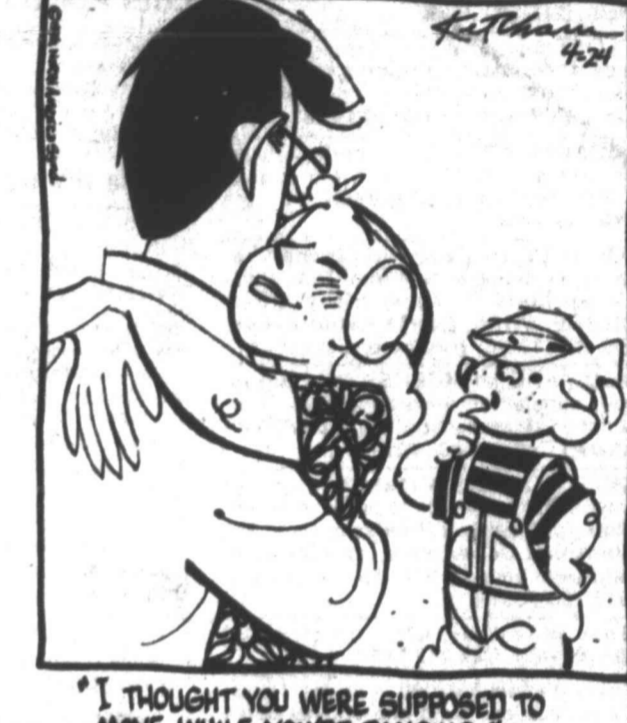
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, April 24, the 115th day of 1996. There are 251 days left in the year.

THE Daily Crossword by Albert J. Klaus

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

Answers to Tuesday's puzzle: SPIN, CLOC, POISE, COCO, HEAL, AURAL, etc.

Big Spring Herald logo and contact information: (915) 263-7331, Fax #915-264-7205.

On April 24, 1800, Congress approved a bill establishing the Library of Congress in Washington D.C., appropriating \$5,000 for the purchase of such books as may be necessary.

Joseph Rouget de Lisle, an officer stationed at Strasbourg. In 1877, federal troops were ordered out of New Orleans, ending the North's post-Civil War rule in the South.

In 1916, some 1,600 Irish nationalists launched the Easter Rising by seizing several key sites in Dublin, including the General Post Office.

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## Statewide briefing to answer questions about 1996 Farm Bill

By **CARLTON JOHNSON**  
Staff Writer

The 1996 Farm Bill recently signed into law by President Bill Clinton, now known as the Federal Agricultural Improvement and Reform Act, has left a lot of producers with several questions.

The Texas Farm Bureau will sponsor a special briefing via satellite to inform agricultural producers about the recently enacted farm bill.

The briefing will be May 6 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Most County Farm Bureau offices across the state are serving as viewing sites, as well as many Texas Agricultural Extension Service District offices.

According to the TFB the program will originate

from the studios of KWTX-TV in Waco, and questions from producers around the state will be taken via a toll-free telephone number. The program will be received via satellite on Telstar 401 (KU-Band), Transponder 11.

TFB President Bob Stallman said, "This legislation is a watershed event in the history of federal farm programs. Farmers have a lot of questions about the details of the new farm program, and the broadcast will try to answer as many of those questions as possible."

TFB will provide experts including U.S. Department of Agriculture officials who are writing the implementation rules to appear on the program to answer specific questions about the legislation.

The new farm bill, also called FAIR, replaces current farm programs with a system of declining market transition payments to participating producers over the course of seven years.

The bill is estimated to save \$13.2 billion during this period, and some fears that the savings for taxpayers will come at the expense of lost farms.

FAIR also gives farmers more flexibility to plant crops so they are better able to respond to market forces, and contains a number of environmental issues, including the conservation reserve program, wetlands program and the environmental quality incentives program.

Howard County Farm Service Agency Executive Director Rick Lyles said, "There aren't a

lot of details available about the farm bill right now, but the sign up date for local producers to join the seven-year program is May 20 through July 12 at the Howard County farm Service Agency office."

Lyles added this is also a good opportunity for producers still involved with conservation reserve programs and want to drop out to do so if the meet criteria.

"We're waiting on details about the program, but what we know now is that producers can now plant according to the condition of the market," Lyles said. "This is good for most producers, but in Howard County we're pretty much restricted to dry land crops. Most of the producers here will still plant cotton."

He added Howard County producers can grow dryland crops like maize, dry peas and beans and a few other crops, but you have to take a look at the market and the bottom line is that cotton will make Howard County producers the most money.

"A lot of things, as far as the farm bill is concerned, remains to be seen," Lyles said. Dr. James Richardson, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station policy economist, said the new farm bill means a completely new way of decision making for producers.

He added without the guaranteed price supports from the government, the variability of Texas farm income is likely to increase by some 30 percent, meaning farm income could be

at times one-third less or one-third higher depending on market and world events.

For Texas cotton growers, the governmental transition payments will taper off from about 9 cents per pound this year to 5 cents per pound by the year 2002.

According to Richardson, Texas producers probably won't begin to feel the effect of the new measure until the turn of the century, but that gives growers about three years to make changes to secure their operations.

He said, "There will be significant structural pressure on moderate-sized farms. And the greatest will be on wheat, rice, cotton, peanuts, and dairy farms. Those are the ones that need to start planning now."

### HUMANE SOCIETY



Pictured: "Samantha" large tubby spayed female blonde Shepherd mix, formerly lived with an older couple who could not keep her; really needs a new family to love; this sweetie is very friendly.

Special Note: All dogs and cats presently available for adoption at the shelter have received their vaccinations, including rabies.

"Tripod" three-legged celebrity which was rescued by Margaret Lloyd, short-haired blonde Lab mix, gets along very well with three legs; playful with an abundance of love to give!

"Scooter" 4 month white Lab mix, will be large dog, very

pretty coat, sweet disposition.

"Spanky" 5 month male black Terrier mix, medium size; feisty and likes to play.

"Jennifer" red Lab/Pit mix, short-haired female, 10 months, playful and craves attention. "Hannah" medium-sized Dalmatian/Airedale mix, wiry coat with black and white spots, shy yet very eager to please.

"Octuko" small male Scottie, black coat with large ears, independent, seeks one-on-one relationship with loving owner.

"Shadow" full-blooded black Chow, neutered male, very beautiful, affectionate and very good with kids.

"Tippy" male Border Collie/Beagle mix, young adult with sturdy build, very friendly with good disposition.

These, plus many more dogs and cats are awaiting adoption. Adoption fees for dogs are just \$45 and cats are \$35. This includes spaying or neutering, vaccinations, wormings and rabies shots. Also covers feline leukemia tests for cats. All pets come with a two-week trial period.

At other homes: Large gray male shaggy Benji type, 267-5646.

Black and white spayed female cat, 267-5646.

Five kittens, mixed breed, free to good home, 267-6934.

### NEW IN TOWN

Brian Sadovsky, San Antonio. He is employed by KBST Radio.

Bob and Teresa Fry and son Tommy, Jacksboro. He is employed by Big Spring Siding.

Shirley Adams and son John, Lamesa. She is employed by the VA Medical Center.

Kenneth and Leah Franks, Odessa. He is employed by Rip Griffin.

Rick Sandoval, Del Rio. He is employed by the Federal Correctional Institution.

Jackie and Anita Sue Myers, Simi Valley, Calif. He is retired.

Lorenzo and Hadassah Herrera, daughter Jedidah and sons Samuel, Lorenzo and Eligah, Milwaukee, Wis. He does construction work.

Anita Kilgore, Austin. She works for Delt Loan as a supervisor.

Mark and Tonya Shelby, Weiser, Idaho. He is employed

by A&S Construction. Kim Sherrill, Winston-Salem, N.C. She works for the Big Spring State Hospital.

Derek L. Eckles, Houston. He works for Price Construction.

Victor and Linda Smith and daughters Radonia and Dieta and son Timothy, Odessa. He is employed by Yale E Key, and she is employed by What-A-Burger.

Shane and Veronica Huff and daughters Courtney and Candice, Colorado City. He works for Riley Drilling. Chris and Gabrielle Church

and sons Cody and Wyatt, Canyon Lake. He is employed by CCC Groupe, Inc.

Chanda Skaggs and sons Derk, Dillon and Justin; Brownfield. She is a sales clerk.

Pat Dominguez and daughter Ava, Waco. She works part time for the Salvation Army.

Connie C. Voltz and daughter Dakota, Enid, Okla. She is employed by Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

### STORK CLUB

Brett Harold Rosson, boy, March 28, 1996, 5:40 a.m.; parents are Blake and Tracey Rosson, Cameron.

Grandparents are Jerry and Darla Kilgore and Harold and Janice Rosson, all of Big Spring.

Macey Lane Oppogard, girl, April 15, 1996, 11:56 p.m.; parents are Cindy and Denver Oppogard.

Grandparents are Jackie and Willie Wells, Stanton, Vickie and Kay Oppogard, Big Spring.

Kirsten Marie Savell, girl, April 15, 1996, 10:30 a.m.; mother is Desirie Savell.

Grandparents are Susan and Raymond Overton, Forsan.

Nikki Lynn Bernal, girl, April 14, 1996, 12:52 a.m.; parents are Joe and Elda Bernal.

Megan Danielle Herrera, girl, April 11, 1996, 1 p.m.; parents are Joey and June Herrera.

Grandparents are Jesse and Lydia Herrera and Judy and Mohammad Semri, all of Big Spring.

Kaycie Brook Soles, girl, April 13, 1996, 4:37 p.m.; parents are James and Amie Soles.

Grandparents are J.R. and Leah Walters, Big Spring, Billy and Pam Roper, Anton, and Kenneth and Linda Soles, Harlingen.

Rowdy Lea Mhoon, April 12, 1996, 7:04 p.m.; parents are Richard and Shannon Mhoon.

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WANT TO BUY!! Fishing Equipment: Rods, reels, lures, etc... at a reasonable price. Call 267-1160.

LICENSED PLUMBER with commercial construction & repair experience needed. Please call either Tim or Mike at: Alpine Mechanical Co. Inc., Midland, TX. (915)897-5210.

1982 CHEVY Pick-up, long bed, rebuilt 350, new seat, stereo with CD, 4 speed, \$3000. Call 263-2761 or 263-7409 for more message.

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VEHICLES

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1984 LINCOLN TOWNCAR Tan in color, good condition. Asking \$2500. Call before 8:00pm. 263-6903.

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1993 CAMRY, low mileage, great shape; 1994 T-bird, looks good, runs good. Local owner. 263-0606.

1995 SUBURBAN White, blue leather interior & many other extras, 34,000 miles. \$27,000. Call 267-7263.

87 AUTO SALES 210 GREGG 263-2382

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**RX for pregnant women: Take calcium, don't smoke, no obesity**

Scrpps Howard News Service

Three studies published recently suggest women who are severely overweight or smoke during pregnancy place their babies at higher risk of neural birth defects or mental retardation.

A fourth report concludes taking calcium pills during pregnancy can reduce the chance of a woman developing high blood pressure and related complications by as much as 70 percent.

Two studies reported in The Journal of the American Medical Association found obese women are twice as likely to have children with neural tube defects such as spina bifida than women who are not significantly overweight.

The first study, by Dr. Gary Shaw of the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation, compared 538 women who had a pregnancy involving a fetus with a neural tube defect with 539 women whose fetuses were not malformed.

Shaw and his colleagues wrote since about 10 percent of the women who become pregnant in the United States each year are obese, "and because obesity has been increasing in the U.S., even the modestly increased risks that have been observed are relevant" to the overall incidence of the birth defects in the population.

The study used a complex measure of weight and mass to determine obesity, but it translates into simple figures. For example, a woman who is five feet, three inches tall and weighs 165 pounds is considered obese.

A second study in the journal, by Marth Werler and colleagues at Boston University School of Health, looked at the pregnancies of 1,200 women in Boston, Philadelphia and south-

eastern Ontario and found the risk also increased according to pre-pregnancy weight.

Both studies noted the increased risk was not affected by the women taking vitamins or eating a diet to boost folic acid, which is known to reduce the risk of neural tube defects.

A mental retardation study, reported in the journal Pediatrics, found maternal smoking during pregnancy is associated with slightly more than a 50 percent increase in mental retardation.

And the occurrence of mental retardation increased by more than 75 percent among children whose mothers smoke at least a pack a day during pregnancy, according to Carolyn Drews of the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University in Atlanta and colleagues at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

They based their findings on interviews in the Atlanta area with the mothers of 221 mentally retarded children and mothers of 400 children attending public school.

"These results indicate smoking prevention programs could provide a way to prevent mental retardation for a substantial number of children," they wrote.

The calcium supplement findings, reported in JAMA, were based on a review of 14 randomized controlled trials done between 1966 and 1994. The review was done by Dr. Heiner Bucher and colleagues at McMaster University, Ontario. Their work was supported by a grant from the National Dairy Council.

In an accompanying editorial in the magazine, Dr. David McCarron and Daniel Hatten of Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland urged all pregnant women to take calcium supplements.

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# Homeowners dish dirt on their housekeepers

Scripts Howard News Service

Smile while you're scrubbing your toilet this weekend; you could have paid Pam Mahonchak's housekeeper to do it for you.

"She really was a wonderful girl," insists Mahonchak, of Denver, who then proceeded to recount the tale of finding her housekeeper passed out drunk in the bathtub, letting her sleep it off in her bed, then paying a cab driver \$75 to take her home since she was in no condition to drive. And she hasn't seen the woman since.

Pray you never hire the woman Kelly Busch had cleaning her house. They accidentally pressed the "record" button while dusting Busch's answering machine, and filled up a 90-minute tape insulting the Littleton, Colo., woman, her children, her dogs, her in-laws, her house ... "Not only that, but I had taped evidence that they'd spent an hour and a half (talking and cleaning) in the family room, which isn't that big!" she says.

Then there's the experience of Diane, who asked that her last name not be used because her housekeeper was so crazy she hopes the woman doesn't remember her.

"My regular housekeeper was out of town, so the agency sent over a temp," says Diane. "She spent most of the morning throwing up in my bathroom. The rest of the time she spent following my daughter and me

around the house.

"We went out on the porch, thinking she'd leave us alone, but she went out on the porch with us. I said, 'Don't you have some work to do?' She said 'Oh, yes.' So she went in the house, got a load of my towels and put them in her car! I had no idea what she was doing!"

"I confronted her, and she acted very confused. I took the towels back and ordered her out of my house. Only then did I discover the empty bottle of vodka."

Hiring a housekeeper can be every bit as treacherous as navigating rush hour traffic. Lunatics are everywhere. And the lunacy goes both ways.

Consider the experience of housekeeper Sara Shepard, who once had a client go nuts because she left the fringe on his rug pointing the wrong way. "He wanted it to the left, and I put it to the right," she says.

"People can be so weird," says Shepard, who has cleaned houses for 15 years. "I've been asked to wallpaper, to refinish floors. Once, someone offered to sleep with me in trade for housekeeping, like I'd take that in payment."

Housekeepers, like therapists, know your deepest secrets. They are privy to your privacy as are few other people in your life.

"I always know where the men's porno stashes are, and the women's candy stashes," Shepard says.

Barb Johnson, a cleaning ser-

vices manager, says one of her best clients was a domestic nudist. "He required that when he had a housecleaning, he be allowed to walk around in the buff. We had to match him with a very special housekeeper," Johnson says.

Linda Greene, manager of another maid service, just sighs when she recalls the time she went to estimate the cost to clean a woman's house.

"She had an entire carpeted room covered with cat litter," Greene says. "No litter box ... she just poured cat litter all over the carpet — and the cats had been using it. She expected us to be able to take care of it. I told her that was beyond what our ladies could do and she'd have to find someone else."

Stories of housecleaners whose definition of "clean" offers room for disagreement are numerous. Seems just about everyone who's ever paid to have someone else do the housework can recount at least one instance of odd bunnies, unvacuumed carpet, unmade beds and dirty kitchens left behind.

That's why people who find good housekeepers report they're willing to put up with a lot.

"We had a cleaning lady when our children were growing up, and she was a neighborhood cleaning lady, so I knew the people she cleaned for. The very first day, she made the statement that this person and that person had dirty bathrooms," says Mary Grossart of

Lakewood, Colo. "I immediately knew I didn't want to be a victim of this, so I cleaned my bathrooms before she came. Later I realized she probably just didn't want to do the bathrooms and this was her ploy."

"She was a very meticulous cleaner," Grossart says. "Around noon, she'd clean the refrigerator — and eat up all my leftovers. So I had a very clean refrigerator, although an empty one. I got to where if I had anything in there I wanted to keep, I'd take it over to my neighbor's house so I'd have it for the evening."

In fairness to housekeepers, even Hazel couldn't live up to the expectations of some clients.

Susie Aikman, of Denver, is out of the housecleaning business now. But she shudders at the memory of one woman who wanted to have her son's one-bedroom apartment cleaned for his birthday. Aikman and her partner offered to clean the apartment for \$50.

"A one-bath apartment should have taken us two or three hours," she says. "Well, it seems this guy had lived there a year and had never, never cleaned anything. The toilet, the tub, the oven, the sink, the carpet — the guy was an absolute pig!"

"And his mother was a slave driver. She brought a carpet cleaning machine with her, and for \$50 we spent 12 hours under her yoke without a break. We didn't eat. We did nothing but clean for 12 hours for \$50."

## WHO'S WHO

Beverly Massingill, General Manager of Days Inn, has been selected as a semi-finalist in a poetry contest conducted by The National Library of Poetry.

Her poem "A Separation of Love," has been published in The Voice Within. This anthology is to be included into The National Library of Congress.

Ms. Massingill's poetry also will be featured in a special edition The Best Poems of the '90s. Only 2 percent of examined works are selected as a part of these outstanding poets.

The United States Achievement Academy announced Ashley Baremore has been named a United States National Award Winner in History by her teacher Mr. Holmes.



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and in band by her teacher Mrs. McPaul.

She is a student at Snyder Jr. High, and will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Collegiate Yearbook, which is published nationally.

The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability, and recommendation from a teacher or director.

Ashley Baremore is the daughter of David and Deborah Baremore. The grandparents are Mrs. Joy Meyer, Big Spring, and the late Leonard (Bill) Meyer, and Mrs. Elree Baremore, Snyder and the late Don Baremore.

## Readers Corner

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

Readers are encouraged to submit stories, poems and pictures. Stories and poems should be about a page and a half in length.

Photos should be in focus and not too light or too dark; please identify the subject and who took the photo. If space is limited, submissions may be held over until the following month.

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