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Forecasters say severe weather possibility for area

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Spring has arrived for most areas of the country and so has the threat for severe weather. The National Weather Service (NWS) is tracking an upper-level disturbance that could create severe weather for the Howard County area.

The forecast for today is for mostly cloudy skies, a slight breezy and a chance of showers or thunderstorms. High temperatures will reach the

lower 70s with lows near 55 degrees, and tonight should continue to be cloudy and breezy, but the upper-level disturbance positioned over southern Arizona early this morning could quickly change the forecast for the Permian Basin area.

According to the NWS, the system was not producing any severe weather this morning, but by being a low-level system combined with the pattern of its movement and current conditions in the Permian Basin, severe weather could result sometime Thursday.

The Permian Basin area, according

to NWS forecasters, has an abundant amount of low-level moisture, which has come up from the Gulf of Mexico — the first ingredient needed for storms or precipitation.

The second ingredient needed is unstable areas in the atmosphere over an area. The NWS says there is a moderate amount of instability over West Texas.

The third and final ingredient needed is a triggering (lifting) mechanism, which the system in southern Arizona offers.

The NWS says the upper-level distur-

bance is expected to move slowly to the southeast and then to the north by early Thursday morning, meaning it will dip into northern Mexico before turning back toward Texas.

NWS forecasters say the important thing to remember is that the disturbance provides a triggering mechanism for thunderstorms and West Texas does have moisture in its atmosphere.

The disturbance is expected to stay west of this area, but the bits of energy projected by the system could produce thunderstorms in the area, according

to the NWS, some possibly severe.

Otherwise, the forecast for Thursday is for a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms with mostly cloudy conditions and high temperatures in the lower to mid 70s.

Thursday night calls for mostly cloudy conditions with a chance of showers or thunderstorms.

The extended forecast for Friday calls for partly cloudy conditions with a chance of mainly afternoon and evening showers or thunderstorms. High temperatures will be in the upper 60s to mid 70s.

UBS slates blood drive for April 12

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

San Angelo-based United Blood Services (UBS) will be in familiar territory April 12 when it conducts a blood drive at Big Spring Mall.

The drive will be conducted from noon until 5 p.m. in UBS' portable unit.

"We invite all of our mall regulars to come and see us while we're there," said Angie Tyson, a UBS community relations representative. "We enjoy seeing familiar faces, and encourage everyone to bring a buddy and give the gift of life."

Donors planning to participate in the blood drive are asked to bring a form of identification, such as a drivers license or UBS blood donor card. Donors are also asked to be familiar with the name of any medication they are taking.

According to Tyson, donors must be between the ages of 17 and 79 and must be feeling well and healthy at the time of their donation.

Most people think there is an urgent need when they hear the term blood drive, but the idea is to keep a plentiful supply on hand, according to Tyson.

"We don't ever want to cry wolf, but someone always needs blood," Tyson said. "The situation is not critical now, but the supply is also not at an abundant level either."

Big Spring has also responded well to UBS during local blood drives.

"What we do is try to schedule blood drives every 10 weeks at Big Spring Mall," Tyson said. "People can safely donate blood every eight weeks and one of our purposes is to schedule drives so that the people who want to give can."

UBS also has drives scheduled at Howard College Tuesday and at the Veterans Administration Medical Center (VAMC) on April 10.

According to Tyson, UBS is also looking for more local businesses to participate by sponsoring blood drives at their work sites.

"We only have a handful of participating businesses in Big Spring right now," Tyson said.

UBS operates based on agreements made with local hospitals to supply that hospitals' blood products. UBS supplies both Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the VAMC, as well as the entire area between Big Spring to the north, Sonora to the south, Brownwood to the east and Alpine to the west.

"The agreements we make

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STENHOLM VISIT



Congressman Charles Stenholm speaks with Howard College Candi Farmer at a reception held in his honor after he spoke to a government class to kick off the school's observance of Community College Month.

Trevino, Odessa couple receive federal sentences

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

A Big Spring man convicted last fall on 18 criminal counts including, conspiracy to distribute marijuana, conspiracy to launder money and money laundering will spend the next 22 1/2 years in federal prison.

Big Spring resident Salvador Trevino and Ricardo and Beatrice Armendariz of Odessa were convicted last October in El Paso and faced sentencing in the same court Monday.

Ricardo Armendariz was convicted on the same charges as Trevino, but his wife was convicted of money laundering conspiracy.

According to Mike Valva, supervising agent of the U.S. Customs Office in San Angelo, the sentences the three received fit the crimes they committed.

"These are good sentences because on federal sentences there is not time off for good behavior," Valva said.

Trevino received a sentence of 262 months for conspiracy to distribute marijuana; 240 months for money laundering conspiracy; and 16 months for money laundering. All three

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Mike Valva
Supervising agent
U.S. Customs Office

sentences will run concurrently, meaning Trevino will serve at least 262 months in federal prison.

Ricardo Armendariz received 324 months (27 years) for conspiracy to distribute marijuana; 240 months for money laundering conspiracy; and 16 months for money laundering.

Armendariz's sentences will also run concurrently, meaning he will serve at least 27 years in federal prison.

For her conviction on charges of money laundering conspiracy, Beatrice Armendariz received a sentence of 168 months in federal prison, meaning she will serve 14 years.

The three were originally arrested as a result of a three-

year investigation involving several law enforcement agencies including the Big Spring Police Department Narcotics Division, U.S. Customs, Drug Enforcement Agency and the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The investigation began in October 1993, when police officials suspected Trevino and Ricardo Armendariz of leading a narcotics smuggling operation that was using tractor-trailer rigs to transport 500 to 1,000 pounds of narcotics from Mexico to El Paso and then to buyers in several other states.

Other defendants pleaded guilty to various charges, but the leaders of the organization were the ones put on trial last October.

During the trial it was revealed that the drug smuggling operation had brought more than 19,000 pounds of marijuana into the U.S., which netted the operation an estimated \$16 million.

Last October's convictions also found the two leaders of the organization liable for their property and \$5 million each, meaning that the government will be making property seizures.

Death penalty questions slow McVeigh trial

DENVER (AP) — Timothy McVeigh, wearing a buzz haircut and blue oxford shirt, leaned forward in his chair and watched as several men and women were asked if they could order his execution.

"The person that committed this crime should get the death penalty," a man who works in a paint warehouse wrote in his questionnaire about the Oklahoma City bombing.

The married father of a 15-month-old son was also asked Tuesday if he could base his decision on the evidence alone. "You won't make a decision until the fat lady sings?" U.S. Attorney Patrick Ryan asked.

"Right," he responded.

By the close of the second day of jury selection, 12 people had been questioned by lawyers and the judge on matters like the death penalty and pretrial publicity. Questioning was to resume today.

Mostly reporters filled the courtroom. Fewer than a dozen bombing survivors and their relatives were present.

Openness to the death penalty is a requirement for jurors. Only one person was dismissed, a woman who broke into tears during questioning. Most said they would be able to recom-

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HARD AT WORK



Clayton Weaver earns a little extra money by getting out and mowing lawns. Business has been booming the during the last few days, thanks to recent rains.

Linda Walker resigning Chamber position

HERALD Staff Report

Linda Walker, executive vice president of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce since February 1995, has resigned her position effective Friday, according to Chamber President Curtis Mullins.

Mullins informed the executive board of the chamber of Walker's resignation at an early morning meeting today and has also spent the morning notifying the 25 members of the board.



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efforts to make the chamber successful and in making membership in the chamber mean-

ingful."

Walker cited what she termed a "non-productive relationship" with some members of her board as her principal reason for resigning.

"I believe that I can not be as effective in promoting the Chamber and accomplishing our mutual goals without a cohesive and supportive board," she wrote.

Walker said "several opportunities have presented themselves and I want to be available to pursue them."

In a resignation letter dated March 31, Walker told the chamber's board that she felt much has been accomplished in the past two years.

"In the past months, the Chamber has sponsored numerous successful projects and events that have brought people to Big Spring. This past year we strengthened the Business After Hours, we held three community luncheons and have three planned for '97. The member-

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TODAY'S WEATHER

73 ▲ Highs 52
Lows ▼

Today: Mostly cloudy. Highs in lower 70s. Low in the 50s with a chance of showers and thunderstorms tonight.

Thursday: Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. High in the 70s. Low around 50.

Extended outlook: Friday, partly cloudy. High around 70. Low around 50. Saturday and Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid to upper 70s. Lows around 50.

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OBITUARIES

Charlie M. Calvert

Charlie M. "Sonny" Calvert, 79, Big Spring, died on Tuesday, April 1, 1997, in a Midland hospital. Service will be 2 p.m. Thursday, April 3, 1997, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Gary Hubbard, Chaplain of Family Hospice, officiating. Masonic Rites will be by Coahoma Masonic Lodge No. 992 A.F. & A.M.

He was born on Sept. 23, 1917, in Ada, Okla., and married Marie Helson on April 13, 1938, in Maple, Texas.

Mr. Calvert owned and operated Calvert's Liquor Store and had also worked for Robinson Drilling Company for 20 years.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Hermleigh and Coahoma Masonic Lodge No. 992 A.F. & A.M. and was Master Mason.

Survivors include: his wife, Marie Calvert of Big Spring; four sons and two daughters-in-law, Donald and Patsy Calvert of Sweetwater, C.D. Calvert, Gary and Ann Calvert, all of Big Spring, and Jack Calvert of Lubbock; three brothers, A.D. Calvert and A.C. Calvert, both of Eufaula, Okla., and C.C. Calvert of Holdenville, Okla.; one sister, Wanda Sheffield of Gladewater; 10 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Larry Calvert, and a grandson, Ricky Calvert.

Honorary pallbearers will be grandsons.

The family suggests memorials to: Family Hospice; 3210 E. 11th Place; Big Spring, Texas; 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Robert Crowell

Service for Robert H. "Bob" Crowell, 80, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He died Wednesday, April 2, 1997, at his residence.

Mabel Beene

Service for Mabel Dean Beene, 77, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She died Tuesday, April 1, 1997, in a local nursing home.

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Dorothy Donaldson Armstrong, 85, died Sunday. Services were 10:00 A.M., Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Graveside services will be 10:00 A.M., Friday at Restlawn Cemetery in Coffeyville, Kansas.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH
Funeral Home
Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St.
(915) 267-8331

Charlie M. Calvert, 79, died Tuesday. Services will be 2:00 PM Thursday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

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mend death if circumstances warrant the penalty.

McVeigh faces federal murder, conspiracy and weapons-related charges in the April 1995 federal building bombing that killed 168 people and injured more than 500. Nineteen children were among the victims.

The other suspect, 42-year-old Terry Nichols, will be tried separately. No trial date has been set.

McVeigh, 28, looked directly at the men and women as they were questioned. His father, William McVeigh, sat in the front row.

"In general, I believe I would lean toward the death penalty," said a young man who works for an environmental research firm.

A woman who was the last to be questioned said she was generally opposed to the death penalty.

"I feel like mostly it's God's job to judge unless there's no shadow of a doubt," she said.

One man jostled with lawyers, saying as a Roman Catholic philosophy professor he was generally against the death penalty.

But "I could consider death," he said.

Jurors were also questioned closely about their exposure to news accounts about the bombing, particularly media stories about McVeigh's purported confessions.

"I can't help but believe he's guilty based on the media reports," said one woman, a mother and agent for artists and photographers.

"Probably part of me said (McVeigh) did it," said a man, adding that he would still be able to judge McVeigh solely on evidence presented in court.

Several admitted reading or watching accounts of the purported confessions, but expressed skepticism about the stories.

"You have to take what you see in the paper with a grain of salt," said the paint warehouse worker.

The young woman dismissed by U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch after she cried while describing her problems with stress said she still felt she could serve.

But when Matsch asked if she could judge a case involving many deaths and the possibility of the death penalty, she said, "I think it would be best if I didn't."

Another woman expressed soft-spoken disbelief that McVeigh could be a terrorist bomber

"He looks like a nice kid," she said. "It's overwhelming for me to think that this person who looks like the average type of person could do such a thing."

But she was ready to vote for execution if warranted.

"If he has done this, you pay for your crime," she said.

DRIVE

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with local hospitals mean we have the opportunity to go into various communities to host our blood drives," Tyson said.

"People who donate are basically making sure their own community hospital is provided with blood as well as the next largest hospital they or someone may have to go to for further medical care.

"One of the challenges faced in West Texas is that the population is not as great as it is in many metropolitan areas," Tyson added. "But a lot of miles and a lot of area still has to be covered. People generally have very little idea of what kind of mileage we're talking about when it comes to blood drives in West Texas."

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-ship roster is up to date, with only 29 members in 90 day delinquency," she wrote.

Walker previously held the position from 1989 until 1993 when she and her husband were transferred out-of-state.

Chamber Governmental Affairs Vice President Chuck Williams will head a search committee for the position.

BRIEFS

ANGELO STATE UNIVERSITY IS hosting "College Day" for high school juniors and seniors Saturday.

Prospective students and their parents are invited to the program, which includes presentations on academic offerings, student activities and organizations, scholarship offerings and financial aid packages.

The program begins at 10 a.m. and runs through 3 p.m. Registration begins at 9 a.m. in the Houston Harte University Center. There is no charge for attending "College Day," and lunch is provided for participants. Campus tours and visits with academic departmental personnel are also scheduled.

For more information, contact the Office of Admissions at (915)942-2058.

THE EIGHTH ANNUAL SPRING City Arts and Crafts Show is April 5-6 in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum in Big Spring. More than 200 exhibitors from throughout the Southwest will fill the main arena, concourse, foyer, and east room with original art and handcrafted items. Hours for the show are Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. There is no admission charge.

BE AN AMBASSADOR OF the United States by participating in AYUSA International's Study Abroad Scholarship Program to Brazil 1997-98 semester or academic year. Scholarships are good toward program fees which cover language tutoring, international airfare, and placement with a host family and high school. There is no language requirement for this scholarship, although prior knowledge of a romance language is desired. The AYUSA Study Abroad program provides American high school students the opportunity to expand their global perspective by living with a volunteer host family and attending a public high school in the country of their choice. Opportunities are also available for U.S. families to host an international student. For more information, including a listing of other scholarship countries and an application, call AYUSA International at 1-800-727-4540, ext. 503 or 505. All full applications Brazil must be post-marked by May 2.

THE BIG SPRING HIGH School Key Club is having a Cystic Fibrosis Walk April 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Comanche Trail Park. If any other organization or member of the community would like to walk, please contact Kay Barnett at 264-3641, ext. 166 between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. or Stefanie Waggoner at 267-4567.

BIG SPRING STUDENTS IN the first and second grade are taking the Iowa Test of Basic Skills April 2-4 and April 7. This is considered an important test and school officials are asking parents to help their children by: making sure your

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child has a good night's sleep, providing a healthy breakfast at home or school and having your child at school on time. Also, send No. 2 pencils with your child the days of the tests.

Also, there is no school for students on Friday, April 11 due to teacher in-service day.

A NEW CHILDBIRTH CLASS is starting Monday, April 7, at 1 p.m. at the Texas Department of Health. All expectant parents are welcome. Class is from 1 to 2:30 p.m. for four sessions.

A MEDICAL FUND HAS been set up at First Bank of West Texas in Big Spring and in Coahoma for 19 year old Chris Roberts, a 1995 graduate of Coahoma High School and son of Shirleen and Burl Knox of Sand Springs. Chris is a victim of Saturday night's stabbing and is currently at Lubbock Methodist Hospital in critical condition.

All money received will go to travel expenses and lost wages for Shirleen so she can be with her son in Lubbock.

THE SENIOR CLASS OF 1999 at Coahoma High School is presenting James Milliken and Knights of the West Thursday, April 10. The group provides Branson-style family entertainment. The event is at the high school auditorium starting at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students. Tickets can be purchased in advance at Big Spring Athletic Supply, Big Spring Mall; Beth Ann's, 2112 Scurry; Joy's Hallmark, 1900 Gregg and Little Sooper, Coahoma.

THERE WILL BE A Class of 1999 sponsored event Thursday, April 10 at 7 p.m. in the Coahoma High School Auditorium.

Tickets may be purchased at Little Sooper, Beth Ann's, Big Spring Athletic Supply and Joy's Hallmark.

Jason Layne Millikan and the "Knights of the West" will be performing.

COAHOMA ISD IS HAVING school on May 26 to make up for missed bad weather day.

KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP IS MAY 8, in the AV Room at Coahoma Elementary. You will need an appointment. Please call 394-4323 and appointments will be April 15-18. Deadline for appointments is April 21.

COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS, SUPPORT GROUP for parents who have experienced a death of a child or grandchild, meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Tuesday in February, April, June, August, October, and December, in the Family Life Center Building of the First Baptist Church, 705 W. Marcy. Enter by southeast door.

SPRINGBOARD
IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 238, BETWEEN 8 A.M. AND 2 P.M. All Springboard items must be submitted in writing. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; bring it by the office at 710 Scurry; or fax it to 264-7205.

TODAY
•Downtown Club, noon,

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Howard College Cactus Room. Call Archie Kountz, 267-3821.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. 12&12 Study.

THURSDAY
•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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

•Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classed, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 55 and older.

•Support Group for Depression, 7 p.m., Dora Roberts Rehab Center, Third and Lancaster.

•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles. 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria.

•Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7:15 p.m., Howard County Library. Call Bernice Cason, 267-8542 or 267-7236

•Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster. Call Preston Harris, 263-7136.

•Relay For Life team captain meeting, noon, Golden Corral

MARKETS

May cotton 71.90 cents a pound, up 20 points; May crude oil 20.28, nc; Cash hogs at 52; slaughter steers at 67; April lean hog futures 72.20, down 30 points; April live cattle futures 67.90, down 30 points.

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De Beers	36% + 1/2
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Medical Alliance	11% + 1/2
Mobil	130% -1/2
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NUV	9% -1/2
Phillips Petroleum	40% + 1/2
Pepsi Cola	31% nc
Polaris	22% -1/2
Rural/Metro	30% -1/2
Sears	49% + 1/2
Southwestern Bell	52% -1/2
Sun	25% -1/2
Texaco	107% -1/2
Texas Instruments	76% + 1
Texas Utils. Co	33% -1/2
Unocal Corp	40% -1/2
Wal-Mart	27% nc
Amcap	13.96-14.81
Euro Pacific	26.26-27.86
I.C.A.	24.85-26.37
New Economy	16.64-17.66
New Perspective	18.50-19.63
Van Kampen	14.19-14.90
Prime Rate	8.50%
Gold	350.50-351.00
Silver	4.95-4.98

Restaurant. There will also be another meeting at 7 p.m. at the Karat Patch on 11th Place for those who cannot make it to the noon meeting.

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

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m. Bible study.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. Big Book Study.

•11th Annual Denim and Diamonds Gala, 6:30 p.m. food and drink at the home of Bob and Carol Scott, 3107 Mountain Shadow, and dance at the Stampede, 8 p.m. \$200 benefactor, \$100 patron and \$50 sponsor.

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

•Civil War Days, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Comanche Trail Park.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. Wednesday:

•EUGENE LESLIE WILSON, 46, no known address, was arrested for public intoxication.

•RAMONA ROCHA ALVAREZ, 21, of 205 Willia, was arrested on local warrants.

•DUSTIN SOWELL, 17, of 100 Lockhart, was arrested on local warrants.

•THEFT in the 200 block of W. Marcy; 1700 block of Marcy; 2200 block of Gregg; and the 500 block of Westover.

•DISTURBANCE/FIGHT in the 2000 block of Gregg; and the 700 block of E. 11th Place.

•ASSAULT in the 2000 block of Gregg.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 1500 block of Lincoln.

•BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE in the 1200 block of E. 15th; 300 block of State; and the 1000 block of E. 14th.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. Wednesday:

•DAVID EUGENE MARIQUEZ, of 637 Manor Lane, was arrested for theft over \$50 and under \$500, and released on a \$1,000 bond.

•MARCUS CHAVERA, 42, of 1710 E. 18th, was arrested for driving with an invalid license, criminal mischief and resisting arrest, and released on two bonds of \$1,500 and one of \$2,000.

•JOSE MOLINA PANDO, 28, of Midland, was arrested for driving with an invalid license, and released on a \$3,000 bond.

•BRUCE WAYNE CUNNINGHAM, 27, of Midland, was arrested for theft over \$20,000, and was transported to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

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Federal judge upholds verdict against TDCJ, blasts agency

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Criminal Justice's attempt to overturn a verdict that awarded an employee more than \$109,000 for sexual harassment drew a scathing rebuke from a federal judge.

U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks refused Tuesday to throw out the verdict on grounds of insufficient evidence. He also issued a scathing, 34-page ruling explaining why the jury ruled as it did. Laverne Bragg, 40, a single mother of five children, sued the TDCJ, saying she had been grabbed, kissed and intimidated by crude sexual behavior by her boss.

Bragg said that when she complained, TDCJ officials retaliated in various ways; including blocking promotions.

Man who picked up dog charged with theft

KILLEEN — A man who thought he was being a good Samaritan by rescuing a stray dog has been charged with theft in what some law enforcers are saying is an unusual case for them.

Olen McCasland, an appliance repairman who lives outside Killeen, and his family had trouble with their van on Sunday of last week as they traveled through the small town of Holland in southeastern Bell County, about 50 miles northeast of Austin.

While stopped outside a store, the children found what appeared to be a stray basset hound, which McCasland said was skinny and dehydrated. The store owner also thought the dog was a stray, McCasland said.

McCasland said he left his name and telephone number at the store and took the dog home. Two days later, McCasland gave the animal to a person who called and asked about it.

Bill would establish Texas Healthy Kids Corp.

AUSTIN — Too many Texas children are uninsured or underinsured, according to state lawmakers trying to make it easier to get health coverage for them.

The House on Tuesday tentatively approved the creation of the Texas Healthy Kids Corp. It would encourage insurance companies to provide basic coverage for children in return for tax breaks and fewer state mandates.

The corporation would be established with state funding and be governed by a six-member board appointed by the governor. It would act as a public-private, nonprofit company.

With about 1.3 million uninsured children, Texas has the nation's highest percentage of children not covered by insurance programs, according to a recent report.

Graham set to launch four-day South Texas crusade

SAN ANTONIO — Of the thousands of South Texans attending his upcoming crusade at the Alamodome, the Rev. Billy Graham expects young people to be among the most enthusiastic.

"Young people are searching for something today," Graham said.

"They are searching for something more in life than materialism and pleasure and drugs and sex and all these things that we're told will bring a fulfillment in life. The only fulfillment that comes is in the person of Jesus Christ," he said.

Graham, the Christian evangelist who has counseled presidents and kings, kicks off his four-day non-denominational crusade Thursday. It is his first in San Antonio since 1968 held shortly after the assassinations of Martin Luther King and Sen. Robert Kennedy.

Senate OKs \$83.3 billion budget bill

AUSTIN (AP) — Will Texas fund a program to give youngsters extra help in reading? How about a proposal by universities to produce more college graduates? Should state government employees get a pay raise?

Those questions were left unanswered Tuesday as the Texas Senate approved a proposed \$83.3 billion "bare-bones" budget to fund education, prisons, welfare and other government programs from Sept. 1, 1997 through Aug. 31, 1999. The vote was 30-0.

The reading, higher education and pay raise proposals are among items on a separate \$5.5 billion wish list that lawmakers will pay for if money becomes available.

The House earlier passed its own budget, which has a bottom line almost identical to that of the Senate and also includes an unfunded wish list.

What items get financed from that list will be determined by a budget conference committee composed of lawmakers from the House and Senate.

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, said only up to \$600 million in state general revenue money may be available for wish-list proposals.

Budget-writers have left on the table another \$1 billion that Gov. George W. Bush has proposed using for property tax relief. Lawmakers are working on a separate tax-relief proposal.

"You can see that the conference committee has a formidable, formidable task if what we're talking about is \$600 million in available general revenue," Ratliff said. "Conference committee is going to be a very agonizing process."

The proposed \$83.3 billion budget for fiscal years 1998-99 represents an increase in total state funding of \$2.6 billion, or 3.3 percent from the previous two-year budget period.

It covers expenses for increasing school enrollment and provides for growth in criminal justice and welfare programs while holding spending below projected inflation, said Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock.

"The budget keeps the scales balanced between the state's

most critical services and the taxpayers' demand for leaner government," Bullock said. "And it focuses on the idea that the state's job begins in the classroom."

Education-related programs would get about \$1.7 billion in additional funds under the proposal, including more than \$1 billion to pay for an estimated 141,000 new public school students.

The Senate measure also would change the way universities are funded, in part to encourage the teaching of undergraduate courses by professors instead of less-experienced instructors.

Currently, a dozen funding formulas are used in appropriating funds to universities.

Some groups make Thompson's choice tough

WASHINGTON (AP) — The National Right to Life Committee spent \$14,970 on behalf of Sen. Fred Thompson. Another tax-exempt group featured the Tennessee Republican in TV ads. A third took over a project that featured him in a TV broadcast.

These organizations are among 11 Republican-oriented tax-exempt groups that Democrats want to subpoena for a Senate campaign finance investigation. The senator who must approve these requests: Fred Thompson.

The issue demonstrates some tough choices the former actor and Watergate counsel must make, as his Governmental Affairs Committee prepares for hearings — possibly in May.

And his decisions may have an impact beyond the investigation since he has been mentioned as a potential presidential contender in 2000.

The Democrats have been negotiating the subpoenas with Thompson, who does not need full committee approval to issue them. Controversial subpoenas, however, can go to the full

Governmental Affairs Committee.

Paul Clark, spokesman for Thompson, said the senator will base his decisions "on the merits" in consultation with other committee members.

Among the tough decisions awaiting Thompson:

Whether the committee's probe of prohibited political activity by tax-exempt organizations should include the Christian Coalition in addition to the National Right to Life Committee, two groups frequently aligned with

Republicans. Both groups are at the top of the Democrats' subpoena list.

Whether to investigate allegations that Republican leaders used heavy-handed approaches to donors, telling contributors their access to lawmakers would be threatened by continued contributions to Democrats.

In one incident, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott was quoted last December as saying corporate political committees would "squirm considerably" if they persisted in giving to Democrats.

Bus carrying Israeli soldiers hit by firebomb

JELAZOUN, West Bank (AP) — A firebomb struck the front of a bus carrying Israeli soldiers today, causing it to overturn and tumble down a slope near this Palestinian refugee camp, the army said. Thirteen people were hurt.

The bus came to a stop just a few yards from the first homes of Jelazoun, a refugee camp about 12 miles north of Jerusalem.

Smoke was still rising from the wreckage nearly an hour later. The front windshield was

shattered, and the left tires were burned out. Side windows were covered by chicken wire, standard protection for Israeli vehicles in the West Bank.

The attack comes at a time of growing crisis in relations between Israel and the Palestinians — and just a day after two bungled suicide bombings outside Jewish settlements in the Gaza Strip. Only the bombers died, seven Palestinians were wounded.

The trouble began nearly two weeks ago, after Israel started

construction on a new Jewish neighborhood in disputed east Jerusalem.

Paramedics said that injured soldiers told them a firebomb hit the front right side of the bus near Jelazoun. The driver lost control and the bus rolled down a slope toward the camp.

No one claimed responsibility. Troops imposed a curfew on the camp and searched the surrounding hills for suspects.

Paramedics said 13 people were hurt, and that the driver and two others suffered broken

limbs. Paramedics treated some of the injured by the side-of the road.

Palestinian police today detained 30 people, most followers of the militant Islamic Jihad group, in connection with Tuesday's bombings. Thirteen were released after questioning, Palestinian officials said.

Two Palestinians also were shot to death Tuesday by Israeli troops in the West Bank.

President Clinton has stepped up U.S. efforts to end the crisis in the Mideast peace process.

Teenager charged following attacks on 11 with needle

CORRIGAN (AP) — A 14-year-old boy has been charged with 11 counts of aggravated assault in what authorities say were a series of attacks on schoolmates with the same hypodermic needle.

The 11 students who were pricked were tested for HIV and hepatitis at Memorial Medical Center in Lufkin. All the tests were negative, but the students will be retested in six months, said Bob Wells, superintendent of the Corrigan-Camden school district, which paid for the tests.

Two sixth-grade boys have been suspended and face expulsion by the school board next week, Wells said Tuesday. One brought the needle to school from home, while the other stuck schoolmates last Wednesday at Corrigan-Camden Elementary, he said.

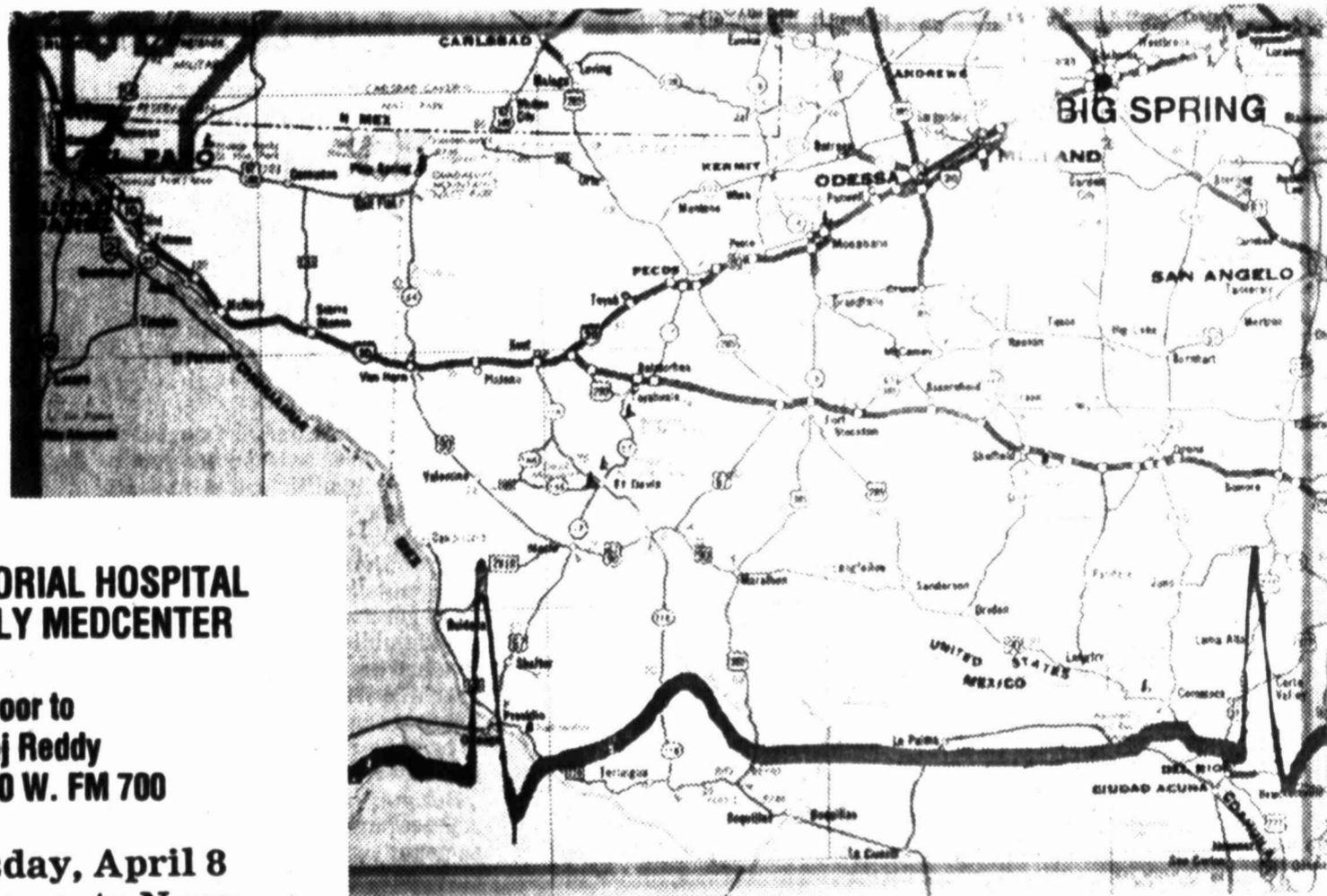
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Quote of the Day

"You can't step into the same river twice."
-Heraclitus

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OUR VIEWS

Newspaper theft, simply put, is theft

Talk to the manager of virtually any local business and you'll hear tales of pilferage of merchandise. Seldom does a week go by when there's not a report of theft or shoplifting in the police report or on the sheriff's blotter.

It's not just retail outlets that suffer. Theft costs us all. It increases the cost of doing business, which, if not recovered in some manner, either results in the business closing its doors or employees being laid off.

How serious is the problem? Consider the one faced by the Herald, if you will ... Over the last two months, theft of newspapers from news racks owned and operated by the Herald has averaged 33 percent and has reached as high as 40 percent a couple of weeks.

Taking an extra newspaper may not seem like much ... after all, it's only 50 cents, right? Multiply that 50 cents by a few hundred newspapers a week and all of a sudden it's cost an employee a job. Not all of the racks are operated by the newspaper — some are operated by men and women who are independent business people.

The independent business people aren't employees of the newspaper, but contract the racks as part of their regular routes. The money they generate goes to pay house payments, car notes and buy groceries — just like the money you bring home in your paycheck.

It is a big deal when you take more newspapers than you pay for ... in fact, the state of Texas has a name for it — theft.

In an effort to reduce losses, we've removed papers from some high-theft locations and moved them inside retail outlets. We realize that can be an inconvenience to some, but it's a step we've had no choice but to take.

Just as retailers monitor their merchandise to reduce theft, the Herald will do the same. We will monitor our racks, keeping an eye open for thieves — and when we catch one, we'll get their photograph and we'll prosecute.

You see, those who steal from others also drive up the cost to others ... we'll work to make those who take more than they pay for pay the price.

YOUR VIEWS

Woman's Club expresses thanks for convention help

TO THE EDITOR: On behalf of the Big Spring Woman's Club, we would like to express our gratitude to the many individuals, businesses, merchants and officials who helped make the 37th Annual Convention of the Texas Federation of Woman's Clubs - Western District a great success.

Our conventional speakers included Gary Fuqua, City Manager, Debbie Hovjovsky, M.D., Danette Toone of the Moore Board, Hon. China Long, JP, Dr. Cheri Sparks of Howard College, and Susan Steen, President of the American Sheep Industry Auxiliary. Fine entertainment was provided by the Dance Gallery dancers under the direction of Laurie Churchwell. Arts and Crafts were judged by Sheree Moates and Sue Bagwell. Sheree also donated a lovely oil painting for the raffle.

We appreciate the assistance of Coliseum Director Stan Feaster and his staff, and Ella Williamson and the staff of Howard College Food Service. Our thanks to Kellie Jones and Jonathan Garrett of the Herald and Brian Sadovsky of KBST for excellent media coverage of the convention. Special thanks to Lt. Chamness and officers Mayes and Everett of the Big Spring Police Department for a special escort to our visiting dignitaries.

The following merchants and businesses donated goods for door prizes and bitty bags: Al's & Son Barbecue, Beth Ann's, Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit

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Thank you for assisting the Big Spring Woman's Club in providing our convention guests with special hospitality. Big Spring style!

SUSAN McLELLAN
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OUR POLITICAL GUIDELINES ... Each candidate filing for office will receive one story and one mug-size photo.

The story will be approximately 350 words and will be published in a weekday edition on the bottom half of page one.

The last date candidate's stories will be published will be Wednesday, April 9 without exception.

In addition, candidate's profiles will run on Sunday, April 27.

Candidates are responsible for contacting the Herald to schedule the interview and photo for the story.

We will not publish any letters in support of or opposition to any candidate.

REGARDING A SPECIAL PROSECUTOR TO LOOK INTO POSSIBLE ILLEGAL DEMOCRATIC FUND RAISING, I AM NOT DRAGGING MY FEET!



Direct complaints about taxes to Congress, not to the Internal Revenue Service

Here's your annual tax-time trio of reminders.

1. Congress, not the Internal Revenue Service, writes the tax laws. If you have a complaint, go see your congressmen and senators. The IRS is just doing the job it's paid to do.

2. Stay away from that gaggle of tax protestors peddling their phony-baloney claims that you don't have to pay federal income taxes. You do, and if you don't, sooner or later you will go to prison. Moreover, as a citizen and beneficiary of government, you have a moral obligation and a civic duty to pay your taxes.

3. The only way to lower taxes is to lower government spending. I despise the tax protest movement for two reasons. One, it aims at the wrong tar-

get, the IRS, instead of the right one, Congress. Two, it causes otherwise law-abiding people to get into big trouble by peddling its crackpot schemes.

One such claim is that the 16th Amendment, which authorizes an income tax, was improperly ratified. Listen, if the government says an amendment is ratified, it is ratified. You have to understand the difference between a historical argument and a legal argument.

You can make an even better case that the so-called Reconstruction amendments were not properly ratified. It's an interesting discussion for historians. Otherwise, it's irrelevant. The federal government says they are ratified. They are ratified.

Another scheme peddled is the claim that unless you were born in the District of Columbia or a U.S. territory you are not a citizen of the United States. Again, hogwash.

It's true that when the Constitution was ratified, people generally considered it a confederation of sovereign states so that people were citizens of the state in which they

were born. But even under that system, you were required to obey federal laws. And, of course, there was the late unpleasantness of 1861-65 and its aftermath. So trust me, if you are born within the legal boundaries of the United States of America, you are indeed a U.S. citizen subject to all its laws.

There is an old joke about people who won't give money to panhandlers. It goes, "When people say it's the principle, not the money, it's the money."

I feel the same way about tax protestors. It's not about history or principle or the Constitution. It's about the money. They don't want to pay taxes. They prefer to be civic deadbeats.

No one should forget, as we indulge in our traditional American hobby of criticizing the government, that in addition to whatever faults it has at any given point in time, it also provides a great many blessings and benefits.

We drive on government roads, we enjoy the protection of government armed forces and police, we utilize a government court system, many of us

received our educations at government institutions and we rely on government, however imperfectly it operates, to protect our rights and liberty. Consequently, we have a legal, moral and civic duty to pay our fair share of the expenses of government.

It's one thing to criticize in the hope of making an improvement. It's another to give up on your own country and your own government. There are only two alternatives: Work within the system to correct what you believe is wrong, or go outlaw.

Now, I despise a play-pretend revolutionary. If you're inclined toward revolt, I would suggest that you check with someone who has gone up against the U.S. Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, FBI, ATF, Secret Service and 600,000 local law-enforcement officers before you start bragging.

Listen, folks, let's stay in touch with reality. We don't need a revolution. Just a little more citizen responsibility would do the trick.

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Hemorrhage of scandals tarnishes Clinton clan

In the area of ethics and morals, the Clinton administration has been bleeding from Day One.

Allegations about President Clinton's sexual improprieties and his financial wheeling and dealing when he was governor of Arkansas have dogged this administration like a bloodhound following a jailbreak.

Now the bleeding has become a hemorrhage, with each day bringing new charges and allegations that are bound to taint even the views of millions of Democrats about the basic integrity of the President himself, of the first lady, of Vice President Al Gore, and of the people closest to them.

In over four decades in this town I've seen a lot of crooks and sleazeballs, including a president, Richard Nixon, who was inclined to brazen criminal behavior. But I've never seen an entire administration in which

so many top people worked so hard to earn the distrust of ordinary citizens.

It is hard to believe that people who in November surmounted every allegation of personal immorality to win re-election could now be mired in evidence that they abused their power, cut moral and legal corners and may have engaged in unlawful behavior in order to retain control of the government.

You can start out, as I do, saying that the Clinton people won in 1992 in a political system that was already corrupted by big money. You can say that the Clinton Democrats, who were being outspent by Republicans by 65 percent, decided to beat the Republicans at their well-coached big-money game last year in order to make Clinton the first Democratic president to be re-elected since Franklin D. Roosevelt.

But you can't in good conscience say it was just "politics as usual" when the Democrats accepted \$3.5 million in contributions that they now have to give back. In the raising of these funds there was colossal bad judgment by President Clinton in urging invitations to big-donors to use the Lincoln Bedroom at the White House. Vice President Gore clearly

ran out of bounds with his fund-raising at a Buddhist temple, and with his fund-raising calls from the White House. Gore's claim that he and the president are exempt from fund-raising laws just cannot be sold to the people.

Mrs. Clinton is damaged in many ways, especially by the huge headlines about the fact that her chief of staff was the conduit for a \$50,000 donation to the Democratic National Committee from Johnny Chung, who seemed to be a suspect, hustling lobbyist for China, which is suspected of making secret payoffs to influence both U.S.-Asian policy and the outcome of the 1996 elections.

Okay, so Republican staffers and GOP senators have taken campaign donations in the White House, in House and Senate office buildings, and most everywhere else in the past. These officials, along with Mrs. Clinton's aide, Maggie Williams, apparently committed no crime in the context of elections in which almost everything was doable when it came to raising "soft" money.

But this climate generates huge, damaging headlines that no GOP officials ever had to endure. That's because this bunch of Democrats has created

such an aura of slickness marking into criminality that anything done as routine within our flawed election system is now viewed as Clinton-approved lawlessness.

The public is just not going to take an "everybody does it explanation" of reports that Clinton friend Webster L. Hubbell, his disgraced former associate attorney general and former law partner of Mrs. Clinton, got payments of more than \$400,000 from several sources, including the Riady family in Indonesia, just after he resigned in the face of a criminal investigation in 1994. The implications are strong that payments were made to Hubbell to get him to take a criminal fall while keeping secret improper things that he had done at the behest of or in support of the president and Mrs. Clinton.

There may not be a tourniquet on earth big enough to stop the bleeding now, but President William Jefferson Clinton must quickly understand that his decent place in history is at risk.

If he can figure out any truths to tell the American people that might lift the stinky pall over his administration, he had better speak up. And soon.

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Wednesday, April 2, 1997

Lunch and learn program April 9

A lunch and learn program has been planned to help you learn how to make the best selection with in each food category, how to prepare foods in a healthful manner and how to make lower fat, sugar or sodium substitutions when possible.



Dana Tarter
Extension Agent

The lunch and learn entitled "Living Light" takes place Wednesday, April 9 at the Coahoma Community Center located at 306 North Avenue in Coahoma.

The program begins at noon and concludes at 1 p.m. A light lunch will be served and recipes will be shared along with tips on reducing fat and cholesterol. Information will be included on the Food Guide

Pyramid along with the latest recommendations according to the Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

Cost for the luncheon and registration is \$5. The deadline to register is Monday, April 7.

To register, send your name and address along with the \$5 registration fee to the Texas Agricultural Extension Service; Attention: Dana Tarter; P.O. Box 790; Big Spring; 79721.

Other topics which will be touched upon include reducing dietary risks. Variety, moderation and balance are still the cornerstones for reducing dietary risk.

It is important to look at each of these concepts in a nutritional light. Scientists have identified more than 40 nutrients that are needed in varying amounts to keep the body functioning normally and in order to stay healthy.

While there is not one "ideal" diet for everyone, we will discuss the Food Guide Pyramid and its utilization as a tool for daily meal planning.



This program is sponsored by the Howard County Family and Community Education Clubs and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve all people regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

For more information on this or other programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Howard County, contact Dana Tarter at 264-2236.

GREEN THUMB WORKERS HONORED



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

In recognition of Older Work Week, Green Thumb participants were honored at a luncheon at the Spring City Senior Citizens Center recently. They were also given the cookbooks, "Green Thumbs in the Kitchen," that were purchased by State National Bank, Norwest Bank and First Big Spring Banking Center. Those attending the luncheon with their supervisors were: Rebecca Rodriguez, Northside Community Center; Francis Salazar and Louisa Schoch, Westside Community Day Care Center; Lavarice (Pat) Webb, Howard County Indigent Health; Alfredo Hinojos, Howard County Public Library; Theard J. Kinnard, Big Spring State Park and Jo Uribe, Big Spring YMCA.

After puny 1996, Texas wildflower crop looking good statewide

Bluebonnets lead the way as blooms abound over state

ROUND TOP (AP) — It's getting to be the busiest time of the year for Frances Harris and she couldn't be happier.

Mrs. Harris and her husband, Bill, count on the annual spring burst of Texas wildflowers — led by the state's famous bluebonnets — to help lure tourists to their bed-and-breakfast Heart of My Heart Ranch at Round Top, midway between Houston and Austin.

"I'm so surprised the wildflowers seem to be so profuse this year and thought: 'Where did the seeds come from?' But apparently wildflowers don't germinate if the conditions are bad and they just hold over to the next year," she says. "Last year we had a terrible drought. There was nothing, just nothing."

"I think it's going to be better this year. The plants are everywhere."

The man in charge of distributing 60,000 pounds of wildflower seeds around the roads

and highways of Texas each year agrees.

"The first flush is already coming out right now," says Craig Steffens, director of landscape design for the Texas Department of Transportation. "The first thing you see with bluebonnets is the plants are growing rapidly. That's just prior to full bloom. Everything looks great right now. We might see an outstanding year."

It's already outstanding for Carol Fenimore, a Houston middle school teacher. A few days before her wedding set for this weekend, she put on her white wedding dress — and with two friends and a photographer in tow — headed 100 miles or so out U.S. Highway 290, stopping along the way west of Brenham to have her picture made in a sea of bluebonnets.

"We went through great lengths for this," she laughed, noting the spectacle of being in a wedding gown alongside the busy road even drew horn blasts from a passing trucker. "We were so pleased when the weather got rainy because that

"Over in Marathon, the Big Bend area, all trees bud out. There's all form of wildflowers, whether in the Pecos Valley or the Hill Country or the coastal plain. There are wildflowers indigenous to each area."

-Karen Camp

makes the wildflowers come out. This is so beautiful."

The return of the flowers is good news for people who rely on the rainbow of colors to get people out of their winter funk.

"It's felt throughout the state," says Karen Camp, who runs the Texas Stagecoach Inn between Vanderpool and Utopia and serves as spokeswoman for the Historic Accommodations of Texas, a group of 100-plus historic inns.

"Over in Marathon, the Big Bend area, all trees' bud out. There's all form of wildflowers, whether in the Pecos Valley or the Hill Country or the coastal plain. There are wildflowers indigenous to each area," she says.

"At least we're back to normal," Steffens adds. "At least we will have a year we can be proud of."

Compared with 1996, normal would be just fine.

"We felt it drastically," Camp said of the poor season a year ago. "I hustled. Debt is a great motivator."

The weather before the wildflower season last year was either too cold or too hot and there wasn't nearly enough rain, foretelling a disastrous drought that lasted well into the summer.

The rains in most areas finally came in August, and while too late for many crops, it's terrific for the following year's wildflowers. And it has rained intermittently through the fall, winter and now into spring.

"We're in an excellent spring right now," says Steffens. "We've got a tremendous amount of soil moisture that should sustain without a whole lot more rain for a month or so

to come."

That should ensure satisfying experiences for thousands of travelers who hit the road to soak up the annual color show, particularly in the Hill Country and east toward the Gulf Coast where bluebonnets are the first to arrive.

"They kind of kick off the season," Steffens says, with Indian Paintbrush following and yellow flowers arriving in mid-to late May. "We have that to look forward to yet."

Deep South Texas, from the lower Rio Grande Valley into the brush country, is probably the only weak spot because of unusually dry conditions, he says.

For decades now, Transportation Department crews each fall have spread seeds to expand wildflowers to areas that haven't had them.

"We have extended the range of the bluebonnet quite significantly the past 50 to 60 years," Steffens says. "We feel we have helped Mother Nature a lot, particularly in the Dallas area and North Texas."

There's a myth in Texas that it's illegal to pick the flowers,

although Steffens warns the myth may be truth depending on the circumstances.

The Legislature in 1973, in streamlining a number of laws, reworded regulations regarding destruction of public property to take out specific references to bluebonnets, he says.

"I will tell you, if the DPS sees you out there picking them, there are instances they will cite people," Steffens says. "Whether it sticks in court, who knows?"

"Our position is: Certainly if a 2-year-old is picking a bluebonnet while his mother and dad are taking pictures, that's not a violation.

"However, if somebody out there is running through them with a four-wheeler or some commercial person is out there digging them up for sale, we certainly would object to that quite strenuously."

The Austin-based Texas Wildflower Resource Center has a web site — www.wildflower.com — that includes updates on good areas for wildflower viewing.

SUPPORT GROUPS

MONDAY

- Al-A-Teen, 7:30 p.m., 615 Settles.
- Turning Point A.A., 8-9 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.
- Encouragers Support Group (formerly Widow/Widower support group) first and third Mondays each month. First Monday meetings are at a local restaurant at 6 p.m. Third

Monday meetings are at 5:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church Seventh and Rannels. We have various activities, such as guest speakers, play games, have covered dish supper, visit or go out to eat. For more information call 398-5522 or 399-4369.

• Big Spring Group of Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

• Alzheimer's Association support group, 7 p.m., Marcy House on Wasson Road, second Monday.

TUESDAY

- 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.

• 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, 268-5077.

• "Most Excellent Way," a chemical dependency support group, Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

• 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 meet-

ing of the Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill.

• Narcotics Anonymous, 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

WEDNESDAY

- Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.
- Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have Sharon Beam, who is a licensed professional counselor interim specializing in play therapy for children, adolescent counseling and women's issues, available for clients at the First Presbyterian Church, Rannels and Eighth St. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144.

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.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

• A.D.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.

• Alzheimer's Association Support Group, fourth Thursday of the month, Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway, 7 p.m.

• Support Group for Depression meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehab Center, Third and Lancaster.

FRIDAY

• 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

- Alzheimer's Association Support Group, second Saturday of the month, Carriage Inn Retirement Center, 501 W. 17th, 10 a.m.
- 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 1-800-329-4144. Cost is \$15.

SUNDAY

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

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- Don't do your taxes right before bedtime. Take a few minutes to wind down before you try to sleep. Take the phone off the hook, put the receipts away and set aside your concerns for the night.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

College Day set for Saturday

Angelo State University is hosting "College Day" for high school juniors and seniors Saturday.

Prospective students and their parents are invited to the program, which includes presentations on academic offerings, student activities and organizations, scholarship offerings and financial aid packages.

The program begins at 10 a.m. and runs through 3 p.m. Registration begins at 9 a.m. in the Houston Harte University Center. There is no charge for attending "College Day," and lunch is provided for participants. Campus tours and visits with academic departmental personnel are also scheduled.

For more information, contact the Office of Admissions at (915)942-2058.

THE LAST WORD

God created a world full of little words.
Yiddish Proverb

We learn from experience that men never learn anything from experience.
George Bernard Shaw

Truth will sooner come out of error than from confusion.
Francis Bacon

The first time it is a favor, the second time a rule.
Chinese Proverb

He doubly benefits the needy who gives quickly.
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In memory of a son, Easter baskets

Mary Knows

Mary knows the pain I've felt—Long ago at the cross she knelt
To say goodbye to her first-born son,
Who died for sins he had not done.

How awful must her pain have been,
To watch him suffer for my sins
And know 'twas nothing she could say
To ease the suffering on that day.

A mother's pain she must have felt,
As there before the cross she knelt;
He was the King, the Chosen One,
But he was also Mary's son.

She'd carried him beneath her heart,
And all too soon they had to part;
My grief is easier to bear
When I remember she was there.

In memory of my oldest son,
D.J., Aug. 10, 1957-Jan. 31, 1984.
By: Clara Justice

The Jelly Bean Trail

By the time I entered first grade in the fall of 1943, I could read, write, and count to 100 by one's, two's, and five's. I could also say my alphabet from A to Z and Z to A so fast my teacher, Miss Jackson asked me to please slow down.

I'd asked my big brother, Jimmy, why I had to go to school since I already knew everything I needed to know. Jimmy just smiled and told me I had to go to school to learn "things." And learn things I did!
In late spring of that first year of school, I learned there was a magical bunny who brought Easter baskets filled with candy and colored eggs. The bunny also brought stuffed rabbits for boys and girls to play with. When Miss Jackson read the story, I wanted to ask her what an Easter basket was, but I was too scared.

I knew what a rabbit was, I often ate them for supper. I could not imagine my mother stuffing one and letting me play with it, but I was not interested in stuffed rabbits...I was interested in Easter baskets! I did not know what an Easter basket was, but oh, I wanted one. I already knew an Easter

story when I started to school. It was the story my Aunt Mary read from the Bible to the Sunday School Class every year on Palm Sunday. It was a beautiful story, and I loved it, but it did not mention an Easter basket.

I asked Aunt Mary questions about the story she read, but I never mentioned an Easter basket, I just wanted one.

When Easter morning finally arrived, I jumped out of bed and looked for my Easter basket. I never found one.

I decided maybe the magical bunny only brought baskets to more grown-up boys and girls, probably second or third graders. The next year when I was in second grade, I did not find an Easter basket. In fact, during all my years in school I never found an Easter basket. But oh, I wanted one. I grew up and became a wife and mother. I read the Easter story and the magical bunny story to my family every year. I made them Easter baskets, and I bought them stuffed rabbits. I never made a basket for myself, but oh, I wanted one.

One Easter morning, long before daylight, I slipped out of bed to hide Easter baskets. Crunch...I felt something

beneath my feet. I took a few "crunchy" steps to the hallway and flipped on the light. Taped to the light switch was a note, "Follow the trail of the jelly beans and you will discover what Easter means." Feeling very foolish I followed the jelly bean trail to the utility room. Just inside the door I saw the biggest Easter basket and the biggest stuffed rabbit I had ever seen.

Tied to the rabbit's foot was another note, "Dear Mom and Sug, Thank you for all the Easter baskets. Love, Joe and Jim." I was 43 years old, and I finally had an Easter basket! I should have been happy, but I felt sad. I had failed my family. I had not taught them the real meaning of Easter.

I stood there and stared at the basket, rabbit and note for a long time. Then I smiled. I had not failed my family. They had given me a gift of their love, and love is the real meaning of Easter.

I wrote this last year for an Easter gift to my youngest granddaughter, Morgan. It was her dad, Joe and her grandpa who made me my first Easter basket.

By: Clara Justice

My Mother, My Life

My Mother, my life you've always been there, I've watched you as a child looking at the way you were a wife. You did it all for the many you loved, from the day you were made one from the man above. You had ups and you had downs, but no matter what you hung around. Good or bad, happy or sad we knew you were one to never leave and for that we were glad.

As time moves on we grew up to be not what you expected especially from me. My Mother, my life, you told me to be strong, believe in God and I

would make a good wife. So here I am, believing in God, trying to be strong and now my time as a wife will finally end. I can look back now, and I know one thing that no matter what I would do, you were always my mother, my life.

You may be resting on God's heavenly sky, but know this Mom there's not a day that will go by, where you will not be in my heart, even when my tears are dry. So rest my dear sweet mother of mine, it won't be long before we are together again in another time.

By: Dora Day

Readers Corner

Submissions for the next Readers Corner page should be at the Herald office by April 21. The next Readers Corner page is scheduled for April 30. Readers are encouraged to submit stories, poems and pictures. Stories and poems should be no longer than 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. Photo suggestions: animals or children doing funny or interesting as well as family generation pictures. Please type or print all submissions.

For more information, call Kellie Jones, 263-7331, ext. 235.

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More poems and stories from readers

The Little Angel's Daily Walk

Walk with me Jesus
Throughout this day

While I'm at school
To study and play

If I should stumble
And scrape my knee

I know you will be there
To comfort me

Thank you again Jesus
For all that you do

I will talk to you later
Just me and you

In Jesus Name
Amen
By: Steve Kinman

Would I Be Me?

If in my mind I knew that
I would never see my loved ones—
or that I would never write
another poem, what—I wonder,

would I do?
If in my heart I felt—there was
no one to care, no one to
share my
'thoughts and dreams with,
where—
I wonder, would I be?
If in my soul I could not find
peace, there was no release
from

pain, what—I wonder
would I feel?
What would happen—if I
couldn't find a rainbow, and
if
I could not discuss right from
wrong—
If there was no God to guide
my way,
and—
I missed the beauty of each
day?

By: Dorothy McCauley

"Snuggles"

This letter written is in
regards,
to Snuggles, she sends all
her love and wishes,
to each and everyone, of you.

Says, she better go now,
so, don't forget to call, and oh,
most of all, she misses
Snuggles,
sometime, in the Fall.

Oh how, she loves and longs
for
Snuggles, she holds them to
her
chest, nursed and nurtured
them
and gave them her breast.

She would do anything for
Snuggles,
whenever Snuggles will call,
so she watches and waits for
Snuggles,
sometime, in the Fall.

But, Jesus needed Snuggles
too.

so he came, to make a-call,
and
took Snuggles home with
him,
sometime, in the Fall.

Oh how, he loves and longs
for
Snuggles, he holds them to
his
breast, nurses and nurtures
them,
and gives them his best.

He would do anything for
Snuggles,
whenever Snuggles will call,
so he watches and waits for
Snuggles,
sometime, in the Fall.
By: Mozelle Osborne

Forgotten Hero

He cannot break the chains
that bind him.
His life is a tale of woe.
He lost his wife and children
for the bottle of liquor, that
he holds.

In his mind, he fights a battle,
that ended long ago.
He is a Vietnam vet.
That war, still takes its toll.
He needs a helping hand.
He has nowhere to go.

His plight is the story of
many Vietnam vets, forgotten
heroes.
By: Fannie Price

Go West Young Man, Go West

'Twas the year of 1924.
We were barnstorming, playing
dances, just us four.
Charged 10 cents a dance,
Five cents for an encore; just
play the encore and let us
prance.

The cow pokes came and had
a ball.
They came with boots on,

spurs and all.
Did they remove their spurs
when they danced?
No sir, not these cowboys, it
would be like having no pants.

Many towns had no place to
dance
So we tried the courthouse,
by chance.
We asked the judge for his
permission;
He said, "Sure boys, just don't
charge admission."

The cowboys came in their
Model T's.
We thought cowboys rode
horses, don't you see.
We were plain dumb; even
looked for tepees.
But then, we were Yankees.

We had lots to learn about the
west.
But we found out it was the
best.
Oh, we had our ups and
downs,
Our smiles and our frowns.

Most folks were good,
As we thought they should.
And we made many friends,
Whenever we could.

When we got to Arizona state,
It was hot enough to bake.
But we stood the heat,
It was better than sleet.

(We had a little of both on
this trip;
For we started in January
and in July, we quit.)

In Globe, Ariz., we accepted
an invitation,
To go out in the desert for a
vacation.

Six weeks on the desert is a
long time, it seems.
Shooting game, just loafing,
and eating beans.

We ended in Tempe, a college
town they say.
We needed some dates to
play;
Our hotel was expensive and
we had to pay.
Well, it rained six weeks and
I had plenty to say.

Let's go, boys, before we have
to hock.
I can't stay any longer or I'll
lose my socks.
So, with the old banjo we took
off
We headed the old car East—
we were just too soft.

I've had enough of this barn-
storming stuff,
It was getting a little rough.
So Indiana here we come,
Back where we started from.
By: Sig Rogers

CHURCH AND CLUB NEWS DEADLINES

Church and club news items are due at the Herald office on Wednesday by noon for Friday publication. Items should be dropped off to the office, 710 Scurry; mailed to P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721-1431; or faxed to 264-7205.

For more information call 263-7331, ext. 235.
Pictures of one person who may be speaking at a club or church can also be submitted.

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Thursday
Golf — Big Spring girls at San Angelo.
Softball — Coahoma girls vs. Hemleigh at Snyder, 6:30 p.m.

Baseball — Chicago Cubs at Florida, 6:30 p.m., ch. 30.
Basketball — Atlanta at Charlotte, 7 p.m., ch. 11.
Basketball — Houston at Phoenix, 9:30 p.m., ch. 11.

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Lady Steers lose, but clinch playoff spot; Steers fall

HERALD Staff Report

ANDREWS — The Big Spring lost and won at the same time Tuesday.

The Lady Steers dropped their first District 4-4A softball game of the season, 2-0, to the Andrews Lady Mustangs Tuesday afternoon. However, Big Spring was able to clinch a spot in the state playoffs by virtue of Fort Stockton's 11-6 loss to San Angelo Lake View.

Tuesday, the Lady Steers' potent offense was stymied by

the Lady Mustangs' Jackie Ortega, who limited Big Spring to only two hits. Andrews, meanwhile, did little better against Big Spring pitcher Angie Phillips (7-2), who struck out three and walked four while allowing only three hits.

The loss drops Big Spring into a first-place tie with Andrews at 5-1 in the league standings. Fort Stockton is third with a 2-3 league mark.

The Lady Steers return home to face Sweetwater at 5 p.m. Friday.

Steers fall to Fort Stockton

FORT STOCKTON — The Fort Stockton Panthers parlayed a walk and two singles into a run in the bottom of the sixth inning to down the Big Spring Steers 1-0 in District 4-4A baseball action Tuesday night.

The Panthers' win ruined a fine effort by Big Spring pitcher Blake Hull, who dropped to 2-5.

The Steers, 1-2 in district play, return to action at 4 p.m. Friday when they host Pecos at

Steer Park.

Coahoma golfers in second place

BAIRD — Ozona hold a firm upper hand in both divisions after the first round of the District 8-2A golf tournament Tuesday at Shady Oaks Country Club.

Ozona's boys fired a team total 320 to lead their division by 20 strokes over Coahoma. Ozona B is third at 388, while Forsan A is fourth at 390. Coahoma B is fifth with a 403, while Forsan B is seventh at

476.

Individual Coahoma A scores were: Blake Nichols, 78; Josh Collum, 87; Jason Gwyn, 87; Kyle Wyatt, 88; and Regi Roberts, 92. Coahoma B scores were: Chad Winn, 92; Steven Prater and Ryan Pickham, 101; Riley Hipp, 109; and Jonathan Barr, 115.

Forsan A scores were: Cory Walker, 92; David Trowbridge, 95; Paul Kinsey, 98; Jason Anderson, 105; and William Osburn, 119. Forsan B scores were: Robert Hillger, 106; Blake Lanspery, 120; Joey Jackson,

123; and James Dunlap, 127.

In the girls' division, Ozona fired a 360 and holds a comfortable lead over Coahoma, which is second at 475. Forsan is third with a team total 533.

Coahoma individual scores were: Kori Caffey and Jill Allen, 113; Tonia Sparks, 120; Amy Ward, 129; and Tasha Grummitt, 137. Forsan individual scores were: Dondi Brewer, 126; Jackie Brown, 134; Erica Partlow, 141; and Deana Johnson, 152.

The second round of the tournament will be held April 9.

Steers aiming to overcome injuries

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Injuries may be a fact of life to an athletic team, but they are one irritating fact of life.

The Big Spring boys' track team, which has suffered a lack of depth all season, head into Saturday's Big Spring Relays with an assortment of nagging aches and hurts.

Star sprinter Tory Mitchell has tendinitis in a knee, fellow sprinter Toma McVae is battling a sore hamstring and distance specialist Marco Torres recently suffered an inner thigh injury.

None of these latest problems will keep the trio from competing at Saturday's relays, but they do have BSHS boys coach Randy Britton wondering what will happen next.

The Steers will compete in Division I against teams from Denver City, Frenship, Hobbs, N.M., San Angelo Lake View, Lamesa, Levelland and Odessa.

With the rash of injuries, and

BIG SPRING RELAYS

with the District 4-4A meet the following week in Andrews, Britton is quick to say that winning Saturday is secondary to finishing the meet in the best shape possible.

"Everyone would like to win, but that's not the most important thing right now," Britton said. "If you come out of the meet with some positive things and not win, that's still OK."

That's not to say, however, that Britton expects his charges to just go through the motions.

"(Saturday) is pretty important," he said. "I didn't have the whole team run last week, so we're going to look at people in different positions... and see if they can help us at the district meet."

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HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett
Big Spring boys' track coach Randy Britton, right, talks with sprinters Frankie Green, left, and Tory Mitchell prior to team practice Tuesday.

Rangers bash Brewers; Astros out-pitch Braves

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers proved in their home opener that they can play well even with the middle of their lineup hurting.

Lee Stevens stepped up for Will Clark and hit a three-run homer.

Warren Newson stepped up for Juan Gonzalez and scored a run and made some defensive gems in right field.

The Rangers beat the Milwaukee Brewers 6-2 Tuesday with their patented opening day recipe for success: start Ken Hill and find a hero off the bench.

"I think we're better than we were last year," said Texas manager Johnny Oates. "Our depth is really good this season. The depth is depleted a bit when your four and five hitters are injured and can't play. Warren Newson and Lee Stevens really came through for us. When we're completely healthy, we're a pretty good ballclub."

And Damon Buford in center field may make fans forget Darryl Hamilton. Buford hit a two-run homer.

Last year Craig Worthington, starting for the injured Dean Palmer, hit a homer off Roger Clemens, and Hill pitched effectively for a 5-3 victory over Boston.

"This was like last year with Worthington hitting the homer off Clemens and Kenny winning," said Oates. "Lee stepped up for us today. We had to have somebody come off the bench."

Stevens, who had three homers in 27 games last year, was starting because Clark fractured a finger. He hit a 433-foot drive into the upper deck off Ben McDonald.

"Will's job is safe," Stevens said. "I wasn't even sure I was

TEXAS BASEBALL

going to make the team. You have to make the most of your opportunities. I did my job."

Houston 2, Atlanta 1

HOUSTON (AP) — Shane Reynolds got just enough help to beat the Atlanta Braves despite the addition of Kenny Lofton to their lineup.

Reynolds struck out Lofton three times and shut down the Atlanta offense on eight hits as the Houston Astros beat the Braves 2-1 Tuesday night.

Jeff Bagwell hit an RBI groundout and Pat Listach had a sacrifice fly for the Astros and Reynolds did the rest, striking out seven over eight innings and walking just two.

It was enough to impress Braves manager Bobby Cox.

"To me, he's one of the top 10 in baseball, and he has been for awhile, I've always thought that," Cox said. "He's got all the pitches. He has great control, great stuff but nobody ever writes about him."

Reynolds got the edge over NL Cy Young Award winner John Smoltz, who allowed eight hits, struck out six and walked as he pitched a complete game.

"I feel I've had this kind of game in the Dome before," Smoltz said. "It's a great pitcher's park. He (Reynolds) got away with a couple of mistakes and I got away with a couple of mistakes, but I came away with a loss. All in all, I'm really satisfied with my effort. I made two bad pitches and it cost me two runs."

The Braves acquired Lofton and pitcher Alan Embree from Cleveland last week for David Justice and Marquis Grissom.

Lakers, Bullets make push toward playoffs

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The race to be second-best in the West got closer, and the fight to be eighth in the East tightened up, too.

The Los Angeles Lakers and Washington Bullets made two of the loudest statements of the night Tuesday with road victories that improved their post-season positioning.

Los Angeles got 30 points from Nick Van Exel and overcame injuries to centers Elden Campbell and Travis Knight in a 99-97 victory over the Seattle SuperSonics. The victory gave the Lakers a 3-1 edge in the season series, meaning they will have the tiebreaker advantage if the teams finish with the

NBA

same record. Los Angeles (49-23) pulled within a half-game of the Sonics in the Pacific Division.

Washington, meanwhile, upped its winning streak to five games with a 104-100 victory over the Indiana Pacers. The Bullets' victory, combined with a loss by Cleveland, moved Washington into a tie with Cleveland for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

The Bullets and Cavaliers have the same record (37-35), but Washington owns the tiebreaker edge from having

won the season series. Indiana, which had its four-game winning streak snapped, dropped two games out of a postseason spot.

In other NBA games, Chicago defeated Boston 111-106, Philadelphia surprised Orlando 105-93, New York beat Cleveland 94-88, Miami downed the Los Angeles Clippers 97-87, Detroit defeated Dallas 100-82, Houston topped Denver 116-99, Golden State surprised Portland 91-82 and Milwaukee beat Vancouver 102-91.

Campbell suffered a bruised a right buttock in the first half against the Sonics and left in the third quarter. Knight suffered a bruised right knee in the first quarter and never

returned. Both are listed as questionable for tonight's home game against Denver.

Van Exel's free throw with 3.1 seconds left gave the Lakers a 99-95 lead that clinched the victory. Van Exel made 10 of his career-high 28 shots and also had six assists, six rebounds and five steals. Eddie Jones added 20 points and Jerome Kersey 14.

"We knew coming in that if they won, that pretty much gave them the division," Van Exel said.

Sonics coach George Karl had a 20-minute closed door meeting with Gary Payton after the

Please see NBA, page 2B

SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

Borden looking for games

GAIL — Borden County High School coaches are in need of basketball opponents for the next school year.

BCHS girls' coach Clay Stout said the school is looking for opponents to play both its varsity basketball squads Dec. 9 and 19. Also, the school needs teams to fill the roster for its annual basketball tournament Dec. 11-13.

For more information, contact Stout at (806) 756-4313.

Softball umpires needed

Umpires are needed for the local Industrial and Church slow-pitch softball leagues.

There will be a meeting of league umpires at 6 p.m. Thursday in Herman's Restaurant.

For more information, contact Jesse Rios at 264-6129.

Sands FFA holds hunter course

The Sands Future Farmers of America will offer the Texas Mandatory Hunter Education Program and training.

The class will be held at the Sands High School agriculture department April 14, 15 and 17. Cost of the course is \$5.

Students under 17 must have a parent's permission.

For more information, contact Miss Scott at 353-4745 during the day and 353-4264 at night.

Bass club sponsors tournament

The Big Spring Bass Club will sponsor a benefit fishing tournament for the family of Pam Christian Saturday at Lake Colorado City.

Entry fee will be \$20 per person; the tourna-

ment will be held from 6:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

All proceeds will go to the family of Christian, the owner of Forsan's Soda Shop who died recently after suffering a heart attack.

Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers.

For more information, contact Todd Tubb at 267-3310, Sue Lindsey at 263-7868 or Cindy Klaus at 267-4984.

Green gets Tennessee job

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Tennessee's new basketball coach took a familiar, circuitous route from North Carolina to Kansas to Oregon.

Oregon coach Jerry Green was the third former assistant to Kansas coach Roy Williams the Volunteers considered seriously. Green accepted the Tennessee job Tuesday.

"He has the credentials to bring the North Carolina-Kansas influence into this program that I like," said Tennessee athletics director Doug Dickey, referring to Williams' start as an assistant to Dean Smith at North Carolina. "He has the maturity and has proven he can do it."

In five years, Green, 53, rebuilt a moribund Oregon program into a consistent winner in the Pac-10.

He was born in South Carolina, attended college in North Carolina and coached UNC-Asheville for nine seasons before going to Kansas with Williams in 1989.

"I didn't come here because of the talent," Green said. "I came here because of the University of Tennessee. I've always been around it."

He agreed to a five-year contract that will pay him \$560,000 a year, with more income possible through summer camps, and said he intends to make Tennessee his last stop.

Arguments begin in Mesa trial

CLEVELAND (AP) — Indians pitcher Jose Mesa lured two women to a motel and raped one of them on the drive there, a prosecutor told a jury Tuesday.

"Jose Mesa restrained her of her liberty, unzipped her pants and inserted his hand while forcing her back," Assistant Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Mike Nolan said in his opening statement in Mesa's trial on rape and other charges.

Prosecutors charged Mesa under an Ohio law that expands the definition of rape to include penetration other than intercourse.

Mesa, also charged with gross sexual imposition and felonious assault, again was accompanied by his wife, Mirla, for the second day of the trial. She sat next to Indians owner Richard Jacobs.

The first testimony was expected to begin later in the day, the start of the baseball season.

The Indians begin the season Wednesday at Oakland without Mesa, their star bullpen closer with 85 saves the last two seasons. Major League Baseball has given the Indians permission to place Mesa on the restricted list indefinitely.

Mesa could face up to 10 years in prison on the rape

charge and up to eight years on the assault count.

The charges are related to a complaint by two 26-year-old women who alleged that Mesa and a friend fondled them at a motel in the suburb of Lakewood after meeting them in a downtown nightclub Dec. 22.

Nolan told the jury of six men and six women that Mesa lured the women to his car and then to the motel by stealing a purse from one of them.

He also said Mesa and his friend, David Blanco, fondled the women against their will at the motel.

However, Mesa's attorney, Gerald Messerman, said the women arranged a meeting with Mesa and a group of his friends, including teammate Manny Ramirez and Mesa's brother, Manuel Mesa.

Messerman also said there was no evidence that a purse was stolen or that Mesa had any sexual contact with either of the women.

Nolan had said the women had called Mesa on his cellular phone to arrange a meeting so they could get his autograph.

"What she said she wanted was not an autographed baseball, and not Jose Mesa," Messerman said. "She said she wanted Manny Ramirez for her

birthday."

One camera is in the courtroom, but no witness who requests privacy can be filmed or photographed, according to an order issued by Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Judge Thomas P. Curran.

Mesa, who saved a major league record 46 games in 48 chances with a 1.13 ERA in 1995, gave up 20 hits in 13 2-3 innings with a 6.59 ERA during an exhibition season marred by legal distractions.

He faces a separate trial on a gun charge. Messerman estimated the trials will last a total of two weeks.

Mesa's family also has legal troubles, according to a published report.

Since 1993, the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service has been pushing to deport Mirla Mesa, a legal alien, for a 1990 drug-related conviction. The Plain Dealer reported Monday.

His brother, Manuel, 26, pleaded guilty in 1995 to criminal possession of cocaine in Rochester, N.Y., the newspaper reported. He was sentenced to three years' probation and left the country, but returned. Before he is deported to the Dominican Republic, Manuel Mesa must testify at his brother's trial.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 3:

A positive outlook is your strongest suit this year. You seem to be able to turn negatives into positives, and transform difficult situations into easy ones. Friends seek you out often for help, ideas and direction. You might decide to become involved with a cause or organization that means a lot to you. Broaden your immediate circle and horizons. If you are single, a new relationship becomes increasingly important. Certain associations prove especially valuable. If attached, the two of you feel more together than ever when you work on your friendship. AQUARIUS is a spiritual counterpart.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Good news continues to come your way. You feel empowered, as if nothing can stop you. Further your cause, and go for what you want. Make time for a meeting that could be positive. Listen to others' ideas; there might be a lot of good ones around. Tonight: Find your friends and have fun.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Others flock to you for help with decisions, and to share news. You are in a position of leadership. Good ideas naturally come forth. Listen to what a boss offers. It could be more important than you realize. Emphasize responsibilities. Tonight: Make a "must" appearance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Reach out to someone who is at a distance. Make travel plans. Instincts and intellect affect a decision. Grab an offer while you can. Not everything is forever! There is one opportunity after another. Learning helps you spiritually and professionally. Tonight: Blaze a new trail.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
One-to-one relating proves professionally and emotionally beneficial. Examine your long-term goals with a helpful friend. A financial investment could pay off. Follow through on a heartfelt goal. Tonight: Add romance to life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Popularity is so high, you might not know which direction to go. Keep some pre-arranged plan. Get key work projects done. You might opt for an extended lunch or coffee break. The world is your oyster; simply choose what you

want. Tonight: The party goes on.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
You can do more than most, in general, but today you accomplish even more than you normally do. Listen to feedback from associates as you breeze through projects. Initiate a new plan. Schedule a checkup. Tonight: Play racquetball.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Determination, mixed with opportunity, is essential if you are to succeed. Everything looks too easy and under control. Don't kid yourself. Make time for an important relationship; that person will adore the extra attention. Be creative at work. Tonight: Have a good time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
You feel positive about a personal matter. A change on the home front or with a familial relationship cheers you up. You have renewed your faith. Follow-through counts with an investment and a domestic adjustment. Tonight: Whatever it is, it goes on at home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Sort through messages. You will get more done if you isolate yourself during part of the day. Take or make an important call. Others agree with you. There is no time like the present to handle a touchy matter. Tonight: Get errands done.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
You gain through an investment or a money idea. You finally feel a sense of abundance, though this isn't the time to outlay cash. Rather, it is wise to save. You need to get certain key items done. Study a financial plan with care. Spend moderately. Tonight: Dine out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
It seems nothing can stop you. At this point, whatever you focus on seems to fall into place. Your influence is strong: A loved one cannot say no to you. Emphasize long-term goals. Now is the time to go for the gold! Tonight: Just ask.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Instincts are right on, no matter where you focus your energy. But work needs your attention. Decisions you make today could lead you in an unusual direction. You need to know your own professional and personal limits. Tonight: Do something just for yourself.

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Four-year affair produces everything but a marriage

DEAR ABBY: I have been involved with a kind and generous man for four years. We have a child together who is now 16 months old. We are not married because he is still married to his first wife.



Abigail Van Buren

"Joe" and his wife have filed for divorce and all that remains to finalize it are their signatures. However, when I asked him about it, he gave me excuses such as it would ruin him financially, or they must remain together for the sake of their two children. He said that his youngest daughter is afraid that if he and her mother got divorced, she will never see him again. Both Joe and his wife want the divorce, but the decree just sits there unsigned. I don't understand his procrastination because I am sure he wants to be married to me and be a full-time father to our child.

Joe is a very good father to our baby and a wonderful lover, but I want him to be more than that — I want him to be my husband.

Abby, do you think if I'm patient Joe will eventually finalize his divorce and marry me? — WAITING PATIENTLY

DEAR WAITING: I'm sorry to burst your bubble, but if Joe really wanted to marry you, he would not be offering weak excuses and leaving the divorce papers unsigned. It appears that he wants to have his cake and eat it, too.

It may not be easy for you to face reality, but the sooner you do, the sooner you will be able

to liberate yourself from this hopeless situation and find someone who is free to marry you.

DEAR ABBY: I am a very conservative parent when it comes to men. I never dated any young man except the one who became my husband.

I have a 19-year-old daughter who lives on campus at her college. I always encouraged her to be a good girl like me. She recently came home for a college break, and in her room, I found a year-old receipt from a motel. On it was her name and that of a boy she was dating at the time. She now has another boyfriend.

Abby, should I confront her with the receipt or pretend I don't know anything? — CONSERVATIVE MOM

DEAR CONSERVATIVE MOM: I would advise against confronting your daughter with the motel receipt. She's an adult and has the right to make her own decisions. I hope that in addition to telling your daughter that she should be a "good girl" like you, while she was still a minor and living with you, you discussed sex with its implications and dangers. Teens often fail to accept a parent's admonition unless it is backed up with good reasons. The lessons you taught her while she was growing up will help her to make wise choices now that she is an adult.

Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Rule change affects Ford Thunderbirds

FORT WORTH (AP) — In another step aimed at equalizing the competition, NASCAR has made a rule change regarding the aerodynamics of Thunderbirds.

As teams prepare for the inaugural race at Texas Motor Speedway, stock car racing's governing body sliced another quarter inch off the Ford rear spoilers.

This is but one more rule change since the start of the 1997 Winston Cup season. NASCAR is trying to even as much as possible the competition among the makes used by Thunderbird, Chevrolet Monte Carlo and Pontiac Grand Prix.

The teams, however, keep complaining the changes are not working the way NASCAR wants.

Ford teams say they are being picked on because they have a perceived advantage. The GM teams say NASCAR is not doing enough to make their cars equal to the Fords.

The evidence from the first five races of 1997 seems to favor the GM argument, with Ford driver Dale Jarrett leading 1,076 of a possible 2,099 laps and top Chevy driver Jeff Gordon having led only 214 laps. In fact, seven of the top 10 lap leaders are Ford drivers.

But the Ford camp is quick to point out that Gordon has won two five races and he and his Hendrick Motorsports teammate Terry Labonte are second and third in the season points, just ahead of Pontiac driver

NASCAR

Bobby Labonte.

The latest rule change, announced Monday, advised the Ford teams that they will have to cut the height of their rear spoilers to 5.5 inches before the opening of practice for Sunday's Interstate Batteries 500.

Last month, before the race at Atlanta Motor Speedway, the Ford teams were allowed to lower their front air dams by one-eighth inch. After that race, and after one car of each model was studied by NASCAR in a wind tunnel, the same teams were ordered to raise the front air dams by that same eighth inch and cut a quarter-inch off their rear spoilers.

Now, the Thunderbirds will chop another quarter inch off the rear spoiler.

"This is based on continuing information we have found in recent wind tunnel test and on what we have seen on the race track," explained Kevin Triplett, NASCAR's spokesman. "We always make changes in increments."

Jimmy Fenning, crew chief for Ford driver Mark Martin, told The Associated Press on Tuesday. "It sure ain't going to help us. Fortunately, we never tested at Texas. For those teams that did, it's kind of like they wasted a test. Now they've got to go chase the car around the race track just like us."

BASEBALL

AL Standings

All Times CST By The Associated Press East Division			
Team	W	L	Pct. GB
Baltimore	0	0	0.000
Boston	0	0	0.000
Detroit	0	1	0.000 1/2
New York	0	1	0.000 1/2
Toronto	0	1	0.000 1/2

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct. GB
Chicago	1	0	1.000
Minnesota	1	0	1.000
Cleveland	0	0	0.000
Kansas City	0	0	0.000 1/2
Milwaukee	0	1	0.001

West Division

Team	W	L	Pct. GB
Seattle	1	0	1.000
Texas	1	0	1.000
Los Angeles	0	0	0.000 1/2
Oakland	0	0	0.000 1/2

Tuesday's Games

Chicago White Sox 6, Toronto 5, 10 innings
Texas 6, Milwaukee 2
Kansas City at Baltimore, p.p.d., weather
Seattle 4, N.Y. Yankees 2
Minnesota 7, Detroit 5
Only games scheduled

Wednesday's Games

Kansas City (Aipper 14 11) at Baltimore (Key 12 11), 2:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Alvarez 15 10) at Toronto (Clemens 10 13), 6:35 p.m.
Detroit (Thompson 1 6) at Minnesota (Rodriguez 13 14), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 21 8) at Seattle (Sanders 9 5), 9:35 p.m.
Cleveland (Nagy 17 5) at Oakland (Pietro 6 7), 9:35 p.m.
Boston (Gordon 12 9) at Anaheim (Langston 6 5), 9:35 p.m.
Only games scheduled

Thursday's Games

Cleveland (Gierischer 15 9) at Oakland (Adams 3 4), 2:15 p.m.
Kansas City (Rosado 8 2) at Baltimore (Kamieniecki 1 2), 6:35 p.m.
Detroit (Blair 2 6) at Minnesota (Aldred 6 9), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Elrod 4 4) at Texas (Burket 6 10), 7:35 p.m.
Boston (Wakefield 14 13) at Anaheim (Dickson 1 4), 9:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

NL Standings

All Times CST By The Associated Press East Division			
Team	W	L	Pct. GB
Florida	1	0	1.000
Montreal	1	0	1.000
Philadelphia	1	0	1.000
Atlanta	0	1	0.001
New York	0	1	0.001

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct. GB
St. Louis	1	0	1.000
San Diego	1	0	1.000
Chicago	0	1	0.001
St. Louis	0	1	0.001

West Division

Team	W	L	Pct. GB
San Diego	1	0	1.000
Colorado	0	1	0.001
Los Angeles	0	1	0.001
San Francisco	0	1	0.001

SPORTS EXTRA

BASEBALL

Team	W	L	Pct. GB
San Diego	1	0	1.000
Colorado	0	1	0.001
Los Angeles	0	1	0.001
San Francisco	0	1	0.001

Tuesday's Games

Montreal 2, St. Louis 1
Cincinnati 11, Colorado 4
Florida 4, Chicago Cubs 2
Philadelphia 3, Los Angeles 0
Pittsburgh 5, San Francisco 2
San Diego 12, N.Y. Mets 5
Houston 2, Atlanta 1

Wednesday's Games

Colorado (Swift 1 1) at Cincinnati (Burba 11 13), 6:35 p.m.
St. Louis (Petkovsek 11 2) at Montreal (Juden 5 0), 6:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Trachsel 13 9) at Florida (A.Letter 16 12), 6:35 p.m.
Atlanta (Maddux 15 11) at Houston (Hampton 10 10), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Maduro 0 1) at Los Angeles (Nomo 16 11), 9:35 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Clark 14 11) at San Diego (Ashby 9 5), 9:35 p.m.
Only games scheduled

Thursday's Games

Colorado (Thompson 9 11) at Cincinnati (Schourek 4 5), 11:35 a.m.
N.Y. Mets (Jones 12 8) at San Diego (Valenzuela 13 8), 4:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Alfonso 13 10) at Montreal (C.Perez 0 0), 6:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Castillo 7 16) at Florida (Fernandez 16 10), 6:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Glavin 15 10) at Houston (Kile 12 11), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Lester 8 12) at Los Angeles (Valdes 15 7), 9:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Cooke 0 0) at San Francisco (Fernandez 7 13), 9:05 p.m.

Top 25

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — The Top 25 college baseball teams as determined by the Staff of Baseball America magazine with records through Mar. 30 (the games are not included in records)

Record

1. Louisiana State	27 3
2. UCLA	28 6
3. Georgia Tech	27 2
4. Stanford	22 8
5. Auburn	28 3
6. Alabama	25 4
7. Texas Tech	25 4
8. Southern California	28 10
9. Florida State	24 9
10. Tennessee	24 7
11. Oklahoma State	23 9
12. Wichita State	22 6
13. Rice	22 9
14. Florida	20 12
15. Miami	24 12
16. Mississippi State	20 7
17. Clemson	23 7
18. Long Beach State	20 12
19. Houston	18 9
20. South Carolina	20 7
21. South Florida	22 10
22. Nevada	24 10
23. Arizona State	21 15

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Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	Pct. GB
x-Miami	54	18	.750
x-New York	52	21	.712 1/2
Orlando	40	32	.556 14
Washington	37	35	.514 17
New Jersey	23	48	.324301/2
Philadelphia	21	50	.296321/2
Boston	13	60	.178411/2

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct. GB
x-Chicago	63	9	.875
x-Atlanta	50	22	.694 13
x-Detroit	50	22	.694 13
Charlotte	45	26	.63411/2
Cleveland	37	35	.514 26
Indiana	35	37	.486 28
Milwaukee	29	43	.403 34
Toronto	26	47	.356371/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

Team	W	L	Pct. GB
x-Utah	54	17	.761
x-Houston	49	23	.681 1/2
Minnesota	35	37	.486 191/2
Dallas	22	50	.306321/2
Denver	20	52	.278341/2
San Ant	53	25	.681
Vancouver	12	63	.160 44

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	Pct. GB
x-Seattle	50	23	.685
x-L.A. Lakers	49	23	.681 1/2
x-Portland	43	31	.581 71/2
Phoenix	33	39	.458161/2
L.A. Clippers	31	41	.431181/2
Sacramento	29	43	.403201/2
Golden State	26	46	.361231/2

clinched playoff berth

Sunday's Games
New York 101, Orlando 86
Indiana 103, L.A. Clippers 96, OT
Toronto 102, Miami 97
Cleveland 84, Dallas 80
Philadelphia 95, Detroit 92
Minnesota 113, Golden State 102
Denver 99, Milwaukee 97
Phoenix 107, Seattle 106

Monday's Games

No games scheduled
Tuesday's Games
Philadelphia 105, Orlando 93
Miami 97, L.A. Clippers 87
New York 94, Cleveland 88
Washington 104, Indiana 100
L.A. Lakers 99, Seattle 97
Chicago 111, Boston 106
Detroit 100, Dallas 82
Houston 116, Denver 99
Golden State 91, Portland 82
Milwaukee 102, Vancouver 91

Wednesday's Games

Cleveland at Boston, 6 p.m.
Toronto at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Detroit at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Utah, 9 p.m.
Houston at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Denver at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.
Thursday's Games

TRANSACTIONS

Tuesday

BASEBALL

American League

ANAHEIM ANGELS—Purchased the contract of 3B Jack Howell from Vancouver of the PCL. Optioned LHP Darrell May and 1B Chris Pritchett to Vancouver.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Designated RHP Jeffery Darwin for assignment.
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Placed 1B Herbert Perry on the 60-day disabled list.
DETROIT TIGERS—Placed SS Orlando Miller and 3B Phil Nevin on the 15-day disabled list.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Purchased the contracts of 3B Scott Cooper and RHP Randy Veres from Omaha of the American Association. Optioned OF Jon Nunnally to Omaha. Placed RHP Jamie Bluma, OF Charles Davis, RHP Richard Huisman and OF Roderick Myers on the 15-day disabled list.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Placed RHP Steve Sparks on the 15-day disabled list.
MINNESOTA TWINS—Purchased the contracts of 1B Greg Colburn, RHP Gregg Olson and LHP Greg Swindell from Salt Lake City of the PCL. Placed OF Roberto Kelly on the 15-day disabled list and OF Kirby Puckett on the 60-day disabled list. Optioned OF Brent Brude to Salt Lake City.

NEW YORK YANKEES

Placed OF Tim Lincecum on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to March 26, and OF Ruben Rivera on the 60-day disabled list.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Purchased the contract of LHP Billy Brewer from Edmonton of the PCL. Designated RHP Scott Service for assignment.
SEATTLE MARINERS—Placed LHP Greg Hibbard on the 60-day disabled list.
TEXAS RANGERS—Waived INF Dave Silvestri. Purchased the contracts LHP Eric Gunderson and INF Domingo Cedeno, from Oklahoma City of the American Association.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS

Purchased the contract of INF Juan Samuel from Syracuse of the International League. Placed OF Jacob Brumfield, RHP Erik Hanson and LHP Paul Spoljaric on the 15-day disabled list, and RHP William Riskey on the 60-day disabled list.

Purdue coach to head Olympic team

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — The U.S. Olympic women's basketball team has a new coach. So does Purdue.

Nell Fortner, the Big Ten Coach of the Year who led the Boilermakers to the conference co-championship in her first season, was appointed coach of the national team on Tuesday.

"The opportunity to serve as head coach for a United States team has been a dream of mine since I decided to become a basketball coach," Fortner said. "It's overwhelming, challenging, scary and fun all at the same time."

USA Basketball executive director Warren Brown announced the hiring at a campus news conference.

"She is without question one of the most promising coaches in women's basketball," he said.

Carolyn Peck, Fortner's top assistant and recruiting coordinator last season, will succeed Fortner as Purdue's coach.

"We are very excited about the future of the Boilermaker program under (Peck's) leadership," athletic director Morgan Burke said. "She's ready for this assignment."

Fortner, 38, last month denied talk of her departure. However, that was before USA Basketball, the sport's governing body, voted last week to form a national team.

Fortner had been mentioned over the weekend as the likely successor to Tara VanDerveer, who returned to coach Stanford after leading the U.S. women's team to the gold medal in Atlanta last summer.

Fortner's salary at Purdue was reportedly \$85,000 while VanDerveer earned \$150,000 during her year with USA Basketball. But Fortner said, "This wasn't about money."

"Purdue has done everything they could financially. This was the only thing that would make me leave."

Fortner added the move won't change her loose and friendly manner toward players. "They hired me because I'm me, I'm not somebody else," she said.


Fortner leaves after just one season in which she directed the Boilermakers to a 17-11 record and a share of the conference title with Illinois and Michigan State. The Boilermakers were eliminated in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

Purdue got that far despite being decimated by transfers following the firing of Fortner's predecessor, Lin Dunn.

Fortner was an assistant to VanDerveer on the 1996 U.S. national team, which prepared U.S. women for last summer's Atlanta Olympics. Before that, she spent five seasons as an assistant at Louisiana Tech.

As national coach, Fortner will prepare the U.S. squad for next year's world championships and the 2000 Summer Games in Sydney. She plans to begin assembling her staff in the next few weeks.

Peck played at Vanderbilt from 1984-88.



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By Michael S. Phillips, M.D.
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Despite the popularly held belief that emotional or physical trauma can cause an early spontaneous miscarriage, mothers-to-be need worry very little about this possibility. There is no medical evidence to support this notion. Mention is made of this fact because parents might associate a particular accident with a spontaneous abortion that follows soon thereafter in an attempt to explain an early miscarriage. There are many accounts in medical literature, however, where severe trauma failed to interrupt an existing pregnancy. What is more, most spontaneous abortions occur sometime after the death of the fetus has taken place. If a miscarriage were to be caused by trauma, therefore, it would be caused by an event that occurred some weeks earlier. Parents-to-be should consult with their doctor when looking for explanations tied to pregnancy.

Pregnant women often worry needlessly about trauma to their tummies damaging their babies. The baby is actually very well protected by the mother's body - first by the bony pelvis, followed by the cushion of the uterus itself, and finally by the amniotic fluid around the baby itself. If you are newly pregnant, the best thing you can do for your baby is to see a qualified obstetrician early in your pregnancy, and get the baby off to a healthy start with good prenatal care. For more information or to schedule an appointment for obstetrical or GYN care at my office in Big Spring, located at the Medical Care Plaza, 1300 Gregg Street, please call my main office in Midland at (915) 522-2222

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