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Odessa abduction has BSISD reviewing student safety

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
News Editor

The Monday abduction of a 12-year-old Odessa girl moments after she got off a bus at her junior high school has Big Spring Independent School District officials reviewing student safety procedures.

"This is the kind of story that scares every educator, the same way it does parents," BSISD Superintendent W.A. "Bill" McQueary said Wednesday. "We've never had a situation like that one in Odessa, but we have to remember that we here in Big Spring are not exempt from what happens elsewhere."

McQueary noted that BSISD officials

concerns have been heightened following a local Tuesday incident in which an older student left school with a non-custodial parent who was not supposed to be picking the child up after classes.

While McQueary explained that no criminal charges have been filed in the local incident, he did note that the child's custodial parent is seeking remedies through the civil courts.

"Our policy is that only the child's parents — the custodial parent in situations where the parents are divorced — or a legal guardian is allowed to pick up a child at school," McQueary said.

"In addition, we spend lots of time trying to educate the children ... all

the things you're always hearing about ... not to get in the car with a stranger ... that's something we do all the time, continually trying to re-enforce those lessons," he added.

While the district does not have armed guards patrolling campuses, nor requires identification badges for visitors, McQueary says, "We do everything we feel is reasonably possible to ensure our students are safe."

Among those measures, McQueary noted, is having additional teacher's aides assigned to ride the buses with students to and from school at the Anderson Kindergarten Center. Additionally, teachers and administrators have specific assignments at locations where students normally arrive

and depart school at each of the district's elementary school campuses and at Anderson.

Any situation that involves a student not arriving or leaving campus in the manner parents expect is of major concern, McQueary said, as is the presence of anyone suspicious loitering near a school campus.

"In situations where there's even the slightest chance that a non-custodial parent would pick up a child without permission, the custodial parent needs to make sure the child's teacher and principal are aware of that possibility," McQueary stressed. "Probably 99.9 percent of the parents here have already done that, but it occasionally does happen that a child will leave

with the parent they're not supposed to be with.

"And I'll guarantee you our personnel don't hesitate for a minute to notify the police when a suspicious person is seen around a campus," he added. "And our police have been absolutely exceptional about responding to those calls. They're always there almost immediately."

McQueary also praised Big Spring police, noting that officers routinely intensify their patrols around the schools during hours when children are arriving and leaving schools.

"That's not something we've requested," McQueary said. "It's just something they've identified that needs to be done, and we appreciate that."

Today deadline for registration to vote May 3

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

In an election where every race is contested, each vote will count that much more, but the final day for local residents to register to vote in the May 3 election is today.

There are three races each for seats on the Big Spring City Council and the Big Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees, and local residents wanting to vote on May 3 have until 5 p.m. today to register in person at the Howard County Tax Office just east of the courthouse.

According to Sandra Bloom at the tax office, residents who choose to mail their voter registration cards in need to have their cards postmarked April 3 to be eligible to vote.

Current voter rolls show that 13,004 residents inside the city limit are registered to vote.

City officials were not available this morning to give the exact order in which council candidates would appear on the May 3 ballot, but those races include District 2 incumbent Pat DeAnda being challenged by Oscar Garcia and Bob Taylor.

District 4 Councilman Tom Guess faces a challenge from Howard College instructor Tommy Tune.

The District 6 council race is between two newcomers and a candidate who took another council person to a runoff election last year. Incumbent John Paul Anderson decided not to seek reelection.

Political newcomers Randy Mason and Ray Rinard, and Greg Biddison, who took District 3 Councilman Chuck Cawthon to a runoff last year before losing, are the candi-

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TxDOT now mailing new registration form

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Howard County residents, as well as other motorists across the state, will soon be getting their vehicle renewal notices, but not the typical multi-part card that the state has used since 1970.

According to Howard County Tax Assessor-Collector Kathy Sayles, her office has not seen the new form because all of the information is just now coming out, but Howard County motorists whose vehicle registrations expire in May will be the first to see the new renewal notice, which should be arriving in the mail this week.

"Basically, all we know is that Austin has been working on this for a while," Sayles said.

Motorists will soon be receiving the new 8 1/2 by 11-inch renewal form, which according to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is simpler to use than the old multi-part card.

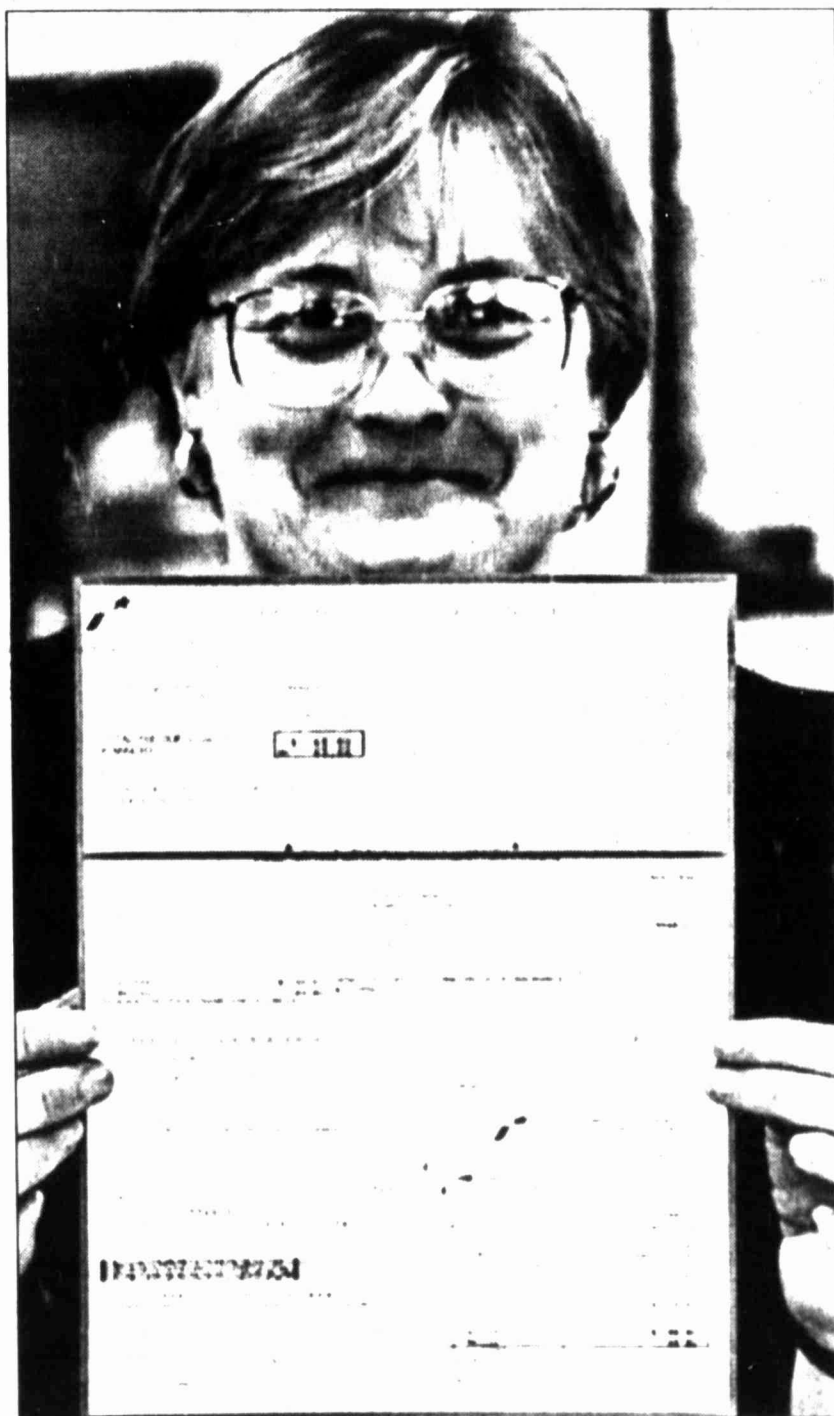
Key information on the new form is highlighted in red, and for Howard County motorists, Sayles' name, address and phone number is printed on the form, providing a local contact for motorists with registration questions.

The new form has a top portion for motorists to keep and a bottom portion to mail in.

Each mailing address on the form is printed with bar code technology to assure accuracy and to speed delivery through the postal system.

TxDOT is also including a payment envelope for customers who wish to renew by

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HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett
Howard County Tax Assessor/Collector Kathy Sayles displays the new automobile license form currently being mailed across the state.

Moughon: BSSH to add programs, see census decline

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The Big Spring State Hospital (BSSH) looks the same from the outside, but internally things are taking on a new face to ensure the hospital's future as far as staff and modernization is concerned.

BSSH Superintendent Ed Moughon said the hospital has run an average census of about 220 patients since September 1996, which is down about 40 patients from the same time last year.

According to Moughon, the drop relates to two things — hospitals and managed care.

Two new state funded hospitals have recently opened in Lubbock and El Paso.

According to Moughon, the two hospitals were funded by the state legislature four years ago and are being run by community centers in both communities.

"This takes business away from us," Moughon said.

Because of the shift to managed care, Moughon said admissions to the hospital have been reduced.

"Mental health and mental retardation centers are being pressured to not put people in hospitals, but keep them in the community," Moughon said.

"This year is a transition year for us to be a smaller hospital in September," Moughon added. "The hospital's budget year runs from Sept. 1 to Aug. 31."

The hospital began the 1996-97 fiscal year with a budget of \$19.8 million and 765 employees. A few positions have already been cut, according to Moughon.

"We are not laying people off, but we're handling the situation through attrition," he explained. "When someone leaves, we re-evaluate the position."

One program being considered by the legislature may help the hospital keep the few positions it has had to cut.

That program, a research project funded by the legislature, would be a joint venture between the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center and the hospital.

The program would be charged with creating a model treatment center for adolescents and children with psychiatric problems and would also deal with mental illness and substance abuse.

State Rep. David Counts and State Sen. Robert Duncan have already expressed support for the program, according to Moughon.

"This venture will enable us to put our workforce back up to the level that it originally was," Moughon said. "As we have been downsizing, we have remained a viable hospital at 220 patients. We're looking to contract with other markets. We can easily handle 300 patients at this facility."

Downsizing has not hurt the hospital as it has other businesses because of a re-engineering program set up in three phases.

According to Moughon, instead of eliminating direct care positions, the hospital is operating with fewer managerial positions.

"We still have a good staff to patient ratio," Moughon said. "We're not doubling up where

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Sentencing for Chrane, Martinez scheduled for April 25 in Lubbock

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Two Big Spring residents are scheduled to be sentenced at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, April 25 in Lubbock Federal Court for their convictions on charges of mail fraud against Service Lloyds Insurance Company.

Dr. Bill T. Chrane, a local chiropractor, and former patient Edward Martinez each pleaded guilty last fall to a single count of conspiracy to violate Title 18, Section 1341 of the U.S. Code.

Chrane and Martinez both face a maximum penalty of up to five years



CHRANE

imprisonment; a fine not to exceed \$250,000; or both imprisonment and a fine, plus three years of supervised release (probation).

Chrane and Martinez were convicted of having defrauded the insurance company during a period of about five years — from sometime in 1991 until about April 11, 1996.

Chrane was also charged with falsifying patient sign-in sheets and patient treatment records to show that

Martinez was present at Chrane's business, Chiropractic Health Center, and received treatment from Chrane.

According to the U.S. Attorney's office in Lubbock, the agreement made in 1991 between Chrane and Martinez included:

- Martinez continuing to be a patient at Chrane's clinic.
- Martinez would falsify patient sheets to show he received treatment he didn't actually receive.
- Chrane would also falsify patient records.
- Chrane would bill Service Lloyds Insurance Company for the treatments Martinez did not receive.

Chrane and Martinez would split the insurance proceeds from the payments received for falsified treatments with Chrane receiving two-thirds and Martinez receiving one-third of the payments.

Martinez signed several patient sheets during the period in question showing he received treatments from Chrane, knowing he would not receive treatments on those dates.

Around Nov. 21, 1991, Chrane began mailing false claims to Service Lloyds Insurance Company requesting payments for treatments Martinez did not receive.

As part of their agreement Chrane

wrote checks to Martinez on or around the following dates splitting the insurance proceeds from false their billing scheme, March 19, 1992, for \$650; June 21, 1993, for \$327.50; Aug. 13, 1994, for \$300; May 2, 1995, for \$225; and on March 12, 1996, for \$180.

Chrane and Martinez were scheduled to be sentenced earlier this year, but presentence investigations by federal agents, including agents of the IRS and FBI took longer than expected.

As part of his plea agreement, Chrane agreed to permanently surrender his license to practice chiropractic medicine in the state of Texas and not engage in medical practice again.

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TODAY'S WEATHER

73 ▲ Highs 52
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Today: Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s. Low in the 50s with a chance of showers and thunderstorms tonight.

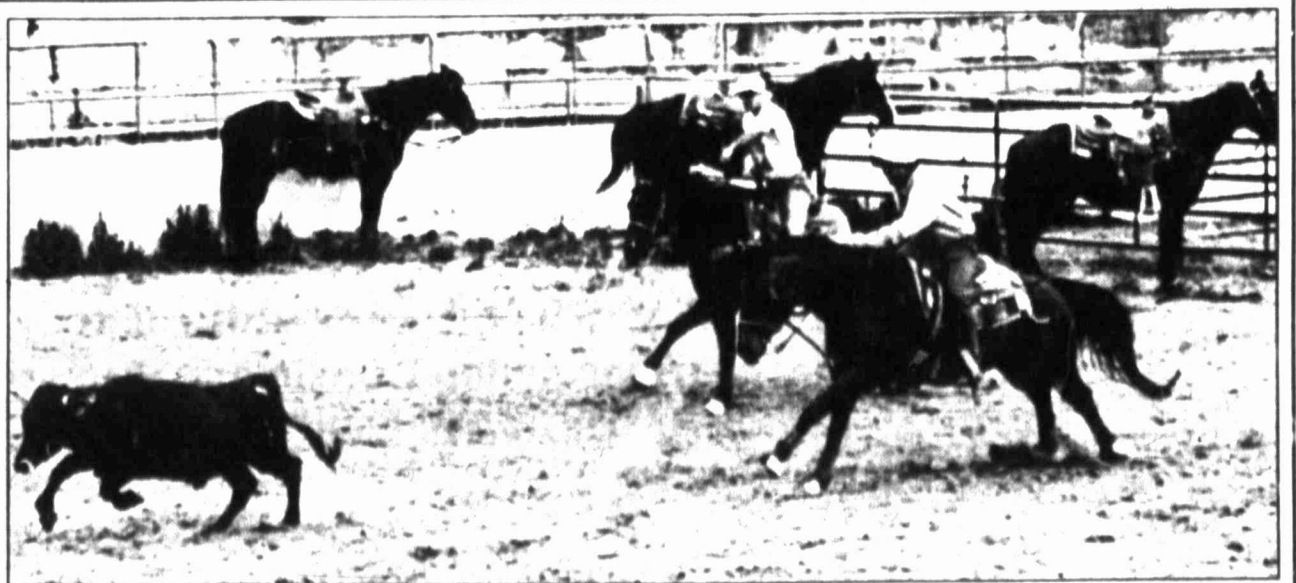
Friday: Partly cloudy and windy with a chance of evening showers and thunderstorms. High in the 70s. Low in the lower 40s.

Extended outlook: Saturday and Sunday, fair. Highs in the lower 70s. Lows around 40. Monday, partly cloudy. High around 75. Low in the lower 40s.

RODEO TIME

Ryan Weaver and Luke Warbois get a little practice and run the steers in preparation for the annual Howard College Rodeo which begins at 7 tonight and continues through Saturday at the Rodeo Bowl. More than 20 collegiate rodeo teams will take part in the event. Please see related story, page 1B.

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OBITUARIES

Robert H. "Bob" Crowell

Robert H. "Bob" Crowell, 80, Big Spring, died on Wednesday, April 2, 1997, at his residence. Service will be 3:30 p.m. Friday, April 4, 1997, at First United Methodist Church with Rev. Ed Williamson, pastor, officiating. Graveside service will be 4 p.m. Saturday, April 5, 1997, at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Pflugerville, Texas.

He was born on Feb. 28, 1917, in Cameron, Texas, and married Florene Pfluge on Jan. 15, 1938, in Pflugerville, Texas. Before coming to Big Spring Mr. Crowell served as Chamber of Commerce manager in Foyada, Littlefield and Snyder. He came to Big Spring in 1967 and was an owner and manager of Big Spring Printing.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church and held numerous offices at the local, district and conference level in the church.

He served in the United States Navy in the Seabees, in the Pacific, during World War II. He was a member of the Kiwanis Club for over 40 years and had served as Past President and Past Lt. Governor of Kiwanis International. He had been a longtime member of the National Army Board, and was a past member of the Board of Directors of the YMCA. He had been active in civic affairs for many years.

Survivors include: his wife, Florene Crowell of Big Spring, two sons and daughters-in-law, Bill and Millijon Crowell of Austin, and Steve and Betty Crowell of Buenos Aires, Argentina, one daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Kenny Ragland of Houston, one brother, Alton F. Crowell of Garland, eight grandchildren, and four great grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, four brothers and a granddaughter.

The family suggests memorials to The First United Methodist Church, P.O. Drawer 1229, Big Spring, Texas, 79721-1229 or to a favorite charity.

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

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Mabel Dean Beene, 77, died Tuesday. Services will be 10:00 AM Friday at First United Methodist Church. Graveside services will be at 3:00 PM Sunday at Mattox Cemetery in Gilmer, Texas.

Trenton Ray Strickland, infant son of Terry and Lori Strickland, died Tuesday. Graveside services will be at 11:30 AM Friday at Trinity Memorial Park.

Robert H. "Bob" Crowell, 80, died Wednesday. Services will be at 3:30 PM Friday at First United Methodist Church. Graveside services will be at 4:00 PM Saturday at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Pflugerville, Texas.

Harrol G. Jones, 67, died Wednesday. Graveside services will be at 2:00 PM Friday at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Harrol G. Jones

Harrol G. Jones, 67, Big Spring, died on Wednesday, April 2, 1997, at his residence. Graveside service will be 2 p.m. Friday, April 4, 1997, at Trinity Memorial Park with Rev. Ed Williamson, pastor, officiating.

He was born on Sept. 18, 1929, in Big Spring, Texas, and married Jane Ellen Stripling on July 20, 1951, in Lovington, N.M.

Mr. Jones was a member of the First United Methodist Church. He was a past member of the American Business Club, was past president and served on the board of directors of the Big Spring Country Club. He was a veteran having served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean Conflict.

Survivors include: his wife, Jane Jones of Big Spring, two daughters and sons-in-law, Glynda and Drew Mouton of Big Spring, and Leigh and Randy Hahn of Dallas, one son and daughter-in-law, Warren and Jean Jones of Pflugerville, one sister and brother-in-law, Joyce and R.H. Weaver of Big Spring, one brother and sister-in-law, Charles Ray and Martha Jones of Sherman, and seven grandchildren, Melissa, Emily and Wes Mouton, Haley and Beth Hahn and Lindsay and Greg Jones.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, c/o Lucy Bonner, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring, Texas, 79721-2121 or to a favorite charity.

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Mabel Dean Beene

Mabel Dean Beene, 77, Big Spring, died on Tuesday, April 2, 1997, in a local nursing home. Service will be 10 a.m. Friday, April 4, 1997, at the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Ed Williamson, pastor, officiating. Graveside service will be 3 p.m. Sunday, April 6, 1997, at Mattox Cemetery in Gilmer, Texas.

She was born on Oct. 17, 1919, in Gilmer, Texas, and grew up and attended schools there. She received her Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree in Library Science from East Texas State University in Commerce. Mrs. Beene came to Big Spring in 1988 and worked for Big Spring Independent School District as a teacher and later as a librarian in the elementary schools and at Rumbles Junior High.

She was a member in the First United Methodist Church, and she served as library librarian and was active in the United Methodist Women, the Study Club, Beta Theta Chi, and the Ladies Sunday School Class. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, Howard County Regional Teachers Association, and the Women's Forum.

Survivors include: two sons, Robert Beene of Temple, Ariz., and Don Beene of Tulsa, Okla., one daughter and son-in-law Nancy and Sam Barnes of Ogden, Utah, one sister, Joyce Wilford of Gilmer, and two grandsons, Brad and Alan Beene of Sapulpa, Okla.

The family suggests memorials to the First United

Methodist Church; P.O. Drawer 1229; Big Spring, Texas; 79721-1229.

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Trenton Ray Strickland

Graveside service for Trenton Ray Strickland, infant son of Terry and Lori Strickland, Big Spring, will be 11:30 a.m. Friday, April 4, 1997, at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was stillborn on Tuesday, April 1, in a local hospital.

Survivors include: his parents, Terry and Lori Strickland, Big Spring; one brother, Trevor; Dale Strickland, of the home; paternal grandparents, Jim and Peggy Strickland, Vernon; maternal grandfather, Keith Toomire, Big Spring, maternal grandmother, Jane Iness, Washington, D.C.; paternal great-grandparents, D.L. and Beulah Thigpen, Graham; and maternal great-grandmother, Beulah Early, Hobbs, N.M.

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Continued from page 1A our clinical staff is concerned. We have 13 full-time physicians for our 220 patients.

"We try to have four nursing/direct care staff for each patient," Moughon added. "During sleeping hours that ratio may reach six or seven."

The hospital keeps several staff members available because at any time, according to Moughon, there may be 16 or 17 patients that require one-to-one attention. This is done for their protection as well as that of the staff and other patients.

VOTE

Continued from page 1A dates seeking to fill the District 6 seat.

At one time the race was between four candidates, but Danny Horton withdrew from the District 6 race on Wednesday.

The order of appearance on the ballot in the three school board races is as follows:

- At-Large - Steve Fraser (incumbent) and Mike Robinson
-District 2 - Larry G. Hollar (incumbent) and Steve Jeter
-District 4 - Donnie Baker (incumbent) and Frank A Long

Local voters will again use a central voting location in the elections and will cast ballots in the Big Spring High School cafeteria from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. April 14 and continues through 7 p.m. April 28.

Early ballots in the city council election may be cast in the finance office at City Hall and ballots in the school board election may be cast in Howard County Clerk Margaret Ray's office.

FORM

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According to DADOT space for address changes helps to assure that registration records are updated accurately.

A checklist in the back of the new motor vehicle helps to assure that required materials are enclosed, and the back of the renewal notice gives detailed instructions for placing the windshield registration sticker and outlining proof of insurance requirements.

DADOT's Vehicle Titles and Registration Division issues more than 1 million registration renewal notices and issues 4.5 million vehicle titles annually.

WELCOME HOME



The first "Welcome Home Big Spring" reception for newcomers to the community was held Wednesday at the Dora Roberts Community Center. For more information about "Welcome Home Big Spring," call project chairman Pam Welch at 264-6032.

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

POLICE

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

- IDIDORO GALAN JR., 45, of 808 N. Nolan, was arrested for public intoxication.
-JOHN ANTHONY GALAN, 17, 2217 Gunter, was arrested for burglary of a habitation.
-PETE RODRIGUEZ GALAN, 19, of 2517 Gunter, was arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces.
-FREDDIE GARCIA, 49, of 811 N. Goliad, was arrested for public intoxication.
-ISABELLA LOMAS, 40, 806 N. Goliad, was arrested for public intoxication.
-GONZALO GONZALES, 28, of 2900 Cherokee, was arrested on local warrants.

-JOHN FOWLER, 39, of 2008 Scurry, was arrested for assault.

-PHILLIP MENDOZA JR., 28, of 1506 E. Sixth, was arrested for failure to identify.

-THEFT in the 700 block of Andree; 1300 block of Grafa, 200 block of N.W. Third, and the 400 block of Johnston.

-DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE in the 1900 block of Wasson.

-DISTURBANCE/FIGHT in the 600 block of McEwen.

-CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 1300 block of Sycamore, 1500 block of Cherokee, and the 1300 block of Wood.

SHERIFF

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

-JOSE PEREZ JR., 21 of 4000 E. Highway 80, was arrested for

Texas Lottery

PICK 3: 7,7,8 LOTTO: 3,17,20,27,29,40

driving while intoxicated, paid fine and court costs of \$762 and was released.

-FELIPE CRUZ JR., 46, of 1213 W. Sixth, was arrested for bigamy and on a motion to revoke probation.

-WESLEY CRAIG KERBY, 18, of 503 Westover, Apt. 220, was arrested for criminal mischief and revocation of probation, given 30 days in jail and fined \$502.

-JERRY THOMAS STANHOPE, 27, of 1315 Mulberry, was arrested for driving with a suspended license.

-CARLTON KEITH SPIVEY, 19, of 1503 E. Third, was arrested for assault/family violence, and released on a \$1,500 bond.

SCIENCE FAIR



Jade Walker sets up her science experiment for the Washington Elementary Science Fair in the school's library. Exhibits of the third-, fourth- and fifth-grade students' projects will be judged today. The winners will be announced during an assembly Friday and parents are invited to view the projects from 2:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Friday.

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EDITORIAL

Quote of the Day

"Have the courage to act instead of react."
-Earlene Larson Jenks

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OUR VIEWS

Chances abound to root for home teams

Weather permitting, this weekend offers an excellent opportunity for local and area residents to support our student-athletes.

Consider this weekend's playbill on the local sports marquee:

- The Howard College Rodeo gets under way tonight at 7 at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl and continues through Saturday night. Cowboys and cowgirls from 21 mainly Southwestern colleges and universities will compete.

- Big Spring Steer baseball vs. Pecos at 4 p.m. Friday at Steer Park. After a slow start, Bobby Doe's Steers have a 1-1 District 4-4A record and look to be a team to reckon with in the district race.

- Big Spring Lady Steer softball vs. Sweetwater at 5 p.m. Friday at Roy Anderson Complex. Despite losing their first district game earlier this week, the Lady Steers, in their first year of UIL-sanctioned softball, have earned a spot in the playoffs.

- Coahoma Bulldogettes softball vs. Abilene Wylie at 6:30 p.m. Friday in Coahoma. The Bulldogettes, while not playing at the same level as last year's state finalist team, continue to improve.

- Big Spring Steer golf vs. Pecos Saturday at Big Spring Country Club. This is a rare opportunity to see the Steer linksters play, simply because scheduling generally allows for a single home tournament during the season.

- Big Spring Relays at 9 Saturday at Blankenship Field. Despite the fact this annual event no longer carries the ABC Relays moniker, the local AMBUCS still play a major role in helping conduct the meet.

A total of 41 teams from 14 schools in two states will compete, including Big Spring, Borden County, Coahoma and Garden City.

See what we mean?

With several hundred student-athletes pitching, putting, hitting, running, jumping, riding and roping, there's plenty of opportunities to root for your favorite team.

We hope you'll take the time to go out and enjoy the results of the hard work put in by these young men and women as they've prepared for busy weekends like this.

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Despite liabilities, vee job still an asset

By **WALTER R. MEARS**
AP Special Correspondent

For a vice president looking for a promotion, being No. 2 offers assets that far outweigh the inevitable liabilities.

Al Gore has been having his troubles lately, but his job as vice president still gives him a major advantage over other Democrats with ambitions for the 2000 presidential nomination.

The flap over his aggressive campaign fund raising and the criticism of his China diplomacy are examples of the downside. Vice presidents take their assignments from presidents. On foreign missions, they can't go past administration bounds to make political points at home.

President Clinton set the tone for the hard-sell fund raising that Congress is investigating. The vice president was part of it — making calls from his office that he said weren't wrong but won't happen again — and the case is denting his image of campaign cleanliness. He certainly bent the rules, and Republicans say he broke them.

In Beijing, his role was to pursue Clinton's policy of engagement with China, and while he said he'd gained

momentum for progress on human rights and trade, there were no specific commitments. That's not unusual and Clinton's China policy is little changed from George Bush's.

But the long-scheduled trip put Gore in a politically difficult spot. The FBI is investigating alleged Chinese attempts to buy U.S. influence with campaign donations. And House Speaker Newt Gingrich forced Gore to Beijing, taking a harsher public line on stress points, including rights in Hong Kong after China takes over and a U.S. defense of Taiwan against any attack from the mainland.

Gore, under diplomatic constraints, looked soft by comparison. But the president's spokesman said the vice president had a very specific mission and fulfilled it.

"He was there to further and deepen a dialogue that ultimately leads to an exchange of visits between the two presidents," Mike McCurry said, "and he did that exceedingly well. Mission accomplished."

Political missions are another matter.

Vice presidents are supporting players, not stars. The shift to running for the top job always is difficult. It is a matter of gaining stature independently, without breaching vice

presidential loyalty.

That is a particular problem for Gore because of the political attention he is getting so early, with an off-year election and most of the second Clinton term still ahead. While Gore clearly intends to run next time, he doesn't, and can't, talk about 2000.

Obviously, his standing will be closely tied to Clinton's. In a poll conducted March 24 to 26 for CNN and USA Today, that was underlined by their identical job approval ratings: 59 percent.

Other recent surveys show more people doubt he would be a good president than think he would, but that he is far ahead of any other prospect for the 2000 Democratic nomination.

Vice presidents or former vice presidents do better than anyone else in gaining presidential nominations. There's been one on a ticket in five of the past seven presidential elections. Four of the last seven presidents served as vice president first, although only Bush was elected while serving in the second job.

McCurry said Gore's problem on the China trip was that it was scrutinized for the impact on his own political future. "He took a political press corps with him that covered him like he was making a trip to Des

Moines instead of a trip to Beijing," McCurry said.

Actually, it was no different from contingents that have covered him before. It is the political surroundings that have changed since Clinton's re-election and signals that he wants Gore to succeed him. Gore, like Bush, already had run unsuccessfully for nomination, in 1988.

He won't get there in 2000 without a contest. Rep. Dick Gephardt of Missouri, the House Democratic leader, is drawing issue lines and appearing in the early primary states. At least three senators and a former senator are potential entries.

They can call their own shots, Gore can't.

"What's the difference between Al Gore's press conference and Sugar Ray Leonard's last fight?" Gore joked of his clumsy defense of his fund-raising calls. "After 15 minutes, they mercifully stopped the fight."

The fight of Gore's career is just beginning.

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The Fed has too much power over our money

The Federal Reserve has raised interest rates by a quarter of a point.

Now, if you want to play the sucker's game, you will debate whether this is a good move or a bad move, whether the rate should have been raised more or less, whether the increase should have come sooner or later.

The profiteers of the status quo will love you for it. The easiest way in the world to manipulate people is to make sure they debate the wrong questions.

The correct question to debate is, why in the world should we allow a group of people beholden to the banking industry to control interest rates? Why, indeed, should we even have a Federal Reserve system? It is, after all, a private central bank deliberately disguised behind a complicated structure.

John Adams, one of the founders of our country, said,

"All the perplexities, confusion and distress in America arise, not from defects in their constitution or confederation, not from want of honour and virtue, so much as from downright ignorance of the nature of coin, credit and circulation."

Thomas Jefferson was even more forthright. He said, "The eyes of our citizens are not sufficiently open to the true cause of our distress. They ascribe them to everything but their true cause, the banking system; a system ... utterly incompatible with the public safety and prosperity."

So what's that got to do with Alan Greenspan, the chairman of the Fed? Well, everything really. Here's the deal in an abbreviated nutshell.

The Constitution authorizes Congress to coin money and sets its value. In 1913, Congress delegated this power to a private central bank when it passed the Federal Reserve Act.

The Federal Reserve, the brainchild of a few bankers, comes in multiple parts. First, there is the board of governors. It is actually a government organization. There are seven governors appointed by the

president to staggered terms. Unlike most government agencies, however, neither the president nor Congress can either direct or veto any decisions made by the board. In other words, it acts independently of the Congress and executive branches.

Next are 12 Federal Reserve banks. These are private, owned by the banks in their districts. Like George Orwell's animal farm, all the banks are equal except that the Federal Reserve Bank of New York is more equal than the others.

This central bank has authority to create money, to extinguish money and to raise or lower interest rates. In essence, nearly all the money in our system is put into the economy in the form of loans at interest.

There are several ways this is done, and if you want the details, I recommend "The Truth in Money Book" by Theodore Thoren and Richard Warner. You can get it by writing Truth in Money, P. O. Box 30, Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44022. It's a good, plainly written explanation of the money and credit system.

The Federal Reserve itself, to its credit, will load you down with information about itself.

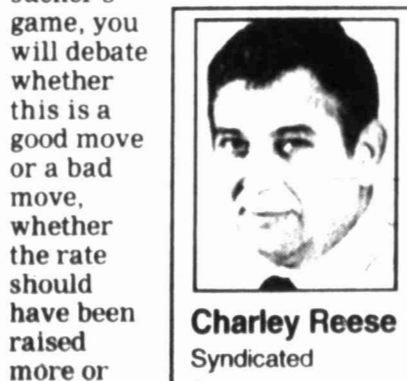
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From 1787 until 1913, the question of a central bank was a fiercely debated issue, as the quotes from Adams and Jefferson indicate. Sometimes we had one. Sometimes we didn't. Since the Federal Reserve Act was passed, however, the issue has vanished — but it shouldn't.

This central bank has caused unemployment, misery and the loss of property, not to mention loading the nation down with debt that is, frankly, unpayable. As an opponent of the bill in 1913 predicted, the central bank can create inflation or deflation at will, and it has done just that.

It serves bankers, not the American people, and not necessarily just American bankers. What we ought to do is quit assuming that the Federal Reserve System is OK and return control of the nation's money and credit to its proper owners, the people.

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Bush supports committee plan to expand current business tax

AUSTIN (AP) — A plan to expand the current business tax to all companies in Texas appears acceptable to Gov. George W. Bush, who had proposed a plan replacing the tax.

Bush on Wednesday said he wants to tax all companies doing business in Texas, regardless of how they are set up. Under the current business tax, noncorporate companies, like limited and general partnerships, don't pay.

Bush in January proposed a new business tax to force all forms of business to pay some share of the cost of educating Texas children.

A House committee looking at the issue — part of a larger proposal to lower local school property taxes — is leaning toward an expansion of the current tax, rather than Bush's replacement tax.

"I think that as regards to tax fairness, this plan ought to make sure there are no loopholes, and therefore, I support including all forms of business entities into the plan to avoid loopholes, to avoid encouraging

people to choose a form of business in order to avoid taxation," Bush said.

The current business tax is based either on earnings or on capital, whichever is larger.

Bush had proposed a business activity tax with a \$500,000 deductible. That would have been based on a business's level of activity, not its capital or earnings.

Ray Sullivan, a spokesman for Bush, said the governor's willingness to consider expanding the current tax rather than replace it shows that he "recognizes that the House committee is taking other approaches."

"The current plan appears to meet the governor's objectives of significantly cutting property taxes, cutting the state budget and fairly funding Texas schools," Sullivan said.

Lawmakers have said voters will have to amend the state constitution in order to expand the current business tax.

The constitution requires a statewide vote for a personal income tax. It includes in the definition of personal income

money that comes from a sole proprietorship or a partnership.

Bush and lawmakers say expanding the franchise tax to partnerships would be a tax on the business, not on the partners.

"I might have had reservations about it, but I've listened to the debate on the committee and I've found it to be compelling," Bush said of expanding, rather than replacing, the current business tax. "The argument that says we can't have any form of business that will allow for people to dodge taxes makes imminent sense to me."

"It's a tax on business entities," he added. "I readily concede that if you were to extend the franchise tax to individuals, such as sole proprietors, it could conceivably be called a personal income tax. That's why I think it's important to keep sole proprietors out."

The business tax is part of a plan to lower local school property taxes by increasing the amount of money the state pays for education.

'Disadvantaged' GOP beginning \$2.46 million appeal for funds

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Republican campaign organization is making a \$2.46 million fund-raising appeal, contending the party is disadvantaged by its refusal to take overseas cash or money from "low-lives of our society."

In a stinging attack on White House fund-raising problems, the Republican campaign appealed to patriotism and compared Democrats to international drug kingpins.

"And now the FBI is investigating a sitting U.S. president's national party committee for accepting illegal foreign cash from the world's strongest remaining Communist regime," Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., wrote in an eight-page fund-raising letter that used the Cold War phrase "Red China."

"This is a direct slap in the face to those brave, young

American soldiers who spilled their blood defending freedom," the letter said.

McConnell, chairman of the National Republican Senatorial Committee, combined his criticism with a plea for rejection of limits on campaign contributions. He asked for a donation of \$34, which is \$1 for each Senate seat up for election during the 1998 campaign.

More than 100,000 copies each of the McConnell letter and a newsletter were sent out, and additional mailings were planned, senatorial campaign spokesman Mike Russell said.

"The Clinton-Gore team has put the presidency up for sale to the slimiest crooks and low-lives of our society," McConnell wrote.

He contended the Democrats' acceptance of improper foreign donations was "a sophisticated

money-laundering operation — just like those used by international drug kingpins."

McConnell wrote that Clinton, after "posing for photos with the underbelly of society," was supporting "campaign laws that restrict American citizens' First Amendment rights to free political speech."

The senatorial committee "must raise \$2.46 million to fully implement our communications plan," the appeal said.

Recipients also received a "Declaration To The President," to be signed and sent to the White House.

It demanded that Clinton "fully disclose all illegal foreign cash activities, stop the selling out of America to foreign nationals and cease his effort to deny Americans their First Amendment right to free speech."

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Officials recommend termination for guards

BEEVILLE — Two prison guards who failed to shoot an inmate as he scaled a fence and escaped March 22 should be fired, prison officials say.

Jose Salaz, 21, was serving a 35-year sentence on two charges of aggravated assault against a public servant and one charge of aggravated kidnapping when he escaped from the Garza East Unit near this South Texas city. He remains at large.

Texas Department of Criminal Justice officials say an intensive six-day search has cost between \$1.3 and \$2 million.

Charles Williamson, assistant regional director for TDCJ, said Salaz is believed to be out of the Coastal Bend but within Texas. He declined to be more specific, saying news reports could help Salaz further elude police.

Research focuses on sorghum ergot

COLLEGE STATION — Leaders in the Texas sorghum industry are trying to decide how to protect their crop from a disease that has never been reported in the United States before.

Researchers at Texas A&M said the sorghum ergot (ERR'got) was an Eastern Hemisphere disease until 1995, when it was discovered in Brazil. It spread quickly throughout South America, up through Central America and into Texas — all within two years.

Officials say it made its way to Brazil possibly in shipments of planting seed.

The discovery of ergot in a Texas field was announced late last week. It was found in a field where sorghum had sprouted from last year's crop in the lower Rio Grande Valley.

Scholarship proposal gets new twist

AUSTIN — Lottery players could scratch for more than cash under a state senator's proposal. They could help fund college scholarships through a new scratch-off ticket.

"Although I have never bought a lottery ticket in my life, people like me would certainly buy many lottery tickets if we knew that that money

— in the unlikely event we lose — would go to funding the HOPE scholarship program," Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, said Wednesday.

His proposed HOPE (Helping Outstanding Pupils Educationally) scholarship program would provide financial aid for Texas students who had a 'B' average in high school, maintain it in college and agree to perform community service.

A similar scholarship program was created by Texas lawmakers in 1990 for lower- and middle-income families, but it isn't linked to the lottery and wasn't funded until 1995. It gets \$150,000 a year.

Law enforcers move toward cooperation

EL PASO — Drug fighters already enjoying success because of collaborative efforts within the individual border states are now pushing to solidify their defensive front.

The goal is to erase any remaining boundaries between enforcement partnerships called High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas, or HIDTAs.

Officials hope that creates a climate where agencies work so closely together that what an agent does in Brownsville "has a direct impact in San Diego," said Jim Collier, head of the South Texas HIDTA.

The efforts were discussed during a daylong anti-drug conference Wednesday at Biggs Army Airfield.

Herman executed before victim's family

HUNTSVILLE — Convicted murderer David Lee Herman, condemned for killing a 21-year-old woman during a 1989 robbery, was put to death a day and a half after he tried to cheat the executioner by taking his own life.

Herman, 39, a self-inflicted razor wound to his neck covered with flesh-colored bandage at his request, asked for forgiveness in a brief statement before receiving lethal injection Wednesday evening.

Among witnesses to his execution were the parents and sister of murdered 21-year-old Jennifer Burns and a man who was shot but survived the December 1989 robbery at an Arlington topless club.

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Voracious foreign termites eat their way across the South

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — From a few blocks away, it looks like fog hovering in a French Quarter street. Up close, it turns out to be a swarm of insects, Formosan termites flying away from home to start a new colony.

"The cloud just appears. When you go to the source, you find there's one building and they're just streaming out of that building — hundreds of thousands from one door frame," says Ed Bordes, head of mosquito and termite control in New Orleans.

The voracious, rapidly multiplying termites, which reached New Orleans during World War II, are now spreading across the South and parts of the West.

They are eating the heartwood out of the ancient live oaks that shade New Orleans' parks and avenues. They endanger historic French Quarter town houses and Garden District mansions.

They hollowed out the 2-by-4s in a public library, then started in on the books.

In Hawaii, they even ate the gaskets on high-pressure water lines.

And exterminators won't guarantee they can get rid of them.

"I call it the second Battle of New Orleans," Bordes says. "We have to fight these guys here, have this as a center to study the methodology, and export it to states that don't have near the numbers we do."

Formosan termites are thought to have come to Hawaii in the 1860s, but it apparently took them an additional 80 years more to get to the mainland.

Since then, the invaders have far outstripped their native cousins. New Orleans loses about \$300 million a year to termites, and Formosans are responsible for at least 75 percent to 80 percent of that damage.

Hawaii suffers about \$100 million a year in damage from them, says Julian Yates, an extension specialist in urban entomology at the University of Hawaii.

Formosan termites are a problem in 11 states: Hawaii, all five Gulf Coast states, up the East Coast into Virginia, and inland into Tennessee. California has one infestation, but it is in a generally desert area, and authorities think it may now be contained.

But unless fought hard and fast, Formosan termites are likely to spread farther.

Oklahoma, Kentucky, Arizona, Arkansas, Missouri and New Mexico probably have Formosan termites or will have them in the near future, according to Bordes' office. Eventually, the experts predict the pests are likely to spread from Tacoma, Wash., to Boston, Mass.

Last year, six new infestations were found in Atlanta, Ga. All were traced to railroad ties brought there from a warehouse in South Carolina, says Gregg Henderson, an entomologist with the LSU Agricultural Center in Baton Rouge.

They probably stowed away to New Orleans in crates carrying PT boat engines back from the Pacific to the factories where Andrew Jackson Higgins built 20,094 landing craft and PT boats during World War II.

Bordes estimates it will cost \$10 million a year for the next 10 years to get them under control in New Orleans alone.

The newest weapon in the exterminator's arsenal was developed at the University of

Florida. It uses traps baited with wood and set into the ground. When termites are found in a trap, the wood bait is replaced with poisoned wood.

The worker termites — the ones that eat the wood — feed the queen, the soldiers and the winged adults which fly out to start new colonies. So the poison is carried back to the colony and spread there.

A building can be "tenting" and fumigated to kill all the above-ground insects. More commonly, above-ground nests are sprayed with termiticide foam. But unless there's a "breakout" spot where swarms have left the building, there's no way to find the nests without tearing out walls or ceilings.

A test site for the traps was a library in the Algiers neighborhood, where exterminators had been summoned 79 times.

"There was no swarm this past season, and hasn't been a live termite in there since the end of 1995," Bordes says.

However, Henderson says, the frustrating thing is the traps don't always work and the scientists don't know why.

"We don't really know termites that well — how they're locating food sources, why they choose one and not another," he says.

Formosan termites were first identified on the mainland in the 1960s, but old-timers who worked in Higgins' boat yards have told Bordes that the PT engine crates were infested with termites.

Camp Leroy Johnson, where the University of New Orleans now stands, also was a shipping depot, he says.

Now, every block in the French Quarter is infested.

"They don't pay any attention to addresses. As far as they're concerned a whole block may be one building, for feeding purposes," says Ed Martin, an entomologist for Terminix.

A quick check of 4,000 trees throughout the city found termites in the soil around one-tenth of them, Bordes says. In some areas, including St. Charles Avenue, where the branches shade two lanes of traffic and the streetcar line in the median, nearly one-in-three oaks is infested.

The termites like lots of different plants. In Hawaiian neighborhoods built on former pineapple and sugar plantations, Formosans have done significant damage in less than a year. Since it takes four or five years for a colony to grow large enough to do that sort of damage, the termites were already under the fields, Yates says.

Other cities also report horror stories.

In Charlotte, S.C., Formosan termites ate a bank wall into a shell that crumbled when a guard leaned against it, dumping him onto the sidewalk, says Clemson University entomologist Mac Horton.

Horton, who teaches exterminators in a master termite program, says a few years ago an estimated one in 10 of Charlotte's utility poles was infested. Many became so weak that what once had been a foot-wide log broke at the bump of a car being parked, and so light that they then just dangled from the power lines instead of falling.

There are a number of reasons Formosan termites are so formidable.

Rabbits are nothing compared to Formosan termites when it comes to multiplication. Every colony starts out with a pair of termites. When the colony at

the Algiers library branch was found, it numbered 60 million to 70 million. They seem to have more egg-layers than native subterranean termites, according to scientists at the University of Florida.

Formosans also are hungrier than native termites. A colony can hollow out a wall in three months. They chow down on living wood as well as dead wood. Their galleries, tunnels, chewed out and then lined, can cover 6.5 acres, according to entomologists at the University of Florida's cooperative extension service. They don't need to get down to earth to drink.

And they fly. They're not alone in that — native subterranean termites swarm in March, just as the Formosans will swarm in May through June in Louisiana. In Hawaii they swarm year-round, with the biggest swarms in spring and fall.

But, while other species can be stopped by spreading poison around a building, these can fly into the attic, set up house, and get their water from the condensation around a pipe.

Formosan termites have devastated sugar cane fields in Asia and Pakistan, and on the U.S. mainland have been found in sugar cane set out as ornamental plants around houses, Henderson says.

Termites also have infested the swamps. "I've watched a tree disappear," Henderson says. "It was a tupelo gum. One year it was green and leafy, the next year all that was left of that tree was termites."

The University of Florida treatment, licensed to Dow-Elanco as Sentricon, is a powerful tool, "but it's not the silver bullet," Yates says. "We're not to the point where we can rid an entire area of the pests."

Scientists say more research is needed on other ways to minimize the amount of poison put out, and on ways to find termites early, before they do their damage — possibly by finding the tiny amounts of chemicals they produce.

"Now detection is, what? An icopick or a screwdriver handle tapping on wood to see if it's hollow," Yates says.

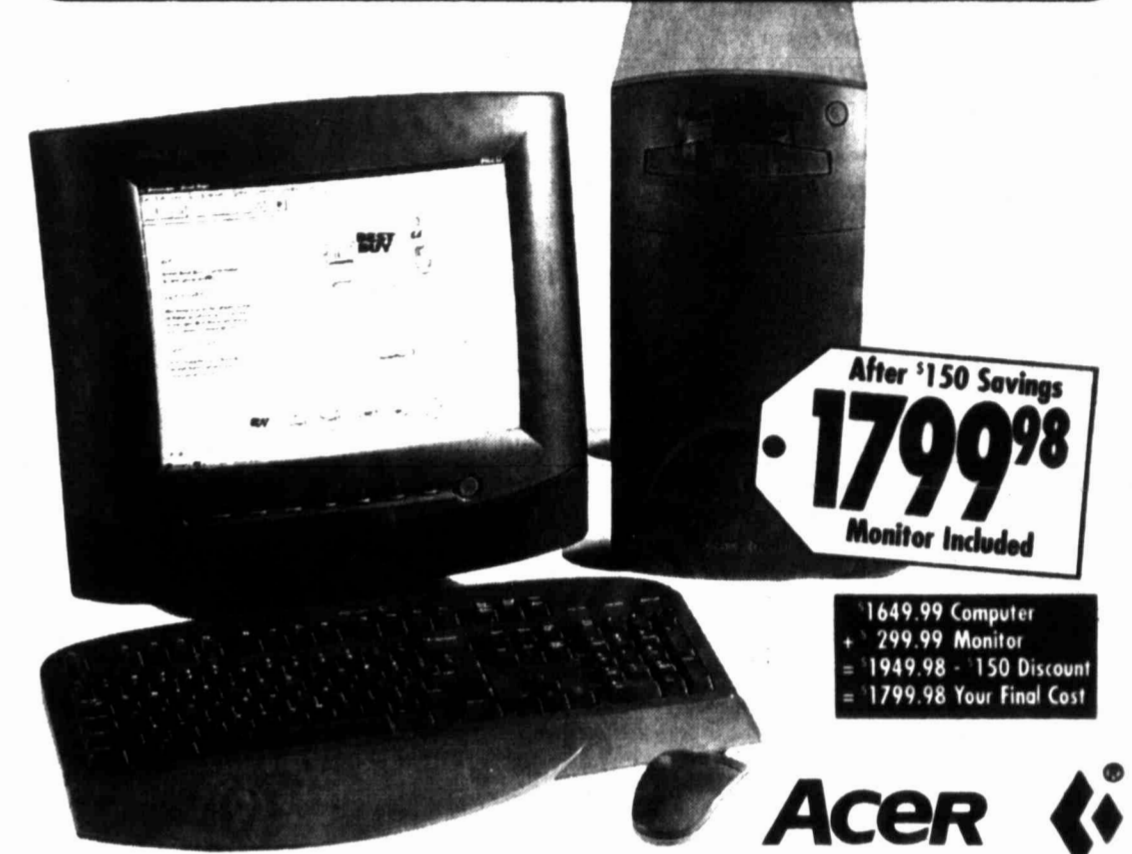
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Stanton; Midland; Trinity; Kermit; Garden City; Midland Lee; Fort Stockton; Reagan County; Permian; Odessa; and Andrews.

Answer the following questions based on what you read in the above article:

1. The Permian Basin Academic Challenge will pit elementary school academic teams against each other. True or False.
2. Who is sponsoring the event this year and what company had sponsored it the last eight years?
3. The contest is designed to challenge the students as well as entertain an audience. True or False.
4. How many teams are scheduled to compete?
5. Ten teams from the preliminary rounds will compete in the quarterfinals. True or False.
6. What do the first and second place teams win?
7. What are the names of the Big Spring High School students competing this year?
8. What are the other schools competing this year?

Answer Key:

1. False - high school teams
2. a). Permian Basin Higher Education Consortium b). Texaco.
3. True.
4. 15 teams
5. False - eight teams.
6. First place wins a trophy and \$5,000 in scholarship opportunities and second place wins \$2,500 in scholarship opportunities.
7. The students competing for Big Spring High School are: David Brown, Srinand Mandyam; Joe Rainwater; Ramnath Subbaraman; and Jacob Quisenberry.
8. The other high schools include: Grady; Greenwood; McCamey; Stanton; Midland; Trinity; Kermit; Garden City; Midland Lee; Fort Stockton; Reagan County; Permian; Odessa; and Andrews.

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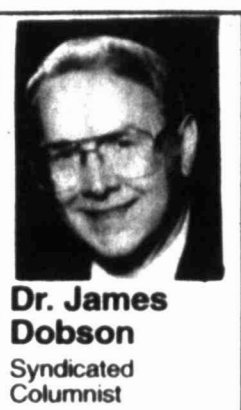
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Do you have a good story idea for the life! section? Call 263-7361, Ext. 235.

Why Americans are dissatisfied with their lives and looks

QUESTION: Can you explain why so many Americans express dissatisfaction and unhappiness with life, despite the fact we have more of the world's goods than any other country?

DR. DOBSON: The human emotional apparatus is constructed so as to disregard that which is taken for granted. Good health, delicious food, pleasant entertainment, peaceful circumstances and beautiful homes are of little consequence to those who have had them since birth.



Dr. James Dobson
Syndicated Columnist

But when those greatest of life's blessings begin to vanish, our appreciation for them increases accordingly. For a man who faces continued physical deterioration and premature death, the whole world assumes new signifi-

cance: the beauty of a tree, the privilege of watching a sunset, the company of loved ones—it all takes on meaning.

I think this concept explains many of the emotional problems and psychiatric symptoms which beset us. We have been taught to anticipate the finest and best from our existence on this earth. We feel almost entitled, by divine decree, to at least 72 years of bliss, and anything less than that is a cause for great agitation. In other words, our level of expectations is incredibly high.

But life rarely delivers on that promise. It deals us disappointment, frustration, disease, pain and loneliness, even in the best of circumstances. Thus, there is an inevitable gap between life as it is and life as it ought to be. The result is a high incidence of depression, especially among women, an unacceptable rate of suicide, especially among the young, and a general anxiety among the rest of us.

Compare this instability with the attitudes of German families near the close of World War II. Every day, 1,000

British bombers unloaded their destructive cargo over Hamburg, Berlin and Munich. By night, American planes did the same. Loved ones were dying on all sides. Neighborhoods were shattered and burned.

Yet historians tell us their morale remained intact until the end of the war. They did not crack. They went about the business of reordering their homes and making the best of a horrible situation.

How can we account for this courage in the face of disaster? The difference can be found in our level of expectations. The Germans expected to sacrifice and experience suffering.

They were, therefore, prepared for the worst when it came. But we are vulnerable to the slightest frustration because we have been taught that troubles can be avoided. We have permitted our emotions to rule us, and in doing so, we have become mere slaves to our feelings.

QUESTION: Why do people seem to be more conscious of their physical

flaws and inadequacies now than in the past? What accounts for the "epidemic" or inferiority?

DR. DOBSON: I believe this tremendous emphasis on physical attractiveness is a by-product of the sexual revolution going on around us. Our society has been erotically supercharged since the mid-1960s when the traditional moral standards and restraints began to collapse.

Television, radio, magazines, movies, billboards, literature and clothing all reflect this unparalleled fascination with sensuality of various sorts.

Obviously, when sex becomes all-important in a society, then each person's sex appeal and charm take on a new social significance.

Simply stated, the more steamed up a culture becomes over sex, the more it will reward beauty and punish ugliness.

It is my view the increased sensuality in America during the '70s and '80s is generating a higher incidence of emotional casualties among people

who are intently aware of their inability to compete in the flirtatious game. If beauty represents the necessary currency (the gold coin of worth), then they are undeniably bankrupt.

And, sadly, the most vulnerable victims of this foolish measure of human worth are the little children who are too young to understand, too immature to compensate and too crushed to fight back.

These questions and answers are excerpted from the book Dr. Dobson Answers Your Questions. Dr. James Dobson is a psychologist, author and president of Focus on the Family, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of the home.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. James C. Dobson's "Focus on the Family" appears each Thursday as a cooperative effort of Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the Big Spring Herald. Letters to Dr. Dobson may be sent to P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, Colo.; 80903.

BIBLE PRESENTATION



Kenneth Randall (left), administrator at Scenic Mountain Medical Center (SMCC), receives a gift of Bibles from Dick Milton and A.J. Dean on behalf of the local Gideons organization. Milton is secretary and Dean vice president of the Gideons. The Bibles will be placed in the new Transitional Care Unit at SMCC.

'SCHOOL NEWS' FROM LOCAL CAMPUSES

Editor's Note: The following article was written by students in Big Spring. Each week, a different group of schools will contribute to the "School News" column to report on various activities at their campuses. The column appears each Thursday.

GOLIAD MIDDLE SCHOOL

The seventh grade Goliad tennis team has had a wonderful year. Starting from our first tournament on Feb. 8, our seventh grade team won and has been on a winning streak. Our seventh grade winners in the boys' division in that tournament are as follows: Boys' singles - Brian Wingert won first in the consolation division, boys' doubles - Nathan Smith and Scott Downing won second, Michael Williamson and Brandon Ferguson won third and Colby Green and Alex Edgemon won fourth.

In the girls' division of that tournament the winners are as follows: Girls' singles - Lori Lara won second and April Ward won first in the consolation division, girls' doubles - Alene Legg and Marissa McCartney won first and Jaime Long and Melissa Kreher won third.

We placed well in the Colorado City tournament held on March 8 winning first, third and fourth in boys' singles, fourth in boys' doubles, third in girls' singles and third in girls' doubles. We will play another tournament in Snyder and a tournament in Midland on April 19.

Our team has done very well in our dual matches against Sweetwater, Colorado City and Snyder. We have a great record of 6-1. On Friday, March 21, we enjoyed a practice match with

Coahoma. *Written by April Ward*

COAHOMA HIGH SCHOOL

The Coahoma High School yearbook class took a field trip to Dallas Feb. 28-29. The staff toured the Taylor Publishing plant to see how yearbook pages are printed, cut and bound into a finished product. Twelve students attended the tour including Joel Hernandez, Cassie Rich, Regi Roberts, Willy Tucker, Judd Cathey, Krissi Hayes, Julie Hernandez, Stephen Lopez, Tabatha McIntosh, Amanda Phinny and Emily Sanders. The yearbook sponsor is Kay Pittman.

The yearbook staff has worked diligently during the past four years to increase advertising sales and yearbook sales. Four years ago, advertising sales were approximately \$1,200 and yearbook sales were 300. With the rising costs of publication, the school staff had to make some budget adjustments and decisions. Superintendent L.D. Monroe and the school board have supported all efforts of the staff and have realized the difficulty of publishing a quality book within a workable budget. The \$30 or \$35 charged per book doesn't even come close to the actual cost of publishing a yearbook. It can't be considered a profit-making activity. This year, the staff surpassed their goal of \$6,000 in advertising sales and 400 in yearbook sales. Our thanks to all businesses, parents and individuals who help support our yearbook.

The Coahoma Chapter of Future Homemakers of America attended the Region I Conference in Lubbock in March. The chapter members were among approximately

1,000 delegates. At the conference, Mandi Hanslik was elected vice president of projects for Region I. These students also participated in STAR (Students Taking Action for Recognition) Events. These events allowed the members to showcase their life skills in different areas of competition.

Brandy Logsdon and Tabatha McIntosh placed first in senior Skills for Life and Cassie Damgaard and Natalie Uranga received first place in Junior Chapter Showmanship. Amber Key, Jodi Rodgers, Jennifer Winn and Jill Allen placed second in the Focus on Children STAR event and third with their Junior Chapter Service Project. The Coahoma FHA chapter is sponsored by Barbara Justiss.

No writer named Mrs. Linda Froneberger's 5th graders are using the newspaper to find out more about summarizing. They work in groups to find interesting articles on categories like world and national news, unusual stories, editorials, sports, and weather. Their summaries are written on computers and then displayed on a "Current Events" bulletin board. When asked what things were gained from this weekly exercise, Maria Sisneros said, "I think that learning news is a great way for adults and kids to know what's going on around the world today."

Mrs. Kathleen Liggett's fourth grade class is writing and receiving letters from their pen pals in West Virginia. Lisa Cox says its fun because you get to do a lot of interesting things. Andriana Salgado says she enjoys having pen pals because they tell you what they

do when not at school. Andrea Solis tells us that the pen pals even reveal some things that are personal.

Some College Heights students will be presenting a talent show on May 15th at 7 p.m. for the whole school and parents. Students in Mrs. Pat DeAnda's fifth grade room are already practicing for the show.

The recent Easter holidays found College Heights students enjoying many different activities. Brandi Ramirez had fun at the lake splashing and splashing in the water. Jo Ledesma had an Easter egg hunt at her aunt's house in Odessa. Marivell Martinez went to her grandma's house here in Big Spring. All of these girls are in Mrs. Deborah Gunn's first grade class.

Silvia Acevedo, a student in Mrs. Rosemary Hernandez's class, went to Colorado City to visit her grandma for Easter. She went skating while she was there. Also going to Colorado City to visit her grandma was Cherish Turner from Mrs. Karen Adams' room.

Several students from Mrs. Liggett's class shared their Easter holiday experiences with us. Billy Daves had fun on Easter throwing water balloons on his stepister. Jerry Doport had a good time at a barbecue. He popped an egg on a friend's head.

Toni Flores, a fourth grader in Mrs. Carolejean Grant's class, went to Temple, Texas, and played with her cousins. Annissa Lerma from Mrs. DeAnda's class also went to Odessa for a barbecue and a big party there.

Written by Valerie Ramirez, Joshua Robles, and Sara Acevedo

EXTRA! EXTRA!

The following column is based on a story that appeared in the Herald on Wednesday.

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

The Permian Basin Academic Challenge will pit high school academic teams against each other April 13 and 14 in a fast-paced contest.

Terri Newton, communications specialist for Howard College, said the contest "will attempt to capture the excitement of a Hollywood game show and will call attention to the importance of quality education."

She said the contest was sponsored by Texaco for the last eight years, but this year the Permian Basin Higher Education Consortium, comprising Howard, Midland and Odessa colleges and the University of Texas at the Permian Basin, is sponsoring the event.

"The consortium's sponsorship of the Permian Basin Academic Challenge reflects the commitment of the four area higher education institutions to quality education. Our

goal is to raise the public's awareness of the importance of high academic standards," said Dr. Mary Koeninger, Academic Challenge chairperson.

The contest will be at the KMID-Channel 2 Station, near the Midland International Airport, and the quarterfinals, semifinals and finals will be taped for broadcast.

Newton said the contest is designed to challenge the students, as well as entertain an audience. "Our goal is to bridge the gap between the academically elite student, on the one hand, and the masses on the other. This is achieved by offering a broad range of questions, some challenging enough for the academically-gifted participants and others easy enough for the average adult or student listening to, or watching the program to answer."

Each high school, of which there are 15 scheduled to compete, will sponsor one team, consisting of four members and one alternate. Team members are selected by their respective high schools, Newton said.

The competition is scheduled to begin at 8:15 a.m. Saturday and will conclude around 6:30 p.m. Sunday. Because there is an odd number of teams competing, the highest scoring team defeated in the preliminary rounds will win the chance to compete again as a

See EXTRA!, EXTRA!, Page 5A

CAREER CORNER

Occupational Title: Chef/Chef de Froid

DUTIES: They are in charge of all kitchen activities. They help and instruct cooks on how to prepare the food. Chef de Froids design and make decorated foods. They prepare buffets in an artistic manner in formal dining areas.

WORKING ENVIRONMENT: They work in the kitchen of eating establishments which can be very warm. They usually work 40 to 48 hours a week. Chefs or

cooks may work evenings, weekends, and holidays.

HELPFUL HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES: Food and nutrition, math, cooperative education, business classes, home economics, English.

CONTINUING EDUCATION: Culinary school, junior college or technical school.

SOME SOURCES OF TRAINING OR EDUCATION: Odessa College, Houston Community College, Le Chef College of Hospitality Careers Austin.

UNION MEMBERSHIP: They may join the Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees International Union.

SALARY: In 1994, most experienced cooks earned \$15,000 or more a year. In 1995, many executive chefs and chefs in elegant restaurants earned \$42,641 a year. Some earn even more.

JOB PROSPECTS: Because it is almost an economic necessity for husband and wife to work, people are eating out more. So, job prospects are good to excellent.

TIPS 'N' TRIVIA

Face tips for spring:

- Drink, drink, drink - Drink eight glasses of water a day. It will give your skin the essential moisture it needs from the inside out.
- You are what you eat - For healthy, supple skin, make sure your diet includes five to nine daily servings of fruits and vegetables.
- Cleanse skin frequently - Breakouts are common during warmer weather as people are more active, so be sure to shower immediately to remove perspiration and oils. Avoid using soap, however, which can leave skin dry and flaky. Instead, try a mild, moisturizing beauty bar.
- Take shorter showers - Using lukewarm water instead of hot helps skin retain natural body oils.
- Less is more - Switch to a lighter, oil-free moisturizer with a 15-plus SPF, as skin needs less hydration in warmer weather because of higher humidity.
- Beware, the demon sun - Never leave the house without a hat, or sunscreen, which should be applied at least 20 minutes before going outside.
- Test your current cleanser - If your skin feels extremely dry, oil, itchy or tight after washing, it may be time to switch to a moisturizing beauty bar.
- For a free brochure with more skin-saving tips, write to: Dove Transitional Skin; 470 Park Ave. South; 10016, New York, N.Y. 10016.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Civil War Days this Saturday

Civil War Days is Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Comanche Trail Park, Dora Roberts Community Center. Free admission.

Childbirth class starts April 7

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.

No immunizations April 8

No immunizations will be given at the Texas Department of Health on Tuesday, April 8 due to our school immunization clinics. Normal shot day will resume Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

THE LAST WORD

To achieve great things, we must live as though we were never going to die.

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The truly free man is the one who will turn down an invitation to dinner without giving an excuse.

Jules Renard

When I hear somebody sigh that "Life is hard," I am always tempted to ask, "Compared to what?"

Sydney Harris

Treat people as if they were as good as you would want them to be. It is the only way to make them so.

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SCOREBOARD

LOCAL SPORTS SCHEDULE

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

Baseball — Atlanta at Houston, 7 p.m., ch. 11.
Baseball — Milwaukee at Texas, 7:30 p.m., ch. 29.
Baseball — Philadelphia at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m., ch. 29.

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Jones announces steps to clean up Cowboys' tattered image

IRVING (AP) — Most NFL teams have one or two people in charge of monitoring player behavior. Dallas' wayward Cowboys will soon have a whole department.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, apparently tired of his team's tattered image, has launched a multi-faceted effort to improve player behavior, including an alumni advisory board and an orientation program for rookies. The Dallas Morning News reported in today's editions.

By the time the Cowboys kick off the 1997 season, the team will have at least four managers and more than 10 employees dedicated to player behavior. There'll be department

managers in the areas of security, player development and assistance, psychology and spirituality, Jones said Wednesday.

The wide-ranging plan was devised by Calvin and Janet Hill. The former Dallas running back and his wife, the parents of basketball star Grant Hill, were recently hired as team consultants.

"The fans of the Cowboys deserve this type of intense commitment to good behavior," Jones said, calling the effort a "multimillion-dollar commitment over a number of years."

Dallas' image as America's Team has taken a beating in recent years because of well-publicized collisions between

We're going to take a look at the entire organization, come up with a set of standards and develop a model for being the best we can be, both on and off the field.

Calvin Hill

Cowboys players and the law.

The Cowboys also lead the league in drug-related suspensions, including recent incidents involving Michael Irvin, Leon Lett and Shante Carver.

"We have a very keen sensitivity and feeling about where we've been regarding our on- and off-the-field behavior," Jones said.

Hill, a Yale graduate who played for Dallas from 1969 to 1974, said the plan is based on drug programs he put together for the Cleveland Browns and Rand Corp.

Jones said the plan will become a model for the NFL.

"He's taken that function to the next level," said NFL spokesman Greg Aiello. "A lot

of clubs have one or two people charged with player programs and player behavior, but nothing like this."

In addition to a player-behavior department, Hill suggested an advisory board of former Cowboys to help counsel players. Among the potential ex-Cowboys whom Hill mentioned were Roger Staubach, Pettis Norman and Jethro Pugh.

Hill wouldn't say how long he'll stay with the team as a consultant.

"It's long enough to put things in place," he said. "We're going to take a look at the entire organization, come up with a set of standards and develop a model for being the

best we can be, both on and off the field."

Jones said future off-the-field incidents will be dealt with individually. He said players in trouble might not be cut or traded right away, but there probably will be unspecified repercussions.

"If we see people that can't recognize the value of this, that'll impact my decision on whether they stay on the football team or not," he said.

The Cowboys have made efforts to control player behavior before, both during the Tom Landry era and after Jones took over in 1989. Former FBI agent Larry Wansley was security director from 1983 to 1990.

Rodeo begins tonight

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

For sheer variety, this will be one of the top weekends of the year as far as area sports fans are concerned.

Variety also will be a key to the annual Howard College Rodeo, which begins tonight at the Rodeo Bowl on the west end of town.

Hundreds of athletes from more than 20 universities and junior colleges will descend on Big Spring for the annual rodeo, which runs through Saturday.

Start times are 7:30 p.m. nightly. In addition, there will be slack competition Saturday morning.

Howard cowboys and cowgirls can expect tough competition from schools such as Texas Tech, Odessa College, Western Texas and Eastern New Mexico.

Events include bull riding, calf roping, team roping, barrel racing and goat tying.

CONCENTRATION



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

Big Spring's Dee Hill appears to be all business as she practices on the hurdles during a recent team practice. The Lady Steers and Steers host the Big Spring Relays — sponsored by the American Business Club — Saturday.

Hawks take long-ball approach to victory

Home runs power HC past Vernon

By KATHY McCLELLAN
Special to the Herald

VERNON — When the wind is blowing out and pitchers are unable to keep the ball down, Chaparral Field in Vernon becomes a launching pad.

The Howard College Hawks blasted several rockets over the fence here Tuesday afternoon in their 9-5, 9-0 doubleheader sweep of Vernon Regional Junior College.

While Chaparral pitchers had a tough time keeping the ball in the park, Howard's Keith Lant and Corey Martin had no such trouble. Lant gave up only four hits in going the distance and earning the victory in Game One, while Martin also went the distance, scattering three hits and earning the win in the second game.

Howard second baseman

The ... Hawks blasted several rockets over the fence here Tuesday afternoon in their 9-5, 9-0 doubleheader sweep of Vernon Regional Junior College.

Bryan Phillips was the leadoff hitter in the first game, and he gave a preview of things to come as he blasted a solo shot over the left field fence. T.J. Runnells followed with a single and later scored on a hit by Nathan Nelson.

The big inning for the Hawks came in the third when they scored four runs on two two-run home runs. William Hawkins slapped a double to left-center to start the inning, and came home on Nelson's monster shot over the left field fence.

With one out, Kirk singled and trotted around the bases in

front of Eric Absher, who launched another home run ball over the left field fence.

VRJC struck back in the fourth with a home run, RBI groundout and double to close to within 8-4, then added another run in the fifth, but 8-5 was as close as the Chaparrals could get.

Howard added another run in the seventh when Nelson crushed the first pitch he saw over the left field fence for the his second home run of the game.

In the second game, the Hawks were up 1-0 going into the third inning when they exploded for seven runs to grab an 8-0 lead.

With two outs and runners on first and second, Nelson came through with a single to score Phillips. Brandon Plumlee was next up, and he crushed a three-run homer over the left field fence. Howard scored the other three runs on an RBI double by Absher and run-scoring singles by Dominick Barrett and Phillips.

Hawkins ended the fireworks with a solo home.

Astros down Braves again; Deion paces Reds

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Larry Dierker's career switch was supposed to be a struggle. So far, though, it's been perfect.

Dierker, who went from the Houston Astros' broadcast booth to their dugout, improved to 2-0 in his first year as the club's manager following a 4-3 victory over the Atlanta Braves on Wednesday night.

Houston's second win of 1997 was as unlikely as its first. One night after beating 1996 NL Cy Young winner John Smoltz, the Astros' roughed up Greg Maddux for 10 hits in six innings.

"They found holes," Maddux said. "It's not like they were hitting a lot of line drives. Sometimes the ball just bounces that way."

The ball is certainly bouncing the right way for Dierker, who

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spent 18 years as a broadcaster before taking the Houston job.

"You've got to be lucky to beat the Braves," Dierker said. "They are so hard to play. The tighter the game, the harder, the better they play."

Elsewhere in the National League, it was Montreal 4, St. Louis 1; Cincinnati 5, Colorado 3; Florida 4, Chicago 3; Los Angeles 5, Philadelphia 1; and San Diego 6, the New York Mets 5 in 12 innings.

Trailing 4-2, the Braves pulled within a run in the ninth on Jeff Blauser's RBI double off John Hudek. Blauser took third on Keith Lockhart's groundout, and Billy Wagner relieved to face Kenny Lofton.

Lofton hit a line drive to

third baseman Bill Spiers, who caught the ball, then doubled up Blauser for the final out.

Blauser knew it was over when the ball passed him.

"Once I saw it go by me on a line, my first thought was to try to get back to the bag, because I knew it wasn't going to bounce," Blauser said. "It was hit too hard. That was absolutely the worst-case scenario in that situation for us. He (Spiers) was moving that way when the ball was hit, so there wasn't much I could do."

Expos 4, Cardinals 1

At Montreal, Jeff Juden allowed two hits in seven innings in his first start since 1995, and Henry Rodriguez went 3-for-4 for the Expos.

Chris Widger hit his second career home run for Montreal, which dropped the defending NL Central champions to 0-2.

St. Louis, which got only two hits, has scored only two runs in its first two games — both on wild pitches.

Lee Smith, baseball's career saves leader, worked a perfect ninth for his first save since June 28.

Rodriguez doubled, tripled and homered.

Reds 5, Rockies 3

At Cincinnati, Deion Sanders had four hits and Reggie Sanders hit a three-run homer for Cincinnati.

Sanders, continuing his impressive return to baseball after sticking strictly to football in 1996, went 4-for-5 with a run scored, a stolen base and an RBI. He's 6-for-9 in two games, with three steals.

Dave Burba allowed five hits in seven innings for the win.

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Wild, wild West produces lots and lots of runs

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

What's going on out West? Lots of runners circling the bases.

Three American League games in the Pacific time zone produced 45 runs Wednesday night.

Boston got four of them with two outs in the ninth inning to beat Anaheim 6-5. New York, sparked by three home runs by Tim Lincecum, routed Seattle 15-2. And Cleveland, helped by David Justice's superb AL debut, edged Oakland 9-7.

In other AL games, it was Minnesota 7, Detroit 0; Baltimore 4, Kansas City 2; and Toronto 8, Chicago 1.

The Angels led 5-4 and had two outs in the ninth when they struck out the first two batters, but then John Valentin doubled, Mo Vaughn walked and Reggie

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Jefferson got an infield single to load the bases.

Percival then walked Tim Lincecum and Wil Cordero to make it 5-4, and hit Rudy Pemberton on the upper left arm, tying the game.

Pep Harris relieved, and pinch-hitter Troy O'Leary had an infield single to third base, knocking home the winning run in the season opener for both teams.

Percival had just three blown saves in 39 chances last season.

"He struck out the first two in the ninth, then we hit the jackpot," Jimmy Williams said after his winning debut as the Red Sox manager. "The kid was wild. It worked out great for us. We didn't even hit the ball out of the infield. Sometimes a win

like that gets you going in the right direction."

Percival couldn't believe he blew the lead.

"I was very focused for the first two batters, then I just had a mental breakdown. I screwed it up," he said. "If I'm going to get beat, I'm going to get beat physically, not mentally."

"It's not going to happen again. ... I'd go back out there right now if they wanted to start another game."

The Angels, trailing 6-5, loaded the bases in the bottom of the ninth before Heathcliff Slocumb got Jorge Fabregas on a short fly ball to end it.

Luis Alcega singled home two runs and scored once for Anaheim, and another new Angel, Eddie Murray, got his 1,900th career RBI.

Yankees 16, Mariners 2

Martinez homered in his first three at-bats and droyed in a

career-high seven runs. Traded by the Mariners to New York after the 1995 season, he hit a three-run homer in the first, a two-run shot in the third and a solo homer in the fifth off Scott Sanders, who was making his AL debut.

Martinez got four chances to become the 13th player in history to hit four homers in a game, but failed.

"It was just one of those things that happen," Martinez said. "You really can't try to do it."

The Mariners traded Martinez to New York because they couldn't afford to keep him along with their other top players.

"He's been relaxed all spring and swinging the bat really well," Yankees manager Joe

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Jeff Shaw, taking over the closer's role from injured Jeff Brantley, pitched the ninth for his first save.

Bill Swift took the loss.

Marlins 4, Cubs 3

At Miami, Al Leiter and three relievers combined on a five-hitter as Florida improved to 2-0 for the first time.

Leiter allowed four hits and two runs in five innings for his 50th career win. Robb Nen pitched a perfect ninth for his first save.

Florida's Gary Sheffield, who signed a six-year, \$61 million contract extension Wednesday, doubled, walked twice and scored a run.

Jeff Conine went 3-for-3 with an RBI for the Marlins.

Mark Grace drove in all three Cubs runs with a homer and a double.

Dodgers 5, Phillies 1

At Los Angeles, Raul Mondesi hit a three-run homer in the first inning to back seven strong innings from Hideo Nomo.

Mondesi, who went homerless in 79 spring training at-bats, went 3-for-4 with four RBIs as the Dodgers got their first win of the season after being shut out by the Phillies on opening day.

Nomo allowed four hits in seven innings with eight strikeouts.

Mike Lieberthal homered for Philadelphia's only run.

Darren Dreifort got out of a two-on, two-out jam in the eighth and pitched a perfect ninth for his first save since 1994.

Padres 6, Mets 5

At San Diego, Chris Gomez's RBI single with two outs in the 12th helped San Diego complete a two-run rally.

Ken Caminiti drew a leadoff walk off loser Ricardo Jordan and moved up on Archi Cianfrocco's pinch-hit single. Both runners advanced on a passed ball, and Caminiti scored the tying run on Wally Joyner's sacrifice fly.

One out later, Gomez who ignited the Padres' 12-5 victory Tuesday with a homer, singled to left field off reliever Toby Borland.

Sean Bergman recorded one out for the victory.

John Olerud, twice gave the Mets a lead they could not hold, hitting a two-run homer in the sixth inning and then an RBI single in the 12th.

Stars clinch NHL Central

DALLAS (AP) — Though the Dallas Stars believed they would be an improved team this season, not even the most optimistic member of the organization would have predicted this season's turnaround.

Dallas, last in the Central Division in 1995-96, wrapped up the division title Wednesday night with a 5-4 victory over the New York Islanders, eliminating Detroit from contention.

The Stars finished 65 points behind the Red Wings last season.

"If you were a betting man, I don't think there's a horse riding that you'd want to bet on with those odds," Stars coach Ken Hitchcock said of his team's worst-to-first comeback.

"This is a team that has believed in itself, a team in every sense of the word."

Benoit Hogue's goal with 32 seconds left broke a 4-4 tie and extended Dallas' winning streak to seven games, matching the longest streak in franchise history.

The victory gave the Stars, 9-6-2 in their last 11 games, a club record 100 points and left them three points behind defending Stanley Cup champion Colorado in the Western Conference.

"With six games left, we've got Colorado on our minds," said Hogue.

"We want to be the top team overall. I was just trying to put the puck on the net. In the last minute, that's all you can do."

Hogue, who played for the Islanders from 1991-95, saw an opening along the ice, but still decided to shoot high. He received the puck after Pat Verbeek stripped it from Islanders winger Todd Bertuzzi.

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Torre said.

Andy Pettitte, a 21-game winner for the World Series champions last season, helped New York break a five-game losing streak in the Kingdome and gave the Yankees just their third win in 18 games in Seattle.

Indians 9, Athletics 7

Justice, making his AL debut just eight days after being traded from Atlanta, hit a tie-breaking two-run homer in the top of the seventh to give Cleveland a

season-opening win.

"Good athletes have a way of shortening their adjustment period. David's a good athlete," Cleveland manager Mike Hargrove said. "David Justice came up huge for us."

Justice, also tripled and singled. Jim Thome and newcomer Kevin Mitchell added solo homers for the retooled Indians, who have only 11 players remaining from the team that won the 1995 AL pennant.

Mark McGwire drove in three runs for the Athletics, including a two-run double that tied

the game 6-6 in the fifth.

Twins 7, Tigers 6

Minnesota started 2-0 for the first time since 1987. Marty Cordova's one-out single scored Pat Meares in the ninth to win it.

Rick Aguilera got the victory despite giving up Matt Walbeck's game-tying homer for Detroit in the top of the ninth.

Twins relievers Gregg Olson and Greg Swindell combined to give up three runs in the top of the eighth inning as the Tigers took a 5-4 lead. But Dan Miceli,

who gave up four runs in Tuesday's loss, came on to surrender Greg Colbrunn's two-run, two-out homer in the bottom of the eighth as Minnesota went up 6-5.

Orioles 4, Royals 2

Cal Ripken, playing third base in an opener for the first time since 1982, saved a run with a sparkling play, doubled twice, homered and walked.

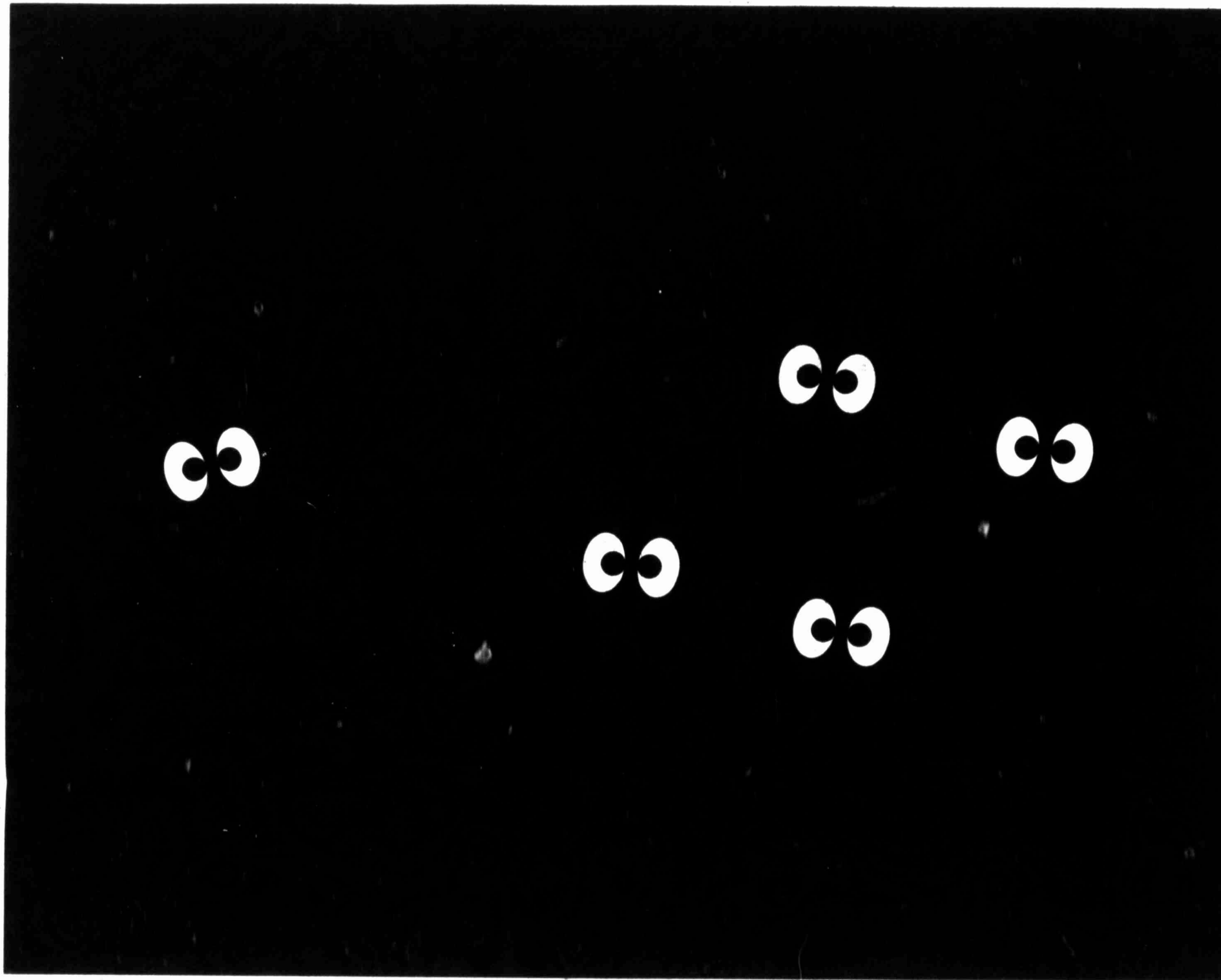
Following the game at Camden Yards, Ripken signed a contract extension that virtually assures he'll finish his career with the Orioles — the

only club he has played for.

Jimmy Key pitched six strong innings in his Baltimore debut. Key, who signed as a free agent, allowed no earned runs, four hits and a walk to improve to 7-0 in eight career opening-day starts.

Blue Jays 6, White Sox 1

Roger Clemens earned his first career victory with the Blue Jays — his other 192, along with three AL Cy Young Awards, came in 13 years with Boston. He pitched a six-hitter, struck out nine and walked one in the AL's first complete game this season.

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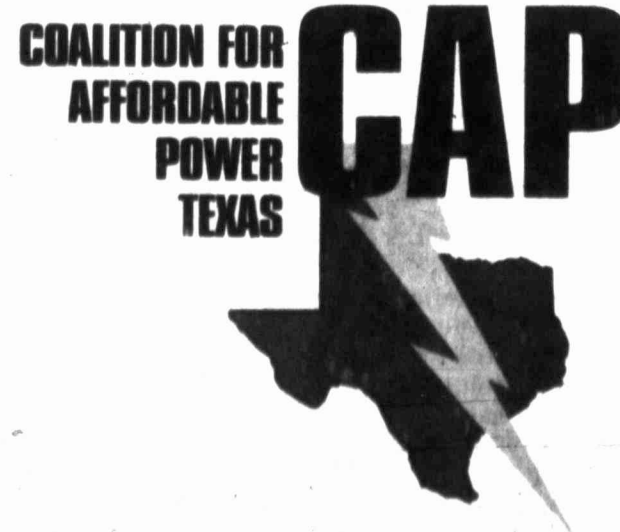
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By The ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Levi pays big bucks for jeans

NEW YORK — Levi Strauss & Co. paid \$25,000 for an approximately 100-year-old pair of jeans, believed to be one of the two oldest pairs of Levi's in existence.

The pair — apparently once owned by a coal miner in Colorado — was hand-delivered to the Levi Strauss museum in San Francisco, where it will be exhibited near one almost the same age, but in poorer condition.

"One reason this pair of jeans is so important is that we lost everything in the 1906 earthquake and fire and the first 50 years of our history were destroyed," company historian Lynn Downey said.

"I knew this would be a treasure that everyone in the company would want us to have, so there was no question."

The jeans, which have a single back pocket and a leather patch on the waistband, were found in remarkably good shape in November by someone combing an old mine. The pair dates from 1886 to 1902, when the jeans cost around \$1.25, Downey said.

The person who found the jeans sold them for \$10,000. Another investor paid \$15,000, and the owners of What Comes Around Goes Around, a vintage apparel store in Manhattan, paid \$20,000.

"The biggest market for vintage jeans is Japan, but I wanted to keep them in the country," said Seth Weisser, co-owner of the store. "I called Levi's and overnighted them pictures. They seemed overwhelmed with happiness. They probably would have paid \$40,000."

Use information from the story to answer the following questions:

1. Levi Strauss & Co. recently paid \$25,000 for a pair of vintage (old) jeans. Why were the jeans so high-priced?
2. How much money did the Manhattan store owners make on the sale of the Levi's treasure?
3. Why do you think that the rare clothing item was hand-delivered to the Levi Strauss museum in San Francisco?
4. Where were the old jeans found? Who probably owned them?
5. The jeans are said to date from 1886 to 1902. Why might it be difficult to find out the exact year in which they were made?
6. About how much did a pair of Levi's cost 100 years ago?
7. How might the condition of the pair of jeans affect its value? Explain.
8. Name two features of the approximately 100-year-old pair of jeans that were mentioned in the story.
9. What is Levi planning to do with its new possession?
10. How were clothing items from the company's first 50 years in business destroyed?

Answer key (wording may vary):

1. The jeans are so valuable because they are one of the oldest pairs of Levi's in the world.
2. The owners of What Comes Around Goes Around sold the jeans for \$5,000 more than they paid for them.
3. Answers will vary.
4. The vintage pair was found in an old mine. The jeans were probably owned by a Colorado coal miner.
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9. Levi Strauss & Co. is planning to put their treasure on display near another pair of almost the same age.
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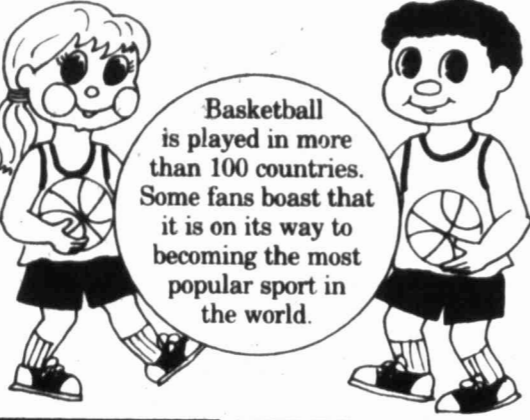
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By BETTY DEBNAM

A Booming Sport

Basketball Is Big!



Basketball is played in more than 100 countries. Some fans boast that it is on its way to becoming the most popular sport in the world.

- You don't have to have a lot of people to play basketball. You can even play by yourself.
- You don't need a court. Safe parking lots or driveways will do.
- You don't need a lot of equipment or fancy uniforms.
- You can play year-round because it is an indoor sport.
- Fans find it exciting to watch on TV.

Better players

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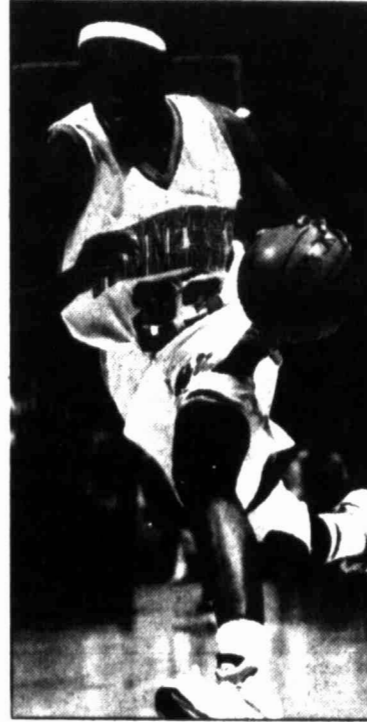
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Women's pro teams

This year women's basketball made history. Two new women's professional leagues began.

The American Basketball League season began in October 1996, and ended in March. In June, the Women's National Basketball Association, or WNBA, starts its first season. The season will end with the league championship game played on Aug. 30.

The American Basketball League was started after women's basketball proved so popular in the Olympics.

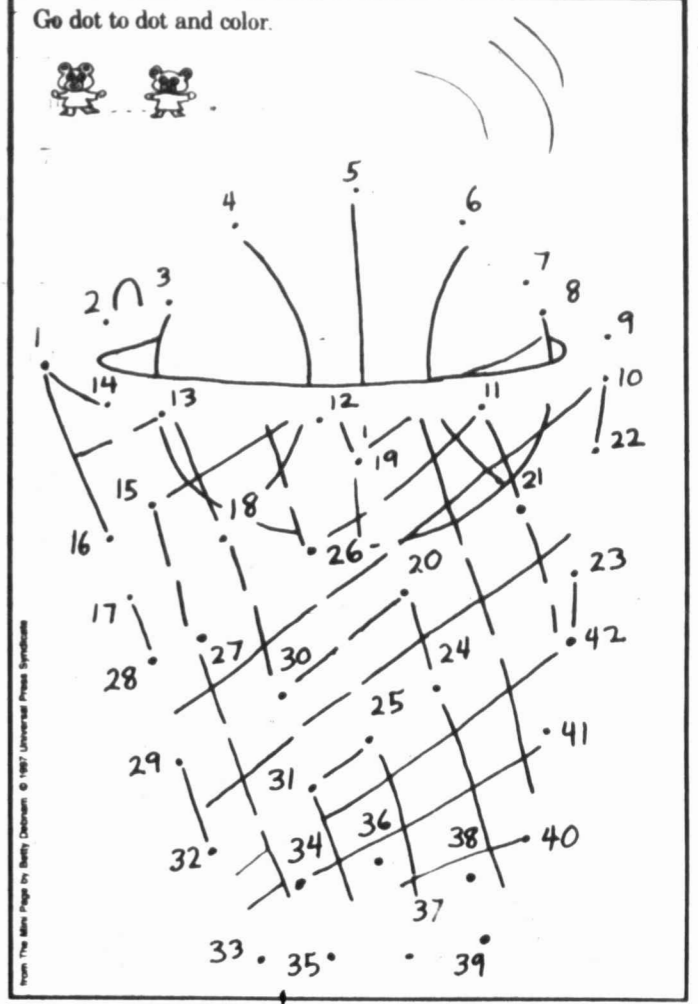


Charmique Holdsclew is one of the top women's college players. This sophomore at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville was named to several All-American teams her first year.

More girls playing

As in most sports, more girls are playing today. This interest in sports can be traced back to a law passed in 1972. The law became known as "Title IX." It said that girls had to be given equal opportunities with boys. Many high school girls are inspired by the hopes of getting a college scholarship.

The Presidents of the United States Poster is an attractive, educational reference for home and classroom use. It features reproductions of engraved portraits of each of the presidents, including Bill Clinton, shown in chronological order along with the dates they held office. To order, send check or money order for \$3 plus 75 cents postage and handling per copy, payable to Andrews and McMeel, P.O. Box 419242, Kansas City, Mo. 64141.



MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

WHAT KIND OF CUP DOESN'T HOLD WATER?
A: A CUPCAKE!

THAT'S MIGHTY FUNNY!
Q: What word pronounced right is wrong but if pronounced wrong is right?
A: Wrong!

Q: What day is the best day to go to the beach?
A: Sunday!

(all jokes sent in by Katie Brings)
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Rookie Cookie's Recipe

Slam Dunkers

You'll need:

- 1 6-ounce package butterscotch chips
- 1 tablespoon peanut butter
- 1 3-ounce can chow mein noodles
- 1 cup peanuts, chopped

What to do:

1. Place butterscotch chips and peanut butter in a medium microwave-safe bowl.
2. Microwave on HIGH 2 minutes or until melted. Stir halfway through cooking.
3. Stir in chow mein noodles and peanuts. Mix well.
4. Place by teaspoonfuls on a cookie sheet.
5. Refrigerate 1 hour or until hardened. Makes about 2 dozen.

TRY 'N FIND

BASKETBALL

Words about basketball are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: BASKETBALL, BASKET, BALL, PLAYER, GAME, FOUL, DRIBBLE, SHOOT, RIM, DUNK, CENTER, GUARD, COACH, SCORE, THROW, PASS, NET, PLAY, RUN, GOAL.

G A M E A V G C E N T E R O A
B A S K E T B A L L C Y A L P
K N U D W S E I B T H R O W
O L A O G S S C I X A J B L F
A J N W R K G H O C O S S V O
C K E B I L P U O R D B K R U
H O T R M C N A A O E A F E L
R E Y A L P T E S R T L P G T
U E L B B I R D F S D L R U N

Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and her friends are playing basketball. See if you can find:

- caterpillar
- kite
- key
- saw
- number 3
- letter T
- pig's head
- ruler
- sailboat
- carrot
- number 7
- drumstick
- letter V

• exclamation mark • mushroom

What it's like ...

Bouncing From City to City

Happy Birthday, NBA

The National Basketball Association is celebrating its 50th anniversary this season. The Mini Page celebrates with an interview with one of its stars, Joe Dumars.

Since he was drafted by the Detroit Pistons in 1985, Joe Dumars has scored more than 10,000 points. He is one of the league's top guards.

He is known as a great athlete and as an outstanding citizen who helps his community. Every year he puts on a charity tennis event to raise money for the Detroit Children's Hospital. He also visits patients there.

Joe and his wife, Debbie, have two kids, a 5-year-old son, Jordan, and a 3-year-old daughter, Aren. They live in the Detroit area.

Here's what we learned from talking with him:

Life on the road

Joe and his teammates travel seven to eight months a year. Each season they play at least 82 games.

"You're in town for two days, you're out for three days. It's constant. You're either coming into town or you're leaving town — one or the other."

Players travel so much they don't always know what city they're in. "You wake up and say, 'Where am I?' So you grab a phone book and look at it."

Team plane

Eight years ago the Detroit Pistons were the first team in the NBA to get their own private jet. Twenty teams now have their own plane.

"It was such a help for us. It cuts down on the wear and tear of traveling."

Having their own plane means they can sometimes fly home right after a game and sleep in their own beds.

"People usually sleep on the plane. I don't know if it's superstition or what, but for eight years I've been in the same seat."

When the players are flying a long distance, they leave early in the morning and arrive around noon. They practice for a couple of hours, then take the rest of the day off.

On arrival

A bus comes out on the runway to meet their plane. It takes them directly to the hotel. They usually don't land at big airports, but at smaller ones.

They don't have to worry about checking into the hotels, either. Usually their room keys are on a table. They just grab them and go to their rooms.

They all get their own rooms at the hotels. They get king-size beds. For players like Joe Dumars, who is 6 feet, 3 inches, this is not a problem, but it could be for the taller players.

The off-season

"There are no obligations in the summertime other than to take care of your body and stay in condition."

"In the off-season I love to play tennis. I started playing tennis before playing basketball. I'm an avid reader. I read a lot of different novels and books. I love music."

Advice to kids

Joe Dumars has been such a success on and off the field that people listen when he talks.

"I tell kids as well as grown-ups that life is what you put into it, whether it be school or athletics. Anything you want to do, whatever you put into it is what you are going to get out of it."

Next week The Mini Page honors a great athlete and civil rights leader: Jackie Robinson.

The Mini Page thanks Michelle Bergman, manager, marketing communications, NBA, and Eddie Clinton, the American Amateur Athletic Association for help with this issue.

Look through your newspaper for stories about your favorite team.

Tomorrow's workforce is in today's classrooms.

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THURSDAY

APR. 3

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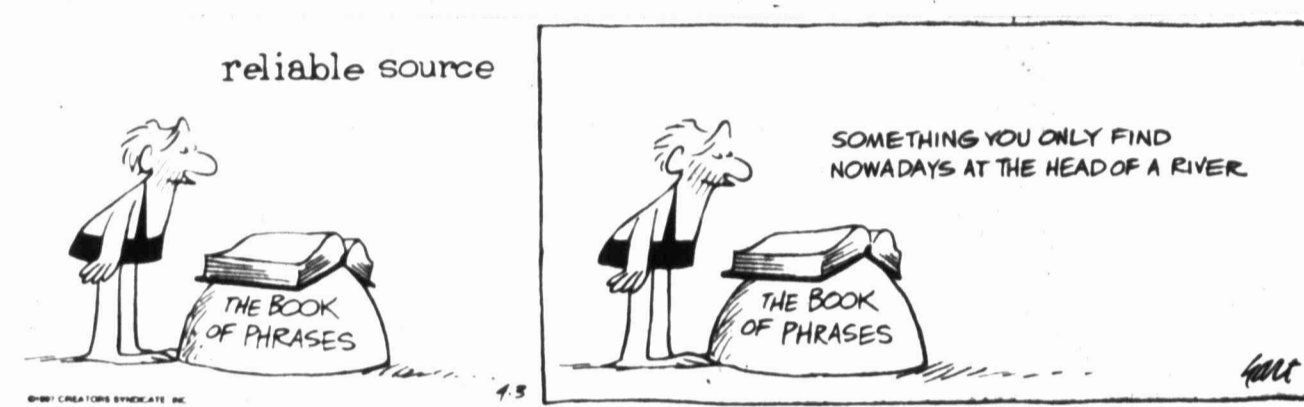
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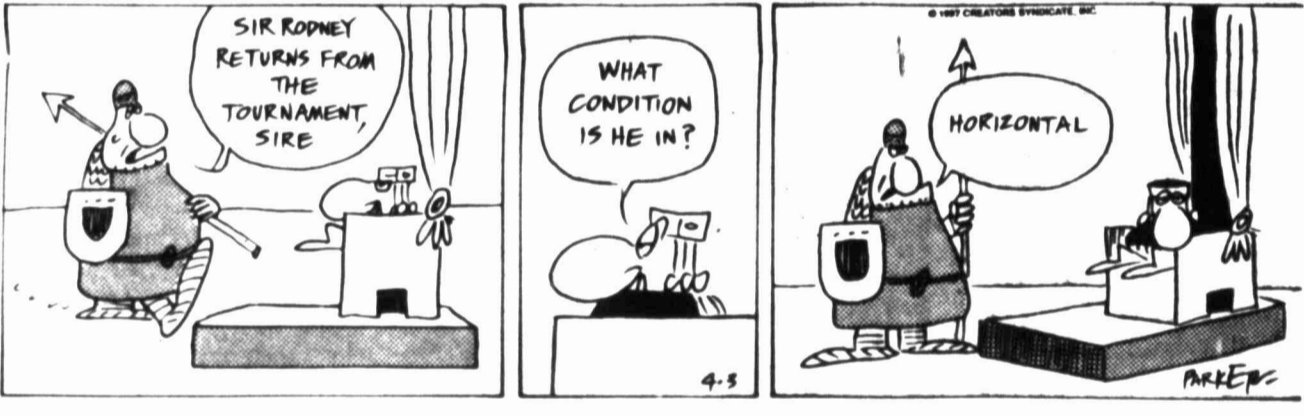
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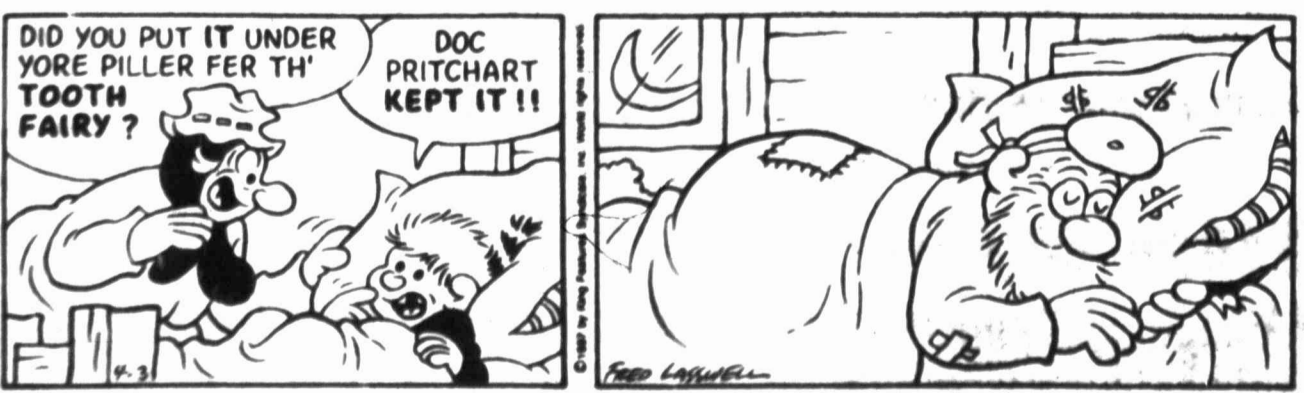
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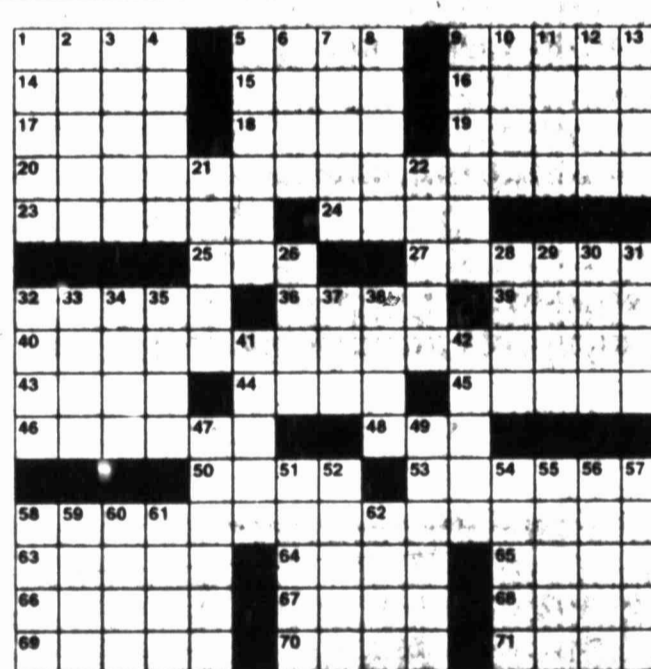
The ASSOCIATED PRESS
Today is Thursday, April 3, the 93rd day of 1997. There are 272 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On April 3, 1860, the legendary Pony Express began service between St. Joseph, Mo., and Sacramento, Calif. (It lasted only 1 1/2 years before giving way to the transcontinental telegraph.)
On this date:
In 1776, George Washington received an honorary doctor of law degree from Harvard College.

In 1865, Union forces occupied the Confederate capital of Richmond, Va.
In 1882, outlaw Jesse James was shot to death in St. Joseph, Mo., by Robert Ford, a member of his own gang.
In 1936, Bruno Hauptmann was electrocuted in Trenton, N.J., for the kidnap-murder of the Lindbergh infant.
In 1946, Lt. General Masaharu Homma, the Japanese commander responsible for the Bataan Death March, was executed outside Manila in the Philippines.
In 1948, President Truman signed the Marshall Plan, which allocated more than \$3 billion in aid for 16 European countries.
In 1968, North Vietnam agreed to meet with U.S. representatives to set up preliminary peace talks.
In 1979, Jane M. Byrne was elected mayor of Chicago, defeating Republican Wallace D. Johnson.
In 1985, the landmark Brown Derby restaurant in Hollywood closed after 56 years in business.
Ten years ago, stock prices rocketed on Wall Street as the Dow Jones industrial average soared 69.89 points, ending the day at a record 2,390.34.
Five years ago, President Bush, speaking in Philadelphia, said members of Congress should shorten their annual sessions and retire after 12 years, calling for changes in "a failed status quo"; Democratic leaders accused Bush of "scapegoating."
One year ago, an Air Force jetliner carrying Commerce Secretary Ron Brown and American business executives crashed in Croatia, killing all 36 people aboard. Suspected Unabomber Theodore Kaczynski was arrested. Former Cleveland Mayor Carl Stokes, the first black elected mayor of a major U.S. city, died at age 68.
Today's Birthdays: Actor Marlon Brando is 73. Actress singer Doris Day is 73. Country singer Don Gibson is 69. Actress Miyoshi Umeki is 68. German Chancellor Helmut Kohl is 67. Florida Gov. Lawton Chiles is 67. Singer Jan Berry (Jan and Dean) is 56. Actress Martha Mason is 55. Singer Wayne Newton is 55. Singer Billy Joe Royal is 55. Singer Tony Orlando is 53. The former president of Mexico, Carlos Salinas de Gortari, is 49. Singer Richard Thompson is 48. Rock musician Mel Schacher (Grand Funk Railroad) is 45. Actor Alvin Karpis is 39. Actor David Hyde Pierce is 38. Comedian-actor Eddie Murphy is 36. Rock singer Sebastian Bach (Skid Row) is 29.

THE Daily Crossword

- ACROSS
1 Rib donor
5 Satirist Mort
9 Funniness
14 Tableland
15 Canadian tribe
16 Winged
17 At a distance
18 Horse color
19 Relative value
20 Compassionate trait
23 Playground equipment
24 Pacifist
25 Pigment
27 Baby
32 Entertain
36 Ridicule
39 Melody
40 Bojangle's lorte
43 Cosmetic ingredient
44 Opposed
45 Map collection
46 Annoy
48 - leaf cluster
50 Tennis great
53 Japanese hostess
58 Seafood item: var.
63 Put forth
64 Bard's river
65 Skappist's concern
66 Donnybrook
67 Pick up
68 Harbinger
69 - alia
70 Fast planes
71 Tear into pieces



- DOWN
1 Gather
2 Crusoe creator
3 - and sane
4 Shopping centers
5 Daft
6 Venezuelan copper center
7 Found out
8 Slow, to Mehta
9 Solidify
10 - Bator

Wednesday's Puzzle solved:
POSH MESA SCALD
ERTE ALAN ERGOT
SEER RANT USARH
TOWERING IN PERNO
SAT ALL
ALA PILLAGE ALP
GENT MAID SENOR
HIGH RENAISSANCE
AGREE CREE POKE
SHY PRESUME YEN
ATA EVE
TALL THE SADDLE
ORIEL HJAY GOAL
BLADE EDIE SVIL
BLOTS NEER REDE
11 Sailor
12 Cornelia - Skinner
13 Vintage autos
21 Netherworld
22 Madonna role
26 Harrow rival
28 Datum
29 Seed cover
30 Historic caravel
31 Labels
32 Speed letters
33 Harbor wall
34 Flying saucers
35 Proofreader's word
37 - behind the ears
38 Personal: prof.
41 Severe
42 In the altogether
47 Berlin's - Parade
49 Go-between
51 Makes better
52 Master of rock
54 Blood of the gods
55 Sticky mud
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