ensen says EMS personnel worried by council's discussion

Tuesday's city council discussion about the future of the city's ambulance service has left a bad taste in the mouths of several members of the Big Spring Fire Department (BSFD).

According to Emergency Medical Services Coordinator Brian Jensen, several department personnel began calling him Wednesday morning won-dering if they should begin worrying about their jobs.

Those concerns come on the heels of Councilman Jimmy Campbell's suggestion that the city consider getting out of the ambulance business. Campbell's comments were based on

City Manager Gary Fuqua's report to the council on the ambulance service's financial status since the BSFD took it over in October 1995.

From Oct. 1, 1995, through Sept. 31, 1996, the city sustained a net loss of \$132,000 and is on track to lose \$208,000 for fiscal 1996-97.

We have 16 jobs on the line if we cut the ambulance service," Jensen said. We hired 15 people and a billing clerk when we took over the ambulance ser-

"This is very stressful for some of our

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personnel and if people perceive that their jobs are on the line they will go elsewhere to work," Jensen added.

Fugua's report to the council included an amount of more than \$400,000 as the city's investment in the ambulance service.

According to Jensen, some of that figure can be attributed to \$71,000 worth of training for other departments.

"Nine of the people we trained at a cost of \$71,000 have gone to other area departments to work," Jensen said. "And if people think they are in jeopardy of losing their job, they will leave. Midland is testing for personnel in the next couple of weeks.

Fuqua has been very helpful in dispelling rumors, according to Jensen. Our guys are sharp enough that if

they go and test somewhere else, they will get hired," Jensen said. One of the comments made by

Campbell Tuesday was that he saw two ambulances and three fire engines at one particular accident where a man had taken a fall.

Jensen said he would like to see documentation of that.

"Our first responders (fire engines), from Oct. 1, 1995, to Sept. 31, 1996, responded to only 29 percent of the calls made to the ambulance service, Jensen said.

That's a total of 768 calls out of 2.673 total, which averages to be 64 calls per month, or 2.1 calls per day.

Projections for the current fiscal year are for the fire department to have 133 less runs that it did last year.

The city is pointing to a decrease in the number of calls for service, account writeoffs and the feasibility of the department's transfer service as reasons for the ambulance service's current sea of red ink.

"We haven't been in this business long enough to begin setting trends." Jensen said. "After about three years, I think we can begin to compare trends

HC may get **\$1.25** million more funding

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Howard College will be getting additional funding during the next two years if Gov. George W. Bush signs off on state budget recommendations adopted by a conference committee Wednesday.

Under the recommendation, the college would receive a little more than \$1 million in formula funding during the 1998-99 biennium, as well as \$250,000 in funding for construction of a new dormitory at Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf

State Rep. David Counts, D-Knox City, announced the committee's recommendations in a Wednesday press release.

"Under the new proposal, Howard College will receive an additional \$1,040,631 in formula funding. I think this funding will be tremendously important to helping the college prepare for the future and meet the increasing demand for higher education and specialized training," Counts stated.

The prospect of additional funding for planned construction at SWCID left Howard College President Dr. Cheri Sparks almost ecstatic.

"We needed that, we really did," Sparks said, noting that the additional \$250,000 would augment the \$1.48 million the college requested in its **Appropriations** Legislative

Request. "That will give us about \$3.2 million for construction and technology we've planned for SWCID." Sparks added. "This is the first money we've ever gotten from the state for a construction project."

In addition to construction of the new dormitory, Sparks said a gymnasium and new student center are planned for the pro-

ject.
"We'd originally asked for \$3 million two years ago, but the money simply wasn't available," Sparks explained. "We sat down with (then) Sen. John Montford and Rep. Counts and worked out a plan to acquire the funding in phases. Now it looks like we're going to have the money we need."

The other portion of the proposed funding package is not as clearly available, Sparks noted.

'We're very encouraged, without a doubt," Sparks said. "But the state had been looking at a portion of the appropriations formula went to our insurance costs, so we don't really know whether that extra \$509,000 a year will have to be dedicated to certain uses or whether we'll have some spending flexibility.



ment on Third Street, the first step required in putting up a new ad.

Police chief terminates Penny, appeal already filed with Fuqua

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

News Editor

Patrolman Jerry Penny, who was fired Wednesday by Big Spring Police Chief Jerry Edwards for allegedly falsifying time sheets, has filed an appeal of that decision with City Manager Gary Fuqua.

Edwards announced his decision Wednesday afternoon, noting that Penny had five days to file an appeal with Fugua.

"In reviewing the case, I found that he (Penny) had violated the code of conduct and he has been terminated," Edwards said, adding that City Attorney Jim Finley has recommended that

he make no additional comment.

Penny's dismissal marks the second time in three months, a Big Spring Police Department officer has been fired for falsifying time records.

Penny, a veteran of almost three years with the department, was placed on paid suspension May 9 and a "show cause" hearing was held with Edwards.

No date has yet been set for Fugua to hear the appeal.

"He (Fuqua) will have to check his schedule and then find a time when everyone involved can meet," Finley said. "Hopefully, we'll know when the

appeal can be heard later this week."

According to Finley, if the city manager upholds the police department's decision. Penny will have the option of again requesting an appeal that would be heard by a retired district

"It's the same appeals process available to all city employees, not just police department personnel," Finley explained.

Efforts to contact Penny prior to press time this morning were unsuccessful.

Richard Carter, an attorney with of the Combined Law **Enforcement Associations of** Please see APPEAL, page 2A

Rural fire district could lend relief for commissioners

By CARLTON JOHNSON

Staff Writer

Howard County Commissioners may have found a way to relieve the county from all liability where volunteer fire departments are concerned, but the voters would have the final word if that is to happen.

Earlier this week, Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs Field Office representative Alvino Long presented commissioners with the

SULLIVAN idea of creating a Rural Fire Prevention District (RFPD).

According to Alvino, there are not a lot of these districts in West Texas. The closest one to Big Spring is in Upton County.

"We've been trying to promote more applications for these districts through our Lubbock office," Alvino said. "Rural fire prevention districts are taxing entities, and to establish one requires the signatures of at least 100 registered voters (who own taxable property within the proposed district) on a petition or, if the population is less than 100, the signatures of a majority of the registered voters."

Establishing a RFPD also means more taxes.

A RFPD would have the authority to assess up to a three cents per \$100 property valua-

"Fire prevention districts takes authority away from volunteer fire departments and puts it in the hand of an elected board, which is separate from the county government," Alvino

Board members serve staggered one-year and two-year

According to Howard County Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) Chief Tommy Sullivan, he likes the idea of a fire prevention district because it would be separate from the county. However, he is also concerned about voters being taxed any more than they already are.

"I want people to know that the volunteer fire department didn't bring this issue up." Sullivan said.

Sullivan added he is familiar with these types of districts and most are operating on a 3/4-cent to 1 1/4-cent tax rate rather than the maximum three-cent tax.

"Oil producers would tie up this type of proposal in court because their royalties would bay the brunt of the new tax," Surivan said. "The elected board would control the district's expenditures, meaning a rural fire prevention district could engage in rescue operations if the board agreed to it a point the VFD and commissioners have been at odds over since late January.

"I'm going to keep an eye on this issue because it would be good for us, but there is always the tax issue," Sullivan said. "Of course the citizens of Howard County can still get their money's worth without going this route."

Sullivan is referring to the VFD's request to commissioners that the department be allowed to have bingo games to fund equipment purchases and fire and rescue operations - a proposal the court struck down several weeks ago.

Area high school seniors set to graduate tonight

by HERALD Staff Report

Three area high schools will award diplomas tonight.

Coahoma seniors will graduate beginning at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Forsan's ceremony begins at 8 p.m. in the high school gym and Garden City's is planned for 7 p.m. in the Ruth Cook Auditorium.

Coahoma High School's 1997 top graduates are Krissi Hayes,

valedictorian and Chandra Mullins, salutatorian. Also graduating will be:

Aaron Barr, Adam Batson. Nicholas Bayes, James Best, Jeremiah Best, Jonathan Best, Joseph Best, Cindy Birdwell, Heath Blair, Atyka Blevins, Michael Brooks, Ashlee Burcham, Kori Caffey, Karolynn Carver, Judd Cathey, Michael Cobb, Josh Collom.

Also Tori Elmore, Matthew

Fontana, Lisa Foster, Dolores

By CARLTON JOHNSON

Staff Writer

Garcia, Shane Gilmore, Scott Goodblanket, Kimberly Green, Rodney Gressett, LaDonna Hale, Matthew Hamilton, Russell Henry, Aron Hernandez, Joel Hernandez, Julie Hernandez and Eddie Howard. Also Lisa Lain, Brandy

Logsdon, Sandy Logsdon, Stephen Lopez, Isaac Martinez, Tabatha McIntosh, Mike McMillan, Angela Miller, Craig Milliken, Sherman Moseley and

Jeff Nichols.

Also Freddy Olivas, Richard Overton, Tim Phillips, Amanda Phinny, Jamie Piper, Jason Ramsey, Bo Reagan, Emily Sanders, Johnathan Simpson, Jehnifer Smith, Tonia Sparks, Stephanie Stone, Nancy Sweeney, Eugene Vasquez. Walker, Mica Weatherman, Jeremy White and Marshall Wright.

Forsan High School Class of 1997 valedictorian is Kathleen

G. Meadors. Nicole A. Johnson is salutatorian. Other graduates include:

Amber R. Alexander, Lauren R. Arpin, William W. Bailey, Cameron H. Carlile, James L. Dunlap, Brenda J. Franklin, Stacey D. Gibbs, Adam Guerra, Walter L. Hale, Wesley A. Harrison, Nathan P. Herrod, Daniel S. Higginbotham, Robert R. Hillger and Travis G.

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Tonight, partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Low around 60. Partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. High in the 90s. Low in the 60s, Saturday through Monday, a chance of afternoon and evening thunderstorms. Highs near 90. Lows around 60.



To reach all departments, please call 263-7331

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tive session regarding personnel matters, following the regumeeting of Moore Development For Big Spring's board of directors, has resulted in some major restructuring that will effect Moore, the city of Big Spring and Howard

Wednesday's 45-minute execu-

County. According to Moore Executive Director Danette Toone, when Moore's next fiscal year begins

Moore restructuring following executive session Moore will not renew its contract with Howard College to fund the Business Development Center (BDC), and Grant Writer Leigh Corson will be leaving Moore to continue her educa-

> Moore budgets approximately \$35,000 on an annual basis to fund the BDC

In the past, if the BDC has had a carryover of funds from one budget year to the next, Moore has only subsidized the BDC back to \$35,000.

One of the reasons cited for its emise BDC is because Shirley

Shroyer, who oversees the program, has decided to take on a full-time faculty position at **Howard** College.

The BDC has been an extension of Moore by concentrating on businesses already in Big Spring as well as focusing on new business startups and business retention and expansion.

"The board felt like the BDC had become oversaturated in the community." Toone said.

Howard College President Dr. Cheri Sparks said the BDC has been a partnership with Moore from the beginning and the col-

lege is not in a position to continue it.

"The Business Development Center has been a very successful project, but as with many things there comes a time when certain projects run their

course," Sparks said. As for the Big Spring/Howard County Grant Partnership, Toone added that Corson has decided to return to Texas Tech University to pursue her master's degree in public adminis-

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OBITUARIES

Gladys Carlile

Graveside service for Gladys Carlile, 89, Stanton, will be 10 a.m. Saturday, May 31, 1997, in Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland with Tommy Hursh, of Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, officiating.

Mrs. Carlile died Wednesday, May 28, in Stanton.

She was born on May 31, 1907, in Brown County and moved to Stanton 51 years ago from Knott. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lewis Madison Carlile, in 1981.

Survivors include: a son, Bobby Lewis Carlile, Bryan; a daughter, Billie Jean Douglas, Stanton; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home, Stanton.

Edward Lawrence Morgan
Service for Edward Lawrence

Morgan, North Hollywood, Calif., formerly of Big Spring, will be Friday, May 30, 1997, at Grandview Memorial Park, California.

Mr. Morgan died Sunday, May 25, at his home.

He was born on Sept. 20, 1912. in Big Spring. He graduated from Big Spring High School in 1930 after which he attended Texas Tech. He served as a pilot in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He was employed by McDonald Douglas as an engineer for 20 years. He had a passion for golf and was a two-time winner of the Texas Open Golf Tournament. He had been a resident of North Hollywood, Calif., for 50 years.

He is survived by: his wife, Edith Cordill Morgan; sons, Christopher Morgan, North Hollywood, Calif., Timothy Morgan, California City, Calif.; daughters, Theresa Carstens, Eagle Rock, Calif., Eileen Jones, Shrewsbury, England; and four grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Woods Glendale Mortuary directors, Glendale,

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Texas (CLEAT), will represent Penny during the appeals process.

Lt. Scott Griffin, Penny's former patrol division supervisor.

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Richard G. Hamilton, 45, died Tuesday. Services were at 10:00 AM Thursday at College Park Church of God. Interment followed at Mt.

Olive Memorial Park.

E. L. "Babe" Collier, 69, died Tuesday. Services were at 1:00 AM Thursday at First Baptist Church of Coahoma. Interment followed at Coahoma Cemetery.

Lucy Ava Gressett, 91, died Tuesday. Graveside services were at 3:00 PM Thursday at Trinity Memorial Park.

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as fired by the police depart-ent on March 4 for allegedly laifying time sheets.

Edwards' decision to fire Griffin was upheld by Puqua on March 31. An appeal of Futua's decision will be heard by Curt Steib, a retired district judge from San Angelo, June 9-10.

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Also Aaron M. Keesee, Leslie F. Lipham IV, Spencer L. Norman, Gaylon R. North, Steve D. Osburn, Ricky M. Pitts, Daniel S. Riley, Jennifer K. Schafer, Veronica B. Serrano, Toni M. Shaw, Shane M. Shults, Clayburn A. Thixton, David R. Trowbridge, Brandy M. Vess, Aimee D. Walker, Krista B. West and Patrick W. Westbrook.

Garden City High School graduates, led by valedictorian Anthony Braden and salutatorian Dustin W. Kujawski, include:

Maria C. Alvarado, Bradly M. Batla, Jamie L. Bradford, Michael Z. Cox, David C. Furlong, Keith E. Gully, Kimberly J. Harp, William P. Hillger, Chad J. Hirt, Amy Hoch, Michelle Hoch, Randy A. Hoelscher, Nicholas R. Huffman, Zachary L. Huitt, Kristy R. Johnson, Kelly C. Lankford, George Martinez, Leroy Martinez, Dusti D. Murphy, Veronica Ramos, Justin D. Schwartz, and Bonnie F. Wilde.

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Corson said she has always had it in her mind to return to school and now is the time.

According to Toone, Moore which is currently paying 50 percent of the \$40,000 cost of funding the grant partnership, but will discontinue funding the program at the end of the current fiscal year.

That leaves the city and county to decide whether or not to continue funding the grant writer position, which would mean filling Corson's position.

The grant writer position was formed in June 1995 as a joint effort of the city council and county commissioners court :

Both entities and Moore approved a restructuring of the grant partnership läst summer that allowed Moore to fund 50 percent of the program in return for Corson adding several Moore Development duties to her responsibilities, including working with enterprise zones along with tax abatements, enterprise zone projects and other governmental projects.

Under the agreement made last summer, Moore began funding \$20,000 of the partnership and the city and county split the remaining \$20,000 based on the time Corson spent working for each entity, which was estimated to be 75 percent for the city and 25 percent for the county, meaning the city's split amounted to 37.5 percent of the remaining \$20,000 or \$15,000 and the county funded the other 12.5

percent or \$5,000. Toone said the grant partnership and the BDC have done tremendous jobs for the Big Spring and Howard County, but Moore's board of directors decided to look at Moore's direction since Shroyer and Corson let it be known that they would

pursue other avenues. As for renewing both programs, Toone said, "The board looked at everything that we have, including staff, and wanted to make sure we were being prudent with our dollars.

Corson is still working on several grant projects for the city and probably won't leave until sometime in August, according to Toone.

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRING-BOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CON-TACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. **238, BETWEEN 8:30** A.M. AND 2 P.M. All Springboard items must be submitted in writing. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; bring it by the office at 710 Scurry; or fax it to 264-7205.

 Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m. Everyone is wel-

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

Big Spring Senior Citizens enter art classed, 9:30 to 11:30 , 55 and older ·Support Group

Depression, 7 p.m., Howard College room A-10. •Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small

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

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

Area seniors invited. ·Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m. Bible study.

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

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

 Open birthday night, covered dish 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. birthday meeting, 615 Settles. This is to celebrate AA sobriety yearly birthdays.

SUNDAY •Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting

and 7 p.m. open meeting. ·Humane Society open house, 3 to 6 p.m. Humane Society is located at I-20, west of KC Steakhouse.

MONDAY Big Spring Evening Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Jan Noyes, 267-5811.

•Project Freedom, Christian support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.

•TOPS Clubs (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5 to 5:45 p.m. weigh in and 6 p.m. meeting, Carriage Inn, 501 W. 17th. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.

·Daytime prenatal classes. Texas Department of Health, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Call 263-9775 to register. All expectant parents welcome. Class instructor will be Laurie Burks, BSN.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615

Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open

meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor 1-Ghapel singing, 7" p.m.,

Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn. Call 267-6764. Guest singers from Stanton, Midland, and Colorado City.

 Westside Community Center will have registration fromnoon to 5 p.m., 1311 W. Fourth. For more information call 263-

TUESDAY •Comanche Lake Duplicate, 1 p.m., Dora Roberts Civic

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

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m.; Spanish services.

•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 Settles.

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

 Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

 Compassionate Friends, support group for parents who have experienced the death of a child, 7:30 p.m., First Baptist Church Family Life Center. Enter by southeast door. Call

•VFW Post No. 2013, 7 p.m., VFW Hall.

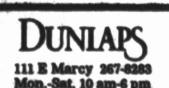
 Cancer support group, 7 to 8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Beverly Rice at 268-5077.

 Westside Community Center will have registration from noon to 5 p.m., 1311 W. Fourth. For more information call 263-

WEDNESDAY Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Archie Kountz, 267-3821.

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





ROUND THE TOWN

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Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria. Alcoholics Anonymous, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting, 615

Settles. 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria. Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7:15, Howard County

267-8542 or 267-7236. •Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster. Call Preston Harris, 263-7136.

Library. Call Bernice Cason at

BRIEFS

THE CITY OF BIG Spring will help local residents clean up their property during June. Large item pickup and towing of "junk" cars will be available each weekend. Call code enforcement at 264-2505 to

AN OPEN HOUSE IS scheduled from 3 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, June 1 at the Big Spring Humane Society.

arrange the free service.

This is to showcase to the public all of the recent renovations done to the building including new paint and tile. The Humane Society is located on the north service road of Interstate 20 across from McMahon/Wrinkle Airpark.

At the open house, adoption fees for adult dogs will be \$30 and adult cats will be \$20.

THE CITY OF BIG Spring is offering swim lessons at the city pool for ages four through adult starting June 2. The cost is \$25 per session. Sign up at the pool.

MAY IS EYE GLASS Recycling Month and the Big Spring Evening Lions Club joins Lions International to collect, recycle and calibrate used eyeglasses.

Eyeglasses collected are given to needy adults every third Saturday at the Lions Building, 1607 E. 3rd. Collection boxes are located

at local pharmacies, grocery stores and First Bank of West Texas in Coahoma. All glasses are sent to a recycling center.

For more information, call Mills Optical at 267-5151or Bob Noyes at 267-6095.

FREE LUNCH IS AVAIL-ABLE this summer at Big Spring High School cafeteria for local youth (ages 18 and under) from now through Aug.

Serving hours are 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Enter through the north exterior cafeteria door.

The free lunch is part of the Summer Food Service Program, an extension of the National School Lunch Program. No proof of residence or income required. No meal will be served on July 4.

THE 1997 TALL CITY Sectional Duplicate Bridge Tournament will get under way June 6, at the Holiday Inn Hotel, 4300 W. Hwy 80 in Midland. Approximately 200 people from Dallas, Fort Worth. Abilene, San Angelo, Lubbock, Lamesa and surrounding communities are expected to participate. It is a three-day event.

Snacks will be served after play on Saturday evening, coffee and juice served prior to play Sunday, and lunch between sessions on Sunday. Contact Linda Jerman at

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HALE FAMILY **REUNION** is July 12 at about 10 a.m. in the VFW Hall in Gordon. Any decendents of Harvey Bourne Hale or Miley Ann Dickerson are welcome to attend.

For more information, call Floreine Hale Palmer at (915) 362-2190.

THERE WILL BE A Kid's Rodeo June 21, on the courthouse square at 12:30 p.m., after the parade. Registration for all events will be taken between 11 a.m. and noon on

the day of the event. Scheduled events are Bull Riding, Flag Racing, Milking Contest, Goat Hair Pulling, Barrel Racing and Clowns Contest (clowns need to arrive dressed and ready to perform). The winners for the clown contest will be the clowns for the bull riding event. All events will be divided into three age groups and each contestant may enter two events.

The Big Spring High School Key Club is aiding to the production of the rodeo.

THE CAUBLE SCHOOL REUNION will be June 14, at 10 a.m. in the Elbow School Cafeteria. All ex-students are invited to attend, and bring a covered dish for the luncheon to begin at noon.

The day will be dedicated to Bonnie Tredaway, former president who is now deceased. Gifts and door prizes will be awarded. Call 267-6023 for more information.

IF YOU HAVE A news brief, submit the information in writing to the Herald newsroom at 710 Scurry. The item may be mailed to P.O. Box 1431, Big. Spring, TX 79721 Please 39, of 109 E. 16th, was arrested more information.

THE MOBILE MEALS PRO-GRAM, also known as Meals on Wheels, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

THE STATE PARK WILL have Nature Walk and Sunset Tales with nature walks starting at 8 p.m. and storytelling at 9 p.m. every Saturday in June. Meet at the upper picnic pavilion/playground area. The cost is \$2 (park admission for adults 13 years and older).

THE LOCAL CHAPTER OF American Business Women's Association will have their yearly fundraiser auction on June 9, at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Garrett Hall. There will be many items donated by our local merchants.

THE BIG SPRING YMCA offers its facilities for a party. You may use the indoor swimming pool, gym and a room for refreshments. Prices vary depending on the length of the party, the number in your group and the facilities to be

used. Call 267-8234 for more information.

WESTSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER WILL have registration Monday and Tuesday from noon to 5 p.m. at 1311 W. Fourth. For more information call 263-7841.

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THE BIG SPRING YMEA Discovery Day Camp care gives kids the chance to express their talents in the arts, sports and other areas of interest. This is a camp designed for the summer. For more information call 267-8234.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS ARE planned at several local churches in the coming month. For information, see "church news" on Fridays. Churches planning such events are encouraged to submit the information in writing by Wednesday at noon.

RECORDS

Wednesday's high 82 Wednesday's low 61 Average high 88 Average low 62 Record high 107 in 1927 Record low 42 in 1947 Precip. Wednesday 0.01 Month to date 1.05 Month's normal 2.61 Year to date 8.34 Normal for the year 6.36 **Statistics not available

POLICE

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

GARY NEAL MATTHEWS, on local warrants.

 JAMES RAY SONES, 50, of San Angelo, was arrested for public intoxication. •RANDY ULRICH, 21, of 1002

N. Main, was arrested for assault by threat. • CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 3000 block of W. Cherokee; 500 block of Scott; 600 block of E. 16th; and the 3700 block of

Dixon. DISTUR-·DOMESTIC BANCE in the 1100 block of N.

Goliad. ·DISTURBANCE/FIGHT in the 2000 block of S. Gregg; and the 500 block of Westover.

•THEFT in the 1000 block of Dogwood; 2500 block of Dow; and the 200 block of W. Marcy. •THEFT OVER \$1,500 in the 800 block of I-20.

SHERIFF

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

•MICHAEL EUGENE SHU-**BERT**, 18, of 2107 Main #4, was arrested for assault/family violence, interfering with official duty and resisting arrest, and released on three \$2,000 bonds.

 PAUL KELLY ANDERSON, 40, of 1000 W. 4th #7, was arrested for unlawfully carrying a weapon, and released on a \$3,000 bond.

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DALLAS — It took jurors only seven minutes to convict a man of capital murder in the 1991 rape slaying of a neighbor.

Karl Eugene Chamberlain's conviction Wednesday in the rape and killing of Felicia Carol Prechtl, 30, was one of the swiftest

and killing of Felicia Carol Prechtl, 30, was one of the swinest capital murder verdicts in Dallas County history.

Chamberlain, 26, faces a possible death sentence or life in prison following a punishment hearing scheduled today.

"We're glad that justice is finally being done," said Prechtl's brother, Daniel Prechtl. The verdict, he said, "should have been fast. They had no doubt in their minds — he did it."

Defense attorneys Wayne Huff and Doug Parks rested their cases without calling any witnesses or presenting closing arguments. Chamberlain's confession as well as fingerprint and DNA evidence linkinghim to the crime was presented by prosecutors.

Rookle cop alleges Conroe officers assaulted suspect

CONROE — At least two Conroe police officers are being investigated by the Montgomery District Attorney's for assaulting a handcuffed prisoner after a rookie police officer reported the attack, Police Chief John Lindon said.

The officers were accused by the rookie of playing a game called "Mexican Toss" with a man being arrested for parole vic-

According to police recruit Kyle Waters, 19-year-old Jesus Zamora Mendoza was thrown back and forth across the hood of a car several times after he was arrested on April 10. Mendoza is being held in Montgomery County Jail without

District Attorney Mike McDougal would not confirm or deny his department was investigating the case, but a source close to the case told the Conroe Courier that an investigator with the district attorney's office interviewed Mendoza.

House-Senate committee reaches property tax compromise

AUSTIN - Lawmakers who pined for hefty reductions to Texans' local school property taxes were expected to sign-off today on a much-smaller \$140 homestead property tax cut. A House-Senate committee informally approved the deal Wednesday, a concession to larger plans scrapped last week

when the panel could not reach a compromise. The deal, scheduled for a final overnight touch-up, was expected to be signed by at least the required three House members and three Senate members on Thursday, eliminating the need for a

The plan also was expected to easily pass the full House and Senate before the legislative session's last day, Monday.

The conference committee earlier this month wrangled over differences between tax-cut plans passed by the House and Senate. Both offered far more than the total \$1.04 billion cut expected from the \$140 homestead compromise.

Nursing homes would face tougher penalties under bill

AUSTIN - Texas nursing homes could more easily lose their licenses and would face stiffer fines for health and safety violations under a bill approved by the state Senate.

"Texans in nursing homes are some of the most vulnerable members of our society. They deserve every ounce of protection the state can offer," Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, who presides over the Senate, said after Wednesday's action on the measure by Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo.

If the bill OK'd by legislative negotiators also is approved by the House, it goes to Gov. George W. Bush for consideration. Tinder the bill, pursing homes could face fines of \$1,000 to \$20,000 per day if they are taken to court by the state for health and safety violations. The current range is \$100 to \$10,000 per day.

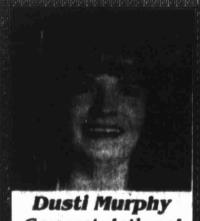
Motorcyclists would be free from helmets under measure

AUSTIN - Results are mixed when motorcyclists ride without helmets, the main legislative proponent of giving adults the option to hit the road bareheaded said as the bill was forwarded to Gov. George W. Bush.

"I think this is good state policy," said Sen. Jerry Patterson, R Pasadena. "It will result in fewer accidents because you will have enhanced your vision and hearing capability without the helmet. It will reduce the number of neck injuries ... and it may

increase the number of contact head injuries. 'So there's good news and bad news," said Patterson, a former Marine who donned his camouflage combat helmet for the Senate battle on the bill. "It's either a wash or points to the benefit of the public safety."

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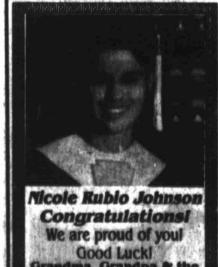


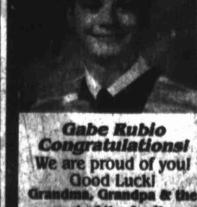
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Love Mom & Dad, Allen, Jenn & Adam





ado's swath tells tale of destructi

f the Tonns family farm, through the next ranch and down into the Double Creek Estates subdivision, and the gruesome evidence of the state's vorst tornado in a decade is all

too visible.

Authorities said they would decide this morning whether to continue searching across this barren swath for missing believed Tuesday's destruction.

Twenty-three people had been listed as unaccounted for, but officials late Wednesday said

they were unsure about the figure's accuracy.

Identifying the 27 known victims has been difficult because the brutality of the storm left many bodies in pieces. Justice of the peace Jimmy Bitz slowly confirmed identities throughout the night after comparing nicthe night after comparing pic-

tures and other records with relatives of the deceased. Teen-aged brothers John and Michael Ruiz; Ryan Fillmore, believed to be 5, and his 44-yearold grandmother Emma Jean and track, as did Michael, Mullins were the only names would've been a freshman.

HOW YOU CAN HELP VICTIMS

Organizers of the relief effort in Jarrell are eaking for help.
The Red Crose has set up a nationwide phone number, (800) HELP-NOW, for people to call and offer assistance to Texas ternado victime.
Anyone wishing to centribute to a recovery fund can write to Eagle
National Bank, Jarrell Civic League Recovery Fund, P.O. Box 345,

Jarrell, Texas, 76537, or call (512) 746-2531.

The Dallas area chapter of the Red Cross also is accepting donations for temade victims at American Red Cross, 2300 McKinney Ave. Dallas, Texas, 75201.

confirmed as of late Wednesday. Although not yet officially named, locals were already mourning the deaths of a popular family of five: Larry and Joan Igo, their daughter Audrey and twin sons John and Paul.

The family was active in the First Baptist Church choir and so musically gifted that pastor Max Johnson Sr. referred to them as the "Von Igos," a takeoff on the Von Trapp family from the "The Sound of Music."

The Ruiz brothers were remembered as kind people and good athletes. John, who would have been be a junior in the fall, excelled in football, basketball and track, as did Michael, who

"Both were very well-liked by their classmates," said high school principal John Johnson. "John was a young man our coaching staff was counting on heavily in many sports. He was an excellent young man to work Johnson said Mullins and her

grandson had recently moved from nearby Georgetown. He said Ryan was expected to enroll in kindergarten in the fall with another sibling who was injured in the tornado. As much damage as the torna-

do caused, it amazingly was contained to a half-mile-wide, 5mile-long path. Green grass remains on both sides of that track as the twister, powered by

caused up to \$20 million in dam-

Gov. George W. Bush flew over the area Wednesday and declared it a disaster. Officials from several federal agencies

were expected to arrive today. "It's a major mess," said Billy Sharp, a ham radio specialist from Georgetown who provided authorities immediate help at the scene. "I'm sure they'll be finding stuff that was scattered for a long, long time."

Hundreds of rescue workers combed the area Wednesday trying to find people, dead or alive. They found neither.

The National Weather Service said the twister had a force of four on its scale of five, making it the worst since May 22, 1987. when 30 people died and 162 were injured in Saragosa.

One of the first places hit was the farm owned by the Tonns family since 1954.

After shredding a field of 5foot corn stalks, the tornado put on an awesome show of strength. It shoved a 10-ton combine 75 yards and threw a cotton stripper 30 yards into another farm implement.

McVeigh defense rests, closing arguments set

DENVER (AP) - Jurors in the trial of Timothy McVeigh must decide if testimony and evidence accusing him of the Oklahoma City bombing reflects the truth, or is the product of liars, hazy memories and sloppy police work.

"The evidence is now closed," U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch said Wednesday after the defense rested its case following just 3 1/2 days of testimony.

The 12 jurors and six alternates will hear closing arguments today before receiving final instructions from Matsch.

Matsch was considering sequestering the panel throughout deliberations, which could go through the weekend.

In five weeks of testimony from 162 prosecution and defense witnesses, prosecutors portrayed McVeigh as a cowardly terrorist driven by illusory patriotism to blow up the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building as revenge for the deadly 1993 FBI raid on Branch Davidians near Waco, Texas.

Despite careful planning, McVeigh was unmasked by a trail of witnesses and physical responsible for the April 19, 1995, explosion that killed 168 people and maimed 500 others, prosecutors said.

McVeigh, 29, faces the death penalty if convicted of murder and conspiracy in the worst act of terrorism in U.S. history.

Regardless of what others said, the real bomber was killed in the blast, defense attorney Stephen Jones contended.

Defense lawyers depicted the Gulf War veteran as a victim of coincidence, pressured witnesses and careless evidence tests. They wrapped up their case

Sources close to the case said evidence that showed him with an audio and video presentation intended to show how star prosecution witness Michael Fortier went from proclaiming the innocence of his former Army buddy on television to joking in wiretapped phone conversations about concocting a story to make a million dollars off the case.

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OUR VIEWS

District 2 voters to decide runoff

aturday, the voters in District 2 will have an opportunity to decide the final seat up for grabs In this year's Big Spring City Council election.

Those voters will choose between incumbent Pat DeAnda, who is seeking her third term on the council, and challenger Oscar Garcia, neither of which was able to amass a majority of votes in the May 3 municipal race that also include third-place finisher Bob Taylor.

Garcia came within a handful of votes of winning the seat outright. A total of 118 votes were needed to avoid a runoff in the race, but Garcia was 11 votes short of the needed total.

Garcia received 107 votes to 88 for DeAnda and 38 for Taylor.

While somewhat surprising, it is quite gratifying to know that the district's voters seem to be showing more interest in the runoff race than they did earlier this month.

Following Tuesday's close of early voting, a total of 137 ballots had been cast -23 more than were cast in early balloting for the May 3 vote.

According to Assistant City Secretary Shanna Young, 93 of those early ballots were cast in person and 44 by

However, those 137 early votes represent only about 8 percent of the 1,784 registered voters in District 2 – which winds through the north central section of Big Spring like an open-ended horseshoe to the west from near the Howard County Fairgrounds at one point and almost to the Mount Olive Memorial Cemetery at its northern most point. At its southern most point, it extends to near 18th Street,

Only registered voters living in the district are eligible to cast ballots when polls open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.Saturday at the Big Spring High School Cafeteria.

But District 2 voters need not have voted in the May

3 election to be eligible Saturday.

That gives every registered voter in the district an opportunity to have a say in who represents their interests on the city council for the next three years.

It's an important decision, because the winner will join the rest of the council in facing some particularly difficult decisions in the next few years — among them solving the city's street and water line problems; continuing development of the airport and airpark; and making a final determination of the Settles Hotel's fate.

To our way of thinking, those are matters too important to leave to someone else's opinion, and we hope voters in District 2 agree.

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Table that motion to buy another one

As a thrifty newlywed 23 years ago, I saved from my \$100-a-week newspaper job until finally there was money enough for a respectable down payment on a dining-room table.

I knew just the one I wanted. It was in the window of a store down by the railroad tracks. It was round and gold-

Rheta Johnson **Syndicated** Columnist

Lomanwith high varnish. One fine day I went shopping with that certain oak table in mind and came back with a Nikon camera. It took a couple or three years to pay off that fancy camera, but I always considered it a wise choice and investment.

After all, I couldn't have shot the lighthouse on Ocracoke Island with a dining-room

table. I couldn't have captured my grandfather in the rocking chair by the window with a table. I couldn't have filled scrapbook after scrapbook with sweet memories packing a

I used the Nikon every day for 20 years, until a canoe tipped, dumping me and Old Faithful into the Okefenokee. I fished the camera out of the muck, but the Nikon factory called its issue a goner. For years I made do with a

table. On St. Simons Island, we used a utility spool. That worked out fine. It looked quite elegant when topped with a candle stuck in a paraffindraped wine bottle.

Then we moved from the island in a hurry one cold January day and left the heavy spool rolled up against the outside of the apartment. I always wondered if someone else used it a while.

My sweet in-laws soon gave us one of those red and white, enamel-top tables, the very one they had used as newlyweds. That utilitarian little table made every move, and served

perfectly well for a thousand informal meals. We sat around it late one Christmas Eve and painted ornaments cut from balsa wood. When company came. I hid the enamel with a cloth. But there was no hiding its chrome legs. It was 1985 before I got a big,

wooden table. A real, family table. It came as a bonus with a house that we bought. (The previous owners left it, the same way we'd left that spool.) I stripped away black paint and discovered that the table's wood was cherry. It was a happy day.

In recent years I've made up for the past and my table deprivation in a big way. Clothes don't tempt me, and my tastes in turnishings are simple. But I can't pass an old table without wanting to bring it home.

Negotiating this house is becoming impossible. There are sentimental favorites — the red and white one, of course, and a yellow dinette that was my grandmother's. Then there are two computer tables, an outdoor table, a cute little extendable table that might

come in handy someday when I have to feed more than 50 people. Oh, and yes, there's a utility spool for the back porch. I have more tables than rooms in which to put them. And it's not the fancy tables that I fancy.

One day in a florist shop I ran across a primitive, a table so "authentic" it still had bits of linoleum stapled to its top, not to mention peeling paint in six colors. I had to have it. I don't want to end up like

one of those little old ladies who owns 562 cats. When neighbors call the police to complain about the smell, they discover her body amongst mountains of Moow Mix and the natural results of 562 sats. My rescuers will have

hack their way inside, where I'll be wedged between two chrome dinettes.

'She died happy," friends will vow Table that motion to buy

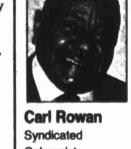
another one 1997 by Rheta Grimsley **Johnson**

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Mary Albert's been treated unfairly so far

WASHINGTON — I've never met NBC sportscaster Marv Albert, so I have no basis for judging whether he is some kind of sex vampire-pervert who would force a woman to engage in oral sex and then bite her on the back 15 times. But I do have a basis for saying that Albert has gotten a raw deal so far. I'm not

surprised that a grand jury in suburban Arlington, Va., indicted Albert on sodomy and assault charges. I



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believe the semi-joke that a determined prosecutor can get the average grand jury to indict a ham sandwich.

But I am dismayed that this Virginia grand jury indicted Albert without any law enforcement person ever questioning him — never getting his side of the story. Especially when we have had so many

sexual assault charges being leveled against celebrities. Albert was in Arlington

Tuesday for arraignment where he pleaded innocent to the charges, made by a 41-yearold woman who supposedly had been his friend for 10 years. But already there is a widespread assumption that he is guilty. Witness the number of people shouting that in light of the accusations against him, NBC should not have allowed him to continue to broadcast the NBA basketball playoffs.

The charges against Albert involve such bizarre behavior, including an assertion that the sportscaster became enraged when the woman refused to get another man for a menage a trois, that millions of people have jumped to the conclusion that Albert must have done something terribly wrong. He got a "freak's" welcome

Tuesday in the form of a feeding frenzy of reporters and photographers camped outside the courtroom.

I say that there is something chillingly disturbing about the fact that Albert is alleged to have forced the woman to commit sodomy in his Ritz-Carlton hotel room after midnight on Feb. 12, but he is indicted "out

of the blue" three months later. A spokesman for the Arlington County Commonwealth's attornev says the indictment came so late after the alleged assault because police wanted to be sure of the complainant's credi-

But I have heard no explanation why Albert was not told of the charges, or even called before the grand jury, before the indictment and the public announcement of the shocking charges against him. As for the woman's credibili-

ty, we are now told that she faces criminal charges of threatening to kill a former boyfriend, a policeman. But Albert may never be able to cite that fact in a court of law, no matter how sincere he is in saying, "I categorically deny these charges and intend to vigorously defend myself ..." He should fight the charges,

like anyone else, because conviction on the sodomy charge could bring him a five-year felony prison sentence, and conviction on the assault charge another year in jail and a \$2,500 fine.

This case raises many of the classic sexual assault questions. What was the relationship between Albert and the

woman during the 10 years before this alleged assault took place? Why did the woman go to Albert's room after midnight? Why would an old friend make such charges against Albert if they were not true? Where else might the woman have suffered the bites on her back? Will any other woman testify that the divorced Albert ever engaged in abusive or violent sexual behavior?

We all ought withhold judgment until we see whether the prosecutor pursues charges against Albert after hearing the broadcaster's story. And then withhold judgment further until we get courtroom answers to the questions posed above.

No matter what transpires, we must take another look at the grand jury system and the ways in which it is being used and abused. Albert could turn out to be as innocent as he says he is, but he will find that the jury's indictment already has tarnished his reputation in ways that can never be undone.

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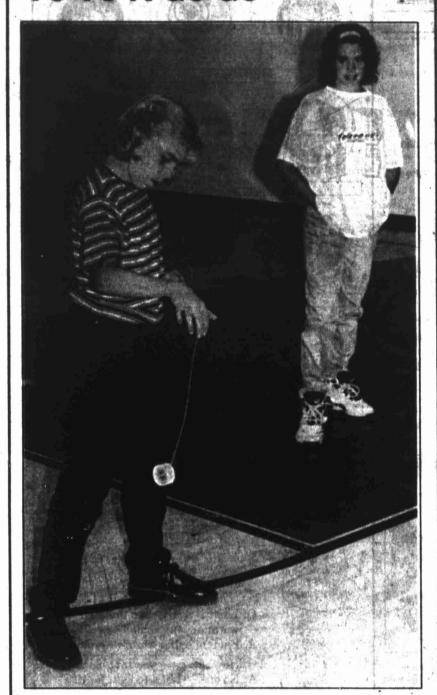
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YO-YO A GO-GO



HERALD photo/Debble L. Je Daisy Randall shows her style at the yo-yo tournament at Coahoma Junior High School last week. Looking on is Ashley Woolverton. Randall was awarded "Best of the Rest" at the tournament for her speed with a yo-yo. Winning the event was Team 6, made up of Travis Hipp, Randall Rich, Matt Barron and Chance O'Daniel.

Advice for husbands, drug abuse signs

QUESTION: I don't think my husband understands the problems I experience during the menstrual cycle. Will you offer some advice to him about these physiological factors?

DR. DOBSON: Having never had a period, it is difficult for a man to comprehend the bloated, sluggish feeling that motivates his wife's snappy remarks and irritability during the premenstrual period.

I am reminded of an incident related to me by my late friend Dr. David Hernandez, who was an obstetrician and gynecologist in private practice. The true story involves Latin men whose wives were given birth control pills by a pharmaceutical company. The Federal Drug Administration in America would not permit hormonal research to be conducted, so the company selected a small fishing village in South America, which agreed to coop-

All the women in the town were given the pill on the same date, and after three weeks, the prescription was terminated to permit menstruation. That meant, of course, every adult female in the community was experiencing premenstrual tension at the same time. The men couldn't take it. They all headed for their boats each month and remained at sea until the crisis passed.

Going fishing is not the answer to monthly physiological stresses, of course. It is extremely important for a man to learn to anticipate his wife's menstrual period, recognizing the emotional changes that will accompany it. Of particular importance is the need for affection and tenderness during this time, even though she may be rather unlovable for three or four days.

He should also avoid discussions of financial problems or other threatening topics until the internal storm has passed. and keep the home atmosphere as tranquil as possible.

Let me conclude addressing a final comment directly to husbands. Because stress is such an influential Dr. James factor in Dobson this prob-Columnist

premenstrual tension, anything you can do to reduce environmental pressure is sure to help her feel better. If you are aware of the times when she is going to be feeling the strain, you should lighten the family commit-

of

Eating out can reduce the obligation to plan and cook meals. Do what you can to keep the kids out of her hair, especially the noisy, younger ones. Take them to the park for an afternoon. Read to them or engage them in a quiet game. leaving their mother free to relax as much as possible.

Because your wife's sexual desire is at a low ebb that week, make fewer physical demand on her-but continue to be affectionate, reassuring and loving toward her. Remember that women often feel "ugly" when they are experiencing premenstrual tension, so let her know that you find her as attractive as ever.

In some ways, the husband's role during his wife's menstrual period should be that of an understanding, loving, gentle

parent. Just as parents do more giving than receiving, this is a man's time to support his wife in every way possible.

QUESTION: What should parents look for as symptoms of drug abuse?

DR. DOBSON: Listed below are eight physical and emotional symptoms that may indicate substance abuse by your child or teenager:

1. Inflammation of the eyelids and nose is common. The pupils of the eyes are either very wide or very small, depending on the kind of drugs internalized. 2. Extremes of energy may be

represented. Either the individual is sluggish, gloomy and withdrawn, or he may be loud, hysterical and jumpy.

3. The appetite is extreme-either very great or very poor. Weight loss may occur.

4. The personality suddenly changes. The individual may become irritable, inattentive and confused, or aggressive, suspicious and explosive.

5. Body and breath odor is often bad. Cleanliness is generally ignored.

6. The digestive system may be upset--diarrhea, nausea and vomiting may occur. Headaches and double vision are also common.

7. Needle marks on the body, usually appearing on the arms, are an important sign. These punctures sometimes get infected and appear as sores and boils.

8. Moral values often crumble and are replaced by new, wayout ideas and values.

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.

A hot meal will be available at Big Spring High School cafeteria for all young people this

Free lunch served to kids this summer

by HERALD Staff Report

Summer months don't have to mean poor nutrition for many local young people.

A free lunch will be available at the high school cafeteria now through Aug. 1.

Big Spring Independent School District is participating in the Summer Food Service Program, an extension of the National School Lunch Program. It provides free lunch to children 18 and younger, with no proof of residence or income required.

Serving hours are 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Enter through the north exterior cafeteria door.

No meal will be served on July 4.

SCHOOL NEWS

Big Spring High School Gabe Rubio was honored with

the "I Dare You" leadership award at Big Spring High School recently.

The award recognizes personal integrity, balanced living and potential for leadership. It was presented by Sharion Richardson, student council advisor.

Gabe is the son of Jessica and Ben Rubio. He served as the president of the BSHS student council during the school year and will be attending Angelo State University in the fall.

Maranatha **Baptist Academy**

Maranatha Baptist Academy has been recognized by the School Tomorrow of **International Corporate Offices** for exemplary achievement in the quality of student attainment, according to a press release.

The students exceeded the required one-year academic achievement, while maintaining a school grade point average of 90 percent.

Safety belt awards

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of

Big Spring and Forsan high schools were honored recently for the students' use of safety belts while driving. Safety committees at both schools conducted surveys to find out how many students said they wore safety belts.

Forsan was honored for 70



Marisa Smith, third from right, accepts the national safety belt silver award for Big Spring High School from Brenda Mitchell of Texas Department of Transportation. Other student council members pictured are, from left, Kelly Hollar, Gabe Rubio, sponsor Sharion Richardson, Paul Haney, Tyler Murphy (center), Sharon Flemming and Jason Williams.



Forsan High School students and their student council sponsor, second from right, Jan Sims, accept the national safety belt bronze award. Presenting the award to Nicole Johnson is Brenda Mitchell from the Texas Department of Transportation. Others are, on the left, Krista West and Kathleen Meadors. At far right is Terra Proctor.

percent safety belt usage and Department of Transportation's received a bronze award.

Big Spring increased its percentage from 70 percent last year to 80 percent this year and received the silver award.

Awards were presented by Brenda Mitchell, traffic safety coordinator for the Texas

Abilene district.

For information about the safety belt award program, Regional write Administrator, NHTSA, 819 Taylor St., Room 8A38, Fort Worth, TX 76102-6177.

Garden City honors Braden, Kujawski

Garden City High School has engineering.
Dustin Kujawski has been

Anthony Braden has been

named valedictorian.

He is the son of Alton and Joyce Braden, Garden City. He plans to attend Texas

Tech in Lubbock and major in

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School's salutatorian. He is the son of Daniel and Jean Ann Kujawski.

He plans to attend Texas A&M University.





Billy Book brings kids back to library

PARIS, Texas — He pops wheelies as he zooms the booklined aisles. With a chubby, white-gloved hand

exchanges greetings and winks. His juvenile audience is mesmerized as Billy Book tells them there are more public libraries than McDonald's and more kids participating in summer reading programs at libraries than playing Little League baseball.

In a demonstration recently for Texas first lady Laura Bush and 29 first, second and third graders, Billy Book of Paris Public Library made his debut.

Billy Book is an animated robot shaped like a book. Standing 3>-feet tall, with automated eyes and lighted display mouth, Billy shares the joys of reading.

Along with his pal, a handler that operates the robot from remote control, Billy can have conversation, read books, play music and entertain library patrons.

"Sometimes it takes something unique to turn a child a around when it comes to reading," said library director

Beverly Lewis. "And if Billy vintage vehicles and their can do that for even one child, perhaps a child might see Billy somewhere else — that's why Billy is going to go out into the community and not just stay here — then that child can get his parents or somebody to bring him back where Billy lives.

"That brings that child back into the library and that's what's important," she said.

Billy Book was a thought tucked in Ms. Lewis' head after she had seen Andy the Ambulance during an annual Paris Art Fair.

"I thought to myself wouldn't it be wonderful if there was such a thing as a robot book that could talk to kids and tell them about books," she said.

The idea didn't become reality until later that year when Paris participated in the Great North American Race and was voted as the most hospitable pit stop. Vying for a prize of \$5,000 to be awarded to a public library, Ms. Lewis enlisted library kids, Friends of the Library, advisory board members and staff to welcome the entourages.

A few months following the event, Ms. Lewis was notified Paris had won.

"I screamed ... 'Oh this is so . wonderful' and I was so happy because we had had such a good time that day and it turned out we won - we were hospitable that day," she said.

Wanting the prize earnings to have a community impact, Ms. Lewis determined, "there's no way I wanted to spend \$5,000 in drips and drabs." She wanted to purchase something special for the community that would be "really neat."

The concept robot returned to her thoughts and the librarian began researching the company that made Andy Ambulance. After a phone call to the fire chief, she called Robotronics of Springville,

Soon on the phone with the company president Scott George, Ms. Lewis said, "I told him what I had in mind was a walking, talking book.

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TIPS 'N' TRIVIA

Do you know where your medicines are?

(NAPS) — About two million people in the U.S. were accidentally poisoned in 1994. Use these tips from the United States Pharmocopeia:

•Store medicines out of a child's reach, in a cabinet with a safety

• Take the container along and restore it to safe storage if distracted by the telephone or doorbell while taking medicines. •Use child resistant caps if there are children in your home or vis-

•Do not keep medicines beyond the time of directed use or

beyond a year if there are no expiration dates. Ask for clarification if the instructions concerning scheduling and dosing are confusing. Do not take or give medicines meant for someone else.



Open house Sunday

Big Spring Humane Society will welcome visitors Sunday for an open house from 3-6 p.m. at the shelter on West I-20 Service Road.

The shelter recently added some new tile as well as other improvements. Dogs and cats will be available for adoption during the event.

Cauble School reunion

The Cauble School reunion is planned for April 14 at 10 a.m. in the Elbow School Cafeteria. A covered dish luncheon will take place at noon.

Attendees are encouraged to bring a dish: The day will be dedicated to president Bohnie Tredaway, now deceased. All ex-students are invited to attend as a memorial to her.

THE LAST WORD

One can always be kind to people about whom one knows noth-

Oscar Wilde

There is a kinship, a kind of freemasonry, between all persons of intelligence, however antagonistic their moral outlook.

Norman Douglas

Every man feels instinctively that all the beautiful sentiments in the world weigh less than a single lovely action.

James Russell Lowell

Students get jump on college

GALVESTON — Most high-school students planning to go to college work threlessly to fill their transcripts with good grades and extracurricular activities. But Heather Kent is filling her transcript with college credit from Galveston College while she's home schooling herself.

Miss Kent, 17, will finish high school via correspondence courses from Texas Tech University at the end of the month. So when she receives her diploma she will enter college as a sophomere.

But she said she plans to spend one more year at Galveston College and enter the University of Texas at Arlington as a junior next year where she plans to study anthropology.

Miss Kent's parents are both teachers, her father a professor at Prairie View A&M and her mother a second-grade teacher at Parker Elementary School.

"After a year at Ball High I talked with my parents about doing something else, and they felt like I was old enough to handle the correspondence courses,"Miss Kent said. "Home schooling gave me a chance to get to study more of what I was interested in, like anthropology."

Although Miss Kent is the exception, most home-schooled students do fare well in college because they are self-starters, said Chuck Buddenhagen, director of Continuing Education at College of the Mainland.

Statistics from the Home School Legal Defense Association state that homeschooled students score about 30 points higher on standard ized tests than public-school students. Buddenhagen, who is also the coordinator of homeschool courses at College of the Mainland, said, "Home schooled students also have a non-traditional background that colleges like to see.

College admission officers look at college-entrance-exam scores and transcripts, justias clinits. they do with traditional students Buddenhagen said. It might be too early to tell exactly how well home-school students will do, but early signs are promising, Buddenhagen

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"He told me they had never made one," and after a pause and chuckle, George answered, "I expect we probably could." Design of the prototype

involved a collaborative effort with Ms. Lewis and Robotronics. The company was receptive to her design ideas inspired by an M&M plastic figure. In an office appointed with creative clutter, Ms. Lewis took pictures of the toy character with particular emphasis drawn to the style of his arms and legs. "I could visualize this as a book," she said.

With a design team that had produced replica fire hydrants, fire trucks and other animated robots promoting safety education programs, Robotronics took several months to design Billy Book.

Among the challenges, designers considered whether the face should be placed in front, on the binding or open. While Ms. Lewis contributed drawings for his face, the designers opted for a different look that incorporated a mouth that lighted when he spoke.

"We had a few years ago built a character Gilley the robot used for early childhood education. He also has a mouth like that," said George. "We brought that idea into the book because we thought it would be very visual and draw attention to the book when he talked."

Not quite knowing what to expect upon his arrival to the Paris Public Library, the staff was completely pleased.

Billy Book would remain in a closet until a new library volunteer would become Billy's

Carroll Tiller, a Defense Department retiree, came to Paris and with time on his hands was referred to the publie library by RSVP. Familiar with computers, Tiller was a natural with the computerized

"Carroll didn't have any trouble relating to the kids as Billy," Ms. Lewis also noted.



Summer Reading

Meet Arthur's Author

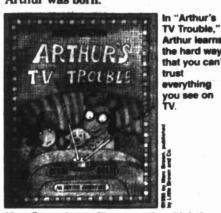
than 100 books for children. His most famous character is Arthur, a young aardvark. He talked to The Mini Page about his life and work. The beginning

Marc Brown's writing career began 'after he had been fired from all his other jobs.

"I was a truck driver for a short while, but they discovered I had a poor sense of direction." He lost his next job, as a television art director, after suggesting to his boss that the weather reporter dress up as a fairy and talk to a magical well.

His next job was teaching at a small college in Boston. "When I started working there, it closed after 103 years.

"That brings us up to the night Arthur was born."



Marc Brown has written more than 20 Arthur books, as well as books about Arthur's little sister, D.W. The public television series base on these books is so popular that it has been

Mini Spy ... 🗐

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words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find

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CAPTION, POEM, MENU, SCREEN, WATCH, WORD, DIARY.

Rookie Cookie's Recipe

1. Cook onion in melted butter or margarine in a skillet

2. Add Worcestershire sauce, tomato sauce, applesauce

and mushrooms. Cook 5 minutes or until heated. Stir often

5. Place on a baking sheet and broil 5 minutes or until

3. Spoon equal amounts of sauce on each muffin half.

Top each half with a slice of mozzarella cheese

over medium heat 5 minutes or until browned.

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TO READ!

You'll need:

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• 3/4 cup tomato sauce

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8 slices mozzarella cheese

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Arthur

After he had lost his last three jobs, Marc Brown was telling his 4-year-old son a bedtime

"I was kind of depressed. I didn't know what I was going to do to put food on the table. "My son wanted a story about a

aardvark popped into my head. "I thought, this is so much fun. I love telling stories and drawing pictures and working with kids. But how do I

weird animal. I don't know why, but an

make a living doing this?" His first Arthur book was published in 1976. Slowly over the years, they became more and more popular. In the meantime, he illustrated textbooks and gave talks at schools and libraries.

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"Reading is the best thing you can do to help with writing. Keep a notebook or a journal, to both draw in and write in."

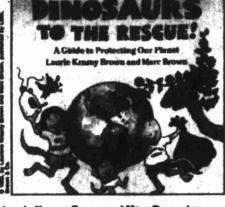
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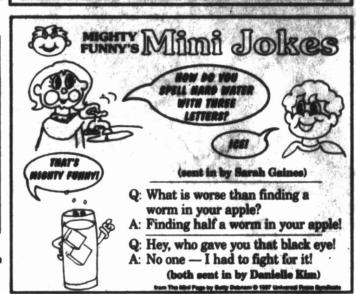
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- hammocks "but I don't get to do it very often."

Family

Marc Brown and his wife, Laurie Krasny Brown, live outside of Boston with their youngest daughter, Eliza, 11. There are also two grown-up sons, Tolon and Tucker.

Laurie Krasny Brown is a psychologist. She has written many nonfiction books for children, which Marc Brown has illustrated.





Best Friends — Newspapers and Books

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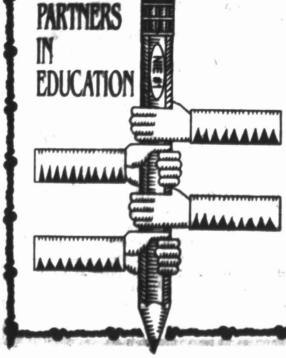


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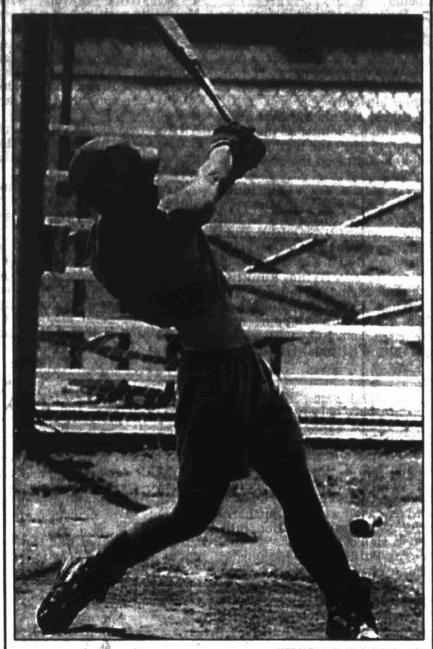
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SWINGING FOR STATE



Coahoma designated hitter Michael Cobb takes a cut during team batting practice Wednesday. The Buildogs face Memphis in the Region I-2A championship game at 5 p.m. Saturday at O'Bangion Field in Lubbock. The winner advances to the UIL

state tournament next week in Austin.

Bulls bounce Heat from playoffs

CHICAGO (AP) — With three playoff series out of the way and four victories to go for another NBA championship cel-ebration, the Chicago Bulls are savoring what could be their final title run in the Michael Jordan era.

Or is it?

Jordan would like to come back, but only if coach Phil Jackson does the same. The game's greatest player and one of its most successful coaches are intertwined, but someday they, too, will go their separate

"We're not thinking about that," Jackson said after the Bulls finished off the Miami Heat 100-87 Wednesday night to

Conference finals and earn their fifth trip to the championship series in seven years.

"We're thinking about the fact that we want to win a title. We've got to play better, particularly on the offensive end of the court, if we want to be a candidate to win a title.'

Miami coach Pat Riley, who led the Lakers to four championships in the 1980s, says the rest of the league is doomed to chase the Bulls, the oldest team in the NBA.

"I don't think anybody's going to win again until Michael retires, I really don't,' Riley said.

"As long as I'm still in a uni-

have coaches come up and say that, our job is accomplished," said Jordan, who had 28 points Wednesday night despite another bad stretch of shooting.

"I plan on being around for a little while, I hope," he said. "I pride myself on helping this organization and city always stay on top.'

Jordan, calling the game personal" after Miami won Game 4 with what he claimed was rough play, came out in a frenzy, making six of his first 10 shots as the Bulls jumped out to a 16-2 lead.

Jordan, who had missed 20 of his first 22 shots Monday in Miami, then misfired on 15 of

form and we can continue to his final 21. Still, Chicago's big early lead was too much for the Heat to overcome as the Bulls beat Miami for the 10th time in 11 playoff meetings.

Chicago's reserves provided 33 points and the Bulls limited Heat center Alonzo Mourning to one basket in wrapping up the series 4-1.

The victory came short-handed. Scottie Pippen played only seven minutes after spraining his foot in the first quarter, and he was scheduled for an MRI today. Should Utah close out Houston in the Western Conference Finals tonight. Pippen isn't sure if he'd be

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Tech defendant in lawsuit resigns

Reeger says suit didn't impact decision

LUBBOCK (AP) - A Texas Tech athletic official who was named in a lawsuit alleging NCAA infractions by the school's football team has resigned to enter private busi-

"I'm going to work here in Lubbock;" said Ronn Reeger, who was the athletic department's academic coordinator until two years ago.

Friday was to be his last day at Tech, and he said he's start-

I think it's fair to say that there is and there will continue to be some reorganisation.

> -John Montford **Texas Tech Chancellor**

ing his new job Monday.

Reeger also served as interim academic services director at one point.

It was then that former Tech defensive lineman Stephen Gaines alleges that Reeger set him up with easy classes and Reeger's departure after six

provided answers to a final in a correspondence course.

Reeger never has addressed the allegations, and neither he nor Chancellor John T. Montford would directly address the conditions of

"I think it's fair to say that there is and there will continue to be some reorganization.' Montford told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.

Reeger said his timing would have "struck some people as funny" at any point over the last two years.

That was when the Houston Chronicle began a series of stories about allegations against the Tech athletic department.

"I guess I've just always had my eye out for anything that could benefit my wife and I," said Reeger.

He added that the Gaines lawsuit didn't impact his decision. "It just so happened that this came about."

Memorial: No cakewalk for Tiger

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Woods went into today's first round of the Memorial Tournament with a very important extra club in his bag

"I love to play golf, simple as that," Woods said Wednesday as he stared down 17 television cameras, two dozen still photographers and nearly 100 reporters. "I absolutely love to play. Whether it's with my pop back home, playing with my friends, playing in tournaments, I just love to play."

Then with barely a pause. Woods tacked on the final component that makes him special. "And I love to compete even more," he said. "So you put

those two things together and you have the combination that's me.'

That formidable combination gets its next workout this week at the Memorial as Woods comes in off wins at the Masters and the Byron Nelson and then a fourth at the Colonial.

"I can't win them all," Woods said. "I think there are 155 other guys out there to beat."

Facing a field today that includes last week's Tiger killer, David Frost, top-10 money winners Brad Faxon, Mark O'Meara and Paul Stankowski along with Greg Norman, John Daly and Tom Lehman.

But Woods has played so well since coming on tour last August — winning five times in 17 tries — that it was almost a shock last week when he stumbled on Sunday and shot a final round 72 - with two double bogeys — at the Colonial.

His air of invincibility had grown particularly thick after his 12-stroke victory in the Masters and then his follow-up win at the Byron Nelson Classic following four weeks away from competition.

The near-win at the Colonial, the tournament associated with Ben Hogan, after his victories at the Masters, created by Bobby Jones, and the Nelson made coming into the Memorial, Jack Nicklaus' event, seem almost like the final leg of a Legends Slam.

"It's just great to play in a tournament that's Jack's tournament," Woods said. "I felt great playing Byron's tourna-ment, Mr. Hogan's tournament. It's an honor. These guys are the guys who brought golf to what it is now."

BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

Schuelke signs with HPU

Grady's Tarah Schuelke has signed letter of intent to play basketball Howard Payne University.

Schuelke, a 5-foot-4 guard, averaged 15 points, 2.3 rebounds, 3.7 steals and 5.2 assists a game for the Lady Wildcats last season. Grady advanced to the Region II-1A tournament.

Howard Payne, located in Brownwood is a member of NCAA Division III and the American Southwest Conference.

Youth sports results

The Mariners created a logiam atop the 13-year-old league standings when they defeated Coahoma 13-0 in recent

The two teams are tied for first with identical 5-1 records.

Nathan Campbell pitched five innings of one-hit ball and helped his own cause with a double. Zack Phinney also doubled for the Mariners. In Coahoma Major League action, the

Angels improved to 12-2 with a 9-8 victory over the Reds.

Dan Griffin and David Salazar combined to strike out nine, while Sam Tindol, Griffin, Salazar and Cannon

McWilliams each had a pair of hits.

In the city Minor League tournament, the National League Mets avoided elimination last week with a pair of victories: 16 9 ever the Contome Rangers; and 7-6 ie Koya

In the first game, Matthew Hilario struck out five, while Josh Paredez and Daniel Kern each stole home in the final inning to provide the victory.

Jake Smith and Josh Sullivan homered for the Rangers.

In the victory over the Royals, Jeremy North struck out nine to pick up the win, while Justin Roberts scored the winning run on a double by North.

Coaches are asked to pick up result forms at the Herald's front desk between 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Girls' hoops league starting

The Crossroads Girl's Basketball Summer League will hold its 1997 season from June 2-July 31.

There will be two leagues - varsity and sub-varsity - and all games will be played at Garrett Coliseum.

Cost of the league is \$45. For more information, contact Terry Robertson at 267-1817 or 264-5165 or Matt Corkery at

Hawks plan hoops camp

Registration is being accepted for the annual Howard College Boys Basketball Camp, which begins June 2 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The camp, hosted by Howard College basketball coach and athletic director Tommy Collins, will be held in two sessions — a day camp open to all ages June 2-5; and an overnight camp for players in grades 10-12 only June 16-19.

Cost for the day camp is \$95, which covers tuition, equipment, noon meals and a T-shirt. The overnight camp, which will be limited to the first 32 applicants, costs \$190.

For more information, contact the Howard College athletic department at 264-5040.

Giris' camp June 9

The annual Howard College Girls Basketball Camp will be held June 9-13 at the college.

Cost of the camp is \$95, with a \$25 deposit due upon registration. There will be a \$10 discount for anyone who sends in their application and deposit by Friday.

The camp will be conducted by head coach Matt Corkery and a staff consisting of Howard assistants and players and high school coaches.

For more information, contact Corkery at 264-5043.

Tennis camp June 2-6

The annual Big Spring Tennis Camp will be held from 9-11 a.m. June 2-6 at Figure 7 Tennis Center.

Cost of the camp, open to players age 5-18, is \$100, which includes a T-shirt and pizza party.

Registration will be held at 8:30 a.m. June 2, but persons may preregister by calling 263-3848, 264-9229 or 263-2275.

Camp of Champs begins soon

Big Spring High School's Camp of Champs Weightlifting Camp will be held June 2-July 3 at Blankenship Field next to the high school.

The camp is open to students in: grades 5-8, and registration will be held

at 9 a.m. the first day of camp. For more information, contact Ricky Long at 263-0519.

Softball tourney Saturday

The Sandbagger slow pitch softball tournament will be held Saturday and Sunday at Cotton Mize Field.

For more information, contact Darren Sorley at 267-7823.

Johnson looks like old self as he strikes out 15 in win over Texas

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Randy Johnson is, once again, baseball's most intimidating pitcher.

"I think this is going to be a year where I need to prove that I'm healthy — to myself and to a lot of other people," Johnson said after striking out 15 in eight innings Wednesday night, leading the Seattle Mariners over the Texas Rangers 5-0.

Johnson, making his 11th start since back surgery last September, allowed four hits and set the big league high for strikeouts in a game this season, topping the 13 by Toronto's Roger Clemens against Minnesota on May 10.

"That was pretty much what you call dominant," Will Clark said. "He had the fastball, the slider ... dominant."

It was the most strikeouts for Johnson since he fanned 15 Oakland Athletics on Sept. 23, 1995. Johnson struck out 15 or more for the 10th time in his career and struck out 10 or

nore for the 73rd time. . "Other than Pudge (Ivan Rodriguez), Will and Mike Simms, the other guys didn't seem like they could see the ball very well," Rangers man-

AL ROUNDUP

ager Johnny Oates said. "Hey. that's not the first team he has pitched that way against."

In other AL games, New York beat Toronto 6-4, Cleveland defeated Kansas City 10-3, Baltimore crushed Detroit 8-1. Anaheim outlasted Oakland 14-10. Boston beat Chicago 5-3 and Minnesota edged Milwaukee 3-

Seattle, which has won 21 of its last 27 games against Texa took advantage of wildness by Darren Oliver (2-6) to score two runs without a hit in the second: Oliver loaded the bases on walks to Edgar Martinez, Alex Rodriguez and Jay Buhner, and Mike Blowers and Russ Davis followed with RBI grounders.

Pinch-hitter Paul Sorrento had a run-scoring single in the seventh off Matt Whiteside, and Martinez and Rodriguez had RBI doubles in the eighth. Yankees 6, Blue Jays 4 Tino Martinez hit his 19th

home run as New York overcame a 4-0 deficit at Toronto to win for just the second time in

Joe Carter passed Joe DiMaggio on the career home run list, hitting a three-run homer in a four-run third. Carter, who has 362 homers, moved into sole possession of 41st place.

David Wells (5-3) allowed four runs and five hits in 7 2-3 innings, and Mariano Rivera got four outs for his 15th save. Indians 10, Royals 3

David Justice hit a long three-run homer that capped a seven-run eighth inning as visiting Cleveland won for the ninth time in 11 games. Marquis Grissom broke a 3-3

tie with a two-run single off Tim Belcher (5-6). Julio Franco followed with a two-run double off the bullpen fence, and Justice connected off Larry Caisan for his 15th homer.

Paul Assenmacher (1-0) won for the first time since last Sept. 10 by throwing one pitch and retiring pinch-hitter Joe Vitiello in the seventh. Orioles 8, Tigers 1

Roberto Alomar, Brady Anderson and Rafael Palmeiro each hit two-run homers as vis-iting Baltimore won for the ninth time in 11 games.

Jimmy Key (9-1) allowed one run and six hits in six innings. topping Detroit's three-game

Reds not alone in race for title of worst squad

CINCINNATI (AP) - The Cincinnati Reds, who still have the worst record in the major leagues, at least now have some company and some

The Reds proved that they're not the only contender for the title of baseball's worst team by going 5-2 on a homestand against the Chicago Cubs and Philadelphia Phillies, their

closest competition. A 2-0 victory over the Phillies on Wednesday night left the two teams tied for the worst record in the major leagues at 19-32. Remarkably, it also moved the Reds to within six games of first place in the NL Central, where every

team has a losing record. "I always saw the light at the end of the tunnel," manager Ray Knight said. "When you have 110 tomorrows left.

you don't worry about it. "We dug a big hole, but it's not too big in this division to get out of it. Forget the wonloss record. We're just six games back. You can make that up in a week's time."

Elsewhere in the National League, it was the New York Mets 7, Montreal 0; and Pittsburgh 4, Chicago 1.

NL ROUNDUP

Knight's exuberance is the byproduct of a bad season. He's been under a lot of strain, with his team off to its worst start in 47 years and his contract up at the end of the sea-

His players were more restrained, but clearly upbeat after they won for the first time behind starter Kent Mercker (2-5), who got his only previous win in relief. The Reds had lost all of his seven starts.

The left-hander gave up four hits in six innings before leaving because of a twinge in his hamstring. Three relievers completed the eight-hitter, only Cincinnati's second

shutout of the season. "Any time you can win a game at this point, it's a plus," Mercker said. "Having a homestand like we did sends us off (to Chicago) on a good

Barry Larkin completed a sizzling series by picking up two of Cincinnati's seven hits

AMISTAD: Water clear; lake level 330 meters; 76 degrees; black base up to 8 pounds are good on baby bass-colored crank balts, Carolina-rigged worms and spinners; strip base are very good on topwathe Devil's River; catfish are very good on trotlines baited with cut balt, cheesebalt, big worms and live balt fished up the Devil's River.

BRAUNIG: Water murky; normal level; black bass are fair on spinners and Texas-rigged worms; hybrid striped bass are good on chicken liver and shad fished past the pier on the north end; redfish to 15 pounds are good on crawfish and crank baits; catfish up to 8 pounds are good on chicken liver and cut shad.

CALAVERAS: Water clear: normai level; 76 degrees; black bass up to 8 pounds are good on moccasin and black colored Carolina-rigged worms and spinners; hybrid striped bass are good on spoons, crank baits and chicken liver; redfish are good on crank balts and perch fished from the bank; catfish are fair to good on Bob's Cheese Bait; no report for corv-

CHOKE: Water murky; 27 feet low; 73 degrees; black bass to y 9 pounds are fair on Texasrigged worms fished in the deep channels; white bass are fair on live bait; catfish are good on cut shad and on cheese bait fished under a cork in shallow water over baited holes.

ARROWHEAD: Water fairly clear; black bass up to 5 pounds are fair on small spinners, and Texas-rigged worms fished in 10 feet of water; white bass are food on live bait, crank balts, and spoons; crappie are fair on minnows and small jigs; catfish are good on cheese bait, shiners and cut

KEMP: Water fairly clear; normal level; degrees; black bass up to 5 pounds are fair on Carolina-rigged worms and on Texas-rigged lizards fished at night; striped bass are fair on live bait on topwater early and late: catfish are good on trotlines baited with cut perch and live shad. O.H.IVIE: Water clear on main

lake, murky in upper end and

tributaries: black bass up to 6pounds are fair on Texas and Carolina-rigged worms fished on secondary points and on spinners and topwaters fished at night; white bass are good on jigging spoons and small crank baits; crappie are fair to good on shiners and small spinners. MEREDITH: Water clear; 69 degrees; black bass are fair.op. Texas-rigged cotton candy or

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POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 1. feet low; 70 degrees; black base up to 6 pounds are good on spinners, Texas-rigged red worms and on crank balts fished in 15 to 20 feet of water; striped tiess are good on live belt fished on the main lake and up the river with some action under the birds; crap are good on minnows and small tube jigs fished at night and over balted holes early in the mornings; channel catrish are good on trotlines balted with cut and live balt; yellow catfish are fair on juglines balted with

BROWNWOOD: Water stained to clear; normal level; 67 degrees; black bass up to 6 pounds are good on Carolina rigged lizards and spinner balts; forid stripers are good on live balt and spoons; catfish are fall on night crawlers and shrimp.

BUCHANAN: Water clear; lake full; 71 degrees; black bass up to 7 pounds are fair on spinners and Texas-rigged worms; striped bass are fair on live shad; crapple are slow to fair on shiners; white bass are good on jigs; catfish are good on fresh shad fished on trotlines on the upper end of the

WHITNEY: Water off-colored: normal level; black bess up to 5 pounds are fair on Texasrigged worms, spinners and topwaters; striped bass are good on live balt and spoons; white bass are good on crank balts and spoons; crapple are fair on minnows fished around boat docks: catfish are fair on cut bait; flathead catfish are good

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TRANSACTIONS

Wednesday BASEBALL

CLEVELAND INDIANS-Recalled RHP Bartolo Colon from Buffalo of the American Association, Optioned INF Trenidad Hubbard to Buffalo.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS-Optioned C Mike Sweeney to Omaha of the American Association. Recalled C Sal Fasano from Wichita of the Texas League.

CINCINNATI REDS-Recalled INF Jeff Branson from Indianapolis of the American COLORADO ROCKIES-

Signed LHP Josh Kalinowski. RHP Steve lannacone, RHP Jake Kidd, and RHP Ryan Price. BASKETBALL National Basketball

NBA-Fined Chicago Bulls F Dennis Rodman and Miami

Heat C Alonzo Mourning \$5,000 each for a fourth-quarter altercation in Monday's playoff game. FOOTBALL **National Football League**

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS-Released WR Michael Havnes and WR Torrance Small, Agreed to terms with WR Andre Hastings, WR Randal Hill, CB Mickey Washington and C Jerry Fontenot on two-year contracts. NEW YORK GIANTS-Signed DE Charles Estes.

HOCKEY PITTSBURGH PENGUINS

BULLS

Continued from page 18 dy for Sunday's Game 1 at "It's kind of hard to call that

right now," Pippen said. "No matter what the MRI says, I'm looking to win four more games.

Should the Utah-Houston series require a seventh game, the finals would not begin until June 4.

Doesn't matter, Riley says. "I think Chicago's going to win it against anybody.

Everybody expects that ...

regardless of who they play." Tim Hardaway scored 27 points for the Heat, who had the lowest-scoring five-game series ever (393 points) and the lowest average in any postsea-

son series (78.6). Mourning, who backed up his victory guarantee with a superb performance in Game 4. had seven turnovers this time, took only four shots and made his only basket with 2.5 seconds remaining.

"After ending it like this, it

leaves an empty feeling inside that you are better than that, better than what you showed," Mourning said. "I'd like to start the series from scratch because I know we can play a whole lot

Jordan refused to shake Mourning's hand before Wednesday's game and then made his first two shots, a fastbreak dunk and a 15-foot jumper, as the Bulls raced to their big lead.

He capped his big first quarter with a 3-pointer as the Bulls went up 33-19 and maintained a double-digit lead the rest of the

"It was a very emotional game and we fed off Michael's energy," Chicago's Jud Buechler said. "Michael, during warmups, was the most fired up that I have ever seen him. He was flying, dunking the ball during warmups."

When Jordan cooled off, Luc Longley, Ron Harper and reserves Toni Kukoc, Buechler, Brian Williams, Buechler,

leve Kerr, Randy Brown and Jason Caffey responded. The Chicago backups struggled throughout the series before

Wednesday night.
Dennis Rodman, whose Game
4 wrestling match with
Mourning resulted in a \$5,000 fine for each, had 13 rebounds and nine points. He also received a technical foul for taunting Mourning after Longley dunked over the Miami center in the third quar-

Riley was fed up with Rodman's antics, but he couldn't keep from putting the Bulls' success in perspective.

"They are the greatest team since the Celtics won 11 in 13 years (from 1957-69)," Riley

Jordan said beating Riley is always special.

"He's presented a challenge to Michael Jordan, to Phil Jackson, to the Chicago Bulls. It gives me great pleasure to make sure he's denied," Jordan

Continued from page 1B

and scoring twice. Larkin was 8-for-12 in the series with five singles, two doubles, one triple and four walks.

Larkin doubled off Garrett Stephenson (2-1) and scored on Willie Greene's groundout in the second. He singled in the seventh, continued to third on right fielder Darren Daulton's error and scored on Voe Oliver's two-out single.

"We had been playing poor-

ly," Larkin said. "We're starting to play better. We're only six games back. That's very positive. We have to continue to go out and do what we're doing now." "We've got some momentum

going," Oliver said. "This is what we felt we were capable of doing all year long. Hopefully it's a sign of the times.' The Phillies have the misfor-

tune of playing in the same division with Atlanta. Instead of trailing first place by only

six games like Cincinnati, they're 16 back with the identical record.

Stephenson gave up only six hits and two runs — one earned - in seven innings, but the NL's weakest offense managed only two scoring threats.

Mike Lieberthal was thrown out at home as he tried to score from first base on Kevin Stocker's soft-hit double to center in the seventh.

Continued from page 1B winning streak. Shawn Boskie finished with one-hit relief for his first professional save, striking out four.

Brian Moehler (3-4) got just five outs, giving up six runs, seven hits and one walk. Angels 14, Athletics 10

Right fielder Geronimo Berroa dropped a routine twoout fly ball, helping visiting Anaheim to a five-run ninth.

Mark McGwire homered twice for Oakland, raising his total to 19 with his 32nd multihomer

Trailing 10-9 heading into the ninth, the Angels tied the game on Dave Hollins' RBI double. Two outs later. Jim Leyritz hit an easy fly ball that went off the heel of Berroa's glove, allowing two runs to score.

Troy Percival (2-2) got four outs for the win. Mike Mohler (0-8) was the loser.

Red Sox 5. White Sox 3

Mike Stanley delivered the game-winning hit for the second consecutive night as Boston survived home runs from Frank Thomas and Albert

Aaron Sele (6-3) earned his second consecutive win with six innings of four-hit ball at Fenway Park. Wilson Alvarez (3-6) gave up four runs on four hits and five walks in five

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Difficult. ARIES (March 21-April 19) A misunderstanding is more than possible. Be direct about your choices. A career coup makes you want to crow! Make plans for later in the day, when you start feeling more like yourself. Clean up your desk, and get ready for a special few days. Tonight: Let go and

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enjoy.**** TAURUS (April 20-May 20) The daytime hours present a challenge. You have much to accomplish. Be more in touch with your future plans. A boss proposes changes that upset you, so you might let other news get to you. Don't be overwhelmed. You might have to stay later. Tonight: Head home.***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) It is fortunate that you have a sense of humor. How you perceive a change is different from others. Clear your desk because you'll want to leave early. Get together with friends later in the afternoon. A partner shares his thoughts with you. Tonight: Lead the party!****

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You might be able to take off early or mix travel with work. A smile marks your interactions. You feel strongly about enjoying life. A partner lets you know how much he cares. Because you beam, others notice you. Consider an unusual offer. Tonight: It could be a late night!****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) v Todion v Reach out for a partner, and discuss investments and funds. The feedback helps you. You have a tendency to go overboard as you pursue a wish, hope or desire. You feel inspired by a hard game of racquetball or a favorite sport. Tonight: Escape.****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Defer to others. You don't have to work so hard. You feel indulged by a boss. Creativity surges because of the mood.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR Lightness allows more mental freedom. A loved one seeks you out. Popularity is high. Be reasonable about a demand. Tonight: It's a great night for

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Get work done efficiently. You have fun, whatever you do. Your mind meanders as you dream about a new possibility. A family member supports you. You gain perspective when you relax. Tonight: Head out and

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Use your imagination when making plans, speaking to coworkers and solving problems. Discussions provoke creativity. You make headway in whatever you so choose. Make a longdistance call early in the day. Instincts are right on target. Tonight: Take a night off!****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. You are concerned with a security-related matter that

could have an impact on your finances. What hasn't been OK up to now could get better. Let a loved one have it his way. Make time for him later in the day. Tonight: Have a ball!**** CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

Touch base with a loved one. You might not see eye-to-eye, but he appreciates your ideas. A co-worker entices you to make changes. Enjoy yourself. A long lunch is in order. Don't worry about work so much. Tonight: The fun starts at home.***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Promptly deal with nagging money matters. You come first when making decisions. Setting spending limits is important now. A premonition is right on. A loved one lures you into mischief. Break for the weekend early, if possible. Tonight: The party begins.****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You are direct, yet charming. so you get what you want. There is reason for celebration. Good times abound. Be direct about what you expectations from a family member. He is naughty, and want you to join him. Tonight: It's your

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DEAR ABBY: You had a letter in your column concerning a husband who didn't speak to his wife for three months because she told him that she felt he was being too harsh with their son. He also was punishing her by refusing to have sex with her. I hope



Abigail Van Buren Columnist

worse. If it isn't stopped now, 25 or more years down the road she will still be a victim of this childishness and it also will have an effect on the children.

They should get counseling. If she ignores this behavior, she'll become more of a doormat and look back at 40 years of misery. She'll have no self-confidence left and will be emotionally damaged forever. I know. -BEEN THERE FOR 47 YEARS IN PITTSBURGH

DEAR BEEN THERE: I advised the woman, who signed "Confused herself Pennsylvania," that she should first try to discuss the cause of their "misunderstanding" with her husband, and if necessary. seek joint marriage counseling to resolve their problem. I also told her that if her husband refused to go, she should go without him in order to repair

Another reader offered some insight into the husband's SYNDICATE

punitive and selfish behavior. This reader said she would not be at all surprised if the husband was involved with another woman, and was using his wife's criticism as an excuse to feign anger and avoid having sexual relations with her, while enjoying her cooking services, laundry services and frantic efforts at reconciliation. Now, isn't that food for thought?

DEAR ABBY: I am a gynecologist. Recently one of my patients came to my office for a physical examination.

During the examination, I discovered a major blockage of the carotid artery in her neck. I convinced her to go to a vascular surgeon. She then had a successful surgery, which prevented the likelihood of a major stroke.

Before her surgery, someone on the evaluation team asked, "Who found your neck lesion?" She replied, "My gynecolo-

Someone else asked, "What in the world was a gynecologist doing up there?" Everyone, including my patient, broke into laughter. — EUGENE R. ODOU, M.D.

DEAR DR. ODOU: That's such a good question, I decided to telephone an expert - you - to get an answer. I was intrigued when you told me that your mother had a similar carotid blockage, which made you aware of such problems.

As you put it, "I'm a good oldfashioned doctor, although semi-retired, and a good doctor is concerned with the entire patient, not just one part!" I couldn't agree more.

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Rockets back in familiar corner

HOUSTON (AP) - The **Houston Rockets might finally** have the Utah Jazz where they

The Rockets will be in the familiar position of fighting off elimination Thursday night when they play host to the Jazz in Game 6 of the Western Conference Finals. Houston is down 3-2 in the best-of-seven

The good news for Houston is that the Rockets are 11-2 in elimination games under coach Rudy Tomjanovich, and they expect to ward off an early vacation again this time.

"You trap a rat in the corner and he comes out fighting," said guard Mario Elie. "It's going to be guns slinging and

come out fighting."

"This team has a lot of character and pride. We've been through this situation before and we know what it's like.'

Tomjanovich seems to have a knack for getting the Rockets ready when their backs are against a wall.

"We're backed into a corner again and maybe this is the best situation for us." Tomjanovich said. "We seem to play better in this kind of deal. We've got to come out fighting for our lives.'

The Rockets came away from Tuesday night's 96-91 loss feeling just a few plays could have won it for them. The Jazz felt the same about Game 4, when **Eddie Johnson's buzzer-beating**

3-pointer won for the Rocket 95-

"I'm encouraged after (Game 5) because that's the best we've played in the series and now we get to play at home,' Charles Barkley said. "They have the luxury of worrying about Game 7 and we don't have that luxury."

Tomjanovich expects another clutch performance.

"To me, this is what we talked about the first day of preseason," Tomjanovich said. 'I assume that's how we're going to respond. We'll be concentrating and we'll be focused on survival."

The Rockets were forced to depend heavily on Hakeem Olajuwon to stay competitive

their outside shooting was off and they hit only 7-for-24 (29.2 percent) from 3-point range

They know they need more balance to beat the Jazz, but Tomjanovich defended his extensive use of Olajuwon.

"If people think I'm going to take the stat sheet and say Well, Hakeem is hurting them. He is getting guys in foul trouble. He's scoring and passing the ball out and getting us open shots and we're not making those shots so I'm going to change,' well, that's kind of dumb.

"It's ridiculous to put a negative on the effort that he (Olajuwon) put out there, opening up offensive possibilities.'

Russian Red Wings help Detroit click

DETROIT (AP) - Their names are Fetisov, Larionov, Kozlov, Konstantinov and Fedorov. Hockey fans in Detroit think they are Russia's greatest import since vodka.

Folks in Motown are hungry for a Stanley Cup championship, and the Russian Red Wings might just help them win one.

The Red Wings, who haven't won a championship since 1955, have been notoriously slow starters in the playoffs, and this year was no exception. In the first round, they were all even at 2-2 after the first four games with St. Louis.

The Russian Five changed all that.

After the Blues bombed the Red Wings 4-0 in Game 4 of that series. Detroit coach Scotty Bowman figured drastic action was needed. He reunited the Russian unit.

Why he ever broke the unit up is anybody's guess. Bowman, trying to become the first coach to win Stanley Cups with three different teams, has made a career of playing mindgames with his players.

At any rate, the switch produced a convincing 5-2 Detroit NHL PLAYOFFS

victory in Game 5 that, in turn, jump-started the Red Wings into a higher playoff mode. They eliminated St. Louis one game later, swept the Anaheim Mighty Ducks in the second round and soundly outplayed defending champion Colorado in the Western Conference

As a result, the Red Wings are back in the finals for the second time in three years. They open against the Flyers in Philadelphia on Saturday night.

"I love playing with the Russian Five," Vyacheslav Kozlov said. "I missed the Russian Five, since we didn't play together much in the regular season.'

The two best-known Russian players are forward Sergei Fedorov and center Igor Larionov. Fedorov won the Hart Trophy as the NHL's most valuable player three years ago, and a nice Nike contract soon followed.

The speedy Fedorov, who scored 56 goals in 1994, has seen his stock tumble a little

33 assists this season. But that might be, in part, because Bowman banished Fedorov to the blue line, where he shared time with Vyacheslav Fetisov and Vladimir Konstantinov for the final six weeks.

In fact, Fedorov was starting on defense in the first round against the Blues. But now, he goes into the finals leading the Red Wings with 14 points on five goals and nine assists.

Fedorov, who was injured and played sparingly in the first two periods of the sixth and deciding game of the Western Conference finals. scored what proved to be the winning goal in the third period against Colorado.

"I think he's a better weapon up front," said Steve Yzerman, the Red Wings captain. "I don't think there's any question

Still, if Bowman gets a little blame for the Fedorov experiment, he should also get praise for bringing Larionov to Detroit. For it is the playmaking of the 36-year-old Larionov that makes everything click.

The key to the Russian unit was the trade Oct. 24, 1995 that

since then. He had 30 goals and sent Ray Sheppard to San Jose in exchange for Larionov. Many thought Bowman was making a mistake, sending Sheppard away for an aging 5foot-8 center.

Clearly, however, Bowman knew what he was doing. Sheppard has since been traded yet again, while Larionov has become godfather to his coun-

His steadying influence enabled Fedorov and Kozlov to regain their scoring touch. Larionov also has 39-year-old Fetisov playing defense like a kid again.

"He's like a point guard in basketball," Yzerman said. "He moves around so well, and he keeps the puck on his stick for so long. It's his Russian style. You see it in the way he curls backwards. He draws defenses to him.

Detroit fans sometimes are critical of Larionov because he frequently looks to make one more pass, rather than shoot the puck himself. Yet it was a superb pass from Larionov to Martin Lapointe, gliding in behind Claude Lemieux, that led to Detroit's first goal in Game 6 against Colorado.

At 91, Anson golfer still dealing aces

ANSON (AP) — Hoolie White doesn't remember who was president when he shot his first hole-in-one. It was either Franklin Roosevelt or Harry

Bill Clinton was definitely in office for the second.

"It was the same hole as the first one," said White, 91, who last month mimicked his mastery of the No. 6 hole at the Anson Golf Club, a tidy ninehole course he's roamed since it opened in 1938.

White still owns a sizzling

course record of 29 on the par-36 layout. The lifelong resident plays every weekday, reserving weekends to clean house and to mow his blocklong lawn in Anson, 22 miles northwest of

On April 28, White addressed the par-3, 139-yard sixth hole with his trusty 5-wood. Once the ball struck the green, White and playing partners Caffey Welch and Kenneth Herndon watched it roll toward the cup. "Kenneth said, 'Hurry ball," White said, "and then the danged thing went in the hole." The three were awestruck.

"He wasn't the most surprised one there," Welch said Tuesday, while accompanying White on his regular midday round. "Because I was there."

After a career as theater manager and caretaker of the local school and church, White has become a fixture on the course on fair-weather days. His only concessions to age are a hearing aid and a few yards off his

On this day, he had too much

power for No. 6.

"I drove it past the green onto the rough," said White, who averages a bogey a hole these days, better than most golfers a quarter his age.

All of White's playing partners are younger. Most are in their 70s, meaning they can barely remember when White helped build Anson's first golf course in 1929.

"The women in town have been all over him since the news (of the ace) came out," said fellow golfer Jeep Spurgin.

Plummer faces sexual abuse charges

PHOENIX (AP) - Jake Plummer, who led Arizona State to the Rose Bowl before being drafted by the Arizona Cardinals, was charged Wednesday on four felony counts of sexual abuse stemming from an incident in a nightclub.

The charges were announced by Maricopa County Attorney Rick Romley, who has said a settlement Plummer reached with three accusers didn't free him from prosecution. The alleged incident occurred

last March at Club Rio in suburban Tempe.

"There are not two systems of justice in Arizona — one for the rich, one for the poor,' Romley said as he released the criminal complaint during a news conference.

Plummer also was charged in the criminal complaint with one count of misdemeanor assault. If convicted on all charges, he would face more than eight years in prison.

Plummer, a four-year starter at quarterback for Arizona State, was a second-round pick of the Cardinals.

Three women claimed Plummer reached under their clothes while they danced.

Last week, the women reached a civil settlement with Plummer and said through a lawyer they didn't want to pursue criminal charges.

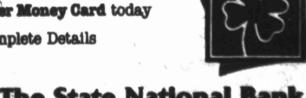
Romley said that an alleged fourth victim came forward later and made similar allegations against Plummer.



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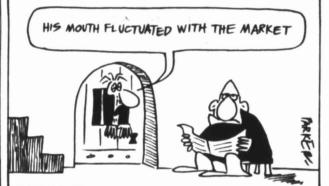


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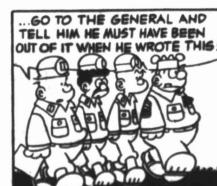


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the 149th day of 1997. There are 216 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On May 29, 1765, Patrick Henry denounced the Stamp Act before Virginia's House of Burgesses. Henry responded to a cry of "Treason!" by saying, "If this be treason, make the

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In 1917, the 35th president of the United States, John F. Kennedy, was born in Brookline, Mass.

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In 1932, World War I veterans began arriving in Washington to demand cash bonuses they weren't scheduled to receive for another 13 years.

In 1943, Norman Rockwell's portrait of "Rosie the Riveter" appeared on the cover of "The Saturday Evening Post."

In 1953, Mount Everest was conquered as Edmund Hillary of New Zealand and Tensing Norgay of Nepal became the first climbers to reach the summit.

In 1973, Tom Bradley was elected the first black mayor of Los Angeles, defeating incumbent Sam Yorty.

In 1985, 35 people were killed in rioting that erupted between British and Italian spectators at the European Cup soccer final

in Brussels, Belgium. In 1988, President Reagan began his first visit to the

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Soviet Union. In 1990, Boris N. Yeltsinwas elected president of the Russian republic in the third round of balloting by the Russian parliament.

Ten years ago: A jury in Los Angeles found "Twilight Zone" movie director John Landis and four associates innocent of involuntary manslaughter in the movie-set deaths of actor Vic Morrow and two children.

Five years ago: Undeclared presidential candidate Ross Perot held a rally in Orlando, Fla., that was carried by twoway television satellite to five other states.

One year ago: Israelis went to the polls for an election that resulted in a narrow victory for opposition leader Benjamin Netanyahu over Prime Minister Shimon Peres.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian Bob Hope is 94. Former Baseball Commissioner Fay Vincent is 59. Race car driver Al Unser Sr. is 58. Actor Kevin Conway is 55. Rock singer Gary Brooker (Procol Harum) is 52. Actor Anthony Geary is 50. Singer Rebbie Jackson is 47. Movie composer Danny Elfman is 44. Singer LaToya Jackson is 41. Actress Annette Bening is 39. Rock musician Mel Gaynor (Simple Minds) is 38. Singer Melissa Etheridge is 36. Actress Lisa Whelchel is 34. Rock musician Noel Gallagher (Oasis) is 30. Singer Jayski McGowan (Quad City DJ's) is 30.

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