Early voting up 56 percent compared to last county judge election

Compared to 1994, the last time voters went to the polls to elect a county judge and commisioners in precincts 2 and 4, Howard County voters have been virtually chomping at the bit to et a ballot in their hands.

Through the close of early voting Friday, a total of 1,728 persons cast early ballots — 623 more than 1994. In addition, 71 ballots were mailed out.

That represents an increase of 56.4 percent over the last type an election was held for the same offices.

Republican cast 1,198 ballots with 39 mailed out and 28 returned while Democrats cast 530 ballots with 32 mailed and 27 returned.

And with early voting over, it is now up to the respective candidates to turn

longer reside in the county or otherwise be eligible. Federal law prohibits

the purging of voter registration files. In the previous few elections, county residents have enjoyed the luxury of having consolidated polling places, but Tuesday's primary, all 21 polling places will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. All outstanding mailed out ballots must be returned to County Clerk

tered to vote in Howard County,

although elections officials have said

as many as 1,000 of those may no

Tuesday across the county.

Tuesday. Residents casting ballots on Tuesday 404, 405, 406, 407, 408 and will need to remember to take their 410 in the fover at the Dorothy voter registration cards to their polling place or have some type of photo identification before they can vote.

Margaret Ray's office by 7 p.m

WHERE TO VOTE TUESDAY: More than 18,000 persons are regis-

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

•Precincts 301,302, 303, 304, 305 and 306 at Marcy Elementary School.

 Precincts 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 202, 203, 204 and 205 at Goliad Middle School,

•Precincts 207 and 409 at Coahoma City Hall - Coahoma. Precinct 208 at Forsan High School - Forsan.

Precincts 401, 402, 403. Garrett Coliseum on the Howard College campus.

DEMOCRAT PRIMARY

·Precincts 101, 106, 109, 110, 111 and 112 at the North Side Fire Station.

Precincts 102, 107 and 108 at the Anderson

Kindergarten Center. Precinct 103 at the Wesley Yater residence on the I-20 North Service Road near KC

Steak House. Precinct 104 at Prairie View Baptist Church.

•Precinct 105 at the Knott Fire Station - Knott. Precinct 203 at Goliad

Middle School. Precinct 202 and 204 at Washington Place School.

 Precinct 205 at the Kentwood Older Activity Center. Precinct 207 at the Coahoma Community Center -

Coahoma. Precinct 208 at Forsan

School - Forsan. Precinct 301, 302 and 306 at the 18th & Main Street Fire

Station. Precinct 303 and 305 at the Wasson Road Fire Station.

 Precinct 304 at Elbow School at County Road 818 off the Garden City Hwy.

 Precinct 401, 402 and 410 at the Big Spring High School Library (enter building at flag

•Precinct 403 at the 11th & Birdwell Fire Station.

*Precinct 404 at the Jonesboro Road Fire Station. Precinct 405 at the L.A.

Hiltbrunner residence (Snyder Hwy left on Gail Rt. 2.2 miles left on paved road then one mile).

•Precinct 406 at the Luther Country Store on Hwy 669. Precinct 407 at Salem

Baptist Church. Precinct 408 at Vincent Baptist Church - Vincent.

 Precinct 409 at the Sand Springs Lions Club Community Center - Sand Springs.

In the event of a hazardous materials spill, are we prepared to handle it?

Emergency! Emergency!

By CARLTON JOHNSON

Picture a nice sunny after noon along Interstate 20 just east of Big Spring when truck after truck passes by carrying cargo from one destination to the next.

A vast majority of the time, the vehicles and their respective loads pass through without incident ... but what happens if one, carrying a hazardous chemical, loses control and ackknifes just outside of town? Is Big Spring and Howard

The spill near Sonora on Feb. 10 that closed 56 miles of Interstate 10 and forced several hundred residents from their homes could very well happen in Big Spring or any community that lies near a highway, railroad or pipeline.

The Sonora accident involved a tractor-trailer carrying 40,000 pounds of anhydrous hydrogen fluoride, which is commonly known as hydrofluoric acid.

Big Spring officials say they are ready, but to handle such a situation, the community as a whole must be willing to cooperated with agencies in charge. 'A wreck or a spill would nor-

mally be called into the police department or 9-1-1 emergency system," Big Spring Police Chief Lonnie Smith said. "Our standing rule is to notify the fire department of the situation and we then take our directions from them."

Emergency Planning Committee Chairman C. Roy Wright said the first priority is to take care of people.

"Our main priority is to take care of the citizens of the community in a situation like this whether its through evacuation or getting people to close their houses," Wright said.

Lonnie (Smith) and his people would handle traffic and evacuation situations."

emergency personnel headed to an accident/spill what the placard number is on a truck.

North American Emergency Response Guidebook is what most areas, including Howard County, use ardous cargo route, but most



HERALD photo/Linda Choate

Big Spring Fire Department firefighter Richard Grove (right) helps fellow firefighter Richard LeClair get in the department's hazardous materials protective clothing.

in order to determine the proper precautions needed in the event of an accident/spill.

A placard (a diamond shaped According to Smith, the police symbol) or orange rectangular department dispatchers can tell panel identifies the load or chemical being carried or shipped and is displayed on the ends and sides of a cargo tank, truck or rail car.

Howard County does not have a specifically designated haz20 and U.S. Hwy 87, according to Community Development Director Todd Darden.

"Any real hazardous loads have escort vehicles as well as approval and permits from the Department (TXDOT)," Transportation Darden said.

According to Wright, precautionary tools are excellent tools as far as being prepared, but See SPILL, Page 2A

truck traffic stays on Interstate nothing can ever really prepared you for a real life emergency.

> Wright carries telephone numbers to the Texas Natural Conservation Resources Commission (TNRCC) with him at all times and this is the state agency that will be contacted in the event of a spill.

A hazardous waste company

Depending on emergency, list of responders lengthy

By CARLTON JOHNSON

In the event of a hazardous chemical accident/spill in Howard County, the Texas Department of Public (DPS) License and Weight Division is probably the first state agency

Emergency Planning Committee Chairman C. Roy Wright said local officials would also depend on the media as their main line of communication with area residents.

Big Spring Police Chief Lonnie Smith said people have to keep cool in such a situation.

"People need to remain calm and follow instructions," Smith said. "If people are ordered to leave their homes, they should leave and make evacuation procedures as orderly as possible."

The accident near Sonora on Feb. 10 that involved leaking hydrofluoric acid killed a passenger in the truck and injured the driver, and could have been a lot worse had more acid leaked or weather conditions deteriorated.

A worse spill may have required a mass evacuation.

Referring to Howard County. Wright said, "A mass evacuation would involve the American Red Cross and we would also contact local churches and schools as far as shelter and transportation is concerned."

In accidents involving hazardous chemical spills, better than 90 percent of the time, closing doors and turning off the air conditioning/heating unit will take care of the situa-

"Should an incident occur at Fina Refinery, the company would place calls to residents in the neighborhood based on the direction of the wind," Wright said: "It's amazing how much hazardous material comes through Big Spring annually (an estimated 10,000 hazardous cargo loads)."

Area businesses with haz-



The Union Pacific Railroad is just one way hazardous materials are transported through the community.

ardous materials (certain amounts) are required to filed what is called a Tier 2 report with the Texas Department of Health, according to Wright. "The information on the report tells what the chemical or agent is, how much a business has on hand and where it is stored.

"The first of March is the due date for these reports and I have a thick stack on my desk already," Wright said.

As a way of knowing what's going on in a hurry, each member of the Big Spring Fire Department, Big Spring Police Department as well as each city department carry a copy of the North American Emergency Response Guidebook.

"We issue this to all of our officers as they come on to the police force," Smith said.

Trucks are not the only methods by which a disaster can

We have everything right here that can bring hazardous materials to Big Spring," Wright

The correctional centers in Big Spring have agreements

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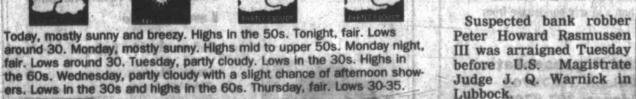






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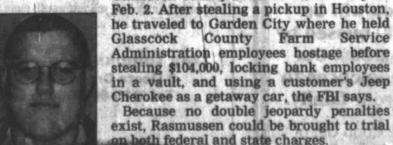




U.S. District Attorney

Roger McRoberts said.

District Judge Sam Cummings of the Northern District of Texas, Lubbock



n was brought to the Lubbock County Jail on Feb. 19, the U.S. Marshall's office said.

under his name, and parked the Jeep Rasmussen is alleged to have robbed the Cherokee stolen from the bank customer in Glasscock County Bank in Garden City on the parking lot. He was also carrying a large amount of cash.

Rasmussen was identified by the FBI and Texas Rangers as the chief suspect on Feb. 6. A pickup stolen in Houston was found in Garden City at about the time of the robbery. A pay stub and credit card belonging to Rasmussen were found in the glove compartment of the truck.

Rasmussen was identified by the pickup truck owner, a Glasscock County Farm Service Agency employee, a bank teller and a bank customer in photo lineups conduct-

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To reach all departments, please call 263-7331

Peter Rasmussen arraigned, enters 'not guilty' plea Houston on Feb. 6. He had checked in By KATHY GILBERT Division, has been set for April 6.

Staff Writer

Suspected bank robber Peter Howard Rasmussen

Judge J. Q. Warnick in Lubbock. Rasmussen listened to the charges against him and entered a plea of not guilty,

A jury trial before U.S.

in a vault, and using a customer's Jeep Cherokee as a getaway car, the FBI says. Because no double jeopardy penalties exist, Rasmussen could be brought to trial on both federal and state charges

He was arrested at a Hilton Hotel in ed on Feb. 5, court documents show.

Alberto H. Perez

Rosary for Alberto H. Perez, 92, of Big Spring. will be 7 p.m. tonight, March 8, 1998, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Pete Carrillo officiating. Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Monday, March 9, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with the Rev. Jerry Murphy, pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, officiating. Burial will be in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Mr. Perez died Friday, March 6, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

He was born on March 16, 1905 in Leon, Gto, Mexico. He married Petra Silva on Dec. 4, 1930, in Yorktown. She preceded him in death. He moved to Howard County in 1948.

Mr. Perez was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. He had worked for the railroad for several years and was also a farmer.

Survivors are one son, Pedro Perez of Big Spring; three daughters, Amelia Saldivar, Andrea Silva and Maria Perez, all of Big Spring; seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchil-

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

Anna Maria Perez

Services for Anna Maria Perez, 58, of Lomax will be 10 a.m. Monday, March 9, 1998, in the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Stanton with the Rev. Arturo Flores officiating. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery.

Mrs. Perez died Thursday, March 5 in Midland.

She was born on July 26, 1939, in Mexico. She was a former resident of Tarzan and had lived in Lomax for the past five years. She was married to Fidel Perez in 1975 in Muleshoe and worked on the farm with her husband.

She is survived by: her husband, Fidel Perez of Lomax: four sisters, Lupe Rodriquez of Eagle Pass, Delores Gieata of Mexico, Maria Salazar of at 5 p.m. Sunday, March 8, at St. Garden City and Jame Lawrence Catholic Church in Rodriquez of Big Spring; three brothers, Jesus Rodriquez and Juan Rodriquez, both of Eagle Pass and Andres Rodriguez of Mexico.

Lucille M. Hanks

Services for Lucille M. Hanks. 79, of Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. today at Nalley-Pickle Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Phillip Burcham, minister of Sand Springs Church of Christ and Pat Savell of Anderson Street Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be at Vealmoor Cemetery.

Mrs. Hanks died Friday, March 6, 1998, in a Lubbock hospital.

She was born on Dec. 14, 1918 in Anderson County and married Dewey Hanks on Feb. 15,

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH **Funeral Home**



MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME

& CHAPEL 24th & Johnson 267-8288

Alberto Perez, 92, died Friday. Rosary 7 PM tonight at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service at 11:00 AM Monday, at Immaculate Heart of Mary. Burial in Mt. Olive Cemetery.

1941 in Vealmoor

She moved to Howard County in 1939 and lived in Vealmoor until moving to Big Spring in 1981. She then moved to De Leon in 1994 and to Lubbock in 1997. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of

She was preceded in death by her husband on March 28, 1985. Survivors are one son, J.D. "Pete" Hanks of Idalou; one brother, Charles Prater of Palestine; three sisters, Jean McKinney of Elkhart, Gladys Herod of Palestine and Margaret Jo Arisco of Nederland; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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

Irene Jackson

Graveside services for Irene Jackson, 81, of Justin, formerly of Big Spring, will be at 10 a.m. Monday, March 9, 1998 at Mount Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Dr. Robert Lacey, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, officiating.

Mrs. Jackson died on Thursday, March 5, in Justin. She was born on March 7, 1961, in Ira and married Jack Jackson on Feb. 14, 1947 in Lovington, N.M.

She came to Big Spring in 1956 and worked at Montgomery Ward as a seamstress for many years. She worked closely with the ARC in Big Spring. She moved to Irving in 1991 and was a homemaker and a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church.

Mrs. Jackson was preceded in death by her husband on Aug. 8,

Survivors are one daughter, Kay Jackson of Justin; one sister-in-law, Lillian Carruthers of Justin and seven nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home on Sunday from 3-5 p.m.

Daniel Anthony

Rosary for Daniel Anthony Hirt, 67, of St. Lawrence, will be St. Lawrence. Catholic Mass will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 9, 1998 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church with the Rev. Tom Barley officiating. Burial will be at St. Lawrence Cemetery

Mr. Hirt died on Saturday, March 7 at Columbia Medical Center in San Angelo.

He was born on June 11, 1930 in Olfen to Frank and Alma Hirt. He married Elsie Kadlacek on January 12, 1954 in St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Wall. He and his wife had lived in St. Lawrence for the last 40

A retired farmer, he was a member of the St. Lawrence Men's Society and a charter member of the Knights of Columbus at St. Ambrose and Lawrence Catholic Churches. He was a charter member of the St. Lawrence Gun Club and served on the Cotton Board. He served on Cotton Incorporated and was president of St. Lawrence

Cotton Growers. Survivors are his wife, Elsie Hirt of St. Lawrence; four sons, Chris Hirt, Wayne Hirt and Kevin Hirt, all of St. Lawrence, and Barry Hirt of San Antonio;



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two daughters, Dinell Jacob of Winters and Jan Bryson of Bandera and 17 grandchildren; his mother, Alma Hirt, of Wall; three brothers, Sidney Hirt and Eugene Hirt both of St. Lawrence and Bernard Hirt of Wall; three sisters, Marcie Batla

and Annette Frerich, both of St.

Lawrence, and Dorothy deHaas

of Dallas. The family suggests that memorials be sent to the donor's favorite charity. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home

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with each other in the event prisoners have to be moved.

If there happens to be an emergency with an airplane and McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark is needed as a landing site, Midland International Airport is usually notified and then they pass the alert on to officials in Big Spring.

"We have been very fortunate at the airpark," Wright said. In the event of a weatherrelated disaster, ham radio

operators will come into play. "If a accident/spill or storm (such as the May 10, 1996 hailstorm) is big enough, local officials may recommend the mayor declare a disaster in which the mayor has additional powers," Wright said. "In such a case, the major and county judge can pass the disaster on to the next level (state), which involves such entities as the DPS or National Guard.

A disaster declaration is as close as a community can come to having unlimited resources to handle a situation, according to Wright.

Many communities, including **Big Spring and Howard County** conduct mock disaster/casualty drills at certain times of the year in which hospital and emergency personnel have to react to a scenario in which they're dealing with multiple injuries. A major chemical spill would

fall into this category according to Wright.

During these drills Scenic Mountain Medical Center, the Big Spring State Hospital and Veterans Administration Medical Center have an overflow system worked out for patients and physicians and nursing teams rotate out.

"The average drill takes care of up to 40 patients at a time," Wright said. "If we're going to have drills, I want them to be as real as possible. The drill also needs to be something that can happen at anytime on any day.'

"You can have mock situation everyday, but when the real thing happens there is always something that does not allow things to go according to the

drill," Wright added. There really is no ideal situation as far as a disaster is concerned, but what emergency and law enforcement officials would prefer happen is their personnel be able to revert back to their training in order to handle the situation, according to Smith.

"Responding to something like the spill on Interstate 10 in February has to be business as usual," Wright said. "It (emergency response) works here because everyone involved supports the agency in charge of the situation."

people directly involved with the situation is stay away from

Where the police department is concerned, Smith said curios-

ity is big in any situation, but the best thing people can do to protect themselves as well as

Continued from Page 1 out of Midland would also be

brought in to oversee cleanup.

Where City Manager Gary Fugua and other local officials are concerned, they key is all entities cooperating in order to ensure public safety.

"The police department would contact me, but the fire chief is the official in charge," Fuqua said. "What I would do is coordinate efforts with Fire Chief Frank Anderson and then we would contact the TNRCC. With any spill, we would need to secure the area and find out what we're dealing with."

BRIEFS

THERE WILL BE AN orientation to Alzheimer's Disease at p.m. Thursday at Canterbury, 1700 Lancaster.

There will be information on symptoms, diagnosis, stages, medication, support groups, legal and financial issues.

For more information call 1-800-682-1174.

BIG SPRING ART ASSOCI-ATION is sponsoring an oil painting workshop on Saturday, March 21, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the West Texas Center for the Arts, Howard College. The cost is \$28. For more information, call instructor Estelle Howard at 263-1134 or WTCA at 264-5115.

THE KIWANIS CLUB OF Big Spring is holding their annual pancake supper. The event will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday at Howard College Cafetorium with continuous

Bacon and sausage will be served with the pancakes, and it is all you can eat for \$4.

The proceeds from the pancake supper go to benefit local community youthwork, scholarships and support the Key Club.

Tickets are available at the door or can be obtained from any Kiwanis Club member. Call 267-5768 for more information.

VOLUNTEERS WILL HELP WITH income tax returns at First Presbyterian Church, 8th and Runnels, Mondays from 9 a.m.-noon until March 30.

This program is open to all senior citizens, and those who have income from wages, tips, interest or dividends and may be able to receive earned income credit. There is no charge. Call 263-4211 or 398-5522 for more information.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Area governmental entities will meet this week to consider the business of the city of Big Spring, city of Stanton, Howard County and Martin County.

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will meet in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the council chambers at city hall. Among the items to be considered is:

 An ordinance increasing the membership fees and green fees at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

STANTON CITY COUNCIL -

lowing items:

·Consider and take action on appointments made by the the Housing mayor for Authority Board.

 Consider and take action on 20 percent exemption and over 65 exemptions on ad valorem

HOWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT -

County Howard Commissioners' Court will meet in regular session at 10 a.m. Monday in the commissioners' courtroom on the second floor of the Howard County Courthouse to consider the fol-

Discuss repairs to the eleva-

 Award bids for mowers for Road and Bridge Department.

for sheriff's office. ·Discuss/approve tax sale of Coahoma ISD property.

MARTIN COUNTY

County Martin Commissioners' Court will meet in regular session at 9 a.m. Monday in the Martin County Courthouse to consider the following items: Consider road report.

 Consider request of Road and Bridge foreman for credit card. Consider officials' reports.

SPRINGBOARD

TODAY

Church, 610 Abrams, has services at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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

MONDAY

Call Al Valdes, 263-6810.

support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241. •TOPS Clubs (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:15 p.m.

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

31 state meeting, 7:30 p.m.,

Masonic Temple, 211 1/2 Main.

The Stanton City Council will meet in regular session at 7 p.m. Monday in the council chambers to consider the fol-

lowing items:

Discussion of certificate pay

COMMISSIONERS' COURT -

•Good Shepherd Fellowship

•Big Spring Evening Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third.

•Project Freedom, Christian

weigh in and 6:15 p.m. meeting, Family Hospice, 3210 E. 11th

·Big Spring Commandery No.

LOTTO:1,3,17,43,46,49

6:30 p.m. dinner. ·Big Spring Assembly No. 211, Social Order of the Beauceant, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 211 1/2 Main. 6:30 p.m.

·Howard County NAACP, 7 p.m., Chamber of Commerce conference room. Call Stephanie Horton at 264-0306.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Friday and 1 p.m. Saturday:

 RODNEY HARRIS was arrested on federal warrants. • ERNEST CLARK, 57, was

arrested for public intoxica-· JASON LASTER, 18, was arrested for driving while

intoxicated. CRIMINAL TRESPASS reported in the 1700 block of Donely.

• THEFT reported in the 1200 block of Dixie; the 500 block of E. 7th; the 400 block of E. 4th; the 1000 block of E. 2nd; the 1700 block of E. Marcy; the 300 block of S. Gregg; the 1800 block of Gregg and the 900 block of NW 2nd.

reported in the 1200 block of Sheppard Lane and near the intersection of U.S. Highway 80 and West 4th BURGLARY/HABITAT

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reported in the 900 block of Sgt. Peredez.

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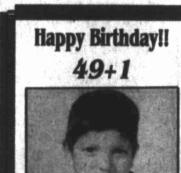
ed kidnapping.

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Friday and 1 p.m. Saturday:

 CARL EUGENE MER-WORTH, 36, was arrested for aggravated sexual assault of a child in Bexar County. -MICHAEL VANDERBILT

was arrested for assault caus

ing bodily injury and aggravat-



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Thousands of hazardous materials pass through area on highways daily

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There is probably no way to know which hazardous chemicals are on the road. The only thing that's certain is - there are a lot of them.

"There are thousands of different materials (on the road), Trooper Mike Dawson, a hazardous materials specialist for the Texas Department of Public Safety based in Big Spring said. We stop all kinds of different

Any attempt to list the types of hazardous materials traveling on Big Spring area roads is doomed, Dawson predicted.

"Each trucking company documents what they transport, and there are no records publicly filed," he explained. "And trucking companies don't want to alarm the public, so they're not likely to tell you what they're

There are no restrictions on naterials that can be trucked through the Big Spring area, Dawson said.

One hazardous material that will begin crossing through Big Spring in May will be nuclear waste destined for a salt dome facility - the Waste Isolation Pilot Project, or WIPP - just east of Carlsbad, N.M.

The new facility, part of the U.S. Department of Energy's Waste Isolation Project Plan, will store nuclear waste from across the country.

"Waste from nuclear weapons development, missiles, spent nuclear products, and other nuclear waste from all over the United States will be coming through here starting in May," Dawson said.

Waste from the country's first nuclear generator in Oakridge,



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Vehicles carrying hazardous materials are required to also carry a placard (inset) that tells the particular dangers for the material. Emergency personnel can then check their emergency guidebooks and see how to handle the materials.

Tenn., and generators in city. Mound, Ohio and Savannah River, Ga. will pass through the class this Spring to learn emer-

He plans to attend a special

gency procedures for dangerous dealing with." radioactive materials.

The oil industry brings fewer hazardous materials through the area than it has in the past,

Dawson explained. FINA moved most of its dangerous chemicals to the coast about 10 years ago, he recalled.

Ominously, DPS troopers frequently have problems with truckers mislabeling the cargo they are carrying. Once or twice a week truckers

are found with cargos mislabeled or not labeled at all, Dawson reports. Most often, truckers are using

a local name for the substance rather than the required "shipping name."

"In Big Lake yesterday we found a trucker using a local name for corrosion inhibitor in oil fields," he said. "If there had been an accident, we would have had no idea what we were

Shipping names are standard names used in the troopers' emergency response book. The book stores the name, chemical makeup, hazards, dangers, and emergency procedures for a given substance.

Without the exact name for the chemical, troopers cannot respond effectively. "We're not chemical experts," Dawson said. Transporters are responsible for the clean up of the chemicals they carry, he said. "They're the experts."

Placards and shipping experts are the only tools troopers have to work with to identify chemicals and respond in case of emergency.

"We're very fortunate in this area," Dawson said, noting that Big Spring had not seen any spills such as the one on I-10 last month. "But it could happen anytime."

First rule in hazmat emergency: Get the patient 'cold' quickly

For medical personnel, treating a person in a hazardous material situation means getting the patient "cold" as quickly as

possible. Treatment of a patient in a hazardous material environment poses almost as many risks to the rescuers as it does to the victim. If, for example, ambulance personnel become contaminated by the same material as the patient, they are of little effective use to anyone.

So, one of the first priorities among medical personnel is to safely transport the patient from the "hot zone" - where the risk of contamination is the greatest - to the "cold zone" - where it is safe to begin treatment.

"If we get contaminated, we're not going to do anybody any good," said Brian Jensen, head of the local Emergency Medical Service staff. "First and foremost in our training is personal safety. If one of our people is overcome, we've lost valuable per-

Jensen said state and federal

working, 35, W. s arrested

guidelines offer a wide variety of scenarios in dealing with a hazardous material situation.

In most situations, however, it is the responsibility of the firstresponder to decontaminate and transport the patient to technicians waiting in the "cold zone."

There, victims are treated, then transported to the hospital as routinely as possible. Another important duty EMS

personnel must perform is to inform the hospital of the situation and what to expect. Of course, decontaminating a

patient before treatment may not be feasible, Jensen admits. In that case, EMS personnel would need to don protective clothing to lessen the chance of contami-

There have been no major hazardous material incidents that EMS personnel have been involved in, Jensen said, but crews regularly undergo training to deal with such situations. Scenic Mountain Medical Center personnel also undergo

regular training to learn how to

deal with hazardous material situations, said Bill Bargfeldt, assistant director of plant operations and the hazardous material response coordinator.

Keeping medical personnel uncontaminated also is a priority at the hospital, but Bargfeldt admits such a situation is not always feasible. In such instances, protective "space suits" are made available to keep the contamination risk down, and a special room is set aside for that purpose, as well.

Training also covers a variety of responses to different hazardous materials. How personnel treat patients depends a great deal on what material was involved.

Bargfeldt, who came to Big Spring from Cheyenne, Wyo. three weeks ago, said the scariest scenario hospital employees might face is one involving radioactive material, simply because the lifespan of such material might exceed 1,000

-STEVE REAGAN

Guidebook directs emergency responders

A hazardous chemical spill such as the tractortrailer that turned over on I-10 near Sonora on Feb. 10 and began leaking hydrofluoric acid is considered dangerous and potentially deadly because of the cargo and nature of the accident.

Most communities, including Big Spring and Howard County, have a response team in place in the event a similar accident should occur, but the utilization of safety measures in approaching a spill situation can also save lives.

According to the North American Emergency Response (NAERG) Guidebook, those involved with handling a spill situation should approach the area cautiously from upwind because others involved cannot be helped until the situation has been fully assessed.

Officials in such a situation should, without entering the area, isolate it and assure the safety of people and the environment; keep onlookers away and outside the safety perimeter; and allow room to move and remove safety equipment.

Because the guide provides only the most important and worst case scenario for the initial response, a complete evaluation the situation is In assessing a hazardous situation, emergency

officials should consider the following:

·Is there a fire, a spill or a leak? •What are the weather conditions?

·What is the terrain like?

·Who/what is at risk: people, property or the ·What actions should be taken: Is an evacuation

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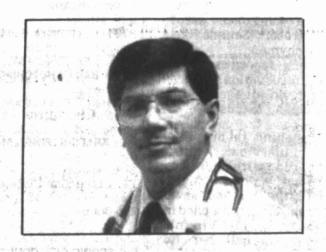
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Charles C. Williams Publisher

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OUR VIEWS

Ballot count up in early voting; Did you vote?

arly voting for Tuesday's primary ended Friday, and the totals were encouraging. More than 1,700 registered voters cast ballots at the courthouse — up 56 percent over the last nonpresidential election..

Readers of this space know that voting — or not votling, to be exact — is one of our pet peeves. So, to those who have already gone to the polls and made their voices heard, we say, "Thank you, thank you, thank you."

Now, for the rest of you ...

There are more than 18,000 registered voters in Howard County, which means that about 16,000 of you haven't cast ballots yet. And, if history holds, most of you won't even bother to go to the polls Tuesday.

That's a shame, because historical changes are occurring to the political landscape, and you have a chance to be more than just an uninterested bystander.

This is shaping up to be a watershed year in area politics. The Republican Party, for so long just a nasty rumor in Howard County and Texas, has made steady gains in recent years and now stands on the threshold of holding the same position of dominance that the Demograts held just a few decades ago.

If recont fields continue, the Democratic Party could go on the endangered list, at least in Howard County. Early voting totals showed that a great majority of you voted Republican, something your parents or grandparents wouldn't have dreamed of doing.

For many, this a change that is long overdue. For many others, however, it is a disturbing trend. How do you feel about this? Is it a good thing? Or a sign of

the coming apocalypse? Well, if you haven't voted, there's no way we'll find out. Take the time to vote, make your choice known, and you can become an active participant in history. But if you stand on the sidelines and do nothing, the

parade will pass you by. There's two ways to look at it — support the changing landscape, or oppose it. Either way, you're doing something, which is a darned sight better than the alternative.

OTHER VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I enjoyed the recent package A Walking Tour of Big Spring," but I want to make a correction about the Comanche Trail Lake. I quote, 'the old Cosden Lake that was constructed by the refinery" is incorrect. The lake was constructed many years before by the Texas & Pacific Railroad to provide water for their steam engines. It was only after the steam engines were replaced by the diesel engines that Cosden acquired the lake.

CHOLE (MRS. J.C.) PIERCE **Big Spring**

EDITOR'S NOTE: Thank you!.

TO THE EDITOR: I read with a great deal of interest, syndicated columnist Charley Reese article of Feb. 24, "No Patience for today's brand of nationalism"...and as I read...I kept saying "Right On"..and "Amen." Great going Charley Reese for your thought provoking and common sense opinion. The gist of his column said "The generation that fought and won World War II set high standards not only on the battlefield but in politics, in journalism and in industry. It's hard to imagine

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today's pamper, ever complaing multimillionaire athletes and entertainers voluntarily going off to war the way the Ted Williamses and the Jimmy Stewarts did.'

Charley also commented: "I can't abide, a Federal Government that frets and fumes about people smoking or putting too much salt on the French fries."

Neither can I, Charley. The way it's going now, we will have government in our bedrooms, and our bathrooms. They are already in our vehicles.

Charley pointed out that he was a "World War II Kid." So was I, and you want to know who our real heroes are? They are NOT the high priced basketball or football stars. They are those guys out at our Veterans Administration Hospital. Guys who put their lives on the line in World War I and II, Korea,

Vietnam and Desert Storm. And you know what else...These guys...are sent outdoors whenever they want to

smoke a cigarette I can't believe that this is what we fought for. AL B. SCOTT **Big Spring**

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The Denver buffalo was supernal (and costly)

Several months ago The Denver Post carried a review on the Palace Arms restaurant, anupscale beanery in the legendary Brown Palace Hotel. A

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derloin (\$38) is such a staabouts that you might The Writer's Art be tempted

to skip the Arms' super-pricey version. But this splurge buys you a slice of history as well as supernal cookery. Supernal? What say? My cor-

respondent looked up "supernal," and found that it means heavenly, celestial, divine; lofty, of more than human excellence; ethereal, superlatively good. The gentleman said he had never met an ethereal buffalo in his life and wasn't wild to meet one now.

Yes, we're back on a topic that has sorely divided my readers for many years. To what extent should writers indulge their affection for what Westbrook Pegler once called "out-of-town

CLINTON MAY CLAIM PRIVILEGE

MacDonald called them words "from the zoo section of the dictionary, ! I myself assemble them in a file marked "Hard

Well, then, what about "supernal" cookery? In context the meaning of "supernal" was abundantly clear. The Post's restaurant critic gave the Palace Arms four stars. It was no problem to deduce that supernal cookery must be elegant cook-

All the same, readers stumbled over the unfamiliar word. The question is asked: Why should writers deliberately cause their readers to stumble? One answer is, "Because it's good for them." Readers who are sufficiently curious, or sufficiently irked, will go to a dictionary and look up the hard word. They will have added to their own vocabulary and benefited from the experience.

There is this further argument - it is columnist William F. Buckley's argument - that a writer owes his readers his best effort. The writer who is confident that he is employing not just a satisfactory word, but the precise word, has an obligation to himself. Use the word!

On the other side of the argument are writers who contend that their first obligation is not to their egos, but to their readers. The primary purpose of writing is to communicate. If I use a word that derails the reader's train of thought, that purpose is ill served.

In making a choice of roughly synonymous words, writers must envision their audience. We employ one vocabulary for a daily newspaper and another, harder vocabulary for National Review. People magazine is one thing, the Phi Beta Kappa magazine is something else, and a novel in the style of Marcel Proust is something yet again. Taste is a factor - one vocabulary for the Morning Gazette. another for Penthouse

My brother Buckley, for whom I cherish the warmest affection, has been known to remark in his column that "the afflatus is historically distinguished." The victim of a mail bomb is entitled to unleash a "salvific firehose of contempt." The Pentagon often "makes Congress sound like an assembly of solipsists." In the case of Air Force Lt. Kelly Flinn, who was court-martialed for lying about her adultery, there is the factor of the incubus."

Columnist George F. Will has described Thomas Jefferson as "a paladin of political freedom." In 1793 Jefferson wrote a rapturous defense of the French Revolution. Said Will: "It is meretricious to treat an epistolary extravagance as an index of implacable conviction."

In The Philadelphia Inquirer,

the paper's book editor said of "A History of Reading" that the work left him elated by his time in an exotic souk." (A souk is a

Mideastern market or bazaar.) A reporter for The Wall Street Journal, covering the transfer of Hong Kong, described the office of financier Elly Kadoorie. It is painted in "celadon hues. (Celadon is a pale gray-green.) Another Journal reporter, writing from Australia, spe m Australia, spoke of tenebrous Antarctic months from February through October."

John Simon, film critic for National Review, praised the Japanese movie "Shall we Dance?" An aging gentleman goes to a dancing school. "He gallantly stumbles through the two propaedeutic party dances." He experiences "a bittersweet peripetias."

A Scripps-Howard correspondent reported that as governor of Arkansas, Bill Clinton had urged a plan of product liability reform "that would ward off the legal Nosferatu who bleed companies with punitive lawsuits. Nosferatu? Who he? Who they?

Let it go for today. I will continue to preach the virtues of clarity, and Bill will continue to preach the virtues of precision, and we will stay friends. The master of "Firing Line" is mightily persuasive, but I still think I'm right.

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We all need to learn to listen

TIGER, Ga. - In a brick school on a high hill a classroom is devoted to learning to listen, one of life's most valu-

able lessons. Most of us don't know how to listen. We talk, we ask questions, we come to conclusions.

But we don't listen. And every day much is being said for the last time. Arts are lost, ways are changed, institutions are leveled. In this world where technology is god, the

past is not revered; it's not even remembered. Enter the Foxfire kids. They look like any others - slightly bored, thoroughly modern, in clumsy tennis shoes and denim

uniform. They drift one by one into the room where dozens of blank, blue computers stare back at them. They giggle and punch one another:

But these teens at Rabun County High School up in the Georgia mountains are different from most. They have a mis-

sion. Each year they start with an idea or two and end up with a slick magazine, a magazine devoted to memories. Their patrons and readers hail from all over - Brooklyn Heights, N.Y., Rogue River, Ore., Atlanta. Their subjects come

from their own backyards. "When Candi Forester said

she was interviewing the governor, all of us laughed," fellow student Amy York recalls. For one thing, a chat with a bigtime politician was atypical fare for Foxfire Magazine, known for more nostalgic, downhome pieces.

But Candi sat straight up in a leather chair in Zell Miller's office and listened to him talk about growing up in the mountains. He told her about the night his mother was elected mayor of Young Harris, about the room where they counted the ballots late at night:

"I can remember being huddled over in the corner, and she would be the only female in that whole room. I can remember kind of how they respected her and were nice to her....

The Miller piece would share an issue with reminiscences of Rabun County folks who were in the 1956 movie "The Great Locomotive Chase." filmed here. Erik Lunsford conducted those interviews, getting this wry bit from Johnnie Eller, age

"Fess Parker looked up at the sky and looked down at me and said, 'It's a- cloudin' over. You think it'll rain?' I looked up at the sky and at him. Then I had to say, 'Might could. Rains one minute and shines the next.' Well, that was my part I had to

There also were interviews with a banjo maker, an apple farmer, a Cherokee arrowmaker, a grocer, (Sounds like a jumprope rhyme.)

The young reporters always write an introduction, then let the subject do all the talking. It's a clean, Studs Terkel approach.

Mest touching in one issue was the interview Jennifer Wilburn did with her own grandmother, "Mema," Mattie Sae McCall: "We had seven girls: Helen, she was hatched on my birthday; Bonnie; Virginia; Alice, but we call her Bo; Lucille - we call her Cricket; Linda; an' Jewel. I love 'em all, but they's all jackasses"

There was no reason to interview Mattie Sae McCall, other than to share that funny little woman, whose own mother died when she was "about 9 years old." Mattie had no claim to fame, no crisis or crown. But Jennifer's Mema imparted great wisdom.

This crop of Foxfire kids is nervous. That issue raised the bar. They mention in near-whispers a few tentative ideas.

They'll do fine. Already they know how to listen.

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Judge rules that TABC cannot enforce Morales' ban on eight-liners

Beverage Commission cannot go after the liquor licenses of businesses with eight-liner machines, a federal judge has ruled.

U.S. District Judge Samuel

Kent of Galveston issued a tem- month against the 1995 Fuzzy Friday. Kent said that Attorney General Dan Morales' ban of eight-liners probably will not withstand court scrutiny.

Morales issued an opinion last

Teen-age vandals claim to be vampires DALLAS (AP) - A church's Kinnard and Ramsey were also charged with federal arson.

charring, amid a drug-fueled rampage by four teen-agers claiming to be vampires, has netted two of the youths federal charges for hate crimes. Three of the suspects remained in custody Saturday.

Neighbors said a loud party at a 16-year-old's house preceded the youths' Thursday rampage across several blocks near Bethany Lutheran Church.

Lynetta Littleton's eldest son went into her back yard and traced the noise two doors up the street.

"I told my three boys to stay away from his house and we kept our distance," Mrs. Littleton, who had to replace seven tires that were slashed on two vehicles, said Friday.

Law officers say the teens smoked methamphetaminelaced marijuana before racing into the quiet neighborhood overnight, defacing and torching Bethany Lutheran, smashing car windows and spraying racist graffiti and obscenities on buildings and autos.

In the morning, they spied on arson investigators poking through rubble of the church's fellowship hall and offices.

"The word was that the party broke up around 3 a.m. after they smoked marijuana laced with something and believed they were vampires," said Steve Claussen, president of Bethany Lutheran's congregation, as he surveyed damage Friday.

"And we were the closest church," said Claussen, standing outside the gutted hall where a red pentagram was painted near a cross.

A 16-year-old boy whose home is across an alley from the church remained in juvenile custody. Authorities detained him as he and others watched investigators sift through rubble after Thursday's arson.

"I heard he was involved in vandalism before with satanic symbols," Mrs. Littleton said. "And he's killed squirrels in his front yard with a BB gun."

Lucas Charles Simms, 17, was released Friday on \$4,500 bond. Brandon Lee Ramsey, 18, and 19-year-old Charles Randal Kinnard remained in custody in lieu of \$4,500 bonds each on state arson charges, the Dallas County Sheriff's Department

After a review by the lead U.S. attorney for a national church task force late Friday,

The FBI's Evidence Response Team and Bureau of Alcohol. Tobacco and Firearms had helped police and firefighters gather evidence, Dallas ATF spokesman Steve Steele said.

"The rapid response by the Dallas Police and Fire Departments and the FBI and ATF sends a clear message that those who attack our churches will be hit by the full artillery of the federal and state authorities," said U.S. Attorney Paul Coggins in Dallas.

More than a dozen other residents in the neighborhood of brick homes and well-tended lawns had car tires slashed. windows broken and racial slurs spray-painted on doors and walls. An elementary school was also hit.

Church member Garland Spitzenberger said Nazi symbols and racial slurs had appeared on fences near one of the teens' homes a year ago.

The principal at Wallace Elementary School, north of the church, said children playing at recess found racially derogatory graffiti on a portable building.

They wondered who would do that," Teresa Gafford said. Some of the African-American kids said, 'They wrote some things about us.'

Dallas police arson Capt. Don Howard said the teens admitted lacing crystal methamphetamine with marijuana before going on the violent spree along several blocks near Lake Highlands Junior High School. Total damage will exceed \$300,000.

The teens used a cigarette lighter, Molotov cocktails and several gallons of gasoline at Bethany Lutheran before the church caught fire about 4 a.m. Thursday, police said.

After daybreak, they were just across an alley from the church, sitting on a balcony above a carport, watching from lawn chairs," Howard said. "They were pretty interested in what was going on at the church and one of the police sergeants said, 'You might want to talk to those boys up on the

Resident Jerry Hejl found all tires punctured on his three vehicles and rocks thrown through two windshields, along with racial slurs and the words "2 Foot Bong Krew" spraypainted on a mobile home.

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porary restraining order Animal Act, which legalized amusement machines that offer non-cash prizes worth \$5 or less.

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Relying on Morales' decision, the TABC warned license holders that they could lose approval to sell alcohol if they have eight-liners, which look like casino slot machines and offer players eight ways of winning certificates that can be traded for prizes.

Milton Evetts of Galveston, who has 20 eight-liners in various veterans' organization halls, challenged the agency's

"There is a strong likelihood (Evetts) will prevail at the trial on the merits," Kent ruled Friday.

A hearing is scheduled for March 27.

Evetts said he removed the eight-liners after being warned by an alcohol control agent, but restored them Friday after the ruling.

The commission will abide by the judge's decision, said Randy Yarbrough, TABC assistant administrator.

Noting that eight-liners have been the subject of several lawsuits. Yarbrough said the issue eventually will be handled in the state's appellate courts.

life! policies

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"We had been notifying people that the attorney general ruled them illegal and have asked them to comply," he said. 'We have been getting great cooperation."

Friday's decision is similar to one issued earlier this month by

State District Judge John Marshall, who banned Comptroller John Sharp from using Morales' legal opinion to prevent an owner of eight-liner machines from getting tax permits that are required for all amusement machines.



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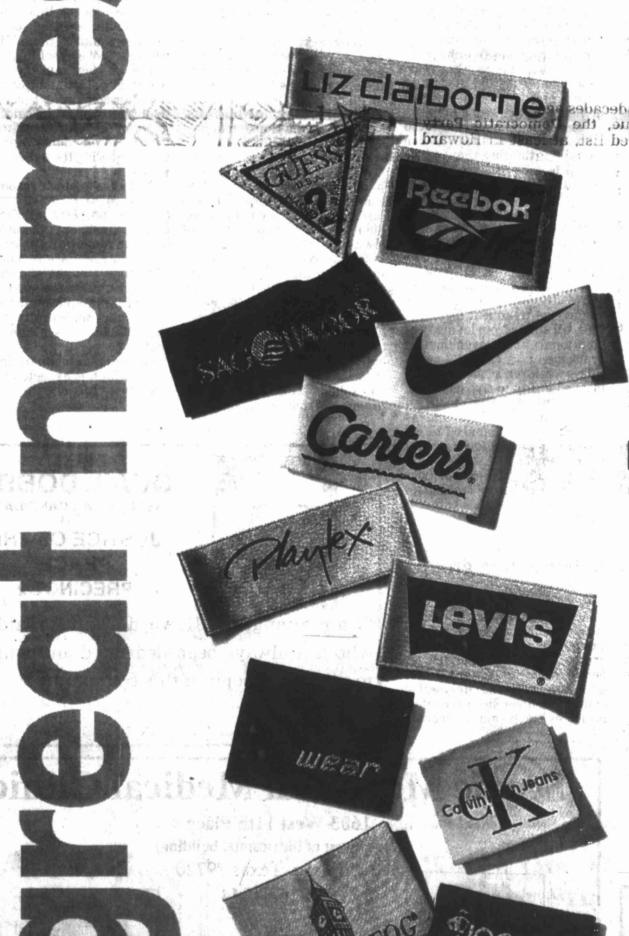
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RIO GRANDE CITY (AP) -When Starr County Sheriff Eugenio "Gene" Falcon and five officials pleaded guilty in rapid succession to federal conspiracy charges, some citizens were surprised - by the admissions of guilt, not the crimes.

"You know politics around this area," said Heraldo Garza. as he stood outside the Starr County courthouse Friday, campaigning for his father-in-law, a county commissioner candidate. "It's not something new to us. It happens very often.'

Falcon, a justice of the peace and four Starr County jailers pleaded guilty last week in a bail bond kickback scheme. A fifth jailer is on trial in Brownsville, also charged with conspiracy and several counts of bribery.

The Starr County scandal follows a series of high-profile cases in the Rio Grande Valley, where indictments involving law enforcement officers, jailers and elected officials appear to be routine.

In late 1997 and early 1998, six former Rio Grande Valley former Donna police chiefs, pleaded guilty to taking payoffs from drug traffickers to allow marijuana to move through South Texas.

In 1994, Hidalgo County Sheriff Brig Marmolejo was convicted on money laundering, bribery and racketeering charges. He was accused of accepting \$151,000 in bribes to allow a convicted drug trafficker to have conjugal visits in the jail. The former chief jailer was convicted on racketeering conspiracy and bribery charges.

Also that year, the Zapata County judge, county clerk and sheriff were convicted on charges of drug trafficking, official corruption and money laun-

That doesn't mean people who live along the Texas-Mexico border, where drug trafficking traditionally has gone hand in hand with political corruption, approve of the distinction.

"We're sick of always getting the wrong reputation for drug dealing," said Garza, a lifelong Starr County resident. "We're

police officers, including two fed up. We have honest citi-

Some residents said they believe Falcon's fate was a long time coming.

"For so many years, the people of Starr County have trusted him," said Octavio Castaneda, a bail bondsman who sued Falcon in 1992 over the way bonds were distributed at the Starr County Jail. "But the badge was just a way for him to make money, and everybody saw it."

'Lustice has taken place in Starr County, and it's about time," Starr County resident David Jones said. "This is an example of what should happen! to corrupt politicians. It will be a rude awakening for a lot of people who had put their trust in Gene Falcon and found he'd betrayed them.'

U.S. Attorney James DeAtley called this week's developments "a serious violation not only of law, but just the sheer public trust."

He has made cracking down on official corruption a priority for his office.

'We've clearly made a target-

ed effort to address corruption in the Southern District of Texas," he said. "The public has got to be able to trust their public officials or else what good is it?"

In Starr County, Falcon and the other officials admitted to taking part in a plot to identify prisoners and refer them to bondsman Homero Arturo Longoria. Once bonds were posted, Longoria paid the officials a "referral fee."

If the inmates couldn't afford the bond amount, Longoria, who also has pleaded guilty to conspiracy and was expected to be a star witness in the case, would ask Justice of the Peace Adan Garcia to reduce the amount and also pay him a kickback.

Falcon, Garcia, two jailers and two other county officials will be sentenced May 26.

The reasons for corruption in South Texas are hard to pin down, but certainly widespread poverty - which makes people susceptible to the lure of easy money — and little education are contributing factors, said

Jerry Polinard, a political science professor at the University of Texas-Pan American in **Edinburg and a longtime South**

Polinard also notes that there's corruption all over the state, but the Rio Grande Valley gets the notoriety. "When public officials are corrupt in South Texas, people say 'What's new?" he said.

Federal officials cite Starr County as one of the country's most impoverished and Rio Grande City — the county seat with about 14,000 residents does indeed have some rundown shacks. But the heart of town looks like any other city with the requisite Wal-Mart, McDonald's and Dairy Queen, along with beautiful historic buildings and churches.

Rio Grande City is also a place where large houses rumored to belong to drug traffickers sit atop hills along one side of U.S. Highway 83.

Falcon, who did not return a message left by The Associated Press, lives in a sprawling ranch-style house once owned by drug kingpin Ramon Garcia Rodriguez. Since buying the home in 1985, Falcon has put himself on other law enforcement officials' radar.

That year, Falcon was indicted on state charges of official oppression and assault after a Starr County district attorney's investigator alleged he struck him on the back and neck. The

charges were later dropped. In 1986, Falcon was charged in Mexico with killing a man who allegedly witnessed a triple killing in Texas. A witness identified Falcon as one of the gunmen, but charges were eventually dismissed.

Despite the allegations and the plea, some residents believe he should get a second chance.

"We all make mistakes, said Laurentina Pina Luera, a candidate for Starr County commissioner who has known the sheriff since he was first elected in 1981. "No one is perfect in this

Feds seize drug-plagued hotel, but file no charges

HOUSTON (AP) — The Red Carpet Inn on the city's southwest side is under new management — by the federal govern-

Using a broad interpretation of drug-forfeiture laws, federal agents in Houston seized the hotel, thought to be the center of area drug activity.

Now the U.S. attorney's office here is trying to obtain a forfeiture of the property on the grounds its owners gave "tacit consent" to illegal activity by not stopping it when notified by

sexually abused his five chil-

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District Judge Mike Lynch

Travis County man,

referred to the man as a "preda,

whose name was withheld to

protect his children's identities,

was convicted on eight counts

for repeatedly molesting his 12-

Lynch sentenced the man to

four life prison sentences, three

20-year sentences and a 10-year

The man must serve 30 years

"I believe that the community

demands that justice be done in

this case," Lead Prosecutor

Amy Casner told the judge. "He

shattered the lives of five chil-

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childhood; he took that away

Defense attorney Walter Prentice, however, asked the

judge to assess a sentence that

would allow the 37-year-old man

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Father sentenced to four life

AUSTIN (AP) — A man who ing until Friday so a psycholo-

sentences for sexual abuse

However, no criminal charges have been filed against the hotel's owners. So can the government take control of it?

"It violates fundamental fairness and due process," said Jay Jacobson, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Texas. "You're requiring people to act as police officers or agents of the police. They're saying you do what police say or we take your property.'

Agents seized the hotel Feb. 17

gist could evaluate the man.

The judge heard testimony from

three of the man's five children.

Lynch said the psychological

report indicates the man is in

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said. "To abdicate that obliga-

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removed from their home in

July when the eldest girl told a

relative about the abuse. The

four girls, ages 12, 11, 7 and 4

and their 8-year-old brother

were divided among foster

homes and treatment facilities.

They all suffer from an array of

emotional and psychological

The children's mother had

pleaded guilty to five counts of

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so drug dealers would have one less place to deal and because the owners didn't listen to The owners withdrew it, he police who suggested more security. Police say they sug-

and increase room rates. But by not implementing those suggestions, the government says, the owners gave their tacit approval to the drug

trafficking.

gested the owners install mir-

rors on each side of the hotel,

aim a video camera at the park-

ing lot, put on more guards at

night, screen their guests more

On 32 visits to the hotel between Jan. 1, 1996, and Dec. 8, 1997, police made arrests and seized drugs and cash. Even after that period, other drug arrests were made and other crimes were reported at the business.

"They were on notice. They had a responsibility to take appropriate steps to prevent illegal activities from going on at their establishment," said James DeAtley, acting U.S. attorney for the Houston area.

But attorney Matt Hennessy, who represents the owners, GWJ Enterprises, along with management Hop hotel Enterprises, says his clients are just being penalized for doing business in a rough part of

"These are all good people trying to run an honest business that just happens to be in a tough neighborhood," Hennessy

He says the owners signed a trespass affidavit that gave police officers free rein to roam the grounds to question patrons and others. That affidavit was trial this year. in effect from Dec. 12, 1995,

until Jan. 26, 1998, Hennessy

said, because they felt police were harassing innocent cus-

The period of time the affidavit was in effect corresponds with the time period where they say all the bad stuff happened,' Hennessy said. "This was when the HPD had greater authority on the property. They're now using that against the owners and management."

Ultimately, Hennessy said, the case could determine whether the government can say how much businesses should spend on security.

"I think that's what it's all about," he said. "I don't know why they picked this hotel, but I do think seizing someone's business under these circumstances is overreaching.'

But DeAtley said the government is not punishing a business for something it can't control. The owners, he said, could do have controlled the crime taking place on their property by implementing the police sugges-

The case is about responsibility, he says.

"With property, you're holding yourself out to the public and the community as responsible, and these are responsibilities that are not surprises to anybody," DeAtley said. "(The owners) were put on notice and given the opportunity to take reasonable steps. They chose not to."

Hennessy intends to fight the case, which is expected to go to

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Students Equal Opportunity, which opposes affirmative action in college admissions, is suspended until May 31.

David Horowitz, according to a letter signed by UT Associate

The suspension stems from the groups sponsorship of a lecture by conservative author

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According to the letter, the group violated rules prohibiting student groups from sponsoring campus events with non-UT groups, selling merchandise on behalf of anyone who is not affiliated with the university and distributing literature that promotes an off-campus group.



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Feds seek Israeli master hacker in Pentagon, university cyberattacks

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - In a threatened retaliation if the FBI systems didn't use it. high-stakes game of Internet cat: cracks down on the hackers and mouse, the FBI is hunting responsible for the electronic an Israeli master hacker who orchestrated the penetration of military and research computers.

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Deputy Defense Secretary John Hamre said last month that although the intrusion appeared to have been aimed at systems that contained unclassified personnel and payroll records, it was "the most organized and systematic attack the Pentagon has seen to date."

And computer experts noted that because information is shared within any organization, classified data could be available even on unclassified systems. And even unclassified data could be changed or erased.

The computer whiz, who uses the Internet name "Analyzer," boldly gave an interview with an online magazine.

And Analyzer supporters have

break-ins. Those threats should be taken seriously, warns computer expert Dane Jasper, a partner in Sonic, a Santa Rosa Internet provider. He helped the FBI track down two Sonoma County teen-agers who Analyzer allegedly coached through the series of military computer

Most government and university computers are woefully unprotected, he says.

"If these systems are so important to the federal government, why isn't someone paying attention to patch the security?" he asks.

Analyzer and the two teens penetrated computers in February using a weakness that already had been identified by computer security teams. The teams provided a quick software patch - but the hacked

The first report came Feb. 3 from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's plasma energy lab, followed by break-ins at a series of mflitary locations, including the Naval Undersea Warfare Center. They were followed by reports from NASA and other universities.

One of the teen-agers has claimed 200 institutions were hacked.

In the interview with the Internet magazine AntiOnline, Analyzer says the penetrations were innocent and even helpful to their targets.

"I always kinda help the servers I hack," Analyzer said. He claimed he patches the holes he finds — but hints that a malicious hacker could have done much more. In NASA's computer, he

boasted he found "the name of the guards ... and in what times they do their patrolling.' And Analyzer and the two

teen-agers he coached planted "back door" program instructions in some computers that could be used in the future by anyone knowing their codes.

"They could delete everything on the hard drives, the file systems - they could insert false data," Jasper says.

An unknown ally of the hackers has already done some damage. The Web site of Internet service provider NextDex was taken over by someone purporting to be Analyzer who defended the teen-agers in what amounted to a warning shot.

"It would have been a lot easier to remove everything on their hard drives than it was to change their Web page - that's frightening," Jasper says.

It was Jasper and his Sonic experts who identified the Sonoma hackers and discovered the existence of Analyzer.

After receiving a warning from MIT that someone using Sonic had penetrated the plas-

ma lab - and a court order obtained by the Air Force demanding data on the penetrators - Sonic monitored all calls coming through its system from the Sonoma County town of Cloverdale.

The Israeli hacker had frequent online communications with the teen-agers, Jasper says.

"At least two of those were step-by-step tutorials on how to penetrate servers," he says.

On Feb. 25, FBI agents raided the boys' homes and carted away evidence.

In an interview with AntiOnline, one of the boys, a 16-year-old Cloverdale High School student who uses the code name "Makaveli," gave a simple explanation for their

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Path is paved for historic vote on school prayer the coalition is expected to cite amendment say the court has

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WASHINGTON — A constitutional amendment that would return official prayer to public schools and permit government funding of religious activity passed an important test Wednesday, clearing the way for a historic vote by the House this spring.

The House Judiciary Committee approved the Republican-sponsored amendment 16 to 11 on a party line vote. Republican leaders have promised religious conservatives a vote by the House in late April or early May.

It has been 27 years since the House last voted on a school prayer constitutional amendment, and never on one so broadly worded as the amendment authored by Rep. Ernest Istook, R-Okla.

It is unlikely the amendment will be able to gain the required two-thirds majority, but sup-porters have promised to wage a fierce battle for passage. Televangelist Pat Robertson's Christian Goeliten is clanking a multimillion-dollar television ad campaign targeting lawmakers in closely contested dis-

Even if the amendment fails,

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ABC's "This Week" - Topics: The deal with Saddam Hussein, the campaign finance scandal and the leaked deposition, Guests: U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan; Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn.; former Attorney General Richard Thornburgh and former White House Counsel Lloyd Cutler.

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special counsel to the president.

NBC's "Meet the Press" — Topics: American values, character and the Clinton investigation. Guests: Empower America co-director William Bennett, former White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta and historian and author Doris Keams Goodwin.

CNN's "Late Edition" - Topics: Budget surplus, Social Security, tax reform and Clinton allegations. Guests: Rep. John Kasich, R-Ohio; former White House counsel Lanny Davis, George Terwilliger, former deputy attorney general, and Reps. John Conyers, D-Mich. and Bill McCullum, R-Fla.

the vote in the approximately 45 million voter guides it distributes to church-goers just before election day.

The floor vote would fulfill a promise that House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., made to religious conservatives three years ago. The delay has been partly attributable to infighting among conservatives over the amendment's wording and partly to the reluctance of GOP leaders to tackle the emotionally charged issue.

Most legal and religious authorities agree that there already is a significant amount of religious expression permitted in public schools under existing Supreme Court interpretations of the "free exercise" and "establishment" of religion clauses of the Amendment.

Students are legally permitted to pray before and after class, say grace over meals, read Bibles, and express their religious views to other students so long as they are not disruptive. Groups of students may meet to an opponent, said sponsors had pray on school property, such had reason for backing the as see you at the flagpole" amendment except as a means school property and announce their meetings in student newspapers as other clubs, although teachers are not permitted to participate in an official capaci-

In general, the court has forcan be construed as coercive and disruptive, or that makes students captive audiences for proselytizing.

However, supporters of the

gone too far, robbing government of all but the most innocuous religious references and sometimes making government outright hostile to religious expression.

"The court has usurped the Constitution and converted it into a tool to drive religion from the public arena," said Christian Coalition Executive **Director Randy Tate.**

Both sides agree that the amendment would allow students to lead their classmates in sectarian prayer in the classroom the same way teachers lead students in the pledge of allegiance now. Morning prayers over intercoms, prayers from the podium at graduations and other school events, and expressions of personal religious views by teachers during class would also be permitted.

Students of minority religions or non-believers would have to remain silent or leave the room if they did not wish to partici-

Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., prayer groups. And Bible clubs vtovinculcate students they feel have the same right to use have been given no, or insufficient, religious direction at home.

Other expressions of faith by government officials and on government property would also be permitted under the amendment, including the postbidden religious activity that ing of the Ten Commandments and crucifixes and the display of nativity scenes. Judges would be permitted to lead jurors and courtroom personnel in prayer.

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"That's what this would do." The amendment would also clear the way for public funding of religious schools and other religious activity by making it unconstitutional for the government to "discriminate against religion, or deny equal access to a benefit on account of religion."

Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., charged that the amendment's "ultimate goal" is the "defunding of public education" in favor of religious schools.

Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., warned: "If you had direct funding for religious schools, it would be the Baptists against the Methodists against the Jews against everybody else. You'd have every different religious group at each other's throats over the allocation formula every year I can think of nothving worse in terms of the balkanizing and dividing of this country.'

Supporters, however, said it is wrong for the government to favor "the secular over the sacred" by denying assistance to religious schools and other religious activities, such as drug counseling programs, just because they have a religious content.

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American-led team inspects suspected weapons sites in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A completing his work. U.N. team led by an American Iraq's refusal to o at the heart of the last Iraqi crisis went into the field today for a second day of inspections, searching for Iraq's weapons of mass destruction.

Officials at the Iraqi Press Center banned reporters from covering Scott Ritter's activities. They did not say why the ban was imposed.

An official with the U.N. Special Commission confirmed that Ritter's team toured sites today but would not give details of the expected destinations.

In January, the Iraqis accused Ritter of being a spy and of including too many American and British inspectors on his teams. They then prevented him from working by denying him necessary Iraqi escorts, and he left the country without

Iraq's refusal to open presidential sites to inspection prompted the United States to move troops and warships to the Gulf and to threaten mili-tary strikes. U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan brokered a deal Feb. 23 to ease the crisis.

At U.N. headquarters in New York on Friday, Annan was considering a Russian request to appoint a Russian to a key position on the commission that overseas the weapons inspections.

That would give Russia -Iraq's strongest supporter on the Security Council - an important role in managing the inspection program. The U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, Bill Richardson, told CNBC television "we are not very crazy" about the proposal.

The deal, signed by Annan military operations and Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz, commits Iraq to cooperate with U.N. inspections of all suspected weapons sites. It also calls for the creation of a special committee of U.N. diplomats and inspectors that will look at eight presidential compounds.

Pentagon officials have said that the 38,000 U.S. troops in the Gulf will remain to ensure that the Baghdad regime complies with the Annan-Aziz agreement. Ritter's inspections began Friday, when he led his team through three suspected weapons sites classified as "sensitive" by the Iraqi authorities, U.N. Special Commission

spokesman Alan Dacey said. So-called sensitive sites include Iraqi ministries and the headquarters of intelligence and

at Dini's foray to Tehran, said,

"In our effort to encourage

change (in Iran), declaring suc-

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She and Dini also discussed

Iraq and agreed that Baghdad

must give free access to U.N.

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"No one is going to give peace

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At least one of the sensitive sites visited Friday was a barracks of the elite Republican Guard, a source told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity. Previously the Iraqis have resisted attempts to

inspect such quarters. Ritter is accompanied by 50 inspectors and is expected to spend a week in Baghdad, U.N. officials in New York said. It is one of the largest teams ever sent to Iraq.

The inspectors must certify that Iraq has destroyed its weapokns of mass destruction before the U.N. Security Council will lift punishing trade sanctions imposed on Iraq after its 1990 invasion of Kuwait. That invastion sparked the 1991

Also Saturday, Iraqi Foreign

According to a U.S. official,

Albright told the pope his

recent visit to Cuba could be a

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Sahhafi left Baghdad for New York where he will begin negotiations with U.N. officials on a plan to vastly expand the amount of oil Iraq may sell for

food and medicine, INA said. In New York, Al-Sahhaf will also discuss with Annan ways to implement the Feb. 23 accord, the agency added.
The U.N.-approved oil-for-food

program allows Iraq to sell \$2.1 billion worth of crude oil over six months to buy needed food,

Minister Mohammed Saeed al- medicine and other supplies for its 22 million people. The program is an exception-

from the U.N. sanctions. A new U.N. plan calls for boosting the amount of oil Iraq may export from \$2.1 billion to \$5,26 billion over six months.

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Albright demands 'firm action' against Serbia

ROME (AP) - Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, heading for a key international meeting on the Kosovo crisis, said Saturday "decisive and firm action" against Serbia is necessary to end the violence against the province's ethnic Albanian majority.

'We are not going to stand by and watch the Serbian authorities do in Kosovo what they can no longer get away with doing in Bosnia," Albright said at a joint news conference with Italian Foreign Minister Lamberto Dini.

Albright, on the second leg of a seven-nation foreign tour, also had what she called a "fabulous" meeting with Pope John Paul II in which they discussed Cuba and other issues.

On Kosovo, Albright worries that lack of international resolve could embolden Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic to step up his campaign to tame the independence movement in the Yugoslav province.

"We condemn the violence and believe Milosevic bears responsibility for this," she said. "We have a broad range of options available to us."

Of the six nations assembling Monday in London to discuss Kosovo, Russia is regarded as the strongest opponent of tough action against Milosevic. Italy is seen as reluctant.

An administration official accompanying Albright said her first goal in London will be to convince the six, known informally as the contact group, of the need for a firm response, then to seek diplomatic and economic penalties against the Serbs. In addition to the United States, Russia and Italy, the group's other members are France, Britain and Germany.

Albright believes a discussion of military action is premature at this point and did not discuss that option in her meeting with Dini. The Italian denounced Serb actions in Kosovo as "brutal and violent" but did not recommend punitive measures. As of Friday, an estimated 45 ethnic Albanians and six Serb police had died in the recent

Russia sees the violence as largely an internal matter, and, in an apparent signal of opposition to a stiff response, will send a deputy foreign minister to London instead of Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov.

The violence in Kosovo has triggered fears that neighboring countries, including Albania, Greece and Macedonia, could be drawn into the conflict.

It also has dampened considerably an upbeat mood in Washington less than two weeks ago about its overall policy toward the former Yugoslavia.

After Milosevic signaled support for Milorad Dodik, the new moderate prime minister of the Serb entity in Bosnia, the Clinton administration decided to ease sanctions against Milosevic's Yugoslav govern-

included Belgrade permission to open a consulate in the United States, to give its national airline Jat U.S. landing rights and to expand its U.N. mission.

Outraged by the upsurge in violence in Kosovo, the administration reimposed the sanctions. Albright told the Rome news conference that action was taken to ensure that Serbia "pays the price" for its conduct

in Kosovo. While seeking a more cautious approach on Kosovo than does the United States, Italy also is at odds with Washington

Dini showed up in Tehran a few days after the European Union ended a ban on high-level visits to Iran last month. But with Albright, Dini insisted Saturday that Iran must implement its moderate words with concrete deeds.

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Hindu nationalists pick their PM candidate

NEW DELHI, India (AP) - A tion. former prime minister seen as the soft voice of his Hindu nationalist party was selected Saturday as a candidate to become India's next leader.

Newly elected lawmakers of the Bharatiya Janata Party unanimously chose Atal Bihari Vajpayee, who was prime minister for 13 days in a BJP government that collapsed in 1996.

The choice was a sign of the party's confidence it will be asked to form a new government, even though it remains short of the votes needed for a majority in Parliament after an inconclusive national elec-

In what sounded like a victory speech, Vajpayee indicated a BJP-led government would refrain from divisive policies that could alienate India's large Muslim minority.

"Everyone's security and happiness has been our aim. Not to create cleavages in the name of religion — that is the great Indian tradition," he

Vajpayee, who spices up speeches with Hindi poetry, served as foreign minister in the late 1970s and is seen as a moderate in a party perceived as stridently advocating Hindu culture and custom.

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Four Lady Hawks earn postseason honors

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Four members of Howard College's Region V champion Lady Hawks basketball team have earned post-season hon-

Sophomore Shawnta Johnson and freshman Karlita Washington were both named to the All-Region Team as well as to the Western Junior College Athletic Conference WJCAC) all-conference team.

In addition, sophomore atraica Spencer and freshman Ricka McKee were named to the WJCAC honorable mention

Johnson, of Fresno, Calif., finished the regular season as the No. 3 scorer in the WJCAC while Washington, from Washington, D.C., was the No. scorer at 14.4 points per

Johnson and Washington were the scoring leaders on the

team, which finished in a three-way tie for the conference championship with South Plains and Midland.

Washington also led the conference in assists at 6.3 per game and 3-point field goal shooting at 45.9 percent. In addition; she was third in

at 73.6 percent. Johnson was also sixth in field goal percentage at 54.1

steals at 3.2 per game and fourth in free throw percentage

Spencer finished second in the conference in field goal per-

centage at 57.8 percent while McKee wound up third in 3point percentage at 35.4 percent and fifth in

per game. Horton and Donelle Jones, both sophomores, and freshman Latasha Moore also ranked among the conference statisti-

steals at 3.1

WASHINGTON

Horton was ninth in assists with 3.6 per game while Moore was eighth in field goal percentage at 52.7 and Jones 10th at 52.1 percent.

Howard finished the season as the No. 2 offensive team in the conference, averaging 82.2 points per game. The Lady Hawks led the league in

defense, allowing just 49.9 points per outing.

Howard, 31-2, next plays at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17 in the National Junior College Athletic Association national tournament in the Bicentennial Center in Salina, Kan.

Howard reached the national tournament by defeating No. 11ranked Grayson, 75-72, in the first round of the regionals and followed that up with wins over unranked Temple, 78-56, and Midland, 61-53 to claim the regional title.

(Listed in order of votes)
Aleah Johnson, South Plains; Jennifer Boniol, Grayson; Karlita Washington, Howard; Olga Firsova, Weatherford; Shawnta Johnson, Howard: Reda Kakerenalte, Weatherford; Andrea Watson, Clarendon; Tiffany Moss, Grayson; Janice Thomas, Midland; Patty Cantella, Weatherford: Pashon Murray, Odessi and Dainora Umbrasaite, Weatherford.

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By STEVE REAGAN Staff Writer

On a wind-blown Saturday afternoon, the Big Spring Steers took a step forward in their early season search for consistency.

After blowing a four-run lead and falling behind to Levelland, the Steers rallied to take an 11-9 victory in non-district baseball action Saturday at Steer Park.

The win boosts Big Spring's record to 3-3, while the Loboes fall to 5-2 with the loss.

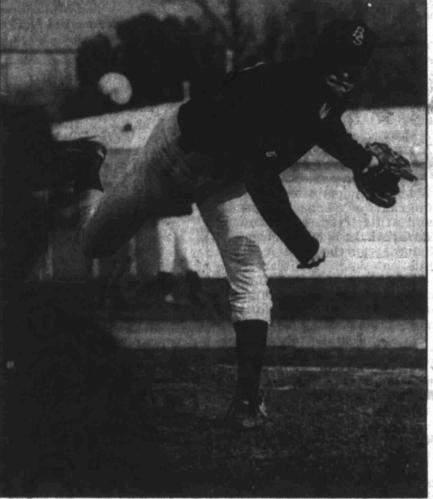
Gale-force winds had fans scurrying for cover, and turned coutine fly balls into adventures, but head coach Bobby Doe said the game was a step in the right direction for his team. "It was encouraging," Doe aid. "To be a good team, you've

ot to be able to come from dehind. I'm not saying we're a ood team yet, but we did come

The Steers bolted out to a 4-0 ead in the first behind a pair of singles from Clayton Pate and Brock Gee, and two-run wild pitch by Levelland starter Josh Faulkner.

But Levelland came right back in the top of the second, scoring five runs of Big Spring starter James Darling. The biggest blow to the Steers was self-inflicted — Darling threw high and wide to first on a come-backer by Russell Thomman, allowing three runs to score.

After that inning, however,



HERALD photo/Jim Florro
Big Spring pitcher Jeff Denton throws home during the Steers'

the Steers defeated Levelland, 11-9. down. Darling allowed only two more runs for the rest of his stint, striking out nine and

walking four. His teammates, meanwhile,

game with Lubbock High School Friday at Steer Park. Saturday, Darling and the Steers settled reclaimed the lead with a fiverun outburst in the fourth inning. Trailing 6-4, the Steers tied the game on a two-run

home run to left by first base-

man Joe Owens, then became

the beneficiaries of erratic Levelland pitching.

The Steers loaded the bases on a pair of walks and a single by Pate, then Faulkner and reliever Eric Tienda proceeded to walk in three more runs, giving the Steers the lead for good.

Big Spring extended its lead to 11-6 to RBI singles by Jeremy Wright and Brock Gee before the Loboes rallied one more

Levelland finally chased Darling in the top of the eighth, then greeted reliever Clint Bambert with three straight hits to cut Big Spring's lead to 11-9. But Bambert escaped the inning without further damage and retired three straight batters in the ninth to seal the vic-

Darling wasn't real focused in the second inning because he had such an easy time in the first," Doe said. "Of course, you can't count on having an easy game every time out.'

Levelland coach Hector Limon said the key to victory was very simple.

"With or without the wind, (Big Spring) played well enough to win, and we didn't," Limon said.

The win came on the heels of Friday's 14-9 loss to Lubbock High, and Doe said his team still has work to do before the district campaign starts.

"What's kind of aggravating to me as a coach is that we'll play good one game, then bad the next. We've got to find a deeper level of consistency."



against Clarendon College earlier this season. The Hawks begin play at the Region V tournament today in Waco against McLennan Community College.

Hawks have deja vu feeling at Region V

By JOHN A. MOSELEY at brings opener in Baylor University's

WACO - Tommy Collins can be excused if he suddenly says he feels as if he's been here before as his Howard College Hawks head into today's 1998 Region V/Region XIV Starburst Basketball Championship Tournament opening round game with McLennan's Highlanders.

Indeed, he has. The Hawks, 16-14 on the year and the No. 3 seed from the Western Junior College Athletic Conference, head into today's 1 p.m. tournament

Sports Editor and ve beganno Ferrell Center with more than a lew reminders of their appearance in the regional tourney last season.

Not only will the Hawks play the same Highlanders team that made Howard's trip to Waco a one-and-out affair in 1997, but Collins will again bring a team short on numbers into the tournament that will determine the state's two representatives to the National Junior College Finals in Hutchinson, Kan.

"It was kind of a similar situation last year," Collins said,

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Howard takes 2 of 3 from Odessa

By JOHN H. WALKER

Managing Editor

A doubleheader split Saturday afternoon allowed Howard College's Hawks to capture its weekend series with Odessa College, 2-1.

Howard won the Friday opener 9-8, scoring three runs in the bottom of the eighth.

On Saturday, amid gale-like conditions, Odessa won the first game by a 17-12 score before Howard came back to take the nightcap, 13-2.

It was a hitter's park on Saturday, with 10 home runs in the first game and another six - all by Howard - in the sec-

Howard jumped on Odessa starter Robbie Sterling in the first game, scoring four runs in each of the first two innings.

In the first, Will Hawkins hit a two-run home run, plating two batters later, Ryan Matthews hit a round-tripper with Brandon Plumlee aboard.

Odessa got a run back in the second on a Raymond Ibarra homer before the Hawks' bats came to life once again. In Howard's half of the

inning, Shane Webb and Rau each doubled with one out before Scott Fahey was hit by a pitch to load the bases. After Hawkins struck out for the second out of the inning, Plumlee hit a towering home run over the left field fence to clear the bases and make the score 8-1.

It was then that what had looked like a Howard runaway freight train jumped the tracks.

Odessa got three runs back in the third and added another in the fourth to pull to within 8-5 as the Wranglers headed into the fifth.

Then, sending 13 batters to See HOWARD, page 11A

Dane Rau ahead of him, while the platee, OC exploded for nine runs off eight hits including a grand slam by Matt Colerick.

In the meantime, Odessa reliever Dean Marquardt had stymied Howard's bats, retiring eight in a row and allowing just one run in 3 2/3 innings.

Howard would come back to score five runs in the sixth inning, but it was too little, too

Marquardt got the win in relief for Odessa while Brandon Claussen, who came on in relief of Duite Welch in the fourth, was saddled with the loss.

In the nightcap, Howard cranked out nine hits and scored five runs in both the third and sixth innings to dump the Wranglers. Plumlee, Matthews and Robert Ramos each had one



Howard's Dane Rau, right, steals third base on Odessa's Jesse Robles during their game Friday at Jack Barber Field.

With pomp and tradition, NCAA completes field for basketball tourney today

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) -Syracuse fell. Then Maryland

Chaos was threatening to engulf the NCAA tournament. The reason? Faulty adhesive

While choosing, seeding and bracketing the 64-team field every year, the NCAA's selection committee spends a weekend moving teams around on big poster boards, searching with a diamond-cutter's caution for just the right matchups in just the right places at just the

right times.

It's all done with such revertook a tumble. A short time ence and care that only one later, UCLA dropped like a person - known as "the traffic cop" — is authorized to touch

the boards or move the teams. Former NCAA staffer Dave Cawood recalled the incident 10 years ago when, to the committee's horror, the names suddenly began falling to the floor.

"It was crazy," he said. Here we were trying so hard to be efficient, and the teams just kept falling off the

As the traffic cop, Cawood was the only person authorized

to even pick the team names off the floor and stick them back. The next year, the committee used dependable Velcro.

This year's traffic cop is longtime NCAA staffer Bill Hancock. "He's the only one who touch-

es that board," committee chairman C.M. Newton said. We have committee members as well as NCAA staff who make sure our principles are followed, like if somebody had a game in the regular season and we've got them paired off. We're all alert to things like

"But when a team is moved on the board, or put up there, or removed, only Bill can do

And traffic cop Hancock stands at the intersection of happiness and heartbreak for many fans.

From Thursday night until Sunday afternoon, the committee weighs and scrutinizes. Decisions are made that spell

the difference between a successful season or a bust, between a team having a decent chance or very little hope of reaching the Final Four.

Contrary to popular opinion,

the committee's job is not to select the best 64 teams.

It's to select the best 34 that did not gain automatic entry by winning one of 30 conference tournaments.

Then they break the 64-team field down to what amounts to four 16-team tournaments: the East, West, Midwest and South regionals.

Each is seeded 1 through 16 - four No. 1 seeds, four No. 2 seeds, etc.

Throughout the process, the committee, through Hancock, is constantly fiddling with the

On one side of the room is the board with the names of every school considered for an atlarge berth.

Next to it is the board listing every team that's already captured one of the 30 automatic

On the other side of the room are four boards representing each 16-team bracket, and four that keep track of the seedings, making sure, for example, that a No. 6 seed does not show up

on a seventh-seed line. At 10 p.m. Thursday, the tedious process begins when everybody submits two ballots.

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IERALD Staff Report

ABILENE - There won't be any double state titles for the Stanton Buffaloes this year.

The Buffs, who won the Class 2A state football title last December, were looking to edge closer to adding a state basketball crown to the school's collection this weekend at the Region I-2A basketball tournament at Abilene Christian University.

But the Lockney Longhorns put an end to the Buffs' title dreams, taking a 65-53 victory at the tournament semifinals Friday night.

Lockney's two main weapons Devon Phillips and J.R.

Walker - had big.nights, scoring 15 and 19 points, respectively.

"They're two of the best athletes in this region, if not the two best, Stanton coach Doug Gordon said of the Lockney duo. "They're just phenomenal."

The game was close throughout, and with two minutes left, Stanton had closed to within 52-50. Lockney expanded its lead to 56-53, then closed out the game with a 9-0 run.

Stanton severely hurt its own cause with an inability to sink free throws Friday. The Buffs were a measly 4 of 18 from the charity stripe.

"We didn't shoot free throws very well," Gordon conceded.

UIL GIRLS

Levelland in 1989.

was out of reach.

Demetria Tipps' 10 points, had

averaged more than 60 points

during the season. It was the

Blackcats' lowest output of the

year and the fewest points ever

by a 4A finals loser. The previ-

ous mark was set by West

Orange-Stark in a 45-24 loss to

Chandi Jones, who was 6-of-8

points in a semifinal victory

over San Antonio Sam

Houston, was 4-of-14 from the

floor and had just 10 points,

seven of them after the game

Jones hit a free throw with

19.2 seconds left in the first

quarter, narrowing Randall's

lead to 8-5, and then the game

quickly got away from Bay

Comanche 65, Winnsboro 56

fourth quarter, including 6-of-6

free throws in the final 1:23, as

Comanche erased a 10-point fourth-quarter deficit and

defeated Winnsboro 65-56

Saturday for the Class 3A state

Comanche (33-5), making its

10th state tournament appear-

ance, won its first state title

since claiming the 3A crown in

Winnsboro, which doesn't

have a senior on its team, fin-

ished the season 35-4 and fin-

ished runner-up in Class 3A for

the third time this decade (1991

and 1992). The Lady Raiders

were led by Sara Hinkley with

17 points and Stacy Stephens,

who had 10 points, 12 rebounds,

Winnsboro appeared in con-

trol of the game as Sarah

Mitchell scored consecutive

baskets and Amanda Kellar

scored after a steal, giving the

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AUSTIN - Amber Ward scored 11 of her 20 points in the

Class 3A Championship

"Plus, their defensive pressure really hurt us ... We just ran into a very talented team that beat us. It's that simple."

The Buffs end their season with a 20-2 record.

"If someone had told me at the start of the school year that we'd win state in football and make the region tournament in basketball, I would have been very happy," Gordon said. "If people aren't happy with that, I don't know what the heck they

Coahoma boys win golf tourney

The Coahoma boys' golf team took top honors in their division at Friday's Forsan Invitational, held at Comanche Trail Golf Tournament.

Coahoma shot a team total 323 to take first place by 15 strokes over runner-up Midland

Midland Christian was third with a 346 score, followed by Forsan A with a 360 total.

In the girls' division, Robert Lee was first with a score of 418, while Coahoma was second

Regi Roberts fired a 78 to win medalist honors for Coahoma, while Blake Nichols finished tied for third with an 80.

Other Coahoma scores were: Jason Gwyn, 81; Kyle Wyatt, 84; and Ryan Peckham, 91.

A spring break tennis camp has been

scheduled for Monday through Friday,

March 9-13, at the Figure 7 Tennis Center

The camp, which will have a limited

enrollment, will be designed for midgets,

beginners, intermediate and advanced

Midgets, youngsters between the ages of

6 and 9 just learning the game, will have

classed from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.. The five

hours of camp instruction will be priced at

Beginners classes will be from 10 a.m. to

noon each day, while intermediate sessions

are from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and advanced

players' classes will be from 4 p.m. to 6

p.m. The fee for those classes is \$65 per

For more information, contact Jim

Blacketer by calling 624-6834

in Comanche Trail Park.

\$30 per player.

Forsan A individual scores were: Joey Jackson, 83; Corey Walker, 88; Paul Kinsey, 94; and Logan Gamble, 95.

Coahoma girls' scores were Jayci Roberts, 109; Kelli Buchanan, 110; Kelli McAdams, 112; Pasha Grummitt, 128; and Mikanna Herring, 133.

Bulldogs drop season opener

CRANE - Little went right for the Coahoma Bulldogs in the baseball season opener, as they dropped a 4-0 decision to Crane Friday afternoon.

Robert Lain and Jerry Mann each had a hit for the Bulldogs, while Delvin White was the los-

ing pitcher. The Bulldogs return to action Monday when they take on Midland Christian at 1 p.m. at Midland's Simon Field.



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SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

Umpires meeting slated

The Big Spring Little League Baseball Association has scheduled a meeting for prospective umpires for 7 p.m. Monday at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third.

The association is in desperate need of umpires for the coming season and invites anyone interested in learning to call games

to attend the meeting. For more information, contact Donald Spence at 267-7780 or Michael King at 267-

Softball leagues seeking umpires

AUSTIN (AP) - Tanisha

Ellison scored 20 points and

Lashinda Winters led a dizzy-

ing running and pressing

attack as Alief Elsik snapped

its role as a two-time runner-up

and defeated Amarillo Palo

Duro 58-38 Saturday night for

Elsik, which was runner-up

to Duncanville last year and to

Austin Westlake in 1996, barely

made it back to the finals this

year, needing a last-second

comeback victory over Copperas Cove in the semifi-

Ellison and Winters, howev-

er, seemed determined to make

sure that their final high school

game ended with gold medals

Ellison, a 6-foot-1 Texas Tech

signee, scored eight points as

Elsik raced to a 14-2 lead with

3:19 left in the first quarter.

Palo Duro never got closer than

Canyon Randall 52, Bay City

AUSTIN (AP) - Keisha

Cornelius scored 14 points and

Mindy Norman led a stifling

defensive effort as Canyon

Randall held Bay City without

a point in the second quarter

Saturday en route to a 52-23 vic-

tory and the Class 4A champi-

Randall put on a demonstra-

tion of how to run a precision

passing offense and a tireless

man-to-man defense, holding

Bay City without a field goal

from the 5:56 mark of the first

quarter until the 6:22 mark of

Despite shooting only 39 per-

cent in the decisive first half,

Randall swarmed Bay City on

defense. The Blackcats took

only 11 shots in the first two

Randall, which also won the

4A title in 1992, finished the

Bay City (33-2), led by

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Church and industrial slowpitch softball leagues are currently seeking people interested in working as umpires this season. Those interested are asked to attend an

umpires meeting set for 7 p.m. Thursday at 2225 Lynn Drive in Big Spring. For more information, contact Ray Berry

at 264-0890 or Jessie Rios at 264-6129.

SO coach training slated

A number of Special Olympics programs are currently in need of volunteers willing to serve as coaches

Anyone interested in helping coach bowling, softball, track and field or swimming is asked to attend a coaches' training school set for 10 a.m. Saturday at the Howard County ARC, located at 8:03 E.

For more information, contact Kaye Wylie with Howard County Special Olympics at f264-5095 or Area 18 Special Olympics at (915) 684-5024.

Spring break tennis camp scheduled

Alief Elsik captures 5A championship

52-42 lead at the outset of the fourth quarter. But Comanche began pressing full court and forcing the

young Winnsboro team into turnovers. Diana Martinez and Ward ignited the rally. Martinez had three steals and eight points and Ward converted a 3-point play and scored on a slashing drive as Comanche stormed to a 15-2 run that gave them a 7.54 lead with 2:30 to from the field and scored 125 play. CANAL AND SE

Class 2A Championship Hamilton 54, Ozona 45

AUSTIN: -Natoschia Roberson scored 18 points and Kaci Marwitz had 15, including eight in the fourth quarter, as Hamilton raced to an early lead and then held off Ozona 54-45 Saturday for the Class 2A state championship.

Hamilton, which won the 1952 3A title and was the 2A runnerup in 1993, finished the year 30-

Ozona, which had the best record in the state tournament going into Saturday's final, finished the year 38-2.

Hamilton, which led the entire game, upped its lead to 36-19 on a 3-point play by Robin Witte with 1:26 left in the third quarter only to see Ozona, which struggled from the field all game, make one final run.

Amber Tarr, who led Ozona with 15 points, and Amber McWilliams, who had 14, each hit 3s in a 10-1 surge that trimmed Hamilton's lead to 37-29 with 6:52 to play.

Two more 3-pointers by McWilliams and another 3 by Juli Hall continued to give momentum to Ozona, which pulled within 51-45 on two free throws by Tarr with 29.2 seconds left.

Class A Championship Karnack 69, Nazareth 45 AUSTIN - Crystal Allen,

Natalie Thomas and Celeria

Lady Raiders momentum and a Washington dominated all over the court as Karnack's speed and athleticism wore down Nazareth in a 69-45 victory Saturday for the Class A state

> Karnack capped off a 32-1 season by winning the championship in its first trip to the state tournament.

Nazareth, winner of 13 state titles, finished the season 30-6 after making its state-record 917th appearance at the final four in Austin. The Swiftettes were led by Shawna Gerber with 12 points and her sister, K'Lynn Gerber, who had 10 points and nine rebounds.

The game was in question until the second half, when Karnack broke open a 25-23 halftime lead with a 10-2 run highlighted by eight points from Allen.

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SAN ANGELO - The Big Spring Lady Steers rode strong performances in the field events and relays to victory in their division at this weekend's Concho Belle Relays in San

The Lady Steers scored 192 points to outpace runnerup San Angleo Lake View, which scored 180. Fossil Ridge was third while Fort Stockton finished fourth.

Keesha Lott had a sterling meet for the Lady Steers, winning three individual first place medals. She won the triple jump with a leap of 34 feet, 7 3/4 inches and the long jump with a distance of 16-10 3/4. Additionally, she took first place in the 200 meter dash in a time of 26.66 seconds.

Other individual winners for Big Spring were: Nadia Cole,

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shot put, 39-7; and Alexis Casillas, high jump, 5-0. Big Spring also took first place in the 400 meter relay (50.73) and 800 meter relay (1:46.51, Other individual efforts for

the Lady Steers included: Erin Matcschke, fourth in the triple jump (30-7 1/4) and seventh in the long jump (13-10 3/4); Angelica Hinojos, fourth in the long jump (14-8 1/4), fourth in the 200 dash (27.24) and second in the 100 dash (13.04); Gina Valdez, second in the discus (97-0); Karen Paredez, third in the shot put (31-3 1/2); Melissa Flenniken, third in the high jump (4-10); Bridgett Wilson, third in the 3,200 run (12:50.26) and third in the 1,600 run (5:57.31); Lisa Rocha, third in the 100 hurdles (18.25) and third

(13.12); Cari Mercilliot, third in the 400 dash (1:04.22); and Chanta Farr, third in the 200 dash (27.28).

The Lady Steers return to action next weekend in a meet at Converse Judson.

Steers sixth

at Mustang Relays
ANDREWS — Tory Mitchell captured a pair of gold medals to pace the Big Spring boys' track team's effort at the Mustang Relays Saturday in

Mitchell jumped 21 feet, 9 inches to take first place in the long jump, then added another first when he won the 100 meter dash in a time of 10.2 sec-

Also for the Steers, Jimmy Hawkins was second in the 200

in the 300 hurdles (52.50); April meter dash (23.28) and third in a 637. Big Spring shot a team McGee, third in the 100 dash the 400 meter run (53.50). Kurt total 673 in the two-day event. Miranda was fourth in the 200 (23.59), while Colby Ford placed fifth in the 100 with a time of

> The Steers placed sixth in team competition with 60 points. Monahans won the meet, while Andrews was second and Frenship placed third.

The Steers return to action next weekend at a meet at Converse Judson.

Golfers 13th at Andrews

ANDREWS - The Big Spring High school boys golf team placed 13th out of 33 teams at this weekend's Andrews Invitational.

Andrews A won the event with a team total 614, while Lake View was second at 633 and Andrews B was third with

Individual scores for Big Spring were: Sammy Rodriguez, 76-84=160; Heath Bailey, 85-95=180; Blake Weaver, 80-91=171; Chris Rodriguez, 82-87=169; and Richard Gaitan, 90-88=178.

The golfers return to action next weekend when they participate in the San Angelo Invitational Friday Saturday.

Softball team goes 2-for-3 at Graham

GRAHAM — The Big Spring Lady Steers' softball team won two of three games Friday at the rain-shortened Graham Softball Tournament.

The Lady Steers opened pool play Friday with a 5-1 win over Graham. Jessica Sisneros (6-1) got the victory, and received

plenty of offensive help from Honey Belew (2-for-3), Melisa Martinez (2-for-3, 2 RBI) and Juanita Valdez (2-for-3, two doubles).

In the second game, Martinez had a double and home run in the same inning to help lead the Lady Steers to a 11-1, fiveinning victory over Lubbock Coronado. Angie Phillips (3-f) got the win.

Also swinging a hot bat for Big Spring were Sunni Smith (3-for-4), Jessica Canales (2-for-2, 4 RBI) and Phillips (2-for-3).

Things went sour for Big Spring in its nightcap when five errors led to a 7-0 victory for San Angelo Central.

"To give you an idea of how it went, in the first two games we didn't commit an error, and in the third one we committed five," head coach Wes Overton said. "We just need to be a little bit more mentally tougher."

HOWARD

Continued from page 9A home run while Bryan Phillips hit two homers in the win.

Chris Lengefeld got the win for Howard while Delmas was charged with the loss. In Friday's series opener, the

Hawks turned four Odessa errors into six unearned runs and a 9-8 win. Odesa had gone ahead 8-6 in

the top of the eighth, only to have Howard score three in the bottom half of the inning two of them unearned.

Both teams had 13 hits in the game, with Hawkins and Rau banging out doubles for the

Josh Jones started the game for the Hawks and was lifted in favor of Rip Fleming in the eighth. Fleming got credit for

Howard is now 12-10-1 overall and 5-4 in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference. Odessa is 13-7 overall and 5-4 in the WJCAC.

New Mexico Junior College, which played a non-conference doubleheader Saturday against Western Oklahoma, leads the conference at 3-2.

The Hawks now travel to Tucson for the Arizona Classic Wednesday through Saturday. They remain on the road until next month when they host El Paso Community College in a three-game series.

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)

Rene Hanebutt hit five of six 3-

point shots and scored 21

points Saturday night, leading No. 6 Texas Tech to a 71-53 vic-

tory over Kansas for the cham-

pionship of the Big 12 women's

Alicia Thompson, the tourna-

ment's most valuable player,

added 14 points and Hanebutt

handed out six assists as the

Lady Raiders (25-4) earned the conference's automatic bid to

Jennifer Jackson scored six straight points in an 11-2 run

as Kansas (21-8) cut Texas Tech's 18-point lead to 42-33 with just under 11 1/2 minutes left. But Thompson responded with two quick baskets in the next minute and Katrisa O'Neal followed with a steal

and layup as Texas Tech put together an 11-1 run for a 53-34

Hanebutt's fourth 3-pointer

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HONORS

Continued from page 9A WJCAC All-Confe (Listed in order of votes) MVP - Aleah Johnson, South Plains Coach of the Year - Lyndon Hardin, South

Karlita Washington, Howard; Shawnta Johnson, Howard; Andrea Watson, Clarendon; Janice Thomas, Midland; Pashon Murray, Odessa; Kirl Neptune, Clarendon; Taquita Hunter, Midland; Vanessa Dunn, NMJC; Candy Mitchell, Midland and Annetta Anglin, South

Rachel Grayson, NMJC; Allison Mooney South Plains; Meeka Alford, Frank Phillips Latoya North, NMJC; Keyonna Harney, Frank Phillips; Pamela O'duongo, Western Texas; Howard; Jill Davis, Midland; Christy Wills, Western Texas; Ricka McKee, Howard;

Continued from page 9A

recalling last season's tournament bid. "We came down here with just six players ... we'll have seven for sure this year, maybe eight."

The Hawks, who spent most of the season with just nine players on the roster, lost the services of guard Ron

Bartholomew when he suffered a broken leg midway through the WJCAC schedule and then lost leading scorer Elmer Brown to an injury in the stretch run when Howard saw a pair of conference ending losses move them down from first in the conference to third.

"The guys know the cavalry's not going to ride up over the hill," the Hawks' boss explained. "They know most of them out there on the floor are there for the duration. We've been in that situation for a while and our guys are used to

However, the break between the end of the WJCAC schedule and today's tournament opener has given Collins and his Hawks a chance to regroup from the conference grind.

"We've had six days of straight practice, so our conditioning is pretty good," Collins noted. "When you're in the middle of the conference schedule you really only have one day to really get in a good conditioning workout ... on Saturdays. As a result, I think teams regress a little ... I'm sure we

While the Highlanders, who finished second to Weatherford in the northern conference with a 24-6 overall record, are loaded with freshmen, Collins says he expects McLennan to play a game similar to that they played last year.

"They're a lot like the team they had last year ... have two excellent perimeter shooters and a big kid from Venezuela (6-foot-9 freshman post Rosmel Blanco) who looks pretty good," Collins said.

Of course, the Highlanders have had their injury problems, as well - primarily the loss of Blanco for the past two weeks.

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Bradley leads Doral; Tiger in the hunt

MIAMI (AP) - Michael Bradley battled a bad back and the swirling wind Saturday to take a two-stroke lead over Stewart Cink in the Doral-Ryder Open and Tiger Woods closed with a sensational shot from a fairway bunker to position himself perfectly for the final round, three shots back.

Bradley, who like Woods birdied the difficult final hole, was at 9-under-par 207 with Cink at 209. Mike Brisky, Woods and Billy Mayfair, who beat Woods in a playoff last week, were at 210.

Another five players, including Vijay Singh, were at 211.

On a gusty day when he was betrayed by an erratic putter, it was Woods who hit the most memorable shot, nearly holing a choked-down 148-yard 7-iron from a lie below his feet in a fairway bunker on the last hole for a tap-in birdie and a 71 in the third round.

"How about that one?" Woods said with a huge smile after the ball nearly went in on the fly. "Oh man, you've got to love it." And you'd have to love Woods' chances in the final

He is playing the most consistent golf of his pro career despite not having a victory since last July.

Woods has two second-place finishes and a third on the PGA Tour this year and a victory in Thailand. In those four tournaments he has finished with closing rounds of 64, 65, 66 and

"That's what he lives for," Butch Harmon, Woods' coach, said. "He loves to play under Sunday pressure.'

If not for his putter, Woods would have had the lead.

He had an 18-footer for eagle on the first hole and threeputted, missing from 3) feet. He also missed birdie tries under 10 feet on Nos. 11, 12, 15 and 17.

"I had a lot of makeable putts," Woods said. "I just didn't make them. I was stroking it all right but I wasn't reading them right."

Bradley, who has started an exercise program to try to avoid surgery on a herniated disk, managed a 70, playing the last six holes 2-under par on the difficult wind-blown back



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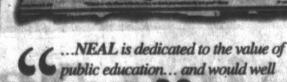
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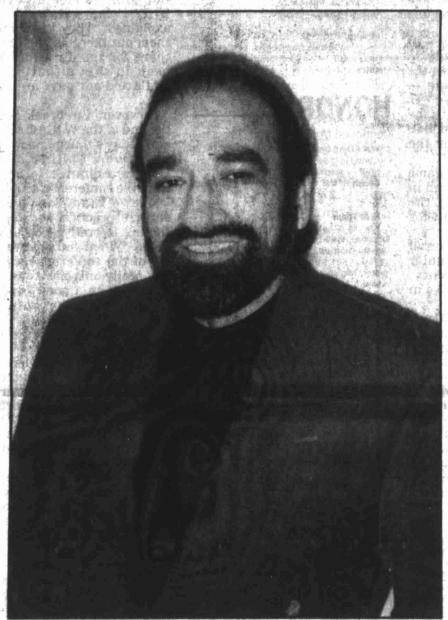


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Letting them fly

Mental retardation support programs are about training, quality of life, and freedom

Years ago, the parents of a mentally retarded child were often advised to have him or her institutionalized — or at least sent to a special school.

But as understanding of mental retardation has increased, so have support programs. These days, the goal is integration, as much as possible, into a commu-

People with mental disabilities are trained for jobs, taught living skills, and guaranteed the same rights to leisure and a fulfilling

"Our philosophy has changed 180 degrees," said Gene Bilbrey, director of mental retardation services for West Texas Centers for MH/MR. "We're taking more services to where the person is.'

That includes a home setting, where several men or women live together with full-time staff to assist them. In local group homes run by West Texas Centers, mentally retarded citizens - with assistance - do their own cooking, laundry and cleaning.

rooms, go to work, participate in hobbies and visit with friends and family.

In job training programs, they learn basic skills that increase in difficulty depending on their abilities. They earn a paycheck, promotions, vacations and other benefits. Some work directly for West Texas Centers, others work at local businesses, with jobs supported by the center's programs.

West Texas Centers has contracts for cleaning crews in buildings and along local highways. They receive contracts for shortterm and long-term projects, including assembly of products for shipping.

Lou Warren, regional director for mental retardation services, said they have found training works, to some extent, for even the most profoundly retarded.

"They can be trained," she said. "It's just a matter of repeating the action." And working, she continued, often provides the person with an important element that

They can decorate their own was missing in past treatment methods.

"This provides them a sense of dignity," she said. "It's about mak-

ing choices." Bilbrey said all of the center's programs for the mentally retarded are about improving quality of

"We work very hard to make their life as full as possible," he

said. Lisa Brooks, community relations director for West Texas Centers, said there are a variety of programs available for people of all ages with mental retarda-

"If there is somebody out there who needs our services, they can call," she said. "We tailor our services around what the needs are. We are as individual as the com-

munity. Bilbrey said with the change in attitude toward mental retardation services, the goal is freedom.

"We have a tendency to let them go," he said. "We want to let them fly as much as possible.



Support programs provide many benefits for Wylie family

D'Lene Wylie is a happy, busy 37-year- izens of Howard County. She got job old with a job, hobbies and friends.

She also has has a form of mental D'Lene and her family have been involved with Special Olympics since

ball, track and field, and bowling. "It's a great program," said Kay.

"It's really cool," agreed D'Lene!

The motto of Special Olympics is, "Let me win. If I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

"This really builds up their self esteem," Kay said. "This gives them a chance to be themselves, participate in something and sometimes, win.'

To participate, an athlete must complete 10 hours of practice. They travel to various competitions in the area, winning medals and meeting many other

D'Lene also participates in other support programs for mentally retarded cit-

training, and is learning life skills like cooking, money management and personal care. D'Lene works at Wal-Mart.
"She loves her job," Kay said. "She has

1972. Her parents, Kay and Robert, are really progressed a lot in the last few hes, and she participates in basket-years, and the support programs that are available are a big part of that. "There's a lot of help out there, and

I'm not sure everybody's aware of it." In the program, trainees set goals for themselves that range from learning a life skill to pursuing a hobby or special

interest.

D'Lene is learning about weather, and how to do CPR. She is also preparing to move out of her parents' home and live on her own.

"It's been a challenge," said Kay, who occasionally is called upon to advise the parents of a mentally retarded child.

"I always tell them," she said. "'It's a different world, but it's a very rewarding world."

In the photos: At top, D'Lene Wylle gets ready for a standing long jump at Special Olympics practice. At right, Kay, D'Lene and Robert Wylle work together in Special Olympics. Above, left, athletes, from left, Steve Lawson, Cynthia Velasquez, Geneva Capetillo and Choia Baker stretch before Special Olympics workout. At left, Kathy Yarbrough, left, vocational trainer, works with Flora Wells on job skills.



Story by Debbie L. Jensen · · · Photography by Linda Choate

FACTS ABOUT MENTAL RETARDATION

 Mental retardation can be found in men and women of all races, ages and cultures.

 Mental retardation is not the same as mental illness. Mental retardation is associated with limited intellectual capacity, and is perma-

 An estimated 3 percent of the population has mental retardation. In 1998, approximately 536,500 Texans had some form of mental retarda-

 About 87 percent of those affected are only mildly retarded, or seen as "a little slower than average."

 Those will IQs under 50 will have serious limitations in functioning. ·Mental retardation can be caused by any condition which impairs development of the brain before birth or in childhood years. In about one-third of the cases, the cause is unknown.

•The three major known causes of mental retardation are Down's syndrome, fetal alcohol syndrome and

 Newborn screenings can identify biochemical or other inherited conditions that may lead to mental retardation. That includes screening at the hospital, and a test when they are seven to 14 days of age, that is usually done in a doctor's

•For more information about mental retardation, call West Texas Centers for MHMR, 263-0007.





Artist's delicate touch, ancient craft create eggs-quisite designs

In recent weeks. Howard on the lookout for unusual eggs County Library patrons had the opportunity to see exquisite example of the ancient art of eggury by local artist, Deanna Foresyth.

When I saw the exhibit, I wondered if they were real eggs. How could anyone draw or paint on such a surface?

I talked with Deanna about her art. She assured me they are indeed "real" eggs. She prepares them by making a tiny hole in one end and a larger hole in the other. She inserts a small wire or tiny stick and stirs the contents, breaking the yolk. Then she blows out the

She showed me an emu egg she had just prepared, adding that her husband, Jimmy, had used an air compressor to blow it out. "Trying to blow out an egg that large can give you a headache," she explained.

for her. She has used many kinds-including quail, guinea, turkey, duck, and goose eggs as well as hen eggs.

Using an engineer's technical drawing pen, which has a very fine point, Deanna draws the like this design on the egg. Then she paints the design with water colors, using a tiny brush. Acrylics dry too fast and oil

paints too slowly for her work. I thought, admiringly, that she must have very steady hands. One mistake, or accidentally dropping an egg, would mean starting over.

Deanna chooses Christmas and Easter scenes, ocean views, and Southwest scenes for the miniature pictures that she draws on the eggs. There is a peacock done in metallic colors, and a goose egg studded with faux pearls.

For the fancier eggs, those Jimmy, who drives a mower with gold hinged doors that for Howard County, is always open to reveal a surprise

inside, she uses goose, duck or emu eggs. She drills the holes and cuts the doors with a Dremel tool with a

diamond bit. Eggs are often lined with velvet and used as iewelry She uses

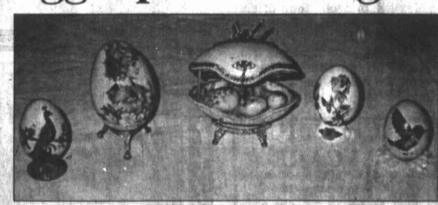
Jean Warren bread Columnist dough art to fashion

tiny birds. flowers, and leaves to embellish her creations. The dough is made from white bread, crusts removed, kneaded with Elmer's

Historically, eggury is best known for the jewel-encrusted Easter eggs created by Faberge for the Russian Czars in the 19th century. Deanna's interest



in the art was inspired by her grandmother, who painted hundreds of eggs in her lifetime. Some of these were included in the display at the library; they are still true-colored and lovely



Artist Deanna Foresyth, left, works on a egg that will become one of her unique works of art. Above, some of her intricate design are brightly painted, others are gold encrusted.

Artistic talent seems to run in the family. Deanna's greatgrandmother was a successful milliner in an era when designing women's hats was an artistic endeavor. Her mother, Marjorie Morris, is remembered by fellow teacher Elfa Cantrell as an elementary instructor with a real talent for

helping her students with unusual art projects.

"Eggs by Deanna" have been shown at numerous craft fairs; some are currently available at a local gift shop. Deanna does other kinds of art work including ink on glass, cross stitch, and quilting. In addition, she is a professional cake decorator.

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WEDDINGS

Griffin-Eaker

Lynette Midland, and Robert Glenn Eaker, O'Donnell, exchanged wedding vows on March 7. 1998, at Kelview Heights Baptist Church, Midland, with Rev. Russ Hale, associate pastor of Kelview Heights Baptist Church, officiating.

She is the daughter of Connie Griffin, Midland, and the late Bill Griffin, and the granddaughter of Neva Shaffer, Big Spring, and the late Roy Shaffer.

He is the son of Kenneth and Ann Eaker, O'Donnell.

The couple stood before a large tree candelabra holding cathedral candles and decorated with casa blanca lilies. On either side were two fan candelabras and two small tree can-

Pianist was Gary Stidham, and Robert Reed, Russ Hale, both of Midland, and Cody Bissett, San Angelo, were the vocalists.

Given in marriage by her mother, the bride wore an Italian satin gown, heavily embellished by embroidered Italian hand-cut lace on the neckline. It had long tapered sleeves and a basque waistline, a full skirt edged with lace and a long cathedral train elegantly enhanced with hand-cut lace, pearls and tiny sequins.

She carried a cascading bouquet of white roses and dandorfan orchids entwined with ivy. Matron of honor was Kim

Thomason, St. Lawrence. Bridesmaids were Chrystal Bales, Amy Stockwell, and Jennifer Henderson, all of

Midland. Lexi Reeves, Midland, was the flower girl, and Brenon Nichols, nephew of the groom, Hale Center, was the ringbear-

Childress, Cameron O'Donnell, was the best man. Cody Bissett and Tyson

Edwards, both of San Angelo,

served as groomsmen. Serving as ushers were Peter Bryan, Greg Anderson of San Angelo, and Nathan Lowe of

Marvin and Margaret Wise

will celebrate their 40th wed-

ding anniversary March 8,

He was born in Coahoma,

and she was born as Margaret

Winkler in Alpine. They met

when Marvin was with the U.S.

Army National Security

Agency in December 1947, and

was invited to a "Panacea" in

Petaluma, Calif., that Margaret

was participating in. After the

show and the cast party, he

was introduced to Margaret. It

was love at first sight. They

were married on March 8, 1958,

in Two Rick Ranch, Calif., a

church built for the community

by the U.S. Army. They have

three children, Mariella

Levinson of Ruidoso, N.M.,

Morgan Wise of Big Spring,

and Monette Wise of Seattle,

Mr. and Mrs. Wise have lived

in Petaluma, Calif., San

Angelo, Dallas, Denton and

were transferred to Big Spring

in 1974. They are affiliated with

Marvin is a member of the Staked Plains Masonic Lodge

No. 598, R.A.M. No 178 - R.S.M.

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31, and Margaret was a mem-

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Wash.; and six grandchildren.

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David Eaker and Melvin Eaker, brothers of the groom, both of O'Donnell, were the candlelighters.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the fellowship hall.

The wedding cake was a four tiered Italian Creme cake with "floating in air" cake stands and topped with fresh flowers. The bride's table was decorated with candles and fresh cut flowers.

The groom's table featured a chocolate cake with basket weave design topped with chocolate dipped strawberries. The table was centered with antique epergne holding fresh cut flowers.

The bride is a graduate of the Lee High School and Angelo State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Early Childhood. She is a teacher with the Midland Independent School District.

The groom is a graduate of O'Donnell High School and Angelo State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology. He plans to attend

medical school in the fall, Some to Purcell successfully complet-Following a wedding trip to ed 12 weeks of training Winter Park, Colo., the couple will make their home in Midland.

HUMANE SOCIETY



Pictured: "Sapphire" Female Calico with blue-blue eyes, very loving, 9 months old, spayed. Special Note: All dogs and cats presently available for adoption at the shelter have received their vaccinations, including rabies.

"Dainty Lady" Female white with cream Color Point, 1 year old, spayed.

"Coquette" Female black and white, short hair, 9 months old. "Gretchen" Female medium hair black cat, 4-5 months old. "Sunshine" Male long hair, orange Tabby with six toes, 6

"Serenity" Female, 7 months old, black with white blaze on

months old.

Management.

"Regina" Female, cream Color Point, 2 years old, spayed. "Fluffy Tail" Maine Coon Cat, male, I year old, neutered.

"Fido" Male short hair, black with yellow eyes, 6 months old. These, plus many more dogs

State University on Dec. 19,

McIntosh with a BBA in

Kathleen Gayle Meadors and

Courtney Ranae Munn of Big

Spring were named to the

Dean's Honor Roll for the fall

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To make the Honor Roll, a

Christian University.

1997, included Amy

Is your pet's collar too tight?

After the rescue of an abandoned dog whose too-tight collar had literally cut his throat, Big Spring Humane Society workers are warning people about the problem.

"This dog was reported to us as having had his throat cut," explained board member Margaret Lloyd. "And when we saw him, we thought the same thing."

But a veterinary examination revealed that "Stephani," as the dog is now known, had

her neck cut by a collar she and cats are awaiting adoption.

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MILITARY

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class

Samuel E. Watson, son of Mary

H. Watson of Big Spring,

recently departed on a six-

month deployment to the

Mediterranean Sea aboard the

guided missile cruiser USS San

The 1985 graduate of Big

Marine Lance Cpl. Thomas L.

Purcell, son of Jim R. and

Vickie Purcell of Big Spring,

recently completed basic train-

ing at Marine Corps Recruit

designed to challenge new

Marine recruits both physical-

He is a 1996 graduate of Big

Jacob M. Saldivar has joined

the United States Army under

the Delayed Entry Program at

the U.S. Army Recruiting

Saldivar, a student at Stanton

High School, will report to Fort

Benning, Columbus, Ga., for

basic training on June 11. He

is the son of Audon M. and

Air Force Airman Miguel A.

Mata has completed the airlift

aircraft electrical and environ-

mental systems apprentice

Mary E. Saldivar, Stanton.

Depot in San Diego, Calif.

Spring joined the Navy in

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student must complete at least Those listed include Heather 12 semester hours for grades C. Anderson of Big Spring. and earn 3.45 or higher grade point average.

Winter graduates of Tarleton

GETTING



Billy Quinn, San exchange wedding vows on June 20, 1998, at First Assembly of God in Lamesa with Roy Smeya, uncle of the bride-to-be, officiating.

She is the daughter of Shirley Wilkle, Lamesa.

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son with his four children.





racing pigeons, and they both

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enjoy golfing, and helping their



course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls. Mata is the son of Miguel F. Mata Jr. of Big Spring, and Pauline Santos of Dallas. Mata is a 1996 graduate of Big Spring High School. His wife, Vanessa, is the daughter of Frank and Dora Hilario of Big Spring.

Deadline for

church and club news is Wednesday at noon for Friday publication.

In lieu of a gift for Gail, she requests that you bring a

stuffed animal for distribution to abused children.

Campaign aims to curb 'road rage

By JIM O'CONNELL, Scripps Howard News Service

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Motorists fighting through heavy traffic will soon hear soothing radio messages urging them to calm down and obey traffic signals.

non-profit AAA The Foundation for Traffic Safety was scheduled to unveil Wednesday a series of radio public service announcements aimed at curbing aggressive

The foundation has calculated that the traffic-related violence called "road rage" killed 218 motorists, passengers and pedestrians and injured another 12,000 between 1990 and 1996.

"If we can convince millions of calm, mature motorists not to get sucked into encounters with angry drivers, many lives can be saved and injuries reduced on our nation's roads." said David Willis, president of the foundation.

The foundation is depending on radio stations to broadcast the public service announcements for free.

"It's a hot topic right now," said Stephanie Faul, a spokeswoman for the foundation,

Frank Sweeney's lies landed

There was the time he put an

ad in a gun magazine, claiming

to deal in exotic weapons, to

bilk buyers. And the cat scam

he ran, bobbing house cats'

tails and selling them as rare

Twenty-four years and 27

prisons later, Sweeney has

pulled almost every con imag-

inable. Now his swindler's

skills have led him to a legal

and lucrative career: prison

From his sparse apartment in

the town he grew up in.

Sweeney doles out advice to

first-time criminals. Since he

started more than three years

how to get by on the inside.

ago, he says he has counseled

"I have some experience in

the field," said Sweeney, 54.

their fears and make some

Maybe I can alleviate some of

Ask him anything and

Want better food? Say you're

Jewish and you can eat kosher.

"The meals are sumptuous," he

Want a better bunk? Say you

Want to get out of dishwash-

ing duty? Say you have herpes.

No one will want you near the

have epilepsy. They'll be afraid

to put you on top.

glasses and plates.

Sweeney has an answer for get-

ting around the prison system.

breeds for \$300 apiece.

him in prison.

consulting.

money."

Con offers advice to

which is affiliated with the American Automobile Association.

Two radio spots urge motorists to "drive with the same courtesy we extend to people in the rest of our lives," and "stop the senselessness of road rage."

Two others urge motorists to stop at red lights "whether you feel like it or not."

The U.S. Department of Transportation estimates that two-thirds of the quarter-million traffic fatalities since 1990 have to some degree been related to aggressive driving.

One contributing cause: roads have become more trafficclogged. The number of traffic miles driven nationwide has climbed 35 percent over the past 10 years while the number of road miles constructed has not kept pace.

A study by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety found aggressive driving incidents rose more than 50 percent between 1990 and 1995.

The study defined aggressive driving incidents as when an angry or impatient motorist deliberately injures or kills another motorist or pedestrian

A few years ago, a magazine called Prison Life began pub-

vival guide. Three years ago, a

former Philadelphia council-

man who did time for corrup-

tion set up a \$2.50-a-minute hot

line with touch-tone options:

how to reduce your sentence,

what to bring to prison, who to

person can face is to go to jail,"

said Frank Lucianna, who for years was Sweeney's defense

attorney and now informally

"Mr. Sweeney has been so well indoctrinated and oriented

from jail that he can tell a per-

son what to expect almost with

The consultant talks easily

about the worst jail he's been

in - his first, a violent juve-

nile facility - and the best

which was coed and even had

He advertises in The National

Law Journal and USA Today

hoping to attract felons and

their lawyers. He limits his

advice to federal prison

because he served most of his

time there and because the

standards are consistent

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lies" he advises.

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in response to a traffic dispute. Aggressive driving is "sort of an epidemic right now," said Carol Rodriguez, of Fairfield County, Conn., a reformed aggressive driver.

Until about a year ago, Rodriguez was constantly speeding, running red lights and cutting through parking lots to avoid traffic lights, she

"I was always running from one end of the town to the other, always late, always tired and always angry at all the other drivers ahead of me," she

A seminar for aggressive drivers helped her change her attitude, so that she now gives herself enough time to travel to appointments, and uses tape recorded books to help her slow down and enjoy the trip.

Radio announcements could help too to make aggressive drivers realize that they are part of the problem.

"At least half of all drivers are taking risks they shouldn't take or speeding," Rodriguez said. "They're burning themselves out and they're headed for health problems and mis-

ON THE

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER MONDAY-Baked chicken breast, rice, brussel sprouts, fruit, milk/rolls, pie. TUESDAY-Catfish, potatoes,

spinach, coleslaw, milk/rolls, fruit.

WEDNESDAY-Chicken fried steak, shipped potatoes, tossed milk/rolls, cake.

THURSDAY-Enchiladas, rice, beans, salad, milk/cornbread,

FRIDAY-Brisket, potato salad, beans, waldorf salad, milk/roll, apple crisp.

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beans, salad, fruit, milk. TUESDAY-Beef stew, cheese sticks, coleslaw, peanut butter bar, crackers, milk WEDNESDAY-Fried chicken,

mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit, hot rolls, milk. THURSDAY-Sloppy joes, ranch style beans, fries, fruit roll-up, milk.

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STORK

Hannah Nicole Tucker, girl, Feb. 12, 1998, 5 p.m., six pounds 3 1/2 ounces and 19 1/4 inches long; parents are Bobby Joe and Kelly Tucker

Grandparents are Jim and Claudine Tucker and Marion and Sherry Newton, all of Big Spring.

Faith Abigail Parum, girl, Jan. 29, 1998, 4:04 p.m., eight pounds seven ounces and 20 inches long; parents are Russell and Stacey Parum.

Grandparents are Nancy and

Jimmie Wood, Big Spring, and Wayne and Yvonne Parum, Wolfforth.

Great-grandparents are Jim and Odessa Wood, Allene Hamner, all of Big Spring, and Lorene and Bud Rasco, Levelland.

She is also the little sister of Brett Griffin and Erin Griffin. Paid announcement

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St. Mary's plans guest first-time hard-timers speaker TENAFLY, N.J. (AP) - and it doesn't hurt anybody," Sweeney says of the "white

The Rev. Bill Nix, rector of He may have tapped into a St. Andrew's Episcopal bottomless market, and he's not Church in Amarillo, will be featured speaker at this week's Lenten series at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, lishing in Houston. An exinmate has published a sur-1001 Goliad.

Nix is a native of Amarillo and a graduate of Texas A&M and the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest in Austin. Prior to ordination, he served as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army, as vice president and ranch manager of the Nix Cattle Company in Canadian, and Secretary to the Board of Beef Cattle Company.

served as Curate and Day School Chaplain of St. John's Stephen's Church, Lubbock; Canon to the Ordinary of the Diocese of Northwest Texas; Dean and Rector of All Saints' Cathedral, Fort Worth, and since 1992, Rector of St. Andrews in Amarillo.

This year's program is titled, "Christian Ministry, Yours Mine and Ours," and Nix will discuss the topic, What is the Ministry of

The program begins with evening prayer at 5:30 p.m., followed by a pot luck supper at 6 p.m.

The program begins at 6:30 p.m., and everyone is invited to all or part of the series.

NEWCOMERS

"It makes life a little easier cases.

Kent and Kendra Sharp, son Austin and daughter Bailey Stamford. He is employed by Moore Development for Big Spring.

Mark and Tracie Anaya, son Mark Jr. and daughter Mia, Odessa. He is employed by Howard College.

Shirley Adams, son John and mother Irene Reynolds, Lamesa. She is a RN at the VA Medical Center. Frank Lesley, Odessa. He

works for Signal Homes. Charles Charles, Norman,

Okla. He works for Fiesta

Johnie Hardyman, San Antonio. He is retired from the U.S. Army.

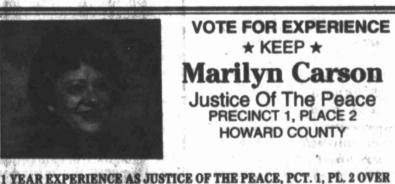
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sons Bobby and Frank Jr., Mesquite. He is employed by Davis Hot Oil.

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Veggie libel laws ready for second and third tests

AMARILLO (AP) — If "veggie libel" laws really are for the birds, the next two cases could

The Texas cattlemen's case against Oprah Winfrey was supposed to be the first major test of food defamation laws, but the judge turned it into a routine business dispute.

That means that either East Texas emus or Ohio chicken eggs could be the big test for the food-disparagement laws on the books in 13 states.

What ruffled the emu ranchers' feathers was a 1997 TV commercial featuring a man named Joe driving his Honda Civic from one wacky job inter-

stops is an emu ranch called Fowl Technology, where the owner says: "Emus, Joe. It's the pork of the future."

"Basically, Honda made people stop and look at emu meat, emu products and the emu business as a joke," said Huntsville-area emu raiser John Hamby, who with nine others is suing the U.S. arm of the Japanese automaker. Hamby also noted that emu meat, unlike pork, is low-fat red meat.

Each emu rancher is claiming more than \$75,000 in losses they blame on the commercial.

Art Garner, spokesman for California-based American Honda, said the commercial view to another. One of the was "very much a tongue-in-

cheek, lighthearted advertisement."

The other veggie libel case was brought by Buckeye Egg Farm, which is suing a consumer organization, the Ohio Public Interest Research Group, for saying last spring that Buckeye illegally repackaged old eggs and sold them as new. The egg producer is seeking unspecified damages.

Buckeye president Andy Hansen said his company followed federal guidelines that allow repackaging under certain circumstances. He noted that OPIRG leveled its allegations just before Easter, a peak sales season.

"If there was no intent to disparage this product, why was it light of the Oprah case.

done at that time?" Hansen asked.

The Texas and Ohio laws require those suing to show that the defendants knowingly made false and defamatory statements about a product.

The cattlemen had sued Ms. Winfrey over a 1996 show about mad cow disease. They claimed the show implied American beef was risky to eat. A jury last week ruled against them.

No trial dates have been set for the egg and emu lawsuits, which are believed to be the nation's only two pending veggie libel cases.

Experts say the emu ranchers don't have much of a chance in

In Ms. Winfrey's case, U.S. District Judge Mary Lou Robinson ruled that live cattle didn't meet the "perishable food" requirement of the veggie libel law. The same judge will preside over the emu case.

Emus "are not going to be held perishable, either," said Frank Newton, president of the State Bar of Texas and dean of Texas Tech Law School.

The emu raisers argue that they, unlike the cattlemen, market the meat themselves. and the meat is perishable.

The egg producers' claim is seen by some as a stronger case, even though OPIRG called it a "complete waste of time."

"If we lose on this set of facts, people had better batten down the hatches," said Mark Finnegan, a lawyer with the Equal Justice Foundation, a civil rights legal aid group. "If a food production plant can backdate its product and you're not allowed to say anything about that, we're all in trou-

Although the judge in the Oprah case didn't find the law unconstitutional, observers said the verdict might make agriculture producers think twice before suing.

"After this outcome, I think Las Vegas odds on this kind of lawsuit are going down," said Thomas Baker, a professor of constitutional law at Texas Tech. "They don't look so attractive."

Over-wintering boll still threatens cotton

most of the past. Each year the agriculture producer is faced with increased pressure from

the boll weevil. Over-wintering populations are above normal due to a mild win-

Due to the fact that there not wide

control of the cotton boll weevil, it will be up to each producer to address his or her needs on their particular farm. We do know some definite facts about weevils that may be beneficial when trying to control

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County Agent

have cotton squares or bolls to reproduce. Therefore, treat- or other issues, contact the ment of any populations will local extension office at 264not be cost effective till the cot-

This year is no different from ton starts squaring, this usually occurs 35 to 40 days after planting.

> We know keeping weevil numbers low early in the season is the most cost-effective method of control. Therefore, if weevil traps on a farm indicate a large population of weevils then treatment should be made.

Plains Cotton Growers have funded a line of traps that will be run in Howard County as well as surrounding counties. This information will be available within two to three days of the line having been run. This will provide general information about weevil numbers. But it will be extremely important that producers monitor their own fields to enable them to treat their prospective fields accurately. Early treatment of weevil populations when they reach economic thresholds can significantly delay the build up The cotton boll weevil must trollable treatment levels.

For more information on this









last summer and includes the addition of new trees, shrubs, flow-

HERALD photos/Linda Choate The signs of spring are popping up all over Big Spring as trees, shrubs and flowers begin to bloom. The areas highlighted in these photographs are the Howard County Courthouse square, the Heritage Museum and the Pocket Park just east of the courthouse. The landscaping around the courthouse was completed just

Kirby being sued in rape case involving salesman

AUSTIN (AP) — A vacuumcleaner company requires its products to be sold through inhome demonstrations. Does it then have a duty to require its distributors to do background checks on the salesmen they

A woman who says she was raped in 1993 by a Kirby vacuum-cleaner salesman believes

The lawsuit brought by Dena Kristi Read against the Scott Fetzer Co., doing business as The Kirby Co., was heard Thursday by the Texas Supreme Court.

The court took the case, which involves whether Kirby should pay damages to Mrs. Read, under advisement.

"I would like to prevent this from happening to other women. That prevention can come if these people will do a background check on the people that they're sending into women's homes," said an emotional Mrs. Read, 33.

Her husband by her side, Mrs. Read said she was willing to have her name used because she believes she can have a bigger impact that way.

David A. Kutik, a lawyer for Kirby Co., questioned how the company could enforce a contract requiring its distributors - the ones who hire the salespeople - to do background

He suggested it is Kirby's duty to hire competent distributors, but the distributors' duty to hire competent salespeople, known as dealers.

The case could determine how responsible companies should be for independent contractors and could affect numerous industries that involve in-home transactions.

The case was brought by Mrs. Read after, she said, a door-todoor vacuum salesman raped her in her Seguin home as her children slept in the next room. The Reads since have moved out of state and decline to say where they now live.

The salesman wasn't prose-

cuted for rape, but the accusation was used to revoke his probation on an unrelated charge of indecency with a child. He is now at a halfway house in Austin, said Tommy Jacks, a lawyer for Mrs. Read.

Mrs. Read argued in her lawsuit that the company should have performed a background check.

Richard Mithoff, another lawyer representing her, said a check would have shown the salesman was on probation as a result of a conviction on two felony counts of indecency with a child, had lied about his work history and had been accused of sexual improprieties at previous jobs.

A jury found in Mrs. Read's favor in 1994, awarding her \$200,000 in actual damages and \$1.5 million in punitive damages. Those damages later were reduced to \$160,000 actual and \$800,000 punitive.

The company appealed to the 3rd Court of Appeals in Austin. The 3rd Court allowed the actual damages to stand, saying Kirby had a responsibility to customers receiving in-home demonstrations from strangers.

However, the 3rd Court said the punitive damages were improper because Kirby didn't knowingly expose the customer to a likely danger of rape.

Mithoff told the Supreme Court that Kirby was in a position to know there was a serious risk of injury without background checks, citing a case decided in 1992 by the North **Dakota Supreme Court in favor** of another woman who said she was raped.

In response to the 1992 case, Mithoff said, Kirby inserted a warning about background checks into a training manual that was available only if purchased by the distributors. He said that was one of the "clearly inadequate" steps taken by

Kutik said the company has had seminars and counsels distributors to be careful in select-

- With everyone in the office sweating to make a deadline, childless co-workers cringe as the world's greatest mom has a leisurely telephone chat with a daughter fresh home from advanced-placement English class.

By GARY T. PAKULSKI

Toledo Blade

- Executives distribute a detailed report on rising healthinsurance premiums. Far from meekly accepting higher copays, singles zero in on the fact that the company pays twice as much for coverage for co-workers with families.

- A middle manager stews as she listens for the umpteenth time as an airline flight attendant explains how to apply an emergency oxygen mask. Why does it seem that workers without children are asked to make these unpleasant last-minute overnight trips while those with families escape scot-free, she wonders.

The office water cooler is the scene of growing grumbling among childless workers convinced that they are becoming second-class citizens who are forced to carry more of the workload, travel more, work more hours, and subsidize benefits for co-workers with children, says the Conference Board, a leading business

research group. Fifty-six per cent of the group's 78-member work-family research and advisory panel say childless workers harbor some resentment of colleagues with children.

A majority said that companies aren't adequately address ing the needs of childless employees. They also agreed

that many popular, new benefits, such as flexible work schedules and working from home, appeal more to workers with children than those with-

bers - company personnel executives involved in workfamily programs — aren't alone in their views. "It has created something of a

Conference Board panel mem-

hornet's nest," said Mary B. Young, a Boston-based consultant and former university researcher who studies workfamily issues.

Seeking to learn the degree of resentment, Young, formerly of Boston University, put together focus groups organized according to life status: childless workers and those with children. Her fears that no one would bring up the resentment issue were quickly dispelled. "It came up in every group very early," she said.

Everyone agreed - incorrectly, as it turns out - that childless couples put in more hours than those with children. Many participants said that children provided an excuse for turning down added hours and placing limits on the work day.

Revealing their own prejudices, some parents claimed that singles "care only about work." "They have nothing in their lives and they don't care about work place issues," these parents claimed.

false as the suggestion that parents aren't carrying their share of the workload.

Young said that notion is as "Studies show that there is no statistical difference in

hours worked," she said.

"Parents, however, are more likely to do work out of sight of

others. They get up early and work at home or they come in early. They work at home when the kids go to bed and they work while commuting. Ultimately it nets out to the same number of hours.'

ers and a new lawn.

Childless employees may resent benefits to families

Researchers say resentment is partly fueled by the rising number of childless workers,

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, more than 60 per cent of workers are childless or have adult children who left home at 18. The number of never married people between 25 and 44 has doubled over the past two decades, according to the Conference Board.

The Census Bureau reports that after 2005 the most common U.S. household will be made up of singles or couples without children. Chuck Gallagher, a Toledo,

Ohio, personnel executive, said resentment is an outgrowth of corporate America's efforts to begin programs that "help individuals manage the familywork place situation." Gallagher said he hasn't

encountered open resentment among the 3,000 employees of the Maumee, Ohio-based Andersons, Inc., where he is vice president for personnel. But he recognizes that childless workers might find the nation's "focus on the family" as unfair.

Robin Wooddall, a 34-year-old Toledo bank executive without children, said that childless workers have no reason to be resentful of colleagues with children. "I really don't understand people who feel that way," she said. "There are so many challenges for people trying to manage both work and

Surveys show that, even if somewhat resentful, childless workers are understanding of their colleagues.

Sixty-three per cent of participants in the Conference Board survey, for example, said childless employees were willing to fill in when co-workers have

parental emergencies. Like many childless workers, Tiruayer Badgett, a 26-year-old Toledo social service executive, isn't resentful. But she wonders if her concerns would be given the same weight as those of coworkers with children. For example, she helps care for aged grandparents, often spending lunch hours at their home. But if she asked for a day off to be with them, she isn't sure the request would be seen as important as a parent seeking time off to be with a child.

There are plenty of examples of the work place tension. Lois Mitten, a Toledo daycare executive said working parents are sometimes hesitant about leaving work when called to pick up a sick child. She said

she has seen evidence of the problem while consulting at corporations seeking assistance with day care programs. Childless workers sometimes balk at company proposals to begin day care centers or subsidize day care services, she said. Corporate managers have told her resentment often surfaces

at 3 p.m. when school ends.

"Children come from school

and they're busy calling parents at work,". Mitten said.

Workers with children make greater use of most benefit programs than childless employees, according to the Conference Board study

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Americans love their pickups, Ford F-Series leads the pack

By JOHN HUGHES **Associated Press**

DETROIT (AP) - Pickups are changing - they're getting getting bigger, faster and more luxurious — but Americans' devotion to the four wheelers is becoming an auto industry con-

While sport utility vehicle sales have surged and car sales have fallen, pickup sales have remained a steady 2.7 million or more for four straight years. About one of every five new vehicles sold is a pickup.

The Ford F-Series truck in 1997 was the best-selling vehicle in America for the 16th straight year. F-Series sales nearly doubled those of the topselling car, the Camry, and topselling sport utility vehicle, the Explorer.

The second-best seller was a pickup, too - the Chevrolet

"The pickup has been a constant," said Michael Marsden, arts and sciences dean at Northern Michigan University. "It's the blue jeans of automotive culture."

Only pickup use and styles have changed. With roomier cabs, they are as likely to be hauling children as bales of hay. They also can come with less-than-rustic features such as remote keyless entry, CD players and leather seats.

Buyers may find even more to like about pickups this year and next year as Chevrolet rolls out the first redesign of its full-size pickups in a decade and Toyota releases an all-new T150

Still, some auto buffs have a hard time getting excited about the four wheelers.

"What is the most American vehicle? I'm almost embarrassed that it's a pickup," said Jim Hall, an analyst with AutoPacific Inc. "Pickups are the hamburgers of automo-

But automakers are trying to make sure pickups get proper respect. Ford has held a series of celebrations to mark the anniversary of the venerable F-Series, including one with a Clara Garcia vs. Keyin James mock 50-foot birthday cake last

fall at the State Fair of Texas. Among the devotees at the Texas event was Donna

Giebler, a rancher from Gatesville near Waco, who has an F-Series named LeRcy. "In Texas when you have a truck you like, you name it," she said.

Giebler, 59, said she likes the vehicles for their high ride and ability to haul stuff. "I feel safer in a pickup than I do in a car," she said.

Reginald Pope, 34, has an F-Series, too. But the computer consultant lives in Ypsilanti, far removed from cattle country, and rarely leaves city or suburban roads.

He said he and his wife were lured to the truck last year after driving sports cars for

"When we drove that thing it was just like driving a car," Pope said. "I just think it's a very classy truck.

Paul Morel, Ford's truck brand manager, said the F-Series is most popular with rural males, but has drawn support from every niche. "People are coming from everywhere," he said.

It wasn't supposed to be this way. Ford launched the F-

Series with farmers and laborers in mind.

But the pickup since the 1960s has caught on with campers, hunters and families: "The pickup in a lot of cases has replaced the second car, said James K. Wagner, a Ford truck historian.

Hall said the popularity lies deep within the American psy-

"It's almost a social thing," he said. "Everyone grabbed a ' broomstick and pretended to be . a cowboy, whether it was in Southhampton or in Harlem."

Marsden, who has studied automotive culture, said the pickup also represents Americans' long love affair with the land.

"It's a beautiful merger of the country and the city," Marsden) said. "We don't flee from the city, we make the city meet us on our terms.

"What other vehicle would Clint Eastwood have driven in the 'Bridges of Madison County?' It was perfect for the image he represented - that sophisticated countryness."

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Working with a spouse can be good business as well as a tricky affair

By REPP HUDSON

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Doug and Angela Mayfield can laugh now about the first two weeks they spent together on the open road.

They were logging thousands of tense miles in "Isabella," Doug's 1994 Kenworth tractortrailer early last year. As movers for United Van Lines, their circuit took them to Virginia Beach, Va.; rural Iowa; Waco and Amarillo in Texas; and finally Colorado Springs, Colo., and Denver, before heading home.

Though they may not have realized it, Angela and Doug also were laying the foundation for their future livelihood. They were solving some of those inevitable problems that arise when couples go into business together.

As Joyce Brockhaus, a family management consultant in St. Louis put it, "The intensity in home-based businesses is much, much more than when the couple works outside the

That intensity can be a wellspring of energy and inspiration, or it can be a wearing nuisance and an impediment to

good performance. Setting up a business with a spouse can be especially tricky,

management consultants say, because the person you call partner is also the person you have vowed to love and cher-

"In a normal job," said Bob Brockhaus, Joyce's husband and partner in their consulting company, the Brockhaus Group, "you can go home to your wife and get things off your chest. Then you go back to work the next day.

"When you are in business together, there is no one to talk to about problems when you go

That means couples really have to talk honestly with one another if they are to succeed. Getting to know one another as business partners can take on new dimensions, even for couples who have been together for many years. Running a homebased business requires love, humor, respect for each other and a lot of intuition and understanding.

Sometimes the dynamics of the core relationship change drastically when a couple goes into business together.

An example is Terrol and Carol Zomphier, partners in Z's Layout Design Graphics in St. Louis. He was a credit manager with Brown Shoe Co. and she had held a variety of jobs at Ralston Purina Co. when they decided to go into business for

They cashed in their pensions and opened their computergraphic design studio five years ago in the living room of their home . Terrol, 53, took over the books and the computers while Carol, 52, assumed the lead with clients and the creative design role. Terrol also found himself turning over some of the control to his wife of 20 years.

"This time,' I said to her, 'I'll follow you.' And it keeps getting better every day," Terrol

"I tell this to all of my friends: Most men think they are running things when their wives really are," Terrol said. 'Since I got behind (Carol), things are better than ever."

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Handle a family matter in the morning. You present other perspectives and help clear the air. A loved one wants to play. Go with the moment regarding an intense attraction. A spontaneous day trip allows feelings to come forward. Tonight: You're hot stuff!*****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Return calls early; by afternoon, a family matter dominates. You decide to complete a project, so you can begin something new. Caring flows, especially when you get into a favorite hobby. Working with another allows deep feelings to emerge. Tonight: Order in. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Balance your checkbook and pay bills before you let go and enjoy. A friend is full of ideas. Let your playful side out; your

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CANCER (June 21-July 22) Use the morning for whatever is most important to you. A discussion might center around a major purchase that could enhance your appearance and professional status. Ask a friend to accompany you on a shopping spree. Tonight: Major indulgences.**** LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Don't worry about anything this lazy morning. A loved one inspires you to take off; investigate a favorite place or go exploring. Be appreciative of the freedom that abounds. Give yourself permission to do something totally new. Tonight: Whatever makes

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A friendship plays a role in making plans. You need quality time with a loved one whom you really care about. Be nurturing to a partner who shares some difficulties and asks for your support. There is a true feeling of togetherness. Tonight: Pull the shades.****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Handle an obligatory appearance as soon as you can. Take time off to enjoy yourself and visit friends. Let go, and allow more joy into your life. A child or loved one adds to your happiness. Accept someone's generous offer. Tonight: Get into a favorite sport.****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Reach out for someone; make long-distance calls. An exciting trip is in the planning stages. Handle responsibility that has

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Notice is hereby given that if requested in writing by April 15, 1996 a public hearing will be held by West Texas Opportunities, Inc., 603 North 4th. Street, Lamess, Texas on April 20, 1998 at 4:00 p.m. to accept comments on a reco p.m. to accept comments on a proposed continuation of rural pub transportation services with Lamese and Dawson Count Stanton and Martin County; McCamey/Rankin and Upton County; Seminole/Seagraves and Gaines County; Andrews and Gaines County; Andrews and Andrews County; Big Spring and Howard County; Crane and Crane County; Garden City and Glasscock County; Monahans and Ward County; Pecos and Reeves County; Ft. Stockton and Pecos County; Sanderson and Terreil County; Mentone and Loving County; and Gail and Borden County. Financial assistance to County: and Gall and Borden County. Financial assistance to provide this service is being sought from the Texas Department of Transportation in the amount of \$199,019 and we anticipate receiving additional State funds to supplement this amount. Service will be for the general public and feres will be charged for the service. Additional vehicles will not be required to provide this service. Written comments are being accepted at P.O. Box 1308, Lanseau, Texas until 4:00 p.m. on April 15, 1998. If you wish to or pril 15, 1998. If you wish to o sensot attend the hearing, furth information including a full copy available can be reviewed.

been weighing on you. Your thoughtfulness touches a parent or an older relative. Join your family in a pet project. Tonight: It could be a late SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

Make time for a special friend in the earlier part of the day. Someone's love touches you. Discussions about the future are not ill-timed. Listen carefully to a child or loyed one; his suggestion is well worth following. You enjoy yourself wherever you are. Tonight: Catch a movie.****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. You have quite the selection of plans and invitations. You will want to spend time with a partner, who might want to

share a new game or sport with

you. Be open to being taught.

You might be tempted to spend a lot on an item of pleasure. Tonight: Go for closeness.*****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Clear up a problem, and enjoy yourself with friends. A spontaneous party could break out. You feel as if someone is flattering you, but actually, you are quite alluring. Choose what you want to do, and with whom. Tonight: Pretend the weekend is beginning all over again.****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

The morning has an easy romantic tone. A discussion is very important to the future, though at this moment you might not be free to share what is happening. Clear up bills, then get into some early spring cleaning. You need some physical exercise. Tonight: Early to

Man of the cloth conceals the barest of credentials

DEAR ABBY: I'd like to warn your readers about something that happened to me. Perhaps it will save them the embarrass-

ment I caused myself. My friend "Emily" met a priest while walking her dog in a neighborhood park. "Father Conway" came across as friendly and courteous. He and Emily

became friends. From what Emily told me, he loves his ministry and is very knowledgeable about church doctrine, the sacraments and differ-

Abigail Van Buren ent parishes

in our area. He is not a full-time priest because he has a full-time job. He doesn't live at a rectory; he has his own apartment. I accepted that, believing the church of his choice didn't have an opening available and that he wanted to work fulltime and fill in for vacationing

When I married last year, he performed the ceremony. My flance, now my husband, wanted a simple wedding. I wasn't attending church on a regular basis. Father Conway offered to perform the ceremony at the catering hall. We paid \$150. We had premarital counseling at

his apartment. Everything went off without a hitch, until one day I met a "Father Reynolds" on a flight back from Florida. His parish is near my home. I began telling him about Father Conway, and he said he had never heard of him. About two weeks after. I received a call from Father Reynolds. He told me there's no record of any Father Conway in the diocese or with any of the neighboring

diocese. When Emily and I asked Father Conway about his background, he became evasive. We asked him where he went to college and seminary school and when he graduated. The seminary and the university had no such graduate in their records. Father Reynolds knew several professors at the seminary that Father Conway claimed to have graduated from. His professors had never heard of him, either. Father Conway was nothing but a fraud.

When I thought about it, I realized that Father Conway never mentioned other priests, never invited Emily or me to any of the Masses he said he performed, never discussed his school days at the seminary or his early years as a young priest. However, he did talk incessantly about how much he had spent on his priestly garments, statues, gold candlestick holders and other religious arti-

cles. Next time I meet a man of the cloth who doesn't live at the rectory, I'll check his background and speak to the priest he fills in for. I'll call the headquarters that the priest/minister answers to. Had I done that. I would not have been taken in by an impostor. - WISER NOW IN MASSACHUSETTS

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DEAR ABBY: Please permit me to answer "Wiser Now in assachusetts":

DEAR WISER NOW: I am very sorry that you were victimized by a man pretending to be a Catholic priest and I recommend you do two things in the aftermath of this fraud.

First, contact the district attorney in your jurisdiction to see if "Father Conway" has violated any civil laws. If he is not authorized to officiate at weddings by the state, he may be liable to criminal prosecution.

Second, if you have not already done so, make an appointment with your parish priest to have your marriage blessed by the church. This should not be a complicated matter, and I am sure your parish priest will be very sympathetic to your plight.

Your experience highlights the importance of the local parish in the life of every Catholic. Always approach your parish priest for the sacraments, even when you would like a priest from outside the parish to witness a marriage or to baptize a child. The parish priest will be able to ensure that a visiting priest has the proper faculties and delegation from competent church author-

Wishing God's blessing on you and your groom, I am CARDINAL ROGER MAHONY, ARCHBISHOP OF LOS ANGE-

DEAR ABBY: A year ago, my husband and I moved his 76year-old mother into a very lovely retirement home because all her friends had abandoned her, she was seeing far too many doctors, and her daughters had given up on her

because of her negative "poor me" attitude. My husband and I see her at least once a week and her daughters call her every Sunday. The place where she now lives is expensive, but well worth it. She has met many new, wonderful people. So what's the problem? Her downbeat, negative attitude has resurfaced, and we're beginning to understand why people

walked away from her before. She calls me daily to give me detailed information about all her bodily functions. I dread her calls. I work hard to be an "up" person and have tried to be a supportive daughter-in-law because I know she's in pain. She is bringing my husband and me down with her. I have talked to her about the rewards of a positive attitude - but the odd thing is, she seems to think she has one. Please help, Abby. What can we do? — AT MY WIT'S END

DEAR WIT'S END: When people are sick and in pain, lose the friendships that have formed their "support system," and then are taken from familiar surroundings, it's not unusual for their focus to narrow and their aches and pains to magnify. As much as you'd like to, you may not be able to resolve this alone.

Waste no time in telling your mother-in-law's doctor about. her mental state. She may need counseling, more stimulation or even medication to put her in a more positive frame of

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