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Christmas in April set to kick off 11th campaign of helping needy

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

It's not December and there is no snow on the ground, but Saturday will be the 11th annual Christmas in April for many of Big Spring's elderly residents.

Volunteers from all walks of life in Big Spring will pitch in to help make life a little better for several of their neighbors.

Several residents have qualified for assistance from the

Christmas in April project and some projects will be done at a later date.

Anyone wanting to help with any of the projects should call Noyes at 267-6095 or stop by Christmas in April headquarters at Bob's Custom Woodwork, 409 E. 3rd.

Last year, 12 groups with some 300 volunteers worked to repair the homes of several of Howard County's senior citizens.

The Christmas in April project began in October 1973 at

Alamo Heights Baptist Church under the direction of Bobby Trimble, now director of Christmas in April USA.

The program began in Big Spring in May 1987 as part of the Leadership Big Spring Program.

The group received its non-profit Texas Corporation charter in June of that year.

The first Christmas in April work day in Big Spring was April 23, 1988, when 500 volunteers worked on 15 homes.

Of Big Spring's original 27

directors, those remaining active today are Bob Noyes, president of Big Spring Christmas in April; Don Riley, vice president; and Dorothy Jones, director.

The average cost of repairing a home in Big Spring through the program is about \$1,000. Christmas in April always needs help in the form of money for building supplies as well as more volunteers, Noyes said. The group also needs to increase the number of projects that can be completed.

Many of this year's projects need roof repairs, some from the storm damage of two years ago.

The program is successful because Christmas in April clients are not able to pay for repairs to their homes, and unable to do the work themselves.

There is so much need for the work Christmas in April does, Noyes said, and it's the elderly who lose out if the projects can't be done.

This year's Christmas in April

projects will include the following groups working at the following locations: First Presbyterian Church, 1605 W. 1st; First United Methodist Church Men's Group, 410 S. Bell; Grassroots Lawn Service, 310 W. 7th; Sonny Choate (S.T. Plumbing), 908 N.W. 2nd; Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1312 Mobile; First United Methodist Church Youth Group, 1006 S. Goliad; Bob's Custom Woodwork, 409 S. Benton; Conoco, 505 N.W. 7th; and Fina, 1302 Nolan.

Officials sign crime pact

By KATHY GILBERT
Staff Writer

Deputy Attorney General for Criminal Justice Drew Durham joined Representative David Counts, Howard County law enforcement officers, community leaders and elder activists in pledging to fight crime against the elderly at the Spring City Senior Citizens Center Thursday.

Attorney General Dan Morales was scheduled to attend, but canceled due to a last minute court appearance, said Pat Porter, chairman of the State Citizens' Advisory Council, Texas Department on Aging.

Durham along with 15 state and local dignitaries pledged cooperation through a statewide "Triad" program before about 80 senior citizens who regularly visit the senior citizens center for lunch and activities.

The "Triad" program was

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Pat Porter looks on as State Rep. David Counts signs an agreement pledging to fight crime against the elderly during Thursday ceremonies at the Spring City Senior Citizens Center.

4-car pileup

Thursday afternoon collisions close Gregg Street; injure three

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

A four-vehicle accident sent three people to the hospital and interrupted traffic in the 800 block of Gregg Street for more than an hour Thursday afternoon.

Randell Lee Anderson of Colorado City, driving a 1986 red-and-white Ford pickup, careened across the median about 3:40 p.m., striking two cars and sending one of them crashing into a third vehicle.

Driving while intoxicated and speeding contributed to the accident, but no charges had been filed as of this morning, said police spokesman Sgt. Roger Sweatt. Police officials are waiting for blood test results before filing charges, he added.

Anderson may face charges of driving while intoxicated or intoxication-assault, explained Sweatt. He was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center, treated and released.

The pickup's impact sent Mary Paredez's red Oldsmobile Achieva spinning, and broke the 70-year-old woman's jaw and arm, according to reports. Originally northbound, her car came to rest facing south with major damage.

Paredez, a volunteer with the

VA Medical Center, was transported by EMS personnel to Scenic Mountain Medical Center, and then transferred to Midland Memorial Hospital for further treatment. She remained there this morning.

Christina Rodriguez Padilla's purple Plymouth Gran Fury was struck nearly head-on by Anderson's pickup. She was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center, treated and released.

Gary Smoot was driving his Chevrolet Blazer north on Gregg when he saw the pickup swerving.

"I looked up and he was coming across the lanes," Smoot said. "He just started plowing into everybody. He was hitting cars like dominoes. I don't know for sure, but I think it was one of the other cars that hit me."

Reports said Paredez's Achieva was knocked into Smoot's Blazer by the force of the pickup's impact.

Smoot's Blazer sustained a crushed front fender and was not driveable, but he said he was not injured, and refused transport by ambulance.

Gale Batson and his wife, Dovie, were a few yards in front of the red car, in the northbound outside lane, when the

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VA, state hospital honor their volunteers during Thursday banquets

BSSH marks 50 years of volunteerism

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Fifty years of volunteer service to Big Spring State Hospital was highlighted at the annual Volunteer Services Council luncheon Thursday.

"Sometimes it seems as if volunteers are always asking for help," said David Wrinkle, keynote speaker, but added that, with community support, the volunteers at BSSH have completed many projects in the last five decades.

With an accompanying slide show, Wrinkle detailed some of the many projects volunteers have undertaken since they began working for the hospital in 1948.

Some of those include: rummage sales, which led to the founding of the Chalet resale shop; funding for construction of the chapel, natatorium, greenhouse, gazebo and ceme-

tery; and the more recent Valentine's Day singing telegrams.

The volunteer fundraising gala "Denim and Diamonds" will be May 1 at the Stampede.

This year's Jack Y. Smith Award, which goes to a volunteer for "exemplary service," was presented to Bernedette Martinez.

A long-time chaplaincy services employee, Martinez was said to have missed Monday afternoon mass no more than 10 times in the last 25 years.

Hospital employee and volunteer Corey Marr was recognized with a special plaque.

Earlier this year, he was given the Preston Harrison Award for his plan to add animal-assisted therapy to the hospital program.

State award recipients Linda Hawthorne, chosen Rookie of the Year; and Lexeen Weaver, regional volunteer of the year, were given special recognition.

The Ackerly Volunteer Band and Mart Remley were chosen Star Award Winners for special volunteer projects. Both participated in the hospital's annual Christmas parties.

Other volunteers receiving awards for their hours of service included:

Murlene Williams, 16,000 hours; Hazel Duggan, 8,269 hours; Covie Williams, 5,829; and Lexeen Weaver, 5,752.

Katy Brandon, 5,075 hours; Lou Vincent, 3,720 hours; and Salem Baptist Church, 3,336; Robin Hallman, 2,021; Don Newsom, 1,158; and Ruth Stephenson, 1,447.

Jobeth Corwin, 659 hours; and Roxie McDaniel, 556 hours. Shirley Bodin, 242; Evelyn Burchett, 357; Sandra Cox, 184; Sally Fields, 178; JoAnn Forrest, 188; Linda Hawthorne, 173; Debra Ann Keel, 384; Corey Marr, 110; Paula Newton, 384; Cliffla Slate, 102; and Gay Smith, 120.

VA helpers receive thanks

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Big Spring VA Medical Center honored its volunteers Thursday evening with a dinner and recognition ceremony.

Taking top honors with the Director's Commendation was Clara Lewis. Top recruiter was Evelyn Redman.

Honored VA volunteers and their hours of service include:

100 hours: Rita Barnett, James Brumit, Kay Campbell, Shelby Capps, Dennis Carmichael, Donna Carmichael, Thomas Carroll, Lisa Caviness, Amy Christian, Calthorpe Clarke, Tonya Drake, Ruth Eubanks, Catherine Foo, Marvin Green, Stanley Gregory, Gloria Hickman, Ismael Holguin, Silous Huddleston, Amy Hyden, Bill Lloyd, Heartenets Maples, Shawn Mays, Glenn McLeod, Joe O'Bryan, Del Schieber,



Bivian Hagar, center, receives a certificate noting 175 hours of volunteer service during a banquet at the VA Medical Center Thursday. Also shown are the Rev. Carroll Kohl, left, and Carey Brown.

Norma Scheiber, Cliffla Slate, Bullard, Ivan Chesnutt, Helen Green, Maria Guerrero, Chris Kenan, Odean Lasater, Midred Marble, Pam Puga, Elton

300 hours: Zelda Abbe, Isidro Brijalba, Velda Bristow, Allen

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Hangar 25 project enters second phase of construction

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Activity surrounding Big Spring's Hangar 25 Restoration Project is slightly behind what was originally predicted by architect Steve Ellinger, vice president of Abilene-based Cadco Architects-Engineers Inc., but that has done nothing to dampen the excitement surrounding the project.

McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark Manager Nelda Reagan said the project is about ready to have

its pre-bid visits by potential bidders on phase two of the project, which is the construction phase.

"We have a pre-bid meeting on May 5 here at the airpark," Reagan said. "Potential bidders will meet with the architect, receive bid specifications and do a site visit of Hangar 25."

"We expect bids to be opened on May 19," Reagan added.

As for the flavor of the project, Ellinger said, "A little bit of Webb Air Force base is coming back to life after 20 years."

Ellinger met with Assistant

City Manager Emma Bogard, Reagan and Hangar 25 Restoration Committee Chairman Jerry Worthy last November as the design phase of the Hangar 25 Project began.

It may have been by pure coincidence, but that meeting on Nov. 12 fell on Veterans Day and the day the 100th commemorative name plaque was purchased from the committee by Ellinger.

All plaques sold to date help benefit the restoration of Hangar 25, but the committee will not stop there. Other

plaques sold will help fund the operation of the hangar as well as various exhibits, according to Worthy.

Project officials describe Hangar 25 as a very unique project.

"It will be the only real aircraft museum in a vintage hangar," Ellinger said. "The project is unique in that it has a theme that emphasizes the training type of plane. A lot of museums are dedicated to the bombers and fighter planes, but we're dedicated to the training type aircraft."

WEATHER

Tonight:



Sat:



Sun:



Mon:



Tonight, partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms. Low near 60. Saturday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. High in the mid 80s. Saturday night, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Low in the 50s. Extended forecast, Sunday, partly cloudy and windy, High in the 70s. Monday and Tuesday, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s.

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OBITUARIES

Alma Lomax Jones

A graveside memorial service for Alma Lomax Jones, 70, Winslow, Ark., will be 11 a.m. Saturday, April 25, 1998, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Ms. Lomax died Tuesday, Feb. 24, in Winslow.

She was born on April 24, 1927, in Ft. Pierce, Fla., the daughter of Robert Claude and Mary Ellen Paulk Lomax. She was a school teacher for 41 years and taught in Stanton, Hobbs, N.M., and Wichita, Kan. She was a lifetime member of the United Methodist Church and was well known for her piano and gospel singing.

She is survived by: one son, Louis Dawkins of Wichita, Kan.; one daughter, Dianna Stahl of Vacaville, Calif.; two sisters, Edna Merrell of Snyder, and Elsie Neill of Big Spring; one brother, Robert Lomax of Odessa; and three grandchildren.

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

Robert B. Sisson

Robert B. Sisson, 71, Big Spring, died on Tuesday, April 21, 1998, in a local hospital. His body was cremated. Private services will be held at a later date in San Antonio.

He was born on Oct. 29, 1925, in Palestine. Mr. Sisson was a lifelong resident of Big Spring and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1944. He attended the University of Texas in Austin, graduating with an engineering degree. He worked for the U.S. Post Office as a carrier, retiring in 1988. He was a member of East Fourth St. Baptist Church.

Survivors include: two nieces, Alicia Lindley of Snow Camp, N.C., and Denise Linn of Saudia Arabia; and two nephews, Robert B. Martin and Michael F. Martin, both of San Antonio.

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

Christopher Dawson Ewell

Christopher Dawson "C.D." Ewell, 83, Stanton, died on Thursday, April 23, 1998, in a Big Spring hospital. Graveside service will be 2 p.m. Saturday, April 25, 1998, at Trinity Memorial Park with Jim Starrak, Lay Minister at Hosanna Christian Fellowship in Stanton, officiating.

He was born on Sept. 19, 1914, in Pleasanton, and married Volena Sarah Proffitt on Sept. 26, 1937, in Big Spring.

They had lived in Big Spring from 1971 to 1985 when they moved to Stanton. He owned C.D. Ewell Sales Company.

He attended 14th & Main Church of Christ. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army having served during World War II.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288
Gerald Clark, 64, died Thursday. Services are 10:00 AM Saturday at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Burial in Trinity Memorial Park.
Anna Cruz, 67, died Today. Services are pending.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home

Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St.
(915) 267-6331
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Survivors include: his wife, Volena Ewell of Odessa; one son and daughter-in-law, Bobby Wayne and Donna Kay Ewell of San Angelo; one daughter, Billie Underwood, Odessa; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to: Alzheimer's Association of the Permian Basin; P.O. Box 3389; Midland; 79702.

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Paid obituary

Gerald Clark

Service for Gerald Clark, 64, Big Spring, will be 10 a.m. Saturday, April 25, 1998, at St. Mary's Episcopal Church with Rev. James Liggett, Rector of St. Mary's, officiating. Burial will follow in Trinity Memorial



CLARK

Memorial Park with military honors provided by Goodfellow Air Force Base, San Angelo.

Mr. Clark died Thursday, April 23, at the VA Medical Center following a long illness.

He was born on Oct. 3, 1933, in Dekalb, Ark. He married Nell Scott on Feb. 4, 1957, in Yuma, Ariz. He was a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church. He had served in the USAF from 1953 to 1974. His units included, Air-Sea Rescue, Norton Air Force Base, Lowell, Mass., 360th Recon Squadron, Vietnam (1966-67), Deputy Chief, Justmag, Bangkok, Thailand. After retiring from the military, he worked for the U.S. Postal Service, retiring in 1994 due to ill health.

He is survived by his wife, Nell Clark of Big Spring; four daughters, Debra Edwards, Sharon Adams, Donna Downing and Sandy Wright, all of Big Spring; one sister, Helen Wheeler of Gadsden, Ala.; and 10 grandchildren.

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

Emma Cruz

Service for Emma Cruz, 67, Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

She died today at Comanche Trail Nursing Home.

VA

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Turner, Eddie Vela.

500 hours: Linda Balcom, Richard Banks, Thomas Carroll, Alfred Caviel, Paul Duren, Josephine Garcia, Eschell Graham, Salvador Guerrero, Leonard Harrell, Steve Haynes, Jesse Hernandez, Robert Hodges, Betty Mannering, Sam Mannering, Margie Windsor.

750 hours: Garry Fowler, Orman Gabhart, Floyd Hickman, Edwina Reagan, H. Paul Suess, Wayne Thompson.

1,000 hours: Mable Bunton, Davy Clark, John Coleman, John McDiffitt, Gene Quigley, Andrea Stoeffler, Ray Stukel, Henry Terrazas, Odell Turner.

Hours and years of service:
Alice Fisher, 19 years 1,054 hours
Al Hirt, 13 years 1,112 hours
Bill Norris, 10 years 1,239 hours
Glenn White, 6 years 1,005 hours
Mary Wilbanks, 19 years 1,410 hours

1,750 hours: Bivian Hager, Dorothy Holland, Violet May Melton, James Nordyke, Lucy Raymond, Eunice Woods.

Hours and years of service:
Earnestine Davenport, 25 years 1,780 hours
Janet Lyons, 14 years 1,811 hours
Terance Lyons, 14 years 1,813 hours
Lucille McFarlen, 21 years 1,846 hours

2,500 hours: Wanda Anderson, Keith Bristow, Earl Coates,

3,750 hours: Jessie Alba, Jimmie Batie, Don Brodie, Lloyd Claxton, Rolan Covington, Alton Ditto, Joe Dobbs, Whip Johnson, Guy Mathie, Leo Welch, Reeves Moren.

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Also honored for support were: American Ex-Prisoners of War; American Gold Star Mothers; The American Legion; American Legion Auxiliary; Sons of the American Legion; American Red Cross; Amvets; Colonial Dames of XVII Century; Daughters of the American Revolution; Disabled American Veterans; Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary; Elks National Service Commission; First Baptist Church; First Christian Church; First United Methodist Church; Fraternal Order of the Eagles.

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Kenneth Lacy, Evelyn Redman, Don Scheiber, Glyn Sullivan. Hours and years of service:
Nita Arsbson, 29 years 2,640 hours
Hazel Duggan, 19 years 2,643 hours
Pete Evans, 33 years 2,690 hours
William Purser, 15 years 2,627 hours

3,750 hours: Jessie Alba, Jimmie Batie, Don Brodie, Lloyd Claxton, Rolan Covington, Alton Ditto, Joe Dobbs, Whip Johnson, Guy Mathie, Leo Welch, Reeves Moren.

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A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

curb, driving crazy."

The pickup appeared to rear-end another vehicle, stop and start again, Reyes and others said. At this point, witnesses said a man was sitting on the passenger's side, and left the vehicle sometime between the intersections of 4th and 8th streets.

Careening into parking lots and crossing curbs, the pickup began making its way south on Gregg, Reyes said. When it hit Paredes and Padilla, he added, "it almost looked like he was aiming for them, not trying to stop or anything."

Officers had talked to several witnesses, but were hoping additional people would come forward with information, said Sweat. He said they hope to hear from the pickup's passenger and the driver of the car Anderson may have rear-ended at the stoplight.

Dozens gathered at the scene of the accident while rescue personnel worked. The south-bound side of Gregg, littered with broken glass, plastic, and car parts, remained closed about an hour and half Thursday afternoon while the cleanup continued.

Staff writer Kathy Gilbert contributed to this report.

TRIAD

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created by the Attorney General's Office, said Durham. "At the end of this day we will have created 80 Triad agreements and at the end of the term we hope to have created 100. We will have twice as many as any other state in the entire union."

"A Triad is a covenant," continued Durham, "its purpose is to bring together law enforcement and senior citizens in order to communicate about senior citizens issues."

The lineup of local luminaries signing the pledge included: Howard County Sheriff Bill Jennings, Howard County Judge Ben Lockhart, Big Spring Police Chief Lonnie Smith, Big Spring Mayor Tim Blackshear, American Association of Retired Persons Representative Regina Dabney, Area Agency for the Agency Representative Cookie Wetendorf, Retired Seniors Volunteer Program (RSVP) Representative Nancy Jones, Spring City Senior Center Director Bobbie Leonard, Howard County Ministerial Alliance Representative Carroll Kohl, and representatives from Congressman Charles Stenholm and State Senator Robert Duncan's offices.

Jennings and Smith, two of the three legs of Howard County's "triad," said volunteers were the key reason for their involvement.

"Anytime you can utilize our senior citizens it's good for the community," Smith said. Smith cited the importance of three volunteers at the police station and RSVP. "It's rewarding and it's heartfelt," he said.

"(The program) is going to give the senior citizens that need help, volunteers that can help," Jennings said.

"It's a good program. It's needed to be done for some time," said Blackshear.

Triads are being formed nationwide at a rapid pace, Porter said. "I can't even give you a number that'll stay good over 10 minutes."

After the signing ceremony, a county-wide S.A.L.T. (Seniors And Law enforcement Together) council will be formed, Porter said. "What the SALT council will want to do is to have a brainstorming ses-

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tion to determine the needs in this community," Porter said.

Volunteers are needed for the council, which can be any number, but will probably be between nine and eleven people, she added.

The SALT council will advise top law enforcement officers in Howard County on crime and public safety issues, the Attorney General's office said.

Triads may do some or all of nearly 30 different activities, Morales said. They may survey the elderly community to determine their needs, conduct crime prevention programs at senior gatherings, call elderly people to prevent isolation, provide house numbers for emergency services, conduct golf patrol in parking lots, conduct leadership training for SALT council members, sponsor training about aging and elder issues for law enforcement and businesses, promote Senior Safety Expos, Senior Fairs, seminars and other special crime prevention-oriented events, publish Senior Safety Tips calendars, and plan drug education days to review prescriptions.

"Big Spring Evening Lion's Club; 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Al Valdes, 263-6810.

"Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of abuse, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.

"TOPS Clubs (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:15 p.m. weigh in and 6:15 p.m. meeting, Family Hospice, 3210 E. 11th Place.

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

"Stroke Club support group, support group for victims and family members of a stroke, 6:30 p.m., Miracle Revival Center, 600 E. FM 700. Call Bob Felts or Cyndi Gibson at 263-1441 or 263-7633.

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports:

Thursday
8:57 a.m. — 100 block Lindsey, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

3:48 p.m. — 8th and Gregg, traffic accident, three patients transported to SMMC.

7:28 p.m. — 1700 block Johnson, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

8:14 p.m. — 1700 block Lancaster, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

11:28 p.m. — 1000 block Goliad, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

POLICE

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

• MIGUEL ARENIVAZ, 30, was arrested for public intoxication.

• ANTONIO GONZALEZ, 18, was arrested for burglary of a building.

• THEFT reported in the 700 block of E. 11th, the 2300 block of Wasson and near the intersection of Virginia and FM 700.

• DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED reported in the 800 block of Gregg.

• ASSAULT reported in the 600 block of Caylor and the 2500 block of Ent Dr.

RECORDS

Thursday's high 88
Thursday's low 53
Average high 82
Average low 52
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Record low 36 in 1937
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Walker Railey weds again in California

DALLAS (AP) — Walker Railey has remarried, shortly after finalizing his divorce from the woman he was accused of choking nearly to death.

The former senior minister of the First United Methodist Church of Dallas married a woman identified by a church official as Donna Berry. The wedding occurred Saturday in Los Angeles, The Dallas Morning News reported.

Afterward, the couple declined to comment.

"You're wasting your time calling," Railey, 50, told the newspaper by telephone from his Los Angeles home. "I'm not going to give you a statement."

The wedding came less than two weeks after he signed final papers ending his marriage to Margaret "Peggy" Railey, who has been in a vegetative state since being attacked in the garage of the couple's east Dallas residence on April 21, 1987.

After the choking, Railey attempted suicide, admitted an affair with a church member and resigned his ministerial credentials.

He was acquitted in 1993 at San Antonio of attempted murder, but his wife's family won an \$18 million civil judgment in 1988, holding Railey responsible for the attack.

That judgment was dismissed as part of the recent divorce settlement, which requires Railey to pay \$337 a month in alimony. Ted Nicolai, Peggy Railey's brother and legal guardian, said the first payment arrived Wednesday.

"He better keep those checks coming if he doesn't want to see my smiling face on his doorstep," said Nicolai, 43.

"I can't believe anyone would marry him," Nicolai said of the wedding. "But nothing Walker Railey does surprises me."

Peggy Railey never recovered from a savage attack at her Lake Highlands home and remains grotesquely disfigured in what doctors call a vegetative state.

She requires 24-hour care in a Tyler nursing home.

She wears diapers and is fed through tubes. She has no muscle control, intermittently wakes and sleeps, makes noises and cries but "can't tell somebody when she hurts," a relative said.

A woman answering Railey's home phone in Los Angeles Thursday afternoon said she was Mrs. Railey, but would not give her first name or any details of the wedding.

"We knew this call was coming, we just didn't know when," she said. "We'll have to defer any questions to our attorney," Howard Pilch of Los Angeles. Pilch did not return messages left on his voice mail Thursday.

The attack on his wife took place at a time that Railey was a rising star in his congregation's downtown Dallas church.

Railey told police he discovered his wife about 12:40 a.m. when he returned from an evening of research at Southern Methodist University.

But rumors soon began to circulate that investigators had "indisputable evidence" that Railey lied about his activities that night.

Mobile phone records and messages he left on his home answering machine suggested that Railey was creating a phony alibi.

Six years would pass before he admitted from the witness stand in a San Antonio courtroom that was exactly what he had done. But he swore he was not covering up attempted murder. He said he was hiding his ongoing affair with psychologist Lucy Papillon.

Attorneys push to clear way for execution

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals today considered a request to overturn a lower court ruling that effectively halts a condemned killer's execution even though it is not a formal reprieve.

The court was reviewing an appeal from the state attorney general's office that seeks to clear the way for tonight's scheduled execution of Lesley Lee Gosch.

Gosch, set to die for killing a San Antonio-area banker's wife in a botched extortion attempt more than 12 years ago, would be the second Texas death row inmate executed this week and the fifth this year.

The execution could be halted, however, because of a ruling handed down earlier in the week by state District Judge Mary Pearl Williams in Austin.

Williams agreed with Gosch's attorneys that the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles violated the state constitution and open meetings law in its denials of Gosch's earlier applications for commutation.

The judge said the board did not keep minutes or a tape recording of its deliberations and votes as required by the Texas Open Meetings Act, and improperly made its decisions in closed session.

She set a hearing next Wednesday — five days after Gosch was scheduled to be executed — to consider a request from the inmate's lawyers for a temporary injunction.

State attorneys went to the appeals court contending the Austin judge has no authority to stop Gosch's execution and that only the court that issued his death warrant or the Court

of Criminal Appeals has such authority.

Ron Dusek, a spokesman for the attorney general's office, said Texas law also specifically exempts the Board of Pardons and Paroles from the Open Meetings Act.

"Her order is contrary to law," he said of the district court ruling.

The state's motion to the Court of Criminal Appeals noted clemency procedures, which came under intense scrutiny earlier this year prior to the Karla Faye Tucker execution, do not call for the 18-member board to meet as a whole, records state.

The appeals court agreed Thursday to allow Gosch's attorneys to respond to the state's motion.

No decision was expected until later today.

Gosch, 42, was awaiting sentencing for manufacturing illegal gun silencers when he killed Rebecca Jo Patton at her home in Alamo Heights, a San Antonio suburb.

On Jan. 15, he received a U.S. Supreme Court reprieve about 45 minutes after the lethal injection was scheduled to start. Executions do not occur until all legal challenges have been resolved.

Prosecutors said Gosch was the mastermind of the Sept. 15, 1985, extortion scheme that left Mrs. Patton, 42, dead.

She was shot six times in the head with a .22-caliber pistol.

Testimony at Gosch's trial showed he planned to abduct Mrs. Patton for ransom so he could get money to pay for a flight to Belize to avoid a prison sentence for a federal firearms conviction.



Big Spring paramedics prepare to transport Randell Lee Anderson, 43, of Colorado City from the scene of a four-vehicle accident in the 800 block of Gregg Thursday (right). Witnesses comfort Christina Rodriguez Padilla of Big Spring (left).

House moves to curb judiciary's power

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal judges would be barred from ordering the early release of prisoners to remedy overcrowding or other prison conditions under a measure adopted by the House.

On a 367-52 vote Thursday, the House approved an amendment by House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Sugar Land, that would limit judges' powers in dealing with prison conditions.

The legislation, which is part of a broader Republican-crafted judicial reform bill the House adopted Thursday, also would strike down existing consent decrees that Texas and other states have entered into with federal courts to improve prison conditions.

"Under the threat of federal

courts, states are being forced to prematurely release convicts because of what activist judges call 'prison overcrowding,'" said DeLay, who has long railed against what he considers judicial overreach.

It remains to be seen whether DeLay's measure and the overall judicial reform bill will clear Congress. There is no comparable legislation in the Senate. And, Attorney General Janet Reno will recommend that President Clinton veto the bill if it reaches his desk.

In calling for passage of his measure, DeLay took aim at two judges: U.S. District Judge Norma Shapiro of Pennsylvania, whom he blamed for ordering the release of thousands of inmates; and U.S.

District Judge William Wayne Justice of Texas.

Ruling in a 1972 inmate lawsuit, Justice imposed prison population caps and other remedies after declaring that conditions in Texas' prisons were so crowded and inhumane that they violated the Constitution. That 1981 ruling led to billions of dollars in spending on new prisons.

The order also earned Justice the wrath of conservatives. DeLay, who last year mused about initiating impeachment proceedings against judges he terms too activist, cited Justice as a possible target because of the prison ruling.

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each Friday, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play.

This week we salute:

RUNNELS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, who raised \$1,650 to purchase 11 new windows for the Settles project.

THE BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS TRACK TEAM, which won its fourth straight District 4-4A title last weekend in San Angelo.

BSHS SPRINTER TORY MITCHELL, who set district records in the 100 meter and 200 meter dashes at the District 4-4A meet in San Angelo.

Big Spring's STEPHANIE STEWART, who qualified for the AAU National Gymnastics meet.

THE BSHS GIRLS GOLF TEAM, which won its first ever district title last weekend.

BSHS TENNIS PLAYERS HSIAO-HSIUAN LI, DEVON SWAFFORD AND MONICA VILLARREAL, who qualified for the the Region I-4A tennis meet.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

Consider states 'the house,' and bet against them

Many states have adopted lotteries to raise money for "education." If the "education" the money provided amounted to anything, no one would play the state lotteries.



Dale McFeatters Just Dessert

Gambling, after all, is a great educator. It teaches us about:

Mathematics: "Everything in life is 7 to 5 against."

Family values: "Trust your mother but you cut the cards."

The professions: "Never play poker with a man called doc."

Morality: "I'm good for the money. Really."

And mankind's transience: "All horse players die broke."

But the states don't truly care about education. To paraphrase the Clinton campaign, "It's the money, stupid."

For example, New York, the first to bring us state-sponsored off-track betting, cracked down hard on some student bookies at Columbia University. Being students at a selective, pres-

tige, Ivy League school, the young bookies had elected to enter the unregulated gaming business on the side of the plucker, rather than the pluckee.

Many states are trying to crack down on Internet gambling. That's where a gambler with access to a PC and a credit card can place a bet on a machine he doesn't understand with a bookie he doesn't know on a Caribbean island he's never heard of. "The Suckerola Islands? They must be here on the map somewhere."

A simpler way for anyone living in the Mississippi drainage basin to get their money to the Caribbean — with as good a rate of return — would be to flush it down the toilet. But that's their business.

Don't think of the state as government; think of it as "the house." And the house always gets its cut, a principle the government prefers to call "the tax code."

Gambling is seen as a painless, even fun, way to raise revenue, and state and local governments are under tremendous pressure to permit casinos, slot machines, river boats and lotteries.

"Education" has run its course as a pretext for allowing

Gambling is seen as a painless ... way to raise revenue, and state and local governments are under tremendous pressure to permit casinos ...

gambling. The new feel-good justification is "saving our cities," as if Atlantic City were a model of robust municipal health. Veterans of the Sixties will remember "saving the cities" as a money sump rivaling Caribbean gambling via the toilet bowl in efficacy.

For a career pol, Maryland Gov. Parris Glendening has an admirably straightforward position on gambling: "No slots, no casinos, no exceptions." In a more raffish era, parts of Maryland were famed for rigged slot machines and a "Las Vegas night" that supported huge and lavishly equipped volunteer fire departments in areas with basically no fires.

Glendening is taking a beating from his own Democrats,

and the Republicans have yet to take a crack at him.

The money from gambling is becoming too good. Inevitably, it will attract the attention of the federal government. One inevitability is because the Indians have made a great success of casino gambling on their reservations. If the Great White Father wouldn't let them keep all the land and the buffalo, it's a cinch the government isn't going to let them keep all the money.

The federal government will be nothing if not subtle:

Slot machines in every post office. The double-or-nothing tax audit. The Social Security lottery: "A chance to win \$880 a month for the rest of your life!" The lucky winner scratch-off number on U.S. Savings Bonds. Casino night at the VA hospital. And the daily number from the Federal Reserve Board. And, as a way of putting an end to all those endless appeals from death row inmates awaiting the electric chair, the popular cash or flash game, "You Bet Your Life!"

The proceeds will, of course, go to education.

(Dale McFeatters is a columnist for Scripps Howard News Service.)



Humane Society drive benefits pets and owners

By WALTER R. MEARS AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Eventually, congressional Republicans may figure out how they want to deal with the Bill Clinton case. Their messages since the sex and cover-up allegations surfaced have been so mixed as to be blurred.

Not that the Democrats are all that clear on their handling of claims against the president. Some are defending him; others are waiting to see what happens next.

It may be a campaign question for Democrats. It is a practical one for the Republicans because they control Congress, where the case may wind up. GOP leaders had been waiting what they thought would be an imminent report from special prosecutor Kenneth Starr on Clinton's conduct, but that may not happen for a while.

Over the 3 1/2 months since Starr got his Whitewater franchise expanded to include the Monica Lewinsky sex and lying allegations, the Republicans have tried being polite; they've planned for House impeachment proceedings against the president; they've told the GOP troops to stay calm and wait; and their more ardent Clinton foes have denounced him, sometimes

stridently.

None more so than Rep. Dan Burton of Indiana, chairman of the House investigation of Democratic fund raising and thus of Clinton. Burton called the president a scumbag.

Before that, Rep. Dick Army, the House majority leader from Texas, said he would resign in shame if he had "documented personal conduct along the lines of the president's."

The zigzagging reactions chart Republican frustration at the way the White House has been deflecting and effectively delaying the investigation, while Clinton's job approval ratings defied their sense of political gravity and went higher.

At the outset, just before Clinton's Jan. 27 State of the Union message, their response was in line with the political counsel that when an opponent is in trouble, just let it happen. So the instructions from House Speaker Newt Gingrich were for Republicans to be polite to the president when he came to the Capitol that night, applaud the office and let the man be.

The premise was that piling on Clinton would be bad politics, and that the Starr investigation would sink the president's standing. Instead, it was Starr's that sank, as Clinton's improved.

This despite allegations that Clinton had sex with the White House intern and urged her to lie about it. "A presidency enveloped in scandal is good for nobody, and the faith that the American people have put in President Clinton has been violated time and time again," Rep. Tom DeLay of Texas, the GOP whip, told the House a month ago.

At the same time, Gingrich and Rep. Henry Hyde of Illinois, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, worked on plans for handling any report to the House from Starr referring possible impeachable offenses. The Judiciary Committee budget was increased by \$1.3 million for the rest of the year. Its staff was expanded, in case.

Then they settled down to wait for Starr. Gingrich said later the Republicans should be calm and relax until the special prosecutor acted. The speaker said everything depended on what Starr reported.

The presumption was that he would do so by late spring. Indeed, Sen. Trent Lott, the majority leader, said on March 6 that Starr should show his cards and wrap up his case, although he backed off when other Republicans disputed him.

Now, though, it is a waiting game.

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AMONG LECHEROUS MIDDLE MANAGERS... HEY! THAT'S SOCCER DADS! AND IN FACT, THE PRESIDENT'S NUMBERS ARE WAY UP... FOUR MORE YEARS! FOUR!

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Prosecutors: Young girls forced into prostitution ring

MIAMI (AP) — Lured from Mexico by the promise of jobs, 20 women — some as young as 14 — were forced into prostitution rings that prosecutors said imprisoned the victims in a life of sex slavery, beatings and forced abortions.

In a 52-count indictment released Thursday, federal prosecutors told of the horrors inflicted on unwitting victims: 15 days' confinement in a closet for escape, rapes and beatings, even squads to hunt down those who got away.

The allegations "are shocking and unconscionable," said Bill Lann Lee, the Justice Department civil rights chief.

The government charged 16

members of a family-run prostitution ring based in Veracruz, Mexico. Eight were taken into custody and eight remained at large.

The indictment charges the defendants with conspiracy, alien smuggling and involuntary servitude, among other things.

It was the American dream of finding legitimate jobs, such as housekeeping and restaurant work, that led a nightmarish life for the women and girls, prosecutors said. The prostitution circuit served 12 brothels in mostly rural Florida cities and two in South Carolina.

Recruited from Veracruz, the victims were hauled first to a

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border crossing in Brownsville, Texas, then to a "safe house" in Houston. Then came the end of the line — they were forced to work as prostitutes for as many as six days a week, the indictment said.

The brothels, mostly catering to migrant farm workers, were run by "ticketeros," who got their name for collecting condom wrappers that served as tickets for sexual encounters.

Sometimes the prostitutes earned as little as \$3 per sexual act, while the ticketeros charged \$20.

Prostitutes weren't allowed to leave until they paid back their smuggling debt — \$2,400 in one case. And they couldn't leave brothels at all without an escort.

Threats of violence kept the women in line, prosecutors said. Some threats became real-

ity. A pregnant woman who was kicked in the belly suffered a miscarriage. A 21-year-old woman was thrown in a closet for trying to escape. A 26-year-old woman was hit for trying to stop the rape of a 15-year-old girl.

Women forced to have abortions were forced back to work within weeks.

Amazingly, two 15-year-old girls got free and went to the Mexican consulate in Miami with their tales of being made to perform as many as 20 sex acts a day for \$20 each. Two more women escaped the following month.

Three girls and 11 women are

cooperating with investigators and have been allowed to stay in the United States for a year.

The teen-agers' flight and bravery helped bring about change in Washington, where Attorney General Janet Reno announced the formation Thursday of a worker-exploitation task force.

The Florida indictment was the latest of several high-profile immigrant cases in recent years, including one involving dozens of deaf Mexicans forced to peddle trinkets on New York subways.

"Slavery is one of history's worst moments, but it isn't just history when you look at some of these cases," Reno said.

HIV

Infection rate stays steady, CDC reports

ATLANTA (AP) — The rate at which people are becoming infected with HIV in the United States has held relatively steady despite a historic drop in AIDS cases, suggesting that many people are not heeding warnings about prevention.

There was an estimated decline of 2 percent in the number of new HIV cases diagnosed among people 13 and older from 1995 to 1996, according to a study released Thursday by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"We're not seeing good news in the fact that we are not seeing a substantial decline" in the infection rate, said Dr. Patricia Fleming, a CDC researcher.

The study used statistics from the 25 states that report HIV infection rates.

"This is a case of the glass is half full," said Cornelius Baker of the National Association of People with AIDS. "People are living longer. That's great. But with a steady infection rate, it means the epidemic isn't going away."

AIDS deaths dropped 21 percent in 1996, while the number of people with AIDS dropped 6 percent, according to figures previously released by the CDC. AIDS deaths were down an additional 44 percent in the first half of 1997.

People diagnosed with the virus that causes AIDS aren't considered to have the disease until they develop symptoms, so delaying its onset and prolonging the lives of people who test positive for the virus can reduce the number of AIDS deaths — even while there's little change in the infection rate.

The study estimated that HIV cases between 1994 and mid-1997 dropped slightly among men but increased among women.

It also found a leveling off in the infection rate among young people overall, but minorities now make up a greater portion of that group. Of the 7,200 cases of HIV reported among people aged 13 to 24, 63 percent were black and 5 percent Hispanic.

Ms. Fleming cautioned that not all states were required to report infection rates. The new figures don't include California and New York, so the true national infection rate could be higher or lower. The CDC wants all states to create a name-based HIV reporting system.

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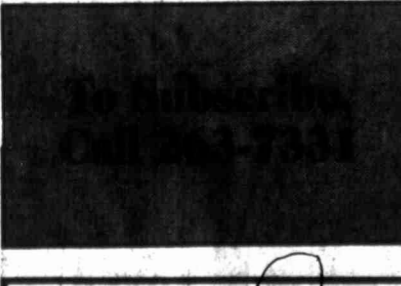
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Russians OK new minister

MOSCOW (AP) — Parliament confirmed Sergei Kiriyenko as Russia's new prime minister in a show-down vote today, ending a monthlong political standoff that nearly brought the dissolution of the legislature.

The vote was 251-25 in favor of Kiriyenko, who had previously faced strong resistance from the Communist Party and other opposition groups. He needed 226 votes to be confirmed.

The vote was a victory for President Boris Yeltsin, who had refused to offer any other candidates to lead a new Russian government. Yeltsin and Kiriyenko will form a new Cabinet soon and try to re-energize stalled economic reforms.

Lawmakers had rejected Kiriyenko twice in the past two weeks. But many swallowed their pride today and supported him to avoid the disbanding of parliament's lower house, the State Duma.

If Kiriyenko had lost, Yeltsin would have been empowered to dissolve the legislature, call early elections and simply appoint the prime minister of his choice.

Before the vote, Communist leader Gennady Zyuganov said his faction would again oppose Kiriyenko and did not fear the dissolution of parliament.

"We are not afraid of new elections. We are a serious party and we will not change our decision to vote against Kiriyenko," Zyuganov said.

In a 25-minute speech before the balloting, the bespectacled Kiriyenko addressed deputies in his customary assured manner, outlining the Cabinet's plans.

"The enormous number of problems in the economy makes us all share responsibility for the fate of Russia. Let us respond to this challenge by deeds and not by words. We have no time to waste," Kiriyenko said.

Zyuganov called on Yeltsin to withdraw Kiriyenko's nomination before the final vote.

"Our party thinks the continuation of his course will lead the country to a full and final catastrophe," Zyuganov said.

The disbanding of parliament and a new round of parliamentary elections would have added to Russia's political turmoil at a time when the country needs to deal with pressing economic and social woes.

Many Russians are fed up with the inability of politicians to solve chronic problems and it's not clear which faction would have come out on top. As a result, none expressed a desire for early elections.

While most of the Communists voted against Kiriyenko, three other opposition parties said they voted for him, and that swung the balance. The parties said beforehand it was more important to preserve the Duma than fight a losing battle over Kiriyenko's nomination.

In hope and sorrow, Jews remember Auschwitz

OSWIECIM, Poland (AP) — Led for the first time by an Israeli prime minister, 7,000 Jews from around the world remembered the Holocaust on Thursday with a march from the Nazi death camp Auschwitz to the gas chambers where more than a million Jews perished.

This year's "March of the Living" had particular resonance because of the 50th anniversary of the foundation of Israel. It drew more marchers than ever before — including some 500 Holocaust survivors, their families and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

"This is the lesson of the Holocaust, this and only this: That the existence of the Jewish people is tied to Jewish sovereignty and a Jewish army that rests on the strength of Jewish faith," Netanyahu said in ceremonies after the march.

Holocaust Memorial Day also was observed Thursday in Israel, where the piercing wail of sirens brought the Jewish state to a standstill for two minutes while Israelis bowed their heads in silence.

Schoolchildren got up from their desks and pedestrians stopped in their tracks as the sirens blared out across the

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Benjamin Netanyahu

nation. In Jerusalem's Yad Vashem's Hall of Remembrance, visitors took turns reading names of victims.

Many then placed white carnations on the black stone floor covered with the inscriptions of the names of the Nazi camps. As the ceremony went on, carnations piled up high on the name of the Auschwitz death camp.

About 360,000 Holocaust survivors live in Israel, constituting more than 5 percent of the population of 6 million.

In Poland, under crisp blue skies, the two-mile journey started at the Auschwitz gate that bears the cynical Nazi slogan "Arbeit Macht Frei" — "Work will make you free" — and ended at the chillingly austere barracks and gas chamber ruins of the Birkenau extermination camp.

Bearing fluttering blue-and-

white Israeli flags and banners from as far away as Argentina, marchers sang, prayed and hugged as they walked through the dusty, rural town of Oswiecim.

The mood of was one of mourning the Nazi atrocity and celebrating the Israeli state, of reconciliation between Poles and Jews, of older generations sharing their memories with teen-agers who until now understood the Holocaust only from textbooks.

"We knew we would have the support of all these young people. By the same token, we tell of our experiences," said 70-year-old Holocaust survivor Ray Berman, a Polish native who came from Miami with a high-school group.

Like most groups, Berman's will travel next to Israel for anniversary celebrations.

"By our doing this, it shows we'll remember," said Matthew

Margolis, 18, of Beverly, Mass. "We see so many memorials. But it's like we're a living memorial."

In front of the ruined crematorium at the end of the march, six torches burned in memory of the 6 million Jews who died in the Holocaust.

While honoring those victims in his speech to the marchers, Prime Minister Jerzy Buzek reminded them that 75,000 non-Jewish Poles also perished under the Nazis.

The dark history of Nazi-controlled Poland cast a slight shadow over the ceremonies, with American teen-agers giving their impressions of Poland as "gloomy," "uncivilized," and a country of "no-Jews."

Before World War II, Poland had a thriving Jewish population of 3.5 million, compared to the estimated 20,000 Jews in

Poland today. Some marchers wondered why Poles didn't do more to save their Jewish compatriots.

Buzek tried to explain. "There was an immediate death penalty for saving even one Jew," he said.

"The Nazis applied collective responsibility in such cases, and they would kill the whole family, often the neighbors. Only Poles had to pay such a high price for helping Jews."

Many families took the risk, including the one that saved Miriam Hasson, who traveled from Tel Aviv for the march.

Mrs. Hasson was 10 when the Nazis liquidated the Warsaw ghetto. Her parents dead, she made her way to a town outside the city and to the doorstep of the family that took her in and kept her safe until the end of the war.

"It was a great danger, but they helped me gladly," she said, her eyes moistening, her mouth widening in a smile. "They told me, 'Now, we are your family, and we will always be your family.' And they were."

Rwandan execute 22 convicted of genocide despite pleas for clemency from the pope

KIGALI, Rwanda (AP) — With thousands of survivors looking on, firing squads in Rwanda executed 22 people today, among the first convicted in the Central African country's 1994 genocide.

Rwandan leaders dismissed last-minute pleas for clemency, including an appeal from Pope John Paul II.

Tens of thousands of Rwandans, among them survivors of the slaughter, gathered at a red clay soccer field in Kigali where three men and one woman wearing pink prisoners' uniforms were put to death.

Another 18 convicts were executed in the outlying towns of Gikongoro, Nyamata, Murambi and Cyasamakamba, state-run Radio Rwanda reported.

In Kigali, the convicts were tied to posts, black sacks draped over their heads and white bands marked with targets bound to their chests. After a minutes-long pause during which the crowd jeered angrily, blue-uniformed police officers shot them one by one from a distance of less than a yard.

After the first shots, the crowd fell silent. When all four were dead, their heads hanging limply, applause and cheers broke out. One man cried, "God is good."

"This is justice, but it's not enough," said a witness who refused to give his name. "It would have been better to cut off their fingers one at a time, then to kill them slowly."

Cabo Ninyetegeka of the president's office said the executions will teach people that they cannot kill without consequences.

"We are not sadists," he said. "But there is a legacy of political ruthlessness and now justice must be done."

The systematic slaughter of more than 500,000 people, mostly Tutsis, was orchestrated by a Hutu extremist government. It ended when Tutsi rebels took over in July 1994.

At least 330 people have been tried in Rwanda on charges relating to the genocide and 116 have been convicted and sentenced to death. One-third of those tried have been convicted and sentenced to life in prison, 20 were acquitted and the rest received sentences of varying lengths. More than 125,000 people are awaiting trial.

The United Nations is conducting its own trials in Arusha, Tanzania, but has yet to conclude a single case. The gravest penalty it can impose is life in prison.

Among those executed in Kigali were Silas Munyagishali, former assistant prosecutor in the capital, and Froduald Karamira, former vice president of the Hutu extremist Democratic Republic Movement.

Karamira was convicted of playing a leading role in planning the genocide, and of supporting the militiamen who did much of the killing.

The names of the 20 others were to be released later in the day.

Before the executions, soldiers set up roadblocks a half-mile from the Kigali execution site, ordering journalists and others to leave behind cameras and recording equipment. The government was apparently trying to prevent more international condemnation by preventing newspaper and TV images of the executions.

The calls from abroad for the government of President Pasteur Bizimungu to halt the executions included expressions of concern that the genocide trials, which began in December 1996, did not provide guarantees of due process.

In Washington, State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said the United States was concerned the defendants had not been able to mount a proper defense or appeal. He urged Rwandan judicial authorities to thoroughly review all cases before proceeding.

Minister of State Patrick Mazimhaka retorted that the death penalty has been carried out in Rwanda for a century, first by Belgian colonial authorities and then by the Hutu majority government for crimes "that pale in comparison."

"I didn't hear the pope ask for forgiveness then," he said.

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Principal says faith belongs in education

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Lillian Bohannon is not just the principal at Maranatha Baptist Academy.

With another educator, she founded the school in 1989, and also serves as a teacher, role model and spiritual leader for its students.

Bohannon recently earned a "Doctor of Christian Ministry" degree from Salt Lake Baptist College. She said Christianity is a big part of the education at Maranatha.

"We pray together before a test," she said, as students begin their devotional service that ends each Wednesday. "It's important for them. It acknowledges their maker."

Although students have daily scripture study and wear a red and blue uniform most days, Bohannon says Maranatha is "a regular school."

Students work at their own level, not confined by age group. Their teachers set the pace, and students work mainly on their own in individual study carrels. When they need help, they raise a flag to call an instructor.

They also take music and art classes, go swimming and learn other skills. A group of Maranatha students recently returned from a competition in such areas as athletics, art, vocal ensembles and drama as well as academics.

"Most of our kids are here because they want to be here," Bohannon said. "They like coming to school."

Student Abby Janca seems to echo her principal's feelings.

"Because I learn about the Bible," she answers, when Bohannon asks why she likes attending Maranatha. Then the youngster continues, "At Moss Elementary, you can carry the Bible to school, but you are not supposed to talk about it. Here we can talk about it."

The school is not accredited, which Bohannon says is to avoid government interference. She said graduates of Maranatha (this year there will be four) go on to the college of their choice, or the military.

Bohannon said her students are getting a higher quality of education than they would be at public school. She was a public school teacher for 17 years, and said she often didn't have the time to spend with students that they needed.

"There were just too many kids in the classroom," she said. "The slower kids fall through the cracks."

At Maranatha, Bohannon said she has taken several students with learning difficulties, and through personal attention, moved them up to grade-level work and beyond.

"I've had sixth grade level kids come in here and they couldn't read," she said.

Some parents, she said, are too focused on their children becoming sports heroes that they miss the importance of academics — and spirituality.

"If more parents were concerned about their children, public schools would improve," she said. "Family values is slowing down and taking time



Lillian Bohannon, principal at Maranatha Baptist Academy, assists student Sara Mereness with some schoolwork recently.

for your family.

"Children are the heritage of the Lord," she continues, quoting Scripture.

Even when she was a public school teacher, Bohannon said she witnessed to her students.

"Witnessing is a mandate from God, and cannot be regulated by the government," she said.

Bohannon said her plan is to

continue operating Maranatha until "the Lord comes to take me home." The name "maranatha," she said, is Biblical, meaning "the Lord cometh."

Her students, Bohannon said, are just "well-adjusted kids," with a little extra something to help them make it through life.

"They have God on their side," she said.

Fulfill the longing with power of God's love

Not long ago I came across a short scripture verse in the book of Proverbs. On the surface, the message was so simple that it seemed too obvious.

Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life." (Prov. 13:12 NIV)

I could just see Garfield, the cartoon cat, saying "well...DUH!!" Of course! If you don't get what you want it makes you sad. Everyone knows that, but God began to stir my heart to dig a little deeper into the real message of this little passage.

One thing I know is that most of us (people, that is) put our hope in many things. We hope we stay healthy, get a raise, keep our job, meet a new friend, fall in love, win the lottery... (you get the idea), but I think the writer here was trying to communicate a much deeper truth. Solomon, the writer of this verse and most of the other Proverbs was King David's son, and had certainly been influenced by his father.

To David, who wrote most of the Psalms, hope was aimed in

one direction; the one true God. He wrote in Psalm 62:5 "Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from Him." That focused hope must have been reminding Solomon of one inescapable fact. At the core of everyone's being, in our heart of hearts, there is a need for the love and acceptance of God. That's just the way we are made. We try to fill that longing in many ways and even deny it exists, but it is still there. A longing - waiting to be fulfilled.

To "defer" something is to set it aside or put it off until later. The problem we encounter is, for many different reasons, we put off the hope that God will do anything about that longing. Most of us acknowledge the historical Jesus and the power of God in the past. Many of us trust in the promise of Christ for a glorious future in Heaven. But few of us really hope in God right now. God is the same yesterday, today and forever. He is, was, and will be, but He refers to himself as that I am.

His desire and His nature are to be involved right now, in the middle of our life, where we live. Our desires and nature are usually the problem. We want to prove our worth and do something to clean up our mess first. Or, we try to fulfill the longing by loading it with activities, other relationships, possessions. Please see **FELTY**, page 8A.



Craig Felty
Guest columnist

CHURCH NEWS

Promise Keepers

Promise Keepers will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 11, at the First Church of the Nazarene, 1400 Lancaster.

First Church of God

The youth of First Church of God, 2009 Main St., will be in charge of the evening service on Sunday at 6:30 p.m. They are planning the group singing, with a beat, and will share special music and skits.

Youth Pastor, Rhonda Thornhill, will bring the message that will relate to all ages.

It is always an enjoyable service with young people doing just about everything in the service. Young and old alike are invited.

First United Methodist Church

"Knowing and Saying Yes To What You Believe" (John 3:1-21) is Dr. Ed Williamson's message this Sunday at the First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry. The message is about what we believe as Christian people, and then living out our beliefs. Worship is at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. There is a Wednesday noon Bible study class and meal each week in Garrett Hall and everyone is invited to attend.

Christmas in April will be this Saturday and workers of all ages are needed to help. Bring a hammer and any other available tools and join us Saturday morning to help others with painting, plumbing, building and cleaning up. Call the church office at 267-6394 for more details.

Midway Baptist Church

Walter McCall is the new pas-

tor at Midway Baptist Church located at 6200 South Service Road. He and his wife, Cheryl, and their son, Kyle, moved back to this area from Bowie, where he was pastor of Southside Baptist Church for the last seven years. After moving to this area Rev. McCall served as Interim Minister of Pastoral Care at First Baptist Church in Big Spring before being called to Midway Baptist.

The McCall family lived in Big Spring from 1984 to 1988 when they owned Big Spring Muffler & Brake. Since 1988, Rev. McCall has pastored two churches in the North Texas area. Rev. McCall and Cheryl, along with the church family at Midway Baptist Church, invite you to come and worship with them. The church's telephone number is 263-6274 and worship service schedule is:

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; morning worship 11 a.m.; evening worship 7 p.m.; and

Wednesday service 7 p.m.

Midway Baptist Church is having a revival Sunday through Wednesday starting at 7 p.m. There is also a noon Bible study Monday through Wednesday.

John Free is the evangelist. Rev. Free is pastor of the Second Baptist Church in Lamesa. He holds degrees from Texas A&M Commerce, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Sam Houston State University and Baylor University. He has served as an instructor at the Texas Baptist Evangelism School, instructor for the Christian Life Commission and as instructor for Sunday School Regional Workshops for the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Music will be lead by Gene Talbot. Rev. Talbot is the associate pastor in music and administration at Immanuel Baptist Church in San Angelo.

He holds a Bachelor of Music - Sacred Music from Howard Payne University. He is currently involved with the Singing Men of West Texas and Promise Keepers.

CrossRoads Church

You are invited to a concert Sunday morning at 11 a.m. at CrossRoads Church.

Christian singer Jan Davis will be sharing in song and in testimony during the morning service. Jan is from Corpus Christi and is a member of Lexington Baptist Church. CrossRoads Church is located at the corner of E. 11th Place and FM 700. For more information call 264-0734.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

St. Mary's parish is invited to an open house at the Rectory, 600 Dallas, Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m.

St. Mary's Inquirers' Class is

Tuesday, April 28. The class starts at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Library, 1001 Goliad.

The Walk to Emmaus gathering has been rescheduled for Wednesday, April 29, at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

The Pastoral Care Committee will have their meeting on Thursday, April 30, at 8:30 p.m.

Baker's Chapel Church

Baker's Chapel AME Church will sell barbecue dinners Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dinners will consist of choice of one meat (brisket, pork ribs, chicken or sausage), potato salad, pinto beans and dessert. Dinners will be served at 911 N. Lancaster or call for delivery, 267-7158.

Dinners are \$5 for single meat, \$6 for two meats, \$7 for three meats or \$8 for all meats.

Proceeds from dinner sales will go toward projects for the Senior Choir.

CLUB NEWS

1905 Hyperion Club

The 1905 Hyperion Club met April 16 in the home of Linda McDaniel with 13 members present. Cecil McDonald and Paulette Turner were cohostesses.

Doris Huijbregtse will arrange for a plaque denoting donations of club to landscaping project at civic center.

Linda McDaniel presented the program "growing up in the Midwest" in Palo, Ill. She described her early ancestors coming to America from France. Her great-grandfather Barthomlew Thrice, served as body guard to Napoleon. Next meeting will be a buffet

dinner at the country club on Thursday, May 21, at 6:30 p.m.

Caboose Watercolor Society

Two local artists of the Caboose Watercolor Society were in Andrews this past week. Kay Smith and Carole Berry participated in the 25th annual Andrews Art Guild Show.

Art patron sales were granted to Smith and Berry for a total of five watercolors sold.

Other works can be seen at the Dora Roberts Civic Center.

1948 Hyperion Club

The 1948 Hyperion Club held its April meeting at the Dora Roberts Community Center with cohostesses Mary Frances Malone and Jean Stripling. The speaker for the day, Lee

Rushing, brought the final program in the year's theme of World Religions. In the business meeting led by president Jan Foresyth, members were reminded of the upcoming Relay for Life and were given luminary order forms.

Officers for the 1998-99 club year were announced, President - Zula McCrary; vice president - Joyce Choate; corresponding secretary - Fern Alexander; recording secretary - Mary Frances Malone; treasurer - Katie Lara; parliamentarian - Jan Foresyth; and reporter - Joanne Forrest.

Mary Jane Club

Members of the Mary Jane Club met for a salad luncheon in Coahoma in the home of Lee Milliken on April 9. Following the luncheon president Eula Bell Fowler presided at the

business meeting in which officers for the coming year were announced. President - Eula Bell Fowler; vice president - Marie Ethridge; Secretary - Sue Tindol; treasurer - Lee Milliken; scrapbook chairperson - Nan McKinney; and reporter - JoAnne Forrest.

The group also discussed assisting with the Relay For Life on May 15 and 16 and gave a \$100 donation. The final meeting of the year has been changed from the regular meeting date to May 7.

Art Association

The Big Spring Art Association met April 21, in the WTCA room on the Howard College campus.

Helen Clements of Andrews offered a demonstration in oil painting, using the Crepe Myrtle flower as an example.

Judy Gibbs was awarded first place in the monochromatic conducted by the club with her blue watercolor. It was entitled "Dancing Feet." Pam Hoggard finished second in the competition.

Outgoing president Estelle Howard was presented a gift of appreciation by the members.

New officers for the club are Kate Smith, president; Carole Berry, vice president; Elnora Hart, secretary/reporter; and Bonita Lyght, treasurer.

Tipping of the Brush competition was led by Betty Conley. Her work will be on display in the lobby of the Citizens Federal Credit Union.

Kay Smith sample will be on display at the Howard County Courthouse Annex and the Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Lyght will have work show in the lobby of the First Bank of

West Texas. Al's Barbecue will show some of the work finished by Mrs. Howard.

Bonnie Neel was introduced as a new member of the club.

City FCE Club

Frances Zant presented a program "One Potato, Two Potato" to eight members of the City FCE Club in the home of Jami Bennett on April 10 at 2 p.m.

Mrs. Zant explained that potatoes are served boiled, baked, roasted, fried, scalloped, creamed, stuffed and even raw. Each American consumes nearly 50 pounds of potatoes yearly. Potatoes are fat free and contain complex carbohydrates, vitamins C and B-6 iron, potassium and trace minerals. U.S.D.A. Nutritionists recommend 3-5 servings from the veg-

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COMMUNITY NEWS

The West Texas Girl Scout Council is looking for former Girl Scouts, current Scouts and all supporters to celebrate 50 years in West Texas May 12. First Lady of Texas Laura Bush will be the guest speaker at a dinner for friends and community supporters of West Texas Girl Scouts in Abilene.

In 1945, Taylor County was joined by 12 other counties, including Howard, Martin and Glasscock, to form the West Texas Girl Scout Area Council.

The dinner begins at 7 p.m. at the Abilene Civic Center. For more information about the dinner, call 670-0432. Anyone with historical memorabilia or information on former Girl Scouts is asked to call as well.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Kindergarten preview

Anderson Kindergarten Center having a preview on Tuesday, May 5 with a PTA meeting from 6:30 to 7 p.m. and a tour of the school from 7 to 8 p.m. This is for all parents who have children who will be five on or before Sept. 1. The school is located at 229 Airbase Road.

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THE LAST WORD

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Noel Coward

Meet VA's Medical Administration staff

Meet the staff of Medical Administration Service (MAS). MAS is composed of 52 employees who are located throughout the medical center and at our Community Based Outpatient Clinics.

The Chief of Medical Administration is William B. Fraser Jr. and his Assistant Chief is Michele Beach. The Administrative Officers of the Day (AODs) are Kay Oyler, Geneva Cox, Charles Wallis, Linda Black and Ann Bowman. Sandra Crawford works with the service computer packages. Dean Fleharty is a program analyst. Cecilia Ryan-Brooks serves as the secretary.

Beverly Rice, ART, serves as the Chief, Health Information Management Section. Rice is assisted by Tracy Sturgill, Lead Clerk, with the medical record file room, transcription, the tumor registry and the release of information office.

Voncille Sims works with the

medical center transcription activity. Dee Speck serves as the Tumor Registry Clerk.

Carolyn Ingram processes all requests for medical information. April Escobedo and Lee Farr maintain the medical record file room. Ward clerical assistance is provided by Debbie Rodgers, Christy Arnet, Ursula Bryant, Terry Davis, and Melinda Murphree, ward medical clerks. Pam Baker, Rose Guthrie and Wretha Speer accomplish coding and audits of inpatient and outpatient care.

Henry Mitchell serves as the

Chief, Ambulatory Care and Processing Section. Arnold Uribe performs the duties of lead clerk of the section.

Joyce Flinchbaugh is assigned to the Beneficiary Travel Office, Patients' Funds and Decedent Affairs. Tracy Lindsey and Ida York are assigned to the fee basis program, which authorizes fee care for eligible veterans. Denita Rodriguez provides administrative support to the compensation and pension program.

The Centralized Scheduling Unit is staffed by Mike Calvio and Lori Ontiveros.

The Admissions Office, primary care clinics, specialty clinics and employee health program are provided administrative support by Joanne Cordova, Karen Davila, Linda Fowler, Heartents Maples, Alan Moskoe, Lois Rhyne, Erlinda Rios, Pete Rosas, Betty Thixton and Cheryl White.



Fred Cox
VA Medical Center

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sions...anything that promises to satisfy. While there is nothing inherently wrong, with most of these things, they effectively "defer", or set aside the hope and deepest longing of our hearts. We end up disappointed in God, hurt, hungry, and lonely...heartsick.

If you have felt that feeling, or still feel it, you know how hard it is to get rid of the emptiness that makes your heart feel sick.

The only cure is to fulfill the deep longing, to relate to God as He is, to receive the I am. God is now. Jesus died to restore fellowship with God the Father. The Holy Spirit came to fill us with the abundant life and power of God. God has done and is doing everything to meet that longing. The part that's lacking is for us to put our hope in God and not to put it off - to realize that we can know His love and grace now. David realized that our mind has a hard time doing things, so he spoke to his soul (mind, will and emotions) and told it to wake up and hope in God:

"Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him, my Savior and my God." (Psalm 42:5 NIV)

David made a decision in his heart to allow God to take control and be the one to set him free. He knew that his habits, thoughts and emotions would try to maintain the old status quo. His "should" would try to keep going the way it was, so he told his soul that there were going to be some changes. He verbalized his decision to rein

force it and get the ball rolling. Then he followed up by seeking God's input in everyday life.

He found the secret that we keep from ourselves; that there is a loving heavenly father who longs to "hang out" with us. But David was at a disadvantage. Jesus had not yet paid the price to restore our fellowship with the Father David longed for the ease of entry into God's presence that we can enjoy today. He wrote prophetically about the work of Christ and yearned for what we can no possess. Our sin doesn't have to separate us from God any more. We can make that decision today to receive His love and hope in the I am.

Remember, hope is not just wishing that something might happen, it is preparing for someone to actually come to pass.

Don't "defer" your hope any longer. If you have trouble getting out of the old rut, hang around some loving people who have been experiencing this new freedom. They can help you "put your hope in God" and break the cycle. Don't just wish. Act on your hope! Open your heart to receive His presence. When He fulfills your longing. His presence will become a tree of life within you and that life will spill over to others. God is waiting to hear from you. Allow the blessing of His presence to fill you today.

CLUB

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stable group daily. Potatoes should be stored in a cool dark place with good ventilation.

Club members were served potato soup, condiments and cake as part of the program.

Jowilli Etchison conducted the business meeting. Frances Zant, Irene Priebe and Jowilli Etchison will be voting members at the district meeting.

Members gave favorite "Pass Time Activities" which included reading, TV and sewing.

The April 24 meeting will be in the home of Jowilli Etchison at 2 p.m.

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900-year-old traditions alive in Oregon

LAFAYETTE, Ore. (AP) — When Father Richard Layton struggles to live the 900-year-old Trappist ideal of silence, prayer and obedience, he finds inspiration outside the chapel in 12 graves marked by simple white crosses.

"These are the ones who stuck it out," says Layton, one of 35 monks of Our Lady of Guadalupe Trappist Monastery secluded in the rolling hills of Oregon's wine country.

Still living by the Rule of Benedict, a way of monastic life set in the Middle Ages, the monks rise before 4 a.m., dress in white robes with black scapulars, sing Psalms five times each day, and live a simple life apart from the cares of the outside world.

"If you want to pray, if you want to move into a special kind of sense of the divine," says Brother Patrick Corkrean, "this is it."

They are formally known as the Cistercians of the Strict Observance, a that group split from the Benedictines and

founded an abbey in 1098 in Citeaux, France. Their popular name, the Trappists, comes from the abbey in La Trappe, France, where 17th century Abbot Armond-Jean Le Bouthillier de Rance restored rules of silence, prayer, manual labor and seclusion.

For all the staying power of the order, few feel called to this life nowadays, and each monk regularly wrestles with the question of whether this is the life God wants for him.

There are 4,000 monks at 96 monasteries around the world. Unlike other orders, the Trappists also have nuns: 3,000 of them at 66 monasteries.

Times are far different from the boom after World War II when thousands of veterans inspired by Thomas Merton's best-selling autobiography, "The Seven Storey Mountain," began looking for more from life by following him into the monastery.

To make more room, 16 monks left a monastery in Rhode Island and on April 22,

1948, opened Our Lady of Guadalupe on a dude ranch in Pecos, N.M.

They had grown to 60 by 1955 when they headed to in search of better farmland.

Now there are just 35, with an average age of 70. Some, including a former abbot who married and raised a family, followed their spiritual journeys outside the cloister. Only two novices are working toward final vows, one of them 64 years old.

"They're not committed anymore," says Father Dismass Gannon, who entered just out of high school and has stayed 55 years.

"There are too many options out there. They can't make up their mind."

The monks need \$370,000 a year to keep everyone fed, so they had to give up farming. They now bake fruitcake, warehouse wine for neighboring nearby vintners, manage 900 acres of forest and bind periodicals for colleges, law schools and the Oregon Supreme Court.

Church news and club news are due Wednesday at noon for Friday publication.

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Doe says Steers can relax and perform in hosting No. 7 Andrews today

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

While Big Spring's Steers clinched a playoff berth with their 4-2 win over Pecos on Tuesday, coach Bobby Doe says his team would like nothing more than to knock off league-leading and No. 7-ranked Andrews when they play host to the Mustangs at 5 this afternoon.

"Andrews has a lock on the district championship, but we'd like to nail down the second-place spot without a playoff," Doe explained, noting that the Steers enter today's game at Steer park with a one-game lead over San Angelo Lake View's Chiefs in the District 4-4A baseball standings.

Lake View, however, will close the

regular season this afternoon taking on Sweetwater's Mustangs. A Lake View win, coupled with a Steers loss to Andrews, would leave the two teams tied for second place and force a one-game playoff to determine seeding in the upcoming Class 4A state playoffs.

Doe does admit, however, that knocking off Pecos on Tuesday took all the pressure off his team. As a result, they should have a little bit of an advantage.

"All the pressure is off us ... not having to win this last game makes a lot of difference ... lets you sleep a little better," he explained. "On the other hand, Andrews is going to come in here wanting to go undefeated in district play. That puts the pressure on them."

With the win over Pecos, the Steers improved to 14-11 overall and to 6-3 in

4-4A play. And in locking up a spot in the playoffs, the Steers have gone a long way to helping erase the disappointing 7-21 campaign they endured last season.

They have also lived up to Doe's prediction prior to the season's start — that the Steers would not only be more competitive than they'd been in 1997, but return to the Class 4A playoffs.

"That was the first time since 1991 that we hadn't gotten in," Doe explained. "It was really hard to take ... both for me and the kids."

"But in a way it helped us this year," he added, "I think it provided the motivation that allowed us to come from behind in a couple of games where we really in a deep hole, especially when we were at Lake View and down at

Fort Stockton."

The key to Steers success today will more than likely be the same thing that provided a win over Pecos — the ability to put the ball in play and force their opponent to execute defensively.

After having been almost handcuffed by Pecos' Jason Abila in their first meeting, the Steers repeatedly put the ball in play Tuesday. While they managed just two hits, they put Pecos in a position to commit seven errors.

"We did what we had to do," Doe said. "And that's what we need to be able to do when Andrews comes in here. They shut us down and no-hit us when we played at Andrews."

"But if we can put the ball in play ... make them make plays against us defensively, anything can happen," he

added, saying he expects the Steers to have more success at the plate. "I think we'll hit better. Now that we're in the playoffs, hopefully we'll relax and be ready to play."

Doe said he'll send senior Jeff Denton to the mound this afternoon.

"We want to let him get back on track and have him ready for the playoffs," the Steers boss explained, adding that he expected the Mustangs to start left-hander P.J. Lewis.

"That's all they've got ... lefthanders," Doe added, recalling that lefthanded Mustangs ace Chris Trevino was dominating in Andrews' shutout win in the two teams' first meeting. "Lewis is an extremely good pitcher. He's only lost one game, so he's pretty darned good, too."

HC rodeo team facing frustrations

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

With just two rodeos remaining prior to the College National Finals Rodeo (NCFR) in Rapid City, S.D., next month, the 1998 season has been one of frustration, and to some extent disappointment, for Mike Yeater and his Howard College rodeo team.

"This year really has been kind of disappointing ... really frustrating," Yeater said as he put several members of his team through rough stock practices Wednesday afternoon in preparation for this weekend's Hardin Simmons University Rodeo in Abilene.

"It's not that we don't have good athletes or that we haven't performed well," he added. "It's just that the level of competition is so tough in this region that sometimes it is really difficult to get to the college finals."

Going into this weekend's rodeo in Abilene, the Hawks have only one performer — bull rider Trent Amedee, a sophomore from Gonzales, La. — in position to earn a trip to the NCFR.

Amedee currently sits second in the Southwest Region bull riding standings, just five points behind the leader.

Two others that have an opportunity to move into contention include Toby Schexnaydre and Matt Coffee, both of whom are chasing Amedee in the bull riding standings.

Schexnaydre is a freshman from St. Amant, La., while Coffee is a sophomore from New Roads, La.

Only the two top individuals in each event, plus the top two teams in each region qualify to advance to the college finals.

"We feel ... no, we know we've got a lot better team than we've shown in the standings this year," Yeater continued. "We've got some kids that are definitely due and I wouldn't be a bit surprised to see several of them have really big years next



HERALD photo/John A. Moseley
Ryan Crusher, a Howard College student who hopes to earn a spot on the school's rodeo team next year, gets a helping hand from freshman bull rider Sammy Meche as he prepares for a practice ride at the college's rodeo arena Wednesday.

season." The only problem with the prospect of Amedee, Coffee and several other Hawks sophomores having big seasons next spring means they'll be competing against Howard College at the time.

"That seems to happen to us every year, just like it happens to a lot of other junior colleges," Yeater admitted. "You have kids that work hard for two years and then really break out and have a career season the year after they're gone and competing for a four-year school in the region."

Competing against the other 15 rodeo programs in the Southwest Region makes things even more difficult.

"This is by far and away the strongest region in the country ... it's almost impossible to

dominate the standings in any event like some do in the other regions," he explained.

"There are some regions where there are only one or two schools that have strong programs and they've got people that can pile up 700 or 800 points in a season ... that's just not going to happen here," he added, noting that Howard's competition in the Southwest Region includes traditional powerhouse university programs at Tarleton, Angelo State, Sul Ross, West Texas A&M, Eastern New Mexico and Texas Tech, but strong teams from two-year schools like Western Texas, Vernon and Frank Phillips.

"Right now, I guess you could say West Texas A&M, Vernon and Western Texas are dominating the team standings in

our region, but not like they would if they were somewhere else," Yeater said.

The region's strength can be further gauged by the number of it's athletes that are currently competing professionally, rodeo being perhaps the only sport in which collegians can compete as professionals and still maintain their eligibility.

"We've got eight or nine of our kids that have their cards and are competing professionally, which is pretty much in line with the region," Yeater said. "Probably 30 to 35 percent of the kids in this region are doing the same thing. You've got a smaller number that are really making a good amount of money and really traveling the circuit, but there are a lot of

See **RODEO**, page 2B

Jimmy Avery named Steers' new hoops boss

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

Jimmy Avery, who has coached Clarendon's Broncos to the Class 2A playoffs for the past four years, three times as the District 2-2A champion, has been selected as the new head basketball coach at Big Spring High School.

Avery, 38, who has also coached at Lubbock Roosevelt, Shallowater, Spur, Levelland and Petersburg, was unanimously approved by the Big Spring Independent School District trustees during a special board meeting at noon Thursday.



AVERY

Under Avery's guidance, expect the Steers to be defensively oriented, stressing pressing, man-to-man defense and an up tempo offensive style.

"We're going to be aggressive ... put bodies on people and succeed through hard work," Avery said during an interview following the school board meeting.

"We will be defense oriented ... that's where you win basketball games," he continued, acknowledging that he will continually adjust his team's style depending on his players ability.

"Ideally, we want to play a tight, pressing man-to-man defense and move up and down the court offensively," Avery explained. "That's what I like to do, but you've got to play with what you've got. If we're not athletic enough, we'll play a little softer."

A native of Whitharral who played collegiate basketball at South Plains College and Panhandle State University, Avery is a long-time friend of Howard College Lady Hawks coach Matt Corkery.

"I coach a lot like Matt does ... we like the same kind of game," Avery added. "You won't see us playing a lot of zone defense. I've always thought the zone was the lazy man's way to play basketball. We'll be moving all the time, both on defense and when we have the ball."

While Avery acknowledged he'll be rebuilding the Big Spring program next season, he refuses to rule out the Steers chances to contend with the top teams in the newly realigned

District 5-4A.

"We'll be in a rebuilding process, but there are enough talented kids here that if everyone comes out and works hard, we'll surprise some people," he explained, adding that junior high and middle school coaches will be implementing his system in the feeder programs.

"If you can't get the kids to work hard and have them believing in you, you're not going to succeed," he added.

Avery also noted that he was looking forward to becoming a part of the "family atmosphere Dwight (Butler) has here." As a result, he said he expects his players to play other sports.

"There won't be any specialization if I can help it," Avery said. "The kids that don't play football will lift weights and run. Our off season will be like a boot camp."

"That's not about punishment," he explained, "but about being able to be stronger and faster than our opponents ... to have more stamina. We'll be able to outlast our opponent in the fourth quarter."

"We want to make people faster and stronger ... that's the key," Avery added. "Skills are always important, but you can overcome a lack of natural ability with hard work. And when you have the natural talent, coupled with a strong work ethic and the ability to keep going when your opponent is exhausted, you're just that much more dominating."

The new Steers coach said fans should not be surprised when he spends much of his time standing in the coach's box during games.

"I won't be sitting on the sidelines much," he explained. "I've just never been able to sit there and watch my teams play. I've got to be up and moving around. I think the kids are going to feel my enthusiasm."

Avery and his wife, Valerie, have four children — Jace, 7; Ben, 5; Ellyn, 3; and 10-month old Cole. They will be moving to Big Spring as soon as possible.

"If I have my way, we'll be moving the day after school's out in Clarendon next month," Avery said, adding that the family is already in the process finding a home.

In recommending Avery to the board, Assistant Superintendent Murry Murphy told trustees the district received 42 applications from

See **COACH**, page 2B

Devil Rays jump on Oliver to thump Rangers, 12-5

ARLINGTON (AP) — Not only is Tampa Bay the best April expansion team in baseball history, the Devil Rays know how to celebrate a rookie's first major league win.

Johnson earned his first major league victory Thursday as Tampa Bay beat Texas 12-5 to become the winningest expansion team in April. Johnson got a beer dousing from the veterans on the squad.

"I had trouble finding something to wear on the plane," he said. "I heard a beer bath might be coming, but I couldn't hide all of my good clothes."

Johnson was sweating bullets when the game started.

"It was very nervous when the game started, sweaty palms and everything," Johnson said. "But I settled down after I got out of the first inning. The team did a great job of helping me out."

Catcher John Flaherty said Johnson's performance was needed because the Rangers won the first two games of the series.

"He gave us a big lift," Flaherty said. "His breaking ball kept them off balance. I sensed he was nervous in the

bullpen, but he was in control once he got to the mound. We were 4-3 on the road and we're happy. Had we lost, it wouldn't have been very disappointing."

Mike Kelly homered twice as Tampa Bay improved to 11-8, beating the record of 10 by the 1977 Toronto Blue Jays and the 1993 Florida Marlins. The Devil Rays still have seven games left in April.

Johnson, making his first big league start and his initial Tampa Bay appearance, blanked the Rangers on three singles until leaving in the sixth.

"He showed a lot of heart against a tough hitting team," Tampa Bay manager Larry Rothschild said. "He really threw the ball well. He had to come out in the sixth inning because his pitch count was getting high."

Texas manager Johnny Oates said Johnson "showed us some really good stuff. We had a hard time figuring him out. But we were 9-3 on the homestand, and we'll take that."

Johnson (1-0), recalled from Triple-A Durham on April 18, made his major league debut with Pittsburgh last year.

Coahoma golfers win qualifier

HERALD Staff Report

JAYTON — Coahoma's Bulldogs dominated the field Wednesday, posting a 308 team total to take a 21-stroke win at the Jayton Regional Qualifiers Golf tournament.

The Bulldogs win, their fourth tournament victory this season, was paced by Regi Roberts' round of 73 that left him in a three-way tie for individual medalist honors.

A scorecard playoff kept Roberts from being named the tournament's individual champion, leaving him in second place.

In addition to Roberts' round of 73, the Bulldogs got strong play from Kyle Wyatt and Blake Nichols — Wyatt finishing the round with a 76, while Nichols carded a 79.

Making his first appearance since breaking a bone in his left foot several weeks ago, senior Jason Gwyn turned in an 80 on the Jayton Country Club course, while Chad Winn rounded out the Bulldogs' scoring with an 82.

The Bulldogs will take part in the Region I, Class 2A tournament April 27-28 at the Shady Oaks Golf Course in Baird.

Five area cagers earn all-state accolades

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

Big Spring Lady Steers senior guard Kara Hughes is among a group of five area basketball players — joining Sands' Mendi Floyd, Garden City's Tiffany Maxie, Stanton's Marcus Washington and Stanton's Blake Nichols — who have been named to all-state basketball teams.

Hughes was named to a third-team berth on the Class 4A all-state team selected by the Texas Girls Coaches Association (TGCA).

A three-year starter who averaged 10 points per game, and teammate Keesha Lott led the Lady Steers in scoring during a 17-12 campaign that saw Big Spring take a bi-

district championship before falling to Levelland's Lady Lobos in the area playoffs.

Floyd, a senior who averaged 22.5 points and 11 rebounds per game in leading the Lady Mustangs to the Region I, Class 1A finals received the largest number of accolades.

In addition to being a Class A first-team all-state selection by both the TGCA and the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC), Floyd was a third-team selection on the all-state team selected by the Texas Sports Writers Association (TSWA).

Floyd has signed a letter of intent to continue her basketball career at McMurry University this fall.

Maxie, the only one of the five to earn all-

state honors last season, was the Lady Bearkats leading scorer prior to seeing her year cut short by a knee injury midway through the District 15-1A campaign.

She was selected as a third-team selection to the Class 1 girls' team chosen by the TABC.

Washington, a 6-foot-8 senior who averaged 19.2 points and 12.3 rebounds per game in leading the Buffs to the Region I, Class 2A tournament last season, was a second-team selection on both the TABC and TSWA honor squads.

Despite receiving a number of scholarship offers from small universities, Washington announced Tuesday that he

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Hatchell seems on the way out as Big 12 boss

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Steve Hatchell, the only commissioner the Big 12 has ever had, may be on the way out, sources told The Associated Press.

Hatchell, reached in Dallas, where the Big 12 is headquartered, confirmed that he has interviewed for a top position with the Salt Lake City Organizing Committee, which will oversee the Winter Olympics in 2002. But he denied that he is being forced out.

Dr. Ray Bowen of Texas A&M, chairman of the Big 12, confirmed that there have been problems with the Big 12 staff in Dallas, but also denied there is any organized move to unseat the commissioner.

"It is certainly not a fact that this board is trying to push him out," Bowen said during a teleconference this morning. "He is the commissioner and he of his own freewill has decided to look at other opportunities."

A source close to the situation told the AP that pressure was being applied for Hatchell to step aside because of management and staff problems.

"I would not be surprised if we are interviewing candidates to be commissioner when we hold our spring meetings (May 18-21)," a source said. "There may be a vacancy."

"It's a high-stress, high-pressure job, but he's not being run off," Bowen said. "He's always had an interest in the Olympics. We've given him good performance reviews. We've given him raises every year."

"He's a good guy who's looking around for a job. I have no idea if he'll have a new job tomorrow or next week."

Hatchell was the Southwest Conference commissioner when the Big Eight conference linked up with SWC members Texas, Texas Tech, Texas A&M and Baylor in 1995 to form the Big 12. He admitted there have been personnel problems.

"This is the second full year for the conference, and everybody's worked hard and we've had to do an awful lot to get up to speed, and I know there are some people who are unhappy," he said.

"It's been three very long years, and I informed president Bowen months ago that I was going to begin looking at other opportunities. Dr. Bowen and I have talked a lot about that. I'm on that schedule and we've been working in that direction."

Among the names being mentioned as possible replacements if and when Hatchell leaves are Joe Castiglione, athletic director at Missouri, and Bob Frederick, athletic director at Kansas. Frederick, a former chairman of the NCAA basketball tournament selection committee, finished runnerup to Hatchell when Big 12 presidents chose the first commissioner.

Hatchell said in a recent interview that he was "getting very weary of the constant pressures" of the job.

Although it has not been as successful as expected in NCAA basketball and football bowl competition, the Big 12 has been a financial success.

Under Hatchell's direction, the conference has signed football television contracts valued at more than \$150 million, including ABC, Fox and the conference championship game.

Danny Manning named winner of NBA award

NEW YORK (AP) — Danny Manning of the Phoenix Suns, who passed the 10,000-point plateau for his career this season, won the NBA Sixth Man Award today.

The award honors the best NBA player coming off the bench. Manning started just 11 of the 70 games in which he played this season. He reinjured his right knee April 7 against Sacramento and was to undergo reconstructive surgery for a torn ligament today in Los Angeles.

Manning received 57 of a possible 116 votes from a panel of sports writers and broadcasters throughout the United States and Canada. Kobe Bryant of the Los Angeles Lakers was second with 31 votes and Dale Ellis of the Seattle SuperSonics finished third with 21 votes.

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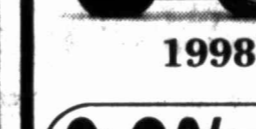
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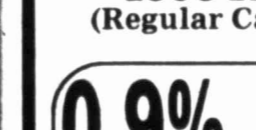
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PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF BIG SPRING
The City of Big Spring will hold a public hearing at 5:30 p.m. on April 28, 1998 at the Council Chambers, 310 Nolan, in regard to discuss the Community Development Block Grant Program.

The City has been asked to support an application to the Texas Capital Fund program that is a part of the Community Development Block Grant. The application will be to provide infrastructure improvements to support Schlegel Systems, Inc. The company plans to open a manufacturing plant, which will manufacture a variety of polymer products and create 125 full-time equivalent jobs. The application will be available for review at the Big Spring City Hall during regular business hours on April 28, 1998.

All area residents are encouraged to attend and state their views on this project. If you are unable to attend but wish to comment, contact Mr. Kent Sharp, Executive Director, Moore Development For Big Spring, Inc. at (915) 264-6032 or mail your comments to Mr. Sharp at P.O. Box 3359, Big Spring, Texas 79721. Individuals who require auxiliary aids and services for this meeting should contact City Hall at (915) 264-6000 or Relay Texas at 1-800-735-2988 (TDD) 1848 April 24, 1998

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF UNSAFE BUILDINGS STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HOWARD
1. LORA ROACH, HC 77, BOX 133C, BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720 LOT 1, BLOCK 6, PORTER ADDITION LOCATED AT 500 YOUNG
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5. ROY ROBERSON, ET UX, 1312 LINDBERG, BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720, LOTS 7-12, BLOCK 6, WRIGHTS AIRPORT ADDITION LOCATED AT 1316 LINDBERG (TRAILOR HOUSE ON LOT 12)
Dear Property Owner:
The Public Use Records of the City of Big Spring indicate that you are the owner of the property at the above street address. This structure is in violation of Section 103.4 of the Southern Standard Building and the following detailed report documents the condition which have rendered the structure unsafe to with:

Degradated, sub-standard structure, plumbing and electrical do not meet City code of Ordinances. Windows missing or broken out. Building has been vandalized and pose a potential health hazard to the public. Structures cannot be secured to keep out transients or children. Therefore, by the authority invested in my office by the Big Spring Code, I have declared this structure or portions thereof unsafe, dilapidated, substandard or unfit for human habitation, and have determined it or portions thereof poses a hazard to public health, safety and public welfare. The Southern Building code, Section 103.4 provides that "all buildings which are unsafe, unsanitary, or not provided with adequate ingress or adequate egress or which constitute a fire hazard or are otherwise dangerous to human life, or which in relation to existing use constitutes a hazard to the safety or health by reason of inadequate maintenance, deterioration, obsolescence, or abandonment are severally in contemplation of this section. Unsafe building. All unsafe buildings are hereby declared illegal and shall be abated by repair and rehabilitation or by demolition in accordance with the provision of the Southern Standard Code for the Elimination or Repair of Unsafe Buildings". You are hereby notified that the Board of Adjustment and the Appeals, of the City of Big Spring, will meet on Monday, April 27th, 1998 at 5:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, located at 307 East Fourth, to hold a public hearing to determine whether the subject structure(s) complies with the standards set out in the code. Further be advised that the Board may in its finding provide for any of the following:
1. Vacating of the premises
2. Relocation of occupants
3. Securing of the premises
4. Repair of the premises
5. Removal of demolition of the premises
6. Any combination of the above. Should you desire to make a presentation to the Board, the following information shall be submitted in writing to the Chairman of the Board of Adjustment and Appeals:
1. Identification of the building or structure concerned by street address and legal description.
2. A statement identifying the legal interest of each appellant.
3. A statement identifying the specific order or section being appealed.
4. A statement detailing the issues on which the appellant desires to be heard.
5. The legal signatures of appellant and their official mailing addresses. Failure to appear in the time specified shall constitute a waiver of all rights to an administrative hearing. Kerry H. Davis, Building Official
1828 April 19, 22 & 24, 1998

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 25:
Seriousness marks your year. While that can be beneficial, you could be unusually severe with yourself, as well as overly critical of others. Take frequent timeouts to recycle and recharge. You'll be looking at issues that are somewhat connected to about 24 to 26 years ago. If single, your internal transformation welcomes a new relationship. Friendship and relating will become very important. If attached, resist being too exacting with yourself and your mate. Plan on socializing as a couple. You will relish the good times. ARIES teaches you patience.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
You are determined and serious. It might be difficult to be upbeat and joyous. Perhaps you need some space. What is on your mind isn't light, but is very significant. You dominate the day's activities, conveying importance and responsibility. Tonight: Make decisions.***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Take a back seat, and carefully think through a decision. You might feel heavy or slightly out of kilter. Demand your space, and make comfort your top priority. You are highly connected to your feelings. You might have cause to be rather negative for now. Tonight: You feel better as the night progresses.***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Your sense of direction when dealing with an important issue or friend determines whether you win or lose. Sometimes, you see so many different points of view that it's tough coming to a conclusion. Take action, and accept accountability. Tonight: Out with friends.***

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Pressure to finish off a project is intense. It feels as if everyone wants a part of you. Decide your limits, and how much you can or will give of your time today. A parent or older relative could be unusually cantankerous. Tonight: Still doing what you should, not what you want!***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Try something different, even if it seems uncomfortable. You might be restricting yourself unnecessarily. Take off and visit a museum or a new restaurant. An unreturned call causes misunderstanding. Don't stand on ceremony. Tonight: Check out a new eatery!****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Share with a partner, as difficult as that might feel at the moment. Keep communications flowing, even when it seems as if you are doing a monologue. Be persistent, knowing that you have opened a door. Give a friend some space. Tonight: Make it one on one!****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Others are intractable or extra-terrestrial. You might wonder what is going on; however, you are the common element. Take time to loosen up an important associate. He needs to express his thoughts, even if his behavior is rather negative. Tonight: Popularity soars.****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
You are exhausted and feel that someone is stomping on you. Realize that you are stressed out and might be exaggerating. Take time for yourself - a snooze or doing something relaxing. Prioritize, cancel plans and take care of yourself. Tonight: Curl up and watch a movie.***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Every time you come up with a spunky idea, someone rains on your parade. A loved one is unhappy and needs to express resentment. Listen and be understanding, but do what makes you happy. Fun is contagious. Tonight: Put on your dancing shoes.***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Prioritize, and get certain key tasks done. Take your time, settle in and tidy up at home. You will feel better once you have cleared up the clutter. Because you are so task-oriented, you cannot relax until you finish the chores first. Tonight: Stay close to home.***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
A conversation is difficult and tense. Review recent decisions, and think back on the reason you came to that conclusion. Lighten up by clearing out an albatross in your life. Do what you enjoy most in the late afternoon. Tonight: Dine with a dear friend.***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Your more possessive side comes out. Devote time to yourself, and seek to bolster your self-worth. This could involve a pep talk or a conversation with a friend. Consider signing up for a course or an image overhaul. You will feel better soon. Tonight: Indulge yourself.***

Dad puzzled by how to explain his parents' childish behavior

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I are separated and in the process of getting a divorce. I have a 9-year-old stepson from this marriage whom I love very much. I'll call him "Nicky." We are very close, and I continue to see Nicky and participate in his life as much as I did before the separation. I'm the only father he has ever known. The problem is my parents. They have refused to have anything to do with Nicky since the separation. They ignored his birthday and refuse to attend any of his ball games. They act like he no longer exists. Nicky is such a fine young man, and he is very hurt by their behavior. Abby, since I can't change my parents, how can I explain their unkind behavior to Nicky in a way that won't hurt him any more than he's already been hurt? — SON OF HARD-HEARTED PARENTS

DEAR SON: Be honest with your stepson. Explain that grown-ups do not always do the right thing, and you do not approve of your parents' behavior. Let him know that your parents are acting this way because they blame his mother for the divorce, and have withdrawn from him as a way of punishing her.

Remind Nicky that he has done nothing wrong, and this is not his fault. Assure him that you love him unconditionally.

DEAR ABBY: Your answer to whether a couple should be counted as one or two was very unfair. Correct me if I'm wrong, but two people equal two individuals.

I am sick and tired of people getting special benefits just because they are married. As a single, I pay higher taxes and higher insurance rates. I also pay higher rates when I travel because discounts are based on double occupancy. I cannot even use the express lane on the freeway because I am only one person.

Don't get me wrong — I do not resent my single status. I'm just tired of being penalized for it. — AGREE WITH ALAN IN WASHINGTON

DEAR ABBY: I am responding to the column in which you asked your readers to define "elderly." I am 13 years old, and to me, elderly means someone who is kind, patient, not in a hurry, and someone who will really listen. When you hear the word "elderly" in the news, I think it gives the story a little more meaning than it would if they didn't use that term. I've met quite a few people who are past middle age, and most of them are very charming and quite good listeners. — KARL STRUBE JR., GARDEN GROVE, CALIF.

DEAR KARL: You sound like a young man who should be cloned. I'll bet that people of all ages really listen when you speak.

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- Estate Sale: 2004 Merrill Dr. **CANCELLED** daily furniture.
- FRONT YARD SALE: Fri-Sat. 8:30am-6pm. 312 N.E. 9th. Clothes & furniture, stereos., toys, books. NO EARLY BIRDS!
- GARAGE SALE: 1212 Mobile. Sat. 9am. Sun. 12 noon. Sofas, lg. womens clothes, kids clothes & lots misc.
- LARGE FAMILY CARPORT SALE: 1806 Hamilton. Sat. 8am-7 Furniture, toys, kids clothes, lots misc.
- Sale: 2210 Main: Fri. & Sat. 10-5. Wire rack for plants. Color T.V., office desk/chair, clothes, purses, shoes. Prices marked down.
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- 3 FAMILY SALE: 2700 Lamy. Saturday Only! Lots of everything.
- CARPORT SALE: Saturday, 8am-? 2311 Mishler. Baby items, camping equip., lots of other misc.

ESTATE GARAGE SALE: Sat. 8:00-1:00. 3221 Cornell. Misc. items. Priced to Sell!!!

GARAGE SALE: 1302 Ridgeway. Sat. 8-1pm. Dinette set, clothes & lots of other miscellaneous. NO EARLY SALES!

Garage Sale: 1904 Hale St. April 24 & 25. Lot's of misc. furniture, clothes, tools, etc. South on Parkway to Willard, right for 2 blocks, turn right 1 block.

Garage Sale: 808 W. 18th Sat. 8-1. 2 Family sale, desk & doors, lot's of misc.

WAREHOUSE SALE: 301 W. 3rd. Bargains, Bargains, Bargains. Hours 8:00-5:00.

Yard Sale: 805 E. 15th Sat. Only 7-2. 3 family yard sale. Lot's of everything, juniors to kids clothes.

Carport Sale: 707 Scott. Sat. 9-5. Furniture, clothes kids to adults, bar-b-que pit, misc.

Estate Sale: 3417 E. Interstate 20. Sat. 9-1. 3 bdr. suites, refrigerator, misc. Also: 3 bdr. 1 1/2 bath, house to be moved for sale

Garage Sale: 306 Rocco Rd. Sat. 8-7. Lot's of household items, games, exercise equip., fish & ski boat.

Garage Sale: 4051 Vicky. Sat. 7:am. T.V., VCR, weight bench, teen aged clothes, and lot's more. Fund Raiser for F. H. S. Senior Relay for Life Team.

Garage Sale: 4208 Theo. Sat. Only. Clothes, Furniture, & More.

Garage Sale 607 W.18th. Tools, Clothes, TV, Refrigerator, Exercise Equipment, Misc. Sat. Only 8-7.

Huge Multi-Family Inside/Outside Sale. Couch & Loveseat, Exercise Equip, Washer & Dryer, Queen Size Bed, Dresser, Weight Set, Sheets, Clothes All Sizes, All Kinds of Kitchen Ware, Everything Must Goll 1516 Stadium. Sat & Sun. 8-7.

Neighborhood Garage Sale: 2905 Hunters Glen Highland South. Sat. 8-5. Lots of goodies.

LOVELY NEIGHBORHOOD COMPLEX
Swimming Pool
Carports,
Most Utilities Paid,
Senior Citizen Discounts,
1 & 2 Bedrooms & 1 or 2 Baths
Unfurnished

KENTWOOD APARTMENTS
1904 East 25th Street
267-5444
263-5000

PUBLIC AUCTION
Saturday, April 25, 1998
10:00 a.m.
Old Howard County Air Park North on Hwy. 350 from Big Spring, follow signs.
1997 4X4 Chevy 1 Ton, 1980 4X4 Chevy 1/2 Ton, 16 ft. V Bottom Aluminum Boat & Trailer, Gun's Including Pistols, Rifles, Shot Guns, lots & lots of Hand Tools, Power Tools, Air Compressors, Bench Grinders, Drill Press, Chop Saw, Power Hack Saw, Tables, Desks, Chairs, File Cabinet, Shelving, Plows, Fans, Knives, Socket Sets, Hammers, Chains, Boomers, Lots of Household Items, Too many items to list.
Some Come On Out And Join Us.
Preview From 8:00 a.m. til 10:00 a.m.
DAY OF SALE
AUCTIONEER-DEAN STATHAM
D. & S. AUCTION - ACTNR 12445
915-556-0510

ATTENTION THE BIG SPRING HERALD APPRECIATES YOUR BUSINESS

Here are some helpful tips and information that will help you when placing your ad. After your ad has been published the first day we suggest you check the ad for mistakes and if errors have been made, we will gladly correct the ad and run it again for you at no additional charge. If your ad is inadvertently not printed your advance payment will cheerfully be refunded and the newspaper's liability will be for only the amount actually received for publication of the advertisement. We reserve the right to edit or reject any ad for publication that does not meet our standards of acceptance.

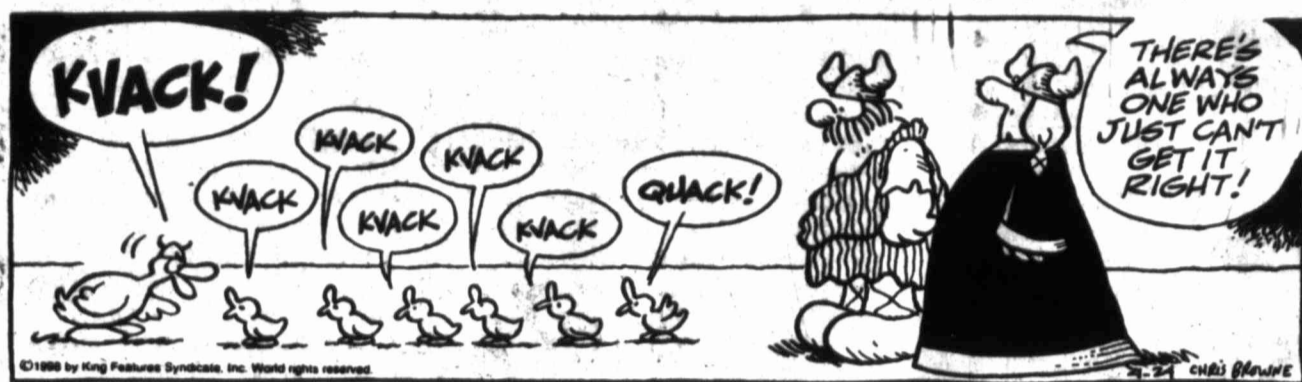
PUBLIC NOTICE
The Big Spring Independent School District will receive sealed proposals no later than 2:00 p.m. May 13, 1998, in the office of the Assistant Superintendent for Business, 708 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720. The district is seeking proposals for furnishing all materials and labor to build a softball complex. Proposals will be presented to the Board of Trustees for their consideration at their meeting May 14, 1998, at 5:15 P.M., in the Board Room, Big Spring High School. Bid Forms, Specifications, and Instructions to Bidders may be obtained from:
Mr. Monte Hunter
Hunter Corral Associates
1931 East 37th Street, Suite 3
Odessa, Texas 79762
Phone: 915-362-5577
1845 April 24 & 29, 1998

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF BIG SPRING
The City of Big Spring will submit an application to the Texas Capital Fund on behalf of Schlegel Systems, Inc. on April 30, 1998. The company plans to start-up a manufacturing plant that makes a variety of polymer products in Big Spring, Texas and expects to create 125 new jobs. The City will be requesting up to One Million Dollars in construct infrastructure improvements to support the companies planned facility on or about North Midway Road. The company plans to manufacture a variety of polymer products. The infrastructure improvements are needed to support the new facility. The application will be available for review at the Big Spring City Hall during regular business hours on April 28, 1998. All City of Big Spring residents are encouraged to state their views on this project. If you wish to comment, contact Mr. Kent Sharp at (915) 264-6032, or mail your comments to Mr. Sharp at P.O. Box 3359, Big Spring, Texas 79721. 1847 April 24, 1997

Classified Call 263-7331

FRIDAY APR. 24. Table listing TV programs for various stations including KMBD, KPEJ, KERA, FAM, KOBA, WFAA, KWES, WTBS, UNI, DISH, NASH, TMC, SHOW, HBO, KMLM, A&E, DISC, TNT, FSN, ESPN, AMC, and BET.

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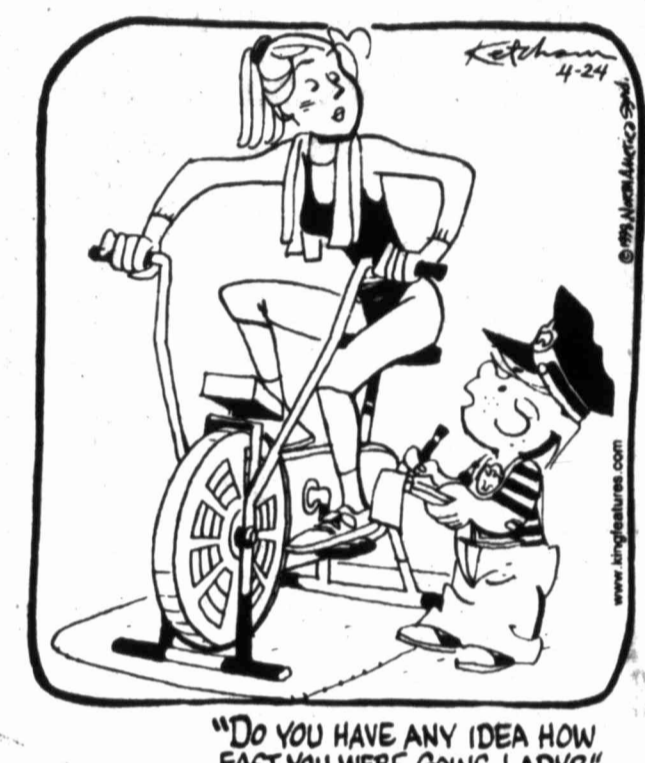
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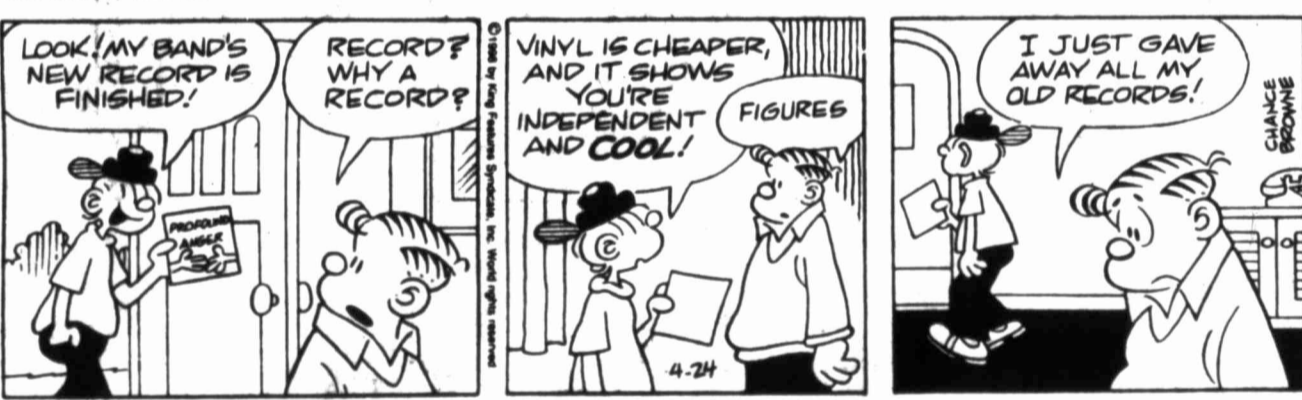
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, April 24, the 114th day of 1998. There are 251 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: One hundred years ago, on April 24, 1898, Spain declared war on the United States after rejecting America's ultimatum to withdraw from Cuba.

In 1792, the national anthem of France, "La Marseillaise," was composed by Capt. Claude Joseph Rouget de Lisle.

THE Daily Crossword

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

PARK & PUTT Miniature Golf Park & Driving Range advertisement with opening dates and contact info.

RITZ advertisement listing showtimes for Titanic and other movies.

CINEMA 1 advertisement listing showtimes for The Odd Couple II and other movies.

BIG SPRING Herald advertisement with contact information for the newspaper.