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Christmas in April a success, organizers say

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

About 200 volunteers hit Big Spring streets Saturday morning to make the city's 11th annual Christmas in April project a success.

The beneficiaries of Saturday's hours of hard work were many of Big Spring's elderly community who are not able to pay for the repairs to their homes or do the work themselves.

One of the projects was at 1006 S. Goliad and included the youth group from First United Methodist Church (FUMC).

John Plaia, president of FUMC's Methodist Men, coordinated the youth group activity. "The kids here today are part

of Common Ground (FUMC's youth group)," Plaia said. "We were looking for some community projects so we got together with Bob (Noyes), Christmas in April president."

Taylor Leatham, 13, was part of the FUMC youth group participating in Christmas in April.

"I enjoy being part of the youth group and participating," Leatham said.

Twelve year old Allison Moore was all smiles as she took a break from the 85 degree sun to enjoy a snowcone.

"I'm just having fun being part of Christmas in April," Moore said.

According to Plaia, it was not difficult at all to get the group of youngsters lined up to help with this year's Christmas in April

project.

"We only have about 15 young people out here now, but we have 20 people sign up right away when we made the announcement at one of our youth meetings," Plaia said.

The FUMC group worked from about 8:30 a.m. to around 5:30 p.m. painting the residence at 1006 S. Goliad as well as assisting with some siding repair.

"What we try to do with our youth in a case like this is get them to be a part of the community and help others who need the help," Plaia said.

Other Christmas in April project around Big Spring on Saturday included First Presbyterian Church volunteers working at 1605 W. 1st to repair the roof and do flooring and

bathroom work; First United Methodist Church Men's Group at 410 S. Bell doing some major construction including windows, a counter top and installing a sink; Grassroots Lawn Service at 310 W. 7th installing a shower stall; Sonny Choate (S.T. Plumbing) was at 908 N.W. 2nd installing a gas line; Scenic Mountain Medical Center volunteers were at 1312 Mobile doing exterior wall work using roll roofing as well as working in the bathroom; Bob's Custom Woodwork employees were at 409 S. Benton working on kitchen cabinet doors as well as installing vinyl flooring; Conoco volunteers were at 505 N.W. 7th remodeling a bathroom; Fina volunteers were at



HERALD photo/Linda Choate
Fifteen members of Common Ground, First United Methodist Church's youth group, did their part to improve life for the resident living in this home at 1006 S. Goliad Saturday.

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Dry spell has farmers praying for rain



No one's crying 'drought' yet, but cotton producers say precipitation is needed now

It has become a familiar, if somewhat unwelcome, routine for farmers. They plow their fields and do a myriad other chores connected to getting ready for the growing season ... and then they wait.

Being a dryland cotton farmer has sometimes been compared to being a gambler, and the reason for that is the one great mystery factor of each season — rain.

Will there be enough rain? Will it fall at the right time? Will there be too much rain?

There are other concerns for farmers — boll weevils, falling market prices and wind and water erosion, to name a few — but the No. 1 priority right now is getting enough water into the fields.

And for that to happen it has to rain — at least, it has to rain a lot more than it has so far this year.

Last year was a pleasant exception to the decade, in that more than enough rain fell on area fields. The end result was

one of the best harvests in years. So far this year, however, Mother Nature has not been kind to area farmers.

April 1998 is shaping up to be one of the driest on record. So far this month, no measurable rainfall has been recorded at the U.S. Agriculture Department research station north of Big Spring. That compares to slightly more than an inch of rain at the same date last year.

And it hasn't just been April that's been dry. So far this year, the USDA station reports 2.71 inches of rain in Big Spring, half the amount that fell up to this date in 1997.

The major culprit so far has been that old West Texas stand-by — wind.

"So far this month, the winds have been out of the west and southwest, so we haven't had a chance to get any Gulf moisture," said John Pendergrast of the National Weather Service office in Midland. "Usually, we need at least two or three days of winds from the southeast

before we will see any of that Gulf moisture."

And the moisture is very much needed, and soon. Traditionally, area cotton farmers plant their fields from early to mid-May, but a good rainfall is needed before the activity begins in earnest.

"No one's crying 'drought' just yet, but area farmers are getting pretty tired of just sitting around waiting for it to rain."

"If we get some rain, we'll be in the fields pretty quick," said Stanton-area farmer Gerald Hanson.

Hanson said the ideal time for planting is fast approaching, and that a warmer-than-average Spring has raised soil temperatures to levels conducive to planting. Now, farmers just need to add water to the mixture and things will get busy.

"We're not going to be able to plant at all until it rains," he said. "We've got to have some moisture before we can plant ... Sometime in the next 30 days is

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WEATHER

Today:



Mon:



Tues:



Wed:



Today, partly cloudy and breezy. Highs in the 70s. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s. Extended forecast, Monday through Wednesday, partly to mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Lows in the upper 40s to mid 50s. Highs in the 70s.

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Moore board passes on grant application, Sharp says

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

What's in store for Big Spring's future economic development remains to be seen, but Moore Development for Big Spring Inc. officials are hoping things are as good as they were in 1997.

At Monday's meeting of Moore's board of directors, board members had planned to consider an application to the Texas Capital Fund Real Estate Development Program, but that move has been canceled.

Big Spring had planned to submit an application Thursday to the Texas Capital Fund on behalf of an Oklahoma-based company that produces plastics products.

Moore Executive Director Kent Sharp said Moore has decided to pull out of the application process because of time constraints. Also, the application would have been submitted with about 12 points of deficiency, which is the maximum allowed in the application.

Pulling out of the application process, Sharp said, does not

mean Moore will not continue to pursue this company for Big Spring.

"We're still negotiating with this company to come to Big Spring, but not through this funding avenue," Sharp said.

According to Moore, the company plans to start up a manufacturing plant in Big Spring that produces a variety of polymer products. This startup is expected to create about 125 new jobs.

Had the application moved forward, Sharp said, the city would have requested up to \$1

million to construct infrastructure improvements to support the Oklahoma company's planned facility on or about North Midway Road.

"Anytime you do an application like this, you have to have consultants involved and it would have cost \$5,000 to do the application and \$10,000 if the application was funded," Sharp said.

"I think it could have been funded, but the company would have to have had its application

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OBITUARIES

Katherine Williams

Funeral mass for Katherine Elizabeth Minch Williams, 55, Medina, was noon Saturday, April 25, 1998, in the Saint Stanislaus Catholic Church in Bandera. A memorial service followed at the Williams' home at 3 p.m.

Mrs. Williams died Sunday, April 19, in home after a long battle with cancer.

She was born on Aug. 5, 1942, in San Diego, Calif. She graduated from Arlington Heights High School in 1960, and received a bachelor of arts degree in art education from Texas Tech University in 1964. She married Larry T. Williams on July 25, 1964, in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Williams was a special education teacher for 31 years. Survivors include: her husband, Larry T. Williams of Medina; a son Geoffrey Thomas Williams of Arlington; a son, Grover Mark Williams of Big Spring; her mother, Jean Minch of Fort Worth; a sister, Betty Westmoreland, Big Spring; and two grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made in Katherine's name to the American Cancer Society, the Kerrville Area Hospice or the oncology unit of Saint Luke's Baptist Hospital in San Antonio.

Arrangements under the direction of Sizemore Funeral Home, Kerrville.

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 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, Ala. 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

Rosary for Emma Cruz, 67, of Big Spring, will be 7 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass will be 10 a.m. Monday, April 27, 1998, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with the Rev. Jerry McCarthy, pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

Mrs. Cruz died Friday, April 24, 1998, at Comanche Trail Nursing Home following an illness.

She was born on Aug. 21, 1930 in Donna. She married Abel Cruz Sr. on March 14, 1947 in Donna. He preceded her in death on April 10, 1996.

Mrs. Cruz moved to Big Spring in 1968 from Petersburg. She was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church and was a Cursillista. She was also a homemaker.

Survivors include one son: Abel Cruz Jr. of Big Spring; six daughters: Tomasa Molina of Allen, Irene Woolson of Livermore, Calif., Irma Gonzales, Hilaria Moreno, Angelita Cruz, all of Big Spring and Rosalinda Lares of Stanton; two sisters: Solia Vieres of Fresno, Calif., and Irma Linda Vieres of Corpus Christi; one brother: Arnulfo Vieres of Fresno, Calif.; 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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

Melanie Parker

Funeral service for Melanie R. Parker, 57, of Oklahoma City, Okla., will be 10 a.m. Monday, April 27, 1998, at the South Colonial Chapel of Vondel Smith & Son Mortuary in Oklahoma City. Mrs. Parker died Thursday, April 23, 1998. She was born May 3, 1940 in Brooklyn, N.Y. She was a member of St. Mary's Church in Big Spring and was a sales leader in the U.S. in 1993 for TRI-Chem Paints.

Mrs. Parker is survived by her mother: Mildred C. Pico of Oklahoma City; her husband: William M. Parker of Big Spring; one son: James Lawrence Lupton of Oklahoma City; two daughters: Barbara Lee Cordell of Norman, Okla., and Lisa D'Ann Hensley of Arlington; two brothers: Lawrence Joseph Pico of Arkansas City, Kan. and Paul Christopher Pico of Oklahoma City; one sister: Mary Anne Lawson of Oklahoma City; and five grandchildren.

Patsy Pettitt

Patsy A. Pettitt, 60, of Big Spring, beloved wife, mother, daughter, sister and grandmother, went to a better place on Saturday, April 25, 1998, at 5:47 a.m. in a Lubbock hospital. She had been struggling with lymphoma cancer. She will be missed by all of us who loved her, but her strength during the past six weeks will always be an example of her tremendous courage and will remain with us forever.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, April 27, 1998, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rodney Tedford, minister of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. She was born on March 11, 1938 in McCamey, Texas and

married Leon Pettitt on Nov. 29, 1957 in Big Spring, Texas. She worked as an administrative assistant at Howard College for 17 years.

She was a member of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, Leon Pettitt of Big Spring; two daughters and sons-in-law, Tammy and Glyndon Burkhardt of The Woodlands and Toni and Lee Stiles of Midland; her mother, Allene Mallicote of Big Spring; one brother and sister-in-law, Ed and Sonja Gotcher of Lubbock; two grandsons, Shaun Strickland of Christoval and Austin Clinkscales of Midland; two granddaughters, Desiree Clinkscales of Midland and Tayler Burkhardt of the Woodlands; her mother-in-law, Eltie Pettitt of Big Spring; and dearest friends, Wendel and Wynona Payte of Big Spring.

Pallbearers will be Jimmy Stallings, John Dolan, Charles Teague, Terry Hansen, Don Brewer and David Smith.

The family suggests memorials to: American cancer society, c/o Lucy Bonner, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring, Texas 79721-2121; or to the Howard College Scholarship Fund, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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

RAIN

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When we need to get some rain. We've got a little deep (soil) moisture, but we need a rain before we even think about planting.

Actually, area farmers will eventually plant their crops, regardless of any rain, just to qualify for crop insurance. However, they will wait as long as possible before resorting to that risky strategy, Hanson said.

"Right now, we're just praying for rain," he said. —STEVE REAGAN

MOORE

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(financial business) in order by Tuesday and I didn't think this would work if it were going into the application process 12 points deficient.

Applying for \$1 million would have been the obligation of the city because the state would have been the entity loaning the money, which would have been interest-free for a period of 15 or 20 years (the city's choice). According to Sharp, the \$1 million would have been used to build the facility needed by the company and they in turn would have leased it from the city.

Also as part of Moore's Monday board meeting, board member will consider a resolution authorizing Sharp to apply for a loan in the amount of \$3.5 million from local lending institutions.

According to Sharp, this loan would apply to the company Moore is attempting to lure to Big Spring.

Landing another company in Big Spring that would produce 125 new jobs would be the equivalent of landing another Signal Homes or Texas

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AROUND THE TOWN

Veterans Home, which is expected to produce between 150 and 165 new jobs in Big Spring.

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1302 Nolan re-decking a roof and doing some window work; and the Elva Clark family as well as other volunteers, include some from the Evening Lions Club were at 309 N.E. 2nd working on ceiling and painting. Sonny Choate was also at that location doing some plumbing and bathroom work.

Other Christmas in April projects not completed coordinated prior to Saturday, will be done at a later date, according to Noyes.

Last year's project included 12 groups with some 300 volunteers working to repair the homes of several of Howaru 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 it 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 include Noyes; 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.

CORRECTION

On Page 1A of Friday's Herald, a photo depicting Bivian Hagar stated that he received a certificate honoring her for 750 hours of volunteer work. Hagar was honored for 1,750 hours of volunteer work.

Police investigating pawn shop break-in
HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring Police Department (BSPD) officials are asking associates of suspected burglar Antonio Gonzalez, 17, to contact the department if they have received any property from him within the last few days.

Gonzalez is suspected to be behind last Tuesday's burglary of the Lone Star Pawn Shop in Big Spring.

During the burglary of the shop at 1601 E. Marcy, approximately 15 guns and about \$15,000 worth of jewelry was taken.

Gonzalez was arrested in Midland as a result of the subsequent investigation, along with another juvenile.

Anyone with information about the stolen merchandise or who may have received merchandise from Gonzalez may contact the BSPD at 264-2555 or 264-2548.

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AREA MEETINGS

The following entities will meet this week to discuss and vote on items concerning the business of Howard and Martin Counties, as well as the city of Big Spring:

Big Spring City Council

The Big Spring City Council will meet in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the council chambers at city hall to discuss and consider a variety of issues pertaining to the business of the city of Big Spring.

Moore Development For Big Spring Inc.

The board of directors of Moore Development For Big Spring Inc. will meet in regular session at 4 p.m. Monday in the chamber of commerce board room to discuss and consider the following items:

- Presentation to outgoing board member Phil Carruthers.
- Discussion and consideration of Project Perry.
- Discussion and consideration of hiring professional services for Project Perry.
- Consideration of application to Texas Capital Fund Real Estate Development Program.
- Consideration of resolution authorizing Executive Director Kent Sharp to apply for a loan in the amount of \$3.5 million from local lending institutions.
- Executive session to discuss personnel matters.

Howard County Commissioners' Court

The Howard County Commissioners' Court will meet in special session at 10 a.m. Monday in the commissioners' courtroom on the second floor of the Howard County Courthouse to discuss and consider the following items:

- Award bid on Sheriff's department vehicles.
- Presentation of treasurer's quarterly and financial report.
- Approval of personnel changes in the library.

Martin County Commissioners' Court

The Martin County Commissioners' Court will meet in regular session at 9 a.m. Monday in the Martin County Courthouse in Stanton to discuss and consider the following items:

- Consider increasing road foreman's authorization for caliche hauling from three to six loads.
- Consider report on Texas Department of Health pass-through funding for EMTs.
- Discuss 9-1-1 addressing problems related to postal service.
- Consider request from sheriff for prisoner transport van and jail booking computer.

Alcohol use suspected in traffic death

By KATHY GILBERT
Staff Writer

Authorities are waiting to determine whether the victim of a fatal one-vehicle rollover near Stanton was intoxicated when he crashed in a cotton field late Tuesday night.

Ramiro Torres, 19, of Tarzan died at about 11:45 p.m. Tuesday, said Trooper Bradley Willis of the Big Spring Department of Public Safety.

"He was traveling at a high rate of speed and wasn't wearing a seatbelt," he explained. "He was ejected from the vehicle when it rolled."

Alcohol use is suspected, Willis said, but declined further comment. "His parents said he had been drinking," he noted. "Blood tests have been sent to DPS in Midland. We're waiting

for the results." Torres was traveling at about 88 mph, judging from the skid marks, explained Willis. He was about nine miles northwest of Stanton on Farm-to-Market Road 829 when "he slid sideways across the road and got into a bar ditch. His tires dug into the dirt. Usually when you're broad-siding, those tires grab."

When the tires plowed into the turf, the car rolled over. Torres, without a seat belt, was thrown from the car. His neck was broken by the force of the fall.

He was discovered by oil field workers at about 6:30 a.m. Wednesday. "It's a desolate road nobody travels except the oil field people," said Willis.

The 1996 graduate of Grady High School and present-day manager of a Kent Kwik convenience store in Midland died on impact, said Willis.

Torres was born May 1, 1978, in Stanton and moved to Midland in 1996 after high school graduation. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. today in the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Stanton.

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Emma Cruz, 67, died Friday. Rosary will be 7:00 PM, Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be 10:00 AM Monday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.
Mamie Kenner, 94, died Saturday. Services are pending.

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Extortionist executed for killing banker's wife in 1985

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Condemned Texas inmate Lesley Lee Gosch, who twice avoided the executioner's needle by winning last-minute reprieves, was executed Friday evening for killing a San Antonio-area banker's wife in a botched extortion attempt more than 12 years ago.

Gosch, 42, was pronounced dead at 6:34 p.m., 11 minutes after the lethal dose began.

He had no final statement, and made no eye contact with any of the witnesses, including Amy Grammer, daughter of the woman he was convicted of killing.

Gosch gasped slightly once and took a couple of deep breaths, but made no further

movement. Gosch, a former Eagle Scout, was awaiting sentencing for manufacturing illegal gun silencers when testimony showed he killed Rebecca Jo Patton at her suburban San Antonio home.

On Jan. 15, he had received a Supreme Court reprieve about 45 minutes past his scheduled execution time as state authorities held up the punishment while appeals were being considered by the courts. In 1993, his execution was stayed just 20 minutes before lethal injection was scheduled to begin.

Gosch was the second Texas death row inmate executed this week and the fifth this year. Last year, Texas executed a

record 37 inmates. "I'm really glad it's over," said Mrs. Grammer, 28, who now lives in Lawrence, Kan., and was 15 when her mother was killed. "I'm glad it happened. I'll continue to just go on and have my own life and he won't be any part of it except for one unpleasant memory."

"This had nothing to do with revenge. This was justice. This man took a life. He took a lot of things. My mom was a lot of things to a lot of people. He took her away from a lot of people and left a big hole in a lot of people's lives as well as deprived her of the pleasure of living."

Gosch's attorneys on Friday had tried to stop the execution

by challenging procedures of the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles, contending the board did not comply with the Texas Open Meetings Act when it twice rejected the inmate's request for commutation. State lawyers argued the board specifically was exempt from provisions of the open meetings statute.

Prosecutors said Gosch was the mastermind of the Sept. 15, 1985 extortion scheme that resulted in Mrs. Patton, 42, being shot six times in the head with a .22-caliber pistol.

Testimony at Gosch's trial showed he planned to abduct the mother of two for ransom so he could get money to pay for a flight to Belize to avoid a prison

sentence for a federal firearms conviction.

Gosch had pleaded guilty a month earlier to charges of manufacturing and selling gun silencers. He had been scheduled for sentencing earlier in September 1985 but failed to appear. He also had previous convictions in 1972 for a pair of pharmacy robberies in San Antonio.

Mrs. Patton invited Gosch into her home after he showed up impersonating a flower delivery man. He ordered the woman to call her husband, Frank, president of the Castle Hills National Bank, and demanded the banker fill a briefcase with \$50 and \$100 bills. Frank Patton called

police. The extortionist had instructed Patton to take the cash to a San Antonio shopping mall and await instructions, but a promised telephone call there never came. Instead, Mrs. Patton was found dead at her home.

Gosch and another man, John Rogers, were arrested a week later for the slaying after an informant turned over to police the murder weapon and other items.

Rogers testified against Gosch and received a 45-year prison term while Gosch received the death penalty.

Another condemned Texas inmate, Frank McFarland, is set to die Wednesday.

Judge nixes grass suit

DALLAS (AP) — Lawn grass isn't a vegetable and isn't covered by the state's "veggie libel" law, a visiting state district judge has ruled.

Judge Bill Sheehan threw out a case filed by Pat Anderton, the owner of a Plano turf farm, against James McAfee, a state agricultural extension agent. McAfee had written in a newspaper column in late 1996 that Texturf 10, a grass brand grown by Anderton, did not respond well to the humidity in the Dallas area.

Ms. Anderton said her grass had been slandered and she sued under the "veggie libel law."

The law was designed to prevent uninformed challenges to the wholesomeness of perishable food products. It allows producers to sue those they believe falsely disparaged their products.

The judge did not indicate the basis for his ruling, made public this week.

Doyle Anderton, president of farm management for the turf farm, said the lawsuit wasn't about money and wasn't about eating grass.

"What we're trying to do is get him to keep his lip shut," he said of McAfee. "If they're loose cannons, they don't understand the impact of what they say."

The Texas Attorney General's Office, which represented McAfee because he is a state employee, argued that agricultural extension advisers like him need to be able to dispense good-faith counsel without fear of being sued.

Former cadet's confession ruled admissible

FORT WORTH (AP) — A former Air Force Academy cadet's confession that he fatally shot a high school classmate can be admitted in his murder trial, a judge ruled Friday.

David Graham allegedly shot the girl, with whom he'd had a romantic fling, because his jealous girlfriend told him to.

Following a week's worth of pretrial testimony, Judge Don Leonard said he will allow the confession that David Graham spent two hours typing into a computer at a military lockup in Fort Carson, Colo., in September 1996.

Leonard also ordered Graham's trial moved to New Braunfels, more than 200 miles south of Fort Worth, because of publicity that followed ex-fiance Diane Zamora's Tarrant County conviction for the same crime.

"David Graham's written confession that he sat and typed is admissible under Texas law, under military law, under any law," lead prosecutor Mike Parrish said after the hearing. "His statement leads to Diane's arrest. His statement leads to Diane's statement."

Ms. Zamora was convicted of capital murder in February and

sentenced to life in prison for her role in 16-year-old Adrienne Jones' slaying.

Prosecutors contended in Ms. Zamora's case that she ordered Graham to murder Miss Jones after he admitted to a one-time affair with the girl.

Defense attorney Dan Cogdell said he was not surprised by Leonard's ruling to allow the confession. He said he knew he had a slim chance of excluding the written statement from the trial, scheduled to begin July 6.

"I understand that it is virtually impossible unless you have gross misconduct by the police

to suppress a confession," he said.

However, Cogdell argued that authorities did not properly inform Graham of his rights and intimidated him into confessing by threatening the possibility of the death penalty.

He also argued that authorities didn't properly arrest Graham and illegally interrogated him, failing to follow Texas state law.

"This is hardly a scenario where the state can say they didn't know they were going to arrest Mr. Graham," Cogdell said. "Once he makes such an

admission, it stops. Once he makes that statement, 'I shot her,' they have to warn him. They don't get to say, 'Tell me more, tell me more, tell me more.'"

Prosecutor Sylvia Mandel said authorities handled the case as required by federal law and that Graham was aware of what he was facing.

"This defendant was more than adequately warned under the federal constitution," she said.

"This young man played a game with the detectives from Grand Prairie."

State Democratic chief says he won't run for re-election

AUSTIN (AP) — State Democratic Party chairman Bill White announced Saturday he won't seek re-election in June, opening the door for the daughter of former Gov. Ann Richards to run for the post against former Republican Molly Beth Malcolm.

White, who has been chairman since 1995, told a meeting of the State Democratic Executive Committee that he wanted to continue working for the party in a non-leadership role.

"I'll continue to work and devote a lot of hours to this

party," White said. "And after this election I pledge to you I want to be even more involved not just in the politics, but the substance of the issue that matters most ... public education. But I can't do so as chair of the party."

White, a Houston businessman came to the post after two years as Deputy Secretary of Energy during the Clinton Administration. He said Saturday he wanted to spend more time with his family.

He counted among his accomplishments as party chairman the unification of Democrats

behind a "mainstream agenda" of education, health care and tax issues; the rebirth of grassroots activism; and the recruitment of college students into the party.

White's departure from the top post comes as Democrats prepare for the November statewide elections, balloting in which all the top state offices are up for grabs.

Cecile Richards and Ms. Malcolm are considered the top contenders to replace him.

Ms. Richards, of Austin, said she still needs to talk with many people before deciding

whether to run.

"What's important to me is that if we can we come to a consensus," Ms. Richards said. "I've been through a number of fights in the Democratic Party. I mean I've been doing this all my life and I want to avoid that."

Ms. Richards currently serves as executive director of the Texas Freedom Network, a group she started in 1995 to counter the political clout of religious conservatives. If she were elected chair, Ms. Richards said, she would have to give up that position, a factor

in her decision.

Ms. Malcolm of Texarkana, president of the Texas Democratic Women, said her decision is made.

"I do want to run," she said. "I think I bring the ability for the state to see that the Democratic Party is open to everybody and that it is inclusive."

She added that her three years with the Republican Party would bring a "convert's fervor" to the race.

"I've been there, I've seen the other side and I don't like it," Ms. Malcolm said.

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OUR VIEWS

All of us must act to end trash woes

Every spring, Mother Nature gives a reminder of why it is so important to clean up our yards. Every March and April, when the wind howls through this area, it picks up every stray piece of trash and, seemingly by magic, deposits it in a spot guaranteed to be seen by passing motorists.

This year was no exception. Despite the good efforts of all the people who participated in the Great Texas Trashoff a few weeks ago, the brisk windstorms since then left lots cluttered with debris once again.

It really is a disgusting situation. Area residents take the time and voluntarily pick up trash around town, just to see their handiwork nullified by a capricious act of nature.

Of course, we really can't drop all the blame on the wind. As bad as it gets, it can't manufacture the trash, just transport it to another site. That garbage had to come from somewhere.

In the immortal words of the late, great comic character Pogo: We have met the enemy, and he is us.

Many area residents have busily, if unknowingly, negated their neighbors' beautification efforts by carelessly tossing trash where it doesn't belong. They've done it by tossing cans out of their cars, or by flicking candy wrappers or empty cigarette packs aside, or by not taking proper care when hauling their garbage to the bins.

The result of this carelessness is all too plain to see, and disheartening to those who want to take pride in this community.

We do not intend to accuse anyone of deliberately littering up the landscape. Instead, we see the problem as one of carelessness. Some folks just don't take the time to think before they litter, and the problem will continue to plague our community until we undergo a major attitude adjustment.

And the only way that's going to happen is if each of us take the time — and not a lot of it — to dispose of our trash properly.

If we don't, it won't matter what anyone else does. Mother Nature will see to that next spring.

OTHER VIEWS

Once more, Susan McDougal was dragged in to testify before a grand jury the other day, and once more, she wore leg irons and handcuffs shackled to a chain around her waist, causing one to ponder a simple question.

Why in the name of sanity and decency is this woman trussed up this way? It's almost as if there's a fear that McDougal — if she were restrained by nothing more than handcuffs, say — might karate-chop the guards near her into helpless submission, bolt for the door, hop in a car, outrun all the cops in pursuit and then commit a series of hideous murders.

The fact is, McDougal is not being held for acts of derring-do violence, though she is being held for a serious reason. She has been in jail the past 18 months for civil contempt because she refuses to answer questions about President Clinton before a grand jury in Arkansas. It makes sense that she was incarcerated. If citizens could thumb their noses at such demands by prosecutors with immunity, the time-tested workings of the criminal justice system would be jeopardized.

McDougal also has been convicted of fraudulently accepting a federally insured \$300,000 loan that she then used, in part, to buy into the

Whitewater land deal. It's that loan — and whether Clinton had any knowledge of it — that independent counsel Kenneth Starr wants her to talk about. She won't. She had been a good friend of Clinton's.

But nothing McDougal has done justifies carting her around in chains more appropriate for Dr. Hannibal Lecter, the cannibal and escape-artist in the movie, "The Silence of the Lambs." It's the case, too, that her lawyers have previously charged that McDougal had been awakened repeatedly for questioning during the night while in solitary confinement and was otherwise mistreated in jail. Now, it's reported, Starr's office is considering a charge of criminal contempt against her.

Starr, who has come to look worse in these proceedings than the convicted criminal, should focus elsewhere. He is getting nowhere with McDougal, and she has endured grotesque humiliation on top of jail time. She has more time to serve — she has just started a two-year prison term for taking the loan — and can hardly be said to have gotten off lightly for her refusals to testify.

So let her serve her sentence if she loses an appeal. And remove the shackles. Dale McFeatters, Scripps Howard

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Fragments that are good, fragments that are bad

There was a time — and it wasn't so very long ago — when teachers of English laid down four rules for would-be writers:

Never split an infinitive, never end a sentence with a preposition, never begin a sentence with a conjunction, and never mess up your composition with mere fragments of a sentence.

As a general proposition, the four rules are sound. It is usually better to write compactly than to compactly write. It is redundant to inquire where we are at. But no rules are absolute rules. Such as the rule against fragments. Which is the topic for today. Aaargh!

As every schoolchild presumably knows, a proper sentence must have a subject and a predicate: "The burglar fled." To be sure, a great many elements may hang from the noun and the verb, but without the two essential elements we are left with ragged remnants. Let me offer a couple of

Horrid Examples. George Eliot began her interminable novel, "The Mill on the Floss," in this impenetrable fashion:

"A wide plain, where the broadening Floss hurries on between its green banks to the sea, and the loving tide, rushing to meet it, checks its passage with an impetuous embrace."

You may search that pile of words until the sun goes down, but you will find no subject there. Of active verbs there are two (the Floss hurries and the tide checks), but these subordinate clauses are lost in the heap.

Another Horrid Example is horrid in a different way. Last August this full-page ad appeared in USA Today:

"For 96 years, Monsanto has been known as one of the world's leading chemical companies. But now we're spinning off our chemical businesses. To focus on the business of life sciences."

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It could be said of George Eliot's watery fragment that at least it had a certain flow. The ad for Monsanto had the hiccups.

The New York Times carried a feature story two summers ago on people who work at casinos in Atlantic City. These workers are not happy campers: "Among their chief complaints are casino work shifts. Working on weekends and holidays."

Boredom in roles that require a degree of cleverness in counting but not much more. Little chance for promotion." And so on.

Definitely employed, the sentence fragment can be a wonderfully effective device.

Twenty-five years ago, Clive Barnes of The New York Times reviewed a play by Neil Simon based upon stories by Anton Chekhov.

His was a painfully mixed review: "There is much fun here," he wrote. "Or at least here and there."

Columnist George F. Will was battering President

Clinton a few weeks ago with verbal hooks, jabs and uppercuts. Will was impressed by the televised allegations of Kathleen Willey: "Her words moved the focus of the crisis beyond Clinton, who apparently is a developmentally arrested adolescent, and beyond the taxpayer-funded chest-thumping White House boys sent forth to profess belief in their stonewalling employer."

"If Willey is truthful," Will observed, "Clinton is a perjurer." Will termed Clinton "the lamest duck in the history of the presidential aviary." He spoke bitingly of presidential "corruption." In a stream of crescendos his column surged to a climactic final paragraph:

"For a few years America probably can function fairly well, at least absent a foreign crisis, with a ridiculous president. We seem embarked on that constitutional experiment. Meanwhile, Jennifer Flowers has rendered an appropriately dismissive judgment on Clinton. 'You'd think the boy would learn.' The boy."

With that contemptuous, curled-lip fragment, Will demonstrated the art of polemical writing at its cymbal-banging best.

Two words did the work of 10: "The boy."



The guilt, overwhelming joy of motherhood

By GRACIE BONDS STAPLES Fort Worth Star-Telegram

FORT WORTH — The New York Times Magazine devoted an entire issue two weeks ago to what it called the joy and guilt of modern motherhood.

"Work or home? Breast or bottle? Spanking or spoiling?" the headline read. "No matter what they choose, they're made to feel bad. Mothers can't win."

I'd gotten no further than the cover — a tattered-looking ex-lawyer with two daughters and a son clinging to her — before I was morose and deflated, thinking, "You can't win for losing."

Which is pretty much how I felt the moment a stranger could look at me and tell I was with child nine years ago. Suddenly, everyone knew my husband and I were having sex. I was 'so' embarrassed.

Lucky for me, my youngest daughter Asha (at 7, she's still, trusting enough to believe whatever I tell her) thinks I've indulged just twice. First to get her sister, Jamila. The second time to get her.

I thought I ought to say something about this guilt thing because I've just finished reading that employers 'have to' let their employees use the restroom. I'm really happy about that. Can you imagine being pregnant and not being

allowed to take a break to the restroom?

When I was pregnant, I lived in the restroom. But being pregnant and all, I felt guilty about spending all that time away from work. Didn't matter that I had a good reason.

Which, by the way, reminds me of my urge to eat everything in sight. I ate myself up to 178 pounds and enjoyed every moment. Then I felt guilty because I was fat. I'm still carrying 10 of those ' pounds.

Ten pounds and a life of mother-guilt. The only thing I don't feel guilty about is not wanting ever to carry another child again.

That's what two C-sections can do to you. (Jamila decided to make her entry feet first, and an hour into labor with Asha, the child got scared and turned back. Dr. Langham said she began experiencing fetal distress.)

Then there was breast-feeding, which I believed made for healthier babies, even healthy IQs.

Two months into trying to breast-feed Jamila, I developed a painful infection of my mammary glands. Two months I tried. They're both very smart girls, but I still feel guilty.

And now that they're growing up, I feel guilty because I only have snapshots of them.

No videos. I feel guilty when on those rare occasions I'm not home before their bedtime. I feel guilty when I have to tell one or both "No," even when I know it's for their own good. And I feel guilty when I discipline.

But for all the guilt I have placed upon myself, there are many more moments when my heart leaps because I'm happy for their little arms around my neck, for those wet kisses, for sweet telephone messages.

"Hi, Mommy," Jamila called to say the other day. "This is your daughter. I just called to say I'm having a good time and I love you. Bye."

Sometimes they call so excited about something they squeal into the phone like little pigs. I love moments like these best, because I love knowing they are happy, because that's really all I need to feel happy.

They make me laugh. They make me nervous with anticipation. They make me proud.

For nine months I waited to see their little faces, to hear their voices, to hold them. They have given me more goodness than I deserve.

And you know what? They say I'm the best mommy in the world. And I believe them, because that's all that matters.

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14-year-old student charged after teacher killed

EDINBORO, Pa. (AP) — A student shot and killed a teacher chaperoning an eighth-grade graduation dance and wounded three others before the banquet hall owner captured him outside, authorities said.

Andrew Wurst, a 14-year-old student at Parker Middle School was charged as an adult this morning with criminal homicide, three counts each of aggravated assault and reckless endangerment, along with gun and drug charges.

About 240 students had attended the dance with the theme, "I've Had the Time of

My Life." Sobbing girls in satin dresses and terrified boys in neckties huddled together outside the hall after the shooting. Some hid in a closet when the shooting broke out.

Science teacher John Gillette, 48, was killed Friday night with a gunshot to the head. The dance was being held at Nick's Place, about two miles north of Edinboro, in northwest Pennsylvania.

State police said the boy was carrying a .25-caliber handgun and a small amount of marijuana.

Gillette was shot on a patio in

The student had mentioned that he was going to make the dance "memorable," an unidentified student told the Morning News of Erie.

the front of the hall, then the shooter walked inside and fired several shots before leaving through a rear exit, state police spokesman Mark Zaleski said.

Hall owner James Strand, armed with a shotgun, captured the boy in a field behind the building, Zaleski said.

The student had mentioned that he was going to make the dance "memorable," an unidentified student told the Morning News of Erie.

Student Shane Rock said he saw the boy with the gun shoot another student.

"I didn't see the shot but I

heard it, and then another," said Lucien Haury, another Parker student. "About 10 or 12 of us then piled into a closet."

The shooting occurred just as the dance was breaking up about 10 p.m. Edinboro is about 100 miles north of Pittsburgh.

Two 14-year-old boys were wounded by the gunfire and treated at Saint Vincent Health Center.

One had an abdominal wound, the other had a leg wound and both were treated and released, said Jane Sicker, a nursing supervisor.

A female teacher was grazed

by a bullet and did not need medical treatment, authorities said.

The victim was a married father of three children who once coached high school football.

In his youth he was a local high school football star and champion discus thrower. Gillette had taught for 27 years and recently began thinking about retiring, said band teacher Dennis Kitchen.

"He was really dedicated," Kitchen said. "He's the one that started these dances in the first place."

Purifier failure threatens shuttle mission

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The failure of a critical air purifier aboard the space shuttle Columbia threatened on Saturday to cut short the two-week mission to study the brain.

Unless Columbia's astronauts can fix the carbon dioxide removal unit, they will have to return to Earth as early as midweek — four days or so sooner than planned. Flight controllers scrambled to devise repair plans.

Mission Control said the seven astronauts were in no danger because the level of carbon dioxide gas in the shuttle remained normal.

"There's a potential" for a shortened mission, said Mission Control spokesman James Hartsfield. "But certainly the belief in here is there's a chance, certainly a good chance, of restoring the recyclable unit."

As soon as the carbon dioxide removal unit shut down late

Friday — twice within 10 minutes — Columbia's astronauts switched to a more complicated but reliable method of purifying their air.

That method involves the repeated installation of canisters of lithium hydroxide, carried on each mission as a backup.

Each time a can becomes saturated with carbon dioxide — the result of breathing and perspiration — it has to be replaced and stored. Until 1994, this was the only way to remove carbon dioxide from the shuttle atmosphere.

The newer removal system, by contrast, automatically absorbs carbon dioxide with a different chemical and dumps it overboard.

Engineers suspected a leaky valve might be causing the unit to shut itself off as protection against a larger, more hazardous leak, and proposed having shuttle commander Richard Searfoss bypass the compressor

attached to the valve.

"Things are looking better all the time," Searfoss said.

Columbia was launched April 17 with 50 lithium hydroxide cans. As of Saturday, the crew had used 22 to keep the level of carbon dioxide in the shuttle lower than usual for research purposes.

That leaves 28 cans and the crew will need to use four a day, translating into a seven-day supply, Hartsfield said. That includes five days of normal operations — which would last until late Wednesday or early Thursday — plus two days reserved for weather-related landing delays.

The 16- to 17-day neurological research mission, called NeuroLab, was supposed to end on May 3 — May 4 if the crew could conserve enough power.

Space limitations and the unusual length of this mission prevented the National Aeronautics and Space Administration from packing

more lithium hydroxide cans, Hartsfield said.

Searfoss told Mission Control he might be able to reuse some of the 22 already used lithium hydroxide cans.

That could yield several more hours' worth of carbon dioxide removal.

The 2,000-plus rodents, fish, snails and crickets flying on Columbia as test subjects add to the amount of carbon dioxide constantly being released into the shuttle's atmosphere, Hartsfield said.

But their carbon dioxide production was expected to cut into the lithium hydroxide supply by only a few hours, he noted.

The problem did not hamper the laboratory experiments being conducted by Columbia's four medical men, NASA said.

And the astronauts had time to answer questions from youngsters in New Hampshire as well as chat with their colleague aboard Russia's space station Mir, Andrew Thomas.

Study shows fat increases risk of asthma

CHICAGO (AP) — Harvard researchers say a study of thousands of nurses has provided the first strong evidence that obesity greatly increases the risk of developing asthma.

Even a little bit of fat increases the risk, and obese people — those who are roughly 35 percent overweight — are at least three times more likely to develop the respiratory ailment that afflicts millions of Americans, the researchers say.

For years, doctors have been aware of a connection between obesity and asthma. But the general assumption was that asthma comes first, that patients were prone to putting on weight because breathing problems limited exercise.

The new study was designed to test that assumption, and the

results "guarantee that obesity preceded the diagnosis of asthma," said the research leader, Dr. Carlos A. Camargo Jr.

One outside expert, however, said more study is needed.

The results will be presented this week at the international conference of the American Thoracic Society and the American Lung Association.

Both obesity and asthma are on the rise in developed nations. From 1982 to 1994, the rate of asthma rose 61 percent in this country, where health officials say one in three people are obese. An estimated 15 million Americans have asthma, which kills some 5,000 people a year.

Camargo's study used data from women in the Nurses Health Study II. Of the 89,061

nurses tracked in the asthma study, 1,652 developed the ailment from 1991 to 1995.

Their weight and height were known at the start of the survey, which was controlled for such factors as age, race, smoking and physical activity.

How obesity increases risk is unknown, Camargo said, but he speculated that excess weight compresses the airways, making them smaller and therefore more reactive to cold and other asthma triggers.

"This is certainly a very useful study if true, and it seems plausible," said Dr. Ronald M. Ferdman, an asthma specialist at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles.

"But the explanation about compressing airways seems too simplistic."

And Dr. Richard Honsinger, a clinical professor at the University of New Mexico, said he wasn't convinced that the causal effect of obesity has been proven.

He wondered if any genetic link exists between asthma and obesity, and said more data is needed on the exercise routine of asthma sufferers.

"How many people have a little bit of asthma and don't exercise, and so get fat?" he asked.

In another study to be presented at the conference, British researchers studied the relationship of asthma to birth weight, and to weight and height at age 26. The heaviest adults among the 8,000 people studied were 80 percent more likely to have asthma than the thinnest ones.

Prosecutors want 11-year term for Fortier

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Michael Fortier didn't help plan or carry out the Oklahoma City bombing. Still, prosecutors say, he knew it was coming and should spend at least 11 years in prison because he didn't tell authorities.

Fortier will be sentenced May 27 for failing to warn anyone of the planned bombing and for lying to FBI agents. He also admitted to hiding evidence and trafficking in firearms the government says were stolen to finance the bombing.

Federal prosecutors recom-

mended Friday that Fortier serve 11 to 14 years for his part in the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building that killed 168 people and injured more than 500 others.

Fortier, 29, pleaded guilty in August 1995 to four felony counts. His sentencing was delayed until after the trials of Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols.

Fortier also is being sentenced for plotting with McVeigh to take 25 stolen guns from Kansas to Arizona and


then actually moving them.

McVeigh was convicted of eight counts of murder and sentenced to death. Nichols was convicted of conspiracy and involuntary manslaughter and is awaiting sentencing. Fortier testified against both men.

"Fortier, unlike McVeigh and Nichols, never willfully conspired to use a weapon of mass destruction against people and property," prosecutors said in the motion filed Friday. "He did, however, engage in serious criminal conduct that facilitated the bombing conspiracy."

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Nigerians vote amid threats of violence

ABUJA, Nigeria (AP) — Government security forces outnumbered voters at many polling stations today in what were billed as the first open legislative elections of Nigeria's 5-year-old military regime. Opposition calls for a boycott and fear of violence kept many Nigerians away.

The elections, once hinting at democracy's return to Nigeria, have been marred by opposition claims of fraud and a growing sense that Gen. Sani Abacha's military junta had engineered the polls to ensure its continued rule.

With 50 million people registered to vote, elections officials said turnout was dismal. The elections follow a stormy week of opposition outrage and a call to boycott the vote and separate bomb blasts that killed nine people.

"It's really disappointing, we're not encouraged by the situation," said elections officer Innocent Nwobodo.

"Nobody seems to be interested in voting."

At the Garki Post Office polling booth in the capital of Abuja, not a single ballot had been cast more than three hours after opening. Across town, only seven votes were cast at the Wuse 3 Voting Center.

Voter turnout in Nigeria's predominantly Christian south was expected to be particularly low.

Streets throughout the capital were virtually empty, but for a large army and police presence aimed at warding off potential violence. At least 15 police officers or soldiers were assigned to each voting station in Abuja.

A ban on road traffic was imposed late Friday and was to continue until the polls close this afternoon.

Hours into the election, officials at least two polling booths in Abuja had not yet arrived to open the ballot boxes.

British PM riding popularity wave

LONDON (AP) — It was, Prime Minister Tony Blair said as he arrived to rescue the Northern Ireland peace talks, a situation "too important for sound bites." Without missing a beat, he then uttered a perfect one: "I feel the hand of history upon our shoulders."

One year since his Labor Party swept to power by landslide, it just keeps getting better for Blair. He's master of the sound bite, holder of record-breaking popularity, confidant of loyalty since the death of Diana, shaker of hidebound tradition, standard-bearer of "Cool Britannia."

And that's without the icing. A politician who had never held public office before the national election last May 1, Blair has put on the mantle of international statesman — feted in Washington, a peacemaker in Northern Ireland and now the Middle East.

After a generation in power, the enfeebled Conservative Party is virtually reduced to sniping in the House of Commons, where Blair does not often appear and where his huge majority is unshakable.

"The sense of well-being he generates is as undeniable as it is infuriatingly undeniable," commented The Sunday Telegraph, one of the few newspapers that still supports the

Conservatives. Embodying "New Labor," the 45-year-old Blair has increased his grip on the center ground of British politics, marginalizing the embittered left wing of his once-socialist party.

"What counts is what works," Blair told the National Assembly in Paris this spring, speaking in fluent French. "There is no right or left politics in economic management today. There is good and bad."

His critics grumble that Blair's smashing success is the result of style and fads. There are the ever-smiling photo opportunities, with his arm around his high-powered lawyer wife, Cherie, and sometimes with their three young children or his mother-in-law.

There are the pop stars at receptions at his official residence at 10 Downing Street.

There's the air of elfin innocence he sometimes exudes, a sort of surprise that anyone should make a fuss over him, whether as current president of the European Union, host to the Group of Seven leading industrial nations, or returnee from Israel after setting up a Middle East peace meeting in London.

Almost always, Blair finds the telling phrase — none more so than when he dubbed Diana the "people's princess" a few hours after she was killed in an Aug.

31 car crash. But those who see his first year in office as a public relations triumph riding on a buoyant economy, instead of the start of a revolution, are the ones he's really fooled, some analysts say.

"What they are doing is deliberately manipulating the sound bite situation to disguise the fairly radical things he is doing, particularly over the constitution," said Robert Worcester, head of Market Opinion and Research International.

Blair has set in motion a con-

stitutional earthquake: separate assemblies for Scotland and Wales, agreed to referendums in September; a proposed mayor and assembly for London; and the Northern Ireland peace deal that includes a formalized link between the province and the Republic of Ireland.

The next plan is to stop hereditary peers voting in the unelected Parliament's House of Lords. There's a possibility, too, of a freedom of information act and a new voting system that could lead to coalition governments.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

New financial beginnings are likely. Commitments made now are important, and likely to last. Be more forthright about your needs; formulate a plan to get what you want. The unexpected occurs with a friend. You might be startled, but it passes. Tonight: Be a tightwad!****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

You are full of energy. Today's new moon opens you up to new possibilities. Be more in sync with what you want. Decisions you arrive at are likely to stick. Your personality charges others. Make merry, and worry less. Tonight: Wish for a dream to come true.****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Take a back seat, and be more in touch with your needs.

Make choices, then figure out how to make them happen. Do what is best for you. A new diet or health regime might be needed; after all, bathing-suit season nears! Tonight: Make yourself the highest priority.***

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Take the lead in bringing friends together. You have something special in mind. There is no time like the present. Others will back you up and help. Meanwhile, a spontaneous party happens. Indulge a jealous partner. Tonight: It could go into the wee hours.****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Others have plans for you, even if you don't! Maintain a sense of humor, and use that energy to take care of responsibilities. Visit with an older relative, bring others together and complete some work. A loved one won't appreciate your inattention. Tonight: A friend reacts!****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Allow more odd information and different people into your universe. Broadening your horizons permits greater awareness and spirituality. Look into a possible seminar. Take a drive in the afternoon to soothe your nerves. Tonight: Check out a new restaurant.****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Talks reveal the other side of the coin. Take a look, and walk in another's footsteps. You don't always understand what to do in different situations. Brainstorming and seeing the world from another point of view bond a relationship. Tonight: A loved one acts up!****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Listen to feedback. Popularity soars, as others make offers

that you don't want to refuse. Take action. Someone who feels slighted lets you know. Be open to the unexpected at home. A sense of humor carries you through a rough moment. Tonight: A social whirlwind.****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You are unusually mellow and determined. Quit hedging about a decision that will alter your lifestyle. It is time to commit to yourself. Start a new exercise program, or develop a new hobby. Communications could jolt. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Let your energy direct you. You have been questioning a relationship. Now is the time to take action. A child or new friend appreciates your decisive manner. Let fun happen; don't hold back any longer. Do not gamble with your checkbook. Tonight: The good times roll.****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You might be in the mood to stage a revolution, but that could create an uproar at home. Another takes a strong stand, and you react. Can't you meet

halfway? A move or change is likely otherwise. Be cynical about promises of new beginnings. Tonight: Think, think, think.***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

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Melvin adds Van Poppel to list of Rangers' reclamation projects

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) — Dumped by four teams in 18 months, Todd Van Poppel discussed rebuilding his career with Rangers general manager Doug Melvin over lunch last June.

By the end of lunch, Van Poppel bought into the Rangers' long-term plan to return the righthander to the major leagues. He signed a minor league contract, agreed not to try to rush back, went so far as to go to Class A to start rebuilding his career.

"He said he had experience at it," said Van Poppel, who is starting this season at Class AAA Oklahoma. "That was their message. They had a definite plan. They had done it before."

Indeed they have. In an era when baseball teams bid

wildly on unproven foreign talent and ante up multi-million dollar deals for high school players, the Rangers — Melvin, in particular — look to an unconventional method to supplement player development. Call it salvage hunting.

"With so much time and money spent on scouting, the so-called 'diamond in the rough' is hard to find in the draft these days. That's what makes this the most challenging — and fun — aspect of the job. It's like finding a Rusty Greer," Melvin said of the outfielder who was a 10th-round draft choice.

Over and over, Melvin has given talented but struggling players the opportunity to rebuild their careers in his organization. Over and over, the play-

ers have taken advantage. Mickey Tettleton. Mark McLemore. Jamie Moyer. Lee Stevens.

All had been released at least once before contacting Melvin. All went back to the minors, willing to rebuild their careers. All resurfaced as productive major leaguers, for the long term.

Van Poppel fits Melvin's profile for potential buried treasure. The profile: The player must be young enough to still have a substantial major league career. He must have tools. And he must be willing to return to the minor leagues to rebuild his game and confidence.

Van Poppel is 26 and a former first-round pick, meaning his abilities were once judged profound. And he was willing to take a serious step back to

revive his career.

"If he'd wanted to go to Triple A and get back real quick, we wouldn't have had any interest in him," Melvin said. "But he said he was interested in our plan. He never had a chance to develop before, and we wanted to give him that chance."

Melvin and Rangers manager Johnny Oates have faith in the plan. They've seen it work.

In 1988, Melvin, then in charge of Baltimore's minor league system, picked up Tettleton, who was released by Oakland during the final week of spring training. A month later, he was back in the majors for good. He averaged 25 homers per year for the next six seasons.

The same thing happened with

McLemore, who was released by Houston in July 1991. Melvin snapped him up, asked him to go to the minors to work with Class AAA manager Greg Biagini on driving the ball more than trying to slap at it. He spent the last two months of the season in the minors, won a job in spring training in 1992 and has been in the majors ever since.

"There are reasons you are not in the big leagues," McLemore said. "You have to accept that and be ready to work on those things. The place to do that is the minors."

Melvin's most recent success story is Lee Stevens. At the end of spring training in 1996, the Rangers found them-

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Steers' bid for upset falls short

Mustangs' Lewis, Trevino three-hit Big Spring lineup

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

Big Spring saw its bid for an upset win over Andrews come a cropper Friday afternoon, as the No. 7-ranked Mustangs finished District 4-4A baseball play unbeaten a 4-1 win over the Steers.

The Mustangs, now 21-3-1 on the season, receive a bye in the first round of the Class 4A state baseball playoffs, while the Steers were forced to wait until learning the outcome of Saturday night's game between San Angelo Lake View and Sweetwater before knowing just what their future holds.

A Lake View win at Sweetwater would leave Big Spring and Lake View with identical 6-4 marks in 4-4A play and require a playoff to determine which teams would fill the loop's runner-up and third-place playoff berths.

One thing's almost certain, it will be some time before the Steers find themselves facing the kind of pitching talent Andrews threw at them Friday.

While Steers coach Bobby Doe had expected the Mustangs to start P.J. Lewis, who's suffered only one loss this season. Instead, Andrews went with Lewis' older brother, August.

All August Lewis did was work 5 1/3 innings, allowing just three hits, striking out nine and walking two before being replaced in the sixth inning by the Mustangs' hard-throwing lefthanded ace, Chris Trevino.

Trevino was more than an effective closer, retiring all five men he faced in order.

"It's hard to beat people that have the kind of pitching Andrews has," Doe said following the game. "We hit the ball better than we did at Andrews



Big Spring senior Jeff Denton delivers a pitch in the fourth inning that all Andrews designated hitter Mike Hudson could do with was pop up to first baseman Joe Owens. Denton, who took the loss in the Steers' 4-1 defeat, went five innings. He allowed just four hits and struck out seven in a strong performance.

and played better defense, too.

"We wound up with five errors, but several of those were basically caused by the wind ... it was really whipping out there," he added.

The Steers' pitching staff was nothing to be sneezed at,

either.

Senior Jeff Denton got the start and worked five strong innings, allowing just four Andrews hits and just one of the four runs the Mustangs managed off him was earned. "I felt pretty good out there,"

Denton said after having been replaced by James Darling, who frustrated the Mustangs with his side-armed delivery. "I'd had a couple of games where I'd really struggled, but

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Lightly regarded, Rangers dominate early season games

ARLINGTON (AP) — First in hitting, second in pitching, and tops in the American League West by four games.

It's hard to find something that isn't working for the Texas Rangers.

The Rangers passed their first big test of the season last weekend by twice beating the Baltimore Orioles, leaders of the American League East, in a three-game series in Arlington.

"This was an important series for us," said Mark McLemore, the Rangers steady second baseman. "Everyone views the Orioles as one of those teams in the upper echelon. We needed to play well and show people that we belong in that upper echelon, and I think it was important for our team."

The team is playing confident baseball, executing on the base paths and in the field, ranking tops in the league in fielding percentage (.991) and lowest in number of errors (5).

Offensively, they lead the league in team batting average (.332) and on-base percentage (.408), and the pitching staff ranks second in team earned-run average (4.06, behind only Tampa Bay's 3.95).

Catcher Ivan Rodriguez and right fielder Juan Gonzalez both are batting above .400 (.433 and .406, respectively). Gonzalez emerged from Sunday's 11-7 win over the Orioles as the league's top RBI producer with 22, two ahead of Seattle's Ken Griffy Jr.

General Manager Doug Melvin says balance is the key to the Rangers' success.

"There's no doubt that we've been a club that's been balanced, the combination of hitting, pitching and defense," he said. "We've got depth in our starting staff."

It's as if 1997 never happened. After winning the American League West title, the Rangers let shortstop Kevin Elster and Darryl Hamilton, the '96 center fielder and leadoff man, leave to free agency. Both had starred defensively.

Neither Benji Gil, Elster's successor, nor Damon Buford, Hamilton's replacement, produced at the plate or in the field.

Add to that a winter-ball hand injury that kept Gonzalez out of the lineup the first month of the season, injuries that idled McLemore for much of the season, and subpar performances by the entire pitching staff, you had one disappointing follow-up

to the 1996 gala.

This season, Gonzalez is healthy, Elster and McLemore are back together, Rodriguez is signed to a long-term contract, and Tom Goodwin has emerged as a wide-ranging center fielder and leadoff man deluxe with a league-leading 11 stolen bases.

With a .484 on-base percentage, Goodwin has erased early doubts about his ability to get on base.

"There was a question about how well Goodwin could get on base," Melvin said. "I think he worked at it. He was able to do that. He improved his bunting skills."

Further stabilizing the Rangers lineup is the continued emergence of first baseman-designated hitter Lee Stevens as a bona fide RBI threat with 17, sixth-best in the league.

And although Texas lacks a recognized ace in its starting rotation, Aaron Sele, Rick Helling lead the league with 3-0 records and ERAs below 2.0. Bobby Witt also is unbeaten at 2-0 with a 3.43 ERA.

And Roger Pavlik, erratic as a starter and prone to self-immolating in the first inning, no longer pitches first innings. Now, he pitches long and middle relief and has been doing it well, compiling a 1-1 record with one save but a 2.45 ERA in four appearances.

"He's had to adjust to a new role, and he's done it well," Melvin said.

With 16 games in the books, the Rangers are 11-5, one game short of the sizzling start that launched the team to the 1996 divisional title.

It wasn't what experts many experts expected from the Rangers. Texas was expected to spend much of the 1998 season eating the dust of the Seattle Mariners and Anaheim Angels.

But with the Mariners only now appearing to be recovering from disastrous bullpen performances, and with the Angels suffering from starting pitching that either excels or explodes, the Rangers have used steadiness to reach the lead.

The Rangers next provided a test for the surprising expansion Tampa Bay Devil Rays, who entered that series ranked third in the American League East, one-half game out with a 10-6 record. The Rangers won two of three games.

Beyond lies a long, hot season and many more tests for the Rangers.

Former assistant part of Tech group at meeting

CLEVELAND (AP) — A former Texas Tech assistant football coach linked to some of the most serious allegations against the athletic department has appeared with Tech officials at this weekend's meeting of the NCAA Committee on Infractions.

Rhudy Maskew joined several Tech officials before the committee Friday and Saturday. The NCAA is accusing him of misleading investigators looking into allegations of rules vio-

lations involving former Tech defensive lineman Stephen Gaines.

Tech is stating its case regarding 18 allegations of NCAA rule violations. The school has admitted to sections of many of the charges, and has self-imposed scholarship restrictions in several sports. The committee will notify Tech by June if it intends to impose additional penalties.

Maskew refused comment, but his attorney told the

Lubbock Avalanche-Journal and Houston Chronicle that Maskew answered the committee's questions to the best of his ability.

"Just like I've told everybody before: We didn't cheat. We didn't commit academic fraud," Austin-based lawyer Dicky Grigg said. "And that's what we told the committee."

The NCAA claims Maskew and others broke NCAA rules in helping former defensive lineman Stephen Gaines become

academically eligible. Citing medical reasons, Maskew resigned last August as the investigation progressed.

Officials cited NCAA secrecy requirements in not discussing what went on inside the closed-door hearing.

High-ranking Tech officials, including football coach Spike Dykes and men's basketball coach James Dickey, joined Big 12 Commissioner Steve Hatchell, other assistant coaches and Maskew at the hearing.

Bulldogettes tune up for Monday playoff game with 8-0 victory

HERALD Staff Reports

MIDLAND — Coahoma's Bulldogettes warmed up for their first true bi-district playoff game ever Saturday morning with an 8-0 win over Midland Christian's Lady Mustangs.

The Bulldogettes, now 18-7 overall, will face Fort Hancock's Lady Mustangs in the first round of the Class 2A/1A playoffs at 5 p.m. Monday in Fort Stockton.

Coahoma's pitching tandem of senior Tara Sterling and freshman Amber Bingham combined for the six-hit shutout and got air-tight defense from their teammates.

Sterling went five innings to notch the win, giving up five hits, striking out one and walking two batters. Bingham worked the final two innings, allowing one hit. She struck out two and walked one.

"I was really proud of the way our kids played

AREA ROUNDUP

today," Bulldogettes coach Rob Dickenson said following the win. "Midland Christian did a great job of putting the ball in play, but we played great defense to preserve the shutout."

Kenni Kay Buchanan and Brandie Hart led the way offensively, as the Bulldogettes pounded out 15 hits against Midland Christian pitching. Buchanan went 3-for-4 at the plate, while Hart was 3-for-5. Buchanan's older sister, Kelli, added a 2-for-4 performance, while center fielder Cassie Tindol was 2-for-5.

The Bulldogettes figure to be a prohibitive favorite in Monday's bi-district playoff, since Fort Hancock comes into the playoff game following its first year of UIL softball competition.

The Lady Mustangs finished second in District

1-2A's two-team field. Eldorado's Lady Eagles took the district championship.

"Realistically, you have to look at it and say there's really no way we're going to lose in the first round," Dickenson said. "From what I understand they (Fort Hancock) don't have much pitching and have some other problems, too. It'll probably be like playing a couple of the teams in our district that just started their programs."

If the Bulldogettes advance as expected, they will face Center Point in the second round, that game set for Thursday at a time and site that has not yet been determined.

Mitchell posts 9.97 in 100

LAMESA — Big Spring Steers sprint star Tory Mitchell blazed to a wind-aided 9.97 clocking in the 100 meters to win that event at the Lamesa Regional Qualifiers meet Friday.

The 100 meters was almost Big Spring's own when Lady Steers freshman Angelica Hinojos finished second with a 12.21 clocking in the girls' division.

The Lady Steers' 400- and 800-meter relay teams also posted second-place finishes, while Steers distance specialist Marco Torres won the 1,600 meters with a 4:36.69 clocking.

Stanton's Buffaloes also turned in a few impressive performances, as senior Tyron Davis finished second in the long jump with a leap of 22 feet, 10 inches and then placed third in both the 110-meter high hurdles and the 200 meters.

Bufs teammate Justin Cobb finished second in the high jump with a leap of 6 feet, 2 inches.

Big Spring's Antwone Edwards ran into a little bad luck, being placed in the wrong heat in the 110-meter hurdles. As a result, he didn't run

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SPORTS EXTRA

LOCAL SOFTBALL

Table with columns: TEAM, W, L, Big Spring Industrial Softball League. Lists teams like AFLAC, EAP Farms, Wards Western Wear, etc.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL American League DETROIT TIGERS—Claimed INF Jeff Manto off waivers from the Cleveland Indians. Designated RHP Scott Sanders for assignment.

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

Large table showing Major League Standings for American League and National League, including East, Central, and West Divisions with columns for W, L, Pct., and GB.

SAVES—Mojica, Cleveland, 8; Gordon, Boston, 6; Ayala, Seattle, 5; Parson, Baltimore, 4; Stanton, New York, 4; Weteland, Texas, 4; Montgomery, Kansas City, 4; Raykewy, Toronto, 4.

Table with columns: NATIONAL LEAGUE, BATTING—DeBell, Houston, 402; Colorado, 32; Blyskal, Cincinnati, 30; etc.

NBA PLAYOFFS

Table with columns: FIRST ROUND (Best-of-5), Thursday, April 23; Charlotte 97, Atlanta 87; etc.

ROUNDUP

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in the field with Davis and the other top hurdlers, but his 14.4 clocking left in in fourth place.

'Dogs rip Winters

COAHOMA — Winters' Blizzards were no match for Coahoma's Bulldogs who continued their unbeaten romp through the District 8-2A baseball scheduled with a 13-3 win in six innings Friday afternoon.

The Bulldogs, now 10-3 on the season and a perfect 4-0 in district play, had too much of everything for Winters to handle, as T.J. Green and Delvin White limited the Blizzards to just four hits, while they pounded out 10 hits offensively, including three home runs.

Green, who worked the first five innings, improving his record to 5-0 on the season, allowed all three Winters runs, just two of them earned. He gave up the Blizzards' four hits, but struck out 10 and walked just one.

While came on in the sixth after the Blizzards had scored a run off Green to strike out the three batters he faced. Green also figured heavily in the offensive onslaught, going 2-for-3 at the plate and driving in four runs — the big blow being a two-run homer in the fourth inning.

Center fielder Jerry Mann was swinging the biggest bat, however, going 3-for-4 and driving in five runs, including a grand slam homer in the Bulldogs' six-run third inning.

place in the bull riding standings following his 70-point ride Friday evening, only to see teammate Cory Crye replace him atop the leader board with a 72-point effort.

Brock was the only Howard College athlete to figure in the standings following Friday night's first performance, but coach Mike Yeater predicted that several of the Hawks riders would fare better Saturday.

Brock's 70 points left him tied with two others in second place going into Saturday night's performances.

The only other Howard performer to place in the standings going into the final performance was Jeff Hazaleus, who's 12.3-second clocking had him holding sixth place in the calf roping.

Lady Steers take win

ABILENE — Big Spring's Lady Steers erupted for six runs in the top of the eighth inning to defeat District 4-5A champion Abilene's Lady Eagles, 13-7, in a non-district softball game Friday afternoon.

The District 4-4A champion Lady Steers had to come from behind twice midway through the game, then stave off an Abilene rally in the bottom of the seventh to force the game into an extra inning.

But in that extra inning, the turned the long ball into a win as Honey Belev provided the game-winning hit, run and RBI by leading off the inning with a solo shot.

Howard's Crye leads

ABILENE — Howard College's Jason Brock went into Saturday's afternoon performance at the Hardin-Simmons University Rodeo holding first

ing, and drove in five runs. Belev finished 3-for-5, as did Sunni Smith and Jessica Canales.

All told, the Lady Steers pounded out 16 hits to back the distance-going performance of pitching ace Jessica Sinsneros.

Sinsneros improved her record to 17-1 on the year, allowing 12 Abilene hits, while striking out four. Only five of the Lady Eagles' hits were earned.

The Lady Steers improved to 27-4 overall with the win, while Abilene saw its record dip to 27-5. Big Spring will play host to Midland Christian's Lady Mustangs at 5 p.m. Friday at the Roy Anderson Complex.

CORRECTION

In Friday's edition of the Herald, the name of one of the boys' award winners at the Coahoma High School Athletic Banquet was omitted from the picture outline.



Senior Robert Lain was inadvertently left out of the outline. Lain was named the school's outstanding defensive player in basketball, was winner of the Best All Around Boy Award and the winner of a \$250 scholarship from the Coahoma Athletic Booster Club.



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GEORGE SOLIS SALESMAN Although George has been with Bob Brock Ford for 14 years, he just recently joined the Sales Staff. His dedication to the company and service to our customers make him our Employee Of The Month.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Lady Steers banquet slated for May 11

The Big Spring Lady Steers Booster Club will hold its annual Lady Steers Athletic Banquet at 7 p.m. Monday, May 11, in the Garrett Hall at the First United Methodist Church.

The banquet will be catered by Al's and Son Bar-B-Que. Tickets, priced at \$8.50 per person will go on sale Monday, April 13, at Big Spring High School, Athletic Supply, Neal's Sporting Goods and at Faye's Flowers.

For more information, call 263-4921.

CGA sets scholarship fund tournament

The Big Spring Chicano Golf Association has scheduled its sixth annual Scholarship Fund Tournament for Saturday and Sunday, May 9-10, at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Entry fees, which include dinner and a dance, are priced at \$150 per two-man team.

A new car will be presented to the first player to make a hole-in-one on the par 3 No. 4 hole on Saturday by the New Car Dealers Association of Big Spring.

For more information and tee times, contact the Comanche Trail Golf Course pro shop at 264-2366.

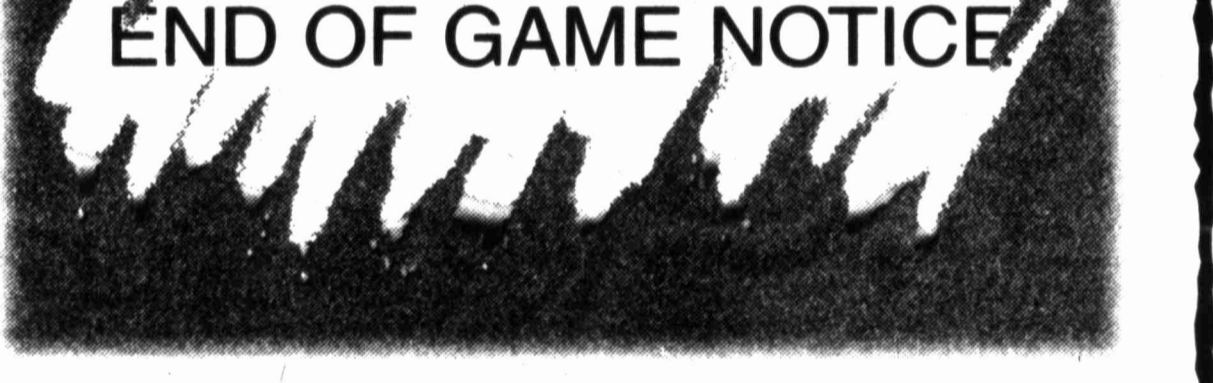
Golf tournament set with 'Relay for Life'

A four-person scramble golf tournament benefiting the American Cancer Society has been scheduled for April 25-26 at the Big Spring Country Club in conjunction with the Relay for Life.

Entry fees will be \$75 per player plus cart fees. Team will include A, B, C, and D players. For more information, contact the club's pro shop at 267-5354.

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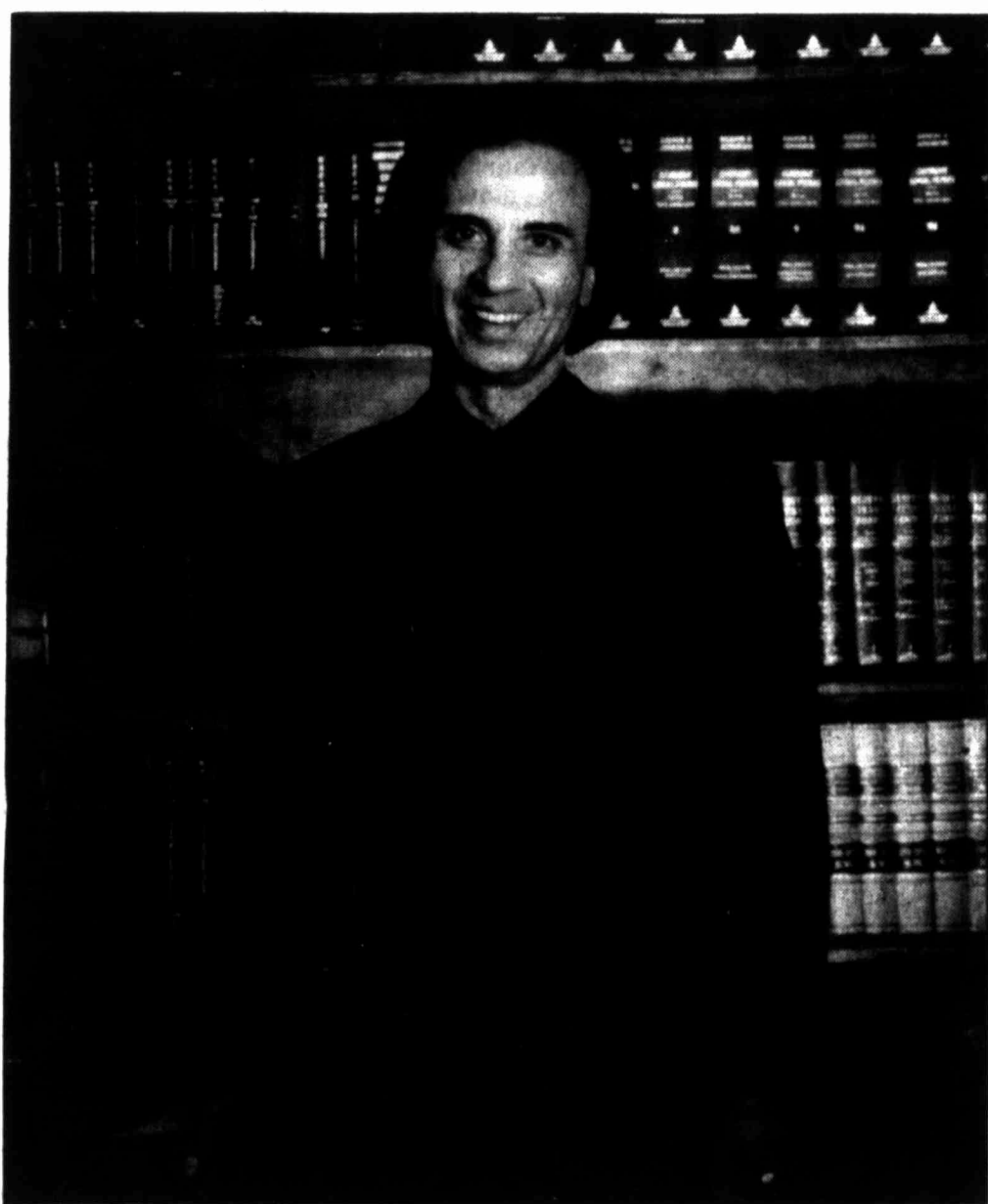
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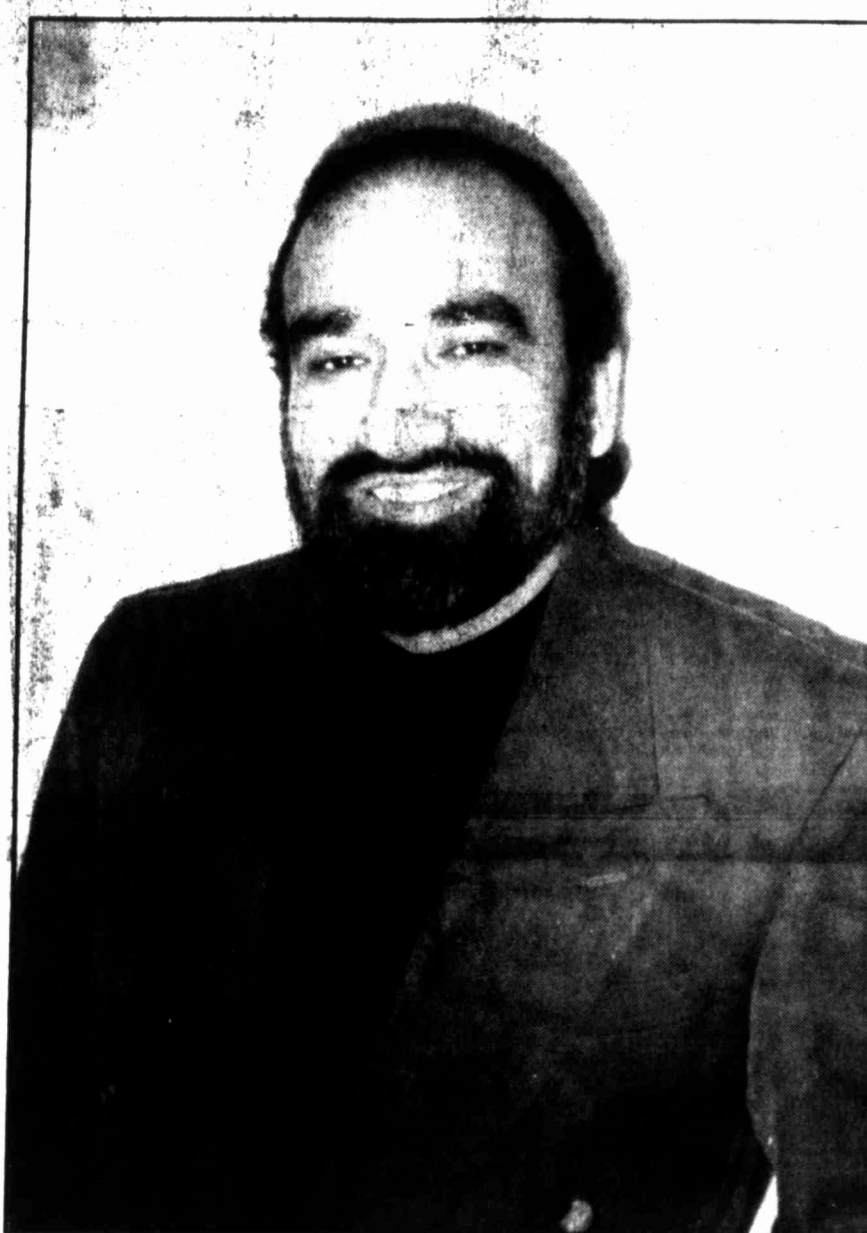
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◆According to legend, the four horsemen of the Apocalypse are War, Famine, Pestilence and Death.

◆The right side of a ship is known as starboard because long ago, it is the side where steering was done, known as "steorboard" in old English.

Do you have a good story idea for the *life!* section? Call 263-7331, Ext. 236.

When I grow up...

I wanna be a cowboy

At Elbow Elementary's Kindergarten rodeo, they weren't just clowning around

Elbow Elementary's kindergarten rodeo was just like the real thing, only smaller. There were real advertising signs for boots, trucks and western wear lining the gym walls — just like the ones at the summer's Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo.

There were plenty of cowboy hats and boots to be seen, a few bales of hay and even a little dirt. There were clowns, bandanas, flags, lively music and even a few close calls in the arena.

So what if the livestock all looked like it needed a good meal.

The crowd roared as "bulls" bucked and swayed, trying to throw their riders before the time was up. Little cowboys dutifully held one arm in the air, squinting and flopping with effort.

When a few of the animals' cardboard heads fell off their broomstick bodies, the crowd roared. When a couple of the young performers lost their hats or hit the dirt, it was just like the big time.

What would a rodeo be without the West Texas tradition of clown Quail Dobbs and his friends? When the familiar made-up face, and too-large overalls arrived, older Elbow students who had come to watch the show began to buzz.

"There's Quail," they said. "He's here!"

Dobbs, Jimmy Anderson and Jim Bob Fellar, all professional clowns, were shadowed by a troupe of clowns-for-a-day, dressed in matching outfits. With their entourage of a monkey riding a dog, a white rabbit and two tiny, bottle-sucking piglets, these clowns stole the show.

Almost. It was the kids the crowd came to see, and perform they did — dragging wagons in a race to the finish line, grabbing flags or carrying potatoes, circling barrels and riding "bronzes."

Jody Nix, playing first fiddle and then guitar, had the crowd clapping and stomping. Kids announced each act, giving a bit of history or an explanation of what was next.

By the time the finale came around, "Deep in the Heart of Texas," there was no doubt we were there.



Photography by Linda Choate

Story by Debbie L. Jensen



In the photos, clockwise from top: At top, one of the young clowns, who were dressed to complement their professional counterparts. A bull rider takes his best shot at a clown while trying to stay on the wild bull's back. Two cowgirls clap their hands while Jody Nix performs. A young performer grabs for the flag before racing back to her team in the flag race. Kid announcers (with a little help from the adults) gave a little history and information about each event at the rodeo.

Horse talk from a dog lover: The plug stops here

My sister loves horses, my cousin loves horses, my daughter loves horses. My granddaughters probably love horses. It is a rare girl who doesn't profess a love for horses.

When I was 4 or 5 years old, I thought I loved horses. I went to the picture show every Saturday with my sister, and we watched horses all afternoon. Trigger, Champion, King, Silver. All those horses. When we went home, we played horses.

At that age, I wanted to play Ladies. That's where you wear your mother's clothes and visit each other. You sit down and flare your nostrils and have sandwiches.

My sister would never play Ladies until after we played Horses.

We took the mop and broom from behind the kitchen door and rode them around the yard. I always loved my sister's horse. She got the mop, and his mane was prettiest. But my straw-headed broom, she said, smelled, more like a horse.

The first horse I ever met, personally, smelled like trouble. He belonged to a friend of a friend who agreed to let all us kids ride it one Sunday afternoon. Ha.

It was much bigger than the horses looked in the Saturday Westerns when grown men rode them. He was much bigger

than my broom. He was white with splotches of gray, and he smelled like a mixture of straw, oatmeal and morningbreath.

He was a plug with a mind of his own, but that news was withheld until later.

The older kids rode first, one at a time, up and down the dusty trail, all afternoon. It was hot, and the

flies were bad as I waited with the only other 9-year-old. My friend, I'll never forget him, Perry Knox.

When the older kids got around to us, it was time to go home. We took our turn together, riding double, with me sitting on the horse's rump behind Perry.

Halfway down the trail going at a fast walk, the plug with the mind of his own, had had enough. He wasn't going to take it anymore.

He stopped dead in his tracks and ducked his head. I somersaulted over Perry's head and the horse's head, followed immediately by Perry, who went over the horse's head and

landed on my head.

The ground was hard, and Perry was heavy. Most of my adult life I have had ringing in my ears, like insects in a swamp. It may have all started right there.

Two years later, I met a horse named Daylight. From a farm four miles out, he ran away with my sister and took her the way to Andrews. She denied it them, but she was gone all afternoon and came back by the highway with sticks in her hair. Years later, she admitted the truth. Said the horse ran all the way to a little cafe where our cousin played dominoes. She came back to the highway because she didn't

know the way to the house by the route she had come.

I have, actually, ridden a couple of horses all by myself. If you can picture an empty milk jug tied loosely to the tailgate of a pickup, you can picture how I ride.

I've never felt like a horse really wanted me on it. That's fine with me. There's just something funny about horses as I see them. The chemistry between me and a horse is not quite right. Their eyes don't meet.

I read in a science book that horse lovers carry a greater genetic link to the aristocracy than the rest of us do. That may be my trouble.



Eunice Choate
Columnist

GETTING ENGAGED



Rosalinda Rios and Joe Saiz Moreno, both of Big Spring, will exchange wedding vows on May 15, 1998, at Our Old House with Justice of the Peace, China Long, officiating.

She is the daughter of Joe Alvarez Rios, Monahans, and Debbie Sue Rios, Big Spring.

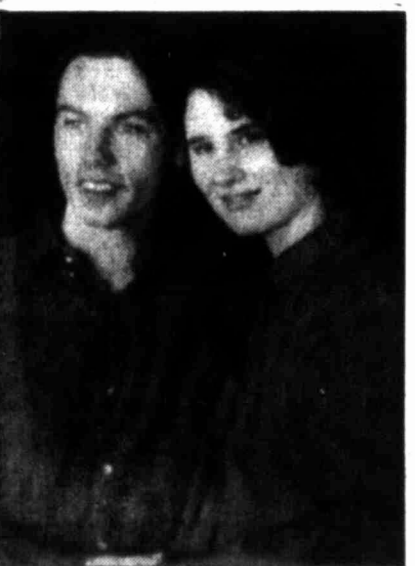
He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Moreno.



Lyndi Karan Bankhead and Michael Ray Spivey will be united in marriage on July 18, 1998, with Dr. Robert Lacey and Mike Moates, Hillcrest Baptist Church, officiating.

She is the daughter of Evie Batchelor, Big Spring, and the granddaughter of Mrs. Billie Miller and the late Hack Miller, Big Spring.

He is the son of Tim and Debbie Spivey, Big Spring, and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. D.R. Bates and Mrs. Emily Wells, all of Big Spring.



Marilyn Elizabeth Corwin, Lubbock, and Brent Aric Rogers, Columbus, Ohio, will unite in marriage on June 20, 1998, at the First United Methodist Church, Big Spring, with Dr. Ed Williamson, pastor, officiating.

She is the daughter of Tommy and Jobeth Corwin, Big Spring.

He is the son of Eugene and Anita Rogers, Barnesville, Ohio.

Weddings, engagements, anniversaries and birth announcements are printed at no charge in Sunday's life! section. They must be submitted on our forms, which are available in the Herald office, 710 Scurry. Call 263-7331, ext. 236 for more details.

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Sharing sisters' secret will make for enjoyable getaway read

"Sisters and Secrets," Katherine Stone, Anne Stuart, Donna Julian, and Jodie Larsen. Onyx, Penquin Putnam, Inc., New York, New York, March, 1998. 411 pages. \$6.99

Each of us has ties that bind us with our families, but few are quite as secretive as the one item that connected the four sisters in this unique blend of stories. The prologue sets the stage on Christmas Eve, 1977, with the death of the mother of the four young children. Lauren, the oldest at 14, understood the impact of this death as much as a teenager could. The younger girls just knew it as a time of sad confu-

sion, a time when everything in their lives changed.

Twenty years later the sisters, Lauren, Ardash, Dinah and Yardley are grown and have careers and lives independent of each other. Lauren as the oldest is in possession of the object that affected their lives so dramatically—the gun



Pat Williams
Paperback Book
Reviewer

that their mother used when she took her life. None of the other sisters know about the gun or its history.

Lauren becomes concerned that she might follow in the steps of her mother, unwilling to face the pain of life and apt to use the gun as her mother had. After spending some time at a resort deep in the Northwest woods, Lauren not only finds peace within herself, she also finds romance.

Feeling the need to share the secret of the gun with her sisters, Lauren sends the gun to Ardash who keeps the weapon with her as she faces a unique adventure.

When this situation is

resolved, the gun becomes a part of Dinah's life for a period of time. Yardley is the last to receive it. She uses the gun to protect herself from a killer who has cruelly murdered two of her business acquaintances.

As the gun changes hands from on sister to another, each learns the sad tale of how their mother's life had ended.

The secret that had been kept to protect the girls really became a burden as they had matured. Yet, the gun was the tool that inadvertently led each young woman to a place of personal happiness and satisfaction.

In some ways, "Sisters and Secrets" was like reading four

short romance stories. The book was cleverly done with each author writing the story of one sister. Their styles were similar enough not to cause a distraction as the reader went from one character's tale to another. The use of a prologue and an epilogue serve the reader well by tying up any loose ends and giving the book a sense of completeness.

If you're planning a weekend getaway or vacation and want to take along some relaxing reading that has no urgent social messages or depressing themes, Sisters and Secrets will fit easily into any bag.

RATING: (***) three out of four=Entertaining

WHO'S WHO

The United States Achievement Academy announced recently that Christopher Mulkey, of Coahoma, has been named a United States National Award Winner in band.

This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes fewer than 10 percent of all American high school students.

Mulkey, who attends Coahoma High School, was nominated for this national award by Jincey and Jeremy Ross, teachers at the school. He will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

Mulkey is the son of John and Cindy Mulkey, Coahoma, and the grandson of Christine Mulkey of Longview, and Barbara Smith of Big Spring.

Rev. Jim Wright, a chaplain at FCI Big Spring, has received the Doctor of Ministry Degree from Lutheran Seminary in St. Paul, Minn. Wright was a member of the U.S. Air Force from July 1968 to November 1981. He graduated from Wayland Baptist College in Plainview in 1980.

He is an 11 year veteran of the Bureau of Prisons and has been in Big Spring since 1994.

Wright graduated from Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, Calif., in 1990, and was ordained that same year with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. Wright is also pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in Snyder.

Bree Stephens, daughter of Val and Pat Stephens and a junior at Klondike High School, was the only college-bound student in Texas and one of 27 in the U.S. to achieve a 36, the highest possible composite score, on fall 1997 administrations of the ACT Assessment. About 42,000 Texas students, and 645,000 from across the nation, completed the ACT college-entrance exam in October and December.

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all U.S. colleges and universities.

Ronny Crownover, son-in-law of Big Spring resident Myra Robinson and Big Spring High School graduate in 1962, is likely to become the next District 64 state representative. Crownover, a Denton veterinarian, defeated Flower Mound lawyer Donna Morris in the Republican runoff April 14. There is no Democratic opponent for the Texas House seat.

Changes in lifestyle reduce health risks

By MICHELE CHEN SANTOS
Austin American-Statesman

AUSTIN — If you are over 50 and even if you're not - the following tips can help you reduce your risk of developing cardiovascular disease. The recommendations are from James Goolsby, a cardiologist at Austin Heart, and the American Heart Association.

— Quit smoking. The more you smoke, the higher your risk for heart attack, stroke and cancer. Your risk of heart disease drops dramatically soon after you stop smoking.

— Have your blood pressure and cholesterol levels checked. You may be at risk and not know it. "You may feel good, but by the time you start feeling bad, the damage may already be done," Goolsby says. High cholesterol and high blood pressure can be treated with dietary changes, exercise and medication.

— Commit to 30 minutes of regular exercise five days a week. A good goal is to be able to walk two miles in 30 min-

utes, Goolsby says. People with orthopedic problems that make walking difficult may prefer swimming, using a stationary bike or taking a water aerobics class. Check with your doctor if you have not been physically active recently.

— Enlist family members to help change your lifestyle. The whole family can start eating better, for example, or you and your spouse can quit smoking at the same time. Exercising with others makes you more likely to work out, as well as making the time more enjoyable.

— Eat a low-fat diet. Read food labels and eat foods that are low in saturated fat and cholesterol. Try new recipes that are low in fat.

— Remember, it's never too late to start making healthy lifestyle changes. "People are living longer and having more fruitful, productive lives than they were 25 years ago," Goolsby says.

HUMANE SOCIETY



Pictured: "Apache" Male, white long-haired, 1 yellow and 1 blue eye, 1-2 years old, neutered.

Town bans spraying of Silly String

RIDGEWOOD, N.J. (AP) — Silly String is on the ropes in this upscale town.

A man who played Smokey Bear in the Fourth of July parade complained that the sticky stuff nearly ruined his costume. He told the council that children along the parade route fired a salvo of Silly String, which left colored plastic clumps stubbornly stuck to his fur.

So the Village Council on April 14 enacted a law banning the plastic aerosol string in public.

"There is no need to mar the season with Silly String," Mayor Patrick Mancuso told The Record of Hackensack for today's editions. "We were getting complaints. There are other ways to celebrate than by ruining things."

Mancuso said the ordinance, which is in effect from May 15 to July 15 and during December, doesn't prohibit residents from spraying themselves silly in the privacy of their own homes.

Silly String scofflaws can fines up to \$1,000, but it is unlikely that anyone would have to pay the maximum amount, Village Manager Larry Worth said.

Photos submitted for use in Sunday life! should be picked up within 30 days.

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"Darcie" Female, dark tortoiseshell, 2-3 years old.

"Regina" Female, cream and white, 2-3 years old, spayed.

"Homer" Male, cream Tabby, 3 years old, neutered.

"Marilyn" Female short-haired black 6 month old.

"Peanut" Female, tortoiseshell

Calico, 3 months old, needs family to give lots of love.

These, plus many more dogs and cats are awaiting adoption. Adoption fees for dogs are just \$50 and cats are \$40. This includes spaying or neutering, vaccinations, wormings and rabies shots. Also covers feline leukemia tests for cats. All pets come with a two-week trial period.

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WEDNESDAY-Hamburger steak, green beans, gelatin, salad, squash, milk/cornbread, pudding.
THURSDAY-Fish, potatoes, coleslaw, okra & tomatoes, milk/rolls, applesauce.
FRIDAY-Roast beef, whipped potatoes, peas & carrots, salad, milk/rolls, fruit.

STANTON SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Sloppy joes or barbecue riblet/bun, potato rounds, carrot/celery, frozen fruit bar, milk, fruit drink.
TUESDAY-Beef spaghetti or steak fingers, corn on the cob, tossed salad, fruit gelatin, french bread, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Nacho grande or corn dog, refried beans, lettuce/tomato salad, pineapple cup, cornbread, milk.
THURSDAY-Baked fish or baked ham, macaroni & cheese, mixed vegetables, peach cup, hot rolls, milk.
FRIDAY - no menu provided.

COAHOMA SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Chicken patty (corn dog), gravy, corn, sweetened rice, pudding rolls, milk.
TUESDAY-Frito pie, tex-mex beans, milk, apple pie.
WEDNESDAY-Taco salad (burritos, fries), cherry cobbler, milk.
THURSDAY-Sliced turkey, (piraskoie burger), gravy, creamed potatoes, beans, milk, bread.
FRIDAY - no menu provided.

FORSAN SCHOOL
MONDAY-Pizza, buttered potatoes, salad, fruit cobbler, milk.
TUESDAY-Frito pie, corn, ranch style beans, chocolate cake, applesauce, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Sloppy joe, french fries, salad, pickles & pattie w/gravy, potato wedges, carrot sticks w/ranch dip, sliced peaches, milk.
THURSDAY-Italian spaghetti w/meatballs (ham & cheese sandwich, french fries), coleslaw, blackeyed peas, spiced apples roll, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Chicken fajitas (Chef salad, crackers), border beans salad, spanish rice, orange wedges, milk.
THURSDAY-Shaved roast beef sandwich (fried chicken, roll), potato salad, green beans, oatmeal cookie, milk.
FRIDAY - no menu provided.

ELBOW SCHOOL
MONDAY-Beef Stroganoff, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, fruit, milk.
TUESDAY-Western casserole, corn, peaches, crackers, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Steak, scalloped potatoes, peas, hot roll, fruit, milk.
THURSDAY-Sliced ham, blackeyed peas, fruit cornbread, milk.
FRIDAY-Sloppy joes, chips, salad, pickle spear, fruit, milk.

GARDEN CITY SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Pepperoni pizza, salad, corn, fruit cocktail cake, crust, milk.
TUESDAY-Fish nuggets, macaroni & cheese, green peas, jello, cornbread, milk.
WEDNESDAY Turkey & dressing, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit, hot rolls, milk.
THURSDAY-Pigs in the blanket, scalloped potatoes, cheese sticks, pudding, milk.
FRIDAY-Hamburgers, lettuce & tomato, fries, cookies, buns, milk.

SANDS SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Hot dogs w/chili, pork & beans, french fries, cake milk.
TUESDAY-Country fried steak, sliced potatoes, blackeye peas, hot rolls, fruit, milk.

BIG SPRING SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Corn dog (chicken

and Tracy Newton.
Grandparents are Marion and Sherry Newton, Big Spring and James and Neva Butler, Houston, formerly of Big Spring.

GARDEN CITY SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Pepperoni pizza, salad, corn, fruit cocktail cake, crust, milk.

GRADY SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Ham, potatoes, green beans rolls, milk.
TUESDAY-Hot dogs, french fries, fruit, dessert, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Beef/bean burritos, corn chips, fruit, dessert, milk.
THURSDAY-Stew, cornbread, fruit, dessert, milk.
FRIDAY-Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, apples, dessert, milk.

STORK CLUB

Sadie Lynn Shorter, girl, April 15, 1998, eight pounds six ounces and 19 3/4 inches long; parents are Roxie and Jeff Shorter, Houston.
Grandparents are Dolores and Vernon Wolf, Borden County, and Jeanne and David Shorter, Las Cruces, N.M.
Alec Gabriel Rodriguez, boy, April 21, 1998, 2:17 p.m., six pounds 12 ounces and 20 1/2 inches long; parents are Kris and Tiffany Rodriguez.
Grandparents are Tammy Custer, Big Spring, and E.G. and Ophelia Rodriguez,

Misson.
Gage Kenneth Richard Mills, boy, April 20, 1998, 3:04 p.m., seven pounds 2 1/2 ounces and 21 inches long; parents are Rose York and Kerry Mills.
Grandparents are Rhonda Kemp and the late Kenneth Kemp, and Richard and Loyce Mills, all of Big Spring.

April 10, 1998, 7 p.m., four pounds 15 ounces and 18 inches long; parents are Esmel and Brandy Munoz.
Grandparents are Esmel and Linda Munoz, Big Spring, Lenora Scott, Oklahoma City, Okla., and Chuck Davis, Dallas.

Anastacia Marie Mendez, girl, April 3, 1998, 9:10, seven pounds 7 1/2 ounces and 20 inches long; parents are Becky and Raul Mendez.

NEWCOMERS

Newcomers welcomed recently by Joy Fortenberry and the Newcomer Greeting Service include:
John and Carla Britton, Midland. They are both employed by Frito-Lay.
Koby and Lisa Flowers, son Trevor and daughter Savannah, Odessa. He works for CX Transportation.
Ken and Blenda Shaw, Odessa. He works for CX Transportation.
Ron and Barbara Stephens and her brother Gary Hosey, Akron, Ohio. He works for M&M Construction.
Shon and Gayann Parker and sons Kyle and Jared, San Angelo. He is employed by the Texas Department of Public Safety.
Joel Jr. and Lorin Martinez, daughter Maegan, Samantha and Mariah and son Alex, San Angelo. He works for HEB.
Ryan Wolfenberger, Killeen. He is employed by Dominoes Pizza.
Mark and Ashley Cain, Seminole, Okla. He is employed by Kentucky Fried Chicken, and she is employed by Walmart.

IN THE MILITARY

Army Pvt. Steven H. Aguirre has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Knox, Ky.
Aguirre is the son of Angela H. Aguirre, Stanton.
Spec. Aaron Reed, a member of the Texas Army National Guard's 100th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment and a former resident of Big Spring, took first place in the features category of the U.S. Army's prestigious Keith L. Ware journalism competition.
Reed's winning entry, "A Quiet Hero," was published in the November 1997 issue of "Soldiers" magazine. The story was based on interviews with Technical Sgt. Jim Logan, who as a member of the Texas Army National Guard's 36th Division won the Medal of Honor during World War II.
He works full time as a public affairs specialist at the Texas National Guard's Austin headquarters, Camp Mabry. Following a nine-month deployment to Bosnia in 1996, he was named the U.S. Army Europe (USAREUR) Military Journalist of the Year.
Reed is the son of Bob and Judy Reed of Big Spring.

Howard will honor two with retirement events

Paul Ausmus, Associate Professor of Biology for Howard College, and Joe Rhodes, Instructor of Drafting and Design Technology, will retire at the end of this semester.
Ausmus has a Bachelor of Arts from St. Mary's University and his Masters of Science from Abilene Christian College. He has done additional graduate study at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and the University of Texas at Austin.

Ausmus began teaching biology at Howard College in 1964. During his tenure he has taught anatomy and physiology, nutrition, and microbiology. He has been selected as Outstanding Educator of the Year twice, once in 1988 and again in 1993.

Rhodes began teaching drafting at Howard College in 1979. During his years with Howard College he moved as technology did, and began teaching computer-aided drafting.
Howard College will hold a reception in honor of Ausmus Monday,



AUSMUS



RHODES

What camp counselors need to know

By TIM HARLOW
Minneapolis-St. Paul Star Tribune
This summer, throngs of kids throughout the country will pack their duffel bags and head off to camp to learn everything from solving polynomials to improving their golf game.
It's not just calculators and athletic equipment that students will tote to camp. Some carry extra baggage in the form of emotional, behavioral and health problems. For camp counselors already saddled with the daunting task of planning activities to keep campers happy, that means being prepared at all hours to handle any issue or crisis that may pop up.
"Last year I had one camper who was there from a low-income family, and she just couldn't find a way to fit in with the other girls, who were all from upper-middle-class families," said Marie Graven, 17, a counselor at Camp Icahowan, a YMCA resident camp near Amery, Wis., for kids 8 to 15.
"That was difficult. You just have to have a lot of patience,

enthusiasm and be willing to change the game plan."
Camp directors such as Kathy Jurichko, director of Camp Bovey, a resident camp in Wisconsin sponsored by East Side Neighborhood Service in Minneapolis, have long provided counselors with on-site orientation and training.
Counselors listen to experts, discuss potential problems and participate in role-playing exercises to help build staff cohesiveness, plan programs and brainstorm ideas for handling common problems such as comforting homesick campers and administering first aid.
In recent years, training at many camps also has addressed health issues, such as dealing with kids with attention-deficit disorder and bad behavior, said Connie Coutellier, director of professional development for the American Camping Association (ACA) in Martinsville, Ind.
"Today's kids are different," Coutellier said. "They are bringing more medication with them (such as Ritalin for attention-deficit disorder and anti-allergy medicines), and staffers

have to be aware of that. We have to deal with behavioral problems and issues of supervision that didn't used to be there. No longer is it just about teaching counselors about planning programs."
The ACA, which accredits summer camps based on national standards of health, safety and program quality, organizes learning sessions all year for camp directors and counselors on topics ranging from child psychology to risk management to natural-disaster preparedness. These meetings include lectures, exercises, case studies, discussions and publications that camp directors can use to prepare for the more than 6 million kids expected to attend camp this year.
Even with the training offered to counselors, however, staff members often have to take classes on their own to learn skills such as CPR.
Of course, all the training in the world won't cover everything. Counselors often have to find creative ways of mediating disputes between campers or dealing with kids who misbe-

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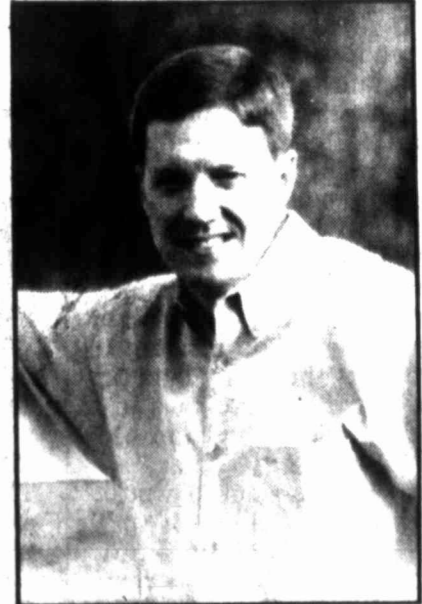
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Dr. Allen has more than 10 years experience in Family Practice, Emergency Medicine and Aerospace Medicine. He employs modern medical technology in a setting of old-fashioned country values. His practice includes general adult and pediatric medicine, minor surgery, cardiac stress testing and office ultrasonography.



Dr. Raymond B. (Ben) Allen, specialist in family practice

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High costs, low prices loom for cotton farmers

LAMESA (AP) — The only way delightfully moist spring planting conditions will do any good for the droves of Texas cotton growers headed into their fields might be if many of them ultimately fail.

Because of already ample world inventories, farmers who normally worry whether drought, hail, wind or insects will wipe out their crops are concerned this go-round about producing too much. More cotton means lower prices, something producers can't afford.

"I think there's a lot of guys hanging by their fingernails," said Dawson County grower Foy O'Brien, a 15-year veteran of the tumultuous cotton business. "I think if we have a bad year this year it could take a lot of people out. I'm very, very

concerned."

Drought-plagued growers on these plains had their first excellent season in years last fall. But they won't make any money this season if the current 57 cents-per-pound West Texas prices don't increase a nickel or more by next winter.

As production costs rise and prices drop, the U.S. Department of Agriculture indicates growers nationwide are cutting back this season except the southeast, where boll weevil eradication has slashed operating costs, and Texas, the nation's leading cotton producer.

Last year, there were 13.8 million acres of cotton planted in the United States. The USDA anticipates 13.2 million acres to be planted this spring, with

Texas accounting for 5.6 million acres, 100,000 more than last season.

"One area of the United States that doesn't seem to be falling in line is Texas," said Billy Dunavant, a leading cotton merchant. "That's why everybody's so off-guard (about the acreage figures)."

Dunavant's Memphis, Tenn.-based company, W.B. Dunavant Enterprises Inc., is predicting about 12.7 million acres this year. The National Cotton Council, also based in Memphis, forecasts 12.1 million.

Dunavant, who recently addressed growers in this farming town halfway between Lubbock and Midland, calls the USDA estimate a "shocking number," adding that Texas' increase inflated their figure.

"Hopefully a few of these acres in Texas will gravitate to something else," Dunavant said. "We just don't need 13.2 million at this time."

Prices have plummeted because of the heavy current supply, China's transition from importer to exporter and an anticipated million-bale drop in demand in Asia, where textile mills are struggling to get financing in light of the recent bank crisis.

Texas growers are planting on the hope that many of the predicted acres — preferably not theirs — don't produce any cotton, which would drive yield down and prices up.

National Cotton Council economist Mark Lange said that excellent soil conditions after a

wetter-than-normal winter are luring West Texas farmers into the fields.

Many growers don't have much choice, O'Brien said.

"If you're like me and you're a dryland farmer and all you can plant is cotton, it doesn't really make a difference what the price is because you're stuck either way," said O'Brien, president of Lamesa Cotton Growers. "You just plant cotton and hope for the best."

Even reduced planting might not boost prices.

Recent reports that China may have dumped 1 million bales onto the market stunted prices by about 4 cents, or roughly 6 percent. Lange said if it happens again, prices will respond in kind.

"Anyone planting cotton now with December (futures) at 68 cents is planting on a hope," said Lange, adding that those futures were already at a dangerously low 74 cents before the USDA's acreage estimate was released March 31.

In addition to supply and demand forces, Lange said continued competition from man-made fiber is also dulling market prospects.

Dunavant cautioned growers not to expect much more than a 4-cent gain.

Cotton acres planted in Texas each year since 1993, according to the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service is as follows: 1993, 5.58 million; 1994, 5.48 million; 1995, 6.44 million; 1996, 5.74 million; 1997, 5.58 million; and 1998, 5.63 million.

Despite slumping prices, oil and gas still surviving

AUSTIN (AP) — Oil's reign is on the ropes, but natural gas is saving the industry's pocketbook, company and state officials say.

Clayton Williams, former gubernatorial candidate and chairman of the board for Clayton Williams Energy, on Wednesday continued his tradition of acting out the industry's condition during the annual state of the industry meeting.

Williams in the past has showed up at the otherwise suit-and-tie meeting as a muscle man; hobbling on crutches; escorted by nurses, and dressed as a dinosaur.

With oil prices reaching near 10-year lows this year, Williams, laid out on a stretcher, recited a poem about the doom and gloom of oil's future. But he found strength enough to revive himself on the back of gas prices.

"Even an Aggie says get out of oil and get in gas," Williams said.

Interviewed before his antics, Williams said overproduction in the Middle East continues to cause problems in the oil market. Members of the

Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries have agreed to reduce production, but prices remain low.

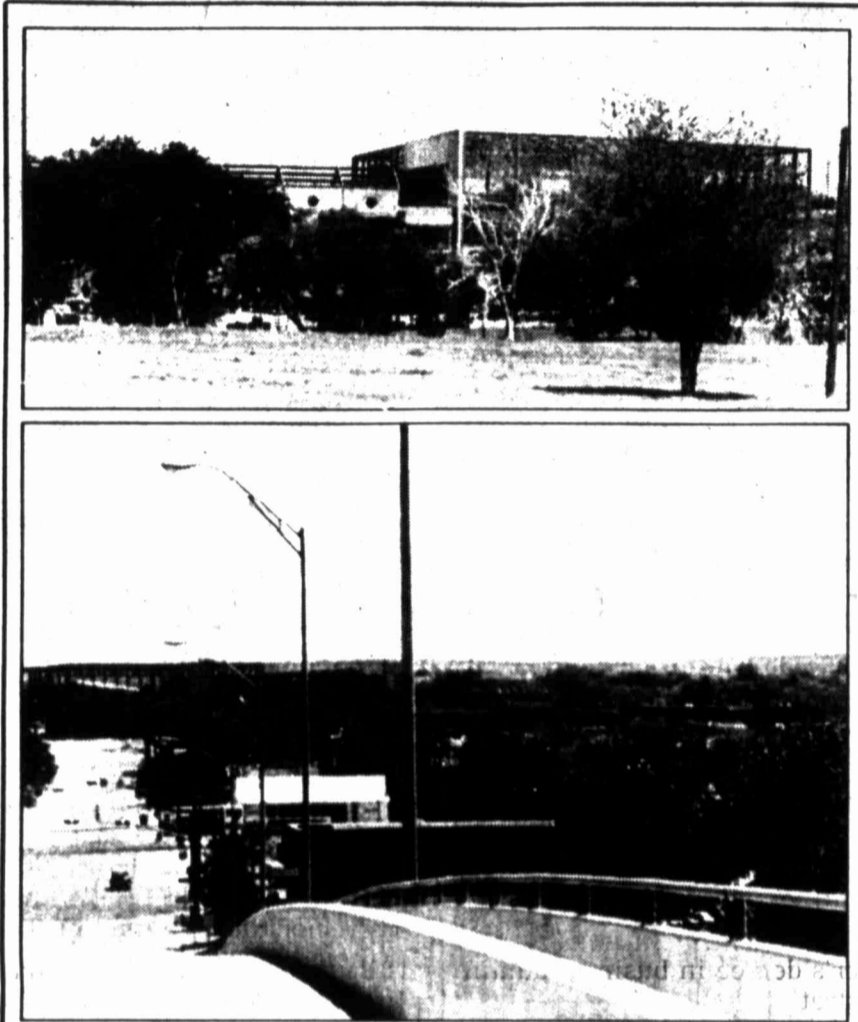
Williams said his and other Texas oil companies are weathering the price slump better than they have in the past mainly because of diversification, less debt and better technologies.

"Our industry as a whole is fine," Williams said. "Our company doesn't have the debt. Companies are shifting to gas."

State Sen. Steve Ogden, R-Bryan who runs a small oil production company, said while the industry is in good shape, owners of small businesses must be cautious.

"I think the trend toward consolidation is making it more difficult for small operators," he said.

"When oil goes from \$20 to \$15 (a barrel), the profit margin of independent operators goes first, while taxes and royalties are certainly affected," added Forrest Hoglund, chairman and CEO of Enron Oil and Gas Co. "Natural gas prices are a brighter story so far."



From different locations all around Big Spring, residents can see the new Big Spring Junior High School taking shape. School officials estimate the new facility will be finished somewhere around November.

Local 4-Hers capture District VI livestock event

HERALD Staff Report

Sixteen Howard County 4-H members recently participated at the District VI Livestock Judging Contest, bringing home first place.

Area 4-Hers learned how to select sheep, hogs and beef animals, according to Howard County Extension Agent David Knight.

Senior team members were Cash Berry, Riley Hipp, D.D. Wright, Kyle Kight, Megan Knight and Tony Wyrick.

Senior placements included: Megan Knight, 9th — High Individual Overall; Tony Wyrick, 8th — High Individual Overall; Kyle Kight, 6th — High Individual Overall; Riley Hipp, 5th — High Individual Overall; D.D. Wright, 4th — High Individual Overall; and Cash Berry, 3rd — High Individual Overall.

The senior team of Berry, Wright, Hipp and Kight was the high team in the contest with a total of 1,533 points out of a possible 1,650. The team placed in the top three in reasons, beef, sheep and swine, and will participate at Texas A&M University during the State 4-H Round-up in June.

In the junior division, members were Terrell Bibb, Cody McCann, Ricky Crawford, Trevor Bibb, Nick Bailey, Lauren Ivey, Rusty Crawford and Collin McMillan.

The team of Terrell Bibb, McCann, Crawford and Trevor Bibb placed third overall with a total score of 1,340. The teams placed first and second high in swine, second high in beef and first high in sheep judging.

The district contest marks the conclusion of the project for the junior team participants.

Birds plaguing Gulf Coast rice growers

COLLEGEPORT (AP) — Twice a day like clockwork they swoop in to feed by the thousands in the hour or so just after sunrise and then in the hour or so before sunset.

In the spring and fall, the numbers are especially impressive, swelling to tens of thousands and resembling a scene from the old Hitchcock movie, "The Birds."

"A quarter of the field, half the field — just blackbirds. You wouldn't believe it," says Carl Corporon, a Matagorda County rice grower who watches a good portion of his crop being carried away by the hungry creatures.

It's estimated growers like Corporon along the Texas rice belt — from Jefferson and Chambers counties southwest to Jackson and Calhoun counties — lose \$8.1 million a year to the blackbirds, which are common along the entire Gulf Coast, where their population may top 1 billion in the summer and 500 million in the winter.

"It seems to be worse this year," says John Cosper, Wharton County agent for the Texas Agriculture Extension Service. "For some reason, it just seems birds have not migrated back. It's creating quite a problem around here."

The birds munch on rice that is just starting to grow, with about 2 inches of the plant showing.

"They come along and grab the young plant, pull it up and then eat the seed that is still attached," Cosper explains.

"They're the worst pests we have," says Corporon, who's been growing rice and other crops on some 600 acres in the shadow of the South Texas Project nuclear plant for 21 years.

"A lot of other things you can control — diseases, drought, bugs and insects. But the birds, they're here and they eat the grain. There is no actual running them off."

It's not that he and other growers aren't and haven't been trying.

For a long while, rice farmers headed out to their fields each

morning toting a shotgun, not so much to kill the birds but just to scare them off.

"I don't do that as much now," Corporon says. "You run yourself crazy. They come out 15 or 20 minutes after daylight, come out from roost and hit you real hard. The shooting lasts a hour-and-a-half to two hours and you try to run everything out as you can. But they get their bellies full."

"In years past, we have spent \$2,000 and \$3,000 on ammo," says Corporon's wife, Kathy. "Every year you fight them and we've found it's not worth it. You shoot to try to scare them away, but what they end up doing is go in the air, then go to the other end of the field. You shoot there and they go to the middle. I hate it. There are acres they just demolish."

"You get to the point where you just say it's not worth it."

Researchers at Texas A&M University along with federal, state and local authorities and rice experts have developed a pesticide called DRC 1339 that the Texas Department of Agriculture has approved for use. Rice grain is put out as bait to attract the birds and then a week later the organic compound is laced with the toxicant that causes kidney or heart failure in the birds.

It was introduced to two sites in 1995, a dozen in 1996 and 30 last year, resulting in a depletion of the blackbird population by an estimated 600,000.

"Natural blackbird mortality is between 50 and 65 percent a year, regardless of human control efforts," says Gary McEwen, supervisor for the College Station district of the animal damage control district, which includes the Southeast Texas rice belt. "Even if we reduced the population by 2 million, that's only six-tenths of a percent of the South's total population."

Corporon, who is participating in the program, said he believes there's a decline in the number of birds this spring.

"We may actually have helped ourselves," he says.

Allen at Family Medical Center

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Shannon Health System has announced the addition of Dr. Raymond B. (Ben) Allen to the staff of Family Medical Center (FMC) in Big Spring.



Dr. Allen joins Drs. John Farquhar and Steve Ahmed at FMC and is a diplomate of the American Board of Family Practice and provides a full range of adult and pediatric care.

"Family Practice is a great specialty," Dr. Allen said. "It provides a wonderful opportunity to share in the lives of your neighbors. I want to give folks the many benefits of modern medical care in a setting of comfort and old-fashioned family values."

Dr. Allen opened his practice in Big Spring on April 20 and lets people know right away that he is a casual kind of person.

"My office style is extremely casual," Dr. Allen said. "I dress in boots and jeans, sit down while I talk to my patients, and treat them like neighbors looking for advice."

Sense of humor is also important to Dr. Allen.

"A laugh is usually part of the prescription," Dr. Allen said.

Farmers gearing up for fight over ethanol subsidy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Floyd Schultz, who grows corn and soybeans in Plainfield, Ill., has ripped the tags off half a dozen bags of corn seed in the past week and scribbled notes on them to members of Congress.

His message, echoed by other farmers taking the same lobbying tack, is simple: Don't let the subsidy for ethanol die.

Schultz, 52, who has farmed the same 1,200 acres all his life, figures ethanol producers' use of corn adds as much as \$25,000 a year to his income. At a time when both prices and exports of corn are depressed, he was only too happy to help pressure Washington to preserve the tax breaks for the grain-based fuel additive.

"It's just vital that we keep this industry strong," Schultz said.

When House and Senate negotiators meet in the next week to write a compromise version of a massive transportation funding bill, among the many differences they must resolve is whether to continue ethanol's tax break beyond 2000, when it is due to expire.

The House highway bill after 2000 would halt the 5.4 cent-per-gallon discount off the federal gasoline tax given to marketers that blend gas with ethanol. The Senate version would extend the credit through 2007, while gradually reducing it.

"If it doesn't get extended this time around it's going to be incredibly difficult to ever do it again," said Greg Guenther, president of the Illinois Corn Growers Association.

Ethanol supporters say farmer-owned ethanol-producing cooperatives need the extra time to become profitable and farm-state economies need the 6 percent of the corn crop ethanol uses. They also tout it as an environmentally friendly fuel that could reduce

America's dependence on foreign oil.

But ethanol's opponents say it is not all that green and call it a tax code boondoggle that has survived due to the political clout of farmers and Decatur, Ill.-based Archer Daniels Midland Co., the nation's largest single ethanol producer and a major campaign contributor.

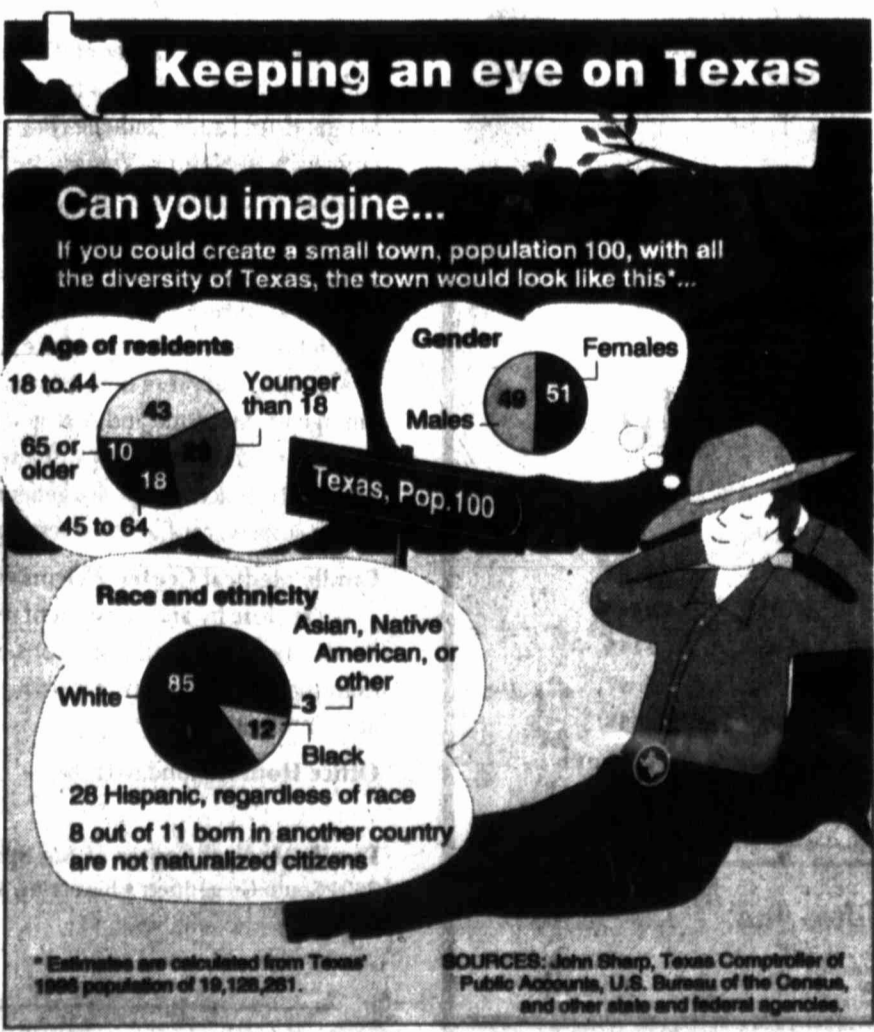
It's a perennial debate, with the pro-ethanol forces lately holding the upper hand.

But they face a formidable foe: Rep. Bill Archer from oil-rich Texas, the powerful Republican chairman of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee. Archer

turned back an effort last month to extend ethanol's tax credit in the House bill. He then used the savings from ending the credit in 2000 to repeal a railroad diesel fuel tax and a tax on truck tires and to divert gas taxes paid by recreational boaters to safety programs.

"It's just bad policy, and he's going to do all he can to keep it from being extended," Ways and Means spokesman Ari Fleischer said.

Farmers' groups are running print and radio advertisements urging farmers to call a toll-free number that connects them to their congressmen.



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grantor: Wade Choate
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property: a 4.852 acre tract of land out of the northwest part of section 17, blk. 31, T-1-S, T&P RR Co.
filed: April 13, 1998
grantor: Thomas J. and Beverly R. Biggs
grantee: Fab Properties, Inc.
property: lots 1 and 2, blk. 23, Original Townsite of Big Spring
filed: April 15, 1998
grantor: Fred A. and Beverly Barron
grantee: Fab Properties, Inc.
property: lots 3-6, blk. 23, Original Townsite of Big Spring
filed: April 15, 1998
grantor: Marcellous and Marilyn Weaver
grantee: Amanda Porras
property: tract 1 - a tract of land out of the southwest 1/4 of section 41, blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.; tract 2 - a tract of land out of section 41, blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.
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filed: April 17, 1998
grantor: Larry Joe and Sharon Ann Pew
grantee: Sean Bouchreau
property: all of lots 1-3, blk. 11, Subdivision C, amended Fairview Heights Addition
filed: April 17, 1998
grantor: Dorrace June Smith
grantee: Swartz & Brough, Inc.
property: all of lot 2 and lot 5, blk. 6, Avilon Village
filed: April 17, 1998
118th District Court Filings:
Accounts, notes & contracts: Sears, Roebuck and Co. vs. Ray Christian
Divorce: Glen Alan Scott vs. Patricia Diane Scott
Nancy Futrelle vs. James Larry Futrelle, Jr.
Darrel E. Canada vs. Lindsay Canada
John C. Hilario vs. Bonnie Regina Hilario
Mark Andrew VanWey vs. Tamra Gail VanWey
Abraham Gonzales Rodriguez vs. Sabara Roman Rodriguez
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Family: Cindy Denise Coyle vs. Doyce Ray Coyle
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Cathy R. Mayberry vs. Kevin Dale Maxwell
In Re: Kathryn Mae Johnson Higgins
Anna Arteaga vs. Adrian Rodriguez

ACCION modeled after Latin American loan program

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Lemons, watermelons and mangos provide the zest for the drinks known as aguas frescas that Ninfa Cardenas makes and sells at South Texas festivals. As Fiesta began in San Antonio recently, Ms. Cardenas planned to serve thousands of the fresh fruit beverages during the 10-day celebration. She also cooks and sells gorditas, a sandwich-type Mexican food made from fried corn masa and topped with meat, cheese, tomato and guacamole. "The people like it," Ms. Cardenas, 66, said with a smile, adding, "I like to work! And I like to make money."

micro-lending programs in Latin America run by ACCION International, the Texas agency uses lines of credit from banks and lends to entrepreneurs. Loan recipients start small — sometimes borrowing as little as \$500 — and gradually are permitted to borrow more money for longer periods of time, up to a maximum of \$25,000. The average loan is about \$3,000. "We begin the relationship with a small amount of money and see how responsible somebody is in paying it back," said Janie Barrera, president and chief executive officer of San Antonio-based ACCION Texas. ACCION Texas borrows money from participating banks at 0-percent interest and loans it to business owners at 16 percent, or about what credit cards charge, Ms. Barrera said. "We are here, and (clients) know that we're partners with the banks. This is not a grant program," she explained. "We become the intermediary."

Loan recipients must come up with some collateral, such as cars or jewelry, or have a co-signer. Borrowers typically are not "bankable" by usual standards and must check in personally each month as they repay their loans. "We are sort of like their last resort, or their only resort," said Ms. Barrera, a former Catholic nun who has a master's degree in business administration. Approximately 69 percent of the agency's customers are Hispanic, and about 45 percent are women. "This is good. This is working," said Joe McKinney, chairman and chief executive officer for the San Antonio region of Chase of Texas, one of nearly a dozen banks participating in ACCION Texas. Once borrowers repay their loans and begin needing larger amounts of credit, they may "graduate" to being bank customers, McKinney said. "What they're really doing is

establishing credit," he said. "It allows the banking community to get access to many of the potential customers that we never had access to before." It also allows banks to comply with the Community Reinvestment Act, aimed at ensuring banks lend fairly to all segments of the community, including low- and moderate-income neighborhoods. The program got its start after ACCION International, begun more than 20 years ago in South America, decided to launch a U.S. pilot program in Brooklyn, N.Y. in 1991. By 1994, four independent, non-profit arms of the ACCION network were founded in San Antonio, Albuquerque, Chicago and San Diego. There is now an independent agency in El Paso as well. Before the San Antonio agency opened, a market study conducted on the city's predominantly Hispanic west side found that some 90 percent of

120 small business owners surveyed said they had no access to financing from traditional banks. ACCION Texas began with \$125,000 available for loans and quickly grew. So far, it has disbursed \$2.7 million in 864 loans to 354 entrepreneurs. The agency considers only \$22,000 to have been lost, a rate it considers minimal. "In one instance, Ms. Cardenas, the '66d vendor, started with a loan of \$5,000 before Fiesta one year and paid it back a short time later. Now she has a \$15,000 loan she used to buy an "ice house," an indoor-outdoor bar she has furnished with picnic tables and decorated with strands of lights. Some nights live musicians serenade the crowd. "I tried to get some loans (from banks) a long time ago to make a business," Ms. Cardenas said. "They didn't want to." Some ACCION Texas cus-

tomers are groups of people, all of whom co-sign for a loan and are responsible for paying a portion of it. Peer-group lending participants have included cab drivers and cosmetics salespeople. "What we have found is that they are a subculture within themselves," Ms. Barrera said. "It's much easier for them to trust one another." The lending agency is striving for self-sufficiency. Ms. Barrera said, meaning all its operating costs would be paid for by revenues from interest on loans. It currently is 58 percent self-sufficient, with the rest of its expenses funded by grants and donations. ACCION Texas also is branching out. It opened a McAllen office in February, is about to open a Houston office and is proposing a Dallas office. The success of the agency, Ms. Barrera said, rests with the idea that even the smallest entrepreneurs can prosper.

DOT guidelines would end unfair competition

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Transportation Department is proposing its first set of guidelines on what constitutes unfair competition in the airline industry, hoping to pinpoint cases in which large carriers drive out smaller ones by lowering prices. The policy, announced today by Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater, sets out markers to signal to the government whether an airline is unfairly trying to eliminate competition and whether enforcement action is needed. "This policy is not intended to ensure the success of any start-up carrier but rather to ensure a level playing field," Slater said today. "Consumers deserve a pro-competitive standard that helps to ensure affordable air fares and accessible service." Major carriers, in responding to new airlines in their hub

cities, "appear to be straying beyond the confines of legitimate competition into the region of unfair competition, behavior which ... we have not only a mandate but an obligation to prohibit," said a department policy statement. The guidelines focus on large airlines that cut prices and increase seating capacity, even if at huge expense, to push smaller, newer carriers out of business. Although ticket prices might drop in the short run, such practices ultimately hurt the consumer when there are only a few carriers left controlling air service, according to the statement. "Once a new entrant has ceased its service, the major carrier will typically retrench its capacity in the market or raise its fares to at least their pre-entry levels, or both," the Transportation Department said.

Moves by major airlines to reduce ticket costs in order to force out competition and maintain control at their hub airports could trigger a government crackdown, possibly including hearings before administrative law judges. The new guidelines come 20 years after the deregulation of the domestic airline industry, allowing carriers to determine their own routes and prices. Under deregulation, the Transportation Department maintained the right to stop unfair competition, but it has never taken official action against a carrier. According to the policy statement, these new guidelines do not signal a shift toward reregulating the industry. Slater, on previous occasions, has said that part of making deregulation a success is ensuring that all airlines can compete.

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"I work for a living." And, I don't mind paying my fair share of taxes. But it ticks me off when someone expects me to carry some of their weight. Like the credit unions. They've got this bill in Washington that would let them grow way beyond serving average consumers, and keep their \$1 billion annual tax break. It would let them get into lines of business they know nothing about. Like commercial lending. Remember when the S&Ls did that in the 80's? Listen, I like small credit unions. But, gimme a break. No one gives me a free ride. When I get off tonight, I'm going to contact my Senators. Ask them to VOTE NO on the Credit Union bill. Heck, I've got enough trouble with my own bills. I can't afford to pay theirs too. The Capitol switchboard number is (202) 225-3121. Sponsored by the Independent Bankers Association of America.

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Pollard's APRIL SHOWER Of Savings

'97 Geo Prizm  White/charcoal cloth, 4 cylinder, auto, air, 16,000 miles. Stk. #177 \$11,495^{00*}	'97 Chev. Blazer 4X4  White, grey cloth, loaded LS, GM Program Car, 23,000 miles. Stk. #523 \$22,495^{00*}	'97 GMC 3/4 Ton Ext. Cab  Tu-tone, Tan/Green, tan cloth interior, loaded SLE 4X4, 350, auto., 29,000 miles. Stk. #132 \$25,995^{00*}
'96 Chev. 3/4 Ton Ext. Cab  Tu-tone, maroon & tan, tan cloth bucket, 350, V-8, loaded Silverado, local one owner. Sold new, 17,000 miles. Stk. #555 \$21,495^{00*}	'97 Cadillac Sedan DeVille  Light beige/maroon leather, GM Program Car, 25,000 miles. Stk. #159 \$25,995^{00*}	'96 Chev. Crew Cab Dually  Red, grey cloth, power buckets, loaded, Silverado 454, auto., glass boards, local owner, 35,000 miles. Stk. #387A \$23,495^{00*}
'95 Chevy Camaro  Red/gray cloth, V-6, auto, power windows & locks, tilt, cruise, tape, local 1 owner, 33,000 miles. Stk. #129. \$11,995^{00*}	POLLARD CHEVROLET BUICK CADILLAC 1501 E. 4th Toll Free 1-888-220-2990 267-7421	
'95 Chev. 1/2 Ton Shortbed Ext. Cab  Tu-tone red & silver, maroon cloth, power bucket, 350, loaded Silverado, local one owner, sold new, 54,000 miles. Stk. #545 \$17,495^{00*}		

HOUSES FOR SALE

WE LOVE Veterans. \$0 down payment to any qualified veteran on a **NEW Key Home.** Interest rates are great, call today and let us start your new custom built Key Home. 264-9440.

On 15 Ac. in Coahoma ISD. Beautiful view of Signal Mt. 2500 sq. ft. 3 bdr. 2 1/2 bath, formal dining, sunroom, bkfst. area, in ground pool, lot's & barn. \$160,000 267-1398

2 bdr. 1 bath, double lot, garage, steel siding, storm windows. 1318 Mobile 264-7225

HOUSES FOR SALE

FANTASTIC BUYS:
4-bedroom, 3-bath KENTWOOD \$70's.
3-bedroom CORNER LOT \$20's
3-bedroom, 1 1/2 bath NICE \$40's.
Don't buy until you've seen these! Charles Smith-Agent, 263-1713 or Home Realtors 263-1284.

MOBILE HOMES

***Overstocked!!!** Our loss is your gain. Example: 1998 3 bedroom, 2 bath, \$197.00 month, 240 mos., 10% down, 9.25% apr. W.A.C. Homes of America Odessa, Tx. Se habla español 1-915-363-0881 1-800-725-0881.

MOBILE HOMES

MOBILE HOME FOR SALE
14x60, 2BD, 1BTH, w/F.P. To be Moved - Needs Work. Sealed Bids Only - To Be Opened 5/5/98.
Mail Bids To:
Flower Grove Coop Gin Rt 1 Box 70 + Ackerly, TX 79713 (Attn: MHB)

*\$197.00 month!!! E-Z to qualify for this beautiful 2 bedroom, 2 bath 16 wide, large master suite, Beautiful carpet. Don't wait only \$1100.00 down, 9.75% apr var, 240 mos. Homes of America Odessa, Tx. Se habla español 1-915-363-0881 1-800-725-0881

MOBILE HOMES

*Come "C" the "Z" Island kitchen, buffet with glass cabinet doors, 54" shower plus much, more more. 10% down, \$236.20 month, 360 mos. 9.25% apr. W.A.C. Homes of America Odessa, Tx. Se habla español 1-915-363-0881 1-800-725-0881

*Casa mobil de 4 cuartos y 2 banos. Enganche muy bajo y pagos bajisimos. Para mas informacion llame al Homes of America Odessa, Tx. 1-915-363-0881 1-800-725-0881

HOUSING WANTED

WANTED: 3 or 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage or carport. Available June 1st. Call Ms. Campbell 267-1601 or call 505-832-2899.

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Apartments, houses, mobile home. References required. 263-6944, 263-2341.

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RENT TO OWN A HOME
4 bd., 2 bath \$300, 15yrs; 2 bd., Carport, \$250, 15yrs; 1 bedroom, \$200; 10yrs. Also appliances for sale. 264-0510

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Efficiency \$210
1 bdr. \$235
2 bdr. \$275
Clean, quiet and on site maintenance and management. 915-267-4217

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*Furnished & Unfurnished
*All Utilities Paid
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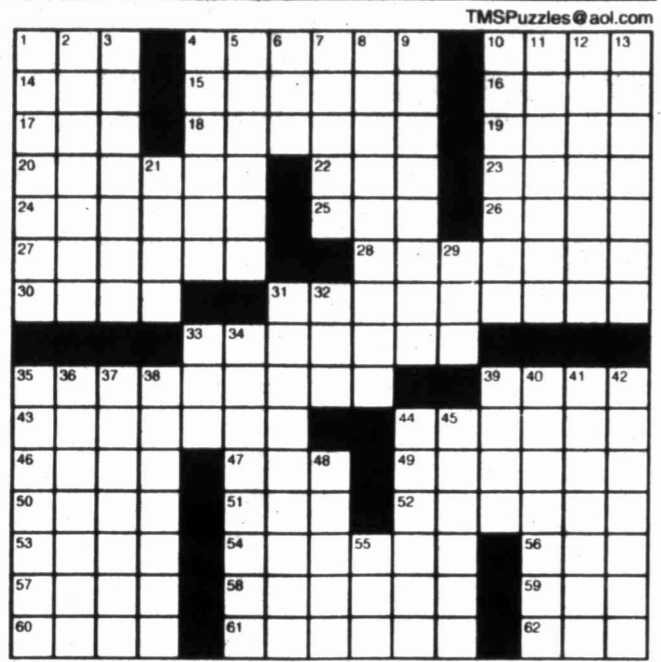
Swimming Pool
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1 & 2 Bedrooms & 1 or 2 Baths Unfurnished

KENTWOOD APARTMENTS

1904 East 25th Street
267-5444
263-5000

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

- ACROSS**
1 Do something
4 Does hard rubbing
10 Landlocked
14 African nation
14 H. Rider
14 Haggard novel
15 Ark's landing spot
16 Send out
17 Man with a title
18 Provocative comedy
19 Identical
20 Farthest within
22 Lincoln or Burrows
23 Move emotionally
24 After-dinner party
25 One of the girls
26 Infinitesimal amount
27 Copier additives
28 Nightclub
30 Downhill gliders
31 Artificial leather
33 Twelve-year-old, e.g.
35 Tableau
39 Lean to one side
43 Hillary's hill
44 Quick flashes of light
46 Roosevelt coin
47 Dawber or Tillis
49 Colorful
50 Site of Mont Blanc
51 "Silver" author
52 Island west of Chile
53 Golf-ball holders
54 Torn
56 Old Testament judge
57 "Jane..."
58 Interlock
59 Functional quill
60 Unusable
61 Dig farther
62 Spanish Mrs.



By Josiah Brewster
Scranton, PA

Friday's Puzzle Solved

DOER STAG SCRAM
ISTO ARLO LAURA
ALOP TEAL AMBER
LONESOMEDOVE
ONOLUSTERS
GABON ROES ONAN
STURNS BAER TIO
STREETSOFLAREDO
HIT TREE SCARED
EROS EAST IGORS
RENEWALAWN
COMANCHEMOON
RADAR NOTE IDLE
ELAND EVIL FIGS
DEBTS SACK FEAT

- 1 Lends a helping hand
2 Rocky
3 Mountain wind
4 One prone to backtalk
5 Shipping cases
6 Squal to the husband
7 Bathsheba's husband
8 Picnic feasts
9 Cheap ocean passage
10 Savor
11 Of love
12 Defined by borders
13 Say again
21 Galena and mispickel
29 Condemnation
37 Another name for poster paint
38 Urged
39 Covers
40 Parts of feet
41 Pittsburgh player
42 Russian empress
44 Bulgaria's neighbor
45 Weighted down
48 Syrup source
55 Baby food

Flashing porch light makes your house quick to find

DEAR ABBY: I would like to tell you about an item that helps emergency vehicles locate a particular home. A "911 Locator" light switch can be purchased in many hardware stores. It is a three-position light switch that replaces the standard one which operates the porch or yard light. In the bottom position, the outside light is off; in the upper position, the light is on as it normally would be; and in the middle position, the outside light flashes. Emergency vehicles can spot a flashing light from quite a distance, so they can zero in on the house in distress without having to slow down to read addresses.



Abigail Van Buren

These switches are illuminated so they can easily be found in the dark. They retail for about \$17. I have installed several of them for elderly, single and ill friends in the past few years, and at least two have been used for an emergency. The emergency personnel complimented the homeowners for making their homes easy to find. One manufacturer of this type of switch is Pass & Seymour/Legrand. I hope this information is helpful. — R.E. JENSEN, SEDONA, AZ.

DEAR R.E.: Very helpful. Thank you for informing my readers — and me — of the existence of this item. Its size may be small, but its value is potentially enormous. I called the manufacturer and was told that this product is carried by several national hardware store chains.

For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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2 bdr. 2 bath out of town. 1 acre + your own water well. Available during the 1st. week of May \$350/dep. \$375/mn. Call 264-0359 after 5:30 p.m.

2 bdr. Mobile Home. C/H/A. Washer/dryer hook up. 6308 Walter Rd. Call 264-6931 leave message.

3 bdr. 1 3/4 bath. 3308 Drexel references req. \$525/mn. 269-4948.

3618 Calvin: Very clean 3 bdr. C/H/A, garage, fenced yard. 263-3350.

MARCY SCHOOL: 3 or 4 bd., 2 bath. C/H, evap. cooling. References required. 263-7668 or 267-3074

Very Large & Very Clean 2 bd. Garage, fenced yard. 1019 Johnson. \$350./mo. 263-5818.

3 bd., 1 bath. C/H/A. Nice backyard, W/D connections. \$425/mo., \$150/dep. 1018 Ridgeroad. Call 263-1792 or 264-6006.

3 bdr. 2 bath. \$350/mn. \$200/dep. at 1101 E. 6th. Call 267-2304.

TOO LATES

For Sale or Trade 1991 Blue Ford Tempo Low miles, loaded, nice car \$4,200.00. Will Finance 1/3 Down - 263-5122

Compressor / Pump Mechanic
Western Container Corporation, the premier manufacturer of plastic beverage containers for the Coca-Cola bottling system, seeks an experienced career-minded compressor/pump mechanic for our Big Spring facility. The ideal candidate we seek will have a high school diploma and a minimum of three to five years verifiable work history in industrial maintenance with compressors, preferably with 3 stage reciprocating, single stage rotary, centrifugal pumps and basic electrical background. We offer an excellent benefits package including paid medical and dental, disability insurance, generous holiday and vacation package, and a matched 401(k) program. Fax confidential resumes to: (915) 264-3374 or stop by 1701 Apron Drive, Big Spring, to pick up application.

AKC Yorkshire Terriers 3 females, 1 male. Taking deposits. Ready to go May 11. Females \$300, male \$250. Call 267-1924.

FOR RENT: Small 2 bd., 1 bath. Central heat/air. No pets! \$300./mo., \$100/dep. 267-9822.

Don's Tire & Truck Ser: S. Service Rd I-20 Big Spring Now Hiring: Top Pay for Dependable, Experienced Mechanics, & Truck Tire Repairman. (915) 267-5205.

Qualified buyer needs home under \$50,000. Prefer country but will consider city. Can close in 2 weeks! Call Lila Estes 267-6657 or Reeder Realtor 267-8266.

Mob. Home 2/2/CP. Good investment. \$6500. 267-207C

RECEPTIONIST
Needed immediately for Big Spring office. Possibly a perm. position if you are computer literate and meet the public well. Previous reception experience required. Call us NOW! PREFERRED PERSONNEL - NEVER A FEE!! 1-800-531-3597.

Qualified buyer needs 4 bedroom home under \$125,000. Prefers large yard. Call Lila Estes 267-6657 or E.R.A. Reeder, Realtors 267-8266

Willing to WORK? Will train. Waitress needed, must be 18 & able to work split shifts. Good references. Apply at Red Mesa Grill, 2401 Gregg.

Technician
SALES / SERVICE TECHNICIAN
Betz Dearborn, the global leader in specialty chemicals for industrial water and process treatment, has an opening for a sales technician in Midland, Big Spring or Odessa. You will interact with customers as you test and repair equipment, take inventories and make chemical feed rate adjustments. This position may lead to a technical sales position.

To qualify, you must have excellent people skills, with some electrical, computer and mechanical experience or strong aptitude. Experience at a gas or petrochemical plant, oil field or refinery is a plus. High school diploma required; recent college or tech school graduates with appropriate skills will also be considered.

BetzDearborn offers an attractive salary and benefits package, including profit sharing, dental, tuition reimbursement and 401(k) participation with no waiting period. Please send resume to: Attn: MW/Tech, BetzDearborn, 9669 Grogans Mill Road, The Woodlands, TX 77380. Fax (281) 363-7798. Website www.betzdearborn.com EOE M/F/D/V

PUBLIC NOTICE
EFFECTIVE APRIL 28, 1998, TCA Cable TV will add Great America Country to Cable Channel 36 as part of its Standard level of service, replacing Country Music Television (CMT). Inquiries concerning this change or any other cable issue can be made at the TCA Cable TV office located at 2006 S. Briwell Ln. or by calling 267-3821. 1806 March 28 & April 5, 12, 19, 26, 1998

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF ESTRAY IMPOUNDMENT
THE HOWARD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE HAS IMPOUNDED ONE HEREFORD BULL. THE BULL WAS LOCATED IN THE NORTHEAST PART OF HOWARD COUNTY. FOR INFORMATION CONTACT THE HOWARD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE 264-2244. 1844 APRIL 26 & MAY 3, 1998

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT
Vista Resources, Inc. (A) 550 W. Texas Ave., Suite 700 Midland, Texas 79701 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Gloria Clay, H.R. Chalk -A- Lease, Well Number 15 3W. The proposed injection well is located 3 miles east of Foran, Texas, in the Howard Glasscock Field, in Howard County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2800 to 3100 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended; Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

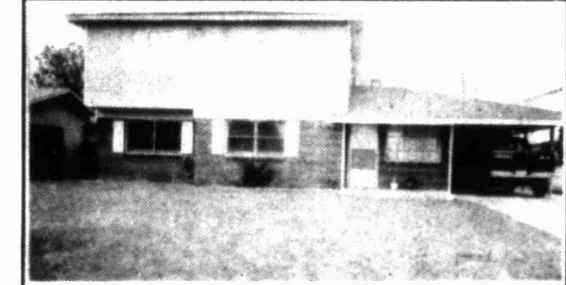
Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6815). 1843 April 26, 1998

Contract Documents, including plans and specifications, may be procured for a \$150.00 refundable deposit from the architect at the above address.

A cashier's check, certified check, or acceptable Bid Bond, payable to The City of Big Spring in an amount not less than five (5%) percent of the bid submitted, must accompany each bid as a guarantee that, if awarded in the contract, the Bidder will, within ten (10) days after receipt of Notice of Award, enter into a contract and execute bonds on the forms provided in the Contract Documents.

McMAHON-WRINKLE INDUSTRIAL AIRPARK HANGAR 25 BIG SPRING, TEXAS 1843 April 26 & May 3 & 10, 1998

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ELLEN PHILLIPS REALTORS
610 MAIN STE C 267-3061
APRIL OPEN HOUSE EXTRAVAGANZA



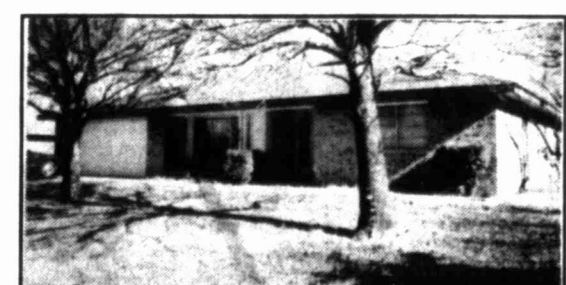
3600 Dixon
Hosted by Jean Moore



1801 Choctaw
Hosted by Tito Arencibia



1600 Thorp
Hosted by Ellen Phillips

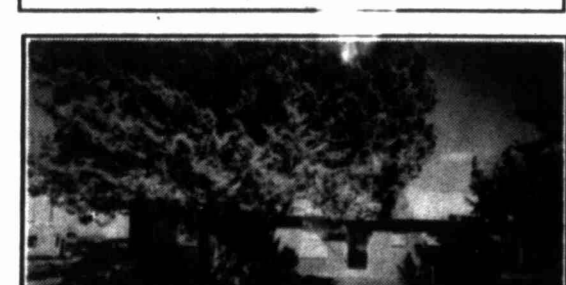


4041 Vicky
Hosted by Irene LeMarr

OPEN HOUSE
APRIL 26TH
2 PM-4 PM
REGISTER AT EACH HOUSE TO WIN A \$50 GIFT CERTIFICATE FOR A FAMILY DINNER @ RED MESA 10 CHANCES TO WIN



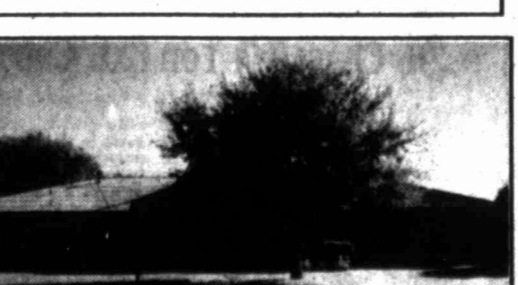
4048 Vicky
Hosted by Linda Fernandez



4201 Muir
Hosted by Odilia Granados



2906 Parkway
Hosted by Lorri Anderson



2703 Crestline
Hosted by Ellen Phillips



1609 Indian Hills
Hosted by Sherri Key

CONGRATULATIONS
Lee Rushing
Winner of the
April 19th
Drawing



804 Edwards
Hosted by Kaye Mitchell

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Mark your calendar for JULY 24 & 25. Parents or friends of any classmate, PLEASE send updated address of any classmate to:
1978 Reunion
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Big Spring, TX 79720
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