#### MONDAY February 22, 1999

**Tonight:** 



**TONIGHT** 30°-35° **TUESDAY** 60°-65°

#### Tax assistance available Mondays

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers have been trained by the Internal Revenue Service and will be preparing 1998 income tax returns on Mondays.

They will help individuals each Monday from 9 a.m. until noon through March 29 at the Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Drive in the Industrial Park.

The service is for all citizens, not only senior citizens, officials said.

Those requesting assistance are asked to bring their tax booklet received from the IRS, all W-2s, 1099s and other documents received showing their 1998 income, as we as last year's tax return.

Those who are handicapped, cannot make it to the Senior Citizens Center, and who need help are invited to call Dorothy Kennemur at 398-5522, the Senior Citizens Center at 267-1628, or First Presbyterian Church at 263-

#### WHAT'S UP...

D Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E.

#### **TUESDAY**

Beginning line dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-

#### WEDNESDAY

Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call

Terry Hansen at 264-5175. Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park.

□ Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

#### **THURSDAY**

Gideons International Big Spring Camp No. 4206, 7 a.m., Hermans.

Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older.

☐ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus

☐ Masonic Lodge NO. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

☐ Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

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To reach us, please call 263-7331. Office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you miss your paper, please call 263-7335 before 7 p.m. on weekdays and 11 a.m. on Sunday.

By VANESSA CURRY

Jacksonville Daily Progress

RUSK — Rusk State Hospital recorded more confirmed incidents of abuse and neglect by staff members in 1998 than any other facility of its kind statewide, Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation records show.

A majority of those cases were classified as neglect, while less than half involved verbal abuse and physical abuse with nonserious injuries.

So far this fiscal year, the Rusk hospital holds second place in comparing confirmed incident rates, according to

records provided by MHMR. Agency officials contend the rate is not "statistically signifi-

"The rate will have to be tracked over a greater period of time to determine whether there is a significant trend," says public information officer Laurie Lentz.

Jerry Boswell, director of Citizens Commissioner for Human Rights, disagrees. He said reports such as these show safety procedures designed to protect mental patients may not be working.

When you think about what these facilities were originally designed to do, it is uncon-

scionable he said.

"There is a tremendous amount of money being poured into these facilities for mental health treatment. They can afford the staff to make sure that this doesn't happen. If they have bad staff, they need to get rid of them.

MHMR records charting the abuse/neglect rate at all mental health facilities in Texas were part of the department's lengthy Mission, Vision, Goals and 1999 Work Plan" sent to the Jacksonville Daily Progress earlier this month. The release of information was in response to inquiries into the August death of 51-year-old Billy Ray

McDaniel who died from injuries he received during an altercation with another Rusk State Hospital patient.

A chart concerning the abuse and neglect rate for 12 mental health campuses under the direction of MHMR includes the number of complaints reported, the number of those confirmed, and the confirm rate per 1,000 bed days. The latter figure is based on a statistical formula used to show the ratio between confirmed and reported incidents while accounting for variations in population in different facilities.

For Rusk State Hospital the 1999, fiscal year, year-to-date

MHMR: Rusk, Big Spring lead state in abuse, neglect complaints daily census is 340 patients, according to Lentz.

The chart shows the Rusk State Hospital was among the lowest of confirmed cases of staff on patient abuse or neglect in 1995, but in 1996 it ranked third. In 1997, the hospital ranked among the lowest again, but last year it led the state.

In fiscal year 1998 alone, Rusk State Hospital had 533 total reports with 56 confirmed cases or a .44 confirm rate for 1,000 bed days.

Although Vernon State Hospital recorded the second highest total number of com-

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Tommy Gamble smooths out the concrete after it was poured Saturday morning for the foundation for the new Vietnam Memorial Chapel.

Construction on the project, which is expected to take about three days, will be begun March 1 by inmates of the Wilderness Camp. HERALD photo/Bill McClellan



# On Saturday, it's dinner and a concert

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN

**Features Editor** 

On Saturday, Big Spring residents are invited to dinner and a concert. The Heritage Museum plans "Around the

World in 80 Bites," its annual fundraising food festival from 5:30-7:30 p.m. At 8 p.m., the Big Spring Symphony will take the

Municipal stage at Auditorium. This year, a special ticket price of \$12 for adults is

being offered that would combine both events. "We know a lot of the same people who enjoy '80

Bites' also would like to go to the symphony concert," said Angie Way, curator of the Heritage Museum. "We thought we'd make it easy for them to enjoy both.'

Tickets to "80 Bites" are \$7.50 adults, \$5 for children. Symphony tickets are regularly \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, and \$5 for students from elementary age through college.

"Around the World in 80 Bites" invites visitors to taste foods from many countries of the globe and regions of the U.S. They can wander the building at will, trying an

### SATURDAY'S COMBO:

Around the World in 80 Bites • 5:30 until 7:30p.m.

 Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry • \$7.50 adults, \$5 for children

Big Spring Symphony

• 8 p.m.

· City Auditorium

\$10 adults, \$8 seniors, \$5 stu-

#### Combination ticket \$12 for both events

assortment of treats and specialties during the two-hour event.

"This is one of our most fun, and most popular events each year," Way said. "It's a place to come and see your friends, and try some delicious dishes.'

Volunteer chefs are also being sought to participate in the food festival. Individuals and businesses that can prepare about 300

"bites" of one or more special dishes are asked to call the museum by Wednesday to reserve a spot.

Tickets to the food festival, and joint tickets for both events, are available at the museum, 510 Scurry. Call 267-8255 for more information.

The symphony's third concert of the 1998-99 season will feature "Beethoven's Fifth" and "The World's Greatest Choruses." For the second half of the concert, musicians will be joined by the Big Spring Chorale, a group of local singers.

Besides Beethoven's Symphony No. 5 in C minor, other symphony numbers planned for the evening include Beethoven's Hallelujah Chorus from "Christ on the Mount of Olives," "How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place," by Brahms, the Humming Chorus from Madame Butterfly by Puccini, and the Hallelujah Chorus from "Messiah" by Handel.

Also part of the choruses performed will be "The Heavens are Telling" by Haydn, three selections from "Carmen" by Bizet, and two selections from "Lohengrin" by

Tickets for the concert are available in advance at Blum's, Dunlaps and the symphony office at 808 Scurry. For more information about the symphony concert, call the Big Spring Symphony office at 264-7223.

# Elementary schools start test Tuesday

By MARSHA STURDIVANT

Staff Writer

Local school children will join with thousands across the state Tuesday as elementary teachers

administer the first portion of Texas Assessment of Academic Skills

"Every trict in the state does it at the unless they have been given special permis-



sion by the Texas Education Agency," said Murray Murphy, deputy assistant superintendent for Big Spring Independent School District. This first section of the ele-

mentary three-part TAAS test will measure writing ability, and only students in grades four and eight will receive the test. "We split the writing out sepa-

rately from the reading and the math, because of the length of time it takes to grade the writing portion," Murphy said.

Murphy said all students in grades three through eighth will take the math and reading portions of the TAAS test April

The TAAS tests are graded by National Computer Systems in Iowa, which has a contract with the state, Murphy said.

Also, all tenth grade high school students will be taking all three portions of the TAAS test Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, said Rue Ann Cox, Big Spring High School coun-

Cox said this is the first opportunity tenth-graders have had to pass the TAAS, and the test is divided into three days for the three portions. Any junior or senior who has

not passed some portion of the

TAAS will be allowed to attempt that portion during this testing period, she said. All students must pass the TAAS test, and master all three portions, in order to graduate

from high school, Cox said. Esthela Aguirre, curriculum director for the district, said the Legislature is considering changing and modifying some of the TAAS tests.

"We have been doing it this way for a number of years," Aguirre said.

Although the changes have not been approved, school officials speculate that TAAS test ing of sophomores may be moved to the fall, Cox said.

And some students may have science and social studies added to the TAAS, following Legislature action, Cox said.

Parents may help students succeed on the TAAS test by reminding children to get a good night's sleep, as well as by providing an opportunity for breakfast, Cox said.

"These things just make sense. A good breakfast feeds the brain, and it will be wonderful if parents can send their

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# Council to award bid for chlorine plant Tuesday

By BILL McCLELLAN

**News Editor** 

Awarding of a bid for renovation of the chlorine facility at the water treatment plant and board appointments are expected to dominate Tuesday's meeting of the Big Spring City Council.

Other new business includes presentation of the annual audit by Gary Davis, approval of the payment of late homestead exception funds and an ordinance allowing the city manager to approve placement of stop signs.

Items up for second reading include approval of an ordinance providing fees for crime prevention rewards. Earlier this month, the council approved the ordinance on first reading, and made a donation of \$350 to get the program start-

Tuesday, the council will be asked to approve a bid of almost \$138,000 to renovate the chlorine facility at Roy C. Hester

Water Treatment Plant. The project consists of the renovation of the chemical feed building into a chlorine feed and storage building. City officials said the renovation is necessary because of mandates by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

Council members will consider appointments to the Parks & Recreation Board, the Planning & Zoning Board and the Airpark Board. The council may also take up

one or more of the three items tabled last meeting: installation of a traffic signal at 6th Street and Goliad; designation of school zone boundaries around the new junior

high school; and approval of

four-way stop signs on 6th

Street and Owens. On second reading, the council will consider authorizing expenditures for a D-6 Caterpillar dozier and a rubber tire loader/tool carrier for the

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HERALD photo/Debble L. Jensen

Denise Batla (left) assists Monique Garcia in choosing "good and bad snacks" at the Howard College Dental Hygiene program's Children's Dental Health Fair Saturday. Kids played games, won prizes and ate snacks while learning about healthy teeth. Kids were also able to trade in their old toothbrush for a

new one at the fair.

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#### **Felipe Dominguez**

Rosary for Felipe Dominguez, 85, Big Spring, will be 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, 1999, at the Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 22, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Rev. Cornelius Scanlan, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Mr. Dominguez died Friday, Feb. 19, at Scanic Mountain Medical Commonly a

He was born our Aug. 23, 1913, in Marfa. He married Vidala Sosa. She preceded him in death on Feb. 20, 1980. Mr. Dominguez had been a long time resident of Big Spring. He was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church and a member of the Crusillos. He had worked for Luther Coleman for a number of years as a concrete finisher. After retiring, he worked at his sons' station, Dominguez Brothers.

He is survived by: six sons, Luis Dominguez of Midland, Manuel Dominguez, Joe Felipe Andrez Dominguez,

Dominguez, David Dominguez and Tony Dominguez, all of Big Spring; one daughter, Betty Hernandez of Eagle Pass; one prother, Rudolfo Dominguez of Odessa; two sisters, Gregoria Flores of Big Spring, and Rosa Hernandez of Monahans; 25 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-greatgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Christina Rodriquez.

Pallbearers will be Ricky Dominguez, Andy Dominguez, Jr., David Dominguez II, Charles Dominguez, P.J. Dominguez, Marcos Hernandez, Bert Hernandez, and Luis Dominguez, Jr.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith. Funeral Home. Paid obituary

#### John David Storen

Service for John David Storen, 51, Dallas, was 10 a.m. today at the First Baptist Church in DeSoto with Rev. Oscar Smart officiating. Temporary entombment will take place at Holy Redeemer Mausoleum in DeSoto, with full military honors burial at the Veterans Cemetery in Dallas when it opens in the fall.

Mr. Storen died Saturday. Feb. 20, 1999, at his residence. He was born on Sept. 21, 1947. He was retired from the U.S. Army Reserve as a Major.

Survivors include: his wife, Connie Storen of Dallas; a daughter, Heather Storen; his mother, Helene Storen of Dallas, one brother, Mike Storen of Big Spring; and a number of nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, Vitas Hospice or the charity of your choice. Arrangements under the

direction of West/Hurtt Funeral Home, DeSoto.

#### COUNCIL

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landfill as well as a rubber tire loader for the street depart-

Final approval on requesting that the Texas Department of Transportation install a rail-

**MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME** & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

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road crossing arm at U.S. about the department's opera-Highway 80 and Anna is on the agenda as well.

The city manager's report, approval of vouchers and board and committee minutes fill out the agenda.

Tuesday's meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the city council room, 307 E. 4th.

#### Taas

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children to us with those type of preparations," Cox said.

Students have been preparing for these tests for the entire year, and there is no specific method of study as homework,

"Teachers have been working with students to help prepare them for the test format. We've had math tutorials in place after school for the past month. and that is wonderful. We expect the students to do well,"

#### **NEGLECT**

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plaints -504 - during that same time period, statistically the Waco Center for Youth ranked second with a .42 ratio (96 reported, 12 confirmed) and the Big Spring State Hospital ranked third with a 40 ratio (170 reported cases, 28 confirmed).

So far this fiscal year, Rusk State Hospital has a ratio of .32 (120 reported incidents, 10 confirmed), a close second behind Big Spring, which has a ratio of .34 (36 reported, six confirmed).

MHMR's report sets a standard for the annual rate of confirmed abuse and neglect across all mental health facilities at .20 per 1,000 bed days or less.

The department exceeded that goal in 1998, but so far this year has maintained a ratio of .17.

(EDITOR'S NOTE - The Jacksonville Daily Progress is a sister newspaper of the Herald.)

HOWARD COLLEGE IS OFFERING free adult basic education, including reading, writing, math, English as a second language and GED preparation.

Child care services are also now available at the Howard College campus. Call Howard College Special Services for more information at 264-5020.

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BIG SPRING POLICE DEPARTMENT is taking Robertson, Jamie Rouch applications for the spring Citizens Police Academy class. The class will receive 3.6 continuing education units at Saldivar, Adelyne Ann Scott Howard College, and learn (Lews), Rowan Settles, Larry

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tions in the community.

Applications are now available on the police department's web page at police.bigspring.tx.us. Select patrol division, then citizens police academy, and you can download the application to your computer.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old. Call Sgt. Lee Everett at the police department at 264-

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

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

GOOD SHEPHERD FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m. Thursdays. Everyone welcome to come.

SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

THE CLASS OF 1969 will be having a class reunion on Oct. 15-16. We are searching for the

following graduates: Steven Aubrey Austin, Ruth Bailey (Collins), Shirley Baldock, Douglas Ball, Rhonda Barger, Warren Bell, L.D. Bender, Jessie Ladd Bennett, Linda Gail Benson, Brenda Bradbury, Dwight Brown. James Brown, Jessie Ray Brown, Kenny Brown, Sherry Buford, Allen Bunn, Mary Beth Burcham, Phillip Burchett, Bobbie Beatrice Byrd, Allen Carlile, Candace Carothers, Jimmy Ray Carter, Robert Michael Carter, Yvette Casillas (Padilla), Lucy Cervantes, Mary Lucy Cervantes (Sotello), Ema Chavez, Tim Childress, Gwen Clark, Billy Joe Clayton, John Douglas Cockerham, Elodia Corralez (Cherry), Kathryn Crenshaw (Milch). Benjamin Rush Crocker, Joann Davis, Alanda Deans, James Dement, Robert Christy Deming, Glenda Kay Digby, Robert Domino, Callan Elliant, Debra Miller, no.)
Erhardt, Michael Evans, Alzheimer Support group. Clifton Ray Fidler, Pattie Lue 6:30 p.m., Marcy House, 2301 Finke, Marva Elizabeth Foster, Wasson. Call 268-9041. Debbie Fritz, Larry Froman. Dicky Wayne Gibson, Wanda Sue Gipson, Corky Grantham (Burcham), Darwin Griffith, Gary Grissem, Kerry Gunnels, Nancy Jo Hall, Thomas Ham, Theresa Heard, Bill Henry,

Selestino Hernandez, David Hilario, Iascuila Hilario, Luis Hinojos, Carlton Campbell Jackson, Johnny James, Doris Ann Jenkins, Deborah Ann Jensen, Nancy-Kasch, Gary Kelly, Juanice Ann Key, Linda Key, Bertha Kirk, Victoria Lynn Knoepfel, Pam Lancaster, Susan Lawhon, Mary Francis Lee, Joy Legg, Kenneth Charles Le Roy, Barbara Long, Roberta Hazel Marks, Juanita Mata.

Gerald Matin, Carolyn

McMurtrey, Nancy McWhorter,

Wanda Jane Mesimer, Gene

Willard Meyers, Earsie Jean

Montgomery, Karen Marie

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(McCurdy), Sherry Muse,

Coleman Nalls, Garland

Newton, Larry Newton, Doris

Virginia Noble, Jane Ovalle,

John Pannel, Ralph Passmore,

John Patton, Richard Barry

Payne, Roger Dale Peacock.

Tony Perez, Janet Lee Perry,

Alan Lee Peters, Angelina

Carmen Phillips, Cynthia Jane

Pinson, Sara Elizabeth Pohl,

Cathy Poole, Arthur Porras,

Ramirez, Mary Rhodes, Janet

Richardson (Akins), Peggy

Riherd (Williams), Ophelia

Alvarez Rios, Terry Joan

(Ethun), Pam Rowland, Karen

Joyce Russell, Larry Russell,

Jennifer Schneider, Adrian

Michael Proctor,

Miller.

Moore,

Carolyn

Ann

Munoz

Paula

the Mentally III meets the fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at 409 Runnels (formerly the TU building) For further information call Sondra at 267-7220

Diseases, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Canterbury South. Public invited. Call Leslie, 267-1069.

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

South. Call 263-1265. Compassionate Friends support group for parents who have experienced death of a child, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday in February, April, June, August, October and December in the Family Life Center Building, First Baptist Church, 705 West Marcy. Enter by southeast

door. Call 267-2769. Cancer support group, first Tuesday of each month, 7-8 p.m., VA Medical Center room

213. Call Beverly Rice, 268-5077.

8 p.m. closed meeting.



# A BIG SPRING TOWN

Sloan, Gary Smith, Gerald Wayne Smith, Gwenthe Gayle Smith, Wendell R. Stewart, Sharon Swim (Lane), Dana Sue Templeton, Don Thompson, Robert Gale Thompson, Linda Rose Thorpe (Howard), Fidel Tovar, Jesse Trevino, Antonio Subia Valencia, Armando Flores Vera, Carl Van Vleet, Charlie Voight, Roy Lee Warren, Glen Webb, James Webb, Wm. David Webb, Michael David Wiggins, William Robert Wilson, Rocky Wooley, and Manuel Ybarra.

Please contact Shelane Parnell Roberts at 267-2798 or 267-5858 if you have any information on these graduates.

#### SUPPORT GROUPS

**MONDAY** 

•TOPS Club (Take off pound sensibly), weigh-in 5 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m., Birdwell Lane Church of Christ

 Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.

 Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

 Encouragers Support Group (formerly Widow/Widower support group) first and third Mondays each month. First Monday meetings are at a local restaurant at 6 p.m. Third Monday meetings are at 6 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church Seventh and Runnels (enter through north door). We have various activities, such as guest speakers, play games, have covered dish supper, visit or go out to eat. For more information call 398-5522 or 399-4369.

·Alzheimer's support group, 7 p.m., Canterbury South, 1700 N. Lancaster, first Mondays of each month. Call Galynn Gamble at 263-1271.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Janie Duke, Rodney Dunman, 1001 Golfad, Call 268-4189 (pager

> Association of Retarded Citizens of Howard County meet 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month at 806 E. Third

Street, the HARC bingo building. Call 264-0674 for more information. ·Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the last Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at 409 Runnels, Clyde Alsup Building. TXAMI

meeting to follow. For more information call 263-0027 or The Big Spring Alliance for

p.m. in the pastoral care office of Memorial Hospital in

#### TUESDAY

Support for MS and Related

 Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury

"Most Excellent Way," an addiction support group, 3610

Dixon, call 264-9900. Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and

> DUNLAPS "Your Fashion Headquarters" 111 E. Marcy 267-8283 Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

·Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at 319 Runnels. For more information call Shannon Nabors at 263-

 The Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at 409 Runnels (formerly the TU building) For further information call Sondra at

IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

### MARKETS

May cotton 58.05 cents, up 62 points: March crude 11.80, up 4points; Cash hogs steady at \$1 higher at 28 cents even; cash steers steady at 62 even; April lean hog futures 45.45, down 37 points; April live cattle futures 66.50, down 20 points.

courtesy: Delta Corporation Other markets were unavailable by

### FIRE/EMS

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

FRIDAY 1:37 a.m. -3300 block E. 11th Place, medical call, service

refused. 8:09 a.m. — 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

9:36 a.m. — 1600 block Lancaster, medical accident, patient transported to SMMC. 11:05 a.m. — SMMC, medical

call, patient transported to 3200 block Parkway. 3:17 p.m. — SMMC, medical call, patient transported to

Mitchell County Hospital. 4:42 p.m. — SMMC, medical call, patient transported to 3200

block Parkway. 5:43 p.m. - 1000 block N. Runnels, medical call, patient

transported to SMMC. 6:37 p.m. -- 3200 block Parkway, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

SATURDAY 8:28 a.m. -- 200 block E. 10th, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

9:43 a.m. -- Hwy 350, traffic accident, two patients transported to SMMC.

9:43 a.m. -- Hwy 350, extrica-10:02 a.m. -- 500 block Fourth

St., Ackerly, medical call, patient transported to SMMC. 10:55 a.m. -- 1900 block Simlar, traffic accident, service

refused. 10:55 a.m. -- 1900 block Simlar, extrication.

11:17 a.m. -- 2500 Wasson, public service call.

11:50 a.m. -- SMMC, medical call, patient transported to 2000 block Virginia.

12:42 p.m. -- SMMC, medical call, patient transported to Ackerly. 12:56 p.m. - SMMC, medical

call, patient transported to

Lubbock Methodist. 1:45 p.m. -- 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient

transported to SMMC. 4:21 pm. -- 3600 block Parkway, trauma call, service

refused. 4:21 p.m. -- 3600 block Calvin, extrication.

4:44 p.m. -- SMMC, medical call, patient transported to 3200 block Parkway. 7:19 p.m. -- 1000 block N.

Main, medical call, patient

transported to SMMC. 11:34 p.m. -- 1000 block W. Fourth, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

SUNDAY 7:23 a.m. -- 1600 block Lancaster, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

8:03 a.m. -- 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to SMMC. 8:29 a.m. -- 2000 block

Virginia, medical call, patient transported to SMMC. 9:42 a.m. -- SMMC, medical call, patient transported to a

Stanton residence. 12:30 p.m. -- 2300 block Wasson, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

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3:20 p.m. -- SMMC, medical call, patient transported to 2000 block Virginia.

4:17 p.m. -- 2300 block Wasson, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

6:38 p.m. -- 1000 block N. Main, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

### POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between noon Saturday and 8 a.m. today:

 MINOR ACCIDENTS were reported in the 1900 block of Simler, 400 block of Edwards Blvd.. 200 block of West Marcy, 3600 block of Calvin and at the intersection of 15th and Gregg.

reported in the 900 block of Lancaster and 1900 block of Simler DISTURBANCE/FIGHT

MAJOR ACCIDENTS were

was reported in the 2500 block of Central. • ERNEST CLARK, 58, was

arrested for public intoxication. CLASS C ASSAULT was reported in the 700 block of West I-20.

SAM GOMEZ, 32, was arrested for assault with physical contact. THEFT was reported in the 1800 block of Gregg, 600 block

Madison, 900 block of Lancaster and the 4800 block of West Hwy DOMESTIC DISTUR-BANCE was reported in the

of West Third, 1300 block of

1500 block of Sycamore. CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1200 block of Standard.

800 block of West 15th and the

 JUVENILE PROBLEM was reported in the 1700 block of Marcy, 500 block of Westover and the 1200 block of Gregg.

• RICHARD SHROYER, 52, was arrested for public intoxication.

· ASSAULT was reported in

the 1800 block of Marcy. • MELISSA SALAS, no age available, was arrested for local warrants. ma

· JOSE LOPEZ, 29, was arrested for possession of mari-

Juana less than two ounces. • STORMEE NIX, 19, was arrested for criminal trespass.

• RICKY CLAYTON, 27, was arrested for public intoxication. BRIAN SHOOK, 24, was

arrested for public intoxication. · THEFT was reported in the 600 block of West Third. A socket set and other tools, valued at \$800, was reported

 CRIMINAL MISCHIEF MORE THAN \$50 was reported in the 700 block of Anna. A window on a pickup was reported damaged, valued at

· CAT BITE was reported in the 500 block of Lancaster.

• DOG BITE was reported in the 3700 block of Sycamore. THEFT MORE THAN \$50 LESS THAN \$500 was reported

in the 2100 block of Morrison. LANA RICHARDSON, 38. was arrested on local warrants. BURGLARY OF A BUILD-ING was reported in the 1100

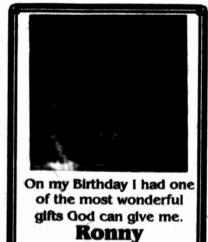
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The trial was scheduled to resume at 9 a.m. Last week, prosecutors built a strong case against King.

A pathologist was due to testify about how James Byrd Jr. was chained to a pickup truck and killed. Jurors hearing the case of John William King, the Allen Berry, 24 — to a logging first of three white suspects to be tried for Byrd's gruesome slaying June 7, also were expected to see videotape evidence in the case.

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In last week's testimony, witcovered in racist tattoos and bathed in hate while in prison, had been hard at work on starting his own racist gang in Jasper when his path crossed that of Byrd's.

Forensic evidence ties King and his two friends — Lawrence Russell Brewer, 31, and Shawn road off of Huff Creek Road, east of this town of 8,000.

Cigarette butts found at the scene where Byrd is thought to have been beaten and chained Byrd, an unemployed black to Berry's truck match the DNA

JASPER (AP) - Prosecutors struck. Hours later he was found ing K's was found at the scene along with Byrd's wallet.

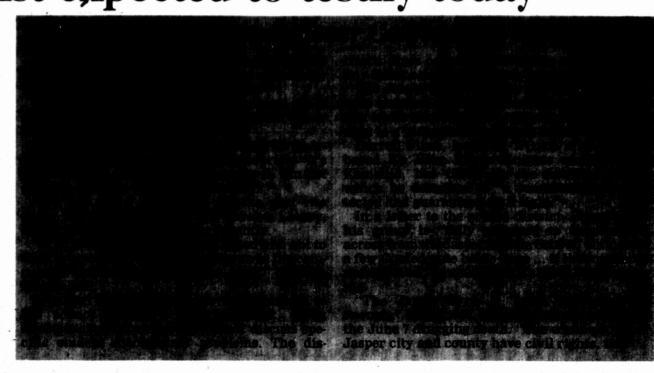
Handwritten documents taken from King's apartment show he was planning to start a local offshoot of a racist prison gang he belonged to.

A former inmate who knew King testified that the 24-yearold wanted to kill a black man so he could establish greater credibility with other racist

Defense attorneys have been reticent to talk much about the case or whether they will present any witnesses before both sides offer their closing argu-

If King is convicted, he faces death by lethal injection or life in prison.

The trials of Brewer and Berry have not been scheduled.



#### Amtrak resumes Montana service after radioactive materials threat HAVRE, Mont. (AP) — More bound Empire Builder trains National Guard Armory and a ment employee, or possibly a

than 300 Amtrak passengers had an extended — and unintended — stay here this weekend after a telephone threat led authorities to search two trains for radioactive materials.

Both the eastbound and west-

left Havre Sunday morning, at least 16 1/2 hours behind schedule after officials found nothing harmful.

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An Amtrak spokesman in weather, were taken to the man claiming to be a governing Chicago and Seattle.

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The threat was made against a train going through Havre. The passengers, removed Wilmington, Del., said the Both legs of the Empire Builder from the trains in 24-degree threat had been phoned in by a run through this city, connect-

### After questioning Clinton, Delay's veracity challenged

Tom DeLay of Texas, the Republican leader who led the drive in the House to impeach President Clinton for lying under oath, now finds himself at the center of his own controversy over truthfulness.

The media spotlight that focused on DeLay as he kept up a steady stream of Clinton criticism has turned into a glare recently as reporters have probed discrepancies between statements he made in a legal proceeding and those on congressional financial disclosure forms he is required to file.

"Frankly, it's my opinion he lied to me under oath," said Gerald DeNisco, the Houston lawyer who questioned DeLay during a 1994 deposition in a lawsuit filed against him by a business partner.

The former pest exterminator, is viewed as the Republican most Democrats love to hate now that Newt Gingrich has exited the national stage, accuses Democrats of orchestrating the barrage of critical media coverage.

"I am the most investigated man in America. They're trying to bring me down," DeLay, the No. 3 GOP House leader, said earlier this month w. aidnine

The man who slammed Clinton for verbal gymnastics House office buildings. in dodging questions about Allies trace DeLay's current Monica Lewinsky — and who troubles to his high-profile repeatedly called on him to provide the facts — isn't rushing to answer the volley of questions directed at him.

Generally loquacious, the majority whip is brushing off inquiries regarding a lawsuit filed against him in 1994 by a business partner who claimed DeLay and a third partner were trying to cut him out of the pest control firm.

"We have answers to all of that," DeLay told a pair of Texas reporters in a brief hallway encounter earlier this month. "It ain't worth talking elective office," he said. about."

Aides have been equally tightlipped since the controversy, first reported by an alternative Houston weekly in 1995 and resurrected last month by The New Republic, flared. "These stories are being forwarded by political enemies of Tom DeLay and we choose not to fight them out in the press," spokesman Michael Scanlon.

The roots of DeLay's current troubles reach back to that 1994 deposition, taken 10 months before he ascended into the GOP leadership.

DeLay, a part-owner of Albo Pest Control until 1997, testified that he had not been an officer of the company for two or three years. But on congressional financial disclosure forms filed for several years preceding the deposition — and one filed three months after — he listed himself as chairman of Albo's board of directors. He dropped the title on his 1995 report.

DeNisco, the lawyer, says he believes DeLay was attempting to limit financial liability by denying he was a corporate officer. DeLay later retreated somewhat from his claim, saying he couldn't remember when he had resigned.

The spat with Albo partner Robert Blankenship, ultimately settled with an undisclosed payment to Blankenship, wasn't

DeLay's first business dispute. A court imposed a \$32,000 judgment against DeLay in 1984 after he stopped making payments to Robert Bartnett for the purchase of Bartnett's pest control company. DeLay, who was elected to Congress in 1984, never disclosed that debt on his

WASHINGTON (AP) - Rep. congressional financial disclosure form, which requires the listing of liabilities.

> Business isn't the only arena where the 51-year-old DeLay has come under scrutiny.

> The blunt-spoken Texan, known as "The Hammer" for his hardball tactics, has had a number of ethical scrapes since joining Congress. Among them:

> · In an affidavit given to House Democrats last year, a Republican donor said DeLay had urged him to evade campaign finance laws and funnel more money than legally allowed to a GOP congressional candidate in East Texas. DeLay denied the accusation, by Orange, Texas, businessman Peter F. Cloeren, who pleaded guilty to directing \$37,000 in corporate contributions to the Brian Babin campaign. Cloeren and his company paid \$400,000

• The House ethics committee investigated complaints accusing DeLay of granting favors to his lobbyist brother and demanding campaign contributions for Republican causes from other lobbyists. The ethics committee dismissed the complaints in 1997, but reminded him that House members are prohibited from soliciting contributions in the Capitol or

impeachment role.

"The minions of the politics of personal destruction have focused their guns on Tom DeLay," said lobbyist David Rehr, a longtime friend.

Former Rep. Bill Paxon, who found himself shoulder-toshoulder with DeLay when both were implicated in the failed plot against Gingrich in 1997, extols the Texan's honesty. "Tom DeLay is without question one, if not the, most hardrock solid men of integrity I've worked with in two decades in

Bartnett, who obtained the \$32,000 judgment against DeLay, offers a different assessment.

"I would vote for Tom. I just wouldn't loan him money," said Bartnett.

Republican activist Jacqueline Blankenship, the wife of DeLay's former business partner, said she has seen a vindictive side of DeLay.

After she hired on as campaign manager for a candidate in a local sheriff's race in 1996, DeLay urged the candidate, Milton Wright, to fire her. When Wright didn't, DeLay poured \$70,000 of his own campaign funds into the opponent's coffers. Wright won.

Mrs. Blankenship, blames DeLay for other lost opportunities, scoffs at claims that Democrats are behind his troubles. So does Bartnett.

"It's just a diversionary tactic," she said. "I'm an avid Republican and I will not help Democrats.'



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All of them believe that, if Castro thought he was about to go down, he would launch some type of attack against the

Keep things in mind when it comes to Cuba United States; He has honeyince high on the agenda of the leftist Clinton combed the Cuban cities with tunnels. He has invested heavily in biological research. He could easily get biological toxins into the United States.

> In short, this psychopath -who is often compared to Hitler even by his former revolutionary comrades -- is a dangerous man.

A second point to keep in mind is that the poverty in Cuba is not the result of the U.S. embargo. Castro himself is listed by Forbes magazine as a billionaire, worth about \$1.4 billion. Prior to Castro, Cuba had the second-highest standard of living in all of Latin America. Castro and his communist policies have destroyed the economy and lost support of 80 percent of the people, even those born after he came to power.

He runs a system of slavery. Here is how it works: Foreign investors who need employees for a hotel, for example, must pay Castro in dollars. He then supplies the workers and pays them in worthless pesos. He charges foreign governments in dollars for Cuban soldiers or health workers and pays the

Which one is more suitable for children?

workers in pesos. The guy is a cheap gangster.

For years, this vile tyrant lived off the Soviet Union. When it collapsed, he lost his subsidies. He uses the U.S. embargo as a propaganda excuse, though in fact he can and does do business with every other country in the world.

Cuban exiles believe we should keep the embargo as a card to play when Castro dies. To lift it and to allow Castro access to World Bank and **International Monetary Funds** would be to institutionalize communism. The dollars would go to him to strengthen his army, his secret police, his biological warfare research and to fund revolutionaries in other countries. In fact, for the United States

to save Castro would be insanely stupid and a cruel betrayal of the Cuban people. Unfortunately, the United States has a history of doing insanely stupid things and betraying people who desired only freedom.

The third thing to keep in mind is that the United States has an old, entrenched group of

leftists and communists who have for years propagandized on behalf of Castro, just as earlier generations did for Ho Chi Minh, Mao Tse-tung and Josef

Then there are the businesses that would sell coal to Satan. They will be pushing to save Castro just as they pushed to do business with communist China and Vietnam. As an Englishman observed long ago: Don't expect a corporation to have a conscience since it has neither a soul to damn nor a body to kick.

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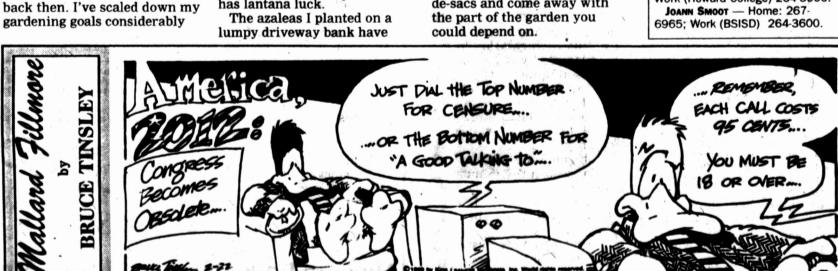
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### OUR VIEWS

# Looking forward to great food and wonderful music

aturday will be a rare evening for the Big Spring community. The Heritage Museum plans "Around the World in 80 Bites," its annual fund-raising food festival from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. At 8 p.m., the Big Spring Symphony will take the stage at Municipal Auditorium.

This year, a special ticket price of \$12 for adults is being offered that would combine both events.

Tickets to "80 Bites" alone are \$7.50 adults, \$5 for children. Symphony tickets are regularly \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, and \$5 for students from elementary age through college.

"Around the World in 80 Bites" invites visitors to taste foods from many countries of the globe and regions of the U.S. It is always a popular attraction, and promises good food and visiting with friends.

Our local symphony, meanwhile, has continuously offered quality entertainment, and this concert promises nothing less. The symphony's third concert of the 1998-99 season will feature "Beethoven's Fifth" and "The World's Greatest Choruses" with the Big Spring Chorale.

We urge you to make this a night to remember in Big Spring — join in both events if you can. Both are family-oriented and will be interesting and fun for all

Tickets to the food festival, and joint tickets for both events, are available at the museum, 510 Scurry or call 267-8255 for more information. Symphony concert tickets are available in advance

at Blum's, Dunlaps and the symphony office at 808 Scurry. For more information about the symphony concert, call the Big Spring Symphony office at 264

### OTHER VIEWS

If you thought the sex police were at their most vindictive in the Clinton-Lewinsky affair, you haven't heard about the Rev. Jerry Falwell's attack on Tinky Winky, the biggest of the Teletubbies.

Falwell, in the current issue of his National Liberty Journal, a monthly magazine, has outed the amorphous character as a gay role model for young, impressionable chil-

Nationally we have been in the thrall of the absolutist sex police, who insist they are totally right with the same fervor Falwell seems intent on continuing.

It is this mentality that so turned off so many of us from the House impeachment ado. Their zealotry extended to

other venues by Falwell and his ilk makes laughingstocks of its proponents and bewilders those who look at Teletubbies and see harmless characters. THE BLADE,

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to attend his next tentatively scheduled fight on April 24. He could still be in the slammer. Or, he might qualify for work

release. It's very confused. The commission reinstated the heavyweight fighter's license in October after a oneyear suspension for biting Evander Holyfield's ear during a fight in June 1997. Of course, that followed the reinstatement of Tyson's license after he served a prison sentence for

Now Tyson has been given a one-year jail term in Maryland for assaulting two motorists after a traffic accident. He may serve only 60 days and be eligible for work release during that time. The jail time or an appeal, though, could lead to a review of his parole in Indiana on the rape conviction.

Mike Tyson's inability to get along in civilized society is at odds with the ease with which he gets just about anything he wants out of boxing officials.

Their hunger for big dollars is matched only be their disdain for morality. .

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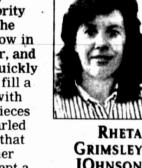
then I was living near Pickwick Lake in northernmost Mississippi, this was the time of year to look for driftwood along the shore. The

Tennessee Valley Authority kept the lake low in winter, and you quickly could fill a boat with fine pieces of gnarled wood that summer had kept a











secret. The annual ritual required only a Thermos of hot chocolate, your best long johns and a wool watch cap. It was cold while moving across the winter lake, but after the hunt I usually found a warm rock, sat in the sun and shed clothes quicker than Demi Moore. The blue corduroy ribs of Pickwick's waves were always, always sat-

isfying. I used the driftwood to outline my flower beds, and the as an excuse to prowl the

the summer garden. Life doesn't get much better

I'm not as ambitious as I was

lovely wintertime excursions empty lake, bob about and plan

over the past several years, thus avoiding disappointment. It's something I learned from reading Lee May and the late Henry Mitchell. Those masters always seem to have a particular challenge in mind for a season. They don't flit about from problem to problem, from pigweed to root rot. They concentrate.

Used to be, I planted Biltmore-sized beds, then watched helplessly as weeds overtook them. There was never enough time in even the longest summer day to tend all the ground I broke. I wasted time, seed and energy. I sighed a lot. One year, with a hoe, I made

a quarter-mile-long bed that followed a meandering creek through the pasture. I plugged in bulbs and scattered wildflower seed and sat back with my sore back to await the riot of color. One warm April day the tough pasture grass declared war and overran my borders. That was the end of that.

The past five springs in Georgia I've started much smaller and been grateful for minor victories. I've taken pride in a banana tree that each summer comes back a little thicker and taller. Sooner or later it's bound to bloom. And I swell up like a toad about the lantana that's effortlessly taken over the side yard. Nevermind that everyone and his brother has lantana luck.

been a bitter disappointment, but then I should have stuck with my theory that azaleas only belong in Mardi Gras towns. And I'm probably the only gardener in Georgia who can't grow hydrangea.

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But, overall, I've been satisfied with lots less. I figured I'd matured as a gardener. (That, and where I now live there's lots less land.) But something in me snapped

this year when the first hyacinth unfurled its pink. Suddenly I have the old urge to grow a flower garden that will knock the socks off passersby. I want a big, showy, calendarpage garden, like the one my friend Laura Lee has up near Cedartown, or the one Whoopi Goldberg walked by in the movie "The Color Purple." I want to wade through flowers to the mailbox, and mistake the sound of hundreds of bees buzzing for low-flying planes. I want uncontrolled profusion. I want Callaway Gardens without the fence.

The only way I can explain this gardener's greed is that I spent two weeks in Louisiana not long ago. And in Louisiana the growing season is about 10 months long. People in the Pelican State have better gardens in February than most of us do in July.

Maybe what I really want is another winter afternoon on the lake, time to putter into the coves and nature's rocky culde-sacs and come away with

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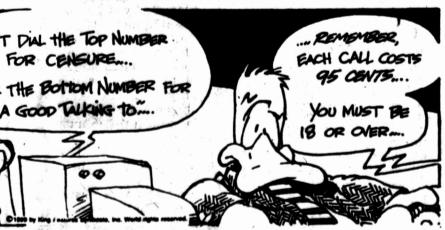
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### IN BRIEF

#### **Dorothy Garrett playoff** games resume tonight

Basketball fans will be treated to more high school basketball playoff action at Dorothy Garrett this week.

The the first game on the schedule is set for 6 tonight when Borden County's boys will face Wellman in a Class A bi-district championship

Tuesday's games will feature Abernathy and Albany squaring off in a Class 2A boys' bidistrict game at 6 p.m., followed by Ira and Klondike in an 8 p.m. Class A boys' bi-district game.

Coliseum director Stan Feaster said another playoff game has been confirmed for Friday, Feb. 26, when Ozona's Lions will take on either Tahoka in a boys' 2A area game at 8 p.m.

#### Little League coaches clinic slated for Sunday

Howard College head base ball coach Brian Roper will conduct a elinic for Little League coaches and parents from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at Jack Barber Field.

The free clinic, Roper explained, will provide fundamentals and teaching skills to help volunteer coaches better prepare their young players for the upcoming season.

#### Junior high netters face Snyder teams

Tennis teams from Runnels Junior High School and Goliad Middle School took on seventh- and eighth-grade teams from Snyder, winning one showdown and tying one.

In seventh-grade action, Goliad players took a 13-6 win, while the Runnels players finished deadlocked 7-7. Big Spring's eighth-grade

wins came in a sweep of three boys' singles matches, Jay Shroff taking a pair of wins, while Ryan Vela won the other. They then teamed together for a doubles win.

In girls' action, Runnels' only singles win came from Seneca Arguello. She then teamed with Mindy Partee to win a doubles math. Megan Roffers and Ame Blacketer combined for another win, as the Lady Yearlings split the girls' doubles competition.

In seventh-grade play, Jake Smtley, Vishal Shroff, Will Liggett, Justin Ferrell, Ryan Wegman and Ryan Beall all took singles wins. The Goliad boys then won three of four doubles matches.

Blacketer was Big Spring's only winner in girls singles, but the Lady Mavs won three of four doubles matches behind Blacketer, Amanda White, Laura Ferguson and Stephanie Franco.

#### Tennis carnival scheduled at Figure 7 on Saturday

The Crossroads Tennis Association and Jim Blacketer Tennis will host a free tennis carnival from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Figure 7 Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park.

### LOCAL GAMES

#### HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TONIGHT

6:30 p.m. Borden County vs. Wellman

#### at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum (boys' bi-district playoff game).

ON THE AIR

#### Radio

JUCO BASKETBALL 6 p.m. — Howard College Lady Hawks at Clarendon Lady

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#### **Television** COLLEGE BASKETBALL

6:30 p.m. — UConn at Providence, ESPN, Ch. 30. 8:30 p.m. — Oklahoma State at Kansas, ESPN, Ch. 30. 11 p.m. - TCU at UNLV. ESPN, Ch. 30,

NBA BASKETBALL 7 p.m. — L.A. Lakers at Denver Nuggets, TBS, Ch. 11.

7 p.m. - Kroger, St. Jude Classic Finals, FXS, Ch. 29.

# BSHS golfers struggle at Abilene, Snyder tournaments

Unfavorable weather conditions proved troublesome for Big Spring's Steers and Lady Steers golfers during the weekend, as the boys' squad finished 11th in the field at the Abilene Invitational Tournament and the girls were ninth in a field of 10 teams at

Those finishes left both Steers coach Gary Simmons and Lady Steers coach

Mike Scarbrough less than enthusiastic. "We didn't have a very good tournament," Simmons said after the Steers posted a 346-324, 670 total to finish well off the pace set by Andrews. "We just didn't execute our short game well at all. We're going to have to get back on the practice green and do more work."

The Steers were paced by Sammy

Rodriguez, who after posting an opening round of 86 at the Fairway Oaks Country Club on Friday, rebounded with a 74 at the Maxwell Golf Course to finish with a 160 total.

Rudy Gamboa followed with an 87-78, 165, while Heath Bailey carded an 86-85, 171; Richard Gaitan posted 89-87, 176; and James Womble posted an 87-87, 174.

We had some new faces in the lineup this weekend and that probably made some difference," Simmons added. "We're still looking for the right combination, and like we said a couple of weeks ago, that's what we play these invitational tournaments for ... we certainly don't want to be peaking right now."

While Scarbrough noted playing conditions were anything but ideal in Snyder, he was still frustrated by the way this, team fared.

Monahans' Lady Loboes took the Snyder Invitation's team title with a 371; 380, 757 total, 22 strokes better than the host Lady Tigers team.

"The wind chill at tee time was 21 degrees," Scarbrough said of his team's 425-443, 868 showing. "The conditions were awfully tough, plus we had two of our top girls out.

"Overall, though, I'm now very happy," Scarbrough added. "We've got to work harder in practice and concentrate better when we're playing a tournament."

The highlight for Big Spring was Ashlie Simmons' 87-94, 181 finish that left her fifth on the list of individual medalists, but 20 strokes behind the 83-78, 161 turned in by Post's Kasey Hardin.

Scarbrough noted that Simmons is still mired in a slump that he attributes to a lack of self confidence.

He did however praise the showing of Amanda Sheedy, who filled in on the varsity squad when Mandi Osborne was sidelined with the flu and Julie Owens missed the tournament tending to her

"Amanda filled in admirably ... espe cially under such adverse conditions, Scarbrough said of Sheedy's 118-135, 253 showing. "It was only the second tournament she's ever entered."

Pricilla Del Bosque posted a 100-98, 198 for the Lady Steers, while Sara Anthony carded a 120-116, 236.

Earlier in the week, Simmons' junior varsity Steers turned in a strong fourth place finish in Andrews, Jerrod Simmons pacing Big Spring's effort with a 79. Josh Long added an 85, while Zach Hall had a 91, Dustin Rinard added a 94 and Will Connally added a 105.

# Unlikely almost here; Texas on verge of title

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) - Oklahoma State coach Eddie Sutton is ready to apologize on behalf of the Big 12, and not because Texas is about to win the title.

All those non-conference losses that plagued Big 12 teams early in the season, such as Missouri's loss to Southwest Missouri State and Oklahoma State's defeat at the hands of Florida-Atlantic, helped plunge the league's national esteem to an all-time low.

The Longhorns, who clinched at least a tie for the regular-season championship on Saturday with a 63-54 victory at Texas A&M, are only 17-10 overall and haven't been ranked all year. Missouri, the Big 12's only ranked team going into last weekend's action, has now lost two in a row and is certain to tumble out of its No. 22 spot.

So what's the selection committee going to think when it passes out at-large bids in a couple of weeks? How many berths will the Big 12 have? "Here's the thing," Sutton said after the

Cowboys beat Missouri 84-68. "We lost a couple of games we shouldn't have lost in November and December. Every team in our league that happened to. Missouri got beat by Southwest Missouri. If they played Southwest Missouri in a series, they're going to win. This league deserves five (in the NCAA), but they're going to get four

Nobody had a slower getaway than Rick Barnes' Texas squad, which lost eight of its first 11 before getting untracked. Saturday's victory left the Longhorns 17-10 overall and 12-2 in the Wednesday and then home against Missouri.

"Texas has done what needed to be done to place themselves in the league lead," A&M coach Melvin Watkins said. "In a big emotional game like this one, you just have to step up and make the plays. Texas made those plays.

Two weeks ago, two-time defending Big 12 champion Kansas looked ready to fade after two straight losses. But the Jayhawks (18-8, 10-4) are back in a two-way tie for second with Oklahoma after beating the Sooners 60-50 for Roy Williams' 300th career win.

### BIG 12 ROUNDUP

Seven-footer Eric Chenowith, scoreless against Kansas State the previous game, had 24 points and 12 rebounds as the Jayhawks held Oklahoma to 26 percent shooting.

"You want to start playing better, and I think the last two performances, against Kansas State and against OU today that we have played better," said Williams, who reached 300 wins faster than any other coach in Division I history. "But we need to continue doing that. You like to be playing your best basketball at the end of year and I think we have played pretty well."

In other Saturday games, Kansas State beat Iowa State in overtime 64-58, Texas Tech got another big game from Rayford Young in down ing Nebraska 73-68 and Colorado kept Baylor with less in the Big 12 by whipping the Bears 73-56.

Young, who scored a career-high 41 points against Kansas last week, drove the length of the court for a layup with 1.9 seconds against the "We wanted to put the ball in Rayford's hands

and set a high-post screen for him," Tech coach James Dickey said. "I was glad to see him penetrate so deep, but I still don't know how he got the shot up over (Nebaska center Venson) "I went up and saw Venson getting ready to

block my shot, so I just double-pumped and scooped it around him," Young said. "This show a bunch of poise and it shows how much we've grown up. This is a really big win for us because it shows we can beat a quality team.

Young had 25 points for the Red Raiders (13-14 5-9). Hamilton had 24 points for Nebraska (17-10) 9-5), which has lost two in a row after winning nine of 10.

"I thought our kids did everything we possibly could to win the game – but win the game, Nebraska coach Danny Nee said, "We dug our selves a hole and fought our way back, but we couldn't finish it off.'

# Longhorns starting long process of replacing Ricky Williams

#### Ricky Williams era begins for Texas.

After watching Williams set the NCAA Division I career rushing record on his way to the 1998 Heisman Trophy, the Longhorns begin spring football practice Monday looking to replace one of the most prolific offensive players in college foot-

ball history. So just how hard will it be to

replace him? Texas' group of returning running backs combined to carry the ball just 39 times for 211 yards and three touchdowns

AUSTIN (AP) — The post- 259 yards against Texas A&M in the regular season finale. Listed atop the spring depth

ch Mats Codiery's combunitar Ashanti brings great ball han-and decision making to our backcourt. She has a good knowl-of the game and executes the fundamentals very well. She fits in well with the things we want to do at the guard spot."

chart at tailback is junior Hodges Mitchell, who has 203 yards rushing and three touchdowns over the last two seasons. Behind him are redshirt freshman Victor Ike, sophomore Eric Tasby and junior Tony Ellis.

Texas coach Mack Brown knows it will be a harsh spotlight for the player who emerges from spring practice as the starter.

"How would you like to be the guy coming in when Ricky goes out? You're not going to look Williams carried 44 times for good," Brown said. "We'll tell

to Ricky.'

The Longhorns lost seven offensive starters off last year's 9-3 squad, including four of five members of the offensive line, and Wane McGarity, the school's first 1,000 yard receiv-

"I really feel like we're going to miss so many guys," Brown said. "The message is clear that if we're going to be anywhere near as good as one of the best offenses in school history, we've got a lot of work to do.

Texas also must develop depth behind starting quarterback Major Applewhite. Former backup Greg Cicero left Texas

them not to compare themselves after the season, leaving only million a year. redshirt freshman Adam Dunn behind Applewhite on depth.

> The spring could allow Dunn to distance himself from incoming freshmen Adam Hall and Chris Simms, the son of former NFL quarterback Phil Simms and the USA Today national offensive player of the year.

> "We're looking for Adam Dunn to have a great spring,' Brown said.

The off-season has been busy for Brown, who signed a recruiting class considered the that brings his salary up to \$1

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Brown said he decided to start spring practice early in part to keep the momentum of last season, which ended with a Cotton Bowl victory over Mississippi

Brown says the Longhorns enthusiasm is much better than it was a year ago when he took over a team that went 4-7 in 1997 under John Mackovic

"The self image of the kids seems so much better than at this time last year."

said. The Longhorns will practice nation's best and was awarded a 11 times before taking a week

raise and contract extension off from March 12-20 for spring

# Duke one vote shy of unanimous No. 1

#### The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Duke, winners of 22 straight games and one victory shy of Atlantic Coast Conference history, was No. 1 again today in the AP college basketball poll, one vote short of a unanimous selection.

The Blue Devils (27-1) were first on 70 ballots and received 1,774 points from the media panel. A victory Saturday night at North Carolina would give Duke, which beat Florida State by 26 points and Clemson by 27 last week, the first 16-0 regu-

lar season in the ACC. Auburn (25-1), which beat Vanderbilt in its only game last week, moved up one place to No. 2 with 1,685 points. The ranking matches the highest in school history, a one-week stay at No. 2 in February 1959.

Michigan State (25-4), which won the Big Ten regular-season title Sunday with a 56-51 victory over Wisconsin, also moved up one place and received the other No. 1 vote and 1.617 points.

Connecticut (23-2), which lost to Miami 73-71 on Saturday, dropped from second to fourth, the first time this season the Huskies haven't been ranked either No. 1 or 2. Maryland held No. 5 and was followed by

Stanford, Arizona, St. John's, Cincinnati and Ohio State. The Second Ten was Miami, Utah, Kentucky, North Carolina, UCLA, Wisconsin, College of

Charleston, Iowa, Florida and Indiana. The last five teams in the Top 25 were New Mexico, Texas, Purdue, Syracuse and Temple, with the last two tied for 24th.

Texas (17-10) moved into the rankings for the first time this season. The Longhorns, who start ed the season 2-7 under first-year coach Rick Barnes, have won eight of nine, the only loss by one point to Oklahoma. The last time Texas was ranked was in the preseason poll last season when it was No. 22.

Temple (18-8) was No. 7 in the preseason poll. **but fell out of the rankings** four weeks into regular season after losing four straight games. The **Owls returned to the rankings after winning five** 

of six. Missouri (18-7) and Miami of Ohio (19-6) both lost two games last week to fall out of the poll

after returning for one week. Missouri, which lost to Oklahoma and Oklahoma State, had been 22nd. Miami of Ohio, which lost to Toledo and Bowling Green, was

## Lady Hawks softball suffers first loss at Midland's hands

FORT WORTH - Everyone knew it was coming, it's just

arrived a little earlier than anyone anticipated. The newest rivalry in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference — that between Howard College's Lady Hawks and

Midland's Lady Chaparrals in women's softball - has begun. And the first volley belongs to the Lady Chaparrals, who dealt the Lady Hawks a 5-1 defeat in the semifinals of the Cowtown Classic tournament in Fort Worth late Saturday evening.

It was Howard's first defeat on the season, as Midland's Tonya Thompson threw a two-hitter at the Lady Hawks and her teammates slammed two home runs off Howard pitching. "We got out hit and out pitched," Lady Hawks coach Andy Mace

said following the loss that eliminated Howard from the tourna-

ment. "We're not hitting the ball as well as they are right now and we didn't get any breaks, but we'll see them a lot. The Lady Hawks, now 10-1 overall, reached the semifinals with a 9-0 win over Cowley County (Kan.) College in the quarterfinals. In that win, freshman pitcher Brandy Smith allowed just one

hit, while Josie Rosovich slammed a grand slam homer in the

top of the seventh.

Howard's women will return to action Saturday and Sunday, taking part in the El Paso Invitational tournament.

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you are single, romance is

more than possible; admirers

see how much you have to

offer. Summer could be unusu-

ally happy and interesting. If

attached, a very special project,

trip or adventure draws the two

of you closer together. Gemini

The Stars Show the Kind of

Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-

Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

\*\*\*\*Pressure to take the high

road and to visualize in a dif-

ferent light forces your hand.

Creativity soars, as you come

up with winning answers. One

band of friends or co-workers is

unpredictable; go along any-

way. Give others the benefit of

the doubt. Tonight: Initiate

\*\*\*\*Spending could go over-

board, but you might not care.

Take an opportunity in hand.

Be willing to risk. Evaluate

news. Seek better communica-

tion. Your sixth sense and

understanding of others allow

you to go in many new direc-

\*\*\*\*\*Your magnetism draws

others. You'll feel good about

the net results of a situation.

Question what is important and

make appropriate choices. A

partner is contrary, but you

know how to work with him.

Refuse to take a back seat.

Tonight: Wherever you want to

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\*\*Expenses quickly go out

of whack. Be reasonable when

dealing with others, especially

on a professional level. You

have many good ideas; let them

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\*\*\*Don't hesitate to go for what you want. You are strongwilled and directed. You could be delighted with a friend who moves heaven and earth for you. Allow yourself greater freedom to do what you want. Schedule a long-desired trip. Tonight: With friends. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\*\*\*Stay on top of tasks. You could easily become distracted. Refuse to do anything halfway. A partner is really on your team. He is willing to contribute more than his share to make your vision real. Be creative with work, allow others to contribute more feedback. Tonight: Keep on grinning. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\*\*\*Your ability to take the overview allows you to get way ahead. Think through a decision and make the best choice for you. You can trust a partner to come through; he feels positive and will be there for you. A flirtation could become even more important. Tonight: Take in a movie

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*Relate on an individual level with a co-worker, to make him pull his weight. Start a diet or a new exercise program; you'll prevent excess weight gain and end up feeling great. A family member continues to be full of surprises. Tonight: Take time with a loved one. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

\*\*\*\*You could be slightly reactive. Think before you make a statement that you could regret. Ingenuity soars. Others respond to your animal magnetism. Right now, if you are sensitive to others, it is unlikely you'll be opposed. Consider long-term concerns. Tonight: Make the social scene.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

\*\*\*Keep busy, though you could be thoroughly distracted. Worry less about a domestic matter. Just let it happen. Your sense of direction is important to co-workers. Be careful not to speak for themselves. Don't exaggerate a problem. Think push a boss, and you'll come about reorganizing your

finances. Tonight: Working

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\*\*You know which way to go and exactly what to say. Others respond to you. To accomplish what you want, you might need to screen calls. A new relationship could become interesting; or, an old flame might burn again. Allow more joy into your life. Tonight: Get together with a favorite play-

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

\*\*\*You make money easily. Be sensitive to spending and important choices. Another simply doesn't see life from the same perspective as you. You feel pressured by work and the image you must present. Be realistic about your energy and limits. Tonight: Head home. **BORN TODAY** 

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### **Mother is tempted to tattle** on daughter's married lover

DEAR ABBY: My 21-year-old daughter, "Cammie," has been seeing a 24-year-old married man for three years. They met at work, and after only a few months became lovers. He was still in college and had been married only a year.

He told Cammie he was going to treat his wife indifferently so she'd leave him. He just couldn't be the bad guy. He's an only child and depends on his parents for support.

He's afraid of their reaction to a divorce, financially and emotionally.

He promised Cammie he'd move out after his wife graduated from college. Then he said he'd leave after he graduated. Then he said after he gets out of debt and after he gets a job. Well, he moved all right — into a bigger apartment with his wife after she got pregnant.

Cammie found out about the pregnancy after I saw his wife's name in a newspaper ad for the gift registry of a local baby store. I called and confirmed the information and was told her due date is just two weeks away. This man had kept the pregnancy a secret the entire time. Cammie was going to end the affair, but relented when he cried on her shoulder about not wanting children yet, and what a nightmare this is.

Abby, his disregard for my daughter's feelings and future are astounding. It's tearing my heart out. I want Cammie to find a soul mate and build a life, not live like a prisoner, waiting to see a married man a couple of hours a week. If this affair was revealed to the wife or his parents, he'd be forced to be honest. Should I tell? -OUT-RAGED MOTHER IN OREGON

DEAR MOTHER: It's tempting to meddle, but your daughter is an adult, so I'd advise against it. Although you and I know she's wasting her time buying what this super-salesman is selling, some people have to learn the hard way, as the next letter reveals. It arrived in the same batch as

yours. Perhaps reading it will help her see the light. Read on: DEAR ABBY: Maybe my experience will keep other hearts from being broken as mine was. I was involved with a married man. He swore he and his wife were breaking up; it was taking so long only

could I have been so stupid? It happened two years ago, but only now am I seeing clearly. Now I'm finally able to talk about it. I'm shocked how similar my experience has been to that of other women.

because of the children. How

These men all say practically the same thing: "You make me feel alive again." (I now realize that how you feel about yourself comes from within.) "I can talk to you and you really listen." (I didn't have three small children underfoot demanding my attention.) "My wife and I have a lousy sex life." (Some even claim it's nonexistent, but their wives seem to get pregnant anyway. Immaculate con-

Take it from me, ladies, what your married lover is telling you is what they all say — and what he'll no doubt tell the next gullible woman who comes along. I was a fool. I feel guilt and sadness for the pain my actions caused my exlover's wife when she found out about our affair. I can only offer my heartfelt apology.

ception, perhaps?)

To those of you who are having affairs — please learn from my mistakes. The pleasure is dwarfed in comparison to the pain that's inflicted on so many people. It's just not worth it. -**EX-MISTRESS IN MASSACHU-**

DEAR EX-MISTRESS: Affairs with unavailable people fail far more often than they succeed, and the damage they cause will far outlive the romance. Your letter is a wake-up call. I hope others will heed it.

DEAR ABBY: My stepdaughter and her husband have been married just five years, and now they want to renew their wedding vows. Their first ceremony was a "quickie" before a local judge with no family or

Would it be proper for them to renew their wedding vows in a church with a reception afterward? If so, who pays for the event, and do the guests bring gifts? - CONFUSED IN NEW **JERSEY** 

DEAR CONFUSED: A renewal or reaffirmation of wedding vows has become increasingly popular in recent years, usually for couples who have been married 10 or more years. Traditionally, wedding vows are repeated on the couple's anniversary, with each promising to continue to "love, honor

and cherish. There is no right or wrong way to renew one's wedding vows. It can be done as formally as a church ceremony (white gown and all), or as casually as giving a party, inviting a clergyperson, and verbalizing your love and commitment to each other in the privacy of your living room, surrounded by fami-

ly and friends. The couple pays for the event, including the reception. No ed, although it would be gracious to bring the couple a gift to mark their latest wedding anniversary. They may wish to exchange rings again, either old or new.

DEAR ABBY: I'm confused about the answers to the following questions, and hope you'll supply me with the correct

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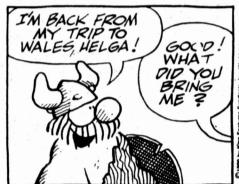
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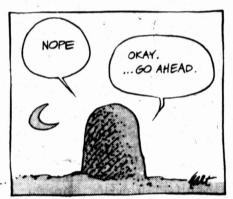




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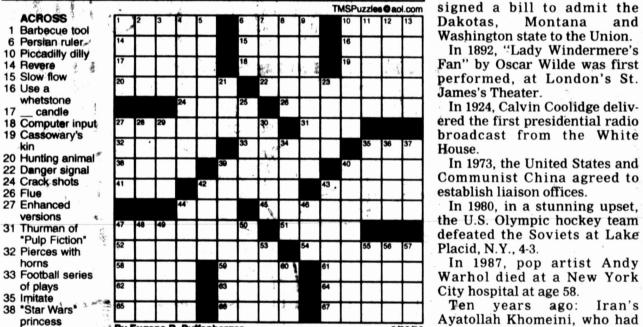
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One year ago: Abraham A. Ribicoff, the former Connecticut governor and senator who served as President Kennedy's secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, died in Riverdale, N.Y., at age 87. The Czech Republic defeated Russia 1-0 to win men's hockey as the Nagano Winter Olympics came to a close.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Sir John Mills is 91. Announcer Don Pardo is 81. Actor Paul Dooley is 71. Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., is 67. Singer Ernie K-Doe is 63. Movie director Jonathan Demme is 55. Actress Ellen Greene is 49. Actress Miou-Miou is 49. Actress Julie Walters is 49. Basketball Hall-of-Famer Julius Erving is 49. Actor Kyle MacLachlan is 40. Actress: singer Lea Salonga is 28. Actor Jose Solano ("Baywatch") is 28;

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