MONDAY March 22, 1999

Tonight:



TONIGHT 45°-50°

\$1,200 raised to purchase tickets so less-fortunate kids can attend 'Up With People'

More than \$1,200 was raised Saturday and Sunday to purchase tickets for area children to see the musical "Roads" April 9 at Municipal Auditorium.

Tape was placed on the ground at the Wal-Mart Supercenter and donors were able to watch the line of money grow, said Up With People advance team member Josh Sagmon.

Children from three local organizations will benefit from the effort — Excellent Experiences, a mentoring program with the Big Spring Chamber Commerce, The Big Spring Area Salvation Army Youth Program, and the Vista Care Family Hospice.

UBS blood drive slated at Lakeview

United Blood Services of San Angelo will hold a blood drive from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Tuesday at Lakeview Head Start.

UBS needs to collect 300 units of blood each week to serve its 18-hospital area, which includes Howard County.

To make an appointment call Lakeview Head Start at 267-7452

WHAT'S UP...

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

TUESDAY

■ Beginning line dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center.

WEDNESDAY

Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room ☐ Big Spring Downtown

Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. ☐ Line dancing, 1 p.m.,

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

Senior Citizens Center.

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.

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Air Force backs off of training flights in northern Crossroads

By JOHN H. WALKER

Managing Editor

The Air Force has changed routes of two bomber training flights scheduled over West **Texas and New Mexico because** of concerns raised at public hearings.

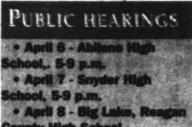
A 400-page environmental impact statement released Friday by the Air Force noted elimination of a proposed bomber training route north of Big Spring and modification of a route that would have skirted

Big Bend National Park.

Farmers and ranchers across an eight-county area encompassing the area between Abilene and Lubbock have complained that flights as low as 300 feet will poison the ground with jet fuel and spook livestock.

But the Air Force report said low-level flights of B-52 Stratofortress and bombers from Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene and Barksdale Air Force Base in Shreveport, La., would have low impact for the area.

Maj. John Boyle of the 7th



April 9 - Pecos High Sch • April 10 - Alpine Recr ter. 10 a.m.-noon and 1-5

Bomb Wing at Dyess said Sunday the proposed training route that skirted Big Bend National Park was narrowed to distance the bombers from the park and a portion of one route north of Big Spring was deleted.

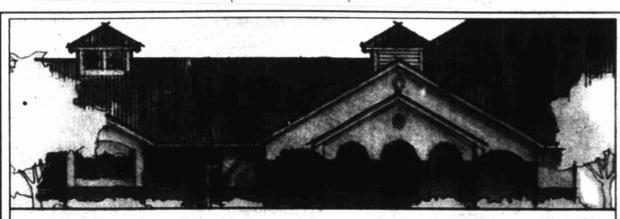
"When we come back ... for public hearings, people again can take a look at this document and tell us what they think," Boyle said.

"I think we better stay after 'em," said Borden County rancer Rich Anderson. "Just because they say they're not gonna have those flights doesn't mean we don't need to be at those public hearings to voice

our opposition." Anderson is vice president of the Heritage Environmental Preservation Association (HEPA), a non-profit organization formed to stop the Air Force from flying low-level B-1 and B-52 bomber training mis-

sions in the area. Buster Welch and I sort of formed the thing, mainly Buster Welch," said Anderson of HEPA's president, a rancher from the Roby-Rotan area. "It's a violation of our private proper

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The artist's rendering of the Big Spring VA Home, which will be located on the west side of U.S. 87 and just to the south of the Big Spring State Hospital. State officials have said construction on the local facility is expected to begin in May.

Construction on Big Spring VA Home expected to get under way in May

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor

Construction on the Texas State Veterans Home to be built just north of Big Spring is expected to begin in May, an official with the design group said last week.

"We're probably going to bid with that project by the end of April. As soon as it goes to bid, we'll start construction," said Fred "Skip" Smith, regional vice president for The Park ssociates, Inc.

Smith said concerns from Big Spring citizens that the project must be completed by August are unfounded.

"That's the date all the plans have to be in to Washington and we'll be submitting those plans within the next two weeks," Smith said. "We've already done all our studies. The next steps are to send in the 100 percent plan and then do the bid tabulation.'

He said the project is going smoothly.

"We all want it done right now, but it just doesn't work that way. We don't anticipate any problems. Washington has been receiving plans all along and they've approved everything so far," said Smith.

Four Veterans Homes are being constructed. In addition to the one here, homes will be built in Temple, Floresville and Bonham.

The interiors of each of the four 160-bed facilities will be the same, Smith said. But the exterior will vary for each.

The facilities will all encompass more than 76,000 square feet of space, with what

builders call a "neighborhood" an architectural design firm in concept. They will feature more natural lighting, shelves in each room for the residents and a play area for children visitors.

The Park Associates and its partners, Rees Associates, Inc., Dallas-based architectural and planning firm and MW Builders from Temple are designing, building and will operate the four homes.

Graeber, Simmons & Cowan, See VA HOME, Page 2

Austin, will serve as construction management oversight representative for the state during construction.

Smith said construction has started at the site in Temple.

"They're tying steel and will start punching holes for the beams Monday. Once they get that done and pour a slab, we're on the road."

Name for Big Spring VA Home can come from local nomination

HERALD Staff Report

An Act of the 75th Texas Legislature will allow Howard County residents, veterans groups and community organizations to submit names for the Texas Veterans Home to be constructed here.

To be eligible for consideration of the honor, an individual must be a deceased Texas veteran with a verifiable record of distinguished community service or highly distinguished military service, or someone who was killed in the line of duty and whose service record merits recognition.

Other rules apply:

· The nominee need not have been a resident of Big Spring at the time of his or her death, but the community service must have occurred in Big Spring or have significantly affected Big Spring.

· If the nominee was killed in the line of duty, he or she must have entered the service from Big Spring, and Big Spring must have been considered the nominee's home at the time of death. Names of nominees should be submitted to David Gloier, exec-

utive secretary of the Veterans Land Board. Completed applications must be submitted by May 31.

Applications include the name of the nominee, dates of birth and death, their period of military service, branch of service and their home at the time of entry into the service.

Enclosed must be a biographical sketch of the nominee, including a description of their service in the military or to the com-

Nomination forms are available from David Gloier, Executive Secretary of the Veterans Land Board, 1700 North Congress, Room 700, Austin, 78701.

Boll Weevil

Legislature OKs \$25 million to help farmers with cost of weevil eradication programs

By JOHN H. WALKER

Managing Editor

It's up to the cotton producers and land owners in the sixcounty Permian Basin Boll

Weevil Eradication Zone (PBZ) now that Gov. George Bush has signed emergency legislation providing \$25 million for weevil eradication.

"We felt we

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had a window of opportunity for state funding," explained Eddy Herm, chairman of the PBZ' grower advisory committee. "We've worked to try and educate folks so that they can make an informed decision on this."

Thursday, Texas Department of Agriculture officials mailed out 3,385 ballots to cotton producers and land owners in the six-county zone that includes approximately 780,000 acres of both dryland and irrigated cotton.

The zone includes all of Howard, Martin, Dawson and Ector counties as well as the majority of Midland and Borden counties.

Completed ballots must be postmarked on or before April 8 to be counted.

Eligible voters are faced with three items on the ballot:

· Whether or not to approve

the program: · Whether or not to approve a \$6 per acre assessment for dryland cotton and a \$12 assessment for irrigated cotton:

· For Midland County farmer Jim Brown as a director of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation (TBWEF).

A two-thirds vote is required to enact both the program and the assessment. Had state monies not been made available, the programs would not have started, even if approved

by the required margin.

Producers and land owners have been told the eradication program in the Permian Basin Zone, administered by the TBWEF, would be a priority if it were passed because of the proximity of the local zone to other active zones.

"Our technical committee has recommended this as a high-priority area because of the proximity to the other zones where active programs are in place," TBWEF executive director Lindy Patton told producers at a series of seven educational meeting held through the zone and ending last Wednesday.

Acreage to the east, south, southeast and west-northwest of the Permian Basin Zone have all either approved weevil eradication programs or have some type of weevil control program

The Western High Plains Zone, which includes Andrews and Gaines counties, has passed the program and was waiting only on state funding to get the program under way. The Plains Southern Rolling (Concho Valley) and Rolling Plains Central (remainder of Borden County, plus Mitchell, Scurry and others) have overwhelmingly renewed their pro-

In addition, the St. Lawrence Zone, whole not opting for an eradication program, has had an active suppression program for about 15 years.

State agriculture commissioner Susan Combs applauded both the legislature and the governor for getting the legislation

"Two major droughts and low commodity prices have made it almost impossible for Texas cotton farmers to shoulder much of the costs in wiping out the boll weevil," she said. "Gov. Bush and the Texas Legislature understand this enormous problems facing producers, and this emergency appropriation is a much-needed shot in the arm for the state's eradication

TAES Futures Forum set for Howard Co. Library

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN **Features Editor**

What does the future hold for you, your family, your business

and your community? Concerns and goals for the new millenium will be focus of the Community **Futures Forum** planned Tuesday. Sponsored by Texas Agricultural Extension



Service, Howard County, the event will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the library's Community Room.

"This is an opportunity for people to come and express their views," explained Dana **Tarter, County Extension Agent** - Home Economics. "We want to hear their ideas about the

things that matter to them.* The event will begin with small-group sessions, when participants will decide among themselves what some of the top concerns of the next three to five years will be. Then, in a larger group, they will discuss and vote on the top five con-

coming years. Later, the extension service plans to hold "focus forums" on the specific concerns of participants in this forum, Tarter said. If a major concern is housing, for example, the extension service will work with relevant agencies in the community and bring in an expert if needed to

cerns for the community in

address that issue. "Our goal is to first identify the concerns and then bring people in who can address those," Tarter said. "We want to make a plan of action for our

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Funding for the chapel at the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial got a \$150 boost last week when me bers of Big Spring Eagles Lodge Aerie 3188 made the donation. From left is Eagle To orial Committee embers Jerry Groves and Robyn Dr Billy Light and Monroe Casey.

OBITUARIES

Jerry D. Bilbrey

67, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Monday, March 22, 1999, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Jess Colegrove, pastor of Birdwell Lane Baptist Church, and Rev. Ronnie Newton, pastor of Wesley Evangelical Methodist Church in Odessa, officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mr. Bilbrey died Saturday, March 40, in a local hospital.

He was born on March 31, 1931, in Santa Ann, and married Mary Evelyn Hodges on Jan. 5, 1954, in Lubbock. He served in the United States Army from 1948 to 1953. He served in Korea and received the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart. He then served in the United States Air Force from 1953 to 1966 and retired as a Tech Sergeant. He had lived in New Braunfels from 1968 to 1986 when he moved to Big Spring. He had been a truck driver and drove for Roadrunner Trucking for a number of years, retiring in 1992. Mr. Bilbrey was a member of Birdwell Lane Baptist Church.

Survivors include: his wife, Mary Evelyn Bilbrey of Big Spring; one son, Billy Ray Bilbrey of Odessa; two daughters, Sharon Ann Aguirre and Kathy Lynn Barganier, both of New Braunfels; his mother, Beatrice Riley of Odessa; one brother, Curtis Bilbrey of New Braunfels; one sister, Maxine Hensley of Odessa; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to either the Youth Fund or Building Fund at Birdwell Lane Baptist Church; 1512 Birdwell Lane; Big Spring.

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

Roland M. "Bob" Taylor

Roland M. (Bob) Taylor, 86, Big Spring, died on Saturday, March 20, 1999, in a local hospital. Funeral service will be 10. a.m. Tuesday, March 23, 1999, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Darrell Hendrickson, pastor of First Church of God, officiating. Interment

will follow at Trinity Memorial Mr. Taylor

was born on Sept. 29, 1912, Kennett. Mo., and married Marilyn Sue Davis on March 2, 1944. in Tyler.

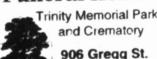


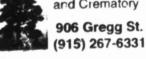
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NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH **Funeral Home**





Roland M. (Bob) Taylor, 86, died Saturday. Services will be 10:00 AM Tuesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Soc Walker, 82, died Sunday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Anna Marie Atkinson Clark, 79, died Monday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

United States Army for 25 years, retiring on Sept. 1, 1963. He also worked in Civil Service for 10 years and was active in (Retired Volunteer Program).

He was a member of First Church of God. Survivors include: his wife,

Marilyn S. Taylor of Big Spring; two sons and daughters-in-law, Roland Lee and Hiroko Taylor of Virginia Beach, Va., and Norris Lee Pennington of Kingsland; two grandchildren, Stephanie Taylor of Virginia Beach, Va., and John Taylor Pennington of Kingsland; one brother, Charles Taylor of Flint, Mich.; and five sisters, Nadine Schell, Gwen Jarrett, Norma Taylor, Patricia Taylor and Janet Taylor, all of Flint, Mich.

The family suggests memorials to: First Church of God; 2009 Main; Big Spring

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

Kayleen Anne "Kay" Pavlovsky

Service for Kayleen Anne "Kay" Pavlovsky, 57, Snyder, will be 2 p.m. Monday, March 22, 1999, at the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel with Wayne Horton officiating. Cremation will be at a later

Mrs. Pavlovsky died Friday, March 19, at Cogdell-Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

She was born on July 6, 1941, in Kirksville, Mo. She married R.C. Pavlovsky on March 23, 1957, in Fort Worth. He preceded her in death in August of

Survivors include: two sons, Ronald Conway Pavlovsky of Lubbock, and Donald Ray Pavlovsky of Snyder; two daughters, Tammy Lynn Kennedy and Carla Rose Pavlovsky, both of Big Spring; one brother, James Lepford of Fort Worth; 14 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home, Snyder.

Anna Marie Atkinson Clark

Service for Anna Marie Atkinson Clark, 79, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. She died Monday, March 22,

1999, at her residence.

Soc Walker

Service for Soc Walker, 82, Goldthwaite, formerly of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-He died Sunday, March 21,

Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. 1999, in Goldthwaite.

FLIGHTS

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ty rights. They think they can come out... and take our airspace. They fly as close as 300 feet to the ground."

The Air Force announced plans last year to enact a Realistic Bomber Training Initiative, which could have B-1 and B-52 bombers flying sorties, some as low as 300 feet, in West Texas or northeastern New Mexico as early as October 2001.

The training missions would fly over a 50-mile by 100-mile stretch of West Texas covering eight counties — Lynn, Garza, Kent, Stonewall, Dawson, Borden, Scurry and Fisher covering most of the area

between Abilene and Lubbock. A separate proposal, challenged in court by ranchers in New Mexico and West Texas, would allow 30 German Tornado aircraft to be stationed at Hollomon Air Force Base at Alamogordo, N.M., to train over some of the same routes proposed in the bomber training

Hollomon Air Force Base now houses 12 Tornado jets.

Friday's report does not. address the cumulative impact that increased flights by German Air Force pilots would have. Boyle said the subject is mentioned, but is not treated in any "verbal" way.

The report said property damage and associated economic losses attributed to low-level flights can only be determined on a case-by-case basis. Comments and concerns will

be taken at several scheduled public hearings during a 45-day public comment period that ends May 2.

An Air Force spokesman said copies of the Air Force's draft impact statement are available in most county libraries throughout West Texas.

VA HOME

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He said construction will begin in Floresville on Construction at Thursday. Bonham will have the same basic timeline as the Veterans Home in Big Spring, Smith said.

Each home will take 10 to 12 months to complete, but the Big Spring home could be one of the quickest to be completed, Smith

"We're actually building virtually the same thing everywhere, so we're looking for number two to go faster than number one, number three to go faster than number two, and so on," he said.

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the Big Spring facility were held Aug. 10 and officials showed architect's plans in a public meeting on Oct. 18.

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community."

Anyone is welcome to attend the meeting Tuesday, and all voices will have a chance to be heard. Tarter said.

"There's not an issue that doesn't matter," she said, although some issues may not be those that directly involve the extension service. "This is part of an overall goal to bring agencies together and help people make their lives better."

With co-sponsors The Texas A&M University System, the extension service has conducted forums like this one throughout the state, Tarter said. They will be used in part to determine what programs the service will focus on in coming years.

Those who plan to attend are asked to call the extension office at 264-2236 in advance. but pre-registration is not nec-

MARKETS

May cotton 62.10 cents, up 114 points; April crude 15.02. down 22 points; cash hogs steady at \$1 higher at 27 cents even; cash steers steady at 66 even; April lean hog futures 43.85, up 105 points; April live cattle futures 66.85, up 20 points.

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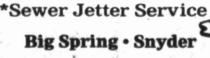
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The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incident between noon Saturday and 8 a.m. today:

 POSSESSION OF MARI-JUANA less than two ounces was reported at Comanche Trail Park. Reports indicate a juvenile was found to be in pos-

· ABRAM ZUNIGA, 34, was arrested for driving while license suspended. DOMESTIC DISTUR-

BANCE was reported in the 700 block of East 11th Place. · LISA BURROWS, 37, was arrested for local warrants.

• DONALD MYRICK, 44, was arrested for driving while intoxicated. DISTURBANCE/FIGHT

was reported in the 120 block of Airbase Road and 1300 block of Tucson. MINOR ACCIDENT was

reported at the intersection of 18th and Gregg, 300 block of Veterans Blvd., and mile marker 176 in the west bound lane of

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 TONY PIKE, 34, was arrested for driving while license

 ASSAULT was reported in the 1400 block of Tucson.

 GLORIA OLIVARES, 34. was arrested for local warrants. CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING was reported in the 800 block of East 12th.

 BURGLARY OF A BUILD-ING was reported in the 2600 block of Gregg. AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

was reported on Wood Street and in the 900 block of Willia. EMMANUEL CER-VANTES, 27, was arrested for local warrants.

· ASSAULT WITH A DEAD-LY WEAPON was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore. CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd. • DANIEL GUZMAN, 36, was arrested for public intoxication. • GEORGETTE RUIZ, 31,

was arrested for local warrants. JUVENILE PROBLEM was reported in the 3700 block of Connally, 700 block of east 14th and 1000 block of Main.

 RAYMOND CHAVARRIA 43, was arrested for public intoxication.

 BARBARA QUERNHEIM, 33, was arrested for public

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents between noon Saturday and 8 a.m. today:

 PETER PAUL MOOMEY. 27, was arrested for theft by check of more than \$50 and less than \$500. RUDY VALERAINO CAR-

RILLO, 23, was arrested for a Tom Green County warrant of motion to revoke probation of falsifying a vehicle registration. ANGEL VILLA, 25, was arrested for possession of a con-

trolled substance less than one ounce, possession of marijuana with intent to deliver, and possession of drug paraphernalia. RODNEY BRENT GRES-SETT, 20, was arrested driving

while intoxicated. · GARY LEE SCOTT, 48, was arrested for bondsman off bond for driving while license suspended or invalid.

Scenic Mountain **Medical Center** 1601 W. 11th Place 263-1211

 XAVIER DEANDA, 30, was arrested for motion to revoke probation of burglary of a building.

FIRE/EMS

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

7:53 a.m. - 406 E. 15th, trauma call, service refused.

12:30 p.m. - 1502 Stadium. medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical

1:50 p.m. - 5701 E. Midway Road, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

4:11 p.m. — 220 Texas Road, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

6:03 p.m. - 1012 Stadium, medical call, patient transported to SMMC. **SUNDAY**

2:58 a.m. - 1502 Stadium. medical call, patient transported to SMMC. 10:20 a.m. — 1700 block

Lancaster, medical call, patient transported to SMMC. 11:20 a.m. - 220 Texas Road, medical call, patient transport-

ed to SMMC. 4:56 p.m. - 200 block Grant, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

5:32 p.m. - 1506 Sycamore, medical call, patient transported to SMMC 8:48 p.m. - 176 I-20, trauma

call, patient transported to the 8:54 p.m. - 500 block N. Salem Road, trauma call, patient

transported to SMMC. 9:21 p.m. - 176 I-20, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

11:17 p.m. - 176 I-20, traffic accident, trauma call, two patients transported to SMMC.

Records

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Yosemite murder case tugs at emotions

EUREKA, Calif. (AP) — The discovery of two people's remains in a forched rental car near Yosemite National Park has added an element of fear to this town's feeling of grief.

And a new mystery: Where is the third victim?

The disappearance of Carole Sund, her daughter Julie and family friend Silvina Pelosso on Feb. 15 prompted a massive search in this mining country just outside the park.

Hope of a possible innocent misunderstanding faded when, within days, Mrs. Sund's wallet was found in the middle of a busy intersection in a town two hours away.

Then nothing for almost a month before someone spotted the burned-out shell of their rental car Thursday and two unidentified bodies were discovered in the trunk.

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"I think people here are sort of waiting for the other shoe to fall," said Weldon Benzinger, a science teacher at Eureka High School, where saddened students built hallway displays honoring Julie, 15, and Silvina, 16, an exchange student from Argentina.

Jens Sund, Carole's husband and father of Julie, was in seclusion over the weekend while relatives made a pilgrimage to the site in remote Long Barn where the charred car was found.

"The senseless waste of these precious lives is so incomprehensible I can't even begin to understand why it happened," he said in a handwritten statement

The last confirmed sighting of the trio was in El Portal, a tiny mountain town at the edge of Yosemite where the three had dinner at the Cedar Lodge.

On Thursday, the burned hulk of their red 1999 rented Pontiac was found off winding Highway 108 in rugged Tuolumne County. The family's hopes were raised: There was no word the three had been found.

But a day later, FBI agents disclosed the discovery of the incinerated remains of two people in the vehicle's trunk.

"That was the worst moment for the family, the worst. That was a very, very long day," said Ron Caton, who is related to the Sund family by marriage.

Carole Sund's father, Francis Carrington, was visibly anguished Sunday as he sat, head in hands, at the site where investigators made their grisly discovery. He and his wife, as well as FBI agents, Silvina's tearful parents and Sund's brother marked the spot with flowers and a cross.

"It's the worst feeling of all, not knowing what happened," Carrington said. "Can you imagine not even finding out if your relatives are dead?"

In Fureka a tranquil communication.

In Eureka, a tranquil community of 30,000 about 100 miles south of the Oregon border, residents and students took the news of the deaths hard. Orchestra practice continued Friday in honor of Julie, who was a violinist.

But outside, a sign read: "Senior Student Night — Canceled."



'Roaring Rapids' accident kills one, injures 10 at Six Flags

ARLINGTON (AP) — A raft in an amusement park ride has capsized and trapped a dozen seatbelted riders upside-down in waist-deep water, killing a 28-year-old woman in the first fatality involving a guest in the attraction's history.

Ten other people were injured in the mishap Sunday on the Roaring Rapids ride at Six Flags over Texas, said Arlington police

spokesman Dee Anderson.
Twelve people were in
the large, circular raft
when it capsized about
5:30 p.m. a few hundred
feet from the end of the
ride, Anderson said.

Most were able to

ARLINGTON (AP) - A unbuckle their seat belts at the hospital. Most of series of rapids in water turn," he said. "The boat the injuries were minor, up to about four feet deep. took a dip or some kind of but at least four people. In the area where the an incline ... and the con-

At least one park visitor, a physician's assistant, dashed into the water to help free the trapped riders and later assisted two park paramedics, park officials said. The ride's operators had told visitors not to enter the ride for safety reasons, Anderson said.

Valeria Cartwright, part of a large group visiting the park from West Helena, Ark., apparently drowned, officials said. She was pronounced dead about 45 minutes later at Arlington Memorial Hospital.

Ten others were treated

at the hospital. Most of the injuries were minor, but at least four people were hospitalized overnight. A fire spokesman said one person apparently walked away from the accident

unharmed but hadn't been located.

A 9-year-old Lawrence, Kan., girl was transferred to Cook Children's Hospital in Fort Worth with a leg injury, and a relative of the dead woman was suffering from a possible heart

injured weren't released.
In the ride, the raft-like boats carrying up to 12 passengers float through a

problem, Anderson said.

The names of those

series of rapids in water up to about four feet deep. In the area where the accident occurred, a final rapids empties into a waist-deep pool where ride operators manually steer the boats toward huge conveyor belts with

firehose-like water jets.
Witnesses said the accident happened suddenly.

"I saw a guy climbing up the wall coming out, and I saw a woman against the wall holding a kid," Mike Jones said.

Anderson said an initial investigation didn't reveal a possible cause for the

accident.

"We really didn't get a clear picture of what caused the boat to over-

turn," he said. "The boat took a dip or some kind of an incline ... and the consensus was that the boat for whatever reason flipped over."

Anderson added that there was no reason to believe the passengers were rocking the boat at

the time.
"There's no indication
this was anything but an

accident," he said.

As workers drained the pool hours later, the cockpit of the boat still lay overturned. A rubber flotation ring that is normally around the cockpit was stuck halfway under the raft's seats.

Anderson said investigators didn't know if the

ring was separated from the cockpit when the boat capsized or during the res-

cue.
Spokesman Nancy St.
Pierre said it was the first
customer death at the

customer death at the park in its 38 years. "It's been a devastating

day," she said.

The Roaring Rapids opened in 1983, and there have been no such serious accidents before. Ms. St. Pierre said rides similar to the Roaring Rapids are in operation across the

ountry.
Premier Parks, an Oklahoma City-based amusement park operator, purchased the Six Flags chain of theme parks from Time Warner.

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OUR VIEWS

Time still remains to get registered for 2nd MS Walk

here's still time to register a team for Saturday's MS Walk. This event, held for the first time in Big Spring last year, benefits sufferers of multiple sclerosis and their families, and provides money for research into treatments.

For a commitment of several hours on a Saturday, you can do something remarkable for someone else someone who needs your support.

Multiple sclerosis is a disease that randomly attacks the nervous system. Symptoms range from numbness to blindness and paralysis, and those with the disease gradually lose control over their bodies.

In other words, a few steps from you could benefit someone who, at one time or another, may be unable to walk at all. Isn't that worth your time?

Already 150 people in 20 teams have committed to making this event a success. Last year, about 200 walkers participated, and this one is shaping up to achieve the same — or better — results.

There are plenty of incentives besides the good feeling that comes with helping someone else: Furr's is donating lunch. There are fun contests, T-shirts and prizes throughout the morning.

The walk itself is a beautiful stroll through the Coronado neighborhood and Comanche Trail Park.

Walkers collect pledges for their efforts, and compete to win prizes. Top prize is two round-trip airline tick

Registration begins at 9 a.m. at First Baptist Church, and the walk starts at 10. MS Society officials said they would prefer registration in advance (by calling (915) 570-8248), but also welcome last-minute partici-

If you can spare a few hours Saturday, consider making "great strides" for this excellent cause.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

On March 1, a letter to the editor from (a) Kelly Hankins was published in regards to the nursing care that her mother received while hospitalized in Scenic Mountain Medical Center. I gathered from her letter that her chief complaint was not in regards to the quality of care but the quantity of nurses available to provide the quality of care needed. Her allegation was that the shortage of nurses was by design, in fact, she stated "I would suggest the hospital spend its money staffing the floors with more RNs and LVNs and put them back on eight hour shifts." At times we do find ourselves short of nursing staff, but this is not by design, but by misfortune.

Unfortunately, there is a shortage of nurses, not only in Big Spring, but also in the United States and most of the World. It is amazing to think that in one newspaper alone, the Houston Chronicle, there are eight pages of nursing help-wanted ads. This shortage was discussed in some detail in an article published on page 34 of the Dec. 14, 1998, issue of Modern Healthcare. There are several quotes that I would like to share, but for brevity, I will share only a couple. The assistant administrator of patient care at Northeast Medical Center Hospital in Humble noted that "I'm probably short one or two nurses on every shift." John Buffa, a staffing consultant based in Dallas noted "when major metropolitan areas start

recruiting at this magnitude, looking not for a nurse but for 25 nurses, rural hospitals don't have a chance. I would like to assure Ms.

Hankins that the issue is not money, the hospital spent over \$1,800,000 in salaries and benefits in just January and February of this year. In addition, we spend another \$125,000 for contract labor (all in nursing) since we did not have employed staff to cover the shifts. The hospital IS committed to quality patient care and we are looking for qualified nurses to join our team of already outstanding nurses

I appreciated Ms. Hankins acknowledging that the hospital does have good nurses, because I strongly concur. With the recent increase in respiratory and other viral infections, and the shortage of nurses, the nurses here at the hospital have worked some long shifts and given up many scheduled days off. They are committed to you, the community of Big Spring, and they have my greatest

appreciation. Publicly I would like to apologize to Ms. Hankins and her mother. It is not the intent of Scenic Mountain Medical Center to provide a mediocre level of care. It is my goal that every patient that enters this hospital receive the highest level of care possible, and to that end, I am committed.

> LOREN F. CHANDLER **Scenic Mountain Medical Center Acting Chief Executive Officer**

'See Rock City' good, Southern advice

sterday I was Dorothy in Oz. Somewhere from deep in the black velvet recesses of memory came pictures of Rock City,

through my head in quick, View Master succession. Click. Click. Click.

See Rock City. See Thou Shalt Not Steal. Thou Shalt Not Kill. See

Rock City.

RHETA

GRIMSLEY **JOHNSON**

After a lifetime of exhortations, I was seeing Rock City. I finally followed old barns and my heart to the mountaintop. As my truck climbed skyward through suburbia and pines, I grew excited. I couldn't help myself.

What a quiet, beautiful, nostalgic place. What a surprise. (The first surprise being that Rock City's in Georgia, half a

mile from Tennessee.) For all my adult years I've casually avoided what I assumed to be a tacky, two-bit tourist trap mostly designed for children. I was way off base. Instead, I found a calm pocket of a gentler time, circa 1935, and a garden with a view.

Everybody knows a little of the history. In the 1920s, Garnet and Frieda Carter started a garden on their mountaintop estate. Mr. Carter subsequently designed a Tom Thumb miniature golf course and opened the 14-acre garden to the public.

To promote the attraction in the 1930s, Carter's employees found farmers who were willing to advertise Rock City in exchange for getting their barn painted. That marketing move ranks in effectiveness with Burma Shave on fence posts and Goodyear's blimp. The birdhouses, no slouch of an idea, either, appeared in the

People who thrill to roller coasters and animated animals will not love Rock City. On the other hand, people who crave exhaustive scientific explanation of natural sights will not love Rock City. That leaves the

rest of us, the in-betweens. The "presentation" — for lack of a better word - of natural spectacle is enhanced, but no major harm done. It reminded me of a French cave I saw three years ago. The Gouffre de Proumeyssac would have been plenty spectacular without dramatic music, a light show and a basket that hangs like a bat from the cavern's ceiling and holds a couple of willing tourists. But the French couldn't resist.

Similarly, Rock City's rock formations get fanciful names Needle's Eye, Fat Man's Squeeze, Lover's Leap - and a ceramic gnome or two grow with the autumn fern and oak leaf hydrangea. Elévator music comes from the rocks, and, yes, you could break the bank paying for those birdhouses.

But in the bargain you get peace, plants and a perch that probably really does afford a view of seven states. Who's going to prove 'em wrong?

"We're getting adults who came here as children bringing their children, even their grandchildren," a friendly, white-haired clerk in the Christmas store told me. And that's it. Seeing Rock

City is a sentimental journey, even for those of us who have never been before. It is a walk through the way life once was. Note: Fairyland Caverns uses

black lights more effectively than any place I've ever seen with the possible exception of one VFW dance hall in Searcy, Ark. The scenes from my View-Master were all there: Mother Goose, Snow White, Cinderella.

At Rock City I could set my own pace, which doesn't happen often in this crowded, rushed, cellular-chatting world. I could stay all day at the observation point, or rush right across the swing-along bridge. There were no wraparound queues, no guides, no tours, no next-film-starts-infive-minutes.

A little poem from Fairyland worked for me:

When at home alone I sit/And am very tired of it/I have just to shut my eyes/To go sailing through the skies/To go sailing far away/And be where I've been today

My heartfelt advice: See Rock City.

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The Writer's Art: Saddling the rampant gerund

oday's question will stir you to wild excitement: What should we do

the gerund? Several answers have been suggested: Try washing it in tomato juice. Just leave it alone, and it will come down when it wants to. Trim it back

severely. Use

JAMES KILPATRICK

better gin. I find merit in all these helpful hints, but the gerund is not easily tied to a grammatical hitching post. Like the predictive future tense, or the spelling of words with double consonants, or the choice of "ambiance" or "ambience," the handling of gerunds boils down to a matter of personal style.

What is a gerund? It is a verbal that looks like a participle but has the long legs of a noun. A gerund is roaming around in this unoffending sentence: "I asked if you would mind my sitting next to her.'

The question that has stymied kings, queens and county sheriffs may be quickly framed: Should it be "my sitting next to her" or "me sitting next to her"? The chances are

that you would be better off sitting next to your wife, but we leave that for another day. Which do you choose? Me or My? Possessive or non-posses-

Try your ear on a few nonpossessive examples:

"I'm not upset about Roger going to the Yankees.' -- "I have no comment about

Playboy.' "The chances of President Clinton running into Monica Lewinsky's lawyer, William

the young lady posing for

Ginsburg, were virtually nil." -- "The goal of a small private university attempting to operate a successful Division 1 nonscholarship program seems to have become unreachable and

unaffordable." -- "Justice Scalia said that ineptly drawn statutes tend to produce unwelcome opinions, but they are a sign of a court

adhering to the law. -- "The rule against identifying juveniles in crime stories results in only half of the story being made public.

-- "The odds against us winning are astronomical, but the chances are zero if we don't enter.'

Very well. If you were in an editor's slot, would you switch everything to the possessive form? Roger's going to the Yankees? The young lady's posing? Clinton's running into Ginsburg? A small university's attempting? A court's adhering? Half of the story's being told? The odds against our winning?

I can't give you a bright-line rule, one way or another. I can pass along some quasi-rules propounded by R.W. Burchfield, editor of the New Fowler's. This is Rule 1: When the word before the gerund is a proper name or a personal noun, use the apostrophe-s. Thus, "No one could reasonably complain of Reagan's taking the credit." "She was counting on her brother's making bail for

Rule 2 dispenses with the possessive apostrophe-s when the noun is non-personal. It looks better on the printed page, and it sounds better to the inner ear, to speak of "our concern about the house being haunted' than to speak of "our concern about the house's being haunt-

In Rule 3, Burchfield examines gerundives in the form of personal pronouns. He finds the evidence evenly divided. Some respected writers will use a possessive form: "The question arose of its being sold." Others like the sound and feel of the nonpossessive, "He said something about you ruining his slippers."

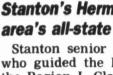
With indefinite pronouns, Burchfield says, usage is again divided. It's OK to "find reasons for everyone's wanting a beanie baby," but the non-possessive form is now dominant: "reasons for everyone wanting a beanie baby.

In many areas of prose composition the choice of a word, a phrase, a tense, even a spelling, is highly personal. A report is at hand of a football game last October. The sportswriter wrote in what I call the future predictive, a loathsome tense. Oregon State was about to pull an upset. "But Huskies cornerback Nigel Burton would slap away the pass on a two-point conversion attempt, and Washington would survive the Beavers' 27-7 scoring surge." In the final quarter the Beavers' quarterback "would pick the Huskies apart ... He would toss touchdowns of 80, 90 and 33 yards." Aaargh!

I don't know what real grammarians call that portentous tense. I call it mushmouth, but this was the sportswriter's choice. He liked it in the same way I like the possessive gerund, mostly as a matter of personal taste. I like the feel of "levelled" and "focussed." I prefer "ambience" to "ambiance," because "ambience" smells like real leather.

Until you get to be a publisher, you will have to exercise your personal taste with some degree of prudence. Meanwhile, stick to The Chicago Manual of Style and The Associated Press Stylebook. They won't lead you





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IN BRIEF

Stanton's Herm headlines area's all-state honorees

Stanton senior Kyle Herm, who guided the Buffaloes to the Region I, Class 2A boys' basketball finals, has been named to the all-state team selected by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC).

The Class 2A honor makes Herm an all-state selection in two sports, having earned a first-team Class 2A honor in football from the Associated Press in December.

Two other Crossroads Country players earned spots on the teams announced by the TABC.

Coahoma senior Cassie Tindol was named to the Class 2A girls' second team.

Borden County junior Julie Mayes, who led the Lady Coyotes to the Class 1A state tournament, was a secondteam pick in that classifica-

Lady Steers junior varsity sweeps Fort Stockton

Big Spring's Lady Steers junior varsity posted a pair of softball wins over Fort Stockton on Friday — taking a 22-18 win in nine innings in the "A" game and then romping to a 23-5 win in "B" action. Kaci Stokes chalked up the

pitching win in the "A" game, going eight innings, while Nicole Chesworth closed out the ninth inning.

Tracy Padilla paced the Lady Steers' offensive effort in that contest with four hits, including a triple and a dou-

Valerie Aguirre, Trista Casey and Danielle Stokes added two hits each in the extra-innings affair.

In the lopsided "B" win. Chesworth went the 5-inning distance, allowing just two Fort Stockton hits.

Padilla and Pacca Talley both managed three singles in the runaway win, while Bridget Cain had a double and a single.

Big Spring UGSA's registration continues

Officials with the Big Spring Girls Association have announced that registration will continue until April 9 at All-Star Sports, formerly Neal's Sporting Goods.

Parents should bring each child's birth certificate and registration fee of \$25 when signing up their children for the league.

Fundraiser tournament scheduled for April 3

The Ballapalooza Softball and Ragball Tournament to benefit youth sports programs and the Roy Anderson Complex-has been scheduled for April 3.

Games will begin at 8 a.m. each day and continue until midnight.

Entry fees for the 20-team softball tournament field will be \$100, while a fee of \$80 will be required to enter the 12team ragball tournament field. The deadline for registering teams will be April 1.

For more information, call Chris at 264-2100 or Andrea Earle at 800-734-7641.

Heart Association slates charity event for April 17

The Howard Counf Chapter of the American Heart Association has scheduled its annual charity golf tournament for April 17 at the Comanche Trail Golf Course. Entry fees are \$200 per team and include cart use and

green fees. Anyone wanting to play should sign up at the Comanche Trail Pro Shop.

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The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Last season's Final Four was filled with first-time coaches. This weekend, there will be three debuts and a coach with a chance to join a very exclusive

For Jim Calhoun of Connecticut, Jim O'Brien of Ohio State and Tom Izzo of Michigan State, St. Petersburg, Fla., will be the site of their first Final Four.

For Mike Krzyzewski of Duke, this weekend will be a chance for a third national championship, a number reached only by John Wooden, Adolph Rupp and Bob Knight.

'You don't get a chance to play for the national championship until you get to the Final Four," Krzyzewski said after his top-ranked Blue Devils beat sixthseeded Temple 85-64 Sunday in the East 73-67 victory in December. Regional final. "Now we can talk about winning the national championship.'

Most people expect Duke (36-1), which has won 31 straight games, to do that as the Blue Devils are the most prohibitive favorite since UNLV in 1991. That year was Krzyzewski's first championship and the Blue Devils ended UNLV's season in the national semifinals. They repeated in 1992, the fifth straight year Duke reached the Final Four. Its last appearance was 1994.

"It's been a long time coming and it's something I haven't experienced," fifthyear senior Trajan Langdon said. 'Coming into this game I knew it was my last chance to go to the Final Four." Duke will play Michigan State on Saturday, a rematch of the Blue Devils'

The Spartans (33-4) beat defending champion Kentucky 73-66 Sunday in the Midwesf Regional, their 22nd straight win, the last three all by less than 10 points.

"I don't even care about the next game right now," Izzo said. "There are 37 games there's been pressure on this team and I'm going to enjoy this day. I love Duke, they're a great team and I'll deal with them tomorrow.

Connecticut (32-2), the only other team besides Duke to be ranked No. 1 this season, always seemed to find a way not to get to the Final Four. Whether it was a buzzer-beater by Duke's Christian Laettner or a path that went through North Carolina's home state, the Huskies had never gotten there.

Three first-timers, Duke head to NCAA men's Final Four This time they advanced with a 67-62 win over 10th-seeded Gonazaga.

"Fate and other good teams and players got in the way and we didn't move on," Calhoun said. "I'm sure ours fans are going to come in mass. There's nothing like Husky Mania. People don't realize how much people in our state care."

Ohio State (27-8), at No. 4 the only non-No. 1 seed to advance, shattered some trivia with the 77-74 win over third-seeded St. John's in the South Regional.

No team had ever reached the national semifinals without having been in the tournament the year before. The Buckeyes were 8-22 last season and won just one conference game. The addition of guard Scoonie Penn, who came along with O'Brien from Boston College, was the key to the remarkable turnaround.

Bulldogettes unstoppable in wins over Miles, Merkel

HERALD Staff Report

Coahoma's MERKEL

Bulldogettes just keep rolling. The defending Class 2A state champions, having improved their District 2-2A softball record to 2-0 with a 17-0 rout of Miles' Lady Bulldogs on Friday, followed that with a doubleheader sweep Merkel's Lady Badgers on Saturday.

In Saturday's junior varsity game, the Bulldogettes romped to a 22-1 win, setting the stage for the 9-3 and 16-0 varsity

The first varsity game saw the Bulldogettes jump out to a 3-1 lead and never look back in following the pitching lead of sophomore Buchanan.

Buchanan went the fiveinning distance, allowing six Merkel hits while striking out eight. The win improved her record to 6-2 on the year and saw her ERA drep to 0:25.

Short stop Misty Baker wont a perfect 3-for 3 at the plate, while centerfielder Cassie Tindol was 2-for-3. Right fielder Erin Stovall added a pair of runs and first baseman Kelli Buchanan drove in a pair of

The second game saw Stovall, a freshman, make her first varsity pitching start a huge suc-

Stovall scattered four Lady Badgers hits, struck out five and allowed just one in going the five-inning distance. In addition, she helped her own cause with a perfect 3-for-3 showing at the plate, driving in five runs.

Also adding to the 14-hit attack were Marlana Blair and Kim Elmore, who both finished the game 2-for-3.

The Bulldogettes were only able to take a 1-0 lead in the first inning, but in that was all Stovall would need.

Coahoma then erupted for eight ams in the second inning as 13 Bulldogettes batters went to the plate.

To date, Coahoma has out hit its opposition 169-63 and carries a team batting average of .371 going into Tuesday's dis-



Coahoma third baseman Kayla Smith, shown her fouling off a pitch during the Bulldogettes' win over Andrews on March 5, and her teammates offered no quarter for District 2-2A opponent Miles on Friday, nor for Class AAA opponent Merkel in a doubleheader on Saturday. The Bulldogettes are now 16-2 on the year and 2-0 in district play.

for 4:30 p.m. in Snyder.

The Bulldogettes will return home on Friday, playing host to Loraine in another 2-2A game at 4:30 p.m.

In Friday's win over the fledgling Miles program, sophomore Amber Bingham improved her record to 9-0 in a game that lasted just three innings and took 42 minutes to

Bingham faced only 10 bat-

trict game with Hermleigh set ters and struck out nine — the exact number she struck out in breaking the Class 2A state tournament record last spring.

Although the Bulldogettes batted just twice, they chalked up seven hits and drew seven walks, as well as benefiting from six Miles errors.

Stovall, Kortney Kemper and Tindol all improved their onbase percentage with reaching the base paths on each of their three trips to the plate.

No. 1 Indian Hills takes NJCAA title; Weatherford third

HUTCHINSON, Kan. (AP) Shon Coleman scored 19 points Saturday as top-ranked Indian Hills (Iowa) outran No. 2 Barton County (Kan.) 100-86 for its third straight NJCAA championship.

Coleman had a dunk and a free throw as Indian Hills got away to a 20-10 lead on the way to its 109th victory in its last 110

"With their big men being so big, we felt like we had the advantage," said Cory Hightower, who scored 15 points for the Warriors. "We felt like our big men could outrun them and that's what we

Indian Hills (37-1) led 42-33 at the half and went on a 12-0 run to start the second half.

"It means so much to keep the streak going," said guard Barron Thelman said. "We wanted it for our coaches and fams. We never want the streak. to end.'

DeMarcus Minor scored 30 points for Barton County (35-3).

"Indian Hills has been here before, and they were the better team," Barton coach Ryan Cross said. "Tonight was their best night of the tournament, and we didn't play well. Most of that was due to them. They're so athletic, and they beat us down the floor.'

The Cougars got within 10 points in the final minute, but two technicals on Aleksandar Radojevic put the game out of

Radojevic was given one technical for taking a swipe at an Indian Hills fan on the sideline and a second for making an obscene gesture to the crowd. Weatherford (Texas) defeated

Kennedy-King (Ill.) 75-68 for third place, Meridian (Miss.) downed Dixie (Utah) 74-73 for fifth place and Western Nebraska beat Trinity Valley (Texas) 66-57 for seventh place. Marquis Fair made two free

throws to give Kennedy-King a 66-66 tie, but Kerwin Fleming answered with two free throws to put the Statesmen (34-3) on top 68-67 with 1:33 to play. Kennedy-King (29-8) did not layup to ice the game.

Trinity Valley's Lady Cardinals gain revenge

SALINA, Kan. (AP) Trinity Valley (Texas), upset by Central Arizona last year in the women's NJCAA Tournament title game, entered Saturday's rematch with something to prove. Forty minutes later, the Cardinals had made their point.

The 77-53 victory gave Trinity Valley (36-0) its fourth national title in six years.

Central Arizona (30-5) led 15-9 midway through the first half, only to see Trinity Valley surge to a 37-28 halftime lead. The Vaqueras came back to within six, trailing 39-33 with 16 minutes left, but Trinity Valley went on an 18-2 run to put the game out of reach.

Tournament MVP Yalika Barnes scored 13 for the Cardinals, while Shanika Parks added 13 points and grabbed 11 rebounds.

third-place action, Midland (Texas) beat Gulf Coast (Fla.) 78-70, but wasn't satisfied

"I told the team sometime in the near future, and for sure in the far future, we're going to be very proud of a thirdplace finish," Midland coach

Ron Jones said. "It's just not what we were after or why we were here this tournament. We called a couple timeouts and talked about it at halftime, about finding the energy inside to go finish the game, because we didn't want to play.'

Fatime Ndiaye scored 20 for the Chaparrals (34-3).

score again.

Mindaugus Burneika, who had 18 points, hit a 3-pointer and Statesman coach Willie Little was given a technical for complaining about a foul. Weatherford then made three free throws and scored on a

Lady Steers sweep girls' divisions at Sweetwater meet

HERALD Staff Report

SWEETWATER — Big Spring's Lady Steers turned first-place finishes in two relays and a second-place in the third to pile up 192 points and take the team championship Saturday at Sweetwater's Mustang Relays.

The Lady Steers' point production started in the field events, as they chalked up three second-place finishes. Leandra Williams was the runner-up on the shot put with a 33-10 heave, while Amber Mayes finished sixth.

April McGee finished second in the triple jump with a 32-3 leap, while Latrisha Rollins was sixth with a 30-8 effort. Alexis Casillas then added the Lady Steers third second-place showing by clearing the high jump standard at 5-0. Rollins finished fourth in the high jump with a 4-8 leap.

Mayes and Karen Paradez rounded out Big Spring's field events points, as Mayes was fourth and Paradez fifth in the discus.

The only individual win posted in the running events by a Big Spring girl came in the 400 meters where Chanta Farr posted a 61.6 clocking. Teammate Karen Martinez was third with a 65.58. But the relays were where the Lady

Steers made huge strides. In the 400-meter relay, the foursome of

Angelica Hinojos, Farr, Cari Mercilliott and Angela McGee motored to a winning time of 50.14 seconds.

Later, Hinojos, Mercilliott and the two McGees would combine for a winning time of 1:50.12 in the 800-meter relay. And in the final race of the evening. Farr, Rollins, Amanda Rubio and Martinez combined for a 4:16.3 clocking in the 1,600 meters to finish in second

In other running event, the Lady Steers were also successful in piling up placing points. Rubio finished fifth in the 800 meters while Ashley Larson was right behind in sixth.

Lisa Rocha finished third in the 100meter hurdles with an 18.24 clocking, while Nikki Daniels was fourth at 18.26. That set the stage for the 300-meter hurdles where Daniels finished second with a 51.98. She was followed by Britannia Perez in third place with a 52.8

and Rocha in fourth with a 53.8. Hinojos added another second-place finish for the Lady Steers when she crossed the finish line with a 12.58 clocking in the 100 meters.

April McGee led Big Spring's three

placing finishes in the 200 meters with a

28.4 clocking for third. Mercilliott was fourth with a 28.8 and Angela McGee was sixth with a 29.5 clocking. The Lady Steers also provided a solid

showing in the distance events, as Larson finished second in the 1,600 meters and Jennifer Tubbs was fifth. Tubbs followed that with a secondplace time of 13:52 in the 3.200 meters,

while Kate Leannah was sixth. Big Spring's junior varsity was just as impressive, if not moreso, piling up 292 points to win that division.

The Lady Steers JV, in fact, won every event they entered with the exception of the 1,600-meter relay where Lori Saucedo, Meagan Pudliner, Shelby Tissue and Nikki Leyva finished second.

In the 400-meter relay, Chelsea Churchwell, Kali Froneberger, Kourtnee Rushin and Paige King took the win and in the 800-meter relay, Tissue, Pacca Talley, Rushin and King blistered the track for another first-place finish.

While the Lady Steers JV did not have an entrant in the 3,200 meters, they dominated every other event.

Dena Cook win the shot put competition, while Latoya Banks and Shawnna Mitchell were third and fifth, respectively. Cook added a first-place in the discus, while Banks was third.

In the triple jump, King, Pudliner and Churchwell finished first, second and third. And in the long jump, Rushin was first, King was second and Pudliner was third.

high jump belonged to Churchwell, while Froneberger was second and Pudliner third.

That dominance continued in the junior varsity running events as Taylor Kennedy and Lillian Marquez finished first and second in the 800 meters. Froneberger followed that with a win in the 110-meter hurdles while Churchwell was right on her heels in finishing sec-

Big Spring added a one-two-three sweep in the 100 meters as Tissue took the win, while Leyva and Saucedo were second and third.

Layva jumped on top in the 400 meters. while Diana Hernandez was second and Crystal Puga was third.

Churchwell added another first-place in the 300 hurdles, edging out Froneberger.

Another sweep of the top places was in the cards as the gun was fired for the 200 meters, as Rushin, Talley and King finished one-two-three.

And the final win of the day belonged to Marquez who won the 1,600 meters.

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(or you) go. Take on what you

can, and do your best. Someone

in a position of power is taking

notes. You'll cash in on this,

eventually. Tonight: Work late.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

****Money could come in

quickly, thanks to another's

resourcefulness. Don't worry

that you didn't do your share.

Sometimes your past good

deeds come home to roost and

reward you. This is definitely

one of those times. Tonight:

SAGITARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

****A partner is at his chatti-

est, even super-verbal - you

might think he's using twice

the amount of words necessary

to make a point. He probably

just needs to vent, so be

patient. Later, you'll be more

than willing to get up close and

personal! Tonight: Could be

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

***Work, work, work! Others

pour in with this request or

that, and you're the only one

(in their opinion) that can do

the job. You don't have to take

on everything! You're also

sought out by a family member

whose company you will find

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

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for words. Through daily life,

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) ****You're ready for a talk with someone in your day-today life. This person may seem evasive or may "gloss over" the bottom line as you see it. The truth is that he understands but expresses himself differently. Read between the lines, and you will be on the same page. Tonight: Up late, tinkering

around the house. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ****You are finally becoming comfortable with your intuition and are learning to follow it with more confidence. By doing so, you'll resolve a financial matter in a most satisfying way. Pay attention to what

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***Don't race to the travel agent or school registration desk just yet. A plan could feel right, but may still be premature. A behind-the-scenes discovery sets you straight where a boss or professional matter is concerned. You can see where a friendship is going, for better or for worse. Tonight: Out late.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ****Friends gather around you. You love being in the thick of things, but also recognize that you might sacrifice your freedom or privacy to have so many personalities near. You could actually become cranky and leave work early, or sneak off for some space! Tonight: To bed early.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***The hyper pace could have your head swimming; from every direction, someone clamors for your input, advice or response. Pace yourself - tackle one thing at a time. On the plus side, a boss takes notice and applauds your ability to handle it all so gracefully!

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and different entities. recorded by the state before the

infinitely more pleasant. Tonight: Decorate at home. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*****Romance reigns supreme on this day of flirtation and laughter. It might be impossible to choose who you're having the most fun with, as a number of associates and admirers find you the life of the party. Still, you'll have to finish some work! Chances are you will, later. Tonight: Putting in overtime to catch up.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ****Whatever you really want to accomplish, you will have better luck working from home. If you must make an appearance at the office, beg off until late afternoon. Your creativity soars then! A romantic introduction is a possibility. Tonight: Show your style.

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Bride's thank-you policy is not welcomed by her friend

DEAR ABBY: "Lucy," my friend for more than 10 years, got married last July. She announced her engagement a year before, then lost touch with me and didn't call for almost a year. This was typical

of the relationship we had - she'd keep in touch and then just disappear. I'd hear from her when she

got lonely. One month before the wedding, I received a call from

Lucy asking for my address so

she could send me an invitation. I was a little insulted that she had waited this long, but attended the wedding regardless. Lucy mentioned that she had registered at a fine department store. However, when I checked out the items on the wish list, I found they far exceeded my budget, so my husband and I bought her a set of nice cookware from another

ABIGAIL

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It has been eight months, and I have never received a thankyou for the gift. However, since the wedding, all Lucy has talked about is how busy she and her husband have been getting all those thank-you cards out. I heard through the grapevine that Lucy chose to send thank-you cards only to those who bought her the items she had asked for - and chose not to acknowledge the others. I'm personally surprised and a

little hurt by this. What would be a tactful way of telling her that this is unheard of without starting a battle? - HURT IN SAN FRAN-

DEAR HURT: If what you heard through the grapevine is true, I hope your gift included cake pans - because the bride's excuse for not sending certain thank-you notes takes the cake!

The surest way to find out why your gift has not been acknowledged would be to ask Lucy if the gift was received. It's possible that a thank-you However, if the answer is she hasn't gotten around to sending one, perhaps you should send Lucy an etiquette book for her first anniversary. She could

The marriage license must be signed by both parties and marriage is legally recognized by the state (except in commonlaw marriages). Therefore, by definition, this, too, is a 'prenuptial agreement' in which you give the state in which you reside the power to determine how marital assets will be divided in case of death or divorce. Like it or not, a marriage is a legal arrangement and should not be left in the hands of an arbitrary document that leaves the state with

all the rights. So, instead of trusting the assets of their marriage to the state government, intelligent adults should discuss and write down their common beliefs as to what would be fair if the unthinkable happens. That's why we buy life insurance. We may not like the idea of having to prepare for tragic circumstances, but a wise couple prepares their marriage for all possible outcomes. - BRADY L. CROM. PSYCHOLOGIST.

HAWTHORNE, CALIF. DEAR BRADY: You have explained it very well. I have always urged couples contemplating marriage, particularly those who have been married before and have children, to have a prenuptial agreement. In the event of death or divorce, it can prevent grief, heartache and misunderstanding. It brings to mind the Boy Scout motto, "Be Prepared."

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing to relate our tragic story in the hope that other lives may be saved. Last May, our beautiful 2-year-old nephew drowned in the backyard pool. His parents were diligent about safety gates, locks and latches in their home. They had thought of everything the baby could possibly get into.

Tragically, they didn't think of one thing — the pet door. While his mother was making homemade ice cream, he slipped through it and into the back yard. By the time she had raced through the house twice looking for him, it was too late. This has been the most diffi-

cult thing our family has ever

been through, and we will

never get over it. I pray every

day for his mother and father. The guilt and heartache they both feel are unimaginable. Please, Abby, tell your readers that no matter how small a pet door is, a child may still be able to go through it. There didn't have to be a pool involved; he could have just as easily have gotten into the street and

been hit by a car. — AUNT PHYLLIS IN N.C. DEAR AUNT PHYLLIS: My deepest sympathy to you and to the child's grieving parents for your tragic loss. Thank you for wanting to alert other parents of small children that if they have pet doors in areas where children can play, those doors should be secured or the little ones confined to another area. Constant adult supervision is

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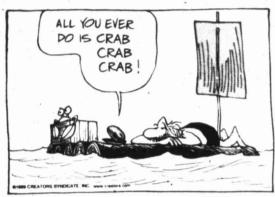
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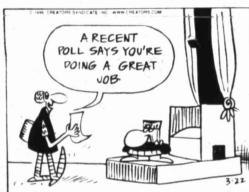








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THIS DATE **IN HISTORY**

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Today is Monday, March 22, the 81st day of 1999. There are 284 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On March 22, 1895, Auguste and Louis Lumiere showed their first movie to an invited audience in Paris.

On this date:

In 1638, religious dissident year

Anne Hutchinson was expelled from the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

In 1765, Britain enacted the Stamp Act to raise money from the American colonies. The Act was repealed the following

In 1820, U.S. naval hero Stephen Decatur was killed in a duel with Cmdr. James Barron near Washington, D.C.

In 1882, Congress outlawed polygamy.

In 1894, hockey's first Stanley Cup championship game was played; the home team Montreal Amateur Athletic Association defeated the Ottawa Capitals, 3-1.

In 1933, during Prohibition, President Roosevelt signed a measure to make wine and beer containing up to 3.2 percent alcohol legal.

In 1945, the Arab League was formed with the adoption of charter in Cairo, Egypt.

In 1946, the British mandate in Transjordan came to an end. In 1972, Congress sent the proposed Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution

to the states for ratification. It fell short of two-thirds approval needed. Ten years ago: National Football League Commissioner

Pete Rozelle announced plans to retire. Fawn Hall, Oliver North's former secretary, began two days of testimony at North's Iran-Contra trial in Washington.

Five years ago: The Federal Reserve announced it was raising short-term interest rates from 3.25 to 3.5 percent, the second such boost of the year. 'Woody Woodpecker' creator Walter Lantz died in Burbank, Calif., at age 93.

One year ago: President Clinton departed Washington for an historic 12-day tour of Africa. A deeply divided United Auto Workers union approved a new contract with Caterpillar Inc., ending a 6-year contract battle. Eleven young campers died in a mountain cabin fire

in Centre County, Pa. Today's Birthdays: Actor Karl Malden is 87. Actor Werner Klemperer is 79. Pantomimist Marcel Marceau is 76. USA Today founder Allen H. Neuharth is 75. Composer-lyricist Stephen Sondheim is 69. Actor William Shatner is 68. Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) is 65. Actor M. Emmet Walsh is 64. Singer-guitarist George Benson is 56. Singer Jeremy Clyde (Chad and Jeremy) is 55. Composer Andrew Lloyd Webber is 51. Actress Fanny Ardant is 50. Sportscaster Bob Costas is 47. Actress Lena Olin is 44. Singer-actress Stephanie Mills is 42. Actor Matthew Modine is 40.

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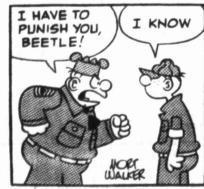


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